



KNIGHT LIFE



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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



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ALL EVENTS ARE CANCELLED FOR THIS MONTH





GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights,

As we go through this unprecedented event COVID-19, many Americans are struggling to stay healthy, while putting food on the table. The church is also struggling since most of their income are from the Sunday masses which are closed. We as Knights have a responsibility to the community and our church. Charity is the first principle of our Order. A special thanks to Jimmy Tallman for organizing a drive-thru food drive. Thanks to some of the brother Knights, sister Columbiettes and also Father Vitus who volunteered their time to make this a successful event. Also thank you to the people that donated. We were able to replenish the St Joseph food pantry and other soup kitchens in the area. We were also able to make a donation of \$1000.00 to St Joseph Parish to help them in their time of need.

Because of the COVID-19, the nomination slate will remain the same for this year. Voting will take place on June 3, if we are open for business. See attachment in the Knightlife for details.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Patroness of the Americas

In 1531, a woman, appeared to Juan Diego, an Aztec Indian, identified herself as the “Virgin Mary” and asked for a church to be built. Diego asked the Archbishop of Mexico City and he wanted proof. Mary gave him roses and he returned to the Bishop. When he uncurled his cape, the roses fell out and an image of the “Virgin Mary” was let imprinted on the cape. In 1945, the year that World War II ended, Pope Pius XII looked at the suffering, fragmented world and declared Our Lady of Guadalupe patroness of the Americas. He knew that both continents North and South, in many ways, share a common heritage and future. In the words Our Lady spoke to Juan Diego: “I am your Compassionate Mother, yours, for you yourself, for everybody here in the land, for each and all together, for all others too, for all folk of every kind. Here I shall listen to their groaning’s, to their saddening’s; here shall I make well and heal up their each and every kind of disappointment, of exhausting pangs, of bitter pain.”

As we celebrate Mother’s Day while practicing social distancing, there is hope on the horizon as God will guide us to a brighter future. Stay safe and we will get through this together. If you need assistance, you can reach anyone of our officers, our contact information is in the Knightlife.

Thank you and God Bless

John R Harris

Grand Knight

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- John R Harris GK
- Vincent Safina DGK
- Thomas Fawcett PGK
- Joseph DiNero PGK, FDD
- Ed Cordero
- Thomas Gillin

State Convention Delegates

- 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



ELECTION NIGHT – BUSINESS MEETING JUNE 3, 2020

Any questions please contact Vincent Lifrieri PGK: (347) 992-0352

Nominating Committee Recommendations:

Council Officers:

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|---------------|----------------------------|
| Grand Knight | John Harris |
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| Chancellor | Jeff Thure |
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CLUB 4651

Mike Kiernan
 Jim Tallman
 Bob Burnside
 Mike DeFillippis
 Tim Mawn

Nominating Committee Notice

Election Night this year will be Wednesday June 3, 2019.
 The Grand Knight has chosen PGK Vincent Lifrieri as the
 Nominating Committee Chairman
 To Run for any position you must have attended at least
 Four (4) Business Meetings within the Columbian Year. To
 run for a position on CLUB 4651, you must be a 3rd degree
 member prior to election night. Because of the COVID-19

The Slate will remain the same as last year.

Chapter Slate

Chapter Delegates:

John Harris
 Ed Cordero
 Thomas Fawcett Sr., PGK
 Larry McCourt
 Vincent Safina
 Tom Gillin

**PLEASE NOTE: ALL POSITIONS ARE OPEN AND
 ANY MEMBER CAN RUN OFF THE FLOOR WHO
 MEET THE ABOVE CRITERIA**

State Convention Delegates:

| | | | |
|--------------|-----------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| John Harris | Grand Knight Delegate | Peter Freni | PGK Delegate |
| Vinny Safina | GK Alternate Delegate | Daniel Purcell | PGK Alternative Delegate |



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR LIFE

March 11, 2020

Dear Fraternal Leader,

The Knights of Columbus is carefully monitoring the coronavirus situation and its impact on the Order. Since the virus is spread by personal contact, containment efforts stress social distancing by restricting travel, meetings and other gatherings. Accordingly, the Supreme Council most strongly recommends the following actions to protect brother Knights and others:

- Cancel all personal contact meetings, including business meetings, until further notice.
- Cancel all planned events, where people would gather, until further notice.
- Cancel all travel for Knights of Columbus business until further notice.

