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## Grand Knight's Message

Hello brothers,

As we move closer to Thanksgiving I want to take this opportunity to wish all of you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving and then a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! There are many exciting events left this year in the council from "A Salute to Broadway", Columbiette Christmas fair, our special needs Christmas party and our council Christmas party. I hope to see as many of you attend as possible. Please see dates located in this bulletin. You can be proud to be a member of this council knowing that we have held true to our principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism this year by sticking together and donating a great deal of time and money to organizations that do great work in our community. My appeal to everyone is to get involved at any level you can at the council. Some have time to donate. Some have money to donate. Some have both. There is nothing too small or large in either case. Come to the meetings on the first and third Tuesday's starting at 8pm.

In a time where Jesus is often forgotten or dismissed even at the time we celebrate his very birth, it is extremely vital to show support. The Knights of Columbus and your council will always carry on with the vision of our founder Father Michael J McGivney and stand up for our Catholic faith at all times.

Again, I wish the best for all of you as Christmas approaches.

Vivat Jesu!

Thank you and God Bless

James Veneziano GK

**Columbiette  
Christmas Fair**

**Sunday, November 24**

**10AM – 5PM**

**Free Admission**



**Breakfast with Santa**

**Sunday, December 8**

**10AM**



**Council Christmas  
Party**

**Saturday,  
December 14<sup>th</sup>**

**7PM-11PM**

**Full Hot Buffet  
BWS, Coffee,  
Desert and DJ**



**Columbiettes Presidents Message**

Dear Sister Columbiettes,

Here we are, celebrating the happiest time of the year and have we been busy! We have collected and distributed **Christmas Stockings**, filled with all kinds of goodies, to our Soldiers through the **Stocking for Soldiers Program**, raised money for our **Scholarship Fund** at the Charity breakfast, donated funds that were raised by our latest trip to **Atlantic City** to **Toys4Autism**, the **Seton Foundation** and **Thanksgiving food Baskets** for the needy. We also continued to aid the local food pantries at **St. Roch's-St. Adalbert's Parish** and **Oakwood Heights Community Church**. We have been fortunate enough to welcome three new Columbiettes into our family. I am proud to announce that **Helen Adams, Jennie Demonte** and **Veronica Galasso** have taken their First Degree! We wish them a long, happy membership.

Our annual **Holiday Fair** is scheduled for **Sunday, Nov. 24th**; doors open at **9:30 AM**. It promises to be a fun day, filled with raffles, food and plenty of shopping. A special thank you, in advance, to everyone who plans to donate their time, their efforts and to shop at our annual event.

**Sunday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>**, is the next Charity Breakfast to benefit the Cub Scouts. Where else can you have a custom cooked breakfast for only \$5 person!!!!

We will all enjoy the **Annual Night on Broadway on Saturday, Nov.23<sup>rd</sup>**, presented by some of the most talented singers on Staten Island. For only **\$40 per person**, you will be treated to wonderful music and terrific food. All the funds raised at this event will be donated to St. Patrick's.

December promises to be as busy as November! At our **Dec.5<sup>th</sup> meeting**, we will be collecting toys for the **Marine Corps Toys For Tots** program while we celebrate the Christmas season with our friends. We will be pleasantly entertained by the students of the **S.I. Dance and Arts Company** and treated to dinner. Please plan to attend the **Fr. Drumgoole's Family and Friends Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>**. For only **\$40** per person, you will be offered an evening of fabulous food and lots of fun. I hope everyone plans to assist at the annual **Christmas Party** for the **Physically and Mentally Challenged**, on **Sunday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>**. It is always a memorable experience for everyone!

Our major fundraising event is planned for **April**. Please start thinking about a theme for the evening and gathering items for our **Raffle** baskets. Hope to see you all at our many upcoming events!

As we gather together with our dear family and friends to celebrate Thanksgiving, let us join hands and pray for peace. Our world is in such a state of turmoil, and we, as Catholics, must continue to pray the Rosary every day to beg Our Lady for peace.

