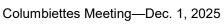


Council and Corporation meetings are held on the 2nd. Monday of every month. Corporation meets @ 6:00 PM, Council meetings begin @ 7:30 PM. Columbiettes meet 1st. Monday of each month. Mtg.'s @7:00 PM

# The Knightly News

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#### **COUNCIL NEWS & NOTES**

Council Meeting - Dec. 8, 2025

easons Greetings. As we celebrate the miracle of Jesus Christ's birth may your hearts be filled with happiness and thanksgiving. May God's love surround you and your family this Christmas and may you experience God's blessings in abundance throughout the Christmas and Thanksgiving celebrations.

On Friday, December 5, 2025, the Most Reverend Mark O'Connell will

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be installed as the 11th Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany, N.Y. He will succeed Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger who had served the Albany Diocese since April 2014. Bishop Scharfenberger submitted his resignation when he reached the mandatory retirement age of 75 in May 2023. He will serve as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Albany until Bishop O'Connell's installation.

Additionally there will be changes taking place at Our Lady of Assumption on January 1, 2026 as Father Rutherford the Pastor will be reducing his duties to the parish in Watervliet and Father Joseph T. Pham our current Chaplain, will be reassigned to the

Schuylerville area in Saratoga County. Reverend Thomas Fallati will take Father Rutherford's place at OLA. We will keep all who enjoy our newsletter posted on any further details the

#### VETERAN'S DAY 2025



A scout from Troop 1701 standing at attention and saluting during the singing of the National Anthem. Read and see more from this event on page 5 & 6.

Council obtains concerning the changes in any of our 5 parishes. On November 8th at Our Lady of Assumption Roman Catholic

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#### **COLUMBIETTE NEWS**

#### **Columbiette Officers**

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#### **NEXT MEETING**

Our next meeting will be December 1, at 7:00 PM.

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

12/6 Christmas Dinner 12/14 Breakfast with Santa

#### COLUMBIETTE BREAKFAST

Our breakfast will be on 12/14 from 8:30-11:30 and there will be a special visitor from the North Pole present so be sure to bring the kids and grandkids along. And as usual we can use lots of help, especially with the cleanup. Come have a great breakfast and stay to help with the cleanup, (see promo on page 4)

#### CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Council Christmas Dinner will be held on Saturday, December 6. It will be a Baked Ham Dinner with a Twice Baked potato and Bread pudding for dessert. Full details on the dinner can be found in the promo ad on page 3 of this newsletter.

#### **HOFFMAN CAR WASH TICKETS**

The Columbiettes are again selling Hoffman Car Wash tickets; they make great gifts. We have exterior for \$10.00 and Full Service for \$28.00, they are available at the Bar.

#### **DUES**

Just a reminder we still have some people who haven't paid their dues.



### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

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

Sat. Dec. 6th. - Christmas Dinner Mon. Dec. 8th. - Council Meeting

Sun. Dec. 14th. - Columbiette Breakfast w/ Santa Claus Thurs. Dec. 25th. - Merry Christmas (social parlor is closed)

Wed. Dec. 31st. - New Years Eve Thurs. Jan 1st. - Happy New Years

Dues are \$15 and you can drop your dues at the Council or send them to Joy Meher at 38 Western Ave, Watervliet, NY 12189. Her phone number is 518-502-3601. Make checks payable to the Latham Colonie to the Latham Colonie Columbiettes.

#### SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

The Columbiettes have a Sunshine

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

The officers wish all our Columbiettes and Brother Knights a Very Merry and Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!



# **HOFFMAN CAR WASH TICKETS**

**KEEP YOUR CAR CLEAN YEAR ROUND** 

THE COLUMBIETTES HAVE HOFFMAN CAR WASH TICKETS FOR SALE. THEY CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE BAR.



**EXTERIOR ONLY \$10.00 FULL SERVICE ONLY \$28.00** 

**TICKETS ARE GOOD AT ALL HOFFMAN'S CAR WASHES** 





#### **COUNCIL NEWS & NOTES**

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Church, council members attended the annual Memorial Mass held in honor of Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes who have gone on to eternal life with our Lord Jesus Christ.

Another positive event was a well attended breakfast on Sunday, Nov 9th, sponsored by the Columbiettes of Council 3394. Thanks again to the volunteers who helped make the event a success.

An event we hope to compete in soon is the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest in which boys and girls compete within our district in January 2026, The winners in the district competition then compete with winners from other districts in the regional championship in Ossining, N.Y. In February 2026. The Regional Champions then compete for the NY State Championship at West Point toward the end of March 2026. The Council has tentatively reserved 2 venues, and is preparing to move forward once the districts conference leaders provide direction and information concerning the participation of other councils within the district, scheduling and their participation in the tournament. Currently Robert Frost is our Community Coordinator for our Council regarding the Contest which we hope to compete in. We will keep you posted on the status of this potential event in our district. Any inquiries regarding this contest should addressed to Bob, his email is RFrost.518@gmail.com

#### **Pre-Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner:**

Our annual Turkey dinner was held on November 15 with a near record number of patrons enjoying an absolutely sumptuous Turkey Dinner prepared by our now famous husband and wife team of Steve and Jude Chiera

We served well over 150 dinners that evening and raised over \$2,000 for charity.

We would like to thank Steve and Jude for continuing to assist the Knights and Columbiettes by preparing and serving their delicious dinners

Thanks to all of our Knights and

Columbiettes who continue to help dinner after dinner, we would be lost without you.

#### **Christmas Dinner:**

As noted in the last newsletter we will be holding our annual Christmas dinner on Saturday, December 6, 2025 from 4-7 at the Council. The dinner this year will be a Baked Ham dinner. The first course will be soup this time, no salad. We will also be serving a twice baked potato and dessert will be Bread Pudding. This spectacular dinner can be purchased for \$20 per person and complete details can be found on our promo ad on page 3 of this newsletter. We look forward to seeing you.

#### Columbiette Breakfast:

Will be held on Sunday, December 14, 2025 from 8:30 - 11:30. The Columbiettes are trying something different this year. Instead of holding their usual Kids Christmas Party they are going to have Santa come to the breakfast instead. There is also a change of pricing for children for this event so please see our ad on page 3 for more details.

#### **Scouts Need Your Help:**

It's the holiday season and it's also a time when some underprivileged people need help to make their holiday's merry and bright. Two groups of scouts have set up boxes in the foyer of the Councils to accept donations from our members and friends. And being that Charity is the first principle of the order it should run right down our alley. Unfortunately that isn't happening.

Boy Scout Troop 1062 in Latham is collecting toys for children living at St. Catherine's Center for Children in Albany. The children are between the ages of 5-12. Pretty much any toy is acceptable but being that same children have experienced violence they ask that no toy weapons be donated. These scouts have been collecting toys at the Council for the past several years and you have always been generous so please donation a toy to a child that would truly appreciate it. And if you can, please drop it off by December 6. Thank you.

Cub Pack 1701, who were very instrumental in our Field of Flags Project have set up a Food Drive Collection Bin in the foyer of the Council also. Again, if you can, please find it in you heart to donation a can or two to their cause.

#### **RedCross Blood Drive:**

A RedCross blood drive was recently held at the Council and from what we've been told it was very successful. We don't know how many donors were Knights or Columbiettes but if you were a donor, thank you.

#### FIELD OF FLAGS

On a beautiful Fall day in early November we paid homage to all veterans by presenting our "Field of Flags" in front of a large turnout of friends, family and honored guests.

We would like to thank first and foremost the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts and their pack and troop leaders in their assistance in our ceremony, it was truly a beautiful sight watching them crossing the lawn with the flags and then standing at attention while our guest singer Rafi Topalian sang the National Anthem. Special thanks also to Congressman Paul Tonko, State Senator Jake Ashby, Colonie Town Supervisor Peter Crummey and Albany County American Legion Commander Leo Falconio for attending and addressing the crowd, all their addresses were meaningful and heartfelt. We would also like to thank the Latham Fire Department for attending and bringing along a truck which the children certainly enjoyed.

After the day was done we received a message from Leo Falconio who brought along his grandson to the ceremony. This is what he had to say: "Thank you for the opportunity to be part of Field of Flags, everyone was so accommodating and to have G (his grandson) post a flag. It was the highlight of his day. I asked him the best part of his day and he said it was that ceremony. Please extend my sincere thanks to the K of C members".

We have established a tradition in such a short period of time that each and every member of the Knights and Columbiettes can and should be proud of.

# FIELD OF FLAGS CEREMONY FOR VETERANS, Nov. 8, 2025















#### A PLEA FOR HELP!!!

My dear friends of Our Lady of the Assumption Church,

This year we kicked off an effort to bring the parish together by consistently using the line "One Family in Faith". Meaning, whatever you're going through, we're going there too to be with you. We unite in prayer with you for every mass, adoration, to pray for you during the day to day challenges of the world today. By encouraging unity, we hope to accompany each other in every way. For many of you, life and location have changed, but through it all, to us, you have remained a member in our family here at OLA. When one celebrates, we all celebrate. When one is hurting, we all hurt, but we hold each other up.

Within the last month, we have learned of a situation with someone in our family who is fighting acute myeloid Leukemia. Katie Donnelly Wygel is a 30 year old mother of 3 small children, grew up in this parish with her brother Kyle, and whose parents are still devoted parishioners, and we are trying our best to not only support her in prayer, but mostly in finding her the stem cell match she needs to survive this disease.

Getting on the stem cell registry only entails someone age 18-35 ordering a test kit, <a href="https://www.dkms.org/register-now">https://www.dkms.org/register-now</a>, doing a cheek swab at home, and returning it postage paid. I know of someone who has been on the registry for 14 years and has never been called upon to donate because she wasn't a match for anyone yet. She has a few more years before she "ages out" because a young person needs young stem cells, thereby the age range for donors. None of us can imagine what her parents, brother, young husband and babies are going through, but I am determined to be the relentless voice crying out in the wilderness to find her match, and her cure.

As we gather families together this upcoming holiday season, could we please share this information with those in the age range, and continue to push the information to the public until we find her match?

Can we ask of our children not to 'buy' us a gift, but to register to give someone else the gift of life? It costs nothing but a moment of your time, both to pass this along, or to order the test and do it. In all of our busyness, there could be nothing more meaningful that to take a few moments to pray and possibly act on this opportunity. She is on Facebook under "Katie Strong" and posts often to keep us updated, good and not so good news. Please include Katie in your Thanksgiving prayers, your daily prayers, novenas, candle lightings or whatever you feel takes your petitions to heaven. If you can, please donate to their GoFund Me to help offset some of the extraordinary expense of this journey for this young family.

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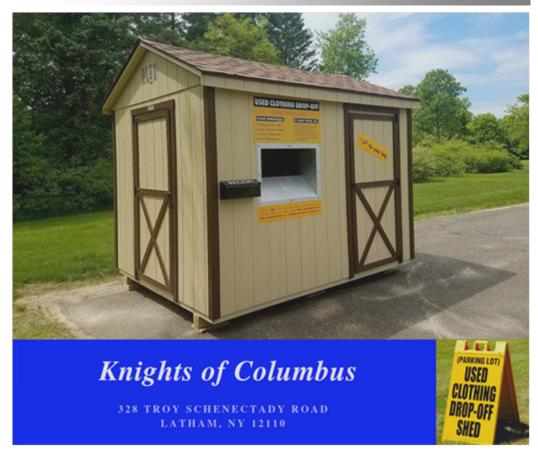
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#### MERRY CHRISTMAS



#### **USED CLOTHING DROP-OFF SHED**



We accept clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, curtains, pillowcases and stuffed animals. Please bag all items.

We do not accept: furniture, electronics, books, household items, toys, garbage, pillows, rags, fabric scraps, etc.