



KNIGHT LIFE



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Monthly Newsletter

December 2019

MERRY CHRISTMAS



LAND OF THE FREE BECAUSE OF THE BRAVE

Make certain to mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

December 2	Monday	Officers Meeting
December 3	Tuesday	Crèche Lighting 730pm
December 4	Wednesday	Business meeting 8pm
December 12	Thursday	District Deputy Christmas Dinner 7pm
December 14	Saturday	Christmas Party 5pm
December 15	Sunday	Breakfast with Santa 10am
December 15	Sunday	Memorial Mass St. Joseph Church 9am
December 24	Tuesday	Christmas Eve (Noche Buena) Building close
December 25	Wednesday	Christmas Building close
December 31	Tuesday	New Year's Eve Party 8pm



GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights,

The Christmas season is upon us. It is a time for reflection, giving thanks and celebrating the birth of our savior Jesus Christ. I would like to thank Maureen Ennis and all the volunteers for decorating the council. They always do a great job making the place feel like home. We have accomplished a lot of good things this November. I would thank all the Knight's and Columbiettes that supported all our events this month. Special thanks to Guy O'Brien and Ed Foryth for organizing the Real Men can bake in support of the veterans at Stony Brook Hospital. Mark Johnson, Danny Purcell and Steve Murphy who organized the Food Drive. Vinny Safina, Gil Cruz and Larry McCourt who helped cooked and carved turkeys for the Parish Outreach Thanksgiving feast. The Card players for the donation to help a family in need this Thanksgiving. St Regis in action serving our community and helping those in need, that's what we do. BIG THANK YOU !!!

As a veteran of the US Armed Forces, let us remember the men and women who lost their lives on December 7, 1941. I had the privilege and honor of visiting Pearl Harbor and the Battleship Arizona. It was a solemn and very moving experience. It was a quiet Sunday morning on a bright sunny day in 1941, when all of a sudden the world and life as they knew it change forever. As New Yorkers, we are forever linked with these events that happened at Pearl Harbor.

Our Christmas Party is on December 14, tickets are \$28.00. We have a cocktail hour, great music, dinner and dance. Come out for a night of fun, family and fellowship. Please bring an unwrapped toy with you to donate to the less needy. TICKETS ARE GOING FAST!!! Check the flyer in the knightlife for more information.

Ring in the New Year at St Regis New Year's Eve gala this year. Tickets are \$90.00. Steak and Lobster and all the trimmings will be served. Dance the night away into the new year, and of course open bar. Only 80 tickets will be sold. Check the flyer in the knightlife for more information.

Finally, I want to wish everyone a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a prosperous and healthy NEW YEAR.

Thank you and God Bless

John R Harris

Grand Knight

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BAR HOURS: Monday-Thurs. 7 pm to Midnight

- Friday 7 pm to 2 am
- Saturday 5 pm to 2 am
- Sunday: 1 pm to 8 pm

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Catering 588-8043

- Club 4651 Catering Office Hours: Monday 7 pm to 9 pm
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- Thomas Fawcett PGK
- Joseph DiNero PGK, FDD
- Ed Cordero
- Thomas Gillin

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- John R Harris GK
- Peter Freni PGK
- Vincent Safina DGK (alternate)



Attention Veterans

We want to display all the names of all our members who are Veterans in our lounge.

It has been many years since we updated our wall of heroes.

Some of us older members particularly from Vietnam chose not to be included on previous plaques.

We would like to include ALL veterans, whether you served at home or abroad, during peace time or in a war zone.

If you have served honorably, in the Armed Forces of the United States and would like to have your name included, please contact Bob Koepper at rjkhome@yahoo.com or Larry McCourt at bobo335@aol.com with:

1. Your Name
2. Branch of Service
3. Years served from when to when
4. Conflict or war you were in if any

Example: Frank Lee US Army. 1969-1971 Vietnam

Regards

Robert Koepper Trustee

631-588-7662

IN MEMORIAM
Columbian Year 2019-2020

Robert Purvis

Edward V Gruber

Angelo Cutrone

Henry Gilbert Balkam

Thomas Spillane

Our Service Men and Women

And all our deceased Members

May their Souls Rest in Peace



December 2019

To My Sister Columbiettes,

The Christmas Season is upon us. Welcome to winter and the joy of Advent celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus. It is such a busy season for us all with preparations for visiting and celebrating with our families and friends, let's not forget those who are less fortunate.

