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COUNCIL 4969

May 2024

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brothers ,
Where is spring?

Happy Mother's Day to all our beautiful Mothers !

We are currently in full shaker mode for our GSP program . We are usually at the top of the list in the state for funds raised. If we're not the top spot we are certainly the top 5 . Let's get it done! If you can help, please contact PGK Ray Gabbia or Tom Woram. We need you.

Unfortunately the state bowling tournament was cancelled this year due to lack of interest. That didn't stop 4969. Thanks PGK Bob Madore for putting together what has become our annual bowling outing at Playdrome bowling center. A great day of fraternity and competition was had by all .

This month is the KofC convention in Wildwood NJ If you haven't made your arrangements yet, time is running out .

Our championship softball team has began their season. A copy of the schedule is posted on the bulletin board. We would love to see at a game rooting us on.

Please continue reading this edition for more information on upcoming events

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Jeffrey J. Adamkiewicz
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¿Dónde está la primavera?

¡Feliz Día de la Madre a todas nuestras hermosas Madres!

Actualmente estamos en modo agitador completo para nuestro programa GSP. Por lo general, estamos en la parte superior de la lista del estado en cuanto a fondos recaudados. Si no somos el primer puesto, ciertamente estamos entre los cinco primeros. ¡Hagámoslo! Si puede ayudar, comuníquese con PGK Ray Gabbia o Tom Woram. Te necesitamos.

Desafortunadamente, el torneo estatal de bolos este año fue cancelado por falta de interés. Eso no detuvo a 4969. Gracias a PGK Bob Madore por organizar lo que se ha convertido en nuestra salida anual a los bolos en el centro de bolos Playdrome. Un gran día de fraternidad y competencia se vivió entre todos.

Este mes es la convención de K of C en Wildwood, Nueva Jersey. Si aún no ha hecho los arreglos necesarios, el tiempo se acaba.

Nuestro equipo de campeonato de softbol ha comenzado su temporada. Se publica una copia del cronograma en el tablón de anuncios. Nos encantaría ver un juego que nos apoye.

Continúe leyendo esta publicación para obtener más información sobre los próximos eventos.

Viva Jesús

Jeffrey Adamkiewicz

From our Spiritual Advisor

Dear Knights of Columbus Family,

May is Mary's Month. Below is an article written by Evan Ponton of the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Evan gives a brief explanation for Mary's month of May.

For centuries, the Catholic Church has emphasized the month of May as a time of honor and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

May devotions to Mary began in the 13th century, but there is little information to know how it was celebrated. In its present form, the practice of May devotions to Mary originated within the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) in the 18th century under Father Latomia of their Roman College. Shortly afterwards, devotions were adopted at the Jesuit's mother church in Rome, the Church of the Gesù, and then began to spread throughout other area churches to the entire globe. (Pope Francis, who is also a Jesuit, has a special devotion to Mary, Undoer of Knots, a phrase first attributed to St. Irenaeus of Lyons who said, "The knot of Eve's disobedience was loosened by the obedience of Mary").

One reason the devotion has come to extend over the entire month is the abundance of Marian feast days in May: Mary, Queen of Apostles (Saturday before Pentecost – May 14th, this year), Our Lady of Fatima (May 13), Mary Help of Christians (May 24), and the Visitation (May 31).

Seeking Peace- Pope Paul VI's encyclical was especially concerned with peace, invoking the "intercession and protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Queen of Peace" (n. 10). Amid ongoing persecutions and violence in many areas of the world, turning to Christ through Mary is an important way to pray that May becomes a month of peace.

Honoring the Family- Mary receives an important role in Pope Francis' Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia- The Joy of Love: On Love in the Family*. He states, "Every family should look to the icon of the Holy Family of Nazareth" (n. 30). Pope Francis goes on to say, "The treasury of Mary's heart also contains the experiences of every family, which she cherishes. For this reason, she can help us understand the meaning of these experiences and to hear the message God wishes to communicate through the life of our families" (n. 30). Pope Francis reminds us that by honoring Mary, we honor Jesus and our families.

Honoring the Body- Our culture and Church desperately needs the figure of Mary before our eyes as an exemplar of the dignity and uniqueness of women, especially in light of the real and present danger of pornography. The USCCB has also created a pastoral guide regarding pornography “to raise awareness of its pervasiveness and harms.” This month, ask Mary’s intercession for an end to this destructive force, and healing for those deeply affected.

There is no lack of reasons to stay close to Mary this month, and throughout our lives. Find ways to honor her with your words and actions by seeking new ways to bring about mercy and peace through our churches into our hurting world.

