



# Knights of Columbus

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## Upcoming Events at the K of C

### March

- 2 Mon. 3rd Degree 7:30 PM  
Rosary 7:00 PM
- 3 Tue. Catholic Daughters  
6:30 PM
- 6 Fri. Fish Fry 5-7 PM  
Teen Dance 6:45 PM
- 13 Fri. Fish Fry 5-7 PM
- 16 Mon. 3rd Degree 7:30 PM  
Rosary 7:00 PM
- 19 Thu. Fundraiser Supper for  
Adopt A Soldier 5-8 PM
- 20 Fri. Fish Fry 5-7 PM
- 22 Sun. 3rd Degree  
Exemplification
- 23 Mon. 4th Degree 7:30 PM
- 27 Thu. Fish Fry 5-7 PM
- 29 Sun. Polish Dance to Benefit  
Saratoga Bridges

### April

- 3 Fri. Good Friday  
Fish Fry 5-7 PM
- 5 Sun. Easter Sunday
- 6 Mon. 3rd Degree 7:30 PM  
Rosary 7:00 PM
- 7 Tue. Catholic Daughters  
6:30 PM
- 16 Thu. Benefit Supper for Books  
for Troops
- 17 Fri. Teen Dance 6:45 PM
- 20 Mon. 3rd Degree 7:30  
Rosary 7:00 PM
- 27 Mon. 4th Degree 7:30 PM

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

## Grand Knight's Message



Sitting in front of a nice toasty fire, watching the snow blow and knowing its bitter cold outside, It does my heart good to write about March. After all, Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 8 and the 1st day of spring is Friday, March 20th. The whole month of March is a time of reflection and penance. During Lent we look forward to the celebration of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. As this challenging winter passes we have much to awaken our sense of gratitude.

Beginning with the first Friday of Lent, February 20th, we will be hosting weekly Friday Fish Fries. The delicious menu will feature fried or baked fish, homemade Mac n' Cheese, french fries, and tasty sides. We are requesting a \$9 donation. Our Pot Luck Gatherings during Feb. & March will be cancelled. Come and support our many projects while enjoying great food created by Chefs **Joe Fredette** and **Gus Ross**, and their able kitchen crew.

Our Benefit Supper is scheduled for Thursday, March 19th, the Feast day of **St. Joseph**. The menu will be four cheese lasagna, salad, and dessert with proceeds going to Adopt a Soldier. Brother **Chuck Lobosco, Sr.** will be baking this favorite entree.

We also have a Third Degree Exemplification on March 22nd. **Joe** will need help in the kitchen and for serving a fine dinner for this annual event. Let's step up, honor our new knights and celebrate their joining our charitable organization.

Please purchase a ticket for the Twelve Grand Club. We want to sell all two hundred enabling us to provide \$2000.00 to each of our Catholic Schools. Also, the Flag Day Parade will be June 13. Mark your calendars now and practice your Marching Steps!

Lastly, our prayers are showing results with **Steve Toussaint's** and **Lavern Utter's** wives, and Brother **Bill Joubert** have all returned to their respective homes from the hospital. Let us continue to keep them in our prayers during their recoveries.

**Rick Schwartzbeck,**

Grand Knight

### 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

**Code Blue** (feeding the homeless on Thursday nights below 20) has been very smooth. Kudos to **Gus, Joe F and Chuck L.** In addition to feeding the homeless on Thursday nights, they prepare meals hot and delicious K of C suppers for the veterans to enjoy in their homes in Ballston Spa. A lot of time goes into the preparation, so it is a big thanks to those who are doing most of the work. Our liason, Brother **Joe Mendez** makes regular deliveries to the veterans.

On February 7, the Columbian held the 1st Annual Cabin Fever Dinner. It was a rousing success serving over 150 meals! **Joe, Gus** and their team did an outstanding job. We will be doing a fish fry during lent every Friday night. We need help! Please contact **Gus, Joe F. or Rick Schwartzbeck.**

I would be remiss if I did not mention the great job that **Rick and Dave Tarity** are doing in my absence. Bookings remain constant and I am receiving a lot of positive feed back on events that have been held. Last but not least, thanks to **John Tuohy** for his creative thinking and taking the initiative to get us advertising on a local website.

Thank you all.

**Ken Davis**, Columbian President

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### CPR, AED & First Aid Training

Council 246 will be sponsoring this training opportunity on Thursday, March 26 from 6 to 9 PM at 50 Pine Road. The cost is \$15.00 for K of C Members and \$25.00 for non-Members. Please pay at the training class (cash only).

There will be a signup sheet in our Lounge. 30 people maximum.

Please take note: This is a refresher for anyone that needs to be updated and has taken the training within the last ten years.

