



**FATHER BAKER COUNCIL # 2243**  
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
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**“LENTEN JOURNEY BEGINS”**

Even with the New Year’s celebration behind us, it’s still early in the year to sense the anticipation and uncertainty of the future. Likewise with our council clubhouse. Attached to the “February 2017” Arma Dextra was a message to the membership concerning the “State of the K of C Council 2243 & the Lackawanna Catholic Club (LLC), owner of the clubhouse. It expressed real concerns. Today many rumors exist regarding the viability of the LLC. With that, the council is inviting all members to an informational meeting to be held at the council hall on Thursday, Feb. 22, 2018 at 7:00 PM. Your attendance and input are needed and Valuable to the future success of “your” council and the LLC. Encourage your brother Knights to attend. I would also like to once again thank all the volunteers who so unselfishly gave their time and energy to our November Meat Raffle it netted \$4,291.02 which will be applied to expenses. Please remember your three Lenten obligations: Prayer, Fasting and Alms giving. Happy St. Valentine’s Day!

Fraternally *Gene Mendrysa*, GK

**FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Thur Feb 1st	Sr. Knights 1PM	Tue Feb 6th	Bd Directors 6:30PM
Sun Feb 4th	Super Bowl Sunday	Tue Feb 6th	Bloodmobile 12PM
Tues Feb 13th	Council Mtg 7:00PM	Wed Feb 14th	Council Mtg. 7PM
Wed, Feb 14 <sup>th</sup>	Ash Wednesday	Mon. Feb 19 <sup>th</sup>	President’s Day

**4TH DEGREE NEWS MSGR. TOOMEY ASSEMBLY #2038**

The next assembly meeting is Thur., Feb. 1, 2018, Hamburg Council, 7:30PM. Just a reminder the Exemplification Degree will take place this year on April 21, 2018, Niagara Falls, NY; never too early to ask a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree member to move on up, it’s a beautiful Degree.

**KNIGHTS NEWS**

**BLOOD DRIVE** – Our first blood drive of the year will take place, council clubrooms, on Tuesday, Feb.6, 2018, 12:00-5:00PM. This is open to everyone, thank you for caring & sharing your “Gift of Life!”

**SUPER BOWL SUNDAY** – This year’s Big Event falls on Sunday, Feb. 4, 2018, kick-off approx. 6:30PM. Come join your brother Knights along with family and friends and share in the excitement in your council lounge. Tradition has been bring a dish to share (recipes too!). Hope to see you there!

**WELCOME FIELD AGENT** - At last month’s council meeting we had the pleasure of meeting our new Insurance Field Agent Mr. Richard Kaban. Richard introduced himself and shared his experience in Insurance & Financial Investments. He can be reached at (716) 903-7026 to help with all your financial needs.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY’S REPORT** – Initial reminder notices (postcards) were sent to all dues paying council members on December 15. If you are a dues paying member but have not received a reminder in your mailbox, it is because the sorting machine at the post office stripped your mailing address label off of the postcard. Second Notices will be sent out on January 19. Please send your dues payment to financial secretary, John Radwan, 130 Main St., West Seneca, NY 14224. Any questions, contact John at 675-1804.

Council members are reminded that a monthly calendar of events and the latest council news and announcements are all available on our council’s website, fatherbakerkofc.com. If you have not received any of the emails that John Radwan has sent recently via the website, it means that you are not on our website’s email list. Please forward your email address to John at [jr0410@aol.com](mailto:jr0410@aol.com).

No information is available re the date and location of the next degree ceremony. When that occurs, an email will be sent out. It will be posted on the News & Announcements page of our website, fatherbakerkofc.com.

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## ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT 2107

	<u>WED BINGO</u>	<u>SUN BINGO</u>	<u>BELL JARS</u>	<u>NFL</u>	<u>CALENDARS</u>
Beginning Balance	\$12,518.75	\$12,518.75	\$ 4,254.15	\$5,435.00	\$1,610.00
Total Receipts (-prizes)	38,415.95	-0-	18,067.00	1,275.00	200.00
<b>Disbursements:</b>					
Insurance				3,300.00	1,000.00
Lic & Fees	1,620.95				
Bookkeeping	1,125.00				
Supplies	2,563.14			299.95	
Advertising	284.92				
Utilities	11,850.55	8,432.22			410.00
Maintenance	26,425.79	1,411.28	157.91	250.00	
Bond Redemption	300.00				
Donations	4,685.00				
Snow Plowing			1,783.50		
Taxes					
Ending Balance	<u>\$ 294.90</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>\$ 12,925.19</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>

**FREE THROW CONTEST** – On Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018, Fr. Baker Council is sponsoring a Free Throw Contest for boys & girls ages 9-14 at the OLV Elementary School gym at 10 AM. Competitions start at the local council level with winners moving up to 3 higher levels; then to the international level championship competition in their group. Volunteers needed (no basketball experience needed!). Please contact John Radwan 675-1804 or Bob Meegan 348-6119 to get involved; there is also a signup sheet on the council lounge bulletin board. Your support in helping with this most worthwhile event is greatly appreciated; also qualifies for anyone looking for community service credit! Volunteers should report at the school gym at 9 AM.

### SENIOR KNIGHTS NEWS

**MEETING:** Next meeting is Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 1:00PM, lunch to follow after a brief business meeting. December gift cards were drawn at the Jan. meeting due to inclement weather: Art Puta, Wayne Peszko, Gene Mendrysa, Norm Mendrysa and “The Bear” (see below the leap year baby!) . . .

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS** - Joe Abram, Jerry “The Bear” Broderick, Mike Ciesla, Jim Gallagher, Gerald Gonsiorek, Dennis Kane, Gerald Pasnik, Charles Poloncarz, Thomas Reilly, John Rudnicki, Dave Schaefer, Joe Smacniak, Maurice Casey & Chuck Skipper. And belated birthday wishes to Henry Bonarek who was omitted from the January celebrants – sorry Henry! A Blessed and Joyous day to all!!!

**CASINO TRIP** - Monday, April 2, 2018 (dat Dingus Day) the Sr. Knights are sponsoring a trip to Seneca Salamanca; cost \$25.00 p/p, includes deluxe bus transportation, \$25.00 Casino Credit + a \$5.00 food voucher. Leaves the council at 9:00AM, arriving approx. 10:15AM, departs at 3:30PM returning to council approx. 4:45PM. Trip is open to all; for reservation please contact event chair Kevin Gilbride at 675-7972.

**SENIOR KNIGHT'S DUES** – Sr. Knights Fin. Sec. Otto Johnson would like to thank all those who have remitted there 2018 dues in a timely manner. If remitting by mail please send them to: Otto Johnson, 5680 Rice Rd., Boston, NY 14025, or you may leave them at the council lounge marked Sr. Dues, attn; Otto Johnson. Or bring them when you attend the February Meeting! Please indicate if you want a card mailed. Thank you gentlemen hope to see you on the 1st . . .

**BROTHERS-In-Need.** Please remember in your prayers PGK Pat Gallagher- (hospitalized), Tom & Kathy Bystryk (illnesses), Joe Abram – Nursing Home. And last month Fr. Baker Council lost a most dedicated & devoted Life Members PGK William “Bill” Godios. There’s little Bill didn’t do, I would need an entire page to list his contributions. To his son Bill, daughter-in-law Barb & his grandchildren please accept our heartfelt thanks for sharing him with us all these past years! He’s home now to be with his precious Kay – Amen!

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