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Upcoming Events at the K of C

March

- 1 Tue. Catholic Daughters
6:30 PM
- 4 Fri. Fish Fry 5:00 - 7:00 PM
- 5 Sat. Cabin Fever Party
5:00 - 8:00
- 7 Mon. Council Mtg 7:30 PM
Rosary 6:30 PM
- 11 Fri. Fish Fry 5:00 - 7:00 PM
- 13 Sun. Third Degree
Exemplification 12 noon
- 18 Fri. Fish Fry 5:00 - 7:00 PM
- 21 Mon. Council Mtg 7:30 PM
- 25 Fri. Fish Fry 5:00-7:00 PM
Good Friday
- 27 Easter Sunday
- 28 Mon. Assembly Mtg 7:30 PM
- 31 Thu. Benefit Dinner
4:30 - 7:00 P.M.

April

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- 23 Sat. Donny Elvis Show
- 25 Mon. Assembly Mtg 7:30 PM

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

Grand Knight's Message



Congratulations to those who made their 2nd degree on February 15. Included was our newest member Dan Matrazzo. Thanks also to Joe Fredette and Frank Bunch for the fine repast. The degree was well attended. We will be holding a 3rd degree on Sunday March 13. Hopefully we will have a large class and many members will attend.

Father Tracy sent an Email to Mark Phillips stating that he will be arriving this year after Labor Day. Mike Planko and Laverne Utter have volunteered to head up the dinner this year.

I have received notice that the Bishops Burse will be held in Saratoga on Saturday June 25. More info to follow.

The Chowderfest went real well on Sat. February 6. All 40 gallons of chowder was sold. Good going Joe Fredette and Frank Bunch. Also these two gentlemen put on a great meal on Fat Tuesday. I never had Jambalaya before but it sure was good. The muffulettas (sandwiches) were a mouthful, literally.

I signed the Charter for Boy Scout Troop 11. They will be here with us for at least another year, until January 2017.

There will be a fund raiser dinner on March 31. It will be a ham dinner with all the trimmings. The profits will be given to the Third Degree to add to our much depleted treasury. Hopefully a good crowd will attend. In light of the current financial straits the Council finds itself in, I have taken the following actions:

I have appointed the following volunteer members to a Council Budget committee: Richard Grimm, John Tuohey, Joseph Flacke and David Daignault. The charge of this committee will be to identify all potential sources of revenue for the Council and after identifying revenues, develop parameters to guide spending (expenditure plan) simply put a budget.

To address severely reduced revenue sources, I plan to appoint a committee for the express purpose of developing new fundraisers (revenue sources). Rob Spratt had some excellent thoughts at our last meeting so I have asked him to be committee chair. New member Dan Matrazzo did Email me a thorough and thoughtful list of possibilities. I think he will be an excellent committee addition. If anyone else would like to work with Rob and Dan please contact me.

I will also be asking people to be on the nominating committee to select candidates for next year's officers. There are two committees: Past Grand Knights and the floor committee. Anyone interested please see me.

Have a happy Easter. Alleluia He is risen.

Vivat Jesus!

Deacon Bill Gaul, Grand Knight

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

Columbian Report

January was very busy for rentals and projects. February is shaping up as another good month.

In prior issues I mentioned the installation of video bingo and changing all the lights in the home over to LED lights to cut our electric bill. Those projects are 95% complete. The video bingo installation was not without it's challenges but **John Tuohey** was more than equal to the task. John spent several hours programing the new console only to find out that it was not compatible with our current boards. We hired an outside firm to install the video equipment and the installation had problems. **John T** with the help of **Dick Grimm** baby sat the installers for several days. As of today we are getting positive feedback from the public on our state of the art bingo system.

Our lighting project when off well and **Gus Ross** has most of the lights installed in the home and we are waiting for a few fixtures to be delivered.

The Columbian participated in The Saratoga ChowderFest for the first time and it was huge success. Beside **Joe Fredette** and **Frank Bunch** who did the cooking, we had several volunteers **Joe Powers** and his wife, **Gus Ross** and **Rich Gorman** and a few others. Our rentals remain strong, **Rick Schwartzbeck** and **Dave Terity** are doing a super job booking events and making sure everything is done to perfection. **Dick Grim** and **Gus Ross** are addressing all of the operational and expense issues.

I would like to thank all of the gentlemen mentioned herein for keeping the Columbian functioning as smoothly as it does.

Thank you,
Ken Davis, Columbian President

St. Joseph

March 19 is the feast of St. Joseph. A very popular saint but little is known of him. He became Mary's spouse under very difficult circumstances. An angel announced to him that Mary had conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit. In obedience he took Mary to be his wife. He and Mary nurtured the child through his hidden years. Mary and Joseph form the model for the Christian family. Joseph is the patron of a happy death.