God Bless,
Deacon Ed

Querida familia de los Caballeros de Colón,

Mayo es el mes de María. A continuación se muestra un artículo escrito por Evan Ponton de la Arquidiócesis de Baltimore. Evan da una breve explicación del mes de mayo de María.

Durante siglos, la Iglesia Católica ha enfatizado el mes de mayo como un tiempo de honor y devoción a la Santísima Virgen María.

Las devociones a María comenzaron en el siglo XIII, pero hay poca información para saber cómo fue celebrado. En su forma actual, la práctica de las devociones de mayo a María se originó dentro de la Compañía de Jesús (los Jesuitas) en el siglo XVIII bajo el padre Latomia de su colegio Romano.

Poco después, se adoptaron devociones en la iglesia madre de los jesuitas en Roma, la Iglesia de el Gesù, y luego comenzó a extenderse por otras iglesias del área a todo el mundo. (El Papa Francisco, que también es jesuita, tiene una especial devoción por María, Desatadora de Nudos, frase atribuida por primera vez a San Ireneo de Lyon, quien dijo: “El nudo de la desobediencia de Eva fue aflojado por la obediencia de María”).

Una de las razones por las que la devoción se ha extendido durante todo el mes es la abundancia de fiestas en mayo dedicado a María: María, Reina de los Apóstoles (sábado antes de Pentecostés – 14 de mayo de este año), Nuestra Señora de Fátima (13 de mayo), María Auxiliadora (24 de mayo) y la Visitación (31 de mayo). Buscando la paz: la encíclica del Papa Pablo VI se preocupaba especialmente por la paz, invocando la “intercesión y protección de la Santísima Virgen María, Reina de la Paz” (n. 10). En medio de las continuas persecuciones y violencia en curso en muchas áreas del mundo, Acudir a Cristo a través de María es una manera importante de orar para que mayo se convierta en un mes de paz.

Honrando a la Familia: María recibe un papel importante en la Exhortación del Papa Francisco Amoris Laetitia- La alegría del amor: sobre el amor en la familia. Afirma: “Toda familia debe mirar hacia el icono de la Sagrada Familia de Nazaret” (n. 30). El Papa Francisco continúa diciendo: “El tesoro del corazón de María contiene también las experiencias de cada familia, que ella aprecia. Por esta razón, ella puede ayudarnos a comprender el significado de estas experiencias y a escuchar el mensaje que Dios desea comunicarnos a través de la vida de nuestras familias” (n. 30). El Papa Francisco nos recuerda que honrando a María, honramos a Jesús y a nuestras familias.

Honrando el Cuerpo- Nuestra cultura e Iglesia necesitan desesperadamente la figura de María ante nuestra vida como un ejemplo de la dignidad y singularidad de la mujer, especialmente a la luz del peligro real y presente de la pornografía. La USCCB también ha creado una guía pastoral sobre pornografía “para crear conciencia sobre su omnipresencia y sus daños”. Este mes, pregúntele a María intercesión para poner fin a esta fuerza destructiva y curación para aquellos profundamente afectados.

No faltan motivos para permanecer cerca de María este mes y a lo largo de nuestra vida. Encuentre maneras de honrarla con sus palabras y acciones buscando nuevas formas de lograr misericordia y paz a través de nuestras iglesias hacia nuestro mundo herido.

