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## CAN YOU PRAY FOR VOCATIONS FOR JUST ONE HOUR?

### Brother Knights,

Father Jim Lee has requested that the Knights of Columbus pray for religious vocations at the St. Joseph Adoration Chapel at the St. Michael Downtown Church for one or more hours per week.

We have designated Saturday & Sunday AM hours of 1AM, 2AM, or 3AM on December 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> as our Knights of Columbus hours.

Please call Tom Hruska at 360-561-5548 or e-mail [hkuska@wwdb.org](mailto:hkuska@wwdb.org) to sign up for one or more of the above hours. Thank You. God bless you and your family.



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## Grand Knight's Message

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**Brother Knights** We have a grand total for our 2014



Tootsie Roll Drive. We raised \$14,157.83 before Tootsie Roll expenses. That leaves \$13,436.33. Twenty percent goes to the state for Special Olympics, and the balance will be divided among the different

organizations that help people with disabilities here in our own area. Great job everyone, and a special thank you to Ralph Marriott and Rob St. Clair for being our Tootsie Roll chairman this year.

It's hard to believe that by the time you read this, Pellegrino's will be decorated for the KCIC yearly display and Thanksgiving will be over. We have the Knights before Christmas coming up in December starting with packing the lights, decorations and all the accessories on December 11th (after the Fourth Degree Officers meeting). We will deliver the trees the morning of December 13<sup>th</sup>. I am looking for volunteers to be Santa's helpers (sleigh is required, however a pickup or van will work in a pinch) and some elves to help Santa deliver all the Christmas cheer. If you have never helped with this program,

you have no idea what you're missing. I hope to see my Brother Knights, Squires and their families helping us make sure everyone in our community has a merry Christmas. I'm looking for a couple of volunteers to help me call the families and map out Santa's delivery route. If you're interested please call me. The Council and Assembly combined Christmas party is on the 18<sup>th</sup>, and the children's Christmas party at Sacred Heart is on December 19<sup>th</sup>. And finally the Tom and Jerry Social and Potluck is its own event again, and only open to Brother Knights and their wives on Monday, December 29<sup>th</sup>.

We are doing an awesome job on membership! We are half way through the fraternal year and have bought in nine new members. We also had six brothers transfer into our Council from other Councils. I invite your comments and feedback on how you think things are going this fraternal year. My email address is [darrenejohnson@comcast.net](mailto:darrenejohnson@comcast.net) so please send me your comments.

**And PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAMETAG TO MASS BECAUSE PEOPLE DO NOTICE!**

**God Bless,**

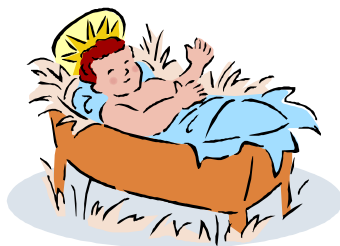
**Darren E. Johnson, Grand Knight**

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## COUNCIL/ASSEMBLY CHRISTMAS PARTY – DECEMBER 18TH

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Our Annual Council/Assembly Christmas Party will take place on Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>



beginning at 6PM at Columbian Hall. A pot luck buffet augmented by a main dish (donation bucket



provided) of pineapple and cherry glazed ham will be served. This is a **family event**. Please join us for food and fellowship. Food and beverages will be available at 6PM and the KC Schola will lead a Yuletide sing-along promptly at 7PM, followed by presentation of gifts to several military families who will be

our guests. This event is scheduled to wrap up at 8PM so that your Christmas elves can return to your busy tasks.

### **Pot Luck Suggestions – Last Name Begins with"**

A-E Dessert, i.e. pies, cakes, bars, cookies, candy, etc.

F-J Veggie Side Dish

K-P Starchy Side Dish

Q-S Dinner Rolls and Butter

T-Z Salads

**\*Please bring enough for 12 - 15 people**

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## FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE

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### Dear Faithful Brother Knights



Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, was our Veterans Appreciation Dinner at Hallen Hall. Fr. Patrick McDermott, Council Chaplain, gave the invocation. The steak dinner, prepared by Brother Sam Pellegrino, was excellent and was a sit-down, served meal rather than buffet style. Combining this

with the white table cloths and red and blue linen napkins (from Brother Jack Winslow) added a touch of class to the event. The contingent of Sea Cadets served the meal and presented the colors. They did a superb job, were professional and attentive, and were much appreciated.