Tony and I would like to wish you and your families a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Yours in Christ,

*Dorothy Liguori*

## Right to Life

**The Annual National Night of Prayer for Life begins 9:00PM Dec. 8th (Sun.) to 1:00AM Dec. 9th**

*A Brief History:* It was on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (then celebrated on Dec. 9) that Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the unborn and of the Americas, first appeared to St. Juan Diego. The **National Night of Prayer for Life** bridges these two feasts to honor Our Blessed Mother and to ask the Lord to restore a culture of life and a civilization of love in our land.

I am attempting to have a central location to host a liturgy for this event but I do not know how successful I will be. Please ask your pastor if he would be willing to host such an event.

The annual Right to Life Mass at Saint Patrick's Cathedral will be celebrated on January 19<sup>th</sup>. As always the Chapter and Governor Dongan Assembly will provide free bus transportation to the Mass. The bus will depart from the parking lot of the John C Drumgoole Council parking lot at 8:00 am sharp. **Our Council's participation in this event has been absolutely dismal. Step up and display your defense for the Culture of Life and Catholic Family Values.**

The annual March for Life takes place the following Friday in Washington DC. There are normally two buses that depart from Staten Island, one from Saint Charles and one from Sacred Heart. The cost for this trip is \$30 or \$35. Keep an eye out in your church bulletins for further information.

God bless! Vivat Jesu!

Dan Clifford, PGK, RTL Chairman

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### **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 interviewed members wishing to run for the board and recommendations the following six candidates (Lou Dalto, PGK; John Cassano, PGK, FDD; Dan Clifford, PGK; Anthony Liquori, FS, Sonny Bonadies; and Tony Grasso) Nominations can be made from the floor at the time of the election. You must be a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree member in good standing and a member of Father Drumgoole Council for a minimum of 2 years to be eligible to run.

There will also be a vote to amend the by- laws as follows:

- 1) Article VI, Section 1, H, (term limit President) eliminated
- 2) Article VII, H, (term limit House Chairman) eliminated
- 3) Article V, F, (Spending Threshold increased to \$5000)
- 4) Article V, G, (estimates) eliminated
- 5) Article II, C, notice of election change from written publication to electronic notifications as well as oral notification at two Council meetings preceding the election.
- 6) Article IX, A, quorum reduced to 15 members
- 7) Article IX, C, publication in the Shepherd to electronic notification.

A copy of the by- laws is available for review by any member of the Council on any Tuesday evening.

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### **Notice of vote to amend Council by-laws**

There will be a vote to amend the Council by- laws at the December 3, 2019 regular business meeting as follows:

- 1) Article VII, Section 3, (in writing changed to notified electronically)
- 2) Article VII, Section 5, ( add per calendar year)
- 3) Article IX, Section 1, (change from published to notify electronically)
- 4) A copy of the by- laws is available for review by any member of the Council on any Tuesday evening.

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

Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7PM – Broadway Night

Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, Columbiette Christmas Fair

Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 7PM Council Christmas Party

Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, Developmentally Disabled Christmas Party

*Visit the Council website: [FatherDrumgoole.com](http://FatherDrumgoole.com) for all Council information and event dates.*

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**December – Dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

The immunity from original sin was given to Mary by a singular exemption from a universal law through the same merits of Christ. The formal active essence of original sin was not removed from her soul, as it is *removed* from others by baptism; it was *excluded*, it never was in her soul. Simultaneously with the exclusion of sin. The state of original sanctity, innocence, and justice, as opposed to original sin, was conferred upon her, by which gift every stain and fault, all depraved emotions, passions, and debilities, essentially pertaining to original sin, were excluded. But she was not made exempt from the temporal penalties of Adam – from sorrow, bodily infirmities, and death.

*O most Holy Virgin, who was pleasing to the Lord and became His mother, immaculate in body and spirit, in faith and in love, look kindly on me as I implore your powerful intercession.*