



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

by Kevin Johns

Greeting Brother Knights,

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Christmas season. The Holidays are now behind us, the weather has treated us well and we can look forward to spring being here before we know it.

A big thank you goes out to Vicky & Tom Ruh for heading up the Children's Christmas Party. There was a great turn-out, plenty of treats, games and crafts for the kids and of course a visit from Ol' Saint Nick. Special thanks to Steve Dusza for his ho-ho-hos.

At the December Council meeting we were very fortunate to welcome guest speakers Donna Braunscheidel, a Director from the Kathleen Mary House (a transitional home for abused women & children) and Father William Bigelow. Donna thanked the Council for its recent donation to the Kathleen Mary House and both she and Fr. Bigelow gave a very interesting presentation about the wonderful work being done by their organization, which is based right here in Hamburg.

Congratulations to our newest members who took their First Degree Exemplification during the January 10th Council meeting. Please welcome them as they enter into their journey to full Knighthood. The following night, we traveled over to Nash Council as eight of our members—Mike Rizzo, Chuck Cookson, John Licata, Mark Markulis, Angelo Amato, Jerry Hoff, Steve Ambrose and Michael Cott took their Second Degree.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all of our Third Degree members that the Fourth Degree Exemplification is drawing near. Please review the Faithful Navigator, Don Kraft's bulletin article for details. This is a beautiful ceremony and we'd like to see a nice representation from Hamburg.

Ray Scott recently chaired an effort to have a new sign designed for the front of the building. It looks great. You can get a sneak peek on the Council web site at www.koc2220.com and there is also a copy of the design on the bulletin board in the Lounge.

Be sure to keep a copy of the Council Calendar handy or check the web page for quick reference on all of our upcoming events.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the elections on January 29th.

God Bless,
Kevin Johns, Grand Knight
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FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE

by Don Kraft

Just a short note to remind all our Third Degree Knights, that soon it will be Exemplification time. The event this year is set for **Saturday, April 21, 2012 at the Adam's Mark Hotel.**

Our Candidates Night will be held Thursday, March 22, 2012 at the Council with the most candidates (to be announced). Any Third Degree Knight wishing to become a Fourth Degree, please contact **John Crane, our Controller at 648-5034**, to get your application. This application must be read at several meeting to be approved by the Officers.

As Navigator of the Msgr. Toomey Assembly, I would like to see a good number of candidates from all four Councils!



**FISH FRY'S EVERY FRIDAY
4-7:30PM**

MEMORY WALK DONATION

Many thanks to the Hamburg Council Knights of Columbus for their generous donation of \$1,000.00 to the annual Memory Walk for the Alzheimer's Association. The monies raised were from the proceeds of the June Country Western Dance. Overall, the WNY Association received to date contributions in the amount of \$168,605.00. As a ways, the Mead family appreciates the support for this most worthy cause which afflicts more than 5 million Americans and nearly 11 million more serving as caregivers.

COUNTRY WESTERN DANCE



The Hamburg Council Knights of Columbus will host another Country Western Dance on **Saturday, February 4th from 7 pm to 11 pm**. The admission charge is \$7.00 per person or a cap of \$20.00 for a family which entitles you to table snacks, door prizes and a great evening of entertainment provided by Paul Zittel and his Pure Country Band. Reasonable priced refreshments will be available during the evening. For more information or to make table reservations, call **Harold Haier at 992-4867** or the **Council at 649-9830**. The next scheduled dance is Saturday, March 3rd.

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OUR NEWEST KNIGHTS



Pictured second from the left: **Peter Seereiter**, fourth from the left: **Travis Latt**, fifth: **George Corsi**, sixth: **Stephen Koss**, seventh: **Daniel Demarco**. We apologize as we weren't able to retrieve all of the gentlemen's names for this edition.

YOUTH FREE THROW CONTEST JANUARY 22ND

The annual Hamburg Knights of Columbus Youth Free Throw Contest is scheduled for **Sunday, January 22nd** in the gymnasium of council No. 2220.


The event will begin with **registration taking place at 10:30am**, and the actual competition beginning at 11am. The contest is open to boys and girls aged 10 to 14 as of January 1, 2012.

