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## Upcoming Events at the K of C

### September

- 6 Tue. Catholic Daughters  
6:00 PM
- 12 Mon. Council Mtg. 7:30 PM  
Rosary 6:30 PM
- 19 Mon. Officers Installation  
6:00 PM
- 22 Thu. Fundraiser Dinner  
4:30 - 7:00 PM
- 25 Sun. Father Tracy Dinner  
5:00 - 9:00 PM
- 26 Mon. Assembly Mtg.  
7:30 PM
- 30 Fri. Fish Fry, 5:00 - 7:00 PM

### 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

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

## Grand Knight's Message



A new Columbian year begins and I am excited to lead our Council forward. The summer has past and I would like to highlight some of the activities that took place.

Before I go forward, I would like to first thank PGK Deacon Gaul for his dedication and the hard work he brought every day he served as Grand Knight. Certainly, Deacon Gaul will be a tough act to follow but I have faith and admiration in all our Brother Knights that with their continued support we will keep on track with the vision and

mission of the Order.

### Summer Highlights & Activities

- Our Council hosted the Bishops Burse for Bishop Sharfenberger
- The K of C Family Picnic at St. Josephs in Greenfield, NY was a lot of fun!
- Service Personnel Appointments were completed
- Hall of Fame K of C recruiter Mike Planko accepts Membership Recruitment Chair
- Budget Committee Chair Dave Daignault holds July and August meetings
- Fundraising Committee Chair R. Spratt works with his team on new fundraising ideas
- Thanks to Dan Matrazzo and the Knights that supported the Double M Rodeo parking fundraiser on July 15th
- Officers met to plan calendar events for 2016 – 17 Fraternal Year
- Lavern Utter led a successful "Coats for Kids" Program Fundraiser at St.Clements

In an effort to decrease cost and streamline the Monthly Newsletter process, changes will be coming to improve our communication to our membership. Stay tuned to future announcements in our newsletters. Also, Chuck Lobosco's famous 3rd Thursday fundraising suppers are back plus New 1st Thursday's soup & sandwich nights! Check the newsletter out for dates and menus.

Lastly, our biggest and longest standing fundraiser BINGO on Wednesday nights continue to struggle finding enough volunteers to support the event. With members passing away and others dealing with health issues, we need to get more members giving a little of their time to keep this revenue raising activity operating. Please stop by on a Wednesday to see how you can help.

Keep in prayer our brothers and their families that are dealing with health issues especially, Kevin Canale, Roger Lampron & Claire Nolan and for those who passed away this summer, Joseph Corsale, Joseph McCarty, Joseph Matrazzo and Suzanne Toussaint.

Vivat Jesus  
**Tom Gurka, GK**

Detailed "Upcoming Events" changes and additions at:  
[www.SaratogaKofC.org](http://www.SaratogaKofC.org)

## Columbian Report

The Columbian had a very good July with 6 Weddings and several other events. August is shaping up, but we still have a few weekends open. Gus will be looking for some volunteers for a work party in September and October. We need to clean up around the home and I would like to paint the lounge and do the floor. We have planned our Christmas parties and the members party will be on Friday night with the kids party being on Saturday.

The Columbian officers are Dick Grimm, Gus Ross and myself. If you have any questions please feel free to contact one of us. Hope you all had a great summer

**Ken Davis**, Columbian President

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## Pro Life Corner



What should Catholics support?

### Party A Platform excerpt:

"We believe unequivocally, like the majority of Americans, that every woman should have access to quality reproductive health care services, including safe and legal abortion—regardless of where she lives, how much money she makes, or how she is insured. We believe that reproductive health is core to women's, men's, and young people's health and wellbeing. We will continue to stand up to Republican efforts to defund Planned Parenthood health centers, which provide critical health services to millions of people."

### Party B Platform excerpt:

"The Constitution's guarantee that no one can "be deprived of life, liberty or property" deliberately echoes the Declaration of Independence's proclamation that "all" are "endowed by their Creator" with the inalienable right to life. Accordingly, we assert the sanctity of human life and affirm that the unborn child has a fundamental right to life which cannot be infringed. We support a human life amendment to the Constitution and legislation to make clear that the Fourteenth Amendment's protections apply to children before birth.

"We oppose the use of public funds to perform or promote abortion or to fund organizations, like Planned Parenthood, so long as they provide or refer for elective abortions or sell fetal body parts rather than provide healthcare. We urge all states and Congress to make it a crime to acquire, transfer, or sell fetal tissues from elective abortions for research, and we call on Congress to enact a ban on any sale of fetal body parts."

