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Valentine Dinner Dance *Saturday, February 9th*

Time: 7:00 p.m.—12:00 a.m.

Includes Appetizers & Full Course (Filet Mignon) Dinner,
Salad, Soda, Beer, Coffee & Dessert

Music for Dancing Provided by Eddie Gwiz

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Pasta Dinner Rescheduled

The Pasta Dinner in Support of our Priests, originally scheduled for January, was postponed in order to allow us more time to coordinate the event with the CYO of St. Michael's and Holy Spirit. The event will now take place on Friday, **March 28th**, beginning at 7:00 pm. The cost will remain the same (\$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 12. The menu will include pasta, meatballs, sausage, tap beer, coffee and dessert. For reservations and ticket information, contact Grand Knight Andy Schopfer (908) 265-7895. Those of you who attended last year will remember that we had a very large turnout, so you should make reservations early to avoid missing this popular event!

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny



served.

The festivities begin at 10:00 am and will include the usual fare of eggs, sausage, pancakes, bagels, and the increasingly popular omelet bar.

The price is \$23.00 for a family of 4, \$6.00 for each additional adult \$4.00 each additional child. Also there will be an Easter egg hunt after the breakfast approx: 12:30 pm.

Since Easter is very early this year, and the Easter Bunny rarely makes a pre-spring appearance, our Youth Activities Chairman Tony Quinones had to do a lot of coaxing to assure his presence at our annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny to be held on Palm Sunday, **March 16th**.

Fortunately, Tony was very persuasive, and the Bunny will be making his appearance shortly after breakfast has been

Tricky Tray

On Saturday evening, **February 23rd**, the Columbian Club will be hosting the Council's annual Tricky Tray. Admission for the event is \$20.00 which will include a row of tickets, as well as coffee and cake. Additional prize tickets will be available throughout the evening. Doors open at 6 PM and auction starts at 7 PM.

CPR Recertification

Two years ago, Union Council purchased two heart defibrillators for use in the Council Hall as well as the picnic grove. At that time, we also sponsored a CPR certification class for a number of our members. Since those certificates expire after two years, we have arranged for follow up classes to enable those Brother Knights to become recertified.

The following dates and time are for the CPR Recertification

Wednesday February 27, 7:30 PM

Sunday March 2, 1:00 PM

Tuesday March 11, 6:30 PM

A special session will be held on Wednesday, March 19 at 6:30 pm for the Columbian Swim Club lifeguards. All sessions will be conducted by Joe Burlew and his wife Christine.

Clothing Drive Scheduled

In conjunction with the Pasta Dinner for our priests, the Council will be conducting its semi-annual clothing drive the weekend of **March 28-30th**. Anyone wishing to donate their old clothes, shoes, stuffed animals, coats, etc. should place them in sturdy plastic bags, and drop them at the Council that weekend. All donations will be picked up the following week, and the money we raise will be used for our charitable donations. For further information, contact the Grand Knight, or any of the council officers.

Work Parties to Begin in March

At the annual Swim Club meeting, the members were reminded that our work parties to prepare for the opening of the pool and picnic area, will begin on **Saturday, March 22**. These weekly efforts, which begin at 8:00 and end at noon, are vital to our efforts to a successful summer at the Council. Our facilities are our drawing card, but we need to have a solid group of volunteers to get them and keep them in shape. Please mark your calendars to spend Saturday mornings throughout the spring helping out.

Knight Digest

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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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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, Families and Friends:

This year's calendar not only has an extra day in February due to leap year, but the phases of the moon have also resulted in Easter Sunday falling on March 23, about as early as it possibly can be. A direct result of Easter being so early is that only 3 days after watching the Super Bowl, the 40 day season of Lent will begin. This is the period when we are asked by the Church to spend time in reflection on our lives, and our relationships with God. Perhaps it is appropriate that this year the season will fall during the middle of winter, when many of us opt to stay at home anyway, waiting for the warmer months of spring and summer to begin. As we do so, remember that Lent remembers the 40 days that Christ spent in the desert, praying and preparing himself for the ultimate sacrifice that he would make for us on Good Friday. While we are not expected to spend Lent in such solitude, we should take some time during Lent to get a better understanding of where our religion fits in our lives, and how we can better ourselves and our world.

