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Swim Club Meeting Scheduled

The Columbian Swim Club Board hopes that everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season and would like to wish all of you a fruitful New Year.

Our Annual Meeting will be on Friday, January 16, 2004. We would like to encourage all current members of the Swim Club to attend. One of the important topics of the meeting will be the election of the new Swim Club Board. To that end, anyone who is a current member of the Swim Club, and is interested in joining the Board, should call John Conti @ 908-810-1310. He will be able to provide you with specific information about the various positions and requirements.

Finally any Third Degree member of Union Council interested in joining the Swim Club as a member should call Tom Conte @ 908-687-4898 for an application.

Council to Host St. Valentine's Dance to Benefit Camp Fatima

The annual St. Valentine's dance for the benefit of Camp Fatima will once again take place in the Council Hall. This year, the event will be held on Saturday, February 14 from 7:00 PM. to 12:00 midnight.

The cost is \$60.00 per couple and includes a complete dinner, soda and beer. The deadline to purchase tickets is Monday, February 9. If you are writing a check, it should be made payable to Camp Fatima, Sister Ann Dominic, O.P., or the Knights of Columbus.

If you have any additional questions about the dance, or about Camp Fatima, feel free to contact Sister Ann Dominic, O.P. She can be reached at 1211 Orange Avenue, Union, NJ, 07083 or by calling (908) 686-5271.

Any brother interested in providing any assistance to Sister Ann, should contact her as soon as possible. She will appreciate your help!

Television, Hockey Jersey to Be Raffled on Super Bowl Sunday

Two raffles will culminate the football season at the Council on Super Bowl Sunday, January 25. Those of you who have been to the Council on any Sunday during the football season will have already seen the first raffle prize, a Sony WEGA 32" flat screen TV. Tickets are \$20.00 and can be purchased at the Council bar any time prior to the game.

The second raffle is an opportunity to raise money for the Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside. Brother Joe Alvino, one of our bar tenders, was able to obtain a New Jersey Devils hockey jersey signed by Patrick Elias, one of the stars of the Devils. The jersey was then donated to the Council with the request that any money raised in its sale be given to a charity for children.

Anyone interested in obtaining a chance for the jersey will need to purchase a \$10.00 super bowl style box prior to the game. The winner will be the individual who has the last digits of the final score of the game. Signed hockey pucks will also be awarded to the winner of the half time score.

Thanks to Joe for the donation, and good luck to all entrants!

Finnegan will rise again in Hall

In March of 2002, the Columbian Club staged its first Finnegan's Wake, and received numerous plaudits for the success of the event. Buoyed by that success, they will be bringing back old Finnegan again in 2004. The date for this extravaganza is Saturday, February 21 in the Council Hall. Cost is \$30.00 per person, and includes open bar, plenty of food, and music by the Mike Byrne Show Band. Tickets must be purchased in advance by contacting Bob Calderone (908) 688-1249, Mike Scanlon (908) 964-7122 or John Peters (908) 810-1283. No tickets will be sold at the door on the day of the event.

State Sets Convention Dates

We have been notified that the annual State Knight's of Columbus Convention will be held in Wildwood the weekend of May 13th to the 16th. Those interested in reserving rooms should see Deputy Grand Knight Joe Demarco for more information. More details on the convention will be available in upcoming editions of the Digest.

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



Well it's hard to believe another year has past and new year is upon us. At this time of year people are all making resolutions they will most likely not keep, like start going to the gym, to stop smoking, to lose weight, etc. Brothers, when making your resolution be sure to include the Knights of Columbus. Try and attend one more meeting than you did last year, participate in one more charitable event, attend one more charitable fund raiser, pray daily for the canonization of Father McGivney. There are many little resolutions that we as brother knights can make that will better us as catholic gentlemen and at the same time help our council.

It is also hard to believe that I am in the second half of my second term as Grand Knight. There is still so much I would like to accomplish before July so that when I hand over the gavel to the next Grand Knight I will feel confident that I have left him with a council that has recovered fully and is strong in fraternal brotherhood, where everyone works together in harmony to achieve what's best for our council.

I would like to thank all my brothers knights who have come forward in the recent months and have offered their services. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and our council will definitely reap the benefits. A special thank you goes out to all of the new members who have recently joined our council, for making it a priority in attending our meetings and for participating in our many events. Kudos to all of you.

On behalf of all the Council, Columbian Club and Swim Club officers and myself I wish all of you and your families a Blessed New Year that is filled with much happiness, prosperity and good health.

Vivat Jesus

Michael Cavallo
Grand Knight

Mark Your Calendars!

