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December Mother Seton Council #5427 2018

****Chaplain's Message****

"The Advent– Christmas Season"

My Brother Knights, we come to the Holy Month of December. The month of December marks the beginning of the Church Year. The year begins with the two wonderful seasons. The Season of Advent and the Christmas Season. These are two special seasons in the life of our faith and the Church.

"Advent Season"

Advent is a season of hope. Hope for the present, hope for the future and hope for each of our lives. For the first part of Advent we focus our attention on the Second Coming of Christ. We are reminded that as faith filled disciples, we are living in anticipation of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. Our mission, like that of John the Baptist, is to prepare the way of the Lord. We are to prepare ourselves, our families and the world for the triumphant return of Jesus on the last day. The first weeks of Advent focus on the preparation for our meeting with the Lord on his return.

The second part of Advent turns our attention to the Incarnation, when God became man in the birth of Jesus on that first Christmas. In the third week of Advent we see a dramatic shift in emphasis of our celebrations to a recalling of those glorious events of the birth of Jesus. In these weeks the emphasis of the Scriptures is on the Christmas Birth of Christ as the fulfillment of God's promise to save the world. In these last two weeks we focus our thoughts on the great mystery of the union of God and man in Jesus.

"Christmas Season"

My brothers, in the '*Christmas Season*' we see the fulfillment of the Father's promise not to leave us orphans because of Adam's sin. God promised that one day he would reconcile us to himself. He revealed that his plan was to send his only begotten Son, the second person of the Holy Trinity, into the world to be one of us. Christmas reveals to us that Jesus was born so that he could share our humanity and so that one of us would give himself up as the ransom from sin.

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Grand Knights Report

Brother Knights,

I would like to wish you and your families a joyous and holy Christmas Season. May your Christmas be blessed with family, friends, and great memories. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all you.

I would like to thank Father Steve Cinque and Our Lady of Good Council for allowing Mother Seton Council to hold its Annual Memorial Mass on November 11. We were honored to have our Fourth Degree Color Corps at Mass as well. Thanks to all those who participated, especially Danny Scudieri who chaired this event. Steve Timpanaro did a wonderful job as usual preparing a terrific brunch.

Our Winter Food Drive will take place December 8. We should meet at the Council around 9:30. After collecting the bags of food, we will deliver to the Hillsdale Food Pantry. Please see Chuck Merlo or Jim McPeak for additional information.

Mother Seton Council will hold its Annual Christmas Party Sunday, December 9. Please bring your children and grandchildren for a fun time. The party starts at noon, and rumor has it that we may have a special visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. Please get in touch with Paul Elterlein if you are planning on attending and how many guests will be coming with you.

Upcoming events:

* January Free Throw Contest - Date and Times to be determined.
* Super Bowl Party - February 3

Wine Tasting Party February 9 at Season's Catering. This is the Tenth Anniversary Wine Tasting and looks to be better then ever. Help is needed in collecting donations for Tricky Trays and Silent Auction prizes. If you are able to donate tickets to concerts, sporting events, or Broadway, bottles of wine, gift cards or cash donations, please contact John Pimpinella or any member of the Wine Tasting Committee.

Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

God Bless all!

Fran Sullivan

Christmas is the joyful celebration of the fulfillment of that promise. In the Christmas Season, we celebrate Jesus' birth and experience him as one of us. Truly we celebrate: *"Emmanuel, God is with us*".

Although Advent and Christmas are two separate seasons in the Liturgical Calendar, we must see them as joined together. The joyful celebration of the Seasons of Advent and Christmas turns our thoughts to the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. The Advent Season prepares us for the two comings of Christ and the Christmas Season celebrates the *"Incarnation of Christ"* when salvation entered the world. So, let us see them as one continuous celebration of God's revelation of His love for us.