Over the next several months, our Council will be asking for volunteers for a number of activities and events that will enable us to support not only our charitable endeavors, but also our ability to maintain and improve the grounds that many of us have grown to cherish. These opportunities will include soliciting funds for our Special Citizens Drive at the end of April, the food drive in May, and of course our work parties in both the pool and the grove area. Sadly, the number of Brothers who regularly commit their time and energy to these efforts has significantly declined over the past several years. The result is that we are constantly challenging the same individuals to spend more of their valuable time to assist us and make our events as successful as they can be. However, there is no doubt that we need to reverse this downward trend in volunteerism if we are to continue as a vibrant, active council. Please consider giving more of your time: the Council, the Columbian Club, and the Swim Club want and need your support.

For those of you who do help out, your assistance is what has kept Union Council the force it has become in the Knights of Columbus. Thank you!

God Bless you all throughout the holy season of Lent,

Andy Schopfer
Grand Knight

Announcement

The photographer for the 50th Anniversary Dinner has provided us with a video disc of the pictures that he took throughout the evening. If anyone is interested in purchasing a copy of the disc, contact Grand Knight Andy Schopfer. The cost will be \$10.00 per copy.

Columbian Swim Club

We hope everyone had a blessed Christmas season. Even with the cold weather upon us we are already looking toward the spring and the start of Saturday work parties. Please come out and support your club by helping at these work parties. The pool does not open itself and every year it gets harder and harder to get the pool open on time. Last year we almost did not open on Memorial weekend.

Remember the first principal of the Knights of Columbus is charity, please give a little of your time to **your** council. The work parties start March 22nd at 8 am. We serve coffee and donuts around 9 and finish at noon with lunch.

The dues letters were mailed the first week of January and are due by April 1st or the late fee applies. As a reminder any member with an unmarried adult child 25 years or older living at home has to pay an additional \$50 membership. If you did not receive your renewal letter please call Jim Ford at 908-686-5264 or email jford1488@comcast.net

St Patrick's Day Parade

Once again, Union Council 4504 will be focal point for the annual Union County St. Patrick's day parade to be held on Saturday, March 15th. The parade runs down Morris Avenue from Commerce Street to Stuyvesant Avenue and commences at 1:00 sharp. As usual, the Knights will be marching from a start off point on Jeanette Avenue, and all individuals interested in marching should plan on joining us at the Council Hall. As the line of march has not yet been finalized, our exact meeting time will be announced in the March Digest. Please plan on joining us!

As is our custom, the Council will be hosting a post parade party. Admission will be \$8.00 with music, food and drink available throughout the evening. The Parade Committee bus tour will make its first stop at the Council, and will then return at the end of their bus tour. It promises to be a festive event, and is always a fun time!

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Knight of the Month Rocco Corbo, Jr.



Rocco Corbo, Jr. has been a member of the Union Council for 36 years. Originally from the 1st Ward Newark, he graduated Franklin Grammar School, Fawcett Arts High and attended Newark College of Engineering. Rocco moved to Union in 1958. He worked for Worthington Pump, in Harrison, for 41 years. He started in 1937 as a draftsman, and retired in 1978 as the chief the manager of Engineering Services. Rocco taught drafting at Essex county and Union county for 20 years.



Rocco married Filomena (Minnie) Belfiore of Italy, in 1940 and were married for 66 years until her death in 2006. They have 3 children, Ann Carballo, Doris Corbo and Robert Corbo, five grandchildren, one great grandchild, and more on the way.

Rocco is a member of Holy Spirit Church and still works as an usher every Sunday. Rocco is still active at St. Lucy's Church, in the 1st Ward, Newark and with the National Shrine of St. Gerard Maiella.

Rocco has been active for many decades with the Union council and still opens the council hall every day and handles bar receipts and other financial matters for the Columbian Club.

Rocco just celebrated his 95th birthday on January 16, 2008 with his family. Let all wish Rocco a big happy birthday and God Bless him.

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