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Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights and Sister Columbiettes:



Let me first start by wishing you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Until now, we have had separate events for the Knights and Columbiettes. I feel we should be more of a combined group, where we can possibly have more family involvement.

I would also like to get your feedback on the possibility of opening up social meetings to the parishioners. If we can open it up to other men and women it could help membership.

Yours in Christ,
Mike Napolitano
Grand Knight

Deputy Grand Knight Report

Greetings Brother Knights,

I wish all my Brother Knights and your Families a Merry and Blessed Christmas along with a Healthy and Happy New Year!

My prayers are for our Council in 2022 and beyond for great success and accomplishments. Stay well and stay safe!

Peace be with you,
Tom Schwarz
Deputy Grand Knight

Chaplain's Message

My Brothers of the Knights of Columbus & My Sisters in the Columbiettes,

I greet you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Last week we celebrated the Kingship of Jesus. He is the king of our hearts; and of our families and of society, he has to be king.

We all have to serve King Jesus. Our organization is an organization of service to the people of God. We serve the people of God because we serve Jesus Christ, Our King. We just celebrated The Feast of Christ the King and that reminds me to

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Columbiette Chatter

My Sister Columbiettes

The holidays are here and we had just celebrated Thanksgiving where we thank God for what he has given us and done for us. Christmas is where we celebrate the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, so let us keep Christ in Christmas as we celebrate Christmas this year.

Our December meeting is on Monday December 6 at 7 P.M.

I would like to express our condolences to Rita & Joe Del Giudice on the passing of their son James Del Giudice, on October 20th.

Please keep the sick and distressed Sister Columbiettes in your prayers.

Kathy Schwantner
President



Editors Corner

The Mariner will be printed once a month with one issue for the months of July and August, for a total of eleven (11) issues by and for the Farmingdale Council #2204, Knights of Columbus.

Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month in the Council Hall located at the intersection of Morton Street and Garity Place. The mailing address is 1 Morton Street, Farmingdale, NY 11735-4340. The deadline for material for publication in the Mariner is the Friday that follows the 3rd Wednesday of the prior month. PLEASE keep this deadline in mind for articles you wish to have publish in the Mariner.



**Father McGivney
Pray for Us**



Good of the Order

Brothers those in need will always be with us. If you can remember to bring some kind of dry or can goods, such as tuna, vegetables, pasta cereal etc., to each meeting, the Council will arrange to get this food to the Parish Pantry.

We must always have new members flowing into our ranks and it is your privilege and your duty as a Knight of Columbus to recruit and retain the strength your needs to carry on the great works so well begun. You know as well as I do that there are many fine unselfish Catholic gentleman who would be Knights if we would but give them a word of suggestion and lead them towards our banner. I appeal to each and everyone of you to select one man that you deem worthy and lead him to us. Brother's please communicate to the Council that a Brother or family member is ill.

Sick and Distressed

Please keep the following Knights, Columbiettes, Family members and Friends in your prayers. Please also keep in your prayers all others who have requested our prayers, but due to miscommunications or timing, are not listed. God knows who they are and a simple thought to include them is sufficient.

Sick & Distressed

KAREN NOLAN

JOHN NOLAN

ANN WARNOCK

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BOB HASSETT

NICK RUTIGLIANO SR.

FRANK RUTIGLIANO

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ANN RUTIGLIANO

NINA RUTIGLIANO

Recently Deceased

JAMES P DEL GUIDICE

Please inform the Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Financial Secretary of Any Brother that is Sick or has Passed Away.

Happy Birthday Brothers

December

Robert L Binder	William R Montenero
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Douglas J Curry	Giulio G Nau
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List of Upcoming Important Dates

DECEMBER-2021

7—Social Meeting, Council #2204, 7:30pm
 8—FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
 12—FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
 14—Officer's Meeting, Council #2204, 7:30pm
 21—Biz Meeting, Council #2204, 7:30pm
 24—CHRISTMAS EVE
 25—CHRISTMAS DAY
 28—Committee Meeting, Council #2204, 7:30pm
 31—NEW YEAR'S EVE

