



Knight Light

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William A. Delaney Council 5983

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November-December 2024 Edition...

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!!

From the Desk of the Grand Knight: Michael Antonucci



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Jesus Quotes...

"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled; but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

- Luke 14:11

Greetings Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes and Delaney Council Family,

Temperature is dropping, leaves are falling and it is time to find the warm clothes. With the change of season, we need to prepare for the inevitable, cold. This time of year, we look forward to family and friends with holiday celebrations and a very busy schedule. Whose hosting, whose cooking, what should we bring, who are we buying for, are we exchanging gifts, do we have enough room, get the decorations up, Oh My!

An important event is scheduled for November 9, 2024, PGK Testimonial for Past Grand Knight Gary Rodetis. I hope everyone makes an effort to attend the Testimonial to honor Gary for his dedication, service and enormous amount of time sacrificed for a very successful Columbian year.

Thank You Gary for a job well done.

On Sept. 13 we had a beer tasting party. Thank you to PGK Dennis Winkler and the entire Winkler Family for hosting this event.

On Thursday November 21 at 8pm, we will hold our annual Memorial Mass; remembering those members who have passed away. Let us attend and pray for them and ask God to forgive their sins and grant them eternal peace. November 28th is Thanksgiving, as we gather with family and friends, reflect on what you are thankful for and pray together as a family. Remember those less fortunate and say a pray for them also.

December 3rd is our Light up for Christ night, along with the tree lighting is our celebration of Christmas for our young ones. Please support this event and reach out to Robert Mathia and Anthony Scuderi for more information.

The Delaney Christmas party is Friday December 13th; contact Anthony Scuderi and come enjoy the time together. As we enter the holiday season, let's not forget the "REASON FOR THE SEASON". I would like to wish all a very enjoyable, festive and blessed season. Enjoy and be thankful for the many blessings we all have.

I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the very successful Food Drive for the Saint James Food Pantry. We were able to collect about 1400 pounds of various food and household necessities for the needy. Thank you to the many Knights who helped in this task, especially chairs PGK Gary Rodetis and John Daly. Well done. While we were collecting food for the Food Drive, we also sold C&B Books, again very successful, selling 104 books for this one event and bringing our total to over 500 books with another month to go. Thank you to all our brothers who helped that day. Without you, our council could not be so successful.

Let us Pray for those who are forgotten or who don't have someone to pray for them,

Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Pray for us

Michael G. Antonucci Grand Knight 2024/2025



Tuesday-Nov. 5-

Executive Officers Meeting

Thursday-Nov. 7-

Council Meeting (& Board Meeting)-doors open at 7pm.

Thursday-November 21-

Annual Mass for Deceased Members 8:00pm

Sunday-Nov 17 C&B Bowling at Levittown Lanes

Thursday-Nov. 28-Thanksgiving

Monday-Dec. 1-Executive officers meeting-7:30pm

Tuesday-Dec. 2-Annual Light Up For Christ with the

Children's Christmas Party-7pm

December 5, 2024-Council Meeting-doors open at 7pm.

December 13, 2024- Council Christmas Party-7:00pm

December 19, 2024-2nd meeting-COR-doors open at 7pm.

December 25, 2024-Merry Christmas

December 31, 2024-New Year's Eve



MSGR. WILLIAM A. DELANEY COUNCIL #5983
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PRESENTS OUR ANNUAL
MEMORIAL MASS IN HONOR OF OUR DECEASED
MEMBERS AND SISTER COLUMBIETTES
ON THURSDAY NOVEMBER 21, 2024
AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
110 MERRITTS ROAD
FARMINGDALE N.Y. 11735 at 8:00 P.M. START
WE WILL GATHER TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF ALL OUR
DECEASED BROTHERS A
ND SISTER COLUMBIETTES. MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED
FR. FRANCIS OUR CHAPLAIN
AND ASSISTING WILL BE DEACON CHRIS DANIELLO AND
DEACON JOHN HORN, PGK
**SPECIAL RECOGNITION WILL BE GIVEN TO ALL
DECEASED MEMBERS BY READING THEIR NAMES DURING
MASS CELEBRATION**
COFFEE AND CAKE WILL FOLLOW AFTERWARDS FOR
ALL TO ENJOY.
FOR INFORMATION:
PGK KEITH WILSON 516-633-1435
DEACON CHRIS 516-462-4242
PGK DEACON JOHN 516-312-9392

