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Grand Knight's Message

I hope everyone enjoyed the summer. We completed our elections of officers and I am honored to have been elected your Grand Knight for the next year. Congratulations to all the officers who were elected. We truly have a great line up of charitable catholic men to lead our council over the next year. Our installation of officers will be held on Sunday September 22nd. We will attend the 10:45am mass at St. Patrick's Church followed by the installation and collation in our Columbian Hall. It would be great to see you there. Please join us . There is no charge for the day.

I have three main goals this year.

The first is to grow membership.

The second is to have our current members get more involved. I can truly say that becoming an active member of the council has made me a better man. The principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity bring us closer to Jesus and make us better Catholics. If you haven't been to a meeting recently, I encourage you to come down and find out what we are doing. The meetings are on the first and third Tuesday of the month and begin at 8pm. You may be able to donate 2 hours a week, 2 hours a month or 2 hours a year. We all have different talents and different availability.

The third goal is to continue the good works that we have been doing for more than 50 years right here in our community. Our council has some of the most charitable people that I have met in my life with both their time and their money.

I would like to give a sincere thank you to our canning crew led by Tony Grasso. Because of these men we have been able to give away more than a million dollars to worthy causes over the last 50 years. Thank you to our current canners Tom Salerno, Dan Clifford PGK, John Cassano PGK, John Corbo and Gary Acerra.

I would like to thank our Columbiettes for all their support and good works. Congratulations to Dorothy Liquori who was re-elected President. They recently were able donate back to school back packs to children who need them.

Thank you and God Bless

James Veneziano GK

50's Dance

Sept 21st

7PM-11PM

DJ, Hot Buffet

Beer Wine Soda

Coffee and dessert

\$35 per person

Contact: Rich Morana

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PGK Dinner honoring

Len Robusto

Friday, Oct 4th

7:00PM-11PM

Le Greci Staaten

\$80 per person

Contact: Leo Piola

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Charity Breakfast

Sunday, Sept. 15th

To benefit the

Good Counsel

Home

8:30AM - Noon

\$5 adults/\$3 kids



Columbiettes Presidents Message

Dear Sister Columbiettes,

I hope you all had a wonderful Summer filled with happiness and peace. As the weather cools down, the activities around Fr. John C. Drumgoole Council tend to heat up. A bus full of Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes and their friends recently visited one of their favorite spots, The Golden Nugget Casino in Atlantic City. A great time was had by all thanks to the terrific planning done by Mary Jane Grasso; from securing a comfortable bus to providing interesting movies, Mary Jane runs a tip-top event. Thanks Mary Jane. I would encourage you all to try and make the next outing in October. It is a fun day and you might even come home a winner.

Christopher Papini, the grandson of our Sister Columbiette Joanne Papini, is this year's scholarship winner. Please join us in celebrating this accomplishment on Thursday, Sept. 19th at Café Bella Vita II. It is located at 1919 Hylan Blvd. and the festivities begin at 7 PM. For only \$45 per person, you will have a nice dinner, refreshments, dessert and enjoy the company of your Brother and Sister Columbiettes. This event is open to everyone, so please feel free to bring your friends and relatives. Mail your checks, written to "The Columbiette Scholarship Fund" to Dot Liquori at 114 Travis Avenue.

Please continue to mail your C&B books to Addy Cassano, our Vice-President, at 416 Travis Avenue. She is at the ready to place your chance books into the raffle. Good luck to all.

It's time to say farewell to our Grand Knight Lenny Robusto and wish all the best to our new Grand Knight James Veneziano. We send a great big thank you to our outgoing Grand Knight for all his support and extend our best wishes to our incoming leader, Brother Veneziano. We are all here for you and hope that you do not hesitate to ask the Columbiettes for help. Join us all on Oct.4,2019, at the Staaten, to honor Brother Robusto. Enjoy an evening of dinner and dancing for only \$80 per person. You can also dance the night away at the 50's Party, held at the Council Hall, on Saturday, Sept. 21st, for only \$35 per person. Come and join the fun!!

Please read The Sheperd for all the September activities. There is a Charity Breakfast on Sunday, Sept. 15 and an Installation of Officers Mass and Breakfast on Sunday, Sept.22nd. The success of each event depends on all of us supporting them, so come on down.

