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Dear Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Families and Friends:

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Safe, Healthy and Happy New Year! 2021 will bring about some changes to our meeting format, for complete details members can visit KofC.org for a more detailed explanation and listing of all pertinent details. Basically, we are required by the Supreme Council to hold two meetings a month when possible. The first would be an Officers meeting and the second a Council meeting. The main objective is to keep meetings down to one hour or less which we have been doing for the most part before this guidance was issued. When things return to normal we will probably have the Officers meeting before the Council meeting and have a Social meeting on the third Thursday of the month to get some use out of our building and property with the objective of encouraging fraternization amongst our membership. Members would still be required to present a current membership card and sign in at the Social meeting.

The pandemic has caused illness, financial hardship, social unrest and the loss of family members and Brother Knights during 2020, including the loss of Brother Knight Michael Scotti the son of our esteemed Columbus Club President, Financial Secretary and Community/Youth Director Jerry Scotti. Michael was an active member of the Council and Columbus Club. He was a member of the Columbus Club Board of Directors, helped out in the kitchen on Council meeting nights, was a maitre d', bartender, waiter, a member of our picnic area teams, helped out at the Council's Annual Free Throw Contests and organized an annual Hockey Night Fundraiser for the Columbus Club. He volunteered to help out whenever he could and demonstrated that you don't have to be an Officer or Committee Chairman to be an active member of the Council. Michael will be missed but always remembered and not forgotten by the Council Membership.

Just before Christmas, John O'Connor, the son of Council Guard and Past Faithful Navigator for the Governor Dongan Assembly #0697 John D. O'Connor passed away. The power of prayer should never be underestimated, we ask that you pray for the souls of Michael Scotti and John O'Connor and for the souls of all of our members and loved ones who we lost in 2020.

We end this message with hope that 2021 will be a renaissance year, that improved treatments and vaccines will curb the spread of the Covid-19 virus and bring an end to this pandemic and restore our society to a pre-pandemic state of normalcy. Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally yours,
Steven Dolan, Grand Knight

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January:

- 01-07-21 Council Officers Meeting 8:00 PM
- 01-14-21 Columbiette Meeting 7:30 PM
- 01-14-21 Columbus Club Meeting 8:30 PM
- 01-17-21 Pro Life Mass St. Patricks Cathedral 10:15 AM
- 01-21-21 Council Meeting 8:00 PM

February:

- 02-04-21 Council Officers Meeting 8:00 PM
- 02-07-21 Super Bowl Party (Tentative) 6 PM
- 02-11-21 Columbiette Meeting 7:30 PM
- 02-11-21 Columbus Club Meeting 8:30 PM
- 02-18-21 Council Meeting 8:00 PM
- 02-21-21 Charter Mass 10 AM OLHC

John J. Quinn Scholarship

Applications are available for the John Quinn Scholarship. Call Ed Newborn at 917-697-5603 for more information

From the Chaplain's Desk

Dear Brother Knights

Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year 2021 to All.

First of all let me wish you a Blessed and Joyful, Merry Christmas though it has been very difficult year for all us who lost someone dear to us but I wish everyone all the Blessings Christ came to bring to us: Peace, Love, Joy ,Strength in time of temptation and comfort in time of sadness.

Every Christmas We hear the Same story, but every year we hear it somewhat differently because in the course of a year we have become different. For better or worse, we are not exactly the same person we were last year at this time. We may have grown stronger or weaker, we may have learned more or forgotten more, we may have made some new friends or lost some old friends. I was thinking how this Coronavirus Pandemic has changed the whole way of our celebration of Christmas this year 2020.

Brother Knights this is time of the year when there is new Hope, new Joy, a new attitude of care and concern for one another. It is a time of the year when many of us are overwhelmed with many things let us not forget that Christmas offers us a new hope, Because the Savoir of the World is in our midst He is with us because, He is Emmanuel that means God with us. Today He comes to each of us to the degree that we can open our hearts to him. Today He comes to us in those we love, in those we forgive, in those who cause us distress, in those we serve and care for. Today he comes to us in prayer, especially in the greatest prayer we have, the Mass where we listen to His Word and where He offers us Himself as our spiritual food and drink.

Brother Knights His birth has changed the world. May He change all of us for better, making us aware of His presence, His love, His Eternal grace and helping us to be faithful to him . Wishing you again a Wonderful Christmas and Blessed New year 2021. God bless you and our beloved Homeland.

Father Patrick Anthony

COLUMBUS CLUB NEWS

Dear Brother Knights and Sister Columbiettes,

I would like to start by wishing everyone and your families a very Happy and Healthy New Year. 2020 was a very difficult year for everyone and I hope and pray that 2021 will bring nothing but good things to all.

We conducted elections of Club officers at a Board of Directors Meeting held on December 10th. The results are: President – Jerry Scotti, Vice-President – Dan DiLauro, Treasurer – Jim Henry and Recorder – Frank Corvino.

To say things have been quiet is a gross understatement. Frank Corvino, our Banquet Manager, is getting a few calls for the spring but very few bookings are materializing as the pandemic restrictions continue. He continues to work diligently in attempting to book parties and picnics for the new year.

We are hoping to go ahead with the Super Bowl Party. The Dean Martin – Jerry Lewis Show with Sammy Davis Jr. is also a go, as of now, for April 24th. Contact Bobby Genovese at 917-696-0489 if you are interested.

I will keep you up to date as to the status of these events.