Deanery Communal Penance Service

What better way can there be for us to prepare ourselves and our families for the celebration of Christmas then by partaking of the gift of forgiveness that Jesus brought to us by his birth, life, death and resurrection. We do so through the gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As Knights what better gift of faith can we give our families then by bringing them to participate in a Communal Penance Service.

The parishes of our Deanery will come together for the celebration of a Communal Penance Service. Each year during the Season of Advent our Deanery holds a Penance Service for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This year the service will be held at Our Lady of Mercy, in Park Ridge. Please mark your calendar for the service which will be held on Monday, December 17th at 7:30 pm. Priests from all the parishes will hear confessions.

Keep Christ in Christmas

My Brother Knights we are called to set an example of being good Catholic Men. As I mention every year we live in a society that is becoming more and more secularized. Look at the number of malls and stores that opened their "Holiday Shopping and Decorations" well before Thanksgiving Day paying homage to the almighty dollar more than giving thanks to God for the gifts he has given to our nation.

Those same malls and stores have removed all signs or references to the Christmas Season which they now call simply the Holiday Season. We have been bombarded since before Halloween with advertisements for all kinds of sales for 'the Holiday Season".

Go to any mall or look at any advertisement on TV or in printed materials and Christ is not mentioned at all. Our children in their schools can put up all kinds of decorations of snowmen, cartoon characters, etc. but no sign of a Crèche or any symbol that might hint of Jesus. They have Winter Concerts not Christmas Concerts. They can play music if there is no hint of Christ or Christmas in it.

If I may, let me repeat what I wrote last year that as men of faith we understand what's happening, but our children and grandchildren do not. They are being raised in a *"Christ-less"* celebration of a season of greed and partying. Who but we, as Knights of Columbus, can help them know the true meaning of this *"Christmas Season".* We must be sure to reaffirm in our words and actions what we are celebrating. We must be teachers of the faith and affirm the Good News of Christmas which is that Jesus, Emmanuel, is with us and will always be with us to comfort us, to sustain us, and to help us.

One of the most important ways we can teach is by preparing for the celebration of Christmas. Our homes, inside and outside, must reflect *that the heart of the Christmas Season is the Nativity*. When we decorate our homes with lights and trees and all kinds of figurines let us not forget that at the center must be a Crèche with the infant Jesus.

Without the Birth of Jesus at the center of our display all the other decorations are meaningless to a Catholic Christian. When someone sees your home from the outside will they see the Nativity at the center of your decorations? When someone enters your home during the Christmas Season will the Crèche be the highlight of your decorations? If the Crèche is not highly visible what message are you sending?

My brother Knights as husbands, fathers, grandfathers, uncles, nephews, sons and brothers let us pledge to be examples of faith that teach all those we meet about the meaning of Christmas. In Christmas we are celebrating our union with God through the Incarnation of Jesus which took place in Bethlehem 2000 years ago. We are celebrating the *Birth of Jesus*.

As we recall the dramatic story of Mary and Joseph and the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem 2000 years ago we cannot help but be moved by the depth of God's love for us. As St. John the Evangelist says in the Gospel, *"God so loved the world that he sent his only Son into the world to save it".* Let us rejoice as we recall how on that first Christmas Day Heaven and Earth were joined in the person of Jesus:

"For unto us a Child is born, a Savior, the Prince of Peace"

My Brother Knights Jesus came into the world so that the world might be lifted from darkness into the light of his love. I wish every one of you and your families a most joyful, peaceful, holy and "Merry Christmas"

Fr. Stephen Cinque

December Birthdays

Congratulations to the Brother Knights who celebrate their birthdays during this month. Any Brother Knight of Mother Seton Council celebrating his birthday during this month is invited along with a friend to come to the Members Room for a complementary drink during the open hours of 3:00 - 6:00 PM weekdays or after a meeting.

