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Upcoming Events at the K of C

June

6 Mon. Council Mtg. 7:30 PM

Rosary 6:30 PM

7 Tue. Catholic Daughters

6:30 PM

11 Sat. Flag Day Parade

20 Mon. Council Mtg. 7:30 PM

25 Sat. Bishops Burse 6:00 PM

27 Mon. Assembly Mtg.

7:30 PM

Summer 2016

Rosary - first Monday of July and August 6:30 PM

Bingo - every Wednesday

7:00 PM

Sun. 10 July - Family Picnic

Mon. 12 September - Council

Mtg. 7:30 PM

Rosary 6:30 PM

Mon. 26 September - Assembly

Mtg. 7:30 PM



Grand Knight's Message



On the Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, above Mary and the child Jesus, are two Archangels, by name Gabriel and Michael. Both of whom played pivotal roles in the life of Mary. In my year as Grand Knight, I had two Angels that were there for me. They were Dick Grimm and Steve Toussaint. Each assisted me in different ways. Dick was there whenever I needed help or advice. He even offered advice sometimes when I didn't ask for it. This I much appreciated.

Every article I wrote for the newsletter, I had Steve at my side. As a retired English teacher, he checked my spelling, sentence structure, grammar and even rephrased some of my comments. These two Knights helped me to have an enjoyable and successful year.

There were more angels I would like to mention: Mark Phillips, who sat next to me at every meeting, giving me great advice about procedure and anything else to make the meeting better, Rich Gorman and John Tuohey gave their opinions when often sought, Rick Schwartzbeck was involved in almost everything. Jeff Koppi took over as Editor of our newsletter. He did a great job working with the printer and was most tolerant when I called him all the time. Joe Sokol, Bob Badaszewski and Don Stevenson for helping every month putting the address labels on the newsletter. Joe Fredette, Frank Bunch and Chuck Lobosco for many delicious dinners, Dennis Taylor for his oversight and advice managing donation requests. Dave Tarity for direction he provided on administrated matters. For those I overlooked, I humbly apologize and sincerely thank each of you.

I was told, when elected as Grand Knight, I would have a very busy year. I was told: "I would have to marry the Council." They were right. But it was a great experience for me. I learned about and developed a better understanding of the Knights of Columbus. I have gotten to know Knights much better. In fact, I feel we have become good friends.

I thank God for allowing me to be your Grand Knight. I had reservations when asked to get in the chairs. My age and my wife Alice's health were a concern. The Lord blessed me with all the Knights that supported me. I pray that God will continue to bless our Council with abundance.

My year is over but I will still be around. You are not going to get rid of me.

Vivat Jesus!

Deacon Bill Gaul, Grand Knight

Detailed "Upcoming Events" changes and additions at:

www.SaratogaKofC.org

Bingo Every Wednesday

Columbian Report

The Columbian has rented the kitchen out on a long term bases to a new enterprise in the Saratoga area. The business is called the Food Florist, which is owned and operated by Trish Nusbaum. Trish relocated to Saratoga do to her husbands job change. The business provides ready to bake meals such as lasagna, chicken pot pies, casseroles and quiches. You can find the Food Florist at various farmers markets, Saratoga on Wednesday and Saturdays and Schenectady every Sunday. If you are in the area stop by and say hello.

All of the capital projects have been completed and for the most part they have improved our efficiency, which has reduced expenses. I would like to thank the board of directors for their continued support, our officers Dick Grimm and Gus Ross for the outstanding job they do on a daily bases and Dave Territy, Rick Schwartzbeck and John Touhy for always being there to help out.

Ken Davis, Columbian President

Congratulations...

to the newly elected officers of the Council for the Columbian year 2016 - 2017. Your new Grand Knight is Tom Gurka. I am sure Tom and the other officers will be given our support and encouragement.
- Deacon Bill GK

Pro Life Corner



Those Pesky Mandates Quietly, behind the scenes, un-elected bureaucrats at the New York State Department of Financial Services (DFS) have mandated that religious and other employers must pay for abortions in employee health plans. This was done without any legislative or regulatory enactment. Abortion is totally against Catholic teaching and we cannot tolerate such mandates. Because of this, various dioceses (not just Catholic) and other religious organizations have filed a lawsuit against DFS challenging their constitutionality.

Please read the full story in the May 12 issue of the Evangelist and let your legislators know of your displeasure. It seems that we need to watch the government more and more to keep freedom of religion alive.

