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Council and Corporation meetings are held on the 2nd. Monday of every month.
Corporation meets @ 6:30 PM, Council meetings begin At 7:30 PM.
Columbiettes meet 3rd. Wednesday of each month. Mtg.'s @7:00 PM

Council Meeting - Dec. 8th., 2008

Columbiettes Meeting - Jan. 21st. 2009



The Knightly News

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GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE

by Joseph Hogan

Thank you to Joanne Connor and all who helped run a very successful Friday night dinner last month. And many thanks to the Makars, Biettes, Jeannine LaRose, the JoJo's and all who helped us have a great fundraising Polish Night dinner the following week at our council. A "shout out" goes to George at Little Bites and More for supplying the rolls at some of our dinners!

I would also like to thank Tim Girvin for chairing our annual Memorial Mass at St. Ambrose church last month and to Ftr. Tony Childs for celebrating the ceremony. We should also be grateful for the wonderful job Jeannie Marshall did as one of the lecturers as well as to Bernie Marshall and Henry LaRose for all their help during the Mass and breakfast at our council after the celebration. Of course, I thank our great cooks for the delicious and bountiful meal - the Snyder's, the Lanthiers, Jeannine LaRose, Mary Roehr and anyone else who contributed. I am pleased at those who attended but, although attendance increased slightly over last year, the numbers in our hall were disappointingly smaller than expected.

During this time in our nation, there is a call that we all come together and unite to work on numerous problems we face as Americans. As Christians and Knights and Columbiettes, we have certainly put the 2nd Principle of our Order - Unity - into action. Through our hard work during this half of the Co-

lumbian year, we at Latham - Colonie council have made great strides in meeting our expenses so we can begin to focus on helping the less fortunate in our community. Let us continue our hard work and dedication during the second half of this year by supporting our events and fundraisers.

All parents and friends can bring their children to our council's annual Children's Christmas Party on Sunday, the 14th of Dec. They can enjoy food, music, games and gifts being given out as our own Paul DeDominicis emcees the activities. Rumor has it that Santa himself will also make an appearance.

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Join us our upcoming
Annual Holiday Parties

Adult Christmas Party

Dec. 20th
6 pm till ?

Roast Beef Dinner
prepared by Joe Snyder
\$10 per person

New Year's Eve Party

Dec. 31st
7:30 pm till ?
\$15 per person
Call for more
information





DATES TO REMEMBER

Some of the dates are tentative. Please see future Knightly News for up to date notices.

Mon. Dec. 8th. - Council Meeting
Sun. Dec. 14th. - Children's Christmas Party
Sat. Dec. 20th. - Council Christmas Party
Mon. Dec. 22nd. - 2nd Degree
Thurs. Dec. 25th. - Merry Christmas! Council Closed
Wed. Dec. 31st. - New Year's Eve Party
Thurs. Jan. 1st, 2009 - Happy New Year! Council closed
Mon. Jan. 12th. - Council Meeting
Sun. Jan. 18th. - Columbiettes Breakfast
Wed. Jan. 21st. - Columbiettes Meeting
Mon. Jan. 26th. - 1st Degree

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The rest of us adults, friends and families can gather together and socialize at our annual Adult's Christmas party on Sat., Dec. 20th. For a small donation of \$10 per person you can enjoy entertainment and a roast beef dinner prepared by one of our most valuable members, Joe Snyder.

Do not forget that we will have our annual New Year's Eve din-

ner and party on the evening at our council. Once again, Joe Snyder and volunteers will cook a roast beef dinner and there will be entertainment at a cost of \$15 per person. So let us get together to celebrate our accomplishments of the past year and anticipate what is to come during this new one. We deserve it!

We will host a 2nd Degree on Monday, Dec. 22nd and a 1st Degree

COUNCIL NEWS & NOTES

Budget Update

The Knights who attended last month's council meeting approved and unanimously passed our estimated budget for the 2008 - 2009 Columbian year. However, there is one important item which was not included in these figures.

