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Upcoming Events at the K of C

February

- 3 Monday 3rd Degree Meeting
7:30 pm
- 7 Friday Youth Dance 6:45 pm
- 17 Monday 2nd Degree Meeting
6:00 pm
- 22 Saturday Dinner & a Movie
Night
- 24 Monday 4th Degree Meeting
7:30 pm

March

- 3 Monday 3rd Degree Meeting
7:30 pm
- 5 Wednesday Ash Wednesday
- 7 Friday Youth Dance 6:45 pm
- 17 Monday St. Patrick's Day
- 18 Tuesday 3rd Degree meeting
7:30 pm - note change of
day
- 23 Sunday 3rd Degree
Exemplification 3:00 pm
followed by dinner
- 24 Monday 4th Degree Meeting
7:30 pm

Bingo Every Wednesday at 7:00 pm

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

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

Grand Knight's Tale

He: *"Honey, have you read the Grand Knight's column in the February newsletter yet?"*

She: *"No Dear, not yet. I wonder does he have any idea as to what he wants to say in those ramblings if his! He always has a long, convoluted story that often confuses me. Does anyone, other than us, try to read that part of the newsletter?"*

Well... Here I go again. My son once said to me: "Dad, sometimes you gotta get hurt to learn!", and unfortunately, more than once, we do. A brother Knight related to me that his grandson told him: "Because you're not supposed to, doesn't mean that you can't". Another unfortunate truism.

I was at my son's home while he was babysitting his toddler son, Greyson, so that his wife could complete a number of errands that were requirements for the next week to begin (As if it wouldn't begin if she hadn't). He's a really great Dad, certainly better than me (I napped on the couch, while my "Beloved" reared our ten children). He's in there every minute, well almost every minute, doing the Dad thing and many things that I used to think were Mom things.

Greyson, as many children, was lovingly and often advised, "Be careful!", "No, no, don't touch that.", "Unh-hunh Stop!, you'll get hurt.", "No, Greyson Stephen Toussaint, that is not a toy.", in order to ward off an injury or accident. One of those directives concerned not touching the test button on the CO2 detector, located very low, in an electrical outlet, on the family room wall. If properly working, it emitted an extremely loud, annoying, shrill alarm, when pressed.

My son, the really great Dad, was momentarily distracted, by me (the not so really great Dad).

Greyson toddled his way over to and discovered an irresistible red button on the thingy on the wall. Since he was intuitive and knew of the truism above, "Because you are not supposed to, doesn't mean you can't." as all of us do, he pressed the red button. First, there was the shrill alarm, immediately followed by the even louder, shriller wail coming out of the no longer curious, but now fearful toddler as he raced to his all knowing, all protective, all forgiving and most importantly, all loving great Dad. He clung to his Dad, seeking explanation, comfort, protection, understanding love and forgiveness. The great Dad consoled Greyson. He comforted him, he explained that all would be OK, he would reset the alarm, he held him close. The sobbing and sniffing ended, the son's head now nestled in the great Dad's breast. As I looked on, the great Dad had a broad smile on his face because he felt the love of his son, the dependency, the need for forgiveness and after an appropriately brief admonishment, the joy of renewal in their relationship.

I have been told that Our Father, has similar joy, when we run to Him after we have fallen on our path of trying to be good people, after we have rationalized: "Because you're not supposed to, doesn't mean you can't."

Imagine His open arms, His broad smile, His forgiveness and experience His love in the restoration of our relationship.

Steve Toussaint, GK

Financial Secretary's Report

As of January 20, 2014, 75% of the associate and insured members have paid their 2014 dues, and 60% of the honorary.

Member count

Associate	235
Insurance	139
Honorary	13
Honorary Life	99
Inactive	43

On January 20, 2014, our council is hosting a First Degree Exemplification. We are expecting one candidate for our council - Michael Flathery MD, and three candidates for the Gansevoort council - Roger Charbonneau, Mike White, and Dr. John Guisti.

Thanks to our Exemplification team for their fine job

Don Stevenson Sr., don.stevenson.sr@gmail.com
Financial Secretary

Mystery Guest

Another of our caring brothers has agreed to secretly share his thoughts with us:

A TRUE BROTHER KNIGHT

We are very lucky to have **Mike Breen** as a member of our K of C, Council 246. Throughout his nearly 29 years of membership, Mike has always been outgoing and friendly. He is conscientious, giving and caring. He sets a good example for both, new and old members.

Mike lives the principles of the K of C. Those principles - Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism are what we should all be striving to achieve and uphold.

Mike attends a majority of our meetings, usually sitting in the front row. He is among our most consistent and reliable volunteers. Whether you need an experienced hand in the kitchen or just cleaning up after an event, he is always a man you can depend upon to do a good job. Some may recall the night that Mike, not only carved "the steamship round" at an event, but also oversaw the care of a stricken brother Knight until the ambulance arrived. Mike was a volunteer with the local emergency corps. Once again, he was the right man for the the job! It is the totality of all of these positive, personal traits, and his life experience that make Mike not just a valuable asset to the Knights of Columbus but a valued friend to us all. Anon.

Do you want to learn who the wise sage author is? Keep your eyes and ears open around the lounge. We may show you the way to learn the secret name...



