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Nativity Fund Raiser

We are still trying to raise funds to replace the Nativity figurines that the Knights of Columbus displays on the lawn at town hall during the Christmas season. Two month ago the digest article regarding this important fund raiser stated that we have over 1700 members in our council and were asking for only a \$5.00 donation from each. To date we have only received 21 donations. Some of these were very generous, more than the \$5 we where asking for, and I thank you for them. But we are not even close to reaching the amount needed. One of these donations was from Mrs. Johanna Kiss, widow of PGK Julius Kiss. In the note with her check she said, "My husband Julius Kiss, PGK, always looked forward to seeing the Nativity displayed at town Hall. Please continue this tradition." Brothers this is the widow of a Past Grand Knight and she knows the importance of having the nativity displayed at town hall. I ask you to please consider sending a donation for the Nativity replacement. At this time I would like to thank the family of Brother John Pepe and the family and friends of brother George Jacko for the donations made in their memory. The three departed brothers mentioned here were the heart of our council and knew the true meaning of being a Catholic gentleman. You can send checks to Nativity fund raiser c/o Brother Steven Ruhl 899 Lafayette Ave. Union NJ 07083

Calendar of Up-Coming Events

JUNE

- 07 SUN..... Membership Drive
- 04 WED..... Second Degree
- 06 FRI..... Third Degree
- 09 MON..... Council Meeting (Elections)
- 20 FRI..... Pool Opens full time
- 23 MON ... Council Meeting, Shield Awards, Raffle
- 29 SUN..... Msgr. Doyle Retirement Brunch
- 29 SUN.... Toast for outgoing Grand Knight (10pm)

JULY

- 19 SAT..... Council Splash

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Steve Helmstetter @ 908-377-6061

I would like to thank those who helped and showed your support at the convention. I hope I can count on your continued support next year.

Mike Peter



Charitable Fund Raffle - Next drawing to be held on June 23rd at the council meeting.

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or via email to: tomdudek@att.net. You must clearly identify all people in photos submitted and at what council event the photo was taken. Photos with alcoholic beverages will not be considered. Photos may also be submitted via email as hi-resolution image files. Hard copy photos will only be returned when accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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- District Deputy*..... Michael L. Cavallo, PGK
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- 1st Yr. Trustee*..... Joe Beninato, PGK
- Columbian Club President*..... Clarence Cunningham
- Swim Club Pres.*..... Steve Ruhl

Monthly Meetings

- 1st. Mon. -----Council Officers
- 2nd & 4th Mon.----Council
- 3rd Mon.-----Swim Club
- 1st Wed. -----4th Degree Officers
- 2nd Thu. -----4th Degree Corps
- 3rd Wed.-----Assembly
- 4th Thu.-----Columbian Club

MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT



Brothers, and friends of the Knights,

Amazingly, my term as your Grand Knight is nearly over, and I am writing my last column for the Digest.

Before I complete my term however, we do have several events planned for the month of June that should be of interest to you. First, we have scheduled second and third degrees on the first Wednesday and Friday of the month. On the next Monday, June 9th, we will be holding our Council elections at our normal business meeting. At the second meeting on June 23rd, we will hold a brief meeting between 6:00 and 7:00 pm, and then host the Shield Awards to honor a deserving member of the Union Police and Fire Departments, as well as a member of the Emergency Squad and an outstanding Senior Citizen. At the conclusion of that dinner, we will announce the winners of our Columbian of the Year and the Knight of the Year. That dinner will also feature the drawing of our second quarterly charitable raffle.

On Sunday, June 29th, Holy Spirit Church will be honoring Monsignor Doyle, who is retiring as their pastor. The celebration will begin after Monsignor celebrates the 12:00 Mass, and we will be present to present him with a check to honor his service to one of our two parishes.

We will conclude the Columbian year on that same Sunday evening with a toast to the incoming Grand Knight and to the new Columbian Club president at 10:00pm.

