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Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,

I want to thank the council for voting me in as Grand Knight for a 3rd and final year! Congratulations to all the officers who were elected to another year. Special congratulations to our newest officer Charles Ferrera! I am looking forward to getting back on track after one of the most difficult times in history for many and certainly a tough time for the council. There are mixed opinions on when the pandemic ended or will end but one thing for sure is we are seeing light at the end of the tunnel. I fully expect that the council will continue its charitable endeavors as we have even through a time when we didn't know where the money would come from. I am extremely proud that when times get tough, we proved to stand united and continue to give to our local community approved by our charity committee. Many of you stepped up and donated extra money to the council and I thank you for that. I would love to tell you that we are back on track financially but that would not be the truth. If anyone can give to the council to help support us, we are always open for the generosity. I want to thank our canners who are hitting the pavement and collecting money so that we can give that away to the many charities we support. Knowing that we are giving money away as we work through our own struggles is exactly how the magic of charity works. I am confident that the council will continue to recover month by month. Our canners this year have included Tom Salerno, Gary Acera, myself, Dan Clifford, John Cassano, Lenny Robusto and Charles Ferrera. Some go sometimes and others go weekly. I would love to get more participation from other members. Please let me know if you are open to trying it for 2 hours one day with me. I thank them all.

Keep informed through our website. The website address is fatherdrumgoole.com. There we have our upcoming events and pictures from different events. As a member, please let us know if you would like to use the hall for something. Call George to discuss at 718-667-9852.

Our next event will be to support the upcoming fair that the Columbiettes are having on Saturday June 19th from 9am to 4pm. Many different vendors will be there. Be sure to stop by.

Look out for our emails about Friday night council activities.

I would like to wish a very blessed and happy summer. As many of you know I have an 8-year-old and a 2-year-old. I plan on being at the council with them when we have events. We have a wonderful council full with charitable and kind people. You can rest assure that in a society where kids can easily get confused about the meaning of life, we at the council give Glory to God and truly create an environment that you want your children to experience. Come to our family picnic this year. We want to make that a fun day for families and your children. More to come on that event that will take place on August 15^t

Vivat Jesus!

Grand Knight

James Veneziano

Brothers,

Every month our Supreme Chaplain, Archbishop William Lori issues a challenge to us as Knights of Columbus. It is printed in Columbia Magazine and is also available on the Supreme web site.

For those of you who may not have had the opportunity to read it yet I present it in a condensed, modified version below.

“Parents, teachers and mentors responsible for the moral and spiritual formation of children know well the value of “planting seeds.” Instructing children in virtue at a young age gives them a firm foundation of faith as they mature. May we be intentional in our instruction and example to our children, grandchildren and others, knowing that even small actions can have a great influence.

This month, I challenge you to share your faith and beliefs in at least one conversation with your children, grandchildren or friends.

Questions for Reflection:

What “seeds” of faith did your own parents or others plant in your life as a youth that blossomed later in life? What are some of the concrete ways (even small ways) you can share your faith with your family and friends? What role does your witness — attending Mass, going to confession, serving others and being willing to discuss your faith — play in helping to strengthen the faith of others?”

Dan Clifford, PGK

A perfect example of this is seen in the following essay submitted by our Academic Excellence Award winner for 2021.

Sophia Veneziano
St. Charles School

Essay

I want to pursue a Catholic education in my life because it gives me a better understanding about the world around me created by God, our Father. A Catholic education is important to me not only because it helps me build a foundation for my faith, but it focuses on me as a whole, socially, emotionally, spiritually, and physically. Continuing my Catholic education means I get to have a closer relationship with God and start to recognize signs of God in my daily life. Pursing my Catholic education is important to me because it gives me the base to express my love for Jesus Christ and gratitude to him after he lived and died for us, to save us all from sin.

Sophia Veneziano

JUNE - MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is one of the most popular Catholic devotions. Although it was beloved in previous centuries, Jesus appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in 1673, showing her a vision of the now-famous image of His Sacred Heart, surrounded by flames. He said to her: "My Heart is so full of love for men that It can no longer contain the flames of Its burning love. I must discover to men the treasures of My Heart and save them from perdition." She was given the special mission to spread devotion to His Sacred Heart throughout the Church. Jesus gave St. Margaret Mary many promises associated with this devotion, and requested that a feast day in honor of His Sacred Heart be instituted on the Friday after the Octave of Corpus Christi. In 1856, the Feast of the Sacred Heart was spread to the Universal Church, and in 1899 Pope Leo XIII solemnly consecrated all mankind to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, calling it "the great act" of his pontificate.

Lou Dalto, PGK – Faith Director

Resolution, to be voted on at July 6,2021 General Membership Meeting

Where as: the first principle of the Knights of Columbus is Charity

And

Where as: the Fr. John C. Drumgoole Council consistently strives to uphold the principle of charity, by assisting the church, the community and those in need.

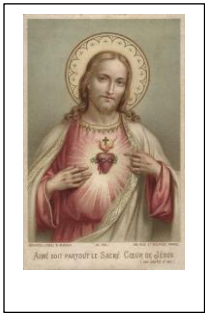
Be it resolved: that the council designates a sum of ten thousand dollars (10,000.00) to be used for charitable contributions for the year 2021-2022 Columbian year; with each specific contribution to be presented to and reviewed by the charity committee and then voted on by the general membership at a regular council business meeting.

Mike Ricciardi, DQK – Charity Committee Chairman

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June 13 is the feast of St. Anthony of Padua

PRAYER TO ST. ANTHONY IN ANY NECESSITY

I salute you, St. Anthony, lily of purity, ornament and glory of Christianity.

I salute you, great Saint, cherub of wisdom and seraph of divine love. I rejoice at the favors Our Lord has so liberally bestowed on you.

In humility and confidence I entreat you to help me, for I know that God has given you charity and compassion, as well as power.

I ask you, by the love you felt toward the Holy Infant Jesus as you held Him in your arms, to tell Him now of the favors I seek through your intercession. *(Mention your petition.)*

O glorious favorite of God, in humble reverence I petition you to grant me what I so urgently ask for, and I will make known your goodness and holiness thereby to honor and glorify Him who has so greatly blessed you. Amen.

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