Fourth Degree

I am happy to announce that **Charles Miskovsky** has stepped up and has agreed to serve the rest of the term as Faithful Comptroller. My thanks to him and **Dick Grimm**

and **Rich Gorman** who have been assisting him in taking on the FC duties, especially handling the dues billing. Welcome aboard Charles! I would also like to thank the committee working on the upcoming 4th Degree Exemplification. Things are progressing well. Finally I would like to thank everyone for their support and patience while I worked on Jesus Christ Superstar. It was a wonderful experience and was well received with over 1,000 people attending the shows at St. Clements Church alone! Through your help, you all share the credit for its success!

Vivat Jesus!

Joe Powers, FN

Catholic Daughters of The America's



The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court McLaughlin, will meet at 6:15 on February 4, 2014. Anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Daughters is welcome to attend a meeting or call **Eileen Tuohy** at [518 584-3472](tel:5185843472).

Members have been asked to bring the baskets they have made for our annual basket raffle fundraiser to our February meeting. The Catholic Daughters would like to thank the Knights of Columbus for their generous donation of a golf basket valued at \$250. Tickets for the raffle will be available until our May meeting when the winners will be announced.

An April 12, 2014 Court McLaughlin will sponsor a Donny Elvis fundraised to benefit the Center for the Family.

Tickets are \$15 at the door.

Court McLaughlin is collecting box tops and Campbell's soup labels for the area Catholic Schools.

Submitted by **Eileen Tuohy**, Regent



Dan Pemrick and **Stan Drosky** of "12 Grand" want everyone to know that there will be three more \$1000 drawings on the last Friday of each of

the coming months, ending in April. They, perhaps more importantly, are seeking some assistance from a couple of interested brothers to help with this vital giving program to begin anew in the "Merry Month of May".



Chaplain's Message

I know that every February I talk about the Blessed Mother and her Immaculate Conception. I just feel compelled to talk about this magnificent event each year. I try to add something different in my report each year. But really there is nothing wrong with hear something more than once. So, here I go. Because of the Father's love for her and his plan for her to become the Mother of His Son conceived in her womb by the power of the Holy Spirit without cooperation of man, it only makes sense that she herself was conceived immaculate.

At the Annunciation the angel told Mary that "the Holy Spirit will come upon you". (Luke 1:35) On February 11, 1858, less than four years after Pope Pius IX declared the dogma of Mary's Immaculate Conception. Mary appeared to a young, poor and uneducated girl in a grotto near Lourdes and declared that she was the "Immaculate Conception". Every year over six million people visit this grotto at Lourdes.

On February 22, we celebrate the Feast of the Chair of Peter the Apostle. The Chair represents the popes mission as guide to the entire people of God. The Chair was known as a throne back in the early days of Christianity.

A thought; "When you are unable to take big steps on the path that leads to God, be content with little steps, patiently waiting until you have legs to run." St. Pius of Pietrelcina

—Deacon Bill Gaul, Chaplain

Columbian Report

It is a pleasure to say that because of the tireless, hard work of many members who have pitched in with the set ups, clean ups, break downs and other duties related to the many activities and programs of the K of C, January events have been very successful.

Our Treasurer, **Richard Grimm**, paid our school taxes early and it looks good, financially, going into 2014.

We are most appreciative the very good thing we have going with the brothers participating in events and also helping out where needed.

We need this sustained, consistent support throughout the year ahead. Our most important asset is our membership.

Submitted by:

Ken Davis, President, Columbian Association



Pro Life Corner

Exercise Political Responsibility

The pro-life movement works across party lines and calls everyone to rediscover that the foundational principle of government is the right to life, and the duty of government to protect life. Moreover, if we want our public policies to be based on that principle, then it's necessary to participate in elections and in communicating with those who are elected. At www.PoliticalResponsibility.com, you can learn more about the many activities you, your family, your organization, and your church can take part in to make a difference in public policy. You can learn about how to register voters, find information about candidates, get people to the polls, and hold public officials' feet to the fire so that they deliver on their promises.

Wendell Neugebauer

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.

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C/O Grand Knight

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Please provide **ALL** details.

(start/end time/date, who can attend, etc.)

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Youth Dance

The next youth dance will be held on Friday, Feb. 7. 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.

The *League Championship Games* provided a great time for many Knights at the Council Home. Under the masterful hand of **John Tuohy**, those gathered to see some great football contests while also enjoying a wide array of tasty foods prepared, also masterfully, by Chef **Bill Joubert**.

On *Super Bowl Sunday*, another gathering is planned, over seen by Sir Knight **Bob Spratt**. The final football game will feature some additional mouthwatering, delicious, surprises when those in attendance bring in a dish to share with all.

We wish to thank, **Chuck Labosco, Sr.** for his volunteer time, talent & efforts in the preparation of our recent, very successful Ham Dinner. Those supporters in attendance and additional brothers who volunteered their help as kitchen staff and waiters made the entire evening a "class act."

On Saturday February 22, we will have a special Dinner & Movie Night at the Council Home. The cost will be \$10. for all. Again **Bob Spratt** will be our Host for the event. Please plan to come for a good time, save the date, and bring your Valentine. Watch for more info, time and movie title.

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