Father Lawrence Gosselin, USAF, retired, gave a moving keynote address. District Deputy Tom Pursley did a nice job describing the table of the missing veteran. The total # of diners was around 80 or so.

Our next Corporate Communion will be Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. We will attend the 10:00 AM Mass at Sacred Heart and then we have a reservation for 30 at the Lacey Ram at 11:30, for brunch. **Please mark your calendars, gentlemen.**

On November 8, we welcomed three new members into our Assembly, as Don Robbins' son Allen and grandson Kevin and his brother in law Ed Davis all were exemplified. When his grandson was being exemplified, both Don and Allen had a hand on his shoulders and it was pointed out that there were three generations.

Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup> will be our Assembly Officers Meeting, starting at 5:45.

**There will not be an Assembly meeting in December. Instead, please plan to attend the Council and Assembly Christmas Party on the 18<sup>th</sup>. 6 PM, Columbian Hall.**

Sincerely,

**Karl L. Hoffman**  
**Faithful Navigator**  
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## WELCOME TO OUR NEW FIELD AGENT MAT JOHNSON

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The Knights of Columbus has appointed Mat Johnson as Field Agent for Council 1643. Mat is now our contact for all matters related to Knights of Columbus Life Insurance and Annuity products.



Mat joined the Knights in Gig Harbor 16 years ago. He has done some work in the community and also manned the Knights' food booth off and on over the years during the Blessing of the Fleet that has now turned into a city wide annual celebration.

He is 38 years old and was married 13 years ago at Saint Nicholas Church in Gig Harbor. Mat's wife is Marivi; they have 2 children. Grace is 7 and Caleb is 5.

Before taking on the Field Agent position with the Knights of Columbus, Mat was with a local boat building company in the Bremerton/Tacoma area for eight years. There he contributed to the design, construction, testing, and delivery of some of the most advanced vessels on the water that protect and assist the military and police here at home and around the world.

Mat states, "I look forward to serving the needs of my brother knights and their families. Please always feel free to call me with questions or concerns." Mat has already been calling on members of our council and plans to transfer his Knights of Columbus membership into Council 1643. **He can be reached at (253)-328-3466 or via email at [mathew.johnson@kofc.org](mailto:mathew.johnson@kofc.org)**

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## PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY AT SACRED HEART FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19TH AT 6 PM.HALLEN HALL

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The Preschool Christmas Party at Sacred Heart will be on December 19th at 6 PM at Hallen Hall. The party is smaller this year, so Knights will not need to prepare treat bags as we have done in past years. We will still be involved by donating money for items for the party.

**For more details, please contact Matt Eliason at 360-455-8915 for more information.**



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**PHOTOS FROM VETERANS APPRECIATION DINNER NOVEMBER 15TH**

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**Sea Cadets Bringing in the Colors**



**Faithful Captain Jack Winslow, Faithful Admiral Mike Colosi, Faithful Navigator Karl Hoffman**

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**SETTING UP KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS TREE DISPLAY AT PELLEGRINO'S ITALIAN KITCHEN ON NOVEMBER 22ND**

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Brothers Jered Boyd, Sean Johnson, Tom Cofield, and other dads lead the Squires in cutting and loading trees to set up the, "Keep Christ in Christmas" display at Pellegrino's Italian Kitchen Restaurant.

Many thanks to Brother Jeff Schilter for donated the trees and Worthy DGK Mike Colosi for cutting them down.

**PHOTOS FROM MEMORIAL MASS ON NOVEMBER 20TH**



**Celebrant Father Pat & Pellegrino Servers**



**Schola Cantorum**



**Bill Hiblar leading procession to begin Mass**



**Reading of the Deceased Members and Family Members in 2014**



**Happy Birthday to Sam Pellegrino**



**Buffet Dinner Following Mass**





# THE KNIGHTS BEFORE CHRISTMAS



## 4TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE GIVEAWAY



Brother Knights, we need your help and support in our 4<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas tree giveaway for those in need. This year we are helping 24 to 28 families that otherwise may not have a Christmas at all.

We will take cash donations (to help buy new lights and decorations). Make checks payable to Knights of Columbus 1643. We can also use good medium size tree stands and clean stuffed animals.