Thanks to all who attended our November Columbiette meeting, we were able to provide St Josephs Outreach with 3 large boxes of nonperishable food and our donation of \$300. For all who are attending the Knights and Columbiettes Christmas Party, please bring an unwrapped toy for needy children. It is still not too late to purchase tickets for this fun filled event scheduled for Saturday, December 14 from 5-10PM . Tickets are \$28 PP which includes a family style dinner with appetizers and music provided by DJ. See Emily or GK John Harris for tickets or call me, your support as always would be appreciated.

December 15 is the Memorial Mass held at **St Josephs at 9am** in memory of our deceased Sister Columbiettes and Brother Knights. Please continue to attend monthly and keep our deceased Knights and Columbiettes in your prayers. This month there will be no fellowship at the Council after the Memorial Mass due to Breakfast With Santa at the Council.

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

Dec 1 Bishops Mass and Installation of Chapter Officers

Dec 3 Creche Lighting 7PM

Dec 4 Officers Mtg

Dec 11 Columbiette Christmas Meeting

We will be wrapping gifts for approximately 60 soup kitchen recipients and filling Christmas hats for the children helped by the soup kitchen. This is a heartwarming project that is enjoyed by all. Please bring wrapped Christmas candy for the childrens gifts.

Dec 14 Knights & Columbiettes Evening Christmas Party

Dec 15 Breakfast with Santa

Dec 31 Council New Years Eve Party - Tickets and Info at the bar.

SAVE THE DATE

April 19- Columbiette Victorian Tea and BirthRight Shower

To make our planned activities a success, we need and appreciate your continued prayers, participation and support.

Looking forward to seeing you soon.

God Bless the St Regis Columbiettes, God Bless the St Regis Knights of Columbus and God Bless the USA!

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2020!!

Sincerely,

Vivian McCourt

Madame President

December 2019

Good and Welfare

Hi everyone, Christmas is around the corner. The weather is getting colder. Keep warm.
MaryAnn Rossi, Carroll Ellis, Pat McQuaid, and Mary Mattesich. Ladies feel 100 percent better soon.

If you know Columbiettes Sisters and their loved one, who need prayers, get well soon card or sympathy card, please inform me. If I'm not home please leave a message and I will get back to you.
The 3rd Annual Family Bowling was a successful event. Our profit was better than last year. I would like to thank, Columbiettes Officers, Sisters Columbiettes, Brother Knights and Catholic Daughters for all your generous support. A very special thanks also to Deputy Grand Knight Vincent Safina, for selling raffle tickets, and 50-50 tickets. To my husband John Harris thank you for being a supportive spouse.

ST REGIS CHRISTMAS PARTY.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 14, 2019

5; 00 UNTIL 10;00 PM, TICKETS COST \$28.00

PLEASE BRING UNWRAPPED TOYS

TICKETS ARE GOING FAST

CHRISTMAS is the best time to share our blessings to a needy people.
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year To All.

GOD Bless us all.

Emily B. Harris

Vice President



NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA

**STEAK AND LOBSTER WITH ALL THE
TRIMMINGS**

OPEN BAR

**DANCE THE NIGHT INTO THE NEW
YEAR**

8PM TIL 1AM



Contact: John & Emily Harris

631-285-3249



Saint Regis Knights of Columbus

Present



Red, White, and Blue Dinner Dance

Date: Sunday, January 19, 2020

Time: 1 PM to 4:30 PM

Where: St. Regis Council, Ronkonkoma, NY

Cost: \$15.00 for Adults

\$10.00 for Seniors

\$7.00 for Children under 12

Price includes Buffet dinner, desert, coffee, tea, and soft drinks, DJ and dancing.

Contact Tom Gillin (516-658-7722) for tickets



*Supporting the
9-1-1 Veterans,*

*In Jordan's Honor and
Team Chris*



OPINION: This article was taken out of the NY Post

It's time to stop scapegoating Christopher Columbus

By [Aileen Riotto Sirey](#) and [Angelo Vivolo](#)



Christopher Columbus

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS

Why are we so eager to search out scapegoats for the injustices of history? Whatever the reason, Christopher Columbus [is now the fall guy for the sins of slavery](#), the exploitation of indigenous peoples, the rape of natural resources and most of the legal, financial and territorial abuses that followed the first European steps in the New World. His accusers want to eliminate Columbus Day and replace it with Indigenous Peoples Day.

