

# Knight Digest



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## CONVENTION 2002

This years Knights of Columbus New Jersey State Convention will be held on May, 16, 17, 18 and 19, in Wildwood, New Jersey. Union Council will once again be staying at the Adventurer Motor Inn and as always, this is the perfect opportunity for all Brother Knights and their families to spend an unforgettable social weekend together. The fee for a three night stay will be \$220.00 per family and \$160.00 for a two night stay. As in the past, we will be having our usual hospitality room for your convenience. We will be serving refreshments for the entire weekend for you and your family. We are also including dinner and continental breakfast on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The fee for this year will be \$50.00 per family. Reservations can be made by contacting Mike Cavallo at 908 686 7540. A deposit for one night's fee plus the full cost of the hospitality room is required to reserve your room. Currently a committee is being formed to help make this convention the best it has ever been. If you plan on attending, why not sign up to be part of the committee? You may sign up for the Convention 2002 committee by contacting Mike Cavallo at 908 686 7540.

### HOWDY PARTNERS!!

Get ready cause **Western Night** is Coming!! Saddle your horses on Saturday, April 13, 2001. Live Country Music Band, the 'North Crossroads.' Food, Drinks, Line Dancing - Yee Haaa!! Watch for details in next month's Digest.



## Valentine: Dance



February 9, 2002 is the date for this year's Valentine's Day Dance. The proceeds from this dance are donated to Camp Fatima. This has been one of the council's main charitable endeavors that helps to send special children to camp each summer. The cost is \$45.00 per couple. This will include dinner, refreshments and dancing. This event will run from 7:00 PM till mid-night. For information or tickets, please contact:

Thomas Hornig @ 688 5867  
Clarence Cunningham @ 241 7710

Andy Popp @ 688 6951  
Tom Conte @ 687 4898

Please make reservations early. We will reserve tables upon request.

## A JAZZ NIGHT

"All the way from the UK"

Ray Geleto

with the

City Rhythm Orchestra

Saturday 3/2/02 7:00 PM Till?

\$25.00 per person 3, 45 min sets

Open Bar(house Br.) Vegie Platter

Finger Sandwiches Limited Seating

**For Tickets and Information Call:**

Jamie Zappulla 964 7377

Shawn Young 899 4211

Joe Willmore 687 5715

## NOTICE

The Columbian Club will be accepting bids for the outside snack bar vendor for the summer of 2002. If anyone is interested, your bid must be recieved by March 1st, 2002.

## COUNCIL EVENTS

Tuesday, January 22

Annual March for life in D.C

Monday, January 28

First Degree

Saturday, February 9

Valentine Day Dance

Friday, March 1

First Friday Mass

Sunday, March 3

Membership Dive at St.

Michael's

Sunday, March 10

Membership Drive at

Holy Spirit

Monday, March 18

Children's Easter Egg Hunt

March 29, 30, 31

Council Closed

Friday, April 5

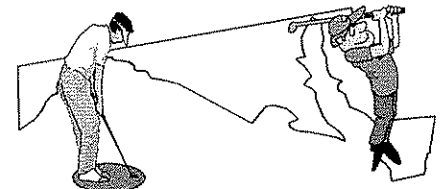
First Friday Mass

Saturday, April 6

Appreciation Night

Monday, April 22

Nomination of CC Officers



## COLUMBIAN CLUB

### GOLF OUTING

Where: Ocean City, Maryland

When: April 11 through April 14

More details to follow in the March Digest. Contact Jim Caulfield for more information at 908 687 8613.

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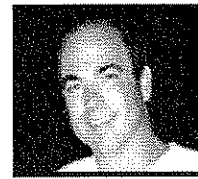
## GRAND KNIGHT'S COLUMN



Is controversy good or bad? According to Webster, controversy is defined as, "a disputing argument; especially a prolonged one." Many of us believe that controversy is a good thing. It brings about opinions and actions that ordinarily would never surface. From these opinions and actions, potential change will inevitably occur. The underlining uncertainty is whether the change is a benefit or a disruption. Conversely, the lack of controversy may breed apathy and indifference. Is that Desirable? Do we want the same thing year after year? Or do we dare to be different? When I think of controversy, I immediately think of the consequences it may have on tradition. Should the continuity of our beliefs, principals and conventions of behavior, derived from past experiences be altered by controversy? Or should we accept what has always been, as the standard of the future. Is the answer Education, Talent or Knowledge? Possibly. However, there is nothing more common than educated, knowledgeable, unsuccessful men with talent. Persistence and determination is the sole criteria for deciding whether controversy is good or bad. What do you think?

*Fraternally Yours,*  
**Anthony Ferraro, Jr.**  
*Grand Knight*

## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



The Knight of the Month for February, 2002 is Sam Maffe. Sam has been a member of Union Council since 1993.

He and his wife Kim are the proud parents of two children, Phillip, 18 and Samantha, 14. They are parishioners of St. Michael's Church in Union. Sam is employed at Reison Lumber and Building Supplies in Kenilworth. For the last six years Sam has chaired or co-chaired the council picnic. Since he has been involved the picnics have been the most successful in council history.