**THE KNIGHTS BEFORE CHRISTMAS HELPERS** will first meet at Columbian Hall on Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup> after the Assembly Officers meeting (approximately 6:30 PM) to prepackage everything for delivery. Then on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8 AM sharp we will deliver the trees and even decorate them if the families desire.

A few gifts or gift cards might be in order to put under the tree, but that is optional.

We need 6-7 **SANTA HELPERS** (Captains) with each Captain to have 2-3 elves to assist them; it also helps if each team has a sleigh (a pickup truck will work).

If you would like to help in any part of the **KNIGHTS BEFORE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**, organizing, pre-packing, or delivering, please contact Darren Johnson, 253-709-4588 or [darrenejohnson@comcast.net](mailto:darrenejohnson@comcast.net)

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## FOOD FOR FAMILIES – HELP COMBAT HUNGER IN OUR COMMUNITY

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The Knights of Columbus is committed to ending hunger in our local communities by asking local councils to participate in the *Orderwide Food for Families Program*.

Since 2012, the Knights of Columbus has donated over \$2.7 million and 3.8 million pounds of food to local food pantries, community food banks and soup kitchens. Our council is happy to participate in this program. **We ask that every member considers bringing a non-perishable food item to every council meeting, assembly meeting, and other event at Columbian Hall.**

**IMPORTANT! Please remember to bring food items to any or all of the following events in December:**

- Thursday December 4<sup>th</sup> – Council Meeting**
- Thursday December 11<sup>th</sup> – Assembly Meeting**
- Thursday December 18<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Party**
- Monday December 29<sup>th</sup> – Tom & Jerry Party**

Our goal is to collect at least 1,000 pounds of food by the end of January. Let's fill a pickup full of food for the needy. We will distribute all the food collected to Thurston County Food Bank.

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## ANNUAL TOM & JERRY PARTY ON MONDAY DECEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>

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This year our traditional Tom and Jerry evening for members and spouses will be held on Monday, December 29<sup>th</sup> at Columbian Hall beginning at 7:00PM. This is a holiday season social between Christmas and New Years Day and will features Tom & Jerry drinks provided by the Knights of Columbus and desserts provided by attendees.



Please join your fellow Brother Knights and spouses as we thank God for our blessings during 2014 and prepare to welcome 2015. Please bring a dessert to share with six other attendees.



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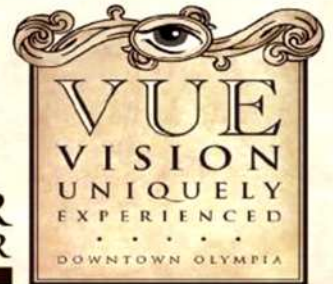
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## K of C “Schola Cantorum”



**We want you!!** We are in need of new members. The only requirements are an appreciation of traditional Sacred Music (as well as more contemporary and Patriotic music), the ability to carry a tune, and the enjoyment of weekly fellowship with other members. We meet Tuesday evenings at Pellegrino’s Event Center between the hours of 7:00pm and 9:00pm. Refreshments are usually provided. We sing for such events as Memorial Day Mass at



Calvary Cemetery, combined Choir Mass with the choirs at St. Michael and Sacred Heart parishes, our annual Memorial Mass for Deceased Members at the Hall, the Council Christmas and St. Patrick Day parties, St. George’s Pilgrimage, and the Tridentine Latin Mass. **PLEASE HELP!** Call Sam Pellegrino @ 360-259-7337.

### Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi



### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Member Name	Date	Member Name	Date
Casey Colbeth	Dec 4	Joseph Patnude	Dec 18
James Harmon	Dec 4	Matthew Stull	Dec 18
Daniel Fitzmorris	Dec 6	Gary Steele	Dec 19
Robert Quimby Sr	Dec 6	Nikolas Peterson	Dec 23
Kenneth Latch	Dec 9	John Geis	Dec 24
James Vettori	Dec 9	James Johnson	Dec 24
Matt Eliason	Dec 12	Stephen Marusa	Dec 24
Ronald Magdaleno	Dec 12	Corbett Thornton	Dec 26
Michael Colosi	Dec 13	Jacob Miskulin	Dec 26
Edward Schilter	Dec 13	Thomas Bart	Dec 29
Stephen Mc Donald	Dec 15	John Furey	Dec 29
Robert Falkner	Dec 16		