HELP WANTED:

**The council hall is in need of
bartenders and room facilitators:
We need bartenders willing to work
some (not all) weekends
(Friday-Saturday-Sunday)**

**We also need room facilitators who are
available to be present at the council hall
during the day while the room is rented
out. Bartenders will be trained. Members
only. Contact Corp. President
Anthony Scuderi for more details-
Call 516-249-3643 or
text 516-595-5447**

November/December 2024 Prayer List



**Chick Angioli
Vinnie LoBiondo
Frank Nocerino
Frank Sorrentino
Tony Sparaco
Keith Wilson**

**+Those we lost on September 11 and continue to loose+
+Those who are forgotten or don't have someone to pray for them+**

Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney

Pray and intercede for us.

**If you have someone you would like to add to the
prayer list please email the
Grand Knight : mikeant7@optonline.net**



DGK STAN WISZ MESSAGE

I want to thank everyone for the confidence that you have instilled in me.
It is with Honor that I am your Deputy Grand Knight. We have so many good
works to do, but we cannot do it without your help. We are always looking for
Brother Knights to step up and lead in some sort of function. It is with pleasure
that I am the liaison between the Columbiettes and the Knights.

As I have stated before, please support our sister Columbiettes functions &
fundraisers. They are very supportive of what we do, I expect we can give
them the same back.

I have pledged my support to Alice Savino, letting her know that the Knights
will be there to support her and the rest of the Columbiette's.

Please have a wonderful holiday season and a very Happy New Year.

The best is yet to come!!!

Deputy Grand Knight,
Stan Wisz

**Rt. Rev. Msgr. William A. Delaney
Council #5983
Knights Of Columbus**



**Annual
Past Grand Knight
Testimonial Dinner Dance
Honoring**



Pgk Gary Rodetis

**On Saturday
November 9, 2024
6:30-11:30 P.M.
Delaney Hall
St. James Parish Center
80 Hicksville Road
Seaford, NY 11783**



\$55.00 PER PERSON

Includes:

**Open Bar, Cocktail Hour
Hot Buffet Dinner
Salad, Rolls and Butter
Dessert Coffee and Tea**

DJ. Music Provided By DJ. Jofinny "Smooth"

Committee

Rich Tucci PGK, Mike Antonucci, Anthony Scuderi PGK

Thomas Moran COB, PGK Master Of Ceremonies

Reservations, Rich Tucci 516-426-3783 or Matt Antonucci 516-721-4169



Jesus Quotes...

**"Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever
does not gather with me scatters"- Luke 11:23**



CHANCELLOR'S CORNER



CHARITY REPORT:

Thanks to the generous spirit of our membership, we have supported MANY charities such as:

Life Center of LI- \$250
 \$250.00 Birthright for ASAP;
 March for Life;
 \$250 Tunnels for Towers;
 Eagle Scout Projects;
 \$250 Lustgarten Foundation for Pancreatic Research
 (in honor of Dennis Rodetis).
 \$100.00 water bottles for St. James Blue Mass;
 St James Food Pantry donation for \$250.00
 Holy Family parish donation for \$100.00
 (school's programs).
 \$225.00 donation to Nassau chapter for
 Keep Christ in Christmas signs.
 \$100 to the Great Neck Rotary Club (turkey dinners).
 Christmas Donation to St. James Parish
 Priests & Deacons;
 \$250 for Momma's House;
 Shrine of Our Lady \$100;
 American Vet Dogs-\$250;
 Life Center of LI-\$200;
 \$150 to the Sisters of St. Dominic;
 \$250 to St. Pius X retirement home for priests;
 \$150 donation of bottled water for Welcome Back to
 Church and Blue Mass events at St. James Parish;
 \$150 donation to Honor Flights for Veterans.

