



Knights of Columbus

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Upcoming Events at the K of C

December

- 1 Mon. 3rd Degree 7:30 PM
- 2 Tue. Catholic Daughters 6:30 PM
- 6 Sat. Hospital Breakfast 7:00 AM
- 12 Fri. Pot Luck Dinner and decorating party 6:00 PM
- 13 Sat. Children's Party 9:00 AM
Adult Christmas Party 5:00 PM
- 15 Mon. 3rd Degree 7:30 PM
- 19 Fri. Teen Dance 6:45 PM
- 22 Mon. 4th Degree 7:30 PM
- 24 Wed. Christmas Eve
- 25 Thurs. Christmas Day
- 31 Wed. New Year's Eve

January

- 5 Mon. 3rd Degree 7:30 PM
Rosary 6:45 PM
- 6 Tue. Catholic Daughters 6:30 PM
- 9 Fri. Teen Dance 6:45 PM
- 19 Mon. 1st Degree
Exemplification 6:30 PM
Candidates arrive 6:00 PM

Bingo Every Wednesday at 7:00 pm

Detailed "Upcoming Events" changes and additions at: www.SaratogaKofC.org

Grand Knight's Message



As we enter the season of Advent, preparing for the celebration of the birth of our Lord, we are thankful for many things.

The busy times of Halloween and Thanksgiving are behind us. Our benefit supper for Spa Catholic raised \$681 for the school's capital fund for improvements to the building. Our supper in November will support the Ladies of Charity Annual

Christmas Giving Store. We will need a great deal of help for the Saratoga Hospital Breakfast on Saturday, December 6. This is a service we provide every year. Don't forget to sign up in the Lounge, as there are many ways we all can volunteer to help and support! Our December Pot Luck Supper will be held on Friday, December 12. At this time we will have the final tree decorating and caroling while sharing fellowship and Joy of the season with our Knights and Ladies and their families. Come and enjoy! The K of C Annual Christmas Party for our Children follows on Saturday morning, Dec.13 with the adult party in the evening in the Lounge. Tickets are available in the Lounge. Our December Youth Dance, with a Christmas flair, has been changed to December 19 at 6:45.

By practicing the principles of our order, we have made a difference in our community. On October 18, 7 knights got together and stained the front of Spa Catholic. Thank you **Dave Tarity, Dick Grimm, Tom Stanton, Stan Weeks, Mike Planko, Joe Fredette, and Rick Schwartzbeck.** Our other donations have also helped many in the area. Be sure to check out the thank you notes on our bulletin board. The N.Y. State Council has a program to donate \$100 to local food pantries in recognition of 500 pounds of food donations by Council 246. This may sound like a lot of food, but is only 1-2 pounds per member or 3 pounds for 30% of us. This is doable! Bring in those canned goods, especially during this Holiday Season.

Merry Christmas to all and may the blessing of the Good Lord be with you for a prosperous, healthy 2015!

Rick Schwartzbeck,
Grand Knight

Please bring a food donation to the meetings.

Columbian report

December is a special time for everyone at the K of C Home. We have some very special events scheduled and we need member support. It is understandable that each of us will be busy with holiday activities, however please participate whenever possible.

On Saturday, December 6, we are hosting the Annual Saratoga Hospital Christmas Party at 50 Pine Road. They require the use of our entire facility and we have supported the party success-fully for many years. Let's help them make this year their best party ever!

On the following Saturday, December 13, we have our K. of C. Children's Christmas Party and will again need plenty of volunteers. On that same Saturday, we have the adults Christmas, we do not need volunteers. This is a time to enjoy the company of our brother and their guests, celebrate the holiday season, an evening of fun. Tickets are limited and going fast.

We have completed the repairs on the parking lot and our meeting room has been painted. Last but not least: Thank you to the Catholic Daughters for all of their help in cleaning the kitchen, buying Christmas decorations for our kids party and being a positive force that can be counted at our Home.

Ken Davis, Columbian President

Adult Christmas Party

The 2014 K of C Adult Christmas Party will be December 13 starting at 5:00 p.m. Tickets are available in lounge.

Catholic Daughters of The America's



Ct. McLaughlin #422, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, will hold their regular monthly meeting on December 2, 2014 at 6:30 PM at the Knights of Columbus. Social time will begin at 6 PM so please arrive early. Plans will be discussed for participation in the K of C children's Christmas party on December 13, 2014. All Catholic women over the age of 18 are invited to join the Catholic Daughters. For additional information contact Vice Regent Aileen Thomas at 583-2905.

