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## Upcoming Events

### February

- 4 Mon. Council Meeting 7:30  
Prayer Group 6:30 PM
- 8 Fri. Polish Night 5:00 PM -  
8:00 PM
- 11 Mon. 2nd Degree 6:00 PM
- 15 Fri. 4th Degree Drawing
- 18 Mon. Social Meeting 6:00
- 22 Fri. Fish Fry 5:00 PM - 8:00
- 25 Mon. Assembly Meeting  
7:30 PM

### March

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7:30 PM
- 29 Fri. Fish Fry 5:00 PM - 8:00
- 31 3rd Degree  
Exemplification

BINGO every Wednesday 6:00.  
FRIDAYS - Karaoke, corn hole,  
snacks in bar room. Everyone  
welcome.

## Grand Knight's Message

Thank you to those who supported our first fundraiser of the year, more members attending would have been wonderful. We served around 140 meals with most being cooked to order. Thank you to **Dan, Frank, Mike, John and Rob** and as always the ladies who helped make our Italian Night a success. **Dave** had the room set up like an Italian restaurant and **Steve** kept the music going all night. Although it was another 12 hour day for the cooks, not to mention the previous days of planning and shopping, we are thrilled with the help.

Next up are the Fish Fry's which started January 25th, they support the Columbian. And a Polish night with home cooked authentic Polish Dinners will be on Friday, February 8th. A lot of work goes into these events, with planning, shopping, prepping and cooking, as always we continue to need help. I know I'm repeating myself, but our older members who can't help in the kitchen can help out by attending, maybe with family and friends. And our new members need to step up and help out in the kitchen. During and after the events we need 4- 6 Knights to help with washing and putting away dishes, cut and plate desserts and other tasks. A few Catholic Daughters regularly help us, it would be nice to be able to count on the Knights.

We need more members to attend these events, we have a lot of the public supporting us because the meals are very good. Our building just went thru roof issues that we have to raise money to repair. And winter means we have the parking lot clearing expense to deal with. I whole heartedly thank the 20 out of 400 Knights that attend our events.

Our Friday night karaoke seems to be building momentum and the drawing is bringing in more people, please continue to support this as our bar business is up. The free meals Frank and I prepare Fridays

## February Birthdays

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Richard Endress	2/1
William Healy Jr.	2/1
Michael M Planko	2/1
William J Urban	2/1
Paul A Stevens Sr.	2/5
Donald G Lavarge Jr.	2/7
Warren R Pabst Jr.	2/7
Clinton J Birdsall	2/8
Martin T Kondenar	2/12
Vincent Pratico III	2/12
Peter R Gray	2/13
Richard A Schwartzbeck	2/14
J William Schweiker	2/16
Mark W Breen	2/18
Raoul J Gagne	2/20
Theodore J Van De Ven III	2/20
John Cowan	2/22
Deacon William H Gaul Jr.	2/22
John W Grande	2/22
Robert R Saxton	2/22
Donald L Priest	2/23
Paul L Varley	2/23
Richard R Russo	2/27
Edward E De Luca	2/28
Stephen E Towne	2/28

## Grand Knight's Message (Continued)

do take work, so how about taking a few minutes and running a bin of used dishes thru the dishwasher and even putting them away. If you don't know how, just ask. Frank and I can use a break.

Chowderfest will be here soon Feb. 2. I've asked for help from all of our members and have received a couple responses. This is my favorite fundraiser as we use the tips to prepare surf and turf meals to our homeless men and women Veterans. We invite them to the hall once a year in the summer for this wonderful meal, they are very appreciative and talk about it often. We need a lot of help in prepping for the 60 gallons of chowder also in bringing things to and setting up outside the City Center. And at the finish we need help breaking down and returning to the Knights to clean up. It's a long fun day of getting the Knights organization out into the public and meeting the community. Thank you to those who support Council #246 beyond sending in your dues.

If you would like to help out even occasionally please just call. We are always looking for ideas and suggestions for fundraisers and getting more men involved.

A great big thank you to Mike and Doug for coming in on Thursday nights to meet the people who pick up our meals for Code Blue. Frank and I really appreciate the break after cooking and delivering all day.

Vivat Jesus,  
**Joe Fredette**  
*Grand Knight*



Friday night social at the Knights of Columbus

## Columbian Report

Rentals continue on a regular basis due largely to the diligence of **Rick Schwartzbeck** and **Dave Tarity**. These gentlemen spend countless hours in the care and feeding of rental customers. Despite a number of recent weather cancellations, these rental fees continue to be a primary source of funds in keeping the building open and operating.

The Fish Frys, presented by Msrs Fredette and Bunch and their loyal minions, have also become a key element in funding the buildings. Our sincere thanks go out to all of them.

We did experience a significant building problem recently, that is currently ongoing. The foot and a half of snow on January 20, followed by heavy rains and icing caused an ice jam (dam) on the roof, with the result of leaking in the main room and bar. We did spend four hundred dollars to clear the roof and stop the leaking. The roof will require repairs when the weather permits. An insurance adjuster will come and assess damages to the roof, insulation, tiles, etc in the next few days. This will be an ongoing and probably expensive issue.

Vivat Jesus,  
**Ken Davis**

## Faithful Navigator

The 4th Degree will be collecting donations for Veterans in need at Old Navy during President's Day weekend. We will start Saturday February 16th and conclude on President's Day Monday February 18th. If you can help for a few hours on any of the three days please call PFN **Lavern Utter** at 518-584-0034.

During 2018 the Assembly donated a total of \$10,500.00 to local charities assisting Veteran's in need. This does not include the weekly dinners provided to the Veterans homeless shelters. A one page .pdf has been written detailing to whom donations were made. If you wish to use this document to provide to any local business please contact FN Mark Ferris at 518-419-8817.

Vivat Jesus,  
**Mark Ferris**



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**4th Degree Scholarship Rollover Raffle**

The next drawing for the Fourth Degree Scholarship Rollover Raffle will be February 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hall. As there was no winner in January, the pot keeps growing! You could be the lucky winner. All money must be in by February 13. \$25 will catch you up for the year. Last month's number was not paid in full, so the money has been rolled over to February. Your odds will be better than NY state lottery! Questions? Rick 518 893-7074


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