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## PRO LIFE NEWS

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### REPRINT FROM NOVEMBER 2013: THE NUMBERS ARE EVEN WORSE NOW

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#### Planned Parenthood at 97 Years: 6,300,000 Babies Aborted, Billions in Profit

*This week Planned Parenthood wished itself a Happy 97th Birthday. Its Facebook page and Twitter feed featured the image of a single candle, atop a frosted and sprinkled cupcake, with the following words: "97 years ago the first Planned Parenthood clinic opened in Brooklyn, New York. Today, we celebrate the 3 million patients that come to us every year for high-quality, affordable health care."*

*The American Life League took the memo head-on, with a counter-candle and a counterfactual of its own: "Planned Parenthood is celebrating its 97th birthday. But the 6,300,000 babies aborted in its facilities won't even have one." <http://www.lifenews.com/2013/10/20/planned-parenthood-at-97-years-6,300,000-babies-aborted-billions-in-profit/>*

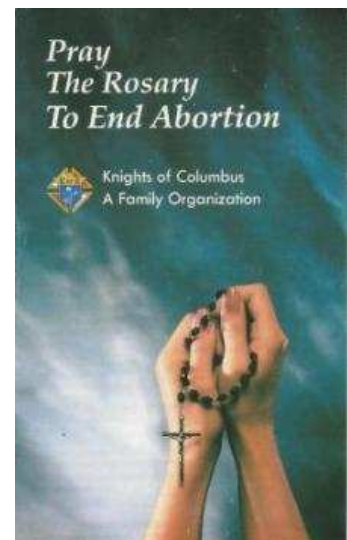
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## SAVE THE DATE – JANUARY 20, 2015

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Tuesday January 20, 2015 is the date for next year's Washington State March for Life in Olympia and Mass for Life at St. Martin's University. Mass will begin at 9:30 am at Marcus Pavilion at St. Martin's University in Lacey. The March for Life will begin around 12:00 noon at the Washington State Capital steps."

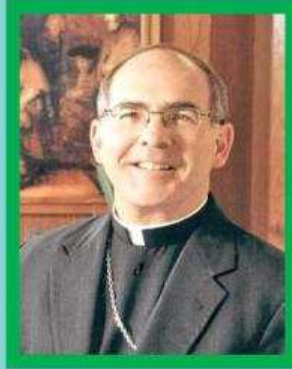




**TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2015**  
**9:30 AM “MASS FOR LIFE”**



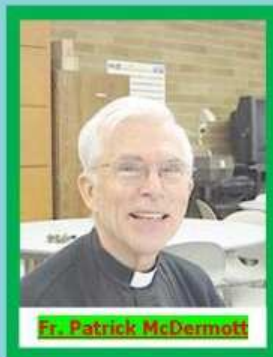
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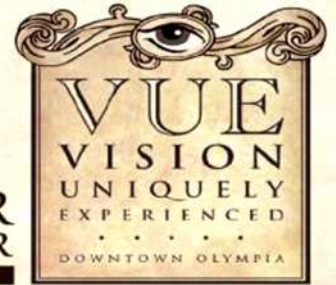


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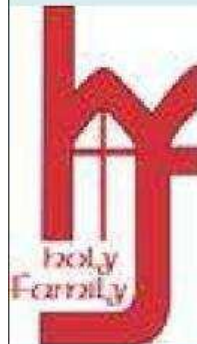
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## NOVEMBER 2014 KNIGHT OF THE MONTH – MIKE REVOIR

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Brother Mike Revoir and his son  
Aaron (standing).

Brother Knight Mike joined the Knights of Columbus in 2013 and is a 3rd Degree Knight. Has been active in many Knights activities including the Tootsie Rolls drive this year. He also sells donuts at St. Michael's and has helped set up and take down at many Knights events.

Mike has been a member of St. Michael Parish for about 20 years. He also volunteers at the St. Vincent DePaul clothing bank twice a week.

He attended high school in Indio, California near Palm Desert and the Mexican border and speaks some Spanish. In California he was a cement finisher, but in 1995, a friend suggested they move to Washington for better work opportunities and he joined him. Once here, there was a sever ice storm that took out the electricity for several days and left Mike without food and an income. He was tempted to return to California, but after the ice melted things improved and he decided to stay. He was able to expand his trade

from just cement finishing to include all carpentry activities in home building.