If you would like to make a donation or suggest a charitable organization, please contact GK Mike Antonucci

Coat Drive Report:
The coat drive is in full swing.
Please bring clean and lightly worn coats, sweaters & sweatshirts to either St. James narthex or the council hall.

Thank you coat drive co-chairman Paul McMahon & Steve Mendyk for running the coat drive



RT. REV. MSGR. WILLIAM A. DELANEY COUNCIL# 5983
 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 C AND B REPORT

Dear brothers

Thank you all for a successful C and B weekend

Sold 104 books and all compounded by a fantastic food drive

I thank our Grand Knight Mike and our team for a great job and our presence in our parish we serve is astounding !!!
 I am most proud to be C and B chairman and once again thanks to all I truly appreciate it our work in the image of Fr

McGivney

KEITH WILSON
 PGK FDD PFN PCC
 CHAIRMAN

Jesus Quotes...

"When you stand to pray, forgive anyone against whom you have a grievance, so that your heavenly Father may in turn forgive you your transgressions." -Mark 12:25

ATTENDANCE AWARD

Since the last Knight Light, the following members won the progressive award

Recent Winners:

Sep. - Scott Shaffer, not present

Oct. - Dominic Cabri, not present

Winner receives \$30 at next meeting

You need to be present to win!! Good Luck!

50/50 Raffle Recent Meeting

Winners: Thomas D'Angelo, Peter Matheis, Dan O'Neil, Tom P. Moran

Wake Services

In the event of the passing of a Brother Knight, it is important that the family of the deceased member notify the Council immediately so that a Council wake service can be adequately planned.

Please notify any of the following:

Grand Knight Mike Antonucci-516-903-4354
 Financial Secretary Phil Bruno- 516 586-3020

4th Degree Members -contact the GK

St. James Parish Men's Prayer Group
Meets at 7:30 a.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month in the Parish Center.

All men are welcomed!
Come grab a bagel & coffee and share your thoughts!

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*Photo below- Beer Tasting Party in September 2024.
Thank you to the Winkler Family for
running this great party...*



*Photos below- we had a guest from the VetDogs Association
provide a presentation on the good works they do. Thank you
DGK Stan Wisz for coordinating this event and recommending
this organization for our chairty considerations. The Knights
provided the Vet Dog Assoc. with a check after the presentation.*



**KoC Light Up For Christ
Tree Lighting &
Children's Christmas Party**



will be held on Tuesday December 3rd, 2024

From 7:00-9:00 pm

**At Delaney Council Hall 110 Merritts Rd
Farmingdale, NY**



**RSVP by November 21, 2024 to
Robert Mathai at 718-344-2456 or
ROBERT.MATHAI@yahoo.com**



**Please include number of adults and the
names, gender and ages of children 12 and
under, and would they prefer a gift or gift
card. ALL ACTIVITIES ARE INDOORS.**

Evening schedule is as follows:



7:00 p.m. Arrival



7:05 Pizza & Cookies

7:20 p.m. 'Keep Christ in Christmas' Craft

8:00 p.m.

Prayer and Tree Lighting

8:10 Reading of "A Place for Santa"

8:15- Until complete.

**St Nicolas will visit and all children
12 and under will receive a gift.**



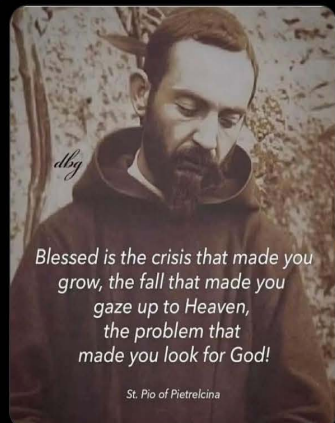
Jesus Quotes...

