



## **Guiding Star Council #212**

### **October 2019 Bulletin**

#### **From the Desk of the Grand Knight**

Brother Knights,

As the weather begins to cool down and the leaves begin to change, our fall calendar is in full swing and we are busy at Guiding Star Council! I encourage anyone that is interested in getting involved in our council or returning as an active member to reach out to any of the contacts listed in this bulletin or come and see what we have to offer at any of our listed events. As I write this letter, I am reminded of all the wonderful activities associated with October and the autumn season. Many of us go apple picking or pumpkin kicking with the family while others enjoy Halloween. Football is in the air and the crisp weather is always a favorite of mine (especially after the Indian Summer we have been having). However, my favorite part of October is the fact that it's the month of Rosary! It is this month that we remember in a special way our Mother Mary. With that, I urge each of you my brothers to carry a rosary in your pocket so Mary's protection and intercession is always with you. The feast of the Rosary is held on October 7th in memory of the glorious and triumphant victory at the battle of Lepanto. That battle was the most convincing military victory that proved without a doubt the great power of the Rosary.

As we officially enter what I call the "kick-off month" of our busiest season. I challenge each of you to participate and work our events. It's a great chance to meet other members of our council and of course meet the community we are committed to help and support!. Over the past few weeks, our meetings have become very engaging and inspiring. We are gearing up for our Christmas Tree Lighting fundraiser which is always a favorite event of mine. I have been encouraged by the response I have been receiving from our newly elected officers and their willingness to participate both through action and intellect. We truly have a group of men that is willing and able to leader our council not only for this Columbian Year but well beyond. I am confident that the changes that we are enacting will have a widespread impact on our council operations and effectiveness.

For those of you that may have grown apart from the council, I encourage you to attend a meeting or reach out via phone or email to one of the officer contacts listed in this bulletin. We want to hear from you and reconnect. We are here to serve you and to help you express any concerns or feedback that you may have. You inspire each of us to do our best to help this council be as great as it can be. Our meeting and event times are listed on the bulletin. We look forward to seeing you or hearing from you soon!

Fraternally yours,

John Hughes  
Grand Knight

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Guiding Star Council would like to wish the following members a Happy Birthday to the following members in the month of October:

Bruno Moschetta – October 2<sup>nd</sup>

Jerry Salese – October 6<sup>th</sup>

Donald Boss – October 12<sup>th</sup>

Danny D’Adamo – October 20<sup>th</sup>

Jose Alvarado – October 25<sup>th</sup>

Philip DiSalvo – October 30<sup>th</sup>

Peter Dolan – October 5<sup>th</sup>

Robert Kelly – October 7<sup>th</sup>

John Hughes – October 12<sup>th</sup>

Joseph Scalisi – October 23<sup>rd</sup>

Joseph Terrase – October 26<sup>th</sup>

Eric Scorzelli – October 30<sup>th</sup>

## Upcoming Events

Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> – General Meeting – 8:30pm

Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> – Vegas Night – 6:30pm

Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> – General Meeting – 8:30pm

Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> – General Meeting – 8:00pm

Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Tree Lighting and Toys for Tots

Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> – General Meeting – 8:30pm

Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> – General Meeting – 8:00pm

## Honoring Christopher Columbus

This month, Guiding Star Council remembers Christopher Columbus. It was Columbus who opened the Americas to Christianity, and during the month of his feast day, we pause to remember why it is that we bear his name. At the time of our Order’s founding, anti-Catholic sentiment in the United States continued to marginalize Catholics and Catholic immigrants simply because of their faith.

As a result, in 1882, our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, and our first Supreme Knight, James Mullen, chose the name “Knights of Columbus” because the explorer was a Catholic who was nonetheless universally regarded as a national hero. By taking the name of Columbus, the Knights were able to remind the entire country of the Catholic roots of the New World, and to highlight the fact that faithful Catholics could also be good citizens, a fact that few would question today. We ask God to grant eternal rest to Christopher Columbus, and take pride in the fact that in naming our organization for him, we helped to establish the now widely-accepted principle that every nation should always accept and honor the contributions of all its citizens, whatever their background, and wherever they come from.

## Christmas Tree Lighting

On **Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**, our Council will be holding its **Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony** which will feature an auction of holiday prizes and gifts. **The event starts at 7:00pm and admission is free!** Please join us as we ring in the Christmas season and gather to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas as a unified order and celebrate the family aspect of our council! There may even be a special visitor coming for the children! The Council is also looking for donations of new and unused gifts to be auctioned off. **We will also be collecting new, unwrapped toys as part of our Annual Toys for Tots Drive!**

## Congratulation to New Officers!

On Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, Guiding Star Council held its Annual elections. We would like to congratulate the current slate of officers on maintaining or stepping into their posts. We would also like to thank those that have served over the past year. The officers for Guiding Star Council for the 2019-2020 Columbian Year are as follows:

Grand Knight –  
Deputy Grand Knight –  
Chancellor –  
Warden -  
Recorder –  
Advocate –  
Treasurer -  
Inside Guard -  
Outside Guard –  
Trustee -

**John Hughes**  
**Robert Kelly**  
**Vincent Mandile**  
**Lou Prezioso**  
**Frank Andronico**  
**John Irving**  
**Vincent D'Angelo**  
**Arthur DiPierro**  
**Fred Mele and Charles Malone**  
**Frank Albergo Jr.**

## Member News

We would like to congratulate our newest members on joining our council. This past summer, Guiding Star Council welcomed **Kevin Ouedraogo** as a transfer in to Guiding Star. Kevin has been a great addition to the council. Please join us in giving him a warm welcome to our great council!

## Charity & Benevolence Drive

The 2019 New York State Charity and Benevolence Drive is underway! The program serves as one of the main fundraising events for the State Council and Guiding Star! The final drawing will be held on **December 2<sup>nd</sup>**. You should have received your books and notices in the mail. The final drawing will be held on **December 7<sup>th</sup>**. Please make checks payable to "Guiding Star Council #212" and forward your returns to: **Frank Andronico, 1663 Bayview Avenue, Bronx, NY 10465.**

## Contact Information

We want to hear feedback and thoughts from you. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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## Council Info and Family Night

**Our general meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 8:30pm and on the third Thursday of each month at 8:00pm at 3243 Ampere Avenue, Bronx, NY 10465.** We encourage all members to attend and get re-inspired about our historic council!

The Guiding Star Family and Game Room is open on **Friday Nights** for all Guiding Star Council and Ladies Auxiliary Members and their guests.

The Guiding Star Bulletin is published monthly with one Summer Issue under supervision of the Grand Knight. All material must be submitted to the Grand Knight or the Editor by the first meeting in each month in order to be included in the next issue. If you would like to receive your bulletin via email, please email [kofc212@gmail.com](mailto:kofc212@gmail.com) with your request.

We are always looking for new ideas or ways to improve our bulletin! Please let us know if there is something that you would like to see added to next month's edition! Your input is always valued.

We are currently seeking inspired individuals to join our organization. If you are interested in becoming more involved we encourage you to reach out to any of our listed contacts for more information. Being a Knight of Columbus is a truly rewarding and motivating experience!



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