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## Upcoming Events

### February

- 1 Sat. ChowderFest 11am
- 3 Mon. Council Meeting 7:30  
Rosary 6:30 PM
- 7 Fri. Italian Night
- 10 Mon. Possible Degree
- 17 Mon. Council Meeting
- 21 Fri. Monthly Raffle Drawing
- 24 Mon. 4th Degree Meeting  
7:30 PM
- 26 Wed. Ash Wednesday
- 28 Fri. Fish Fry

### March

- 2 Mon. Council Meeting 7:30  
Rosary 6:30
- 6 Fri. Fish Fry
- 13 Fri. Fish Fry
- 16 Mon. Council Meeting
- 20 Fri. Fish Fry / Raffle
- 23 Mon. 4th Degree Meeting
- 27 Fri. Fish Fry



## Grand Knight's Message

Dear brothers,

Hard to believe it is February and with February comes Ash Wednesday and the beginning of our Friday fish fries. As many of you know we will be serving our fish fry dinners every Friday beginning February 28 and continuing until Friday, April 10 which is good Friday. It takes many hands to pull this event off and I'm hoping you will be able to donate your time and talents to assist. Joe and Frank and the rest of their team do an amazing job and many people visit our home just to get their famous fish fries.

Before that happens we have an Italian dinner on Friday, February 7th. If you had the opportunity to go last year you will know that we had a large crowd and the meal was amazing.

I also want to remind you that it's not too late to get into our monthly raffle drawings. Rick has worked very hard on this event and our very own Chuck Labosco has been providing food for us. It is a nice way to spend some time and relax with friends.

Once again I thank all of you for the work you have done and continue to do for our organization.

Rob Spratt  
Grand Knight

## February Birthdays

Anthony Caruso  
 Richard W Endres  
 William J Healy Jr  
 Francis J Melrose  
 Michael M Planko  
 Paul A Stevens Sr  
 Donald G Lavarge Jr  
 Warren R Pabst Jr  
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 Carl J Domino  
 Vincent Prattico III  
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 James R O Rourke  
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 John W Grande  
 Robert R Saxton  
 Donald L Priest  
 Paul L Varley  
 Richard R Russo  
 Edward E De Luca  
 Stephen E Towne



## Pro-Life Corner

With regard to the pending NY assisted suicide bill, a comatose person would not qualify because he can no longer freely choose suicide. The legislation would have to be expanded to allow another person to request his suicide.

For any person to request death for another is akin to contract murder, and the bill title should first be changed from physician-assisted suicide to physician-assisted murder.

As a young child I lived under a dictator who instigated the killing of millions of people in order to cure what he perceived to be societal ills. This must never happen again. Yet, in New York State, Governor Cuomo's lauded abortion expansion act does exactly the same: one person can decide the killing of another innocent human life.

Love of a terminally suffering person can never justify the act of killing him. The correct response is to provide care and pain-killing medicines to alleviate the anguish. For heaven's sake, we are talking about a human being here, not an injured horse being put down at the Saratoga Race Track.

Wendell Neugebauer

## 2019 Insurance Report

I am Shawn Tetreault General Agent for the Upstate area of NY. I wanted to give to you an insurance report for the full year of 2019. Below is to be distributed, included and published in your next meeting minutes if I or an Agent is not present. Thank you!

- Our 6 Agents in upstate NY sent out 2,751 correspondence letters to members
- Contacted and talked with 3,641 members
- Met with 1,090 members and their families to discuss needs such as; retirement plans, Life insurance, Disability Income insurance, Long Term Care insurance, Estate Planning and other financial matters
- Agents insured 176 of these members and their families with Life insurance policies
- 2 with Disability Income Insurance
- 6 with Long Term Care Insurance
- 69 new retirement accounts were opened
- We had 50 Associate members become Insurance members which allows their spouses access to more benefits.

Fraternally,



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On Friday, 1/31/20, from 5:00-8:00 PM, Knights of Columbus #246 will be hosting their first **Fish Fry** of 2020. Same great menu as in the past -- Fried or Baked Haddock or Fried Clamstrips with French Fries, Cole Slaw, Tartar Sauce, and Cocktail Sauce, same prices -- \$12.00 (\$1.00 extra for take-out). Help the Knights continue their charitable work in the community. As always throughout the year, Joe Fredette and Frank Bunch cook and deliver a delicious meal every Thursday for the men and women's veteran's homes in Ballston Spa. Additionally on Thursdays during the cold months, they cook for Code Blue.

And, if you are one of the many who attend the **ChowderFest** each year, don't forget to visit Joe and Frank outside the City Center on Ellsworth Jones Place on February 1st. For questions, please call 518-584-8547.

Knights of Columbus #246 will be hosting an **Italian Night** on Friday, 2/7/20, from 5:00-7:00 PM. The cost will vary according to meal (\$1.00 extra for take-outs), and there will be some new entrees available. All meals will be served with salad and bread, the event is open to the public, and the fundraiser is to help our community in need. For questions, call 518-584-8547.



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## Chowderfest 2020



One of our 90 year old Veterans preparing our Famous Veterans Freedom Chowder for the February 1st Saratoga Chowder Fest.

## Raffle Update

The 4th Degree Scholarship Raffle was not hit in January. Number 388 was drawn. The member wasn't present, nor up to date. The pot grows! As of now it will be \$1150 + in February. You can be eligible, only \$25 to catch up or \$60 for the year. You have to be in it to win it! Good Luck!

The mailbox and envelopes are in the bar. The next drawing will be Friday, February 21st at 7:00 p.m.

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All Council #246 and Assembly #745 News will be distributed to our membership via email. This includes the monthly newsletter, and various bits of K of C news, notices, calendar changes, fundraiser reminders, etc.

Any member-provided news or updates can be sent to our entire membership by sending an email to the Grand Knight at: [rspratt6@gmail.com](mailto:rspratt6@gmail.com).

**Newsletter Articles:**

Please submit items to be published in the newsletter no later than the 18th of each month. Provide all relevant details and send to: [kofc246newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:kofc246newsletter@gmail.com)


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