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## Upcoming Events at the K of C

### April

- 4 Friday Youth Dance 6:45 pm
- Final Fish PUB Night 5:00 pm
- 7 Monday 3rd Degree Meeting  
7:30 pm
- 12 Saturday Donny Elvis Show
- 13 Palm Sunday
- 18 Good Friday
- 20 Easter Sunday
- 21 Monday 3rd Degree Meeting  
7:30 pm
- 26 4th Degree Exemplification

### May

- 2 Friday Youth Dance 6:45 pm
- 5 Monday 3rd Degree Meeting  
7:30 pm
- 12 Monday 1st Degree  
Exemplification 6:00 pm
- 19 Monday Past GK, FN & Old-  
timers Dinner 6:30 pm
- 26 Monday 4th Degree Meeting  
7:30 pm

**Bingo Every Wednesday  
at 7:00 pm**

Detailed "Upcoming Events"  
changes and additions at:  
[www.SaratogaKofC.org](http://www.SaratogaKofC.org)

**Please bring a food  
donation to the meetings.**

## Grand Knight's Message

### Hope and Joy

I'm writing this column on the 1st day of spring March, 20th. Well it is supposed to arrive at 1:00 P.M. this afternoon. I *hope* it arrives since I am looking out of the window of our "new, temporary apartment" at some icy roads and freezing rain. The move to the New apartment took place over the past weekend, as *hoped* and as planned. There was great *joy* on Sunday evening when we all sat, and breathed a sigh of appreciation that the major portion of the move was completed. My wife and I experienced the *joy of* sleeping in the new "digs" for our first night! All of my family in the area joined together to make it happen. I *hope* that they know we are so blessed to have the treasure of our family.

While at the K of C Home last night, I was a bit frustrated by a nice project that I wanted to complete for the 3rd Degree Exemplification on Sunday. I was stymied trying to figure out how to do it. (My technological limitation again!) I was telling a brother Knight that I had no *hope* of getting it ready on time, but corrected myself to: "I always have *hope*, however, not in consistently great quantity." The project, in a nutshell, was to design and layout a program for the Degree that would indicate it was dedicated to St. Joseph. Many folks feel that he, while full of *hope and joy*, is not often recognized sufficiently for the very important role he filled as a husband to Mary, our Blessed Mother, and as step-father to Jesus. He is not referred to in scripture very often, has only recently has been added to all major Roman Catholic services, and is rarely prayed to for assistance and support by us Knights, who are often fathers and husbands. Anyway, a brother, named John, overheard my whining, and *joyfully* helped me. In short, he showed me how to do the task, set it up for me, and restored my *hope* of fulfilling a wish. He reinforced my conviction the we are given life to benefit others. He certainly demonstrated he believes that by his actions. His middle name is Joseph and it was March 19th, the Feast Day of St. Joseph.

Two examples of helping others, of giving *joy and hope* to others, of experiencing *joy* and increased *hope* from the actions of others are included here. It is my *hope and joy* that you, as a member of the K of C, a volunteer, a doer and receiver of kind and good acts will BE full of *hope and joy* throughout all of your days.

Happy Easter!

Steve Toussaint, GK

## Financial Secretary's Report

We have three candidates that are waiting first degree exemplification.

Also we have two candidates awaiting approval from supreme to transfer in to our council.

Dues second notices have been sent out and 10% of the unpaid members have responded to the second notice – KEEP THE DUES COMING IN –

On Sunday March 23, 2014 our council is hosting a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Exemplification. Presently we have 40 candidates, 45 members from various councils that plan on attending, plus the degree team.

NOTE: At this time we are looking for someone to take over the Financial Secretary position – The reason for the opening is due to personal reasons and I'm looking to relocating to the west end of the state (Buffalo area – back home) – anyone interested in the FS position please contact **Steve Toussaint** and/or **Rich Grimm**.

Thank You for this opportunity to serve our council:

**Don Stevenson Sr.**, [don.stevenson.sr@gmail.com](mailto:don.stevenson.sr@gmail.com)  
Financial Secretary

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## Columbian Report

Over the past year the Columbian has gone through some changes all very beneficial to the success that we have achieved. Rental and Bar revenues are up and we have shown decreases in some expenses. Snow removal cost was up, but that was expected. For the success of the Columbian, I would like thank **Rick Schwartzbeck**, **Dick Grimm**, **Gus Ross** and **Dave Territy**. All have done an exceptional job. Also I would like to thank **all of our members** for their support of their home's events.

Submitted by:  
**Ken Davis**, President, Columbian Association

### Prayers...

Please keep in your hearts and prayers the many Brother Knights and their family members who are ailing and recovering, also those from our council who have died.



## Faithful Navigator's Report

Brother Sir Knights, on Sunday March 9, I had the pleasure of travelling to Utica with **PFN Connelly** and **PFN John Rosbozom** (from the Cohoes and RPI Assemblies) for the Bi-annual

Fourth Degree District meeting. I was honored to receive, on behalf of **PFN Pemrick** and all of you, a Civic Award for Outstanding Implementation of Patriotic Programming faithful to the principles of the Fourth Degree, during the 2012-13 Assembly Year. I would like to congratulate **PFN Pemrick** and all of you for a job well done! I would also like to thank Faithful Scribe **Jack Eckert** for compiling the submission for this and all of the other award submissions he has done over the years. I encourage you to continue participating in our Patriotic Programming by inviting you to join us marching in the annual Saratoga Flag Day Parade that is being held this year on...Flag Day!!! Saturday June 14. More details to follow.