Briefly, at the last Supreme Convention, the delegates voted and approved a resolution creating a Culture of Life fund through an assessment of each member of the Order in the amount of \$3.00. This resolution reaffirms the K of C's long standing commitment to building a culture of life by supporting the teachings of the Church in matters dealing with life, family, marriage and similar priorities.

This special assessment of each council member who pays dues is mandatory and this resolution will be reviewed after one year. Our

council's assessment totals \$810 which can be paid in 2 installments, due at the end of Jan. and July, respectively.

If anyone has any ideas of special fundraisers we could run in lieu of adding additional cost to all members' dues, please contact GK Joe Hogan @ 785 - 6043 or any other officer of the council

C & B Program

Only 2 months to go! Thanks to all of you who have bought or sold a C & B book, we are near our quota for this year. Each book of 15 tickets sells for \$12 apiece except for special events at our council when they sell for \$10 each. The sellers of at least 5 books will have an additional one credited to them. Proceeds of the sales under the NYS C & B Program help to fund various diocesan pro-

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CLIP AND SAVE

UPCOMING EVENTS AT COUNCIL

12/14 - CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY 1:30 - 4 PM. THE CHILDREN ARE TREATED TO GAMES, A VISIT WITH SANTA AND THEY RECEIVE A GIFT, HAVE THEIR PICTURE TAKEN WITH SANTA AND HEAR THE CHRISTMAS STORY.

12/20 - Adult Christmas Party 6 pm - till ? Roast Beef dinner prepared by Joe Snyder. Cost is \$10 Per Person

12/31 - New Years Eve Party. Begins about 7:30 pm until at least the new year. Cost is \$15 per person.

on the 26th of January. Then as many of you as possible can advance into or begin membership in our Order and participate at our monthly meetings held on the 2nd Monday of each month.

Next month, our Columbiettes will resume hosting our Sunday morning breakfasts on the 18th. And remember that our dinners, other fundraisers and dart and bowling leagues begin again after the holidays. So please support as many of these functions as you are able.

Never forget that the 1st Principle of our Order, Charity, must be put into our acts and deeds. Our Seniors can use cash donations or other supplies as they will be helping out those in need through Community Maternity Services. More than during any other time of year, our food pantry needs money or new supplies of non - perishable goods.

Thank you again Connie Doukas for preparing soup each week to supply one our local soup kitchens.

May all my brother Knights and sister Columbiettes and all their families have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

COLUMBIETTES NEWS



Next Meeting

There will be no Columbiette Meeting in December. Our next meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2009 at 7PM. Please plan to join us! We will be finalizing our plans for the Charity Ball and always appreciate your input and help!

Your officers would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Blessed New Year!

Santa Claus is Coming to Town!

The Children's Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 14, 2008 from 1:30-4:00PM. All are welcome to join us for snacks

and games and presents. We will hear the Story of the First Christmas and have a visit from Santa himself! Every child will be able to have his picture taken with Santa. We will be setting up and decorating for the party at 11AM on 12/14/08 so if possible, do come and help. Also, your contributions to the snack table would be greatly appreciated.

Sunshine Committee

We extend our deepest sympathies to Dennis and Linda Lanthier upon the recent death of their nephew, Bud. Please be sure to keep them in your thoughts and prayers during this sad time.

The Columbiettes have a

Sunshine Committee, so if you know of a Columbiette who is ill, in the hospital, has lost a loved one or has a new child or grandchild, or is celebrating a special occasion, please let us know that so that we can acknowledge it.

Mark you Calendar

- 12/14/08** Children's Christmas Party
- 12/20/08** Council Christmas Party with Roast Pork Dinner
- 12/31/08** New Year's Eve Party with Roast Beef Dinner
- 1/18/09** Columbiette All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Buffet
- 1/21/09** Columbiette Meeting

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grams throughout the state as well as to each council.

Remember that the final drawing for 13 cash prizes ranging from \$1,000 to the \$25,000 grand prize will be at Latham - Colonie Council on Feb. 21st. The sellers of these winning tickets will also receive money prizes.

If you have any questions, please contact GK Joe Hogan @ 785 - 6043 or see any bartender at the council. Once again, thank you all!