There are many ways to continue council operations without face to face contact. Here are some suggestions:

- Conduct meetings by conference call, Skype, Google Groups or other methods.
- Use a webinar service for large meetings like monthly business meetings.
- Allow member votes by email or text to approve bills and candidate admissions.
- Use the email feature of Officers Online for member communications.
- Set up a call tree to contact members and ascertain their wellbeing.
- Conduct degree ceremonies in homes using the [combined Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity](#) video or the [First Degree video](#).
- Use applications like "Go fund me" to digitally raise funds for causes.

Additional information is available for members and their families on the websites of the [CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL](#) and [WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION](#). Be aware that the elderly and sick are highly vulnerable to this disease.

This is a moment to deepen our commitment to the very principles which define us: charity, unity and fraternity. There will likely be many opportunities in coming weeks to live out these principles in service to our brother Knights, our families and our communities. May this time of difficulty also be a moment when we as Knights step into the breach and show ourselves to be disciples of Jesus Christ and men at the service of others.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carl A. Anderson".

Carl A. Anderson
Supreme Knight

IN MEMORIAM

Columbian Year 2019-2020

Robert Purvis

Edward V Gruber

Angelo Cutrone

Henry Gilbert Balkam

Thomas Spillane

John R Ryder

Walter P Carroll

Peter Francis Kelly

Deacon Jim Altonji

Our Service Men and Women

And all our deceased Members

May their Souls Rest in Peace



May 2020

To My Sister Columbiettes,

As we continue to live through this unprecedented time of the Covid-19 Virus, we continue to pray that we, our families and friends all stay well and are making their way through this most difficult time. Our prayers go out to all who are sick, in recovery, who have passed away or who continue to struggle with the uncertainty of the outcome to our economy because of this pandemic. Most of all please continue to pray for those who lost family members and especially for our sister Columbiettes Fran Borut and Barbara Lanzetta who have passed away from this disease. Our sincerest condolences are extended to their families. May they rest in peace.

We have all been disappointed that along with these hardships, our society and customs and social events have been turned upside down. We cannot attend our church, funerals, weddings, engagements, bridal showers, graduations, proms, sports, the Chapter Charity Ball and many other activities have been either canceled or postponed. All of our beautifully planned events, our Communion Breakfast, the Victorian Tea/BirthRight Shower as well as our afternoon at the Theater to see Grease in May have been canceled but this too shall pass. **Stay Strong, We Will Get Through This Together!**

April and May are customarily the months for Columbiette nominations and elections. As we were unable to have meetings in April for nominations and will be unable to have meetings in May which should be the election, we find ourselves in uncharted waters. Due to these extraordinary circumstances it is necessary to change the way we do business at this time.

After much consideration, I have decided not to seek another term as your President. Our Vice President states she is not ready to assume the role of the Presidency for the next term but our Past President Carmela Safina has graciously offered to step into the position of President and I will become Past President.

I know we can count on your support for Carmela in her term as President and I will be there to support her as well as all our officers who will remain in their elected positions.

In this time of great uncertainty, we would like to maintain continuity for the the St Regis Columbiettes.

Therefore our proposed Slate of Officers is as follows:

President: Carmela Safina

Past President: Vivian McCourt

Vice President: Emily Harris

Financial Secretary: Lisa Laveroni

Secretary: Dawn Santiago

Treasurer: Joanne Koepper

Sentinel: Marilyn Cordero

Chapter Delegates: Carmela Safina, Vivian McCourt,
Joanne Koepper, Emily Harris

Alternate to Chapter: Martha Torres, Dawn Santiago

State Delegates: Carmela Safina, Vivian McCourt

Alternate to State: Dawn Santiago, Joanne Koepper

This is not to set a precedent for any future elections.