I am happy to announce that **PFN Gorman** has agreed to chair the nominations committee for the election of our 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Officers for the coming year. I Hope that you will consider serving as an officer next year if asked . It is a wonderful and very rewarding experience. Finally, I'm sure you are aware that we will be hosting a Fourth Degree Exemplification on Saturday April 26 at St. Clement's and here at the hall. We have many manpower needs: 10 people to set up the gym at St. Clement's School Friday April 25 at 5:00pm; approximately 10 people for various duties at the exemplification and any help that may be needed setting up and taking down in the dining room for the dinner. We the committee will be contacting you for help in the near future. Please keep the date open to help out or if you are planning on attending the ceremony and dinner please submit your check for \$35 to me by April 10.

Vivat Jesus! **Joe Powers**, FN



## Pro Life Corner

Pro-Life must mean more than just opposition to surgical abortion. To truly follow God's first spoken command to our race (Gen. 1:28), we must reject all attacks on the sanctity of human life, namely, all forms of abortion, contraception, plan B, embryo destructive research, IVF, and mercy-killing in all its forms. Only then can we call ourselves truly pro-life.

**Wendell Neugebauer**

*Charity Unity Fraternity Patriotism*



## Chaplain's Message

When I was a lad I remember how just about everyone dressed up for Easter. Our family would walk around the neighborhood and participate in the so called "Easter Parade" with many of our neighbors. When I grew up and had my own family, even though the tradition was already starting to wane, we continued to get dressed up. To see my children in their finest especially walking to Mass was very special. I loved watching those who were old enough to receive Communion with their hands folded in prayer as they approached the priest. Their reverence was something to behold.

Since I have grown older I have noticed that dressing up isn't what it used to be. But being a deacon and having the privilege to give Communion to many of the faithful I have noticed, and glad to say that reverence is still there by most. Easter this year falls on April 20. This is the day that we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior **Jesus Christ**. In my humble opinion, this is the greatest event in human history. The Resurrection is seen as the completion of the redemptive act that was gained through the merits of Christ's sacrificial death on the cross. After a few days, before He rose from the dead, He gave us that wonderful gift of Himself in the Holy Eucharist.

Maybe when we go to Mass on Easter Sunday and receive Holy Communion with reverence, our thoughts could be about this miraculous event. It could be a time to thank **God** for all our blessings.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Christ is risen**

"If angels could be jealous of men, it would be so for one reason: Holy Communion." St Maximilian Kolbe.

**Happy Easter!**

—Deacon Bill Gaul, Chaplain

## Catholic Daughters of The America's



The Catholic Daughters, Court McLaughlin #422, will meet on April 1. Members are asked to get to the Knights of Columbus Hall by 6:00 for refreshments and the business meeting will start at 6:30. The court will be honoring the past Regents, members for more than 50 years and members celebrating special anniversaries.

We are expecting the Coordinator from PAWS (Pets are Wonderful Support) from the Albany Damien Center in Albany to speak at this meeting. If members would like to bring pet supplies to donate to this organization, it would be appreciated.

As always, any Catholic woman who is interested in joining the Catholic Daughters, is welcome to attend this meeting.

Submitted by **Eileen Tuohy**, Regent

Brother Knights,

The southern migration of the snow birds has not only hurt our manpower needs at Bingo but also at our monthly Teen Dance. At our last dance, on March 7, we barely had enough for a skeleton crew. Even with attendance down, we still need enough people to cover all the areas of the building that the kids use and we also need to position people strategically to monitor activities and keep the kids from running, etc. Please consider helping us out on the first Friday eve each month thru June at this worthwhile program. Thank you.

**Joe Powers, FN**

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P.O. Box 3094, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866  
C/O Grand Knight

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Please provide **ALL** details. (start/end time/date, who can attend, etc.)

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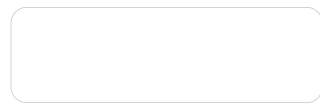
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## Youth Dance

The next youth dance will be held on Friday, Apr. 4. The dance will run from 6:45 — 9:45 p.m. Chaperons are asked to arrive at the K of C HOME at 6:15 p.m. We welcome all youth in grades 5-7 to attend. Admission is \$10.



Or Current Resident

## BIRTHDAYS!



Your BIRTHDAY is the most important day of your life, let's face it without it, You aren't even here or anywhere for that matter. When you come in the lounge at our home on Pine Road, check out the list of BIRTHDAYS. When you run across our fellow Knight, whose name is on the current list, simply wish him a very HAPPY BIRTHDAY !



Our Fundraising Dinners, scheduled for every other month in our calendar year, are starting to take off, thanks to your support and participation by the members of the public who enjoy a delicious meal and some fun conversation. We tip out hat and express appreciation to Brother **Chuck Lobosco** and his great menus.

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