Financial Secretary Wanted:

After 3 years of dedicated service, brother Stan Marszalek has decided to step down as our council's Financial Secretary. If anyone, who is a 3rd. Degree Knight of the council is interested in taking this demanding but fulfilling position, please contact GK Joe Hogan or any other officer of the council before Jan. 1st. 2009.

Congratulations:

To our newest member, Lawrence Girard, who began his journey to full Knighthood by taking his 1st degree on Nov. 24th

And congratulations to the following gentlemen who took their

1st degree also on the 24th.:

Broadalbin Council 7629

- Douglas Austin
- Jacob Carby
- Kent Dolan
- Scott McFarland
- Vito Ottati
- Mike Whelley

Clifton Park Council 11064

- Richard Brown
- George Gamble
- Scott Germain
- Thomas Halabuda
- Mark Mariano
- Vicente Miranda
- Raymond Rose
- Alan Silvia
- James Yarsevich

Guilderland Council 3357

- Ramon Bidot
- John Gosch
- Cary Myers
- Scott Negro
- Robert Romeo
- Robert Sampson
- William Tyrell

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- Vincent Sadowski
- Troy Council 12157**
- Brian Purtell
- Roy Purtell

GOOD OF THE ORDER

We should pray for the continued recovery of Helen Church, wife of brother Bob Church, who had a serious illness last month.

As always, let us keep brother Marc Ruggeri in our thoughts as he continue to battle health issues.

IN MEMORIAM

The council offers its condolences to the family of brother Robert Fletcher who passed away last month. Robert was the older brother of our late member Fred Fletcher.

It is with great sorrow that we report that Dennis and Linda Lanthier's nephew Bud, passed away after a long illness. Let us keep both of them and the rest of their families in our thoughts and prayers.



IN GOD WE TRUST

Career Opportunity:

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a Field Agent for a career opportunity representing their insurance programs. We offer a complete benefits package with this full time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please call Patrick Murray, General Agent, at (518) 452-0107. e-mail cnyganypat@yahoo.com

Our Council is now smoke free! Please come out and enjoy the new "atmosphere"



We miss you Please come back

- Signed,

Your old pals at the Knights of Columbus

**We miss you at the Council, at the meetings, the parties and our outings; both you and your family.
Come on back, you don't have to pay back dues.**

To join us again, contact Patrick Murray at:

17 Fletcher Road
Albany, NY 12203 - 4961
(518)452 - 0107
cnyganypat@yahoo.com

The order just keeps getting better. Last year alone, the Knights donated more than \$125 million and more than 60 million volunteer hours to charitable causes.

But we need your help, too!

" SOMETHING NEW AT THE COUNCIL "

WHO: All Knights, Columbiettes, and Social Members whose dues are fully paid.

WHAT: Stop in at the Council and sign the Book to have a chance to win \$\$\$\$\$\$. NO ONE else can sign for you !!

WHERE: At the Bar

WHEN: Every day the council is open

HOW: Ask the barperson the location of the sign-in sheet, Sign (print) your name, and pay 25 cents (NO ONE else can sign for you). YOU MUST purchase something from the bar valued at ONE DOLLAR or more.

THE PROCESS: Each member has been assigned an ID#. Every week-night at 9 o'clock, and weekend night at 10 o'clock, a member's number will be drawn. If that member had signed-in for that day, they will have won the amount collected for that day. If the member's number that is drawn has not signed-in, the amount collected for that day will roll over to the next day and continue doing so until a member's number drawn has signed

So let's have some fun, we are looking forward to seeing you !!

FOOD PANTRY

As we approach the holiday season please keep in mind that our Council maintains a food donation basket in the inner lobby of our building. We have been repeatedly thanked for our donations to the St. Ambrose food pantry.



Please support our program by trying to drop off a nonperishable food item whenever you visit the Council. Remember, charity is the First Principle of our order and hunger doesn't just occur during the holidays.

CORPORATION NEWS

50/50 Drawing:

The holiday's are upon us and who couldn't use a few extra \$\$\$\$\$. The next time your by the council sign up for the monthly 50 / 50 drawing. You'll be glad you did.