(A partial listing of upcoming events)

- Monday, January 12 - First Degree Ceremony
- Friday, January 16 - Swim Club Annual Meeting
- Friday, January 23- New Member Social & Picnic Worker's Appreciation Night
- Saturday, January 24 - First Bingo @Boys & Girl's Club
- Sunday, February 29 (tentative)- Catholic Education Communion Breakfast
- Saturday, March 13 St. Patrick's Day Parade (Marchers Needed)
- Saturday, March 27 Columbian Club Appreciation Night. Also Second Bingo Night @ Boys and Girls Club
- Saturday, April 3 Children's Easter Egg Hunt
- Saturday, April 17 Tricky Tray
- April 23-25th Retarded Citizen's Drive

Columbian Club News



Allen Pascullo, President

I hope that Christmas brought joy to all of our homes in a way that special, as well as much needed. I also hope that you all safely celebrated the New Year. We need to express certain emotions at certain times even if we do not exactly "feel the mood".

Sometimes it is a good thing to be told that so that we can prepare for things, let other things go, and move on. Thank goodness that we have people around us who care and who help us "get in the mood" to make transitions. Especially, thanks for the children for whom we do so much and who keep us going even when we may not be in the mood. They can be our own children, grand kids, cousins, nieces and nephews, or neighbors' kids out playing in the snow – laughing, yelling, crying, making snow angels, throwing snowballs, messing up what we just shoveled – they are there, thank God.

I hope you came to the Council Home during the holidays. Mike Malloy and Ronnie Giameo did a fine job decorating the Council with a Christmas tree and lights, inside and out. Vinnie Iannuzzi continues to think up (and personally implement) new ways to improve the appearance of the Council. This month, please see his article regarding a request for memorabilia, sports and otherwise. If at all possible, please make a donation. It would really be great if you had something that was special to you and you let us keep it on display for all to see? Wouldn't that be cool, to come down and see your stuff, your special stuff, mounted on the bar wall someplace, to be shared by all? I can already hear the bragging going on about whose stuff was the best stuff in the place. (Include old photos, license plates, tennis rackets, golf clubs, etc.)

And so we are racing towards Super Bowl Sunday. Sam and Bobby continue to do a first-rate job, week-after-week. John Perina and Brian Ford provide much needed manpower and support whenever they are asked (espresso anyone?). The food continues to flow nonstop, it is still the best in town, and the price is always right. If you can't stay for the Sunday games, come down any night of the week or any time during the weekend. While you're here, put a quarter in the pinball machine or jukebox. Stay and talk to someone you know or introduce yourself to someone you don't know. This is your Council and you should frequent it. Got the Holiday Blues? Not around our Council. You may be pleasantly surprised to see someone you haven't seen in a while, maybe a very long while. On the other hand, you may be happy to see no one that you know, just your brother Knights out for a fraternal experience. If you haven't been to the Council for a while, make it a point to come in this month.

Happy New Year! *Allen Pascullo - Columbian Club President*

Reminder- January 22 is a day to support life. Please be sure to leave your car lights on when you drive that day.

Fall Food Drive a Success

The Annual Fall Food Drive is over and was a great success. With last minute drop-offs at the council, we delivered 2300 pounds of food and \$335.00 in donations to Sister Ann. At this time I would like to take a moment and say "Thank You" to all of those who helped. Without your generosity we would not have succeeded.

To Giftus John, Mike Loguidice, Frank Santangelo, Buddy Cotter, Andy Schopfer, Rob Salvatore, Steve Mercurio, Gary Abraham, Louis Ponte, Brian Kline, Mike Ward, Tom Feehan, Ron Giameo, Tom Conte, Frank Santomauro, Brian Ford, Mike Ambrosio, Joe Sheridan, and lastly, Anne Marie Roselli a big

THANK YOU.

See you all in the Spring!!

Jim Chamberlin, Food Drive Chairman

Memorabilia Wanted

In an effort to redecorate our Lounge and Bar area, the Columbian Club is asking members to donate pieces of nostalgic memorabilia. If you have anything to contribute, such as old photographs, posters, sports programs, sports equipment, etc. that you are willing to part with, contact Vinnie Iannuzzi at (908) 868-8300. Take a few minutes over the next week to go through your basement or garage to find that unique piece of history that might become the conversation piece of the Columbian Club! Any unused items will be tagged so that they can be returned to you.

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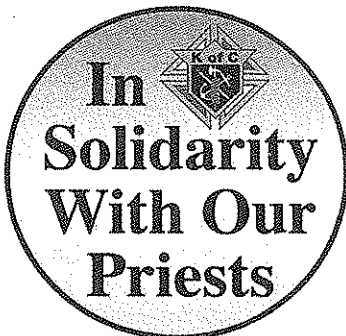
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