**Wendell Neugebauer**

## Faithful Navigator's Report



Until 1900 the principles of our Order were Charity, unity and fraternity. Early that year patriotism was added with the first exemplification of the Fourth Degree. Sometimes called the Patriotic Degree. The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism by promoting responsible citizenship, loyalty to country and the love of God. The basic unit is called an Assembly and its members are called Sir Knights. They may choose to join our color corps.

The volunteer energies & resources of our Assembly 745 are focused in activities supporting our Veteran's: The Annual Dinner & Auction (Oct.1 this year), The Veteran's Homes in Ballston Spa, The Saratoga War Horse, Stratton Veteran's Hospital, placing flags on the graves of Veterans and laying wreaths at the Saratoga National Cemetery.

We will be welcoming new Sir Knights on the Saturday, October 8th Exemplification to be held at St. Augustine Catholic Church and School, 534 4th Ave. Troy, NY 12182. All current Sir Knights are encouraged attend in support of our Candidates.

**Steve Toussaint**, Faithful Navigator

## 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.

## OUR VETS DESERVE OUR HELP

The Knights of Columbus, Assembly 0745 will be hosting the 6th annual fundraiser to benefit the Stratton VA Medical Center, Saratoga War Horse, and the Ballston Spa homeless veterans shelters. This event will take place on Saturday, Oct. 1st.

Tickets will be \$20.00 or 2/\$36.00, which will include dinner and a Chinese and Silent auction. All proceeds will be donated directly to our local veterans.

## Chaplain's Message



Another summer passes. My prayer is that it was a happy, holy and active one for all. This year our annual Memorial Mass is tentatively scheduled to be held on Monday, November 14 at St. Mary's in Ballston Spa. More info to follow in next month's bulletin.

Father George Blasick, pastor at St. Clements, has come up with a grand idea. He had a huge picture of Our Lady of Perpetual Help constructed. This year is the 150th anniversary of the Pope asked the Redemptorist Order to be the guardians of the icon and to promote the story of it around the world. This month a large gathering will be in Washington DC to celebrate the anniversary. Father George needed help to build a support for the picture so he turned to the Knights of Columbus. Ten Knights responded. They are: Grand Knight Tom Gurka, Rick Schwartzbeck, Elwin Rivenberg, Dave Tarity, Chuck Lobosco, Frank Scarpinato, Frank Bunch and our civil engineer Ernie Gailor. When finished it will be transported to Washington by Knights Joe Powers and Ed Connelly. The project is being done for the honor and glory for Our Blessed Mother. I can't wait to see the finished product.

On September 8 we celebrate the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On December 6, 1854 Pope Pius IX, as dogma [de fide] declared the teaching that Mary was born without Original Sin. Thus the Immaculate Conception. "Light is a delight and a consolation to the eyes. In a similar way the Blessed Virgin is a consolation to humankind." - St. Thomas Aquinas

Deacon Bill Gaul, Chaplain

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## Lobosco's Fundraising Suppers and Soup & Sandwich Nights

Sept. 22nd – Lasagna & Meatballs

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

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## Father Tracy Dinner

On Sunday, September 25th from 5 until 9 PM the K of C will be hosting our Annual Fundraiser for Father Tracy (our own native of Ballston Spa) at the Council home. Tickets will be \$20.00 this year for a wonderful Italian dinner. Make sure to save this date in order to provide financial support for Father Tracy's vital program for priests and religious lay persons in Brazil. Tickets will be on sale at area churches after all Masses on Sundays and also at the door. Of course, as usual, we need volunteers to serve the buffet and help with kitchen chores and sell tickets. Please talk with Lavern Utter or Mike Planko with questions or help you can provide in some way. The Public is most welcome!

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## Food Donations

Please bring a food donation with you to the meetings.

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### Public Event Announcements:

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

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(start/end time/date, who can attend, etc.)

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**Grand Knight Tom Gurka**

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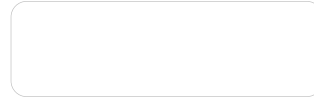
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There's a little story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There was a very important job (Bingo, Kitchen help, etc.) which needed to be done, and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Somebody never showed up, and Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did. Later, Somebody got angry because it was really Everybody's job. Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, while since Somebody wasn't around, but so it fell to Nobody, who realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. So.... It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody, when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

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