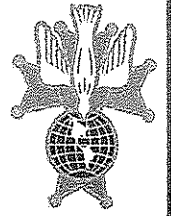


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Columbian Club Plans "A Knight to Remember"

The Columbian Club is planning a unique social event for mid-February which will feature a roast of several long standing members, as well as a formal dinner, and music from the band "Sound Investment".

The activities, which will take place on Saturday evening February 18, will run from 7:00 PM to 12:00 midnight. There will be a cocktail hour, and open bar for the remainder of the night. The sit down dinner, including dessert, will begin shortly after the end of the cocktail hour.

Current Grand Knight Harry Lupo, Columbian Club Board Member Frank Santamauro, Swim Club Board Member Tom Conte, and former Union Mayor and Fellow Knight Pat Scanlon will be the Roastees of Honor for the evening. A special guest comedian will also be part of those ceremonies.

Sound Investment will be the musical entertainment for the night. This is the same band which entertained at the highly successful Summer Slam on the patio last July.

Tickets for the evening will be \$45.00 per person. For individual tickets and table reservations, contact Michael Scanlon (908) 964-7122 or Columbian Club President Bob Calderone (908) 337-2504. The cut off for ticket purchases is February 12, and no tickets will be sold at the door.

Tricky Tray to take Place February 25

Union Council will be hosting a Tricky Tray on Saturday evening, February 25 with the doors opening at 6:00 PM. Admission for the evening will be \$15.00 which will provide each patron with a sheet of tickets to use toward the many prizes which will be available. Coffee and cake will also be included.

Donations of prizes are still being accepted. If you are interested in donating a prize, please contact Diane Lupo (908) 851-2493.

Since this is a major event which requires a lot of assistance on the night of the affair, please contact the Grand Knight, Harry Lupo, if you are available to assist. It will be greatly appreciated!

Saturday, January 28 Date For Second Annual Chili Cook Off

On Saturday, January 28 our Council Home will host its second annual Chili cook off beginning at 1:00 pm. If you have a favorite chili recipe, and want to see if it can hold up to what promises to be stiff competition, you will need to bring your entry to the Council warmed up and ready to eat by the 1:00 deadline. All entries are welcome, but they must arrive promptly at the start time in order to qualify for the fantastic prizes that chairman Tom Walsh and the Columbian Club have assembled for this prestigious competition!

In addition to the great food, the chairman has also promised free Alka Seltzer to all consumers (but you must bring your own Beano!). Of course, there will also be plenty of liquid refreshment to help patrons cool off from even the hottest of recipes.

There will be a sign up sheet at the bar during January for those wishing to enter. Even if you don't cook, but like chili, come on out for what promises to be a great time. Last year's event was a good start, but as the chairman noted in last month's article, we hope to do even better the second time around.

Annual Swim Club Meeting Set for January 20

The Board of Directors of the Columbian Swim Club hope you had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. The annual Swim Club meeting will be held on January 20, 2006 at 8:00 PM. All members of the Club are cordially invited, and we hope that you will make every effort to attend.

Again this year, we will be voting on positions available on the Swim Club Board. If you are interested in joining the Swim Club Board of Directors, please contact Sal Terezza at (908)

687-8979 for consideration. This is a meeting that, as a member of the Swim Club, you should really try to attend, as it will set the stage for the upcoming summer season for the Club.

If any member does not receive their dues notice by the night of the meeting, please contact a member of the Board so that it can be sent to you without any further delays.

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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

Words from the Grand Knight



Brothers, as we close the door on 2005, I hope everyone had a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please do not forget to make a New Year's resolution, and to stick with it- we always want the new year to be better than the previous one, no matter how good the prior year was. This is the time of year that we try to set some goals for ourselves, and with perseverance, and some luck, we will achieve some, if not all of our goals.

That being said, one of our primary goals here at the Knights of Columbus is to raise money to help the less fortunate. We have a number of events upcoming which will require everyone's help in order to raise as much money as we can for our charities. I know that we can make a difference if we all work together. I would like to see us truly make this a record setting year that we can all be proud of.

The first event that will be taking place is the first of our two double bingos that we run each year at the Boys and Girls Club next door on February 11. Two weeks later, we will be having our Tricky Tray which is another event which requires a lot of participation and assistance in order to be truly successful. The more people we have in attendance, and volunteering to help, the more chances we have of having both financial and social success. For the children of the Council, we are planning to have breakfast with the Easter Bunny as well as an Easter Egg hunt, with the exact date to be announced in an upcoming Digest. In addition, we will be having other fund raisers that are in the works for the spring.

It is hard to believe that half of my term is already over. So far, I feel that we have had a good start, and I am looking forward to the rest of the year my time as your Grand Knight. It is a good feeling knowing that this year's hard work will be followed up by some very competent and knowledgeable gentleman such as Buddy Cotter, Andy Schopfer, and Mike Peter, to name a few. My entire Board has been very helpful during my first half, and I do look forward to working with them for the rest of this Columbian year.

At this time, I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year, and may God bless all of you. **Harry Lupo, Grand Knight**

Council to Host Camp Fatima Valentine's Dance

The Council Hall will again be the site of the annual Camp Fatima Valentine's Dance to raise funds for New Jersey's only one to one camp for the Handicapped. This event, which is sponsored by Sister Ann Domenic, OP. and her committee, will run from 7:00 PM until Midnight on Saturday evening February 11.

