



# Knights Digest



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## *Nativity Fund Raiser*

As of the writing of this article the new Nativity set has been ordered and will arrive any day. I would like to thank all the members who donated toward this worthy cause. It is because of your generosity we will have a beautiful Nativity scene at town hall for the Christmas season. If any one would still like to contribute to this fund raiser we can still use the money. We will need to purchase some type of shed to store the nativity during the off season. We would also like to purchase a small nativity to display out front of the council hall if the money is available. So if you have not yet donated now would be a good time to get into the Christmas spirit and make a \$5.00 or more donation. Again I would like to thank all who supported this project and please stop by town hall during the Christmas holiday and see your new Nativity. Bro. Steven Ruhl 899 Lafayette Ave. Union NJ 07083.



There will be a Memorial Mass to honor the deceased members of the Knights of Columbus on Sunday, November 16, 2008. The Mass will take place at 9am at Holy Spirit Church in Union.

## *Degree Ceremonies*

November 5, 2008 (Wed.) - 2nd Degree

November 7, 2008 (Fri) - 3rd Degree



## *Charitable Raffle*

The next charitable raffle drawing will take place at the December 8th council meeting.

## *Shoe Drive*

**Mission:** To assist University Hospital (Newark, NJ) in providing every patient in need with a pair of shoes before they leave the hospital. Yes, there is a great need in the community for these items! **Please Help!**



This is one of those donation that will make it to the people that really need it. Donate new or gently used practical shoes, boots or sneakers with a pair of socks.

**How to Donate:** All you have to do is place the shoes and a pair of socks in a plastic bag with the gender and size clearly marked (no high heels, flip flops or sandals). Drop off your donation at the Union Knights of Columbus council hall.

If you have any questions, please contact Joe Burlew at 908-507-4875. Thank you for caring for the people who need care!

## *Open Position*

We are looking to fill a vacancy for the position of Trustee. If you are interested, please contact Mike Peter, Grand Knight.

**Columbiettes** - A new resolution was passed at the October 13th meeting to establish a Catholic Woman's auxiliary group to assist the council. More details will follow as this group begins the process to establish their organization.



Deadline for submitting articles for the December digest is November 17th.

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**RULES FOR SUBMISSION:** Submissions for consideration are due in writing by the 15th of the month for the following month. Please mail or drop off submission, with contact information to:

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or via email to: [tomdudek@att.net](mailto: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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## 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,

As we move into the month of November we will be celebrating the holiday of Thanksgiving. We should be very thankful that we have a warm home to go to as others may not be as fortunate. Just think how grateful we should be that we are able to sleep in a warm bed.

Also in November, we will have the right and duty to vote for the leader of our country. I don't intend to tell you how to vote, but please make sure you do get out and exercise this privilege. In addition, much discussion is taking place these days about the legal definition of marriage. Marriage, as ordained by God and traditionally throughout history, has been defined as a union between a man and a woman. Now this premise is being challenged by some who seek to redefine marriage as something entirely different. Please make your feelings on this matter known whenever and where-ever you can, especially to our elected officials.

The Bi-Centennial Parade was a beautiful day to show our colors as members of the Knights of Columbus and display the emblem of our Order evidencing Unity. It is unfortunate that we were not able to get more Brothers to march with us on such a festive day to demonstrate our Fraternity and Patriotism. By the time you get to read this All Saints Day and All Souls Day may have passed, but let us remember in our prayers and reflect on those who have passed before us particularly those who have died in the service of our country. November is a month to especially honor all of the men and women who are presently in the service of our country as well as those who are veterans. The calendar that was presented to me at the Grand Knight's meeting indicates that Thanksgiving week is also designated as National Family Week. This holiday gives us the opportunity to enjoy a bountiful meal with our families and to be thankful for all of our blessings.

In closing, I hope to see all of you who can make it at our Council Mass at 9:00am on November 16th to honor those who have gone before us. Mass will be at Holy Spirit Church with a delicious brunch to follow at the Council. This day will have a special meaning for me as I remember my grandfather who was a long time member of the Knights.

God Bless all of you! - - - Mike Peter, G.K.



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BY RICH FUENTES F.I.C.,C.S.A

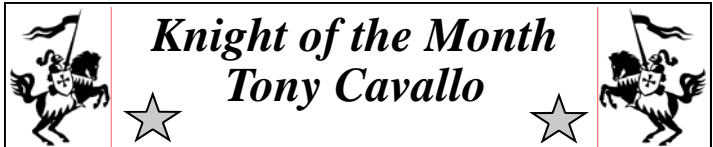
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As Knights of Columbus, we believe it is the mission, and not the recognition in why we do some of our works. This month we honor a man who quietly works behind the scenes, to not only support the Knights, but worked hard to support his family.

Originally born on Newark, Tony Cavallo moved to Union after he met his lovely wife Margaret or "Marge" as he liked to call her. Together they raised three boys; Joseph, Gregory, and Anthony or "Chip". Those boys extended Tony's family even more by giving him seven grandchildren; Greg, Allison, Joe, Julie, William, Christopher, and Deena. He also has one great grandson, Bennett, and another on the way.

As we all know, Tony takes his work seriously and is a hard worker. He still does all the maintenance on his home, from painting, cutting the grass, and various other small repairs. He also likes to garden and is known somewhat to have the best tomatoes around. Around the club we see Tony opening the Bar, counting the money, at work parties, helping with the maintenance, bartending and sometimes just chatting with the boys at the bar. For all his years of dedication and hard work, we are proud to make Tony Cavallo our Knight of the month.

### ***Volunteers Needed to Assist Patients***

For years now, members of this council have been volunteering their time, every 5th Sunday, to assist the patients at Runnells hospital in Berkeley Heights.



How do we assist them? It's simple... we go to their rooms and wheel them down to the chapel so they can attend Sunday mass. After mass is over, we wheel them back to their rooms. This not only fulfills your Sunday obligation as a catholic, but also provides you with the peace of mind that you have helped others who are trying to practice their faith, but are physically unable to do so. If you would like to volunteer your time, please contact Nick Belmonte at 908-686-6084.

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