



# Knights Digest



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## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Date: DECEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 2:00 P.M.

Please bring a wrapped gift (no more than \$10.00) with your child's name clearly printed on it for Sants. We will have a candy guessing contest with a prize for the winner. Food and refreshments will be served to the children. If you have any questions please call:

Steve Ruhl at 908 - 964-8095

## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP DRIVES

Union Council will be holding drives at St. Michael's Dec. 4 & 5, and at Holy Spirit Dec. 11 & 12. We truly need confirmed support. Please wear your K of C pins & apparel and try to give 15 minutes before and after Masses to hand out literature and take names of prospects for membership . . . **Show Our Unity!!!!** Call Tom Conte at (908) 687-4898 to schedule the time you can help. (Points Issued) In order to expedite interested candidate admission, we will hold a special 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Dec. 15, 1999. Please try to attend this degree to illustrate our support of new members. In general, new membership has been soft so far this year. . . . Spread The Word !!!

## ROSE SALE

Sincere thanks to all who volunteered their time during our Rose sale. Due to your efforts and the generosity of the parishioners of St. Michael's and Holy Spirit \$1,547. Was raised to help women choose life for their unborn children. Jim Sondey, Respect Life Chairman.

## Y2K New Year's Celebration December 31, 1999

Dear Brother Knight's and their guests, this is the last article about New Year's Party. The cut off to get your money in is, December 15. We are having a sensational cocktail hour along with a surf & Turf dinner. Also, don't forget the electrifying desserts. Please call up some friends and get a table or just come with a friend and we will take care of the rest. Please call Kevin Collins at 688-2038 or Clarence Cunningham at 241-7710 for reservations. The price is \$45.00 per person, which of course will include open bar, inordinate amount of food, enjoyable music, and a quiet lounge for conversation or mediation. **THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE, CALL US RIGHT AWAY IF YOU WANT TO HAVE A GREAT TIME.**

## CHARITABLE RAFFLE

Our next quarterly charitable raffle will be held at our December 13<sup>th</sup> Christmas dinner meeting. As you know our many charities depend on your support. . . . Call me at 908 - 964-4361 if you would like additional tickets.

*Thank you,*  
John Murphy, Chairman

## ½ WAY TO SUMMER PARTY

FEBRUARY 11, 2000 - 8-12 P.M.  
\$15.00 Per Person

Featuring - Dr. Cheeko - beer - wine  
- soda and sandwiches  
Contact: Clarence Cunningham  
908 - 241-7710

## MARCH FOR LIFE

The 27<sup>th</sup> annual March for Life will take place on Monday, January 24, 2000 in Washington, D.C. Religious, political, and pro-life leaders will speak at the Ellipse in front of the White House. All will then walk to the Supreme Court building and to the congressional offices to speak with our representatives regarding the sanctity of life. A bus will leave from St. Theresa's Church in Kenilworth early Monday morning and return Monday evening. If you are interested in making a pro-life statement, please call Jim Sondey, (908) 688-1889.

## CHRISTMAS DINNER MEETING

December 13, 1999

CHICKEN MARCELLA  
SALAD AND DESSERT  
Price \$12.00 - Children \$4.00

Meeting at 6:30 P.M.  
Dinner at 7:30 P.M.  
Members, Wives, Widows  
and Friends are welcome

For Reservations Contact:  
Jules Pruszkowski  
(908) 688-2846  
Rich Esposito (908) 688-6969

## CONVENTION 2000

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ANNUAL CONVENTION  
MAY 17-21, 2000  
ADVENTURER MOTEL  
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CONTACT:  
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908 - 241-7710

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## MONTHLY MEETINGS

1st Mon. .... Council Officers  
 2nd & 4th Mon. .... Regular Meetings  
 3rd Mon. .... Swim Club  
 1st Wed. .... 4th Degree Officers  
 2nd Thurs. .... 4th Degree Color Corps  
 3rd Wed. .... 4th Degree Regular  
 4th Wed. .... Council Committees  
 4th Thurs. .... Columbian Club

## SWIM CLUB

Any 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Member of the Columbian Swim Club who is interested in serving on the Swim Club Board of Governors please contact our nominating committee. You can call any of the following gentlemen for further information:

Ted Czaplá – 686-7411  
 Ken Lang – 687-5303  
 Nick Iarossi – 688-8941  
 Tom Conte – 687-4898

## PLAYGROUND

Our playground equipment in the picnic ares must be replaced in order to comply with current laws. To finance this project we are planning the following events.