JANUARY-2022

1—NEW YEAR'S DAY
 4—Social Meeting, Council #2204, 7:30pm
 6—EPIPHANY
 11—Officer's Meeting, Council #2204, 7:30pm
 17—MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY
 18—Biz Meeting, Council #2204, 7:30pm
 25—Program Meeting, Council #2204, 7:30pm

**You will be notified of any changes as soon as possible.
 All Officers meetings will be held at the Council Hall**

A PRAYER FOR OUR PRIESTS

We thank you, God our Father, for those who have responded to your call to priestly ministry. Accept this prayer we offer on their behalf: Fill them with the sure knowledge of your love. Open their hearts to the power and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Lead them to greater union with your Son. Increase their faith in the Sacraments they celebrate as they nourish, strengthen and heal us.

Lord Jesus Christ, through the intercession of St. Jean Vianney, grant that your priests will be inspired to strive for holiness by the power of his example. As men of prayer, may they ponder your word, follow your will and faithfully lead the flocks you have entrusted to their care.

St. Jean Vianney, obtain for the Church an abundance of vocations to the holy priesthood. Through your intercession, may many faithful men hear Christ's call, and respond with courage and generosity.

Mary our Mother, guard with your maternal care these chosen ones. Intercede for our priests, so that by offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, they may be conformed more each day to the image of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

St. Jean Vianney, patron of parish priests, pray for us!



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PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION OF THE VENERABLE SERVANT OF GOD MICHAEL McGIVNEY

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God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (*here make your request*). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Luke 2:1-20

The Birth of Jesus. ¹In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. ²This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. ⁴And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, ⁵to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, ⁷and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

⁸Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. ⁹The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. ¹⁰The angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying:

¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

The Visit of the Shepherds. ¹⁵When the angels went away from them to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. ¹⁸All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. ¹⁹And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. ²⁰Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them.



Corporate Corner

Brother Knights and Sister Columbiettes
First off, I hope everyone is doing well considering what is going on in the world lately.

The Farmingdale Catholic Center (the Hall) is currently allowed to open in accordance with strict CDC protocols that are constantly changing. We hope to provide a place that is safe for folks to gather, laugh, smile and just get out of the house and forget what is going on outside, if even for a few hours. Parties are currently limited to 50 people - but that can change overnight. We are following all CDC guidelines, including mandatory mask wearing, temperature checks prior to entry, contact tracing forms and strict cleaning/ disinfecting guidelines.

We are holding on, but help is always welcome to maintain the hall, work parties, and do general chores. Since the older members are (for lack of a better word) aging out. The younger generation needs to step up and do your part for our great organization. If anyone has knowledge of Electricity, Carpentry, Plumbing, General Building Maintenance, Computers, Social media or any other field. Please do not hesitate to contact me. Together we can get it done.

Remember this; "You cannot put a price on a smile"

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A Perfect Gift For Christmas

by: Susan Y. Nikitenko
December 20th, 2010

Tired, weary from trav'ling;
Homeless and on their own.
Needing so, a place of rest;
They felt so alone.

Mother with child, suffering;
Needing a place to lay.
The new born king would come;
Born to the world that day.

No room was found in the inn;
No shelter from the night.
But God provided a star;
And many followed the light.

Though it seemed a need unmet;
God provided that day.
A stable, a manger bed;
And a soft place to lay.

He sent angels to shepherds;
To announce this great birth.
A birthday celebration;
The day God came to earth.

Emmanuel was His name;
The Christ, the new born King.
Jesus, promised child of God;
A perfect offering.

God provided the angels;
God provided the praise.
Glory to God in the highest;
The greatest of birthdays.

If God so celebrated;
The birth of Christ the King.
If angels glorified Him;
And many heard them sing.

If wise men followed the star;
Bearing gifts of great worth.
Should we not celebrate;
The day that Christ came to earth?

Is He not worth the honor?
For He was born for us.
Wasn't He a beautiful gift;
A perfect gift for Christmas?

Our lights and our candles;
Our carolers praising.
Our pageantries of Christmas;
Our instruments raising.

The bells and the whistling;
Joyful songs always sung.
And Christmas decorations;
Swooping, twinkling and swung.

The evergreen and it's lights;
The Christmas story read.
A birthday celebration;
A cake of gingerbread.