He joined the Knights because he was the member of the men's group at St. Michael Parish. One of the Knights in that group suggested he join the Council. He joined so that he could give back to the community.

Thank you, Brother Mike, for all that you continue to do, and congratulations on being selected as our Knight of the Month for November.

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## NOVEMBER 2014 FAMILY OF THE MONTH

### JOHN AND NANCY ZYRKOWSKI

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The Father Nicholas Rausch OSB Council 1643 Family of the month for November is **John Zyrkowski III and his Wife Nancy.**



Nancy, John, and son Casey (John IV) Zyrkowski

Brother John joined the Knights of Columbus in 2004 and became a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight that same year. John has been a Faithful Pilot in Maryland, and the Financial Secretary to Council 1643 from 2010 to 2012, partially completing his tenure while living in San Jose, CA. He returned permanently to Olympia in 2013.

John has also aided the council in many of its activities most notably the annual Vocation Auction to support seminarian expenses. He developed automated methods for accounting and credit card check-out that improved the Auction participant experience. He has also worked to improve the web site by adding a shortened Form 100

Celebrating 45 years of marriage, John and Nancy have agreed to chair the Vocation Auction for this coming year.

John and Nancy have participated in many activities at St. Michael Parish.

They were on the reception committee for several years, and currently host a small faith community group.



John with granddaughter Zoey who is wearing a Mayan Guipile from Guatemala.

After graduation from College they both were Volunteers in Guatemala in the Peace Corps during that country's civil war.

After completing his MBA, John became a senior executive in many Fortune 500 companies and smaller companies including Rockwell, Alcoa, and CertainTeed. He also consulted with 150 other major companies internationally. His primary efforts were to maintain or return high paying blue collar jobs to U.S. plants through achieving Global Competitiveness. Nancy has been the senior director of several Rehabilitation Hospitals including Providence St. Peters. They have one son and a grandchild.

John says: "It was a great joy to join the Knights and find an international group of men who are dedicated to pleasing the Lord through their daily activities so that his Kingdom can be realized on this Earth. The energy I find within this group is as strong as I have found in the most dedicated Clergy as I have known while crisscrossing the world.

Thank you, Brother Knight John and Nancy, for all that you continue to do, and congratulations on being selected as our Family of the Month for November.

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**December 2014**

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First Degree 7:30PM @ Columbian Hall  
Tues 2 Schola Practice – 7 PM @ Pellegrino’s Event Center  
**Thu 4 Council Business Meeting 7:30 PM @ Columbian  
Hall (5:45 PM social & rosary)**  
Tues 9 Schola Practice – 7 PM @ Pellegrino’s Event Center  
Thu 11 4th Degree Officers Meeting 5:45PM @ Columbian  
Hall. After the officers meeting, prepackage everything  
for Knights Before Christmas tree delivery  
Sat 13 Knights Before Christmas - Tree Delivery  
Tues 16 Schola Practice – 7 PM @ Pellegrino’s Event Center  
Thu 18 Council & Assembly Christmas Party  
6:00 pm @ Columbian Hall  
Fri 19 Sacred Heart Preschool Children’s Christmas Party  
6 PM @ Hallen Hall  
Thu 25 **Christmas Day – Merry Christmas!!**  
Mon 29 Annual Tom & Jerry Night 7PM @ Columbian Hall

**January 2015**

Sun 4 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Corporate Communion  
10 AM Mass at Sacred Heart followed by  
Brunch at the Lacey Ram  
Mon 5 Council Officers Meeting 6 PM @ Columbian Hall,  
First Degree 7:30PM @ Columbian Hall  
**Thu 8 Council Business Meeting 7:30 PM @ Columbian  
Hall (5:45 PM social & rosary)**  
Thu 15 4th Degree Officers Meeting 5:45PM @ Columbian  
Hall  
Squires Meeting 7:30PM @ Columbian Hall  
Sun 18 Donut sales after 7:30AM & 9:30 AM Masses at  
St. Michael Downtown  
Tues 20 Annual March for Life  
9:30AM Mass at St. Martin’s Marcus Pavilion  
Noon March at State Capitol Steps  
Thu 22 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly Social, Rosary, and Meeting  
6:30PM @ Columbian Hall