*"Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning
and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be
forgiven. Give and gifts will be given to you, a good measure,
packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be
poured into your lap. For the measure with which you
measure, will in turn be measured out to you.*

-Luke 6:37-38



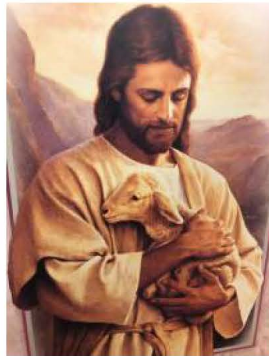
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Food Drive Report:

One hundred and forty six bags of food were collected at the food drive at St. James. Equivalent to 1,460lbs. of food. Congratulations to Gary, John, Bill and everyone who helped out in the successful food drive.



Nassau Conference Report

The next Nassau Conference meeting is scheduled for Monday November 25th 8pm at Hartigan Council in Bethpage, council delegates are required to attend. Thank you for supporting your Nassau Conference.

SK Thomas Moran PGK FDD
Nassau Conference Chairman

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Jesus sings!!!

Did you know that there is a verse in the bible where Jesus sings? It is right at the conclusion of the last supper. It is mentioned that they "sang the hymn." (Matthew 26:30 and Mark 14:26). The Passover hymn is actually psalm numbers 113-119. It is called the "hallel" which translates to "hallelujah". It is a joyous celebration of Thanksgiving to God. So Jesus actually sang hallelujah to God. If he sang to God, so should we. He loves to hear us, whether we think we have nice voices or not, he does.



Announcement for Knights Gear Ordering:

Our council is organizing an order to purchase Knights of Columbus gear. If you have been putting off getting a polo shirt, hoodie, baseball hat or bomber jacket, now is the time to pick one up and show support for the Delaney Council!

Contact Chris Chalmers if you are interested. He can provide the order form with pricing.

Email: christopherc271@gmail.com

Phone: 917-579-1676



Worry is worshipping your problem.
Prayer is surrendering your problem.
-Sister Mary Joseph Calore



DELANEY CHRISTMAS PARTY
FRIDAY NIGHT DECEMBER 13TH
FROM 7:00PM to 11:00PM

Come join us for our annual Knights of Columbus Christmas Party. Come and celebrate Christmas with the Delaney Council family and friends. We will party and dance the night away with DJ entertainment provided by our very own Deacon John

Horn. Plus enjoy a buffet dinner, dessert and open bar. All for the cost is \$40 per person.

This party will sell out fast.

RSVP to our ticket chairman

Anthony Scuderi-

call-516-249-3643 or text: 516-695-5447



Photo left
DGK Stan Wisz
addresses the
membership.



REFLECTION BY DEACON CHRIS DANIELLO...



CAN LUST BE CONQUERED?

SACRIFICE COMPELLED BY LOVE IS THE MARK OF THE TRUE MAN.
NEVER TRUST A MAN (ESPECIALLY YOURSELF) WHO DOES NOT LOVE, SACRIFICE, OR
SACRIFICE FOR THAT WHICH HE LOVES.

LUST IS THE ENEMY THAT UNDERMINES YOUR MANHOOD.

LUST ATTEMPTS TO SEPARATE LOVE FROM SACRIFICE.

LOVE ABSENT OF SACRIFICE BECOMES LUST.

THE TRUE MAN KNOWS THAT IF HE IS TO ACHIEVE GLORY LUST MUST DIE.
HE USES SEVEN TACTICS (THE FIRST FOUR ARE PROPOSED BY ST. THOMAS AQUINAS;
SUMMA THEOLOGICA, SECUNDA SECUNDAE, Q. 153): FLEE.

