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Santangelo Chosen As December Knight of the Month

Frank Santangelo has been a member of the Knights for just three years, but had certainly made his presence known. His summer was spent painting the Convent at St. Michaels, along with a team of Brother Knights. Frank has also lent a helping hand cleaning and waxing the floors in the Council Hall. He has worked on our food drive, and played a big role in helping to collect the food from the schools and in delivering it to Sister Ann.

Frank always seems to be involved in some capacity at events held at the Knights. He has been sighted at several work parties, and spent the day before and the day of the Family picnic working in the kitchen. Frank was also installed this year as a Council officer, currently serving as Outside Guard. He regularly attends all Officer meetings and Degrees held at the Council Hall. Frank is the type of Brother Knight you can depend on when you need a helping hand.

Frank is a Hydraulic Engineer, working for the Army Corp of Engineers for the past 20 years. He has been married to his wife Ruthann for 22 years and has three children. His 15 year old twins, Frank and Emily, are sophomores at Union High school. His youngest child, Julia is a sixth grader at Burnet Middle School. Frank spends most of his spare time helping others.

Union Council is proud to name Frank Santangelo as Knight of the Month for December, 2004. Congratulations, Frank!

Chili Cook Off Planned for January

On Saturday, January 15, 2004, the Columbian Club will be holding a chili cook-off from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Entry is open to all members and their spouses.

Bring a tray of your hottest, baddest, wildest or mildest chili and enjoy yourself for an afternoon tasting of some of the best chili in town. Cleaning the house can wait!

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Dinner Meeting, New Year's Eve Party to Mark Holidays

Brother Knights of Union Council 4504 will have two occasions to mark the Christmas season during the month of December.

The annual Christmas Dinner meeting will be held on Monday, December 13. Our regular meeting will be held, but will be abbreviated so that those in attendance can enjoy the festivities of the evening. The cost of the event is \$10.00 and will include salad, a main entree, vegetables, dessert and coffee. Those interested in attending should contact Program Director Kevin Collins for information. Kevin can be reached at (908) 688-2038.

The final quarterly raffle of 2004 will take place at the annual Christmas Dinner meeting on December 13. Please note that an error occurred during the mailing of the raffle tickets, and some individuals received raffle tickets with a drawing date of September 6. These tickets can still be mailed in to the raffle Chairman and will be valid for the December drawing. If you need any additional tickets, John is available nearly every day at the Council Hall, and will also have tickets available prior to the dinner meeting.

Finally, there will be a New Year's Eve celebration on December 31 in the Council Hall. The cocktail hour will begin at 8:00, and a full menu beginning with family style salad, shrimp cocktail appetizer, and a choice of entrees

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Children's Christmas Party Set for Dec 19

This year the Children's Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 19, 2004, at 1:30pm. The party will run from 1:30 - 3:30pm. There will be food and drinks for the children as well as goodies for each of the children. A visit from Santa is expected. If you want your child to receive a gift from Santa, bring a gift valued at \$10.00 or less, wrapped with your child's name on the tag. If there are any questions e-mail Bart Supino at bardysiii@aol.com or call me at (908) 810-1584.

Also I would like to thank all those who provided support and assistance for the Halloween Party. A special thanks goes to my wife, the Monochio family, and to the Columbian Club for the fine job they did decorating the hall for the party. The children thought it was beautiful.

KNIGHT DIGEST

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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

Grand Knight's Column

I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving, and took the time out to thank the Lord for the many gifts he has given us. I have spent some time this Thanksgiving weekend reflecting upon this past year. The past year ranks as one the most difficult and challenging years of my life, yet one of the most rewarding and gratifying years. I took the time to look past the obstacles God has given to me, and saw the rewards he has granted me. The most evident of these rewards is the genuine love, concern, help, encouragement and true friendship I have received from brother Knights and their families. This has made a dramatic impact upon me and has changed my outlook on life. I will not name any names, you all know who you are. I want to say Thank You, you have all helped to brighten up my life.

It is hard to believe that December is upon us, and that I am almost half way through my term. The past six months have been very successful for the Council, I see many changes taking place. I am very pleased with the success on the events we have run so far this Columbian year. I want to thank everyone who helped to make them a success, and I hope your support and involvement continues.

I want to take this time to wish every Brother Knight and their families, a blessed and Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. In the hustle and bustle of the Holiday Season, please take time to reflect on the meaning of Christmas. It is easy to get caught up in the gift giving aspect of the holiday, let us not forget we are celebrating the birth of Christ. Let us all remember to keep **Christ in Christmas**.

