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Upcoming Events at the K of C

February

- 2 Mon. 3rd Degree 7:30 PM
Rosary 7:00 PM
- 3 Tue. Catholic Daughters
6:30 PM
- 6 Fri. Teen Dance 6:45 PM
- 7 Sat. Cabin Fever Party And
Dinner 2-6 PM
- 16 Mon. 2nd Degree 6:30 PM
Candidates arrive 6:00 PM
- 23 Mon. 4th Degree 7:30 PM
- 26 Thu. Spaghetti Dinner Benefit
Mantia Family
- 27 Fri. Pot Luck Supper, Knights
and Catholic Daughters

March

- 2 Mon. 3rd Degree 7:30 PM
Rosary 7:00 PM
- 3 Tue. Catholic Daughters
6:30 PM
- 6 Fri. Teen Dance 6:45 PM
- 16 Mon. 3rd Degree 7:30
- 19 Thu. Benefit Dinner 5-8 PM
- 22 Sun. 3rd Degree
Exemplification
- 23 Mon. 4th Degree 7:30 PM
- 29 Sun. Polish Dance

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

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

Grand Knight's Message



Happy New Year! I hope your celebrations were joyous as we look forward to 2015.

Our council has made a commitment to Code Blue to supply meals on Thursdays when the shelter is open. **Joe, Gus**, and **Chuck** have stepped up (due to **Chef Bill's** health issues), and made meals and soups and have it all ready in advance. Code Blue picks it up at the council for the shelter. We have gotten some rave reviews on the meals delivered already. We are working on possibly expanding these meals to a monthly feast for our veterans in Ballston.

February looks to be a busy month (Good thing it is short!). Seems we use "busy" a lot lately, but that is what we are all about. **Joe Fredette** has our inaugural Cabin Fever Party on February 7th. Posters and advertisements are out. Let's sell tickets and support our fundraisers. Also in February, we will host a fundraiser for **Ken** and **Mary Beth Mantia's** family whose son is facing major surgery. Mary Beth is the secretary at Spa Catholic and will need help to offset many costs.

We also start our Saratoga Bridges Dances. Saratoga Bridges rents our hall and their clients have a good time and support the programs at Saratoga Bridges. Our night of fellowship and fun, aka Pot Luck Supper, is scheduled for February 27 from 6 till?

It's winter. It's cold. It's snowy. Those who take time off and head south May God Bless You. For those who stay let's fill in for our "snowbirds" that help at Bingo, teen dances, and other council functions. Be sure to check our schedule of events for the many things scheduled this month.

Please remember to keep **Chef Bill**, as well as **Steve Toussaint** and his wife, and other Knights in your daily prayers. May God bestow many blessings on you and your families.

Rick Schwartzbeck,

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.

Columbian report

January and February are usually slow months for hall rentals for the Columbian. We have a few events scheduled. We had a very successful wedding on January 10 and several small events. On February 7 we have a fundraiser for the Knights. **Joe F.** is cooking ribs, chicken and assorted sides. We need a lot of help and support from the brothers. Please contact **Joe** or **Gus**.

John Tuohy is looking into a free website to advertise our events. John thank you for taking the initiative to look into the website and for the advice that you have given me over the past few months.

Gus, Rick and **Dave** thank you for handling the bookings and day to day operations. I see that we are very busy with bookings and things are going smoothly.

Ken Davis, Columbian President

Catholic Daughters of The America's



Court McLaughlin #422 Catholic Daughters of the Americas, will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday February 3, 2015 at 6:30 pm at the Knights of

® Columbus. We will once again be holding a Red Auction and members are being asked to donate new or Very gently used items for the auction. In addition members wishing to bid need to bring cash or check for payment that evening. There will be no "credit" extended. This proved to be a fun activity last year and the proceeds of the sale allowed us to make a larger monetary donation to Birthright. Members are also asked to bring their baskets for the spring raffle. New members are always welcome to attend. Please arrive by 6:00pm if you wish to participate in the social time. For further info contact **Anne Senecal**, Regent at 885-0663.

Anne Senecal, Regent

Please bring a food donation
to the meetings.

Faithful Navigator's Report



I hope all Sir Knights are keeping warm during this cold weather. One way to do so is to volunteer for our many K of C events during the winter. Youth dances, bingo, and our veteran's/ Bon-Ton activities, among others, are always in need of help. So, if you need an activity to warm your body as well as your soul, join us at one of these events.