Start cleaning out your closets and putting your unwanted treasures aside for our upcoming Holiday Fair on Sunday, November 24th . Believe it or not, it is just around the corner. Please get the word out that there is still time to purchase a table for the fair for only \$45. Plan to help out on the day of the Fair by donating your time and shopping for goodies. Events are always better when we all work together.

Please remember the sick, the dying and all our uniformed service workers in your prayers. Also pray for our students and teachers; may they have a successful year. Remember there is no meeting in September, just our Scholarship Dinner. Hope to see you all at Bella Vita Café.

Yours in Christ,
Dorothy Liquori (718) 698-0673

September – Dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows: The Catholic Church dedicates the month of September to Our Lady of Sorrows. The Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows falls right in the middle of the month, on September 15. But how was that date chosen? Because the day before, September 14, is the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross. The Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows is tied to an event in the life of her Son. On September 14, we celebrate the instrument of Christ's victory over death; and the next day, we remember the suffering of Mary as she stood at the foot of the Cross and witnessed the torture and death of her Son. We are also reminded of Simeon's words to Mary (Luke 2:34-35) at the Presentation of the Lord—that a sword would pierce her soul.

Virgin most sorrowful, pray for us.

Notice of Columbian Club Election and General Membership Meeting

The annual Columbian Club election for six board members and general membership meeting will take place prior to the regular business meeting on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 8PM.

A nominating committee consisting of Leo Priola, PGK, George Orlando and Sal Cucco will interview members wishing to run for the board and present their recommendations prior to the election. If interested in running you should make arrangements to meet with them no later than October 29th. You must be a 3rd Degree member in good standing and a member of Father Drumgoole Council for a minimum of 2 years to be eligible to run. Nominations can also be made from the floor at the time of the election. Lou Dalto - President

GOD'S GRACE

When morning sun breaks through
the silent still-hush
of day's dawning light,
His clarion rays of warm tones
touch my being through.

Then off my soul to Thee am up
from deep dark-down slumber-sleep,
awake and fly to lofty heights
where light burst shining bright
with ray's reflection from sun to earth
brings blaze-glory for all Creator-creation blessed.

Come touch me God with all your love,
and bathe my soul in Your warmth and light.

Leonard A. Robusto 1996/2019 (written in the style of Gerard Manley Hopkins)

Defending Life

Below is a snapshot of a child at the 9th month of development.

"Here I am"

After birth she will continue the human growth process for many years to come.

However it is now possible in so many states not only for the child to be snatched and torn limb from limb up to the day of anticipated birth but also to be born and then left languishing to die if the child should somehow survive the abortion. Let that sink in and then ask yourself if you, as a Knight and defender of the Culture of Life really did all that was within your power to prevent this from happening.

We must be more visible and vocal in absolutely rejecting the advance of the Culture of Death.

Be heard or accept defeat!

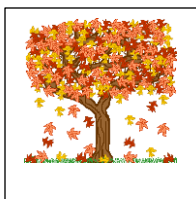
"A nation that kills its children in the womb has lost its soul" – Saint Mother Teresa

Dan Clifford, RTL Chairman
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Happy Birthday to the following Knights

Harold Nolan, Joseph Oliveira, Charles Birch, John Cutrona, Steven Perillo, Michael Cobucci, Michael Kosowski, Richard Stanley, Bernard Connolly, Anthony Santoro, Ray Stankiewicz, Rob Migliorisi, Michael Fornito, Angelo Ficarrotta, Jude Gregorio, Tom Salerno, Michael Witten, John Pallarino, Thomas Cavataio, Phil Mustacchio, Stephen Risley, James Phelan, Rev Joseph V Maynigo Arenas, Emil Borruso, Sal Marra, Vincent Bianco, Michael Luciano, Michael Loffredo, and John Mancuso

Fr. John C. Drumgoole Council - Calendar of Events 2019

Sunday, Sept 15th - Charity Breakfast

Thursday, September 19th, 7PM – Columbiette Scholarship Dinner

Saturday, September 21st, 7PM – Fifties Dance

Sunday, September 22nd. 10:45 AM Mass – Installation of Officers

Friday, October 4th, 7PM – Past Grand Knights Dinner

Sunday, October 20 – Charity Breakfast

Sunday, November 10, 10:45AM – Annual Memorial Mass

Sunday, November 17th – Charity Breakfast

Saturday, November 23rd, 7PM – Broadway Night

Visit the Council website: FatherDrumgoole.com for all Council information and event dates.