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Upcoming Events at the K of C

December

- 1 Tue. Catholic Daughters
6:30PM
- 5 Sat. Saratoga Hospital
Christmas Party
- 7 Mon. Council Mtg 7:30 PM,
Rosary 6:30PM
- 11 Fri. Youth Dance 6:45 PM
- 19 Sat. Children's Christmas
Party, 9:00 AM -11:00 AM
- 19 Sat. Adult Christmas Party
5:00-11:00 PM
- 21 Mon. Council Mtg 7:30 PM

January

- 4 Mon. Council Mtg 7:30 PM,
Rosary 6:30 PM
- 5 Tue. Catholic Daughters
6:30 PM
- 8 Fri. Youth Dance 6:45 PM
- 17 Sun. 1st Degree
Exemplification 11:30 AM
- 18 Mon. Council Mtg 7:30 PM
- 25 Mon. Assembly Mtg 7:30 PM

Bingo Every Wednesday
at 7:00 pm

Grand Knight's Message



Wow! December again. Let's hope that the coming winter isn't as bad as last year. But December is a great time of the year. In this month we celebrate a very special day, Christmas, the day we commemorate the birth of Lord Jesus. The Masses on Christmas are always joyous and alive with great music. Everyone wishing each other a Merry Christmas with warm greetings and happy faces.

It is also a busy time at our Council. Again this year we will be hosting Saratoga Hospital's breakfast party on Saturday December 5th. There is a need for volunteers to help serving and to help cleaning up. Our Council children's Christmas party will be held on Saturday morning December 19th, followed by the adult's party in the evening.

We welcome our new members who made their 1st Degree in October. They are: Kevin P. Ferris, Paul J. Gagnon, Matthew A. Gagnon, and Alan A. Hills III. We encourage their full participation and attendance at Council Meetings.

I am personally looking forward to spending some special time with my family this Christmas season. I pray that all of us will have a very Merry Christmas.

God bless us, everyone.

Deacon Bill Gaul, Grand Knight

Please bring a food donation to the meetings

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

Columbian Report

November was a good month for rentals as well as our lounge revenue. We have several projects that we are trying to achieve by the end of the year. Our energy reduction project proposal is complete (LED lights for the Home in and outside) and will be voted on by the Columbian Board. The cost is \$5200 and the payback is 12 months. The proposals to replace the bingo boards and update our audiovisual equipment are also complete and will be voted on by the board. The cost of the equipment and installation is \$ 21,000. Refurbishing the kitchen and adding a table is under way and should be completed shortly.

As we look forward to December, we have a busy month. We need all hands on deck for the Saratoga Hospital Christmas Party (25 volunteers). Our Home's Christmas Breakfast with Santa is December 19, please sign up in the Lounge. We need a solid number of people attending. Tickets are now on sale for our K of C Christmas Party and are selling fast. They may be purchased in the Lounge. They are limited, so do not miss out.

Enjoy the holidays!
Ken Davis, Columbian President

Pro Life Corner



St. John Paul II said it long ago: "A nation that kills its own children is a nation without hope." This is particularly of Germany, where I was born. The booklet "Demographics is our Misfortune" states that: "One hundred Germans beget only 63 children and 39 grandchildren. Only the Vatican speaks against this."

The recent refugee (so-called) crisis in Europe is a social upheaval in the making because a different culture will soon become the majority. Unless the low birthrate is soon reversed, this is a mathematical certainty. Please pray for the countries of Europe that they will let God plan their family sizes rather than relying on immoral means.

Wendell Neugebauer

Faithful Navigator's Report



As we approach the Christmas season, let us take time to reflect on our many blessings of the last year. Also remember the troops overseas separated from their families who are protecting us as they are in harm's way. At this giving time remember Books for

Troops collected at the hall or donations to Adopt A Soldier, located in Gansevoort. We continue to help our local veterans with gift cards and continue to provide a nutritious meal each week. Hopefully, our Bon Ton sales were profitable, but we can use some more ideas for fund raising for our veterans so we can replenish our veterans fund.

Please remember to bring non perishable foods to our meetings, some being sent to the homeless veteran homes in Ballston. May you have a joyous season with your families. Merry Christmas!

Vivat Jesus.
Rick Schwartzbeck, Faithful Navigator

Jeffrey's Fundraiser

On October 11th, we had a fundraiser to help Jeffrey Jackson with the expenses incurred fighting colon cancer. **Joe Fredette** and **Frank Bunch** put on a great Baked Lasagna dinner for all to enjoy.

We wish to thank more than 80 businesses and the many people in our community who donated gift certificates and money. Our sincere gratitude goes to all those who help to make this event a huge success for Jeffrey! We presented a check in the amount of \$10,000 to Jeffrey's Fund and many prayers.



Chaplain's Message



On November 9th we celebrated our annual Memorial Mass for remembering our deceased brothers and Catholic Daughters deceased sisters. It was held at St. Peters Church in Saratoga Springs. About 85 people attended. I want to thank all those that had a helping hand in making it a success, especially Father Tom Chevalier who presided at the Mass and giving us access to the Church. Also thanks to Sam Taylor, cantor, Dennis Taylor, reader, Mark Phillips, preparer and Rose Turo and Sheila Daignault, cup ministers. Chef Joe Fredette prepared a wonderful meal for us. As usual the Color Corps added greatly to the service.

Advent began this year on November 29th. Advent has a two fold character. First we remember the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity and likewise we look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. We are called to make use of the disciplines of prayer and fasting and to make and to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation

December 8th is the feast of the Immaculate Conception which is a holy day of obligation. Under this title Mary was chosen as the patroness of United States.

Christmas is celebrated December 25th in the Western Church and on January 6th in the Eastern Church. The word Christmas comes from an old English phrase "Cristes Maess" which means Christ's Mass.

"Peace on earth and good will to all" Luke 2:14"

Have a happy, holy and merry Christmas.

—Deacon Bill Gaul, Chaplain

Christmas Parties

The following two annual Christmas parties are scheduled at the K of C home:

Children's Party:

- * December 19, 9:00 AM to approx. 11:30 AM
- * Sign up required (at the bar) with number of adults and children.
- * As is the recent custom, parents (adults) will provide gifts for children.
- * Deadline for sign up: December 12.
- * Sponsored by the Columbian Association.

Adult party:

- * December 19
- * Open bar: 5:00 to 7:00 PM, Dinner: 6:00 to 7:00 PM
- * Music and dancing: 7:00 to 10:00 PM
- * Prime Rib dinner
- * Tickets \$25.00 per person
- * Tickets are limited, buy soon at the bar
- * Deadline for ticket purchase: December 12
- * Sponsored by the Columbian Association

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C/O Grand Knight

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Grand Knight Bill Gaul

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Youth Dance

The next youth dance will be held on Friday, December 11. 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.

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Festival Celebration Choir of Albany

The Festival Celebration Choir is an ecumenical choral ensemble of mixed voices, representing over 40 different churches throughout the Capital Region, dedicated to the joy of singing music in praise of God. On December 6 they will be performing a selection of Christmas songs including "O Come, All Ye Faithful", "Christmas Day" and "Suite Of The Nativity" among others at 3:00pm at the First Lutheran Church of Albany at 181 Western Ave. in Albany. I hope you will consider attending and supporting this celebration of our faith. Tickets are available at the door and are \$18 (\$13 for students and seniors). And we are raffling off a \$500 Gift Certificate for Colonie Center (Tickets are \$10 each). If you are interested or want more information, please call me at 428-2375. Thank you.

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