Faithful Navigator's Report



Fellow Knights,

I realize its cold, but please mark June 11th on your calendars for the yearly Flag Day Parade and we hope to get our spot early.

Joe Fredette, Frank Bunch and the kitchen crew continue helping the veterans with Thursday dinners. Several beds were also donated for the homes. Be sure to check out the article on our bulletin board. When you see the gentlemen who made this possible, please extend a warm thank you. This helps to make the veteran homes more comfortable for those living there and they are very grateful. Also remember to come share some camaraderie with fellow knights at our weekly Fish Fry Fridays all during Lent.

May the grace of the Lord be with you during this Holy Season.

Rick Schwartzbeck, Faithful Navigator

Cabin Fever

The second annual Cabin Fever dinner will be held on Saturday March 5 from 5 to 8PM. It will include ribs, chicken and more. The cost is \$15 and tickets must be purchased in advance.

Pro Life Corner



In chapter 19 of the book of Leviticus, God tells Moses to give this command to the people: "You shall not go about spreading slander among your kin; nor shall you stand by idly when your neighbor's life is at stake." How many of us are standing by idly while our unborn neighbors are slaughtered by abortion? It happens 3300 times a day by surgical means in the United States each day and an estimated five times as often by chemical means (morning after pill and contraceptive prevention of implantation). Do not be fooled, abortion happens right in our own neighborhood, and we must speak out against it by prayer, public witness, writing to newspapers and legislators, and judicious voting. The little babies depend on us.

Wendell Neugebauer



Chaplain's Message

Easter this year comes early. It falls on March 27th. Easter is the high point of the Christian year. Jesus rose from the dead in His glorified body and it became the instrument that He gave His Spirit to His followers. Because He is risen, Jesus enjoys a totally new relationship with His Father in heaven and with all of us here on earth. He is in His "glorified state". Easter celebrates the central mystery of Christ; His triumph over death and the cross in His resurrection.

Many wonderful things happen during Holy Week which begins this year on Monday March 21. On Holy Thursday, we celebrate the institution of the Holy Eucharist and of the priesthood. On Good Friday, we share in the suffering, agony and death of Jesus. On Holy Saturday, we celebrate a long and beautiful liturgy. We also share in the joy of the new catechumens who celebrate Mass with us for the first time.

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. All of us from age 14 are required to abstain from meat. Fasting is one full meal and two smaller ones. This applies to people from 18 to 59.

May the Risen Redeemer shine on all of us and our families on the glorious day of Easter.
He is risen Alleluia, Alleluia!

Deacon Bill Gaul, Chaplain

Catholic Daughters

Our Court is holding a Basket Raffle again this year and I would like to thank the Knights of Columbus for donating a Golf Basket again this year, as you have done in the past. It's one of the most popular baskets. All of our Members will have a list of the baskets to be raffled together with tickets which are \$1.00 each or a book of 12 for \$10.

We are also holding a Donny Elvis Show again on Saturday, April 23rd, doors will open at 5PM and the show will start at 6:30PM. Tickets are \$15.00 each. As always, Donny puts on a great show so come and enjoy an evening with friends.

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. If anyone has questions regarding membership please call Eileen Tuohy, Membership Chairperson (584-3472) or me, Aileen Thomas, Regent (583-2905).

Coats for Kids

The coats for kids that we purchased were a big hit at the annual giving fair that Lisa Kent runs at St. Clements. They were well received and rightfully so. The jackets were really nice ones and attractive also. The kids that received them loved them. I brought a couple of them to one of the meetings to show everyone how nice they were. I got quite a few real good comments.

It is really a good feeling when you do something special for people in need. It is things like this that the Knights of Columbus is all about.

Deacon Bill Gaul, GK

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Grand Knight Bill Gaul

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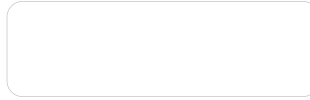
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Council 246 Bingo

Our new video bingo system has been installed and feedback from our players has been very positive. Stop by the hall on any Wednesday evening to see the equipment in use and stay to play bingo and win a share of the \$1,500 in prizes we give away every week.

As some of our stalwart weekly regulars will be leaving for the sunny south next month we are especially in need of volunteers to work bingo and clean up afterwards during the months of March and April. Working bingo is not complicated and all new volunteers will be provided with instruction. Any help you can give us will be appreciated. Be to the hall by 5:45 to help us sell bingo cards, 6:45 to help us call back bingos, or 9:30 to help us clean and clear the hall. Call me at 258-4525 to let me know you are coming.

Bearing in mind that the Council's revenue sources have diminished, bingo remains our most consistent source of revenue, as it has been for over 25 years. As we consider new sources of revenue, let's not forget to support bingo's current financial contributions to our Council home and our donations program.

John Tuohy, Bingo Chairman

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