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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 - Nov. 13, 2006

Columbiettes Meeting - Nov. 15, 2006



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GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE

by Joseph Hogan

Now is the time of year when we remember those departed brother Knights and sister Columbiettes from our council who put the principles of Columbianism into action. We should also promote and support those of us at Latham - Colonie who enact the spirit of our Order among each other, our families as well as in our parishes and community.

Please attend and invite as many friends and family members to our annual Memorial Mass at St. Ambrose church on the morning of the 12th at 9 am. One of our brother Knights, Patrick Murray will be present, as a brief history of our Order and our good works for the Church and the needy in our towns, will be presented. Of course, they will have information about our insurance program and other financial services offered and will no doubt be prepared to answer any financial questions to provide for ourselves and our families.

Afterwards, you are all invited to attend a brunch at the council prepared by brothers Joe Snyder and Joe Ensel as well as other brother Knights and Columbiettes. For just the price of an item donated to our food pantry you and your loved ones can enjoy a delicious meal and the fellowship of the

members of our council. Let us also help our own brother John Malik as we join together to help stamp out hunger in our area.

It has been a tradition at our council to deliver Thanksgiving dinners, and next month Christmas gifts and dinners, to needy families in and around Latham. This year, as in years past, brothers John McLaughlin and Joe Snyder could use as many volunteers as can be at our council on two Saturday mornings as they will be working closely with one of our local parishes to get a list of names of those families and individuals truly in need. Even new, prospective and recently transferred members are encouraged to help.

We all owe a debt of gratitude to our sister Columbiettes as they have tirelessly worked not only to present Latham - Colonie council in a good light at their Chapter's Installation of Office and meetings, but for the breakfasts and brunches they have put on since last month. They can always use a helping hand to "lighten the load" so they can continue these successful events now and in the future.

Let us also not forget the selfless work brother Bob Makar and his volunteers still provide us as we try our Friday night dinners

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COUNCIL NEWS & NOTES**C & B Program:**

Many, many thanks to all who bought or sold raffle books or who helped sell tickets at Wal - Mart in Latham last month. We are well on the way to setting a record for the most books returned to the council in the past 5 years. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Please buy or sell any books for the C & B program and send them to the council. Remember that every book of \$10 sold supports diocesan programs throughout the state as well as each K of C council.

The top sellers in the council so far are brothers Keith Barnett and Nelson Smith.

The final drawing for the 13 cash prizes will be held on Sat., Dec. 2nd at the Holiday Inn in Suffern.

For more info, contact GK Joe Hogan @ 785 - 6403 or any bartender at the council.

Congratulations:

To these candidates who took the first step to full Knighthood in our Order by taking their 1st degree on Oct. 23rd.

Ballston Lake Council # 6862

Geoffrey Cramer
John Spellman

Guilderland Council #3357

David Herbert

Mechanicville Council

E. Gregory Mansfield

Niskayuana Council #8121

Richard Homenick

Our Lady of Victory Council:

C. Donald Alund Jr.
James Bullis
Alfred Censullo
Thomas Hardy
Stephen Harrigan
David Malloy
Salvatore Mele
Gary Washock

Rensselaer Council #267

Christopher O'Grady

RPI Council #13636

Joseph Grimaldi
Carlos Lazo

Schaghticoke Council #7746

Henry Bunk

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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

Sun. Nov. 5th. - Columbiette Brunch

Sun. Nov. 12th. - Memorial Mass & Brunch

Mon. Nov. 13th. - Council Meeting

Wed. Nov. 15th. - Columbiettes Meeting

Fri. Nov. 17th. - Vegas Night

Sat. Nov. 25th. - Saturday Night Dinner

Sun. Nov. 26th. - Columbiette Breakfast

Mon. Nov. 27th. - 2nd. Degree

Mon. Dec. 4th. - 1st Degree

Sun. Dec. 10th. - Columbiette Breakfast

Mon. Dec. 11th. - Council Meeting

Fri. Dec. 15th. - Vegas Night

Sun. Dec. 17th. - Children's Christmas Party

GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

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on Saturday nights. Nor can I not mention brother Constantine Doukas continuing to exemplify our care for those in need by cooking and serving or delivering soup each week to a local kitchen.

Those 1st degree Knights of our council are encouraged to take their 2nd degree at our council on the Monday after Thanksgiving, the 27th. Please continue your journey into full Knighthood in our Order as we need your help to keep our home at

Latham - Colonie. And please attend our monthly meetings armed with fresh ideas and suggestions for new activities and functions or ways to improve those now in place at the council.

Finally, I personally would like to thank all those who worked so hard putting on all the functions and activities we held at and on behalf of the council last month. No wonder we are an award winning council for community service!

COUNCIL NEWS & NOTES**Waterford Council #237**

George LaCombe

Worcester Council # 5419

Arthur Verity Jr.

Third Degree:

A third degree will be held on Sunday, Nov. 19th at Ravena Council. Refreshments will be served following the ceremony. The cost for the degree is \$10 per Knight and \$15 per candidate. Anyone interested in taking the degree is asked to contact either Ricardo Lucchitti @ 607 - 652 - 2526 or Tom Frese @ 518 - 756 - 6535.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Let us pray for the continued recovery of brother Fred Fletcher who is in Albany Med on the 5th floor in room 537. He can also be reached by phone @ 262 - 0246.

We should also keep his wife Nancy as well as brothers Marc Ruggeri and George Decker in our thoughts as they battle different health problems.