Joseph Abbondandolo	Joseph E. Altomare	Richard V. Bicocchi	Richard S. Boggess	Carl P. Bolleia
Vincent M. Briamonte	Lawrence P. Carpentier	Michael DeSena	Robert P. Di Maria	David A. Frank
Richard G. Freyland	Luciano Ghisalverti	Richard J. Gilson	Alfred Greco	John J. Green
Paul T.Imbarrato	Michael A. Maione	John P. Mawe	Charles Mullins	Giovanni Nese
Brendan O'Sullivan	Robert R. Olive	Gerald Overdevest	Christopher R. Perfetto	Louis Pimpinella
John F. Russo	Richard A. Solimando	Jose D. Soto PGK	Joseph R. Timbo	George Toole
Stephen Vacchione	Steven A. Verbovsky	Dennis Walsh		

K of C Service Programs for 2018-2019
PROGRAM POSITIONS

Program Director	**Francis M. Sullivan**
Church Director	**Daniel Scudieri**
Community Director	**James J. McPeak**
Council Director	**Robert B. Hibler**
Public Relations	**James Dugan**
Family Director	**Paul Elterlein**
Youth Director	**Daniel F. Licini**
Membership Director	**Stephen Bush**
Recruitment Director	**Stephen Bush**
Recruitment Committee	**Daniel Scudieri**
Retention Committee	**Edward J. Garland**
Insurance Promotions	**Stephen Bush**

ATTENTION

DUES INCREASE FOR 2019

In order that the Council can keep up with all financial matters there will be a dues increase of eight dollars.

The dues will be a total of fifty dollars for the year.

$48 for the Council and $2 will be an assessment by Supreme.

Calendar of Events for Fraternal Year 2018 - 2019

Event	*Date*
K of C Annual Audit	*August 2018*
Annual Family Picnic	*September 9, 2018*
CCD Communion Brekfast	*Postponed*
Insallation of Officers	*September 27, 2018*
Halloween Party	*October 19, 2018*
Membership Drive	*October 27-28, 2018*
Memorial Mass & Brunch	*November 11, 2018*
Columbian Club Audit	*November 2018*
Winter Food Drive	*December 8, 2018*
Christmas Party	*December 9, 2018*
K of C Semi-Annual Audit	*January 2019*
Free Throw Contest	*January 2019*
Super Bowl Party	*February 3, 2019*
Wine Tasting Party	*February 9, 2019*
ARC Canteen	*March 2019*
St. Patrick's Day Dance	*March 16, 2019*
Membership Drive	*March 2019*
Columbian Club Audit	*March 2019*
Testimonial Dinner	*April 6, 2019*
Shake the Can Fundraiser	*April 2019*
Third Degree Ceremonial	*May 2019*
RTL Rededication at Monument	*May 2019*
Beefsteak Dinner	*TBD*
Scholarship Awards Meeting	*May 2019*
Memorial Day Parade	*May 27, 2019*
Spring Food Drive	*TBD*
Election of Officers	*June 1, 2019*
Golf Outing	*June 14, 2019*

December

4 Tue K of C Officers Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
8 Sat Winter Food Drive
9 Sun Council Childrens Christmas Party
11 Tue K of C Business Meeting - 8 p.m.
16 PFN Dinner & Christmas Party @ LaNeve in Haldon NJ
18 Tue Columbian Club Meeting 8:00 p.m.
25 Merry Christmas
31 Happy New Year 2019

January

1 Tue K of C Officers Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
8 Tue K of C Business Meeting - 8 p.m.
15 Tue Columbian Club Meeting 8:00 p.m.
22 Tue Forth Degree Business @ Ramsey
K of C semi-Annual Audit NDG NTG
Free Throw Contest NDG NTG

February

3 Sun Super Bowl Party
5 Tue Council Officers Meeting 7:30 p.m.
9 Wine Tsting Party @ Season's Catering.
12 Council Business Meeting 8:00 p.m.
19 Tue Columbian Club Meeting 8:00 p.m.
26 Tue 4th. Degree Business Meeting Fair Lawn 8:00p.m.

NDG/NTG =No time or date given yet.