The cost is \$60.00 per couple, and will include full course dinner, soda and beer. The deadline for ordering tickets is Wednesday, February 8, 2006. All proceeds go directly to support the camp's activities.

For further information, feel free to contact Sr. Ann at St. Michaels in Union. Her address is 1211 Orange Avenue, and her phone number is (908) 686-5271. Checks for tickets should be made out to Camp Fatima or to the Knights of Columbus.

Anyone interested in assisting with this event, should also contact Sister Ann. She will gladly use the help!

Columbian Club News

Brothers and Ladies of the Knights of Columbus, I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year! We are at the beginning of another year, and have a number of events scheduled. The first thing to look forward to is our "Comedy Night" which is scheduled for February 18, 2006. The agenda will be in the form of a roast honoring Tom Conti, Pat Scanlon, Harry Lupo and Frank Santamauro. The event will start at 7:00 PM and run until 12:00 midnight. The price is \$45.00 per person. I am sure that this will be a fun filled night, so please come and support our club.

The bring a dish in the bar on December 16, 2005 was very successful. There was a lot of good food, good company, and even a gift for everyone from Pat Menoni! Thank you, Pat, it was a very cute idea. The renovations to the bathroom have been completed, and the ladies room in the hall in not only handicapped accessible, but looks beautiful as well. I would like to thank Ed Donnelly, Chris Donnelly and Ed Donnelly Jr. for a job well done. Enjoy, ladies!

Superbowl Sunday will be hosted in our lounge with food, prizes, and great game coverage. All are welcome! That's all I have for now except to thank our Lord for answering our prayers for Mary Panella, who was home from the hospital for Christmas clean of any cancer cells. Please keep her in your prayers, as she still has a struggle ahead of her. Thank you all, and may God bless you.

Bob Calderone, Columbian Club President

In a World of Uncertainty, Some Things Never Change

Rich Fuentes, FIC, CSA, (908) 437-0310.

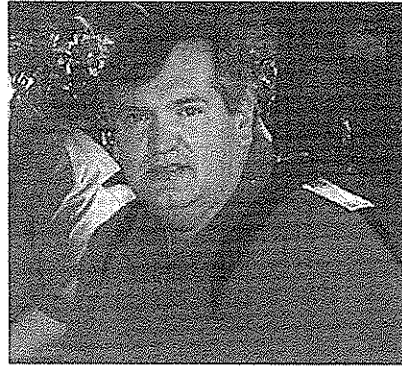
Isn't it nice to know that, despite the hectic pace of life around you, some things never change? Count Knights of Columbus permanent insurance among them!

First the markets are up.....and then they are down. First everyone is pouring money into investments....and then everyone takes it back out. Plans to retire at age sixty suddenly become a need to work until age seventy. Lets take time out for a friendly reminder: put first things first.

No one will ever argue against putting some of your money to work in the investment arena. But putting first things first means taking care of your basic needs...and that should involve permanent life insurance and its guarantees-its there if you die to soon OR live too long.

I would be happy to perform a free analysis for you to determine your current situation, and then work with you to develop a plan that meets any need within your budget.

Joe Bierlew Named January Knight of the Month



Over the past months, it has become a familiar sight to look into the kitchen when attending a Council affair, and finding Joe Bierlew wearing an apron and doing all that he can to make certain that whatever food is being prepared is hot and ready to eat. For all of his efforts and support, we are pleased to honor Joe as the Knight of the Month for January.

Joe has been a member of Union Council 4504 for over 6 years. He has been married to his wife Chirstine for 24 years, and has 2 children, Gina and Joe. In addition, he is the proud grandfather of Alexis, age 2.

Joe was born and raised in Morristown, but has lived in Union for the past 18 years, and is a member of St. Michael's Church. He graduated from Bailey Ellard High School in Madison, as well as Union County College. He has worked for University Hospital for the last 20 years as an Emergency Medical Technician, and has been their EMS supervisor for the past 10 years.

Joe is also a member of the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management Urban Search and Rescue team. In fact, when hurricane Katrina struck the New Orleans area last fall, Joe was asked to travel to the area and use his expertise in providing assistance in the weeks right after the storm hit.

Council to Run First Double Bingo February 11

Union Council 4504 will be running the first of its two double bingos on Saturday evening, February 11. The first games will begin at 7:30 PM, and the second set begin at 10:30 at the Boys and Girls Club, next door to our Council Home.

The money that is raised from these bingos is used to fund our scholarship account and provides rewards to children of our members who attend Catholic High Schools.

If you are interested in volunteering to sell tickets, or special game boards, in running the snack bar or in calling the games, please contact Tony Quinones (908) 265-3757 or Grand Knight Harry Lupo (908) 265-3757.

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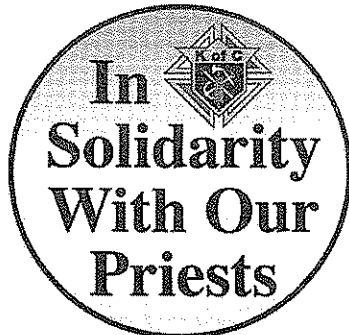
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