We are happy to report that the health of brother Bernie Marshall's mother is improving and that brother John Dugan's daughter is recovering from a serious operation.

Brother Martin Opoka has had a very serious operation, please keep him your prayers also.

COLUMBIETTES NEWS



NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 15 at 7 PM. We have quite a few events coming up and we will be discussing them, one of which is our annual Charity Ball which will be on Saturday, February 17, 2007, we need your help, so please plan to attend. If you haven't been to a meeting lately because you don't drive at night, please call our President, Mary Roehr at 783-0954 and she will arrange for you to be picked up.

TRANSCRIPTION GRANT AND FUNNY ALPHABET BOOK PRESENTATION

On Sunday, November 5th the Columbiettes will host a brunch during which our State Vice President Donna Byron will present the transcription grant to the family of Abbey deJong. Abbey is 3 years old and suffered a stroke as an infant that has left her legally blind and with many other problems. Abbey is related to our sister Columbiette Kathy Majer. This is the second year that Abbey will receive a grant. The grant is provided by the Columbiette Transcription Program and given to the visually impaired. We will also be presenting the "Funny Alphabet Book" to Christopher LaPierre, the son of our sister Columbiette and Brother Knight Nancy and Rick LaPierre. Christopher has suffered seizures since birth and he has been declared legally blind. The Funny Alphabet book will help Christopher learn his ABC's and the texture of many fabrics. It was too late to apply for a grant for Christopher this year, but we will apply for one for him next year. All Columbiettes and Knights are invited and encouraged to attend. There is no charge for the brunch.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 5TH - 11 AM
COLUMBIETTE BRUNCH FOR PRESENTATION OF TRANSCRIPTION GRANT
NOVEMBER 12TH - 1 PM CHAP-

TER MEETING - TROY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 25TH - DINNER 5 - 8 PM SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS
NOVEMBER 26TH 8 AM - NOON COLUMBIETTE BREAKFAST
DECEMBER 2ND SARATOGA IN DECEMBER 6 PM
DECEMBER 10TH 8 AM - NOON COLUMBIETTE BREAKFAST
DECEMBER 19TH 1 - 4 PM CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

MEETING CHANGE

As you know, we have been meeting on the third Wednesday of the month instead of the first. We are now going to officially change our bylaws. In order to do that we must post it in the newsletter 2 months in a row. This will serve as notice that we are going to officially change our meeting night to the 3rd Wednesday.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

We would also like to congratulate Kathy and George Decker on the recent marriage of their son Mark. We wish Mark and his lovely bride Gina all the happiness in the world.

We would like to congratulate Kerri and Tony Audino on the birth of

their second child, a son, Michael Fortune Audino, born October 25th and weighing in at 8 lbs 12 ozs and 21 inches long. Kerri, Tony, big sister Gabriella and baby Michael are all doing fine.

We extend our sincere sympathy to our sister Columbiette Lillian Connor on the death of her brother Louis. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.

Please keep our Sister Columbiette, Bridget Frese in your prayers, she is still in the hospital. If you would like to send her a card she is at Albany Medical Center, 43 New Scotland Avenue, Albany, New York 12208, Room E506. I'm sure she would appreciate hearing from you.

We also ask that you keep our sister Columbiette Jeanne and brother Knight Bernie Marshall's mom in your prayers, she has been hospitalized with a stomach virus.

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, grandchild, or is celebrating a special occasion, please let us know so that we can acknowledge it.

CORPORATION NEWS

By Dennis Lanthier

50/50 Club

For those of you that haven't got into our 50/50 club lately you're missing out on a chance to win some serious money. Congratulations go out to Steve Baumes who won \$140 on the September drawing and to George Nugent who just won \$210 on the October drawing. It only cost \$10 a month to be in the drawing and your odds of winning are a lot better than lotto so stop by and join the club.

SARATOGA IN DECEMBER

Mark your calendar for what could be our 1st Saratoga in December party. We're planning on having horse racing, a money wheel, maybe

a dice cage and other games plus a bon-fire later in the evening. It will be a covered dish party with a \$5 entrance fee which will go towards a door prize. We'll even have a band to supply entertainment. After many years in the Music business with the groups "The Magical Moonbeams" and "R/Gang", our own Council members Billy Biette, and Eddie Krutka are coming out of semi-retirement with a new 5 piece group called "MAGIC" and are going to make their debut here at our Council on Saturday December 2nd for our SARATOGA in DECEMBER party. Party starts at 6:00pm and the band plays from 8-12 so stop by and sign up now.

INSURANCE NEEDS



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**COLUMBIAN
 SOCIETY OF
 COLONIE, INC**

LAS VEGAS NIGHTS

11/17/06
 12/15/06
 01/19/07

**GAMES BEGIN AT
 8:00 P.M.**



The games of chance that are offered are: Black

Jack, Joker Seven, Roulette and Big Nine Wheel.

You must be at least **18 years of age** to play.

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.



IN GOD WE TRUST

**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:

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 Albany, NY 12203 - 4961
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 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!

LATHAM COLONIE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS
 &
 BREAKFAST**



**ST. AMBROSE CHURCH
 SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2006
 9 AM MASS
 FOR OUR DECEASED
 KNIGHTS AND COLUMBIETTES**

**BREAKFAST WILL FOLLOW MASS
 AT COUNCIL HALL
 FAMILIES WELCOME**

**THERE WILL BE NO CHARGE FOR BREAKFAST
 WE DO ASK THAT YOU PLEASE BRING AN
 ITEM FOR OUR FOOD PANTRY**