1. Holiday Pie Sale
2. 50's Night – Jan 22, 2000
3. Mystery Dinner Theater – March 4, 2000

Christmas pie orders will be taken Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> thru Dec. 17, 1999. The costs will be - 7" pie \$5.00 – 10" pie \$7.00 –

Our 50's night will be on Jan. 22, 2000. Appearing will be the Happenings (See You in September – I've Got Rythm) featuring Bob Miranda, The Remaining Few (An Acapella Group) and our own Joey T as MC and DJ.

There will be two options for this evening.

The first is a 7 P.M. dinner with 2 free beverages. The cost is \$25.00 for the entire evening. For those who cannot make the dinner there will be seats at the bar at 9:00 P.M. for \$15.00 CASH BAR. Either way you will see our entertainers. This is a first come first serve for all seats.

Tickets for this event are going fast and may already be sold out as you read this.

There will be more information forthcoming on the Mystery Dinner Show.

All proceeds from these events will go to purchase playground equipment. If you are unable to attend the events please make an effort to donate to our Playground Equipment Fund. Contact:

Steve Patricco –908 – 688-8607

## LAST CALL

**Myrtle Beach Golf  
Getaway**

**Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2000**

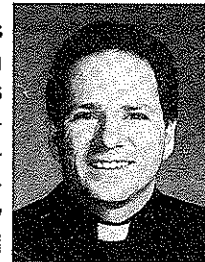
**Only 8 Slots For a Sell Out  
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Fun Deal – 2somes welcome  
Contact:**

**John Peters at 810-1283**

## Chaplain's Column

REV. ANTHONY NARDO

The Christmas Season is upon us. Christmas is really the celebration of the "Incarnation." The Incarnation simply means that God became a human being, a man like us in every way except sin.



Reflecting on the Incarnation we can see that God was not content to just inspire prophets to speak God's word to us, but that God's love for us prompted God coming down from heaven to be among us. Such is the way of love. When we love someone we want to be with them, live our lives with them. So does God. The simple message of Christmas then is that God loves us. We Christians view God through the "Christ event," if you will, that revealed God's great care for us.

Sometimes I think about all the rich and priveleged people in our world who give no thought to the plight of the poor. (Many well off people are generous and giving however.) They have their yachts, expensive cars, country clubs, expensive clothes, etc and they do not think of the poor. So many in our world are struggling, even for survival, and don't make it. Jesus said the last will be first and the first shall be last. Unless we care for others, we will loose out in the end. This Christmas then, observe the true Christmas spirit and give to those in need. Jesus said, "It is better to give than to receive." Find a worthy charity. Our own Council has worthy causes to give to. We are after all, an association premised on the values and beliefs of Catholicism. Be a true knight of the Lord. Fight the good fight and give to those in need.

May fondest wishes to you and your families for a Blessed Merry Christmas.

In His Love,  
Father Anthony

## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH November 1999



**RAY BARNES**

Ray and his family are residents of Union. He and his wife, Antionette, have three children: Jennifer, Annmarie and Matt, they also have one grandchild, Devlyn.

Ray and his family are parishioners of Holy Spirit in Union, NJ. He is a salesman for Arbee Stainless Steel.

He has been a member of the Union council #4504 for the past four years. Ray is currently our Inside Guard. Ray is also Chairman for the Eyes for the Needy and Co-Chairs the 1999 Food Drive.