It has been a truly amazing year, one in which I learned a lot about myself, and one that I have truly enjoyed. Most of all, I have learned the true meaning of brotherhood, and discovered that no matter how bad things may have seemed, I always had the support that I needed to see things through. I would like to thank each and every one of my officers and chairmen for their support and effort – we would have had no success without you. To my family, who stuck with me when it seemed as if I was never at home, I cannot thank you enough.

Finally, I salute the new officers of the Council and the Columbian Club. I am confident that all will do a great job for Union Council. I was privileged to be your Grand Knight in the 50th year of the Council, and I know that we will have many great years ahead. Good luck to you all, especially to Mike Peter who will do a tremendous job as your next Grand Knight.

Good luck, and God Bless,
Andy Schopfer, Grand Knight

Columbian Swim Club

The Swim club should be open on Saturdays and Sundays starting on May 24th of the Memorial Day weekend. There will be a pool side Mass starting at 11:00 am. We will open full time Friday June 20th. As stated in past articles we may need to limit the hours of operation so please watch for posted hours at the gate house. You can also call the Swim Club at 908-964-4048. Please DO NOT call the council number as the bartender will not know our operating hours. We are going to have a answering machine on this number and will try and keep it up dated.

Your badges can be picked up at the gate house starting on Saturday May 24th after the pool-side Mass. Please remember you MUST present a current Knights of Columbus membership card to receive your badges.

The Swim Club Board of Directors would like to thank the handful of members that came and helped at the work parties. This year we lost the help of a couple of long time workers due to health reasons and they were missed very much. We hope they are recovering and are back next spring. But we did gain the help of a few members wives. They did a fantastic job of helping to clean and we thank them very much. But I have to ask, where are all the male member of the council? Gentlemen this is your club too and both the Columbian club and Swim club need help getting things ready for the summer season. It is always the same people that come to the work parties and help with council events. Please remember that the first principal of the Knights is charity. So consider giving of you time as an act of this charity to your Knights of Columbus. Have a safe, healthy and happy summer, God bless.



Monsignor Vincent Doyle's Retirement Mass

Come join us on June 29th at Holy Spirit Church for the 12noon mass as Msgr. Doyle celebrates his final mass at Holy Spirit before beginning his retirement. Following the mass everyone is warmly invited to join monsignor in the parish hall for a farewell brunch.



Knight of the Month



John Alvino



John Alvino (we know him as Joe) was born in the Bronx, New York. He served on the NYPD for 24 years before retiring as a second grade detective in 1989. He is currently the Director of Security for New England Motor Freight in Elizabeth.

He has been a resident of Union for 17 years and a member of the Knights for 8 years. While his daughter was enrolled in the Union school system, he helped as an assistant coach with the suffragettes. He enjoys cooking and entertaining family and friends at home. He and his wife are somewhat empty nesters now with their daughter away at college, but have recently adopted a Husky from the animal shelter.

He is an avid Giants and Yankees fan and can be seen here at the Knights with many other fellow Knights routing on his teams.

Council to Host Shield Awards

On Monday evening, June 23 the Council will hold its final meeting of the Columbian year by honoring a distinguished member of the Police and Fire departments, as well as an outstanding senior citizen and a member of the Union Volunteer Emergency Squad.

The evening will begin with our normal business meeting at 6:00 pm. Afterward, we will then invite our guests for dinner consisting of salad, vegetables, a yet to be finalized entrée, coffee and dessert. Beer, wine and soda will also be provided. The cost of the dinner will be \$10.00 per person.

At the conclusion of our dinner, Grand Knight Andy Schopfer will honor those who have contributed to the success of this Columbian year, and will also announce the winners of the Columbian and Knight of the Year.

Finally, we will also be holding the second quarterly charitable raffle after the awards are announced.

For tickets to the dinner, contact the Grand Knight, Andy Schopfer (908) 265-7895. If you would like additional raffle tickets, chairperson John Murphy will have them available on the night of the dinner.

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