Dios los bendiga,
Díacono Ed

Please Pray for the People listed below

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James Cozzolino	Megan Gough	Ed Kunze	Richard Jarocki	Maria Madore
Jack Desa	Family & Friends of Tim Devlin	Bernard Pasquale	Regina Polakowski	Russ Madore
Ruth Haloka	Bill Esler (Dec)	Ed Koons	Tracy Perrine	Frank Soltis PGK
Nate Lombardo	Family & Friends of Bill Esler	Irene Austin	Bill Bates	Peg Kennedy
Thomas Duel	Tyrone Hodge (Dec)	Rita Schembari	George Mount	Robert Ryan
Deacon Hauenstein	Family & Friends of Tyrone Hodge	Bob Painter	Cathy Nesbaha	Donna Cetroni
James Judge	Frank Soltis PGK	Tom Dorso	Mark Tracy	Frank & Joanne McKenna
Jim & Alice Kelly (dec)	Keith Pinto (dec)	Marge Budenas	Doreen Erbe	Don O'Brien
Eileen Bray	Charles Zalatoris	John Budenas	Jesus Christ	Joseph Murry
Ed Coons	Mike Henke	Pregnancy Centers- Unborn	Carol Adamkiewicz	
Larry Pfiffer	Alyssa Oriolo	James Petroni	Jeff Adamkiewicz Jr.	
Joseph Bennett	Mary Jane Vecchione	Maryanne Mattsson	Rick Simnor	
Donna Walsh Costello	Terry Vasarkovy (dec)	Pope Benedict (Dec)	Nick Oriolo	
Carmen Tulia Cruz	Joe Todesco Sr. (dec)	Debra Hagberg	Father Larry	
Father Carlos Aguirre	Anthony G. Mancini (dec)	Paul Rucker (Dec)	Wife of Bernie Pasquale	
The Delmonico Family	Deacon Romeo Aquino PGK (dec)	Joe Zieniewicz (Dec)	Wife of Joe Leone	
Joan Kerico	Asuncion Aquino (dec)	Michael Dohrenwend (Dec)	Jack Dasa	
Tim Devlin (Dec)	The People of Ukraine	James Cozzolino (Dec)	Father Roger Pokes	
Bernice Borelli	Mike Russo (dec)	Alfred Sneed (Dec)	Sister Celine Fawler	
Joanne McKenna	Joseph Fuscaldo (Dec)	George Murphy	Bishop David M. O'Connell	
Rose Cannella	Joseph Vankat (dec)	Mike Sutton PGK (Dec)	Sam Gabbia	

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FOOD PANTRY CORNER

May's Item of the Month: **“ RICE “** (any variety – boxed / bagged)

Thanks to everyone who donated Coffee during the month of March. As mentioned before, *coffee* is a frequently requested item, but one not usually available. However, it is always appreciated!

This month we are requesting a common household staple ... **“ RICE “** !

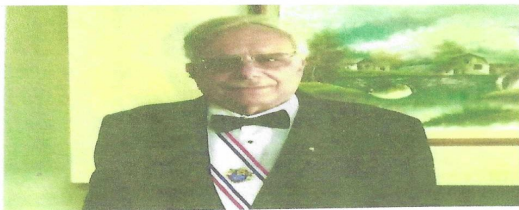
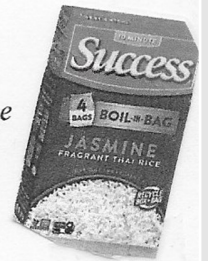
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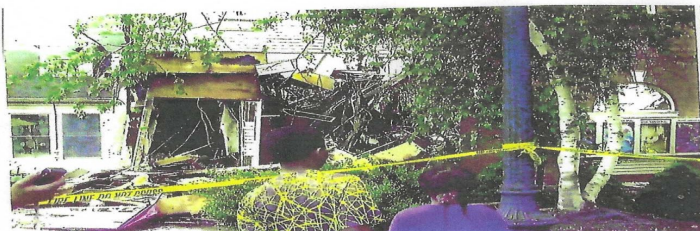
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Council #4969 "Events at a Glance" 2024**January 2024**

AFC/NFC Council Softball Team Fundraiser
Chili Cook-off
Simon's Kitchen

February

Super Bowl Party
"Trivia Night" event
"Blast from the Past" Event
Polar Plunge at Seaside Heights
Friday Lenten Dinners
Simon's Kitchen

March

"Souper Bowl" Contest
Council #4969 Super 50/50
Simon's Kitchen

April

God's Special People Collections
Bowling Tournament
Simon's Kitchen

May

Mothers Day "Breakfast at the Knights"
Simon's Kitchen

June

Grand Knights June Ball

August

Gods Special People BBQ/FRY
Event

September

Council#4969 Picnic
NFL Football Sunday's & 50/50

October

Horseshoe Tournament
Simon's Kitchen
"Latin Night" Event

November

Kevin Delmonico Memorial
Softball Tournament
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CALENDAR

May 2024

Wednesday	1	K of C Business Meeting 8pm
Tuesday	7	Columbus Club Mtg 8 pm
Wednesday	8	Ladies Aux Mtg 7:30 pm
Monday	13	Chapter Meeting 8 pm
Wednesday	15	Social Mtg. 8 pm
Monday	27	K of C Officers Mtg. 7:30 pm
Wednesday	29	4th Degree Meeting 8pm

June 2024

Tuesday	4	Columbus Club Mtg 8 pm
Wednesday	5	K of C Business Meeting 8pm
Monday	10	Chapter Meeting 8 pm
Wednesday	12	Ladies Aux Mtg 7:30 pm
Wednesday	19	Social Mtg. 7:30 pm
Tuesday	25	K of C Officers Mtg. 7:30 pm
Wednesday	26	4th Degree Meeting 8pm



Knight of the Month
Dan McGeehan

Family of the Month
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