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Upcoming Events at the K of C

June

- 2 Monday 3rd Degree Meeting
7:30 PM Election of
Officers
- 3 Tues Catholic Daughters
Meeting 6:30 PM
- 6 Friday Youth Dance 6:45 PM
- 14 Saturday Flag Day Parade 11:00
AM - Gather on North
Broadway
- 16 Monday 3rd Degree Meeting
7:30 PM Passing the Gavel
- 23 Monday 4th Degree Meeting
7:30 PM Passing the Gavel

July

- 11 Friday Setting Calendar for
'14-'15 6:00 PM
Lite Fare Provided
- 13 Sunday Open House Racetrack
11:00 AM-4:00 PM

August

- 2 Saturday Fr. Tracy Dinner
5:00 PM-8:00 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 Message

It is a blank, white, piece of paper on my desk. The same as it has been before me each month this past year. I'm stymied by it now, because it is June and my last chance to share some thoughts with you. I am at a loss for words and lack the ability to write something worthy of the time and platform that I have been permitted by being Grand Knight this year.

But it's about Time. It's about You. It's about me.

What about time? Time is all we have. It is personal. There is time to keep, time to share, time to live, to laugh, to cry, to grow within our selves, in our relationships, in our Faith, in our responsibilities. Time is finite. It is not known when it will "run out." It must be apportioned wisely. There is not time to do everything we may want to do. But choosing wisely may be the difference between having the "blahs", or happiness, and accomplishment. There are always demands on our time. Considerations are many, but allocation must not be wasteful. Time is to be accounted for in all our action or lack thereof.

What about you? You are all we have. You are personal, also. To each of you, Knights of Council 246, young and elderly, who, in any manner, have volunteered precious time to the betterment and success of our brotherhood, I offer resounding gratitude. To those Knights, who have not yet found time to join in activities or support our programs, I offer resounding encouragement to find your niche, soon. If we are to sustain our Council, keep and maintain our wonderful facility for the children and grand children of today and the future, you are sincerely welcome and greatly needed. March in the Flag Day Parade and bring your family. Help with Bingo or Teen Dances or specific work crews. Come to your home in support of a fundraiser for Fr. Tracy or our VA Hospital. Gather with some friends and purchase a 12 Grand ticket when you stop by the Lounge to relax a little. You and your K of C Council deserve the very best of your time!

What about me? As Grand Knight, I'm all we had. It has been very personal, having followed some of the most wonderful and productive Past Grand Knights. Sometimes in their footsteps and sometimes off the beaten path. I am filled with appreciation for the consistent counsel, cooperation and continued participation of all of you. You did not focus on my weakness, but built my understanding of our mission and goals. I thank each of you! I will strive to be a better Knight of Columbus. Unity, Charity, Fraternity and Patriotism have a deeper meaning for me because of you.

Steve Toussaint, GK

Columbian Report

May was a busy month for the Columbian, we had multiple events on almost every weekend. I would like to thank all the brothers knights that pitched in, to help clean up and set up for all of the events. I wish that you could hear the compliments that I receive on a regular basis. It makes me proud to be a member of Council 246. We have several projects scheduled for the home over the summer. Gus will be setting up work groups to accomplish these projects and looking for volunteers. I would also like to thank all of the Columbian board members and the officers for all of their support this year. The Columbian has had an outstanding year. Thanks to all of our members.

Submitted by **Ken Davis**, CA President

We are in need of two volunteers to work as cash handlers at bingo. The job includes counting the sellers trays, assembling prize money and next week's bank, as well as completing the appropriate paperwork. The job is not complicated and training will be provided. Volunteers need to be at the hall one Wednesday night per month from 6:15 to approximately 9:15. If interested, please contact **John Tuohy** at 258-4525. This is a great opportunity for our new members to contribute to the Council while meeting other members.

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9	27	41	59	68
14	26	43	57	70
5	23	34	55	66
7	30	36	56	67
6	29	42	58	64

OUR VETS DESERVE OUR HELP

Our Annual Fundraiser Event for the Albany VA Hospital and our local Vets is scheduled for Saturday, September 20, 2014 at our Council Home. We are in need of volunteers for a wide range of activities. We think that some of these listed herein will "fit the bill" to enable you to help in some or, at least one of the ways. You are needed to obtain AUCTION ITEMS for the big event. You may volunteer to secure Sponsorship from our local community business(es), friends and family donations to the auction are also most welcome.

Your help is necessary during the day and/or evening of the event, Saturday, September 20, 2014. We need a set-up crew, clean-up crew, help with parking and help with kitchen chores.

If you can help support our K of C efforts to help our local Veterans please contact **Tom Boehlert** at home phone 583-4809 or cell 944-0405.



