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## Upcoming Events at the K of C

### May

- 2 Friday Youth Dance 6:45 PM
- 5 Monday 3rd Degree Meeting  
7:30 PM
- 6 Tuesday Catholic Daughters  
Meeting  
May Crowning of Mary  
6:00 PM
- 12 Monday 1st Degree  
Exemplification  
Candidates Arrive 6:00 PM
- 16 Friday Benefit Dinner 4-8 PM  
\$20.00 per adult
- 19 Monday Past GK, FN & Old  
Timers Dinner 7:00 PM
- 26 Monday 4th Degree Meeting  
7:30 PM

### June

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

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

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

## Grand Knight's Message

"I believe for every drop of rain that falls, a flower grows." is a lyric from an old song I cannot get out of my head.

I, also believe, that we, as humans, need to provide vital nutrition to those we meet on our path. That "drop of rain" is recognition that we give to the excellence of others. The others, growing flowers, need to BE recognized for their excellence and told so by us. Therefore: I yield the balance of the GK's page to **The Mystery Guest Writer for May... he writes below.**

In our council, there has been and still remain, many members that volunteer faithfully each day. They make sure regular business duties are taken care of and accomplish routine tasks, all under the radar.

One such member has served and was elected to various council and assembly positions.

A Past Grand Knight, Financial Secretary and Trustee of the 3rd Degree, he is also a Past Faithful Navigator, former Captain and Admiral of the 4th Degree.

He diligently assisted in reminding members to bring canned goods/non-perishables to meetings in aiding area food pantries.

He has attended pilgrimages and with others, helped Deacon Gaul with ushering and parking duties at the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs at Auriesville during the time for canonization of **St. Kateri Tekakwitha.**

He has been instrumental in annually preparing details for our annual PGK/PFN and Old Timers Night dinners and recently spear-headed restoring the PGK/PFN memorial plaque in the hallway. As a member of the 4th Degree's Color Corps, he faithfully participates in flag ceremonies at both St. Clement's Regional and St. Mary's schools. These few attributes run concurrent with untold details of facts, figures, forms and reports that are required, necessary and too numerous to mention.

Many of us remain unaware of members dedication beyond the council home, in addition to their occupations and families.

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

## Grand Knight's Report *(Continued)*

We have a brother that was elected the first mayor of Round Lake, NY, when it was initially incorporated as a village in 1969.

A former school principal for 20 years in the Shenendehowa School district and a long time area resident, he also was elected and served as a member of the Saratoga Springs Enlarged City School District's Board of Education for several years.

"Who Dat" guy in the black and yellow Pittsburgh Steelers jacket that darts in and out of the K of C rooms at any time? Based on conjecture, some folks figure he's extremely educated, due to numerous multi-syllable words he uses in sentences some of us don't understand! For brevity, this author is not granted copious writing space to characterize those voluminous soliloquies.

However, this isn't any final obsequies and we're talking about the "Grimm Reaper" - our incumbent Columbian Association treasurer, Richard Grimm. He has earned a long standing reputation of integrity and justifies a person who expresses his thoughts and whose opinions matter, of which he freely extends.

**Dick Grimm** remains one of the many hard working and determined officers and members of Council 246 that we are pleased to regularly have present.

We thank him and acknowledge his many years of charitable service with gratitude.

*Mystery Writer*

It's finally looking and feeling a little more like spring. The looking part can be seen around our Council Home, both outside and inside. We are in need of some "Sprucing up" to continue to be the envy of our visiting friends and fellow Knights. Rumors have been circulating about some planning of needed improvements. Keep an eye open to appreciate the efforts of **Ken Davis**, **Gus Ross** and others upon whom they will be calling in the near future. The **Merry Men of May** may be called upon to spend a couple of hours addressing winter's wrath on our grounds, especially with all of the upcoming events at 50 Pine Road...

### 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, I would like to thank all of you, especially the committee members, who helped make our 4<sup>th</sup> 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 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. 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**

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Council 246, as well as our surrounding councils has a new Field Agent for Knights of Columbus member insurance needs.