Anyone that wants the first time class please contact **Don Stevenson** to discuss arrangements-- either at the K of C Home or call 518 894-0522.

Please bring a food donation  
to the meetings.

## Faithful Navigator's Report



The harsh winter weather has impacted many aspects of our lives this season and the Knights of Columbus is no exception. Our last 4th Degree meeting was cancelled in the advent of a winter storm. Hopefully, this month's meeting will be held as scheduled on Monday, February 23, at 7:30PM.

It's time to turn our attention to next year as we prepare to select those who will guide us as officer's of the Assembly during the 2015--2016 Columbian year. If you are interested in being an officer or if you would like to be on a committee to select the officers, please let me know.

**John Tuohy**, FN 584-3472

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All members of Council 246, who would like to enjoy the Celebration Dinner after the 3rd Degree Exemplification on Sunday, March 22, must make a Reservation by Saturday, March 14th. The cost is \$15.00 per person. Costs, for candidates who complete the Degree Exemplification from our Council, are included with their fees.

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### Did You Know?

Tens of thousands of copies of a "bogus oath" were circulated to defame the Knights of Columbus in 1914. The Knights, in turn, laid the groundwork for a lecture series and educational programs to combat anti-Catholic hostility. Between 1914 and 1917, the number of anti-Catholic publications dropped from 60 to fewer than five.

In 1916, when National Guardsmen were sent to the U.S.-Mexico border to prevent Mexican Gen. Francisco "Pancho" Villa from raiding towns in New Mexico, Arizona and Texas, K of C councils in those states spontaneously responded to the religious and social needs of troops serving there.

When the United States entered World War I in 1917, Supreme Knight Flaherty wrote President Woodrow Wilson telling him that the Order planned to establish centers to provide for the troops' "recreational and spiritual comfort." The Knights' services, he said, will be offered "regardless of creed."

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



## Chaplain's Message

On Thursday March 19 we celebrate the solemnity of St. Joseph, the caring guardian of Jesus and the faithful husband of Mary. He was respectful of Mary's virginity even though he could not understand it. He listened obediently to the angel when he was asked to take Mary as his wife even though she was with child. He obeyed again when told to take Jesus and Mary to Egypt for the boys safety.

The Bible says little about Joseph. The Gospels of Mark and John never even mention him. Matthew and Luke mention him a little in their first few chapters. Then that is the last we hear of him.

Silent and faithful Joseph served Jesus and Mary. Suddenly he disappears without any fanfare. He was a man of humble holiness.

St. Joseph has been designated the patron saint of workingmen. His symbol in Christian art is the carpenters square.

On Tuesday March 10 our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson will be at Auriesville to present the first installment of Supreme's donation to the Shrine. There will be a Mass at two pm in the visitors center. After Mass the Supreme Knight will present a check to the Shrine.

The entourage and a few others will come to our council for a break away dinner. There will no head table and no speeches. Mr. Anderson and his group will eat and run. Anyone interested in attending the Mass at the Shrine please contact me. There is a limited amount of seats. As of February 15 our Council has donated a total of \$4310.00 for the Shrines recovery work. This amount includes the Council donation and those given by individual Knights.

May the Lord, our God, bless us in all that we undertake. Amen.

DT 14:29

Vivat Jesus

—Deacon Bill Gaul, Chaplain



### Pro Life Corner

**Papal Audience: Children, a gift for the family, the Church and society**

Just think of the many societies we know here in Europe. They are depressed societies because they don't want children, they don't have children. The birth rate doesn't even reach 1%, why? Everyone should think about that and answer it personally.

If a generous family of children is viewed as if it were a burden, there is something wrong! As the Encyclical Humanae Vitae of Blessed Pope Paul VI teaches, but having more children cannot be automatically viewed as an irresponsible choice. The choice to not have children is selfish. Life rejuvenates and acquires energy when it multiplies: It is enriched, not impoverished! Children learn to take charge of their family, they mature in the sharing of sacrifices, and they grow in appreciation of its gifts. The experience of joyful fraternity animates the respect and care of parents, who are due our gratitude.

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C/O Grand Knight

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## Youth Dance

The next youth dance will be held on Friday, March 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 \$8.

## Please keep it in mind!

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

Fundraiser for Adopt A Soldier March 19th, 5-8 p.m. Four Cheese Lasagna Dinner \$9 donation

Fish Fry Fridays every Friday in March 5-7 \$9 donation

Get your Twelve Grand Tickets. See **Dan Pemrick** or **Stan Drosky**

Bingo Wednesdays 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, / 3/25. Rollover Jackpots. Sign up with **John Tuohy** to help. Just once a month would be a GREAT help.

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