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Upcoming Events at the K of C

January

- 3 Friday Youth Dance 6:45 pm
- 6 Monday 3rd Degree Meeting
7:30 pm
- 16 Thursday Ham Dinner Fund
Raiser
- 20 Monday 1st Degree
Exemplification 6:00 pm
- 27 Monday 4th Degree Meeting
7:30 pm
- 30 Thursday Blood Drive
1pm-6pm

February

- 3 Monday 3rd Degree Meeting
7:30 pm
- 7 Friday Youth Dance 6:45 pm
- 17 Monday 2nd Degree
Exemplification 6:00 pm
- 24 4th Degree Meeting 7:30 pm

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

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



As you read this, or perhaps I should say, *if you read this*, it is, or soon will BE, January!

Possibly a raw, cold, dark, dreary, bitter month of days filled with snow-packed roads, salt laden walk off mats, wherever you go inside, out of the gusty winds. A time of heads wearing hats, necks wrapped in scarfs, hands covered in gloves or, as I like better, woolen mittens to ease the pain of the frigid air. A time of clumsy boots, heavy coats, and cramp-ons to ensure our remaining upright on the icy surfaces we must navigate to reach our destination.

Or is it a different January? One of warm, toasty, sun-filled days, The smell of the sea wafts to our nose, palm trees shade us. We apply sunblock to keep shiney, moist skin protected from a burn. Or is it time for moonlit walks on the beach, enjoying the melodies of the waves as they lap the sandy shoreline. Maybe you wear a light golf jacket to enjoy a round on the links. You ride around in a cart to reach your destination. Are you going to Sunday Mass, or an evening with friends at a BBQ,, possibly a trip to the fish monger's to buy some fresh seafood and on to the market for summerlike tomatoes, corn or green beans.

Your January may begin with the celebration of the feast of *The Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God*, followed by pleasant, bright (make your eyes squint) days, a snowshoe hike in the woods afar, ice skating, skiing, building a snowman or making snow angels with your children or grandchildren. Will you watch some football playoff games at the cozy, K of C lounge on a Sunday? Monday evenings you may attend our Council meetings to ward off any signs of "cabin fever". Your month might close with our Blood Drive.

Is there a point to all of this rambling? I think so. Each day of January is what we make it. No matter where we may BE. It is a matter of choices that makes all of our days for us. Everyday we have choices, all day long. Important choices that effect us and those we love. BE aware of the opportunities and challenges provided. Our well-considered, weighed choices make for the best of days! Happy New Year!

Steve Toussaint, GK

Financial Secretary's Report

Starting off in the new position, you can count on these monthly reports to be short and sweet.

We have one candidate that is scheduled for his first degree on January 20, 2014. Also we have two candidate awaiting approval to transfer to our council.

As everyone knows the dues notices have been sent out and about 20% of the Associate and Insurance Members (379 TOTAL) have paid their 2014 dues and it only the first week – KEEP THE DUES COMING IN –

Thank You for this opportunity to serve the council:

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

Catholic Daughters of The America's



The Catholic Daughters, Court McLaughlin #422 will meet at 6:15 on January 7, 2014. Members are being asked to bring their ideas for the annual basket raffle to this meeting. Baskets will be turned in at our February meeting, and the baskets will be raffled off, in May. We welcome Catholic women interested in joining our court, to attend any of our meetings. New members are always welcome.

Submitted by Eileen Tuohy, Regent



Let's Eat!

The Knights of Columbus will be offering a "Five Star" Ham Dinner at their 50 Pine Road Home on **Thursday, January 16 from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m.** The cost will be \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors, and \$5 for children under 12.

What a great opportunity to leave the cooking, serving and clean-up to us! (We do need some volunteers to help, call Rick at 893-7074.) The dinner is open to the public. Bring your friends and neighbors too. We will have the heat on and everyone attending will be rewarded with a belly full of delicious food...including dessert.