The Assembly has received thank you letters for our 2014 donations from Saratoga War Horse and the Stratton VA Hospital. Many thanks to Sir Knight **Tom Boehlert** for his efforts on behalf of these organizations and our veterans.

I have been informed it is unlikely that a 4th degree Exemplification will be held in the Capital District area during the spring of 2015. The closest exemplification may be in Binghamton, NY. That being the case, unfortunately, I expect few, if any, new Sir Knights to join us this year.

Please keep Sir Knight **Bill Joubert** in your prayers as he recovers in the hospital. We look forward to having **Chef Bill** back in our kitchen soon.

John Tuohy, FN 584-3472

Did You Know?

The first exemplification of the Fourth Degree took place on Feb. 22, 1900, in New York City; 1,100 Knights received the degree. The following May, another 750 Knights took the degree in Boston.

The first council in the Philippines — Manila Council 1000 — was chartered by U.S. citizens after the Spanish-American War in 1905. The same year, the Order expanded to Mexico, establishing Guadalupe Council 1050 in Mexico City.

U.S. workers in the Canal Zone instituted Balboa Council 1371 in Panama City in 1909. A degree team from Mobile, Ala., then visited Cuba and instituted San Agustin Council 1390 in Havana.

Notre Dame Council 1477 was chartered in the spring of 1910, becoming the first of nearly 250 college councils worldwide.

<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/about/history/>



Chaplain's Message

Ash Wednesday this year falls on February 18. Along with Good Friday it is a day of fast and abstinence.

When I was a youngster I would get upset if Ash Wednesday came before my birthday which is February 22. The things that I would normally give up for Lent, ice cream, cake etc. are the things that I would like on my birthday. But because Lent came first I could not have them. Giving things up for Lent is good but we can also take things on for Lent. Lent is a good time to take a good look at ourselves and reflect on the things that are keeping us from being closer to God. We can ask ourselves "How is my prayer life? Do I receive the sacraments often enough like confession? Do I treat others properly? Am I concerned about the needs of others? These are a few things to think about.

A good practice in Lent is to try to attend daily Mass and the Stations of the Cross. These are things that can help us to prepare for Easter, the glorious day that Jesus rose from the dead and conquered sin and death.

On February 11 we celebrate the first Apparition of Mary to Bernadette Soubirois in Lourdes France. Bernadette was sickly and uneducated young girl. She was a slow learner especially of her Catechism. Because of this she was not able to make her First Communion with children of her same age. When she asked "the Lady " her name, she answered in the local tongue. "Que soy era Immaculado Concepiou". "I am the Immaculate Conception". Only three years before Pope Pius IX declared it as dogma. There is no way Bernadette could have known this or anything about the Immaculate Conception. It caused quite a stir not only in her local village but also in the entire Catholic world. Her story is a great one and worth reading.

"O Jesus, keep me under the standard of your cross. Let me not just look at you crucified but have you living in my heart".

St. Bernadette

Vivat Jesus

—Deacon Bill Gaul, Chaplain

Note: February is only 28 days long because it is such a terrible month weather wise they want to get it over with.

Pro Life Corner



"I think of Blessed Paul VI. At a time when the problem of population growth was being raised, he had the courage to defend openness to life in families. He knew the difficulties that are there in every family, and so in his Encyclical he was very merciful towards particular cases, and he asked confessors to be very merciful and understanding in dealing with particular cases. But he also had a broader vision: he looked at the peoples of the earth and he saw this threat of families being destroyed for lack of children. Paul VI was courageous; he was a good pastor and he warned his flock of the wolves who were coming."

from the *ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS*
Mall of Asia Arena, Manila
Friday, 16 January 2015

Wendell Neugebauer

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Youth Dance

The next youth dance will be held on Friday, February 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.

Don't Forget These Things!

Youth Dance Friday, February 6, 6:45-9:45 PM. Grades 5-7. \$8. Chaperones please arrive 6:15.

Cabin Fever BBQ, Saturday February 7, 2-6 PM. Ribs, chicken, salad, dessert. \$13.
Tickets MUST be purchased in ADVANCE.

Spaghetti Dinner Benefit for Mantia Family, Thursday, February 26, 5-8 PM. \$10.

Bingo Wednesdays 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, / 2/25. Rollover Jackpots. Sign up with John Tuohy to help. Just once a month would be a GREAT help.

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