“GAZE NOT UPON A MAIDEN LEST HER BEAUTY BE A STUMBLING BLOCK” (SIR 9:5). ST.
JOSEPH FLED FROM HEROD (SEE MT 2:13-15). HE WAS HUMBLE ENOUGH TO ACKNOWLEDGE
THAT THE POWER OF HEROD’S FORCE WAS GREATER THAN HIS DEFENSE.

TO FLEE IS TO HAVE A HOLY FEAR.

IF LUST IS A GREATER FORCE THAN YOUR WILL TO RESIST IT—RUN.
FORTIFY.

LEAVE NO OPENING IN YOUR WALL OF DEFENSE.

REPAIR YOUR ARMOR.

YOU ARE AT WAR.

ST. THOMAS COMPARES OUR BATTLE WITH LUST TO A FIGHT BETWEEN TWO FORCES.

YOU SUPPORT AND SUSTAIN THE ONE YOU WANT TO BE VICTORIOUS.

YOU REMOVE SUPPORT FROM THE ONE YOU WANT TO BE DEFEATED.

FEED YOUR SPIRIT WITH MUCH PRAYER AND ACTS OF CHARITY.

STARVE YOUR FLESH AND SUBDUCE IT WITH FASTING AND MORTIFICATIONS.

FORTITUDE.

PERSEVERE IN PRAYER (COL 4:2).

ANNOY GOD (WHICH IS NOT POSSIBLE) WITH YOUR PLEA TO BE HEALED.
BECAUSE OF YOUR IMPORTUNITY, HE WILL GRANT YOU AID (SEE LK 11:8).
NEVER SURRENDER THE CAUSE, FOR ANY REASON—ESPECIALLY DESPAIR.

FOCUS.

IDENTIFY WHOLESOME OCCUPATIONS.

BUSY YOURSELF WITH THEM.

PLAN YOUR PROJECTS.

WORK YOUR PROJECTS.

“IDLENESS HAS TAUGHT MUCH EVIL” (SIR 33:29).

HUNGER.

IF YOU WANT HEALING, YOU MUST HUNGER FOR IT.

CHRIST’S BODY, THE EUCHARIST, IS A REMEDY FOR SIN (SEE JN 6).

HUNGER FOR HIM, RECEIVE HIM OFTEN.

ATTEND THE HOLY SACRIFICE—DAILY.

TO BE A REAL MAN YOU NEED THE GOD-MAN IN YOU.

HUMILITY.

CONFESS YOUR SINS TO A PRIEST WEEKLY.

EMBRACE HUMILIATIONS.

DO NOT JUSTIFY YOURSELF.

ACCUSE YOURSELF FULLY.

“HUMBLE YOURSELF BEFORE THE MIGHTY HAND OF GOD, AND IN DUE TIME HE WILL EXALT
YOU” (1 PET 5:6).

BEHOLD YOUR MOTHER.

SURRENDER YOURSELF TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

SUBMIT TO HER MOTHERLY AUTHORITY.

BEG HER FOR AID.

SHE WILL CRUSH THE SERPENT OF LUST (SEE GEN 3:15).

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Photo below,
The Delaney Council
hosted safety training,
including CPR and the
use of a de-fibrillator.
Brother Knights and our
Bar staff were all invited
to attend.

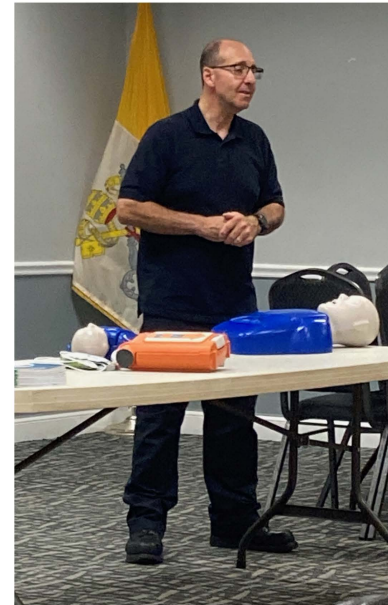


Photo below, Brother Knight Kevin
Kelley gives the Blood Drive
Report...90 pints of blood were
collected in the drive! A new record!
Thank you Kevin for your efforts over
many years in the blood drives at
St. James.
Full blood drive report on page 10



Photo left, the GK and his
Officers at the September
meeting...