Unfortunately, all other club activities are on hold. Our next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, January 14th at 8:30pm. If you plan to attend, masks must be worn.

On a personal note, my family and I would like to thank my Brother Knights and Sister Columbiettes for your outpouring of love and support over the passing of my son Michael. It has been a very difficult time for us, but you have all helped in trying to ease the pain. Again, thank you.

Please stay safe and again have a very Happy and Health New Year.

Sincerely,
Jerry Scotti - President

Columbiette Corner

Dear Sister Columbiettes and Brother Knights,

Happy New Year! I pray that we all have a better 2021 and are on our way to getting back to normal.

We will continue to do our meetings virtually. We will be resending out our meeting dates, times and zoom meeting codes and passwords. Please come and join us.

Within the next week we will be mailing out your dues letter. I'm asking that if any of your information has change like your email or phone number please make sure you let us know.

We are planning a few events and I will keep you all posted.

Since there is another strain of the virus hitting us please keep our first responders in your prayers.

Gina M. Valerio
President

Corona Virus Prayer Card from the Archdiocese of NY

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,
Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.
We fly to you today as your beloved children.
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,
as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be
patient and kind.
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to
our hearts.

We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.
Amen.



Pro-Life Matters

Covid-19 Vaccine

Greetings Brothers, we face a grave question at this time in history. Can we in good conscience take a Covid-19 vaccine?

The short answer is yes to the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines. The AstraZeneca vaccine should be avoided if Pfizer or Moderna are available. If there is no alternative, it is morally understandable to accept the AstraZeneca vaccine. We also have a duty in all these instances to make known our disagreement in using cell lines stemming from an abortion and to ask our healthcare systems to make vaccines without the abortion association available. It has been concluded by the USCCB that taking the vaccine is an act of love for our neighbor and morally responsible.

The current Covid-19 vaccines all share some level of association with cell lines developed from aborted fetuses. Regarding these vaccines the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) released a statement on December 14th, 2020.

In regard to the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, they concluded:

"In view of the gravity of the current pandemic and the lack of availability of alternative vaccines, the reasons to accept the new COVID-19 vaccines from Pfizer and Moderna are sufficiently serious to justify their use, despite their remote connection to morally compromised cell lines."

Further, the Bishops expressed, "Receiving one of the COVID-19 vaccines ought to be understood as an act of charity toward the other members of our community. In this way, being vaccinated safely against COVID-19 should be considered an act of love of our neighbor and part of our moral responsibility for the common good."

However, as for the AstraZeneca vaccine, the bishops found it to be "more morally compromised" and consequently concluded that this vaccine "should be avoided" if there are alternatives available. "It may turn out, however, that one does not really have a choice of vaccine, at least, not

without a lengthy delay in immunization that may have serious consequences for one's health and the health of others," the bishop chairmen stated. "In such a case ... it would be permissible to accept the AstraZeneca vaccine."

At the same time, the bishops also warned that Catholics "must be on guard so that the new COVID-19 vaccines do not desensitize us or weaken our determination to oppose the evil of abortion itself and the subsequent use of fetal cells in research."

Previously, in INSTRUCTION DIGNITAS PERSONAE ON CERTAIN BIOETHICAL QUESTIONS the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith stated "Grave reasons may be morally proportionate to justify the use of such "biological material". Thus, for example, danger to the health of children could permit parents to use a vaccine which was developed using cell lines of illicit origin, while keeping in mind that everyone has the duty to make known their disagreement and to ask that their healthcare system make other types of vaccines available." The Rubella vaccine is an instance of this, for example.

For further reading on this matter, please see:

A copy of the MORAL CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING THE NEW COVID-19 VACCINES by the Chairmen of the Committee on Doctrine and the Committee on Pro-Life Activities, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops may be found at https://www.usccb.org/resources/moral-considerations-covid-19-vaccines_1.pdf

A copy of the CONGREGATION FOR THE DOCTRINE OF THE FAITH's INSTRUCTION *DIGNITAS PERSONAE* ON CERTAIN BIOETHICAL QUESTIONS is available at https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20081208_dignitas-personae_en.html

Pro-Life Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral

At the current time, the Pro-Life Mass is proceeding at St. Patrick's Cathedral on January 17, 2021, at 10:15 AM.

We have not yet been informed of any limitations in attendance at the Mass. It is suggested, however, that Knights and their families who wish to attend the Mass continue to monitor limitations in the state, city and archdiocesan regulations. Attendees may wish to arrive earlier than normal to increase the probability of getting a seat (or even admission).

Please note that due to Covid-19 concerns, distancing requirements, and seating constraints, there will be no reserved seating for District Deputies, or Fourth Degree Color Corps, and there will not be the usual entrance and recessional processions.

Brothers, please continue to pray that the dignity of life is always respected, especially in the unborn, the persecuted, and the differently abled. Blessed Michael McGivney, please pray for the preservation of dignity for every life. Merry Christmas to you Brothers, and to your families!

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,
Matt Leavy
Pro-Life Chairman

PRAYER CORNER

**Please keep the following Brothers, Sister
Columbiettes, Families and Friends in your prayers:**

Rosemarie Kuczinski	Bob Bridge
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Henry Sorenson	Joe Ingenito
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Mathew Leavy	Pauline Fortunato
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Please pray for the Soul of John O'Connor.

If you know of anyone that is sick or in distress, in the Stolzenhaler Family, please contact the DGK Dennis Maragliano, 347-602-1488.

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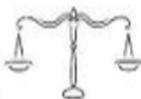
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