If wise men followed the star;
Bearing gifts of great worth.
Should we not celebrate;
The day that Christ came to earth?

Is He not worth the honor?
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WELCOME THE LIGHT



Adoration of the Child
By Gerrit van Honthorst (c. 1620)
Galleria degli Uffizi, Florence

“The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it” (John 1:5)

On Christmas Day we celebrate the birthday of our savior Jesus Christ. During his mission, he said, *“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life”* (John 8:12). Artists have expressed this in paintings.

Notice, in the two oil paintings accompanying this article, how the infant Jesus glows as if he were a light bulb. His glorious light radiates in all directions – touching all. Jesus shines to bring everyone to him, especially the sinners. One of the darkest of all souls was Saul, who hunted down the Christians to bring them back to Jerusalem in chains for persecution. Saul became St. Paul after being *knocked to the ground after a light from the sky suddenly flashed all around him* (Acts 9:3-4). The light brought Saul out of the darkness of his murderous intentions. It changed him into a different man – Paul! The darkness of Saul never overcame him again.

In these paintings, see the faces of those who look upon the infant Jesus. They reflect Christ’s glorious light. Mary, Joseph, the shepherds - followed the light of the star to find Jesus. Many artists show widespread darkness around the people who turn to gaze at our savior. Could there be others hiding in the darkness? If they remain engulfed in the darkness, they will remain unseen and left behind by God.

The people who reflect Christ’s light are his followers – his disciples; they have the light of Christ upon their faces. They reflect Christ’s light in their actions; by the example of how they live their lives. Look closely at the expressions of the people in these paintings – they love the Lord, their God, with all their heart, with all their soul, and with all their mind (Matthew 22:37). Let us always look toward Jesus so we may fully follow the Greatest Commandment and reflect his light; imitating his life by loving our neighbors as we love ourselves (Matthew 22:39).

If you have been hiding in the darkness, attend Mass and behold your newborn King.

Have a Blessed Merry Christmas!



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tell you that we are all servants of Jesus; we all serve the people of God because we love Jesus, and we must love all the people and we want to help them—we want to serve them.

“Loving service” is also an important phrase as we begin Advent. “Loving Service” means to “love” and “serve.” On the first Sunday of Advent, “loving service” is a motto of Christ, our king, who tells us to serve others as I have served you; love others as I have loved you. *“As I have loved you, so you also should love one another”* (John 13:34b). Serve all the people whom you come in contact with. Help all the people; be nice to all the people and try to help everyone whenever you can, whenever the need arises. Don’t hesitate to serve the people of God. *“Bear one another’s burdens, and so you will fulfill the law of Christ”* (Galatians 6:2).

May Jesus bless you; May Jesus accept your service when we do it for the poorest of the poor. As Mother Teresa would say, “I am servicing the poorest of the poor.” We love everyone because Jesus asked us to. Love and Service should be the motto of our organization: the Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes. May God bless you; may Christ the King bless you.

Viva Christo Rey—Long Live Christ the King!

Your Chaplain and Brother Knight
Fr. Augustine Fernando (Gus)

Suffolk Chapter Report

My Brothers and Sisters,

The Chapter is the fraternal arm of the "Knights of Columbus", working for you and your families. The Chapter has many programs such as the FAC (Fraternal Assistance) which is available to all brother Knights and sister Columbiettes who find themselves in financial difficulty. This is kept strictly confidential, so any one in need should not be afraid to reach out for help. There are scholarship programs for your children and grandchildren, if they plan to attend a Catholic High School. We offer track and free throw competitions for children up to fourteen years of age, where they can win scholarship money for their education. There are fraternal activities for all members and their families. Why not take advantage of what we have to offer by coming to our monthly meetings, on the second Friday of the month, and represent your Council.

The Chapter also collects eyeglasses, can tabs and every Christmas we collect teddy bears for needy children. **THE CHAPTER WORKS FOR YOU, WHY NOT SUPPORT IT!!! REMEMBER, "CHARITY IS OUR MOST IMPORTANT PRODUCT".**

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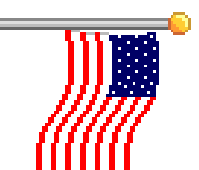
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