If you don't keep this calendar handy, remember - Regular meetings are the SECOND TUESDAY and Lecturer's meetings are the LAST THURSDAY of every month, except July, August, November and December. Columbian Club meetings are the THIRD TUESDAY of every month. Joseph F. Lamb Assembly Meetings are the FORTH TUESDAY of every month, except July and August and in December which varies.

Remember Our Deceased Brother Knights

2016

Richard J. Harrison	August
John T. Oates	September
Joseph Purcell	September
Edward Marcinek	October
Edward Powers	November
Joseph Southerland	November
William Schuck	November
John Picarella	December

2017

Anthony Carrino	January
Donald Murphy	February
John Bruggeman	April
Steven Lombardi	May
Rudolf Wenzel	June
Nicholas Servidio	June
John P. Earls	December

2018

Edward Kohnowich	January
Basil Battaglia	February
Stephen J. Powers	March
Msgr. Thomas McCarthy	March
John E. Murphy	March
Kenneth Kaphammer	April
John W. Stapleton	June
James A. McPeak	June
Michael Tirpak	July
Robert Wortalik	July
John Thalmann	August
James Moloney	October
Joseph G. Mancuso	November
Rev. Michael J. Moran	November
John P. O'Connell	November

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If you know of any of our council brothers that do/did not get a copy of "The Seton Call" send his name to me at mamaione@aol.com

2018 - 2019 MOTHER SETON OFFICERS

Chaplin	Fr. Stephen Cinque	664-6624
Grand Knight	Fran Sullivan	664-7897
Deputy Grand Knight	John J. Quinn	497-8126
Chancellor	Stephen Bush	741-3259
Recorder	Michael Richetti	612-9133
Treasurer	Dick Freyland	666-1860
Warden	John Pimpinella	666-4358
Guard inside)	Daniel Licini	666-4746
Guard (outside)	Robert Cattabiani	664-6359
Financial Secretary	Rick Hodgman PGK	666-0923
Advocate	Bob Hibler, PGK	908-380-3978
Trustee (3 Year)	Venancio Vinagre Jr. PGK	358-6569
Trustee (2 Year)	Daniel Scudieri, PGK	666-5297
Trustee (1 Year)	Mark T. Holmes PGK	497-8410
Lecturer	Decon Bob Glasner	358-8292
Insurance Agent	Michael Fischer	245-2187

2018 – 2019 Columbian Club Officers and Trustees

President	John Pimpinella
Vice-President	Paul Elterlein
Treasurer	Dick Freyland
Secretary	Tim Grud
Trustee	Chuck Merlo
Trustee	Steve Timpanaro
Trustee	John Quinn DGK
Trustee	Vinny Vinagre, PGK
Trustee	John Brophy
Trustee	Chris Keane
Trustee	Larry Scorzelli
Trustee	Jerry Rider
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Trustee	Francis Sullivan, GK
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PROTOCOL

One of the things that sets the Knights of Columbus apart from other organizations is our Protocol. Many of the Rules of Protocol that we follow were explained when we took our First Degree. Sometimes, we forget the way that we should conduct ourselves during a meeting.

The Grand Knight is the presiding officer during the meeting and he must keep control of the meeting. With the cooperation of the membership, the meetings can flow quickly and efficiently. If a member wishes to speak, he does so by rising from his seat, addressing the chair with "Worthy Grand Knight" and saluting at the same time. The Grand Knight will return the salute and acknowledge the member. All questions and speech are directed through the chair.

There may be other situations that arise that are not covered by a rule. But by applying common courtesy to each other, we cannot go wrong. Finally, we should show proper consideration for the office represented by the person.

K of C Car Magnet

Mother Seton Council has ordered a quantity of car Magnets with the K of C logo and the 4 points of the Order. The magnet is produced in full color and designed to be placed on the car. Cost is just $5.00 per magnet. The magnets can be ordered from the Financial Secretary Rick Hodgman, @rickhodgman@gmail.com, you can also get a magnet at the Members Room.