Anne Senecal, Regent

Faithful Navigator's Report



Thanks to all the Sir Knights and their spouses who attended the annual memorial Mass and dinner last month. It is fitting that we set aside some time each year to remember those who have gone before us.

During December, the Council and Assembly join together for one of the happiest activities of the Columbian year, the children's Christmas Party. Please plan to join us on Saturday, December 13 as we serve breakfast to our families and watch the wonder of the little ones when Santa arrives. I also hope to see many of you later that day at the adult Christmas Party.

As we buy gifts and exchange Christmas greetings with family and friends, let's not lose sight of the real reason for the Christmas season. May the blessings of the newborn **Lord and Savior** be with all of you at Christmas and all through the year.

John Tuohy, FN 584-3472

Children's Christmas Party



Breakfast with Santa will be held for Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters' children December 13th at 9:00 until 11:00 a.m. Gifts for your children ,etc., should be wrapped and delivered to the Knights' home Friday evening. Packages should be clearly identified with the child's

name and age. Sponsors are responsible to bring gifts for the names they submit. A count of those planning to attend is requested in order to purchase enough food for those attending. PLEASE contact **Bob Spratt** at 587-1784 to make reservations.

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.

Charity Unity Fraternity Patriotism



Chaplain's Message

On November 10 we celebrated our annual Memorial Mass at St. Clements church. About 85 people attended. I want all those who gave a helping hand in making it a success, especially **Fr Paul Borowski**, cantor **Sam Taylor**, reader **Mike Planko**, altar servers **Joe Powers** and **Laverne Utter**, mass preparer **Michael Pidgeon**, cup minister **Karen Powers**, and chef **Bill Joubert** for a wonderful dinner. The Color Corps made their usual great presence.

Advent is here again. This year it begins on December 1 and lasts for a period of 23 days. The word Advent has its roots in the Latin word adventure which means coming. Advent is a spiritual journey in preparation for the salvation event, the birth of the **Messiah**. We are called to the disciplines of prayer and fasting during this season. It is a time to consider the use of the sacrament of Reconciliation and gain **Gods** grace in confession.

The Christmas symbol that I would like to write about is the giving tree. Many parishes sponsor a tree decorated with tags indicating gifts for children in need at Christmas time. Clothing sizes and ages are on the tags so the person taking one of them can get the needed item and return the gift to the parish church. The gifts are then distributed to the children before Christmas. The giving tree reminds us of that great message of **Jesus** : "What you do to the least of these, you do to me." Mt.25:40

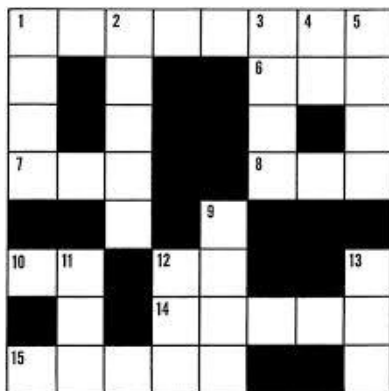
December 8 is the feast of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation. Under this title **Mary** was proclaimed the patron of the United States.

"Peace on earth and good will to men." Lk 2:14

Have a happy, holy and merry Christmas!

Vivat **Jesus**

—**Deacon Bill Gaul**, Chaplain



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Pro Life Corner



On Oct. 31, Albany **Bishop Edward Scharfenberger** made appearances at both Schenectady and Glens Falls Planned Parenthood clinics. He prayed the Rosary and blessed the witnesses. The 40 Days For Life campaign in

Glens Falls was sponsored by the K of C in that city. In Schenectady, six babies lives were known to be saved by the persistent presence of praying people. The next 40 Days campaign to change hearts and save lives begins on Ash Wednesday.

Wendell Neugebauer

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C/O Grand Knight

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Youth Dance

The next youth dance will be held on Friday, December 19. 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.

Bits and Pieces

Food Drive Challenge - Bring non-perishable foods to meetings. 500 pounds = \$100 for local food pantries.

Youth Dance (Note date change) December 19. Many hands make light work!

Hospital Christmas Party Dec. 6 Early morning, need lots of help. See **Bill Joubert** to sign up.

Children's Christmas Party Dec. 13 9 a.m. Contact Bob Spratt for details 587-1784

Bingo every Wednesday @ 6:00. No Bingo 12/24 or 12/31.

Check out birthdays on the board in the lounge. When you see a December birthday Knight, wish him well.

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