Submitted by Rick Schwartzbeck, DGK



Fourth Degree

I hope that everyone had a joyous and restful Christmas and New Year holiday break. I say restful because we have many events coming up on the calendar, some of which I'm sure you've seen already in this newsletter. We also have a need for part-time help on the Degree team. On Monday January 20 we will be holding a 1st Degree Exemplification at our hall. Unfortunately 2 of our team, Dennis Taylor and myself will not be able to be there, so we have an immediate need for at least 2 people that night and looking forward it would make sense to have people willing to prepare ahead of time and learn a specific part so that they would be ready and able to step in in the event that one of the current members of the Degree team is unable to be there. If you are interested, please contact PGK/PFN Ed Connelly (281-8354) or myself (428-2375) and we will get you started on learning a role. The 4th Degree Exemplification Committee is proceeding with preparation towards hosting the event April 26. More details to follow.

Finally, I would like to invite you to celebrate the story of our Lord and Savior by attending a performance of Jesus Christ Superstar at St. Clements Church Jan. 16-18 or at Corpus Christi Church(Rt.9 @ Ushers Rd. in Round Lake) Jan. 23-25. All shows will start @ 7:00pm and all tickets are \$10 (general admission). It is a very powerful telling of an important story in our history involving a cast of about 30 people from both parishes. Tell your family and friends and be sure to get there early for good seats.

Vivat Jesus!

Joe Powers, FN

Charity Unity Fraternity Patriotism

Chaplain's Message



Recently Pope Francis was named Time Magazine's "Man of the Year". He was not the first Pope to receive this designation. In 1962 Pope John XXIII was named. In 1994 Pope John Paul II received the honor. The designation is to acknowledge a person, group, idea or object that "for better or worse has done the most to influence the events of the year.

January 1 is the solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. For many years January 1 was known as the feast of the Circumcision of the Lord. In ancient tradition it also celebrated the maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In 1974, Pope Paul VI changed it to its present form. "Tuus totas ego sum" "I belong to you entirely." -

St. Louis de Montfort.

This simple prayer became the motto for Pope John Paul II expressing his love of the Blessed Mother.

—Deacon Bill Gaul, Chaplain

Columbian Report

Looking back at what has transpired as the year comes to a close, the one CONSTANT is the Spirit of the Knights and their generosity in money and time to support our Council Home. We have had many very successful events. The reasons for this success are the participation and dedication of our members to do what needs to be done.

As President of the Columbian, I am blessed to have the great resource of our members. The help and support received has made this year a memorable one for me. I look forward to working with all of the brotherhood to make 2014 an even better year!

The Officers of the Columbian and I, thank you and wish you a safe, happy holiday season.

Submitted by:

Ken Davis, President, Columbian Association



Pro Life Corner

Please consider the bus trip to Washington, DC to the 2013 March for Life for yourself and some high-schoolers that you know.

The trip details are as follows:

Cost per person:	\$40.
Departure OLA Queensbury:	January 21, 9:00 PM
Arrive Washington:	January 22, 6:00 AM
Depart Washington:	January 22, 5:00 PM
Arrive OLA Queensbury:	January 23, 2:00 AM

Destination:

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
400 Michigan Avenue, Northeast
Washington, D.C. 20017

For reservations contact Sean Sullivan at seansullivan@ceoexpress.com

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

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Youth Dance

The next youth dance will be held on Friday, Jan. 3. 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.

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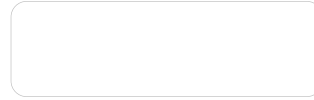
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Mystery Guest

One of our many caring brothers has agreed to secretly share some of his thoughts with us in this newsletter. He has written the following:

Charity, n., generosity toward others.

Charity, one of the hallmarks of our order. During this Christmas season we hear of many acts of Charity performed, ranging from our Holy Father, widely depicted in the media, embracing and comforting a horribly disfigured man, to the generosity of several restaurant goer's who tipped their servers thousands of dollars. And we need look no farther than to the generosity of our Council members who responded to help the family afflicted with Hutchinson's disease. While these are very tangible and generous expressions of charity, we can and should consider on-going random acts of kindness on a daily basis to fulfill our commitment of charity. As we enter the New Year, let us resolve to do so. Remember, charity begins at home but also in our hearts. 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...

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