Faithful Navigator's Report

Brother Sir Knights, words cannot express my pride and gratitude for everyone, especially the committee members, who helped make our 4th Degree Exemplification the success that it was. We again showed Sir Knights from around the region just how special we Saratoga Knights are! Thank you all for a job well done! I would also like to welcome our new Brother Sir Knights from Council 246: **Ken Davis**, **Joe Fretette**, Deacon **Ron Hogan** and **Dick Snyder**; and from Corpus Christi Council 10869: **Scott Brady**, **Peter Chudzinski**, **John Finn**, and **Norman Morey**. I hope you feel welcome in our Assembly and that you will make yourself at home by getting involved in some of the great programs we do here (see below!) Our May meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday May 27 in the lounge due to too many conflicts on Memorial Day. I want to encourage all of you to join us marching in the annual Saratoga Flag Day Parade on Saturday June 14. We will again be including our families and inviting other Councils and Assemblies to join us, but we need your help to live up to the high standard we set last year. Please let me know if you can help us organize it or are planning on walking with us. Last year we judged a contest for the best decorated kids wagon. I don't have the time to organize it but if you are willing and able to please let me know. Also please let me know if you want to be in the parade but cannot walk. We will make sure you have a ride down Broadway. Pray for nice weather! We will be using the same shirts as last year and we have some left over. If you need one please let me know.

Vivat Jesus! **Joe Powers**, FN

Father Tracy Dinner

On Saturday, August 2, 2014 from 5:00 until 8:00 PM the K of C will be hosting our Annual Fundraiser for **Fr. Tracy** (our own native of Ballston Spa) at the Council home on 50 Pine Road. Tickets will be \$15.00 again this year for a wonderful Italian buffet dinner. Make sure to save this date in order to provide financial support for **Fr. Tracy's** vital program for priests and religious lay persons in Brazil. Tickets will be on sale at area churches after all Masses on Sundays and also at the door. Of course, as usual, we need volunteers to serve the buffet and help with kitchen chores and to sell tickets. Please talk with **Lavern Utter** with questions or you can help in some way. The Public is most welcome!

Charity Unity Fraternity Patriotism



Chaplain's Message

Each month I try to write about something, not only important and interesting, but also something I haven't touched on before. I was looking at the Church calendar and I noticed that June 9 is the optional memorial day for St. Ephrem, who was an ordained deacon and was named a Doctor of the Church by Pope Benedict XI in 1920. He was a gifted poet and theologian. He also composed doctrinally correct lyrics to popular songs of the times. He introduced music into the liturgy which of course we all know that music is a major part of the liturgy

today. He is often referred to as the "Harp of the Holy Spirit". St. Ephrem was born in 306 and died in 373 A.D.. Another well known deacon is St. Stephen, the first martyr of the Church. He was stoned to death because of his ardent faith in Jesus. St. Lawrence, a deacon who was martyred during the Diocletian persecutions. The story goes that he was cooked alive on a spit. "Yikes! Probably the most famous deacon was St. Francis of Assisi. He refused to become a priest because he said he wasn't worthy enough. Also, on his death bed he asked to be placed on the cold stone floor because he didn't want to enter heaven in comfort. There were many other deacons of note and one of them actually became a pope. The word deacon comes from the Greek word diakonas. Deacons were first ordained by St. Peter in the Acts of the Apostles, mainly to care for widows and children by "serving at the tables" which eventually passed on to the privilege of "serving at the altar". Deacons are basically called to serve in the "marketplace" to whomever reaches out to them for any kind of help.

" God is served only when He is served according to His will." St. Padre Pio.

A quote that I really like is by St. Francis of Assisi: "Preach always. If necessary use words."

I pray that everyone will have a happy, healthy and safe summer. God Bless us all.

—Deacon Bill Gaul, Chaplain

Catholic Daughters of The America's



Ct. McLaughlin #422, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday June 3, 2014 at 6:30 PM. Highlights of the meeting will include Installation of new Officers and the awarding of our annual Education Awards. Plans will also be discussed for participation, with the Knights of Columbus, in the annual Flag Day parade. New members are always welcome and may contact Anne Senecal at 885-0663 for further information.

Submitted by:

Anne Senecal, Regent



Pro Life Corner

"It is must be therefore reiterated the strongest opposition to any direct attack on life, especially innocent and defenseless life, and the unborn child in the womb is the most concrete example of innocence," said Pope Francis. "Let us remember the words of the Second Vatican Council: From the moment of its conception, life must be guarded with the greatest care while abortion and infanticide are unspeakable crimes." (Gaudium et Spes, 51).

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Submitted by:

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, June 6. 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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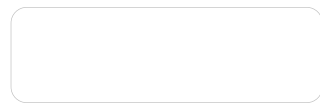
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NYRA's OPEN HOUSE



We need you at the Saratoga Race Course on Sunday, July 13 between 11:00 AM & 4:00 PM (mark your calendar or perhaps a two hour shift to help with Pony Rides for the kids or over-seeing the Mini-Golf Course, also for kids. We raise a significant amount of \$\$\$ on a fair weather day. It enables us to start the year off with a bit to invest in our early fall Council activities. Shade, cold water, ponies and mini-course golf equipment will be provided by NYRA's Open House Program. All we need is YOU to make it a successful day. **Ed Connolly** and **Joe Powers** are co-chairs for this event and have made it an enjoyable experience for everyone in the past. If you are unable to volunteer, stop by with your family to enjoy the happenings and say "Hi!".

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