Can Lust Be Conquered?

Sacrifice compelled by love is the mark of the true man.

Never trust a man (especially yourself) who does not love, sacrifice, or sacrifice for that which he loves.

Lust is the enemy that undermines your manhood. Lust attempts to separate love from sacrifice.

Love absent of sacrifice becomes lust.

The true man knows that if he is to achieve glory lust must die.

He uses seven tactics (The first four are proposed by St. Thomas Aquinas; Summa Theologica, Secunda Secundae, q. 153): Flee.

“Gaze not upon a maiden lest her beauty be a stumbling block” (Sir 9:5). St. Joseph fled from Herod (See Mt 2:13-15). He was humble enough to acknowledge that the power of Herod’s force was greater than his defense.

To flee is to have a holy fear.

If lust is a greater force than your will to resist it—run.

Fortify.

Leave no opening in your wall of defense.

Repair your armor.

You are at war.

St. Thomas compares our battle with lust to a fight between two forces.

You support and sustain the one you want to be victorious. You remove support from the one you want to be defeated.

Feed your spirit with much prayer and acts of charity.

Starve your flesh and subdue it with fasting and mortifications.

Fortitude.

Persevere in prayer (Col 4:2).

Annoy God (which is not possible) with your plea to be healed. Because of your importunity, He will grant you aid (See Lk 11:8). Never surrender the cause, for any reason—especially despair.

Focus.

Identify wholesome occupations.

Busy yourself with them.

Plan your projects. Work your projects.

“Idleness has taught much evil” (Sir 33:29).

Hunger.

If you want healing, you must hunger for it.

Christ’s body, the Eucharist, is a remedy for sin (See Jn 6).

Hunger for Him, receive Him often. Attend the Holy

Sacrifice—daily.

To be a real man you need the God-man in you.

Humility.

Confess your sins to a priest weekly.

Embrace humiliations. Do not justify yourself.

Accuse yourself fully.

“Humble yourself before the mighty hand of God, and in due time He will exalt you” (1 Pet 5:6).

Behold Your Mother.

Surrender yourself to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Submit to her motherly authority.

Beg her for aid.

She will crush the serpent of lust (See Gen 3:15).

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hosted safety training, including CPR and the use of a de-fribulator. Brother Knights and our Bar staff were all invited to attend.



Greetings Sister Columbiettes and Brother Knights,

I hope everyone is enjoying the lovely Fall weather.

Our Columbiette year is off to a busy start. We celebrated a Communion breakfast and a delicious meal at Delaney Hall on October 13. Thanks to chairwoman Joan Russo and to all who joined us. A special thanks to Al and Maria Porto and John and Debbie Konchalski for arriving early to help with the preparations.

Our Fall fundraiser is set for Friday, November 15 at the council. Maryann Capparelli (516-293-7048) and Debbie D'Amico (516-946-0404) are co-chairs. Call either one for reservations. Cost is \$20 per person. This is a fun night of Card Shark Bingo, raffles and chuck-a-buck. Coffee and cake included. Please join us to help support our charitable efforts.

I extend my wishes to all for a Blessed Thanksgiving. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Please remember our sister Columbiettes and brother Knights who are ill or no longer with us, as well as the victims of the two recent hurricanes. May the Blessed Mother watch over us.



Alice Savino-Columbiette President



Lotto Report

All of LOTTO proceeds go to supporting Council Charities; our First Principal of the Order. We need more players like YOU!

Plenty of numbers are open.
Eight Chances to Win Each Day.
If you would like to JOIN or have any questions Please, Call or Email
PGK Matt Antonucci: 516-721-4169
maarch@optonline.net

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Please contact our Worthy Insurance Agents for your insurance needs and questions. John Gaviria
Phone: 718-310-7777
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Email: jonathan.gaviria@lofc.org



Council Membership Report Welcome New Members!

