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PGK COMMITTEE IS FORMED AND BEGINS WORK WITH REQUEST FOR ONE NECESSARY INGREDIENT

An extremely necessary ingredient to continue our tradition of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism is member participation.

As a great council, we want to meet the needs and expectations of our members, their families, and guests. As a large council, affairs have not been fully attended by our members and their guests. We wonder why? Are the council affairs not the quality you expect? Are the types of programs and events that are put forth not meeting your needs?

Well, now is a critical time for you to participate. Let us know what you think. We want your help. We want your ideas. We want your very valuable input that will make our order thrive.

Please take a moment for Union Council 4504. Give us your comments and feedback on how things could be improved; what kind of affairs you would like to see at our council; and how we might drive member participation to a much higher level. Your feedback is necessary and vital to make things better for all of us at council 4504.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Please send comments and ideas to: Union Council 4504, Knights of Columbus, ATTN: Grand Knight Mike Cavallo, 1034 Jeanette Avenue, Union, NJ 07083 OR via email at MikeLC1104@aol.com.

New Year's Eve Extravaganza

Featuring live entertainment by a 7 piece show band

The Gas House Gang

6-Hour Open Bar

Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres at 7:30pm to 8:30pm

Sumptuous Dinner at 9:00pm

Antipasto Salad ❖ Filet Mignon ❖ Roasted Potatoes

String Beans Almondine ❖ Broccoli Rabe

Coffee ❖ Tea ❖ Dessert

Tickets: \$60 per person

Reservations must be paid in full by 12/23/02.

No tickets will be sold at the door.

For table reservations & info call:

Mike Scanlon 964-7122, 578-8768; Vinnie Iannuzzi 687-9381, 377-1000; or Bob Calderone 688-1249, 403-2591.

THERE IS A LOT TO DO DURING THE HOLIDAYS, SO PLAN AHEAD FOR THESE DECEMBER EVENTS

First Friday Mass

Fri., Dec. 6, 7:30pm

On the first Friday of every month the Knights of Columbus Union Council 4504 celebrate Mass together at the council hall. Afterwards, enjoy refreshments together. Bring your family and join us for a refreshing way to begin your month at First Friday.

Christmas Dinner Meeting

Mon., Dec. 9, 6:30pm

Tickets: \$12 per person

A warm dinner, salad, & dessert will be served. Beer and soda are included. Call Larry Killmer at 908-389-1341 to confirm your attendance by December 5. No tickets will be sold at the door.

New Knights' Social

Fri., Jan. 10, 7pm to 9pm

This event is open to all new members and their spouses. Call Joe DeMarco at 908-964-1870 for more information.

Knight's Family Sunday

Sun., Dec. 15, 9am Mass at Holy Spirit

This is a lot like First Friday Mass, except it is held on the third Sunday of each month and Mass is celebrated at alternating churches between St. Michael's and Holy Spirit. Also, bagels, coffee and danish are served at the council hall after Mass. A guaranteed great morning for wives, children, and all involved.

Annual Bring A Dish

Fri., Dec. 20, 7pm

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 Thur.	4th Degree Corps
3rd Wed.	Assembly
4th Wed.	Council Committees
4th Thur.	Columbian Club

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GRAND KNIGHT'S COLUMN



I hope everyone's Thanksgiving was a happy one, and that the proper thanks were given to our Lord for the many gifts He has given us all to share.

It's hard to believe that December is upon us and we are just about half-way through the Columbian year. These past 6 months, we have seen some positive changes that are beginning to bring this council back to where it once was. We are not there yet, but are definitely on the road to recovery. You can feel the momentum and, looking around the council, you can see it in the various activities we have run and the traditions we have brought back to life. I have received high remarks on the success of the Pasta Dinner "In Solidarity with Our Priests." We have started the Knight's Family Sundays and attendance at our First Friday Masses is improving. We have renewed the tradition of having an honoree for our degree ceremonies and have newly created the Past Grand Knight's Council. More recently, the attendance for the Memorial Mass and Communion Breakfast was tremendous.

All these success stories are becoming possible because of YOU - our membership. As a brotherhood, we are realizing how important the Knights of Columbus are. We understand the major impact we can make on our church and communities if we all come together as one. My sincere thanks and appreciation go out to everyone for making this possible.

During this Christmas season, try not to get caught up in the hustle and bustle, but remember that this season is the season of giving. I am not referring to the offering of material gifts, but the offering of charitable ones. This Christmas season, why not give to the Knights of Columbus and get involved in some way that will make a difference in your life and in the life of someone that your generosity will have touched.

Remember that there would be no *Christmas without Christ*.