Sam has also taken on the responsibility of reviving NFL Sunday at the council lounge. It goes without saying, they have been very successful. In his spare time Sam enjoys a round of Golf, playing Bocci Ball and taking a dip in the council pool. He has also been known to try his hand at Poker and Darts. In the summer you can always find Sam barbecuing for a crowd. Union Council 4504 is very proud to honor Sam Maffe as the Knight of the Month for February, 2002. An honor well deserved Sam!!

## 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

## WEB SITE

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 Surf This Site And Send Any  
 Comments Or Suggestions To Ray  
 Pruszkowski

## FREE Hors-D'oeuvres Night!!

The date will be February 8.  
 Sponsored by the Columbian Club  
 For more info call Harry Lupo at  
 908 851 2493

## YANKEE TRIP TO FENWAY PARK

The second annual Yankee Road Trip is tentativley scheduled as an overnight trip to Boston leaving Saturday, May 25 and returning on Sunday, May 26. We will be attending a day game at historic Fenway and have the rest of the night to enjoy Boston's nightlife. The price for this trip has not yet been finalized, but will range from \$80 to \$100 plus the hotel. In order to determine the number of tickets, call Steve Helmstetter ASAP @ 908 688 5039. Reserve your spot as soon as possible.

## COLUMBIAN CLUB PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Dear Brother Knights:

We have kicked off 2002 with many planned gatherings. Our calendar gets better from here and we are looking for all of our members to enjoy the many events we will bring you. Our council works best when we all come out and support the club. By attending these events, you can help too.

Here are the planned events, so mark your calendar and book a table for you and your family and friends!

*Half Way to Summer, Feb 2, 2002* is an annual party to get into the summer spirit! *St. Valentine's Day Dinner, Feb 9, 2002.* A great dinner for a great cause, and dancing too! *Jazz Night with Ray Geleto, March 2, 2002.* This English import crew have been described as a cross between Louis Prima, Dean Martin and Sam Butera, with a touch of Robert De Niro. A true 'World Class' entertainer. *Finigans Wake, March 23, 2002.* Join us and mourn the dearly departed. *Union City Saint Patrick's Day Parade, March 16, 2002.* The annual celebration before, during and after the parade to celebrate St. Pats! Lastly, the *Columbian Club Golf Outing, April 27, 2002.* Fore!!

These are just a few nights to enjoy. Also, look out for our Country Western Night and our Dinner Cruise, both of which are coming soon!

Remember, you can always invite a couple of friends and visit our inside lounge area - We're open, so come by. You'll be glad you did. Make a habit of saying, 'lets meet at the Knights', and take advantage of what we have to offer.

We look forward to seeing you and as always, if you have any questions, just give me a call.

*Fraternally yours,*  
**Harry Lupo**  
*President, Columbian Club*

## PROPOSED DUES INCREASE

An annual dues increase has been proposed by the Council Officers. Our Liability Insurance has increased 35%, due to the residual ramifications of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Our Per Capita Supreme tax has risen by \$1.00. Postage has gone up. The price of food and beverages has also risen. The overall operational expenses necessary to run our Council have significantly increased since our last dues increase. We recommend a necessary dues increase of \$8.00 per year to offset these additional expenses.

There will be an open discussion regarding this matter during the first business meeting in March, 2002, and a vote will be called for during the second business meeting of March, 2001. Thank You, and we look forward to your comments.

Dear Brothers:

As you know the Columbian Club always tries to provide you with the best for less. However, over the the years, our costs have increased steadily. As you may guessed, we need to help offset these expenses. Beginning on February 1, our bar prices will be increased for the first time in many years. This will be a slight increase of \$.25 per bottled beer and mixed drinks and \$.50 for cordials. But there is good news! draft beer will remain unchanged! Thank you for your understanding and overall, the Columbian Club is still a great place to visit, at very reasonable prices. So come out and enjoy your club. We are open and hope to see you soon!

*Fraternally Yours,*  
**James Zappula**  
*1st Vice President and Bar Manager*  
*Columbian Club*

## SWIM CLUB NEWS

Currently there is no waiting list for membership into the 2002 Swim Club. If you are interested, please send your name, address, and a check for \$25.00 application fee, made out to the Columbian Swim Club. Please send your check to:

Columbian Swim Club  
PO Box 1206  
Union, New Jersey  
07083

Also, if you have any questions, contact Anthony Manochio at 908 687 4785. Don't delay! Join the fun with all the Swim Club Families. Stay close to home this summer. Contact us today.

Work Parties at the pool begin March 23 at 8:00 am. Enjoy breakfast and lunch as you work together with your fellow Brothers. The pool opens on May 25 with an 11:00 am poolside mass.

### *Ever been to an Irish Wake?*

Not like this one!  
"Finnegan's Wake"

Come and see old Finnegan rise  
from the dead!

Sponsored by the Columbian Club  
When: Saturday, March 23, 2002  
Where: Knights of Columbus Hall,  
Jeanette Ave., Union

Time: 7:30 PM till 11:30 PM  
Open Bar, Lavish Buffet, Live  
Music and Dancing

Donation: \$25.00 per person

For more information and table  
reservations call Mike Scanlon 908  
964 7122, Vinnie Iannuzzi 908 686  
9381, Bob Calderone 908 578 1802  
or John Peters 908 810 1283

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