His name is **Joseph L. Flacke, Jr.** His address is 2607 North Shore Road, Hadley, NY 12835, phone, 518 573-0054 and he may be reached via email Joseph.Flacke@kofc.org. Joe and his wife stopped in at Pine Road and enjoyed one of our Friday Night Fish Dinners with Brother Knight **Steve Chandler** and his wife. It was a pleasure to meet him. He also stopped by our April 21st meeting of the 3rd Degree and gave a very interesting and informative, brief presentation, explaining many of the K of C insurance opportunities. Any questions you may have will be welcome by Joe! Feel free to give him a call.



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A small (but loyal & steadfast) group of Knights gather in the game room of the K of C Home every first Monday of the month at 6:30 PM. All Knights are welcome and encouraged to join the group. Recall the **Blessed Mother's** request at Fatima: "Pray the Rosary". There has been some talk of continuing to get together during the summer months. Ask **Deacon Bill Gaul** about those possible plans.

*Charity Unity Fraternity Patriotism*



## Chaplain's Message

Because of my aching body I was not able to accept an invitation to attend the ordination of our new bishop. I was really saddened by this. But lo and behold I found out that the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) was going to televise the entire event. Alice and I watched it for the almost three hours, with quite a bit of emotion. Sometimes laughing, sometimes tearing up and also clapping in our joy. There were things and events that really stood out to me. One was the very graciousness of **Bishop Hubbard** toward our new **Bishop**

**Scharfenberger**. I am sure that **Bishop Hubbard** had mixed emotions about it all. He was probably sad that it was over now, but also realizing that he could relax and enjoy his retirement.

**Cardinal Dolan**, I thought was exceptional. He gave a great homily and his overall presence gave a reverent tone but also a relaxed one. It was so nice to see so many bishops, priests, deacons and laity attending the ceremony. They came from all over, a great many came from Brooklyn.

May is the month of **Mary** and the event was held in April but it all happened in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The name that was given to our Cathedral to honor **Mary's** birth free from original sin. We are told that **Bishop Scharfenberger** has great devotion to **Our Blessed Mother**.

Now it is time to pray for our new bishop asking the **Holy Spirit** to guide him in the task that lies ahead for him. Also, we should keep **Bishop Hubbard** in our prayers especially in gratitude for all of the years that he served us so well as our shepherd.

"The Lord measures our perfection neither by the multitude nor the magnitude of our deeds, but by the manner in which we perform them." St. John of the Cross

From a Church Bulletin: The church dinner was like Heaven, many we expected to see were absent...

—**Deacon Bill Gaul**, Chaplain

## Catholic Daughters of The America's



The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court McLaughlin #422 will meet on May 6 at 6:00. The meeting will start with the crowning of our Blessed Virgin Mary. Refreshments will follow. Everyone is welcome. The Business meeting will follow the refreshments with the nominations of officers for the upcoming year.

As always, any Catholic woman who is interested in finding out more about Catholic Daughters is welcome to come to this meeting.

Submitted by **Eileen Tuohy**, Regent



## Pro Life Corner

"To claim the right to abortion, infanticide and euthanasia, and to recognize that right in law, means to attribute to human freedom a *perverse and evil significance*: that of an *absolute power over others and against others*. This is the death of true freedom: "Truly, truly, I say to you, every one who commits sin is a slave to sin" (Jn 8:34)."

Pope (now Saint) John Paul II, The Gospel of life, 25 March, 1995.

Submitted by **Wendell Neugebauer**

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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, May 2. 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.

Please notify your newsletter at: [246Newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:246Newsletter@gmail.com) and Financial Secretary **Dave Tarity** with address corrections at 584-8547. Thank you.

Each year the Catholic Daughters, Court McLaughlin #422 present a "May Procession" to our grotto at the Council Home to Crown the **Mother of Jesus** with flowers of the spring. They prepare an inspirational program filled with song and Father offering some thoughts about the importance of devotion to **Our Blessed Mother**. The K of C Color Corps is in attendance joining a large contingent of Catholic Daughters. It is a joyful event enabling the recall of so many processions in honor of **Mary** that we may have experienced in our youth. Refreshments will be available at the conclusion of the Crowning.



**Stan Drosky** and **Dan Pemrick** would like everyone to know that tickets for the Twelve Grand Club are available. Some will be in the lounge and are waiting for you to pick up to share with friends and family members. Remember this is our most significant activity for supporting Catholic Education in our area schools.

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