For doing a superb job on this year's Annual Memorial Mass and Communion Breakfast, I want to thank co-chairmen Larry Killmer and Paul Fantini for organizing a fantastic kitchen crew and a heck of an event. Congratulations! Also, thanks to John Conti for stepping in at the last minute to help chair our Annual Fall Food Drive, without your help this would not have been accomplished. A special thanks also goes out to Joe DeMarco for doing another fine job on our Bi-Annual Blood Drive. My sincere appreciation also goes to Mike Carr, PGK who continues to do a great job on putting together our degrees. And to all those who helped these chairmen in anyway, my appreciation and gratitude go out to each one of you.

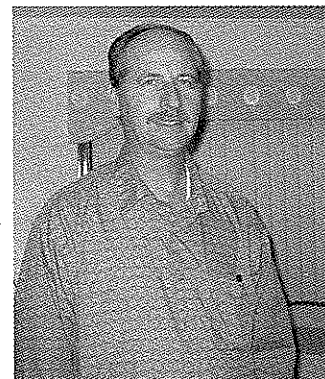
May all of my fellow brother knights and their families have a blessed holiday season and may the New Year bring you and yours good health and happiness. I look forward to the next 6 months of the Columbian year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Vivat Jesus!

Michael Cavallo

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

The Knight of the Month for December 2002 is Sir Knight Peter Kardys. Pete has been a member of our council since 2000. He has been married to his lovely wife Mary Ann for 15 years and they are the proud parents of their daughter, Amanda. They have lived in Union for the past 15 years and are parishioners of St. Michael's parish. Pete works for Etienne Aigner as a retail controller and has been with this company for over 20 years. Pete is a prime example of a true Knight of Columbus and joined the Knights for all of the right reasons, one of which was to give of him himself, to help support the charitable works of our order. Pete can always be found helping out in some capacity at many of our events. Last year, when our Treasurer had to step down for personal reasons, Pete was right there to step up to the plate and offer his services and remains our Treasurer for the Columbian year 2002 - 2003. This past April, along with several other brother Knights, Pete made his Fourth Degree and is now honored with the title of Sir Knight. Outside of the council, Pete enjoys fishing and golfing. It is with great pride that we name Sir Knight Pete Kardys as Knight of the Month for December 2002. Way to go Pete, Congratulations!!



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FROM THE COLUMBIAN CLUB

As the year comes to a close, I would like to thank all the members who supported the club throughout the year.

In order for the club to move ahead and make various improvements, we must continue to run different events. Those successful events include the jazz show starring Ray Geleto this past February, last summer's Blues, Brews & Barbeque event, last month's Western Night, the Halloween Party and, last but not least the Celebrity Knight's Roast...just to name a few. Thank you for enjoying what this club has to offer and making your attendance count.

We must continue to ask for the members' support. My board of directors has been working hard this past year thinking of things to do to make this council better than it has ever been. It cost a lot of money to run this club. Whether it be remodeling the outside women's bathroom or re-paving the side driveway, it all cost a lot of money. We need your continued support!

Please come out to support our Annual Bring-A-Dish on December 20 and plan to attend the New Year's Extravaganza on December 31. Details on these and more are in this issue and I encourage you to read through them and call for tickets.

In closing I would like to thank my board of directors for all the hard work they have done. All voluntary work, I might add. Thanks again for a great year and I look forward to an even better year in 2003.

James Zappulla

Columbian Club President

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ADVENT PRAYER

Lord, fill our hearts with your love, and as you revealed to us by an angel the coming of your Son as man, so lead us through his suffering and death to the glory of his resurrection, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

For more prayers for the Advent season, or more information on your faith, visit Catholic Online at www.catholic.org.

January Events & Other Things

Youth Free-throw Contest Sunday, January 19, 2003

Mark your calendars for the Youth Free-throw Contest. All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2003 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championships. More information will follow in the January Digest. Applications may be picked up at the council starting January 1, 2003. For more information you may contact Larry Killmer our program director at 908-389-1341.

Super Bowl Party Sunday, January 26, 2003

Will the Jets be there? Will you? Look for more information on this event in the January Digest.

Swim Club Annual Meeting Friday, January 17, 2003

This year's annual meeting will be on January 17, 2003. All swim club members in good standing are encouraged to attend and will receive formal written notification soon. At the meeting, there will be elections for four positions on board of directors. Any swim club member interested in being nominated for one of the open positions should contact Tom Conte at 908-687-4898 as soon as possible.


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Charitable Raffle

Our next quarterly charitable raffle will be held at our Christmas dinner meeting on December 9. Please purchase a raffle ticket. Many charities depend on your generous support. For tickets call John Murphy at 908-964-4361.

Brother Needs A Ride

A member, Sir Knight Herbert Bruce J. Bentz PFN, is in need of a ride to our monthly meetings. Disabled and in a power wheelchair, this member would be grateful for your assistance. Please call him directly at 908-464-3060 or via email at brucebentzusa@excite.com.

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