New members Patrick Brennan and Thomas Laupus made their Exemplification with 13 Cadets at the Merchant Marine Academy on October 8th (see photo below).

Let us not forget how important recruiting new members to our Order, and our council, to ensure our future and to continue the good works we do for our parish and community.

SK Thomas Moran PGK FDD
Council Membership Chairman

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Jesus Quotes...

"When you stand to pray, forgive anyone against whom you have a grievance, so that your heavenly Father may in turn forgive you your transgressions."

-Mark 12:25



Scenes from our meetings...



**Photo above-
Delaney Officers in
full attendance at
our meetings!**



**Photo left-
The KL editor with
one of his favorite
PGK's:
Frank Sorrentino**



**Photo above- all smiles
during Delaney
Fraternity Time**



**Photo left- Thank you to
House Chairman, Brother
Tom Rea for providing
meals and desserts at our
meetings, including this
beautiful cake.**

Reflection on Christopher Columbus...

He was a saintly man who wanted to win souls for Christ. Columbus should be revered as America's saintly founder.

Columbus, indeed, was a man of Providence. From his landing in the Americas on the feast of Our Lady of Pillar on October 12, 1492, to the etymology of his name, Columbus' life was guided by the hand of God. Christopher, which means Christ-bearer, and Columbus, which relates to the dove, the common symbol of the Holy Spirit, shows that his name reflected a great mission that God had bestowed on him. Columbus did not fail to live up to his namesake. He sought to follow the command of the Great Commission and evangelize all the natives he encountered. Often, modern history books fail to discuss Columbus' desire to evangelize, but this desire served as one of the primary factors for his mission.

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An entry in his journal states,

I gave them many beautiful and pleasing things, which I had brought with me, for no return whatever, to win their affection, and that they might become Christians and inclined to love our King and Queen and Princes and all the people of Spain; and that they might be eager to search for and gather and give to us what they abound in and we greatly need. Columbus—like all Catholics at that time—understood that there is no salvation outside the Catholic Church and that baptism is essential for salvation. Columbus' first instinct was not to murder the natives but to save their souls. The pagan natives were in desperate need of a massive reordering of their culture, and Columbus provided them with the path to salvation. While many Spaniards wanted to exploit the natives, Columbus chose to defend their rights and dignity.

Pope Leo XIII recognized this zeal, as he wrote in Quarto Abeunte Saeculo, "Columbus resolved to go before and prepare the ways for the Gospel, and, deeply absorbed in this idea, gave all his energies to it, attempting hardly anything without religion for his guide and piety for his companion."

In a field full of prideful men and arrogance, Columbus remained the shining light for all men to imitate. Samuel Eliot Morison wrote in Admiral of the Ocean Sea that Columbus was a Man with a Mission, and such men are apt to be unreasonable and disagreeable to those who cannot see the mission...He was Man alone with God against human stupidity and depravity, against greedy conquistadors, cowardly seamen, even against nature and the sea.

However, Columbus was not motivated just by a desire to evangelize. Many Americans are not informed of the sailor's desire to obtain enough funds to retake the Holy Land. Yes, Columbus was a crusader.

In Columbus and the Quest for Jerusalem by Carol Delaney, Columbus "recorded in his diary that he hoped the Spanish Crown would 'spend all the profits of this my enterprise on the conquest of Jerusalem.'" The Italian sailor hoped that the Holy Land could return to Christian hands, just as Spain had returned to Christian hands after the Reconquista. Columbus wished to continue the trend worldwide.

Columbus was not just a crusader for the Holy Land, but his efforts were considered an expansion of Christendom's might. The Spanish and then the French colonies that followed the fantastic voyage brought the traditions of a unified Christian continent. Queen Isabella would even call the Spanish colonies "The Northern Rim of Christendom." Unfortunately, the Protestant Revolution and the rise of the nation-state prevented a completely united Catholic continent. However, Columbus' efforts and desires reflect his incredible level of magnanimity.

