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Upcoming Events at the K of C

October

- 1 Sat. Veterans Dinner & Gala
5:00 - 10:00 PM
- 3 Mon. Council Mtg. 7:30 PM
Rosary 6:30 PM
- 4 Tue. Catholic Daughters
6:00 PM
- 6 Thu. Fundraiser Soup &
Sandwich, 4:30 - 7 PM
- 8 Sat. 4th Degree
Exemplification, Troy NY
- 17 Mon. 1st Degree
Exemplification, 6:30 PM
- 20 Thu. Fundraiser Dinner
4:30 - 7:00 PM
- 24 Mon. Assembly Mtg.
7:30 PM
- 28 Fri. Fish Fry 5:00 - 7:00 PM

November

- 1 Tue. Catholic Daughters
6:00 PM
- 3 Thu. Fundraiser Soup &
Sandwich, 4:30 - 7 PM
- 7 Mon. Council Mtg. 7:30 PM
Rosary 6:30 PM
- 14 Mon. Memorial Mass @ St.
Mary's Ballston Spa, 6:00 PM
- 17 Thu. Fundraiser Dinner
4:30 - 7:00 PM
- 21 Mon. Council Mtg. 7:30 PM
- 25 Fri. Fish Fry 5:00 - 7:00 PM
- 28 Mon. Assembly Mtg.
7:30 PM

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

Grand Knight's Message



Brothers, for those that missed our Council meeting on September 12th, I would like to summarize my Goals for this upcoming Columbian year:

1. Work closely with our Pastors
2. Recruitment
3. Strong Focus on our Finances

Our Pastors are our Advocates for communicating with the church parishioners. We need to take advantage of that and work together in regards to recruitment and fundraising. Mike Planko will be heading up our recruitment drive. Church recruitment kits have been ordered from Supreme. Mike will identify and schedule our Church drives, open houses and team recruiting initiatives. This GOAL is essential to our Councils success. Steps have been taken to create a budget for our Columbian year. We will be meeting monthly to ensure budget targets are met and review planned quarterly plans/events to avoid and/or get a step ahead of surprises that might impact the budget.

IMPORTANT NOTICE! Please read carefully

As mentioned in last month's newsletter changes are coming and are here. **The mailed version of the newsletter you are reading will be eliminated on October 31st.** We will have copies at the K of C home and is always available on our website www.SaratogaKofC.com There are many reasons: costs to print, time and labor to adhere mailing labels and tape together, mailing costs, etc. Using the internet and the capabilities we have in our K of C membership system, we can produce a newsletter that is not restricted to a set number of pages. We can add more information and listen to our membership to what they would like to see added to the newsletter. Maybe we add birthdays, anniversaries, or whatever makes sense to that given month. We can extend our cutoff times when news items are due. We can send alerts out anytime during the month because all we have to do is one click of the button to make it happen rather than incur the labor intensive, cost prohibitive, out of date system we are using today. **This is all you have to do to get November's Newsletter:**

- Send to me tom_gurka@yahoo.com your current email address by Friday, October 28th.

For those that have an email address on file, I will send you your 1st email newsletter. If you get both the October Newsletter by mail and on-line there is no need to send me any update since you are ready to go!

Vivat Jesus
Tom Gurka, GK

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

Columbian Report

The Adult Christmas party has been moved to Friday night December 16 from 6pm to 10pm. Tickets are \$25.00 per person and include a two hour open bar, buffet and music by the group, Take Two. Tickets will go on sale in October. The kids Christmas party will be Saturday December 17 from 9 am to noon. If you have any questions please contact me.

Saratoga Karate has signed on as a long term renter, they will be using the main hall on Tuesdays and Thursday's from 6pm To 8pm. They are offering special rates for Knights and their families. They have several programs available for all ages, if you are interested please contact me. I would like to thank the Catholic Daughters for their continued support of The Columbian Association and look forward to spectacular finish to 2016.

Ken Davis, Columbian President

Pro Life Corner



Our Supreme Knight speaks-
Remarks by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson at the 134th international convention of the Knights of Columbus in Toronto, Canada, August 2016:

“What political issue could possibly outweigh this human devastation? Abortion is different. Abortion is the killing of the innocent on a massive scale. We need to end the political manipulation of Catholic voters by abortion advocates. It is time to end the entanglement of Catholic people with abortion killing. It is time to stop creating excuses for voting for pro-abortion politicians.

“We will never succeed in building a culture of life if we continue to vote for politicians who support a culture of death.”

Submitted by Wendell Neugebauer

BIG Raffle... Get Your Tickets!

You can win \$10,000 or one of the three \$1,000 second prizes. Only 250 tickets will be sold. Please send checks and stubs to Dick Grimm at the Council home. The cost of the ticket is \$100. If you need more tickets contact Dick at Boltondick@aol.com.

Faithful Navigator's Report



October is an exciting month for the Assembly. On Saturday, the 1st we will be presenting the Annual Dinner & Auction to benefit the Stratton VA Medical Center, Saratoga War Horse and the Ballston Spa Homeless Shelter for Vets. Our lead Sir Knight, Sir Tom Boehlert, had knee surgery in Mid September and we will need a significant contribution from brother knights to set up, serve dinner and perform clean up for this, our largest event of the year for the Veterans.

