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February 5th Super Bowl Extravaganza
 February 11th Chili Cook Off
 February 11th Valentine's Dinner/Dance
 February 13th First Degree
 February 25th Tricky Tray
 May 17th to May 20th NJ State Convention

Chili Cook Off



On **Saturday, February 11th**, the Columbian Club will again be sponsoring a chili cook off to determine the best Chili Chef in the area. Participants should bring their entries to the Council by 1:00 PM, warmed and ready to serve.

The judging will start shortly thereafter.

Visitors should bring their appetites so that the judge's choices can be affirmed!

Prizes will be awarded!

For more information, contact Vice President Mike LoGuidice.

Happy Valentine's Day

Camp Fatima Valentine's Dinner/Dance

When: **Saturday, February 11, 2012**

Where: Knights of Columbus - Union, NJ

Time: 7:00 PM to 12 Mid-night

Dinner includes: appetizers, 3 course dinner, salad,
 soda, beer, coffee and dessert
 Music provided by Eddie GWiz

Tickets: \$70.00 per couple or \$35.00 per person
 Make checks payable to: Camp Fatima or
 Sr. Ann Dominic or Knights of Columbus

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THIS IS A MAJOR FINDRAISER-
 ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO CAMP FATIMA

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Please help us support our children.

For further information contact:

Sr. Ann Dominic, OP, (908) 686-5271 Or
 Tom Conte (908) 687- 4898

Deadline for ordering tickets is February 8, 2012.
 Please provide your name, phone number and the
 number of people attending when ordering tickets.
 Seating is eight or ten persons per table.

For more info on Camp Fatima:
www.campfatimanj.org.

**The Tricky Tray is going
 "Broadway"
 on February 25, 2012**

1034 Jeanette Ave, Union, NJ
 Doors Open 6:00 PM
 Drawing 7:30 PM

Tickets are \$20.00 which includes a sheet
 of minor prize tickets, coffee & cake.

***** CASH BAR *****

Tickets & info contact:
Chris Burlew: (908) 403-1590
 Email: chrissi714@aol.com
 or
Bernadette Watson: (908) 419-2993
 Email: blw45@verizon.net

We are also accepting donations
 All profits will be donated to charity

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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.

Council Officers

District Deputy.....Michael W. Gasser, PGK
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Columbian Club President.....Mike Panella
Swim Club President.....Allen Pascullo
Columbiette President.....Gina Zangari

Monthly Meetings

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

MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT



Brother Knights and Friends of the Knights

A couple of weeks ago, I was invited to attend the mid-year Grand Knights meeting in Piscataway. As they do each year, the State Officers put together a full agenda meant to energize and motivate the attendees as we prepare for the second half of the Columbian year. The prevailing message was that we have only six months left to make a difference in our current term of office.

I personally found the meeting to be somewhat of a mixed bag, with some of the speakers very motivating, and others somewhat less exciting. That being said, I am looking forward to the rest of my term, as I do think we are on the right track in many of the things we have started this year. I still feel extremely fortunate to be the Grand Knight of this Council, and very grateful for the tremendous level of support that I have received from so many of you.

The one topic that is on the agenda for every meeting with the State Officers is membership, and this year was no different. While the size of our Council makes meeting our expected quota of new members virtually impossible, I do have concerns that our energy level toward recruiting new members is not as strong as it could be. We currently have a strong Membership team in place, with incentives to reward Brothers who sponsor new members, but the first steps start with each and every one of us. If you know of any Catholic gentleman who are not yet Knights, why not invite them to join?

While February may be considered somewhat of a slow month, collectively we do have several important events planned. The Columbian Club will be going all out with its Super Bowl party (GO GIANTS) and the chili cook off early in the month. The Council itself is going to be hosting the annual Valentine's Dance for Camp Fatima on Saturday February 11th and a first degree ceremony at our first meeting on February 13th.

By far however, the biggest event of the month is the annual Tricky Tray sponsored by the Columbiettes that will be held on Saturday February 25th. As I had explained in a blast email a week or so ago, the women are still seeking donations of baskets and other items needed to make the event as successful as possible. Due to the current economy, business and corporate donations have decreased, making it difficult for them to have the same number of goods and other items available as prizes. If you can help in any way, please contact either Chris Burlew or Gina Zangari as soon as possible.