Vivat Jesus
Joseph DeMarco

Pasta Night a Delicious Success

The 3rd annual "Pasta Night in Solidarity and Support of our Parish Priests" was held on Saturday, November 6th. Over 125 members, family, friends and honored guests were on hand for a new expanded menu, which featured pasta, home-made sauce and meatballs, sausage, salad, bread, dessert, coffee, beer, wine and soda.

The event raised over \$600 for the Council, and was only possible through the efforts of many people. I would like to personally thank the following for their help with the organization, preparation, and contributions to the evening: Joe Demarco, Harry Lupo, Diane Lupo, Mark Lupo, Andy Schopfer, Karen Williamson, Jamie Zapulla, John Mocco, Frank Sangtangelo, Joe Berlew, Steve Helmstetter, Gina Zangari, Matt Cotter, Carol Walsh, and Steve Patricco. Thanks to all for making the event the success that it was.

Buddy Cotter, Chancellor and Pasta Night Chairman

NOTE The Columbian Club will be holding its annual Bring a Dish on Friday, December 10 in our lounge area. Be sure to stop by to enjoy some great food, drinks and conversation with your friends!

Columbian Club News

First, I would like to thank Tom Walsh for organizing our first try out Chili contest. I'd also like to give a special thanks to all of you who entered their best chili in the contest. All who attended had a great time. If you enjoyed the trial run, read elsewhere in this Digest about our 1st annual chili cook off to be held in January.

On behalf of the Columbian Club, we would like to wish all of our Brother Knights and their families a safe and happy holiday season.

Also, if you are planning to attend our New Year's Eve party, I must know by December 15. This will be a first come, first served event, so do not be late! We are already starting to fill a number of tables.

Every Sunday for the remainder of the football season is Football Sunday in our lounge. Come down to root for your favorite team, have some lunch and a pot luck dinner. We also hold a 50/50 raffle, so you always have a chance to come away a winner!

Sam Maffei, Columbian Club President

Yankee Trip Planned for April

Our annual Yankee trip will be held from Friday April 15th to Sunday April 17th 2005. We will be staying at the Day's Inn in Baltimore's famous Inner Harbor. We will be going to Camden Yards for a Saturday afternoon game and we will be sitting in the Club Level seats. The rest of the weekend is for enjoying the Inner Harbor including the aquarium, Fort Mc Henry, Fells Point and numerous restaurants and watering holes. The trip will include luxury motor coach transportation, snacks, beer, soda, water and goodie bags. The cost of the trip has not been finalized but will probably be in the \$110 - \$120 range per person. The cost for the hotel is \$189 per night with up to 4 persons per room.

Tickets are limited and are a first come first serve basis. Please call Steve Helmstetter @ 688-5039 A.S.A.P.

Chili Cookoff

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There will be T-shirts for all participants, and prizes for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. We will have a sign up sheet at the bar. Further details will be posted, or you can call Tom Walsh at (908) 686-0382. We're looking forward to a great time, pardner!

The try out contest in November gathered 10 entries, and the "real McCoy" promises to be even better!



The Words of Our Chaplain

Father Jim Worth

Emmanuel, God Is With Us

During the season of Advent, our hearts and minds are focused on the coming of the Son of Man to earth. We prepare ourselves to make ready for our Emmanuel, God with us. Now more than ever, we need the Messiah. Now more than ever, we need the Prince of Peace in our world.

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, 'Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; You shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in the manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to all.' (Luke 2:8-14)

This Christmas, may we be more aware that...

Love camE down to earth
in huMan estate
stripped of all Majesty
yet Anchored firmly in Heaven
Transformed a falleN world
Unequaled in history
spoke only the words of pEace
brought Light to the shadows of despair.


May you and your loved ones feel the peaceful presence of Jesus this Christmas. May Your New Year be filled with blessings and cheer. May the joy that fills our hearts, last throughout the year.

New Year's Eve Party to Close out 2004

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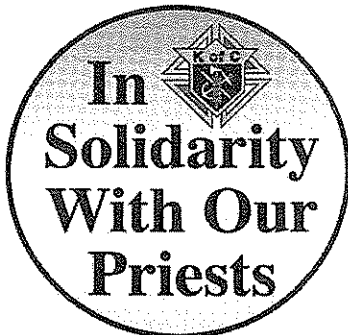
between Stuffed Chicken Breast or Fillet Mignon will follow. Throughout the evening, there will be an open bar as well as, music by Michael.

The cost for the event is \$150.00 per couple and \$75.00 for singles. Tickets must be reserved by December 15 with no exceptions. For tickets and further information, contact Sam Maffei at (908) 241-3977 or (908) 803-3305.

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