More exciting news for us this month is the 4th Degree Exemplification on October 8th. There are 5 candidates for Knighthood: Father Thomas Chevalier, Frank Bunch, Joe Flacke, Dan Matrazzo and Louis Sasien. Current Sir Knights are encouraged to participate by attending the Exemplification in support of our candidates. We are planning to meet at our Pine Road Home at 9:00 AM on Saturday and carpool to St. Augustine Catholic Church and School.

Steve Toussaint, Faithful Navigator

Golf League Junior Golfer Scholarship

Dave Daignault, on behalf of the K of C Golf league, presented a \$500 tuition scholarship to Emma VanDeCar. Presentation was made at the Saratoga Central Catholic School Awards Ceremony on May 26, 2016.

The League has presented scholarships for a number of years, but with little fanfare and not at the Awards ceremony. Dave did a nice job.

Catholic Daughters

Court McLaughlin will meet at the Knights of Columbus on Tuesday, October 4th. Refreshments are at 6PM with our meeting immediately following at 6:30PM. Our October meeting is our “Bring a Friend” meeting and we look forward to recruiting new members. All Catholic women are welcome! Our Court always welcomes new members or anyone who would like to attend a meeting to find out what we are about. If anyone has questions regarding membership please call Eileen Tuohy, Membership Chairperson (584-9472) or me, Aileen Thomas, Regent (583-2905).

Chaplain's Message



November 14 we will celebrate our annual Memorial Mass for our deceased Knights and Catholic Daughters at St. Mary's Church in Ballston Spa. Mass will begin at 6:00 pm. All are welcome to come back to the Council home after Mass to share a meal together.

October 7 is the feast of the Most Holy Rosary. It is said that the Blessed Mother gave the Rosary to St. Dominic to use in his battle against the evil heresy of Albigensianism. With the rosary as his only weapon he set out to win back the souls that left the Church in favor of that heresy. The results of his preaching of the rosary was spectacular. History places the number who returned to the one true Faith at above 100,000 families. A glorious victory for the Rosary.

The first Monday of each month a group of Knights gather to pray the rosary. We meet at 6:30 pm, just before our regular Council meeting. Think about joining us. It is a very rewarding experience.

"Mary's "yes" to the angel at the Annunciation (LK 1:30 -38) parallels our "Amen" when we receive the Eucharist, because we, too are inviting Jesus to come into our bodies."

St. John Paul ii

October 21 is the anniversary of the canonization of one of my favorite Saints, Kateri Tekakwitha. She is affectionately known as the Lily of the Mohawks. What makes her particularly special is that she was a neighbor, born in Auriesville, NY.

A side note: On October 9, Deacon Art Turcotte and I will be celebrating our 34th anniversary of ordination to the Diaconate. Please pray for us.

Deacon Bill Gaul, Chaplain

Grand Knight's Message (continued)

September 2016 Highlights & Activities

- Completed the "Our Lady of Perpetual Help" icon structure at St. Clements and successfully transported it to the Redemptorist Mission in Washington, D.C.
- Arranged for Council# 1384, Annapolis, MD to accept responsibility of transferring and erecting the icon at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for the 150th anniversary celebration of OLPH icon on 9/17/2016. Hopefully you caught the action on the EWTN network.
- Our Fundraiser dinner kickoff on 9/22/2016 with Chuck's Lasagna & Meatballs. Check for details of future events in the newsletter.
- Held Fundraising dinner for Father Tracy on 9/25/2016.
- Fish Fry dinners are back and started on Friday, 9/30/2016

Lobosco's Fundraising Suppers

\$10.00 Adults - \$9.00 Seniors - \$5.00 Kids 6+ - Free Kids 6 under
Oct. 20th – Chicken Parmesan w/Penne Pasta
Nov. 17th – Sausage & Peppers w/Italian Roasted Potatoes

Roast Beef, Turkey or Corned Beef sandwiches accompanied by these homemade soups on the following dates:

Oct. 6th – Navy Bean w/Smoked Ham
Nov. 3rd – Cheesy Potato & Broccoli w/Bacon
Dec. 1st – Beef & Barley w/Sour Cream

Food Donations

Please bring a food donation to the meetings. Thank You for last month food contribution... It was great! Let's keep a good thing going.

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Member Updates:

Please send address changes, telephone number, and/or email address changes to:
tom_gurka@yahoo.com

Public Event Announcements:

Please mail K of C event announcements for publication in local papers and church bulletins at least three weeks before the event,
to:

P.O. Box 3094, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866
C/O Grand Knight

Newsletter Inclusions:

Please submit items you wish to have published in the newsletter **NO LATER than the 18th of each month.**

Please provide **ALL** details.
(start/end time/date, who can attend, etc.)

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Grand Knight Tom Gurka

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Driver Safety Class

The class is October 8th, 9 am to 3 pm, and will reduce insurance rates and reduce points on your license. Sign up at the K of C bar or call Stan Drosky 587-5847 for more info.

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Remember that little story in last month's newsletter about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody?...

Well, it worked. We had two brothers we have not seen in a while and they showed up for a meeting and another showed up at Bingo to help! The message worked and I'm keeping it in the newsletter with the hope of getting more. Thank you for listening and Thanks to our regular hard working volunteers and our new BINGO volunteer RICH RUSSO. I hope to see more of you soon.

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