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Upcoming Events at the K of C

January

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

February

- 1 Mon. Council Mtg 7:30 PM,
Rosary 6:30 PM
- 2 Tue. Catholic Daughters
6:30 PM
- 12 Fri. Fish Fry 5:00 to 7:00 PM
- 15 Mon. 2nd Degree
Exemplification 6:30 PM
- 19 Fri. Fish Fry 5:00 to 7:00 PM
- 22 Mon. Assembly Mtg 7:30 PM
- 26 Fri. Fish Fry 5:00 to 7:00 PM

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

Grand Knight's Message



Happy New Year!

Our Council was very busy during December. All went well because of all those who were involved. In the midst of it all, I hope everyone was able to have a joyful and pleasant Christmas with family and friends.

A New Year is here and we have some important dates coming up in January. Our first business meeting will be held on Monday January 4, 2016. There will be a First Degree Exemplification on Sunday January 17, 2016 at 11:30 AM. It will be followed by a light lunch.

The benefit in November was a tremendous success. Many thanks to Chuck Labosco and his crew. We were able to give the Ladies of Charity \$500.00 for their Christmas giving program.

The Saratoga Hospital breakfast was a huge success also this year. Nearly 700 people were served. Many thanks to those who helped. Among them were Chef Bill Joubert, Gus Ross, Ken Davis, Frank Bunch, Elwin Rivenberg, Louis Sasien, Mike Planko and all those who served.

Please remember food for the food pantries. There are many folks out there in great need. A few cans of food from each of us will make a big difference to them.

Vivat Jesus!

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

As 2015 comes to a close, your Columbian had a very busy and successful year. Our rentals were up about 20%. The lounge showed an increase in net profit of \$4000 and we were able to hold expenses to a small increase. We completed the work in the kitchen and the cost was \$ 1,200 and that money came from the Columbian operating profit. Our two major projects, video bingo and lighting, now have completion dates. Video bingo will be done by January 22 and the lighting will be finished by the second week in January. We held our kids' Christmas party with over 130 kids and adults being served a delicious breakfast and the Knights' Christmas party with over 90 in attendance enjoying the Special Feast. I really enjoy ending the year with these two events, they brings all of our friends, family and brother knights together for grand celebrations.

Our goals in 2016 will be to maintain revenue and work on reducing our costs. I would like to thank **Gus Ross** and **Dick Grimm**. They worked very hard this year and were one of the main reasons for our achievements. My kitchen cabinet (my sounding boards) **John Touhy**, **Bob Badaszewski** and **Steve Toussaint**, were always there when I need information or just to bounce ideas around. They had the hardest job keeping me out of trouble. Last but not least, a special thanks to the Columbian Board, for all of their input into our projects and their strong support.

Happy New Year to All!

Ken Davis, Columbian President

Pro Life Corner



In my pro-life activities, I sometimes encounter good people who absolutely oppose abortion, but think it might be justified if the mother is in extreme poverty. This is a completely indefensible position. The Catechism of the Catholic Church clearly states that human life begins at conception (CCC 2270). The shedding of innocent blood during an abortion is one of the sins that cries out to heaven for vengeance (CCC 2268, 1867). Rather than wishing the vengeance of heaven on any young woman, let us support some of the many pregnancy centers that offer financial and psychological help.

Wendell Neugebauer

Faithful Navigator's Report



Our busy fall is now heading into winter and several continuing projects. **Joe, Frank** and **Gus** are continuing to cook for the veterans' homes. Please check with Joe to see if you can bring any items needed for these meals. We collected over \$500 to purchase wreaths for the Wreaths Across America project which placed wreaths on the graves of veterans at Saratoga National Cemetery on Saturday, December 12. We still have American flags in the office that can be placed on graves of deceased veterans.

Great job to all who helped with the BonTon Book Sales. We raised over \$3000 for the veterans which is being used for \$100 gift cards for each of our homeless veterans. Please remember food for the shelters which can be brought to our meetings. I wish you all a Very Happy New Year and prosperous 2016.

Rick Schwartzbeck, Faithful Navigator

Happy New Year !

Did you know?...

That using the image of a baby to symbolize the New Year began in Greece around the year 600 BC?

Newsletter Omission

Last month, in oversight, we left out of the Newsletter the names of the two Knights that chaired the fundraiser for Jeffrey Jackson. We humbly apologize to both, **Manny Ballestero** and **Ralph Flinton**, who did a great job with wonderful results. Thank you guys and God bless you.

Bill Gaul G.K.

Chaplain's Message



January 1 is the feast of Mary, Mother of God. Mary was officially and formally approved with the title of Mother of God at the Council of Ephesus in 431. It is not accidental that the Church's official teaching is summed up first, That she was sinless; second, That she was a Virgin; third, That she was taken bodily to heaven, fourth; That she is the Mother of God. Mary was immaculately conceived for one reason, to prepare her to give birth to the Son of God. Mary was a precious treasure and still is.

As we begin a new year, let us thank God for the blessings we received the past year. As we make New Year resolutions, maybe we could include enhancing our prayer lives.

In January, sadly, it is the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the epitome of the culture of death. Even the early Fathers of the Church way back in the first and second centuries condemned abortion as murder. Children who are aborted are cheated of their God given right to live. Pray for our country that it will get back to Judeo-Christian principles and give up the falsity of secularism.

"Try to serve the Lord with all your heart and with all your will.
He will always bless you more than you deserve."

St. Padre Pio

Have a happy blessed New Year!
—Deacon Bill Gaul, Chaplain

Catholic Daughters



A big thank you to the Knights for treating us like royalty the evening of our New Members Reception, which we held at the hall the evening of the dinner to benefit the Ladies of Charity. The dinner (chicken and biscuits) was delicious and the service was excellent. Our Court looks forward to participating in joint activities with the Knights, such as the upcoming Children's Christmas Party and of course the Adult Christmas Party. We appreciate the support that you continually give us and I would like to wish you and your families a Blessed Christmas and a Joyous New Year!

A reminder that our meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month, September through June, at 6:30 PM, at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Our Court always welcomes new members or anyone who would just like to attend a meeting to find out what we are about. If anyone has questions regarding membership please call Eileen Tuohy, Membership Chairperson (584-3472) or me, Aileen Thomas, Regent (583-2905).

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