Columbus is a 15th-century man in a 21st-century court, and the jury is stacked with self-righteous, injured parties who have 20-20 hindsight. Vilifying him won't change the unfairness of history, but it will delegitimize the outright and undeniable contributions of Western civilization. Tearing down statues to him won't undo the damage from two worlds colliding, but it will mask the progress and achievements that emerged from two worlds converging.

Columbus Day exists for two reasons. The first: Columbus was the explorer who completed four recorded voyages across the Atlantic, showing great courage, determination and skill. His audacity and vision revolutionized worldwide human migration. Hundreds of millions of immigrants have followed his brave example over the course of more than five centuries. Today, his legacy endures in every immigrant who seeks opportunity and a better life.

The second reason is that on March 14, 1891, Italian Americans hit a low point in the long, arduous hazing period that every immigrant group seems condemned to suffer before emerging into the status of respectable American-hood. That year, an angry New Orleans mob lynched 11 Italian immigrants after they were cleared of murder charges. Perhaps the largest lynching in US history, it was condoned by the New York Times and a future president, Teddy Roosevelt.

Italian Americans desperately [needed a hero to stand for them](#), someone to symbolize their contributions to their adopted land. The following year, Italian Americans in New York City erected a statue to Columbus at what became Columbus Circle and inscribed it, "To the world, he gave a world."

So, when the attack on Columbus [is as virulent as it is](#), the Italian American community is understandably distressed. He is the icon who represents our presence here, and symbolizes our enduring love for and commitment to this haven for immigrants.

Critics assign him the most malevolent personal motives. Yet cultural anthropologist Carol Delaney notes that Columbus himself never owned a slave and adopted an indigenous child as his son.

Why must he shoulder the guilt for the entire 15th century? Slavery was already here in the New World. So were cannibalism and human sacrifice, neither tolerated in the Old World.

But the forces that shaped the New World were out of the hands of any single man: The Doctrine of Discovery, human greed, free enterprise, international competition spurred by Old World mercantilism, abuse of power — all unleashed on a playing field without rules.

These are dangerous days for our republic. We are being pitted against one another as never before, weakening the pillars of our rational but still imperfect democracy. The attacks on Columbus feed into that conflict.

"Is this an attempt to obliterate the history and contributions of Western civilization?" said one angry man at a recent meeting of Italian Americans. Another said, "It's an attack on Catholicism"; still another, "It's an insult to all Italian Americans."

Let's not take that path. Let's not squabble over injustices of the past only to wind up creating new ones. With the knowledge and tools we have acquired, let us remedy the unfair conditions for today and tomorrow — and let's do it together.

Indigenous Peoples Day should be a holiday ... and it is: Aug. 9. And November is Indigenous Peoples Month.

Thanks to Christopher Columbus' efforts, the floodgates of immigration were opened. We were granted the "possibility of a world" ... a new and just one. Many, many others have worked hard since then, but particularly over the past 243 years, to make that possibility real. It is up to us, the immigrants, to carry on.

At bottom, we are all immigrants. Whether we walked across an iced-over Bering Strait with our Native American siblings or we came in chains or desperation or hope from Africa, Europe or Asia, we are all immigrants here.

And we are all Americans.



ST REGIS CHRISTMAS PARTY

SATURDAY DECEMBER 14, 2019

5:00PM UNTIL 10:00PM

DINNER DANCE WITH DJ

BEER WINE & SODA

DOOR PRIZES & 50/50

\$28.00



PLEASE BRING AN UNWRAPPED TOY

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 2019

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St. Regis - December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Officers Meeting	3 Crèche Lighting	4 Business Meeting Columbiettes Officer's Meeting	5	6 Poker	7
8 Vet's Home	9 Club 4651 Meeting	10	11 Columbiettes Meeting	12 Screening Parade Meeting District Deputy Christmas dinner	13 Poker Chapter Meeting	14 Evening Christmas Party
15 Memorial Mass Breakfast with Santa	16	17 4 th Degree Christmas Dinner Patchogue	18	19	20 Poker	21
22	23	24 Christmas Eve Building Closed	25 Christmas Building Closed	26	27	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve New Year's Eve Party	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4