Along with parental consent, proof of age will be required upon registration for EVERYONE. Winners will then move on and compete as part of the district finals following our local event. There is an opportunity to eventually advance to the Western New York and New York State championships.

All children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and children of your friends are invited to participate. All are welcome and encouraged to attend and cheer on our young hoopsters.


For applications, additional information, and any questions you may have, please contact **Chairman Dave Budzinski at 863-3703**. It's time to hoop it up.

We hope to see you there!

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**EQUIPMENT ROOM
FUNDRAISER UPDATE**

Thanks to all. Our fundraising efforts over five years has raised nearly \$2,800. To date, we have purchased an elliptical machine, a semi-reclined bike, an inversion table, hand weights and a treadmill. Along with the new units, some monies has been used for the

repair and maintenance of this equipment and

facilities. The Council Board has been supportive along with several members with additional donations in funds and equipment. Thanks again and all types of donations will continue to be accepted for this years' project: **Re-fitting the Sauna. \$5 Tickets available now, downstairs in the locker room and in the lounge, for two numbers for the February Daily Number Drawing (eve).**

Bro. Knight, Jim E.: 698-9436

COLUMBUS CLUB ELECTIONS – JANUARY 29TH

Save the date ... **Sunday, January 29th** as members of Hamburg Council 2220 once again gather to cast their ballots in the annual Columbus Club election. **The polls are open from 1 – 4pm in the Council Hall.** This year's candidates include **Brian Birmingham, Dan Cooper, John Coots, Rob Kobiolka, Jeff Pitillo and Tom Ruh.**

All members of Council 2220 who possess a current paid-up 2011 membership card are eligible to vote. Payment of dues for 2012 is not required to be allowed to vote, although Financial Secretary and PGK Karl Stadler will be in his office for those who wish to pay their 2012 dues at that time.

Please make every effort to join us at the election on the 29th and enjoy this annual day of camaraderie. Spend the afternoon, enjoy a beverage or two and partake in the wonderful gourmet selections provided by the candidates.

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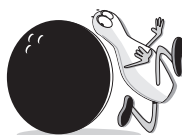
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <i>NEW YEARS DAY</i>	2 Bingo 7:30 pm	3 Rosary 7 pm	4 Wing Night 6-9 pm	5 Senior Knights Noon	6 <i>EPIPHANY</i>	7 Western Dance 7-11 pm
8	9 Bingo 7:30 pm	10 Rosary 7 pm Council Meeting & 1st Degree 7:30 pm	11 Wing Night 6-9 pm	12	13 Fish Fry 4 -7:30pm	14
15	16 <i>MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY</i> Bingo 7:30 pm	17 Rosary 7 pm	18 Wing Night 6-9 pm Columbus Club 7:30 pm	19 Senior Knights Noon Clergy Night Meeting	20 Fish Fry 4 -7:30pm	21
22	23 Bingo 7:30 pm	24 Rosary 7 pm	25 Wing Night 6-9 pm	26	27 Fish Fry 4 -7:30pm	28
29 Columbus Club Elections 1 -4 pm	30 Bingo 7:30 pm	31 Rosary 7 pm				

FEBRUARY EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Wing Night 6-9 pm	2 Senior Knights Noon Toomey Assembly meeting @ Hamburg 7:30 pm	3 Fish Fry 4 -7:30pm	4 Western Dance 7-11 pm
5	6 Bingo 7:30 pm	7 Rosary 7 pm	8 Wing Night 6-9 pm	9	10 Fish Fry 4 -7:30pm	11
12 <i>LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY</i>	13 Bingo 7:30 pm	14 Rosary 7 pm Council Meeting 7:30 pm <i>VALENTINE'S DAY</i>	15 Wing Night 6-9 pm Columbus Club 7:30 pm	16 Senior Knights Noon	17 Fish Fry 4 -7:30pm	18
19	20 Bingo 7:30 pm <i>PRESIDENT'S DAY</i>	21 Rosary 7 pm	22 Wing Night 6-9 pm <i>WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY</i>	23	24 Fish Fry 4 -7:30pm	25
26	27 Bingo 7:30 pm	28 Rosary 7 pm	29 Wing Night 6-9 pm			



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