Wendell Neugebauer

Faithful Navigator's Report



Our 2015-2016 Columbian year draws to a close on a very sad note with the passing of PFN, PGK, Bob Spratt. Bob's leadership and support of our assembly and council have helped us prosper and aid our churches and community.

The Veterans' Dinners, our continued support of the homes in Ballston Spa, and projects have expanded in the last few years. They will need continued support in the future. The Veterans' Gala is returning to the K of C on October 1 from 5-9 at the hall. The committee will need many workers as the event gets closer. Knights can contact committee members for letters to get donations and find out what other help is needed. Remember, many hands make light work.

Our Color Corps is buying "lighter" flags for ceremonies and parades as the older ones seem to have gotten heavier.

It has been a pleasure to serve as Faithful Navigator this past year and hope we can continue working and helping our new officers. May the Lord be with you and guide you.

Rick Schwartzbeck, Faithful Navigator

In Remembrance



James Collins

Robert Spratt

Gerri Utter

Patricia Hall

May they rest in peace
and live on in our memories.

Chaplain's Message

Back in the 80's and 90's I regularly attended the annual Priest, Deacon Conference and Retreat at Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio. Each year they acquired high powered speakers, many of whom were priests, deacons and lay people. This university was and still is very traditional and orthodox. One year they invited Fr. Reniero Contelemessa, a Capuchin priest from Rome who was a well known author and preacher. Also, he was the preacher of the Papal household and he still holds that honored position. His latest book, *The Gaze of Mercy*, was written to compliment the Pope's Year of Mercy. The current issue of the Deacons Digest has a short review of the book. It touches on highlights and gives several quotes by Fr. Reniero. He writes about forgiveness. One quote is: "Forgiveness does for a community what oil does for a motor." Jesus looked lovingly and mercifully on Peter, Judas, the woman caught in adultery and everyone He met. This quote stood out to me, "The opposite of mercy is not justice but vengeance." I plan to purchase this book. I know it will be a great read.

While I was at Steubenville one day on break, I decided to go to the cafeteria to get a cup of coffee. Father Reniero was there seated alone. I asked him if I could join him. He readily granted my request. I found him to be not only a holy, brilliant priest, but very friendly and he had quite a sense of humor. It is amazing how well he spoke English. When they asked him to come and be the principle speaker, he informed them that he could not speak English. In a three month period he mastered the language. I can honestly say he spoke English better than I. What a joy it was to spend time with such a marvelous human being.

"Communicating the truth is the loftiest duty of the Church
and is the best way to preach mercy." - Father Reniero

Deacon Bill Gaul, Chaplain

Robert "Bob" Spratt

On Sunday May 8, 2016, Robert "Bob" Spratt passed away. Bob was a long time member of the Knights of Columbus Council #246 and Assembly 745, having made his First Degree in 1981 he was an Honorary Life member of both.

Bob was a major influence in our organization for 35 years. This was not only because of his longevity but because of his sound judgment, his knowledge and his reputation for not only getting things done~ but getting things done well. His personality, his tact and his devotion to our organization made him a much sought after member for a number of committees . Bob was a jovial and a well known man, a very proud Father to have four sons in the Knights of Columbus.

Bob served not only our organization, but was active in several community service endeavors. From coaching little league to announcing Pop Warner football games and being a longtime member and chairman of the Saratoga Springs Recreation Commission. Additionally , Bob will be remembered fondly as "Santa Claus" at our annual children's Christmas party.

Bob was a great ambassador for our Knights of Columbus. Bob was an example of what we should all aspire to be. Bob was certainly a busy man and he will be sorely missed by all.

We have lost a friend and a giant among Knights, however "We do not grieve that he is gone but cherish his memory and let him live on within us."

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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. I have been blessed with the opportunity to again sing with them in our Spring Concert- "Praise & Thanksgiving-Celebrating 30 years of the Festival Celebration Choir". We will be singing several songs of praise including: The Old Hundredth Psalm, Psalm 150, Never Weather Beaten Sail, Clap Your Hands and Messe in G by Franz Shubert on Sunday June 5 at 4:00pm at the First Lutheran Church at 181 Western Avenue in Albany. I hope you will consider attending and supporting this celebration of our faith. Tickets are \$18 (\$13 for students and seniors). If you are interested or want more information, please call me at 428-2375. Thank you.

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