It was Columbus' brave efforts that opened the doors for the Age of Discovery to begin. Beginning with the Catholic explorers, the Americas would be settled, eventually leading to the creation and rise of the United States of America. But Columbus' feat was so great that he was almost given sainthood.

In 1876, Cardinal Donnet, archbishop of Bordeaux, sent a letter to Bl. Pius IX from among the episcopate to introduce Columbus' cause for canonization. In the letter, it stated:

The facts and documents on which the impartial historian has based his account are so numerous and so conclusive that they have carried conviction to the mind even of writers separated indeed from Catholic unity, but guided by the love of truth alone.

This conviction, Holy Father, has become in a short time so strong, that a large number of the Fathers of the Vatican Council have voluntarily affixed their signatures to the petition for the introduction of the cause.

Unfortunately, this did not manifest due to the potential backlash. In "The 19th Century Movement to Canonize Columbus," Phillip Campbell wrote, "Columbus could be a Catholic saint or a hero of America's civic religion, but he could not be both." Columbus, before the liberal revolutionaries started ripping down his statues, has always had a seat among America's founding fathers. However, Columbus was more than one founding father; he was America's founding father. His mission not only opened the doors for discovery but saved millions of souls through their conversion to Christianity. For these efforts, he is a saint. Catholics should look to Columbus not just as a nationalistic hero or a great man but as a saint. Pope Leo wrote, "Columbus is ours...so that for this reason also the whole human race owes not a little to the Church." Yes, Columbus is ours, and his Catholic faith cannot be separated from his accomplishments.

As revolutionaries attempt to tarnish Columbus' legacy, it is important to hold fast to the truth about Columbus. He was not the vilest villain in the world, nor was he just a brave explorer. Columbus was America's saintly founder, and he deserves nothing but praise. Michael Ippolito



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 Prayers to the
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Jesus' Quotes...
**"Do not store up for yourself
 treasure on earth, where moth and
 decay destroy, and thieves break in
 and steal. But store up treasures in
 heaven, where neither moth nor
 decay destroy, nor thieves break in
 and steal.**
**For where your Treasure is, there
 also will your heart be."**
-Matthew 6:19-21



Jesus quotes...
**"Which of you by worrying
 can add a single hour to his
 life span?"**
-Luke 12:25



**"To Love is to will the good of
 the other, as other."**
-St. Thomas Aquinas

Saint of the Month
St. Anthony - Feast Day June 13
(okay -so we are late on this inclusion)
**O Loving St. Anthony, you responded to the needs of
 the sick and the troubled with countless miracles of
 healing and hope. Hear our prayers for your heavenly intercession.**
**Comfort us when we are ill. Stay by our side when we are afflicted with worry
 and anxiety.**
**Pray for us, O good St. Anthony! Help us to realize
 that Jesus is with us every step of the way, every day of our lives, and that in
 the strength of His gracious love, we will overcome life's fears and difficulties.**
Amen.
-Saint Padre Pio Prayer Book

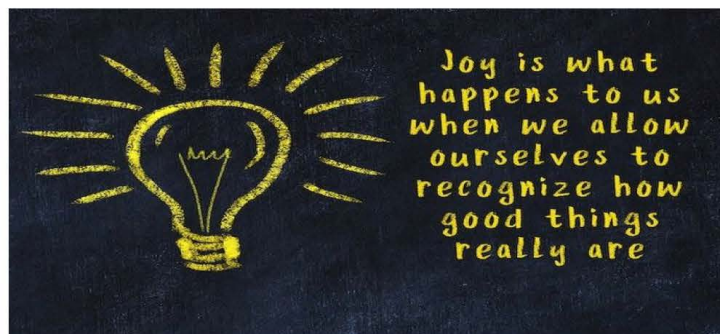


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