Even though it is currently mid winter, keep in mind that that the Saint Patrick's Day parade is only 6 weeks away, and work parties start in only 7 weeks! Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, Comedy Night, the RCD drive and the Convention will be on us before we know it.

Please take advantage of all that we have to offer, and don't hesitate to ask friends, relatives or neighbors to join. There's plenty for them to do!

Vivat Jesus!

Andy Schopfer,
Grand Knight, Union Council 4504



Swim Club

Swim Club Members, by now you should have received your renewal in the mail. If you did not, please send an email to jford1488@comcast.net and one will be emailed to you.

Due to slow economic times and the continuous efforts of the Swim Club Board implementing various cost savings measures, the dues for 2012 will remain the same as last year. Family Dues remain at \$250.00, widows and widowers will remain at \$220.00. Please remember all payments are due by March 15. Late fees will be assessed of \$25.00 beginning April 1st.

Please try and help out at one of our many work parties so that we may open the pool on time.

As a reminder, pool badges can be picked up at the gate house at the conclusion of the pool side mass. Please be sure to present a 2012 paid up K of C dues card to receive pool badges.

Thank you,
Jim Ford

Save
the
Date

State Convention Wildwood, NJ

May 18th through the 20th
Prices for the rooms are:
A TWO Night stay is \$335.00
A THREE night stay is \$445.00

Runnells Hospital

The next chance to volunteer at Runnells Hospital is Sunday, **March 4th** from 9 AM to 11 AM. Your assistance is needed to bring patients to the chapel to attend Sunday Mass. Contact Nick Belmonte at 908-447-1869.

Knight's Family Dinners

The next dinner is scheduled for
Thursday, February 16, 2012

6:30 - 8:30 PM

Family of 4 \$25.00

Adults \$8.00

Children and Seniors \$6.00

Cash Bar Available

50/50s

Anyone wishing to be on the mailing list for the monthly dinners, please send your email address and name to Judy Amorosa at Judi421@aol.com We hope to be able to send out an e-vite with each month's menu. Please sign up if you are interested. Thanks!!!



Knight of the Month February 2012



Charlie Cunningham



It is said God will give you no more than you can handle. If this is the case then February's Knight of the month has shoulders as broad as his smile, Charlie Cunningham is not only a friend but an inspiration. As a Brother Knight, Charlie has helped with Food Drives, the RCD and Runnells Hospital.

He was born in Newark and lived in Maplewood. He moved to Union in 1992 when he got married to his late wife Judy. He is a graduate of Valley High in Orange NJ - class of 1977 and is a 20+ year veteran for Whole Foods. These days Charlie works for both Modell's and is involved with Sales & Merchandising for Presence Marketing.

Charlie's life is dedicated to his beautiful and adoring 20 year old daughter Megan (Meg). They seem to share a bond most Father/Daughters can only hope to achieve.

Charlie is more than just a doting father and a involved Knight, he has many other interests. Charlie likes Softball, Fishing, Bowling and Gladiator movies. He is an avid Yankee fan and for some inexplicable reason a huge 49ers fan.

It is for his perseverance and charitable heart that we make Charlie Cunningham our Knight of the Month for February. Congratulations Charlie!

Annual Super Bowl Extravaganza Sunday, February 5, 2012



3:00 PM - End of Game



Pre-Snacks & Hors D'Oeuvres

Cheese & Crackers, Cocktail Franks, Chicken Wings,
Stuffed Pepperoni Bread, Hot Dogs & Kraut,
Pastry Puffs, Cold Cut Platter, and Salads

Buffet Dinner

Penne Vodka, Sausage & Peppers, Mussels, Chicken,
Roast Beef & Gravy, Roasted Potatoes, Caesar Salad

\$15.00 Per Person

Last Man Standing Super 50/50 Tickets
\$20.00 per Ticket—Limited Sale of 100 Tickets
Guaranteed Prize: \$1,000.00

For more information: Mike Scanlon (908) 578-8768

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			1	2 Groundhog Day 	3	4
5 Super Bowl Extravaganza 3pm - End of Game	6 Officer's Mtg.	7	8	9	10	11 Chili Cook-Off Valentine's Dinner/Dance
12	13 Council Mtg. First Degree	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18
19	20 Swim Club Mtg.	21	22 Ash Wed. 4th Degree Assembly Meeting	23 Columbian Club Meeting	24	25 Tricky Tray 6pm
26 First Sunday of Lent	27 Council Mtg.	28	29			