Therefore I will ask our Secretary to cast one Constitutional vote for the above slate on May 13th, the scheduled date of our elections. If there are any objections or questions please feel free to call me at home 631-588 2453.

Please remember your friends and neighbors who are alone during this perilous time. Let us all set 9 am daily to pray the Hail Mary and the Lords Prayer for our deceased Columbiettes and Knights who have passed away during this illness. Also remember St Josephs Parish; although we are unable to attend Mass the church still needs our continued support.

Looking forward to the time we can all meet again.

Thank you for all your support.

May God bless you all.

President Vivian McCourt

May 2020

Good and Welfare

Hi everyone. Hope everybody is doing good, safe from Coronavirus. Watching the news everyday is so frustrating and devastating. Lots of people died, got sick, loss their job, lost their home, all of this because of the Coronavirus pandemic. So please take extra care and stay healthy.

Sad news Columbiette sister Frances A. Borut passed away. Our deepest sympathy to the family.

Annette Obremski got sick because of Coronavirus. Thank God it was a mild one. She is doing well now, and soon she will go back to work. Feel better soon Annette. Please include Curine Young in your prayers. Hopefully she will be cured 100 percent. Prayers also to Carroll Ellis.

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.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness, or only a few. Jesus Christ stays with us as we endure and mourn, persist and propose. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

GOD Bless us all.

Emily B. Harris

Vice President



My Brothers (Knights) and Sisters (Columbiettes),

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

HAPPY EASTER!

Inevitably, it seems that each Easter season I think back and recall how one of our previous pastors at St. Joseph would begin Mass with a (very) loud Happy Easter greeting. And startle most, if not all of us, out of our seats. And then I'd have a little chuckle to myself as I found it amusing.

Unfortunately, I sense going forward that I'll now be recalling the unusual Easter of 2020. An Easter like none other.

As I reflect on this Easter though, I can't help but realize that while these times are so very different than anything we have seen before, the circumstances we are experiencing can help bring a deeper understanding of the Hope and Joy of The Resurrection:

- The empty dinner table on Easter Sunday, a reminder of the empty tomb the disciples experienced that morning;
- The feelings of fear and helplessness the disciples experienced in thinking they had lost Jesus in their lives, much like the fear and helplessness we may feel in trying to defend and protect ourselves against a new unknown;
- The experience of the two disciples on their journey to Emmaus, challenged to be able to recognize Christ's presence, similar to our need to fill a hole in our lives from not being able to attend Mass;
- But then the Joy they experienced as their hearts burned with hearing Him teach and as they shared a meal with Him, much as we know that we too will again soon be able share the Eucharist. A time we know will come!

Unfortunately, it does not look like we will have our typical Easter memorial service together this year. And having missed seeing many of you at Sunday Masses, I did wish to be able to share some thoughts with you. So, a thank you to our GK, John Harris, in allowing me the space to help make that happen.

It is however, I believe, so important to remember that the true message of Easter is Eternal and never changing:

The Hope and Joy of the Resurrection of our Lord. God's gift to His people. A gift of pure LOVE.

For now, I'd like to leave you with these words of Hope from Pope Francis:

"Over these weeks, we have kept repeating, 'All will be well,' clinging to the beauty of our humanity and allowing words of encouragement to rise up from our hearts. But as the days go by and fears grow, even the boldest hope can dissipate. Jesus' Hope is different. He plants in our hearts the conviction that God is able to make everything work unto good, because even from the grave he brings Life. Dear sister, dear brother, even if in your heart you have buried hope, do not give up: **God is greater**. Darkness and death do not have the last word. Be strong, for with God nothing is lost!"

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord always!

In His Peace,

Deacon Ed, co-chaplain

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St. Regis - May 2020

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| 3 | 4 Officer's Meeting Virtual | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 Mother's Day | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 Memorial Mass | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 Feast of the Ascension | 22 | 23 |
| 24/31 | 25 Memorial Day | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |