



# Madonna Council 2535 Knights of Columbus

Pray the Rosary

February 2012



Grand Knight — George Hartsock 743-1060

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## Grand Knight's Report

We all stop and wonder where the time has gone. The holiday rush is all but over and another year gone by. The Council sponsored a Kolendy Night on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. This is a Polish tradition where everyone gets together, along with musicians, sing, dance, eat, and boy can they drink. I had my doubts at first, but when a Polka band starts off the evening by playing Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer, you know something magical is about to happen. Yes even Santa was impressed, along with 200 other people.

A big thank you goes out to Gus, Fred, and Larry, their wives and all involved.

During November and December we here at Madonna, through the Catholic Club, made the season a little brighter for fifteen local families, supplying them with complete holiday dinners. Our wonderful ladies took \$1300.00 dollars from their own account, purchased toy's, gift wrapped them, and through the school program, made the season very Merry for 13 local needy children. We can not thank you enough Ladies, for all you do, for the council and Community.

Donations of food and toys were made to the council during Bingo, Fish Fry's, and at the adult Christmas party. The toys were taken to the YWCA of the Tonawanda's. The food, along with a monetary donation, will be given to the local food pantry

The Council will be hosting a Barbeque on February 11, 2012. The funds will be used to support one of our members, who is in desperate need of a wheelchair lift. Please see the insert for further details. We can certainly use your support.

My thanks to all of our Officers, Ladies, and Members for making the season bright for so many.

At this time I would like to wish all of you a very safe, healthy, and prosperous New Year God bless you and yours.

George Hartsock

## Catholic Club Board

### Officers

Executive Director	Larry Pfalzer PGK
Deputy Director	Anthony Hempel
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Grand Knight	George Hartsock
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Bell Jar Chairman	Alex Cunningham PGK
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Director	Diane Pfalzer
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**LADIES AUXILIARY NOTES***From Mary Hartsock (743-1060)*

Happy New Year everyone! As of January, our annual dues of \$3.00 is due. Please see Mary Hempel to make your payment.

There will be more discussions at our February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting about our group trip to see a show. Some of the ladies thought that February was too cold to go to a show, and they'd rather wait until April.

I was making plans for a small group of 14 who still wanted to go and see "Nunsense", in addition to the one with the Auxiliary, but the date has become a problem. The date chosen is Super Bowl Sunday, and with that, only 4 were interested. Another date was chosen that was available for drivers, but didn't work out for riders. So, unfortunately, if you want see Nunsense, you'll have to make arrangements to go on your own. I tried...

Our "Bag Auction at the January meeting was a lot of fun! All those in attendance really enjoyed themselves. I'd like to say a special "Thank You" to Mary Hemple for all the shopping she did to supply all the needs and wants for the 6 families that we hosted for Thanksgiving and Christmas. I'm sure these families really enjoyed a wonderful holiday season, due to all of Mary's efforts. And I'm sure they will remember and appreciate it for many years to come. Thank you Mary, for taking all the time and effort during the busy holiday season, to do such meaningful charitable work.

We discussed briefly our St. Joseph's Table this year. It will be on **Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**, so mark your calendars for this blessed tribute to St. Joseph. Fr. James Hassett has agreed to say Mass at 2:00 PM, and then we will have a meatless meal following. Everyone is asked to bring a meatless dish to pass. Only the committee members are to bring the desserts. It's for all Knights and their families, sponsored by the Ladies' Auxilliary. Reminder: we did not have a St. Joseph's Table last year due to poor attendance the previous year. Hopefully you'll attend this year, and help keep this long standing tradition going.

Our hostesses for our February meeting are Debbie DiVirgilio, Pam Sliwinski, Ruth DiVirgilio, Rockie Schweickhard and Elise Schweickhard.

I'd like to wish all our February birthday girls a very "Happy Birthday"!

God Bless,

Mary Hartsock

**Happy Birthday to all fellow Knights and Ladies  
celebrating this February!!**



## SEARCHING FOR DOLLARS

Hey! Here's a novel idea if you use the Internet. The North Tonawanda Catholic Club is registered on "GOODSEARCH". You say what does this mean? Goodsearch is a tool to use when you are searching the Internet or just going to a particular site. By being registered and using our name each time you go to a site, we make money and there is no cost to you and no cost to us. All you do is type in GoodSearch and search. The Goodsearch web page comes up and asks who do you Goodsearch for? You type in North Tonawanda Catholic Club Inc and our name pops up. You then type in the web site or what you are searching for on the search line. That's all there is to it! Lets see how much money we can make.

## INSURANCE CHECK-UP FOR 2012

An insurance check-up can be as important as an annual physical. Unlike many other products, you don't just need money to obtain life insurance, long-term care or disability income insurance. You also need good health, and no one knows when your health could change.

Did you take time out of your schedule last year to meet with me? If you did, thank you for seeing me and helping secure your financial future. I will be in touch with you to schedule your annual review to verify that everything is heading in the right direction. We'll make sure that if your goals and budget have changed, your plan still works for you.

If you didn't have a meeting with me last year, I hope you will answer my invitation this year. It's a wise idea to have an expert look at your finances. Don't deprive yourself and your family of a service which has benefited so many others. Schedule some time to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, and I'll provide an insurance check-up that will quickly identify any gaps in your family's life insurance program.

Did I mention my check-up is free of charge? When was the last time you received something for free that could be providing value to you and your family for generations? I will come to your house when it fits your schedule. Call me today.

Sincerely Yours in the Spirit of Columbianism,  
Bob LaBarbera, Field Agent  
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## Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Time	Chairman
2/01/2012	Knights Meeting	8:00PM	George Hartsock
2/02/2012	Bingo	7:20 PM	George Hartsock
2/03/2012	Fish Fry	4:00 PM	Diane Pfalzer
2/08/2012	Catholic Club	8:00 PM	Larry Pfalzer
2/13/2012	Ladies Aux. Metting	7:00 PM	Mary Hartsock
2/15/2012	Knights Meeting	8:00PM	George Hartsock
2/16/2012	Bingo	7:20 PM	George Hartsock
2/22/2012	Ash Wednesday		
2/23/2012	Bingo	7:20 PM	George Hartsock
2/24/2012	Fish Fry	4:00 PM	Diane Pfalzer
3/01/2012	Bingo	7:20 PM	George Hartsock
3/02/2012	Fish Fry	4:00 PM	Diane Pfalzer
3/07/2012	Knights Meeting	8:00PM	George Hartsock
3/08/2012	Bingo	7:20 PM	George Hartsock
3/09/2012	Fish Fry	4:00 PM	Diane Pfalzer

**Be a Winner - High Stakes Bingo  
Every Thursday at 7:30 PM**

**Knights of Columbus Hall  
755 Erie Ave  
North Tonawanda**

## NORTH TONAWANDA CATHOLIC CLUB, INC.

Our meetings are every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 8:00pm. All are invited.

As I mentioned last month, Madonna Council and the North Tonawanda Catholic Club have approved **TWO new scholarships** to be awarded on a yearly basis. We currently have our scholarships for Cardinal O'Hara graduates and North Tonawanda High School graduates in the amount of \$1,000.00 each for those who are going onto college. We have now added two new scholarships.

The new scholarships will be for members, member's children and grandchildren only. One of the new scholarships is for \$500.00 and it will be awarded to an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student who will be attending a Catholic High School. The second scholarship is for \$1,000.00 and it will be awarded to a student who will attend college. The scholarship applications will be available after the first of the year. Keep an eye open.

We are into the winter and the Holiday season. We are promoting our "Feed The Hungry" program again. We ask that when you come to a meeting, event or just want to make a donation of food or money that you put it in the container that will be available in the Hall. This will run through Easter. We ask that all bingo players consider this also as a way to help those in need in North Tonawanda. The donations go to the NT Food Pantry. **For every cash donation that we receive, The North Tonawanda Catholic Club will double.**

We have provided food for those families in need in North Tonawanda, 8 families at Thanksgiving and 8 families at Christmas. Food for the entire family and food from breakfast to dinner.

I encourage everyone to get involved and give us your ideas where we can help the community and our churches. You will be receiving a donation letter shortly and I encourage you to send in your ideas and if you can make a cash contribution, that would be greatly appreciated.

See you at the meeting!!

Lawrence J. Pfalzer Jr.

Executive Director

## FREE TAX RETURN PREPARATION

Mark your calendars for February 22nd and March 21st for **Free Income Tax Return Preparation**. The North Tonawanda Catholic Club and The Knights of Columbus, along with the AARP Foundation are sponsoring these days where your tax returns will be prepared free by trained AARP Tax Aides. The times are from 9:00am to Noon each day. Both Federal and State returns will be prepared. Everyone is welcome!!!

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