In spare time away from his work and Council, Ray enjoys golf and his PC. Union Council #4504 is proud to name *Ray Barnes* as our November 1999 Knight of the Month.

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**Why Not Look Into The Knights Of Columbus For Your Needs.**

**Happy Holidays....Rich**

To receive more information on OUR annuity program contact Rich Fuentes at (908) 925-9131

## Grand Knight's Column

KEVIN COLLINS

*Dear Brother  
Knight's :*

I trust everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving. I would just like to say thanks to Ray Barnes our food drive chairman, along with Sister Ann of St. Michael's Church and all the Brother Knights that volunteered there time to pick up food from our local schools and stores. Because of their efforts our Council is able to make sure, people less fortunate are able to have plenty of food for the holidays.

Can you believe Christmas is right around the corner? I am sure everyone enjoys watching your children or grandchildren opening up gifts from Santa. I just don't like the bill he leaves behind. Christmas also reminds me of a priest who worked in a small parish along time ago. His name is Fr. Michael J. McGivney founder of the Knights of Columbus, whether it's a Priest of Fr. McGivney's reputation, or our local Priests today, they must have a tough time during the Christmas celebration. We as Knights of Columbus must do our best to help them. Please Brothers we must all remember to put Christ back in Christmas.

I look forward to seeing as many Brother Knights as possible at our meeting or social events this upcoming year. Have a safe and fulfilling Christmas.

*Fraternally Yours,  
Kevin Collins, Grand Knight*

### EYES FOR THE NEEDY PROGRAM

The generosity of our council members and the people of Union Township continue as we have donated over 300 pairs of eyeglasses to this worthwhile cause. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. For questions and information, please call: **Ray Barnes (908) 436-1515.**

## CALENDAR 1999 - 2000

*December, 1999*

3 Fri. .... First Friday 7:30  
6 Mon. .... Officer's Mtg. 8:00  
12 Sun..... Camp Fatima Christmas Party  
13 Mon. ... Annual Christmas Dinner Meeting 6:30  
18 Sat. .... Annual Bring a Dish Party  
19 Sun. ... Children's Christmas Party  
20 Mon. .... Swim Club Meeting  
31 Fri..... **New Year's Eve Party Y2K**

*January, 2000*

1 Sat. .Holy Day--Mary Mother of God  
1 Sat. New Years Day-Council closed  
3 Mon. .... Officers Meeting  
7 Fri. .... First Friday  
10 Mon. .... Council Meeting  
13 Thurs. .... Annual Swim Club Meeting 8:00 P.M.  
22 Sat. .... **50's Night**  
24 Mon. .... Council Meeting  
24 Mon. .... March For Life Trip to Washington, D.C.  
27 Mon. .... Columbian Club Meeting  
30 Sun. .... Super Bowl Party

### Milleneum Membership Incentives

**Only For Dec. 15, 1999 &  
Jan. 25, 2000 1<sup>ST</sup> Degrees**

Any member who sponsors 1-2 new members will get a Free Hat, sponsorship of 3 or more will get a Free Shirt. Both the hat and shirt will bear the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree emblem, council & acknowledge sponsoring for the Milleneum First Degrees in December & January. See the fliers circulating & posted in the council. As we all know, the steady infusion of new members is a vital part of our fresh ideas and support. **Please be sure to be a part of our success by sponsoring and supporting our new members in their involvement.** For more info. Call Tom Conte at (908) 687-4898.

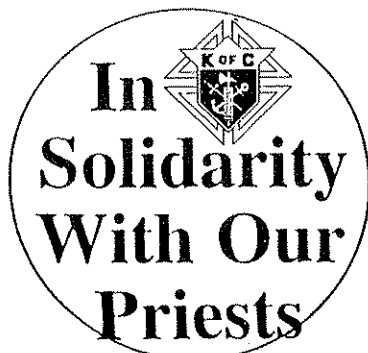
We need your help & support at the church drives and sponsoring new members. Sponsoring new members earns points.

Fraternally - Tom Conte

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