



# Knights Digest

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## *New Year's Eve Party*

Again this year, the Council and Columbian Club will be co-sponsoring an adult New Year's eve party to close out 2007 and welcome in 2008. The menu for the event will include assorted hors:douvers , and antipasto, a carving station featuring London broil and turkey breast, roasted potatoes, Chicken Franchise, and Cavatelle and Broccoli. There will be coffee and desert, as well as a midnight toast. Musical entertainment will be supplied by our favorite DJ Eddie G Whiz.

The cost for the evening is \$70.00 per couple and \$35.00 per person. For further information or to reserve a table, contact the Columbian Club Bar Manager Mike LoGuidice (908)472-9113, or Kitchen Manager Kevin Connors (908) 347-8655.

## *Annual Bring a Dish*

The Columbian Club has announced that they will be holding their annual Bring a Dish on **Friday, December 14th**. Members and their guests are invited to bring a sample of their favorite home made recipes to our Council home to share with their Brother Knights. This event is always very popular, and offers a chance to share the fun and enjoyment of the Christmas season with your fellow Knights and their families. Please stop by and see what the excitement is all about!

## *Calendar of Up-Coming Events*

### DECEMBER

9 SUN .....	Camp Fatima Christmas Party
14 FRI .....	Christmas Bring a Dish
16 SUN.....	Breakfast with Santa
25 TUE.....	Christmas Day (Council Closed)
28 FRI .....	Bus Trip to New York
31 MON .....	New Year's Eve Party

### JANUARY

18 FRI .....	Pasta Dinner in Support of the Clergy
26 SAT .....	Chili Cook Off

## *Breakfast with Santa*

**When:** December 16th

**Where:** Knights of Columbus Hall

**Time:** 10:00am till 12:30pm

\$20.00 for a family of (4) 2 adults & 2 children \$5.00 each additional adult, \$3.00 each additional child.

Come and bring the children and grandparents for Breakfast with Santa. Enjoy holiday songs and also have your child's photo taken with Santa, and many more activities.

Please reservations must be taken. RSVP by December 12th

Call Tony Quinones at: 908-265-3757 or 908-686-4598. Menu includes: Eggs, Potatoes, Pancakes, Bacon, Sausage, Ham, and Fruit Salad, Pastries, Juice and coffee and tea.

\*\*Parents please bring Santa a present for your child. (\$20 Dollar Maximum)\*\*

## *Christmas Dinner Meeting*

At the last Council meeting of November, Grand Knight Andy Schopfer announced that the Council meeting on **Monday, December 10th** will be our Christmas Dinner meeting. The actual business portion of the meeting will begin at 6:30 pm, and will be followed by a dinner featuring a tossed salad, Chicken Parmigiana with pasta, coffee and cookies. Our extensive selection of fine wines, as well as beer and soda will also be available. The cost for the dinner is only \$6.00. If you plan on attending, please try to pay in advance. For further information, contact the Grand Knight (908) 265-7895.

The drawing of our quarterly raffle will be held at the end of dinner. If you still need a raffle ticket, contact John Murphy. John will also have additional tickets available on the night of the dinner.

## *Bus Trip to New York*



Union Council will once again sponsor a bus trip to New York City during the Christmas season. This year, the bus will leave our Council Home at 6:30 pm sharp on Friday evening **December 28th**. The trip will include a two hour stopover in Manhattan for sightseeing. The cost is \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children under 12. Snacks and drinks will be included. Adults are allowed to supply their favorite beverages. We need your response no later than **December 20th**. For further information, contact Grand Knight Andy Schopfer or Diane Lupo (908) 577-6606.

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*1st Yr. Trustee*..... Joe Beninato, PGK  
*Columbian Club President* ..... Clarence Cunningham  
*Swim Club Pres.*..... Steve Ruhl

## 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

## MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT



My Brother Knights,

Now that our Council has completed the celebration of our 50th anniversary, it is time to move right into the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season. Before we do so, however, I think it is appropriate to once again remember and give thanks to the 124 original members of our Council for their willingness to establish a chapter of the Knights of Columbus here in Union. Through their commitment, sacrifice and selflessness, our Council has grown and prospered far beyond what anyone might have expected when our charter was granted on December 2, 1957.

Even as we acknowledge the traditions and the history we have established, let us also bear in mind that as current Knights, we have an obligation to continue to demonstrate the core values of the Knights of Columbus: charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. It is only if we continue to do so, that we can expect our Council to be a place where our families can continue to gather and share life's experiences, and where in another 50 years, our Council can celebrate yet another milestone.

In preparing our calendar of activities for the Columbian year, I had focused a lot of energy into the celebration of our golden anniversary, and had thought that we would all be taking a break during the holiday season. However, as I see the list of upcoming events, starting with Sister Ann's Christmas party for Camp Fatima, and ending with our New Year's Eve party, we clearly have another busy month scheduled not only for December, but also in January. Please take a few moments to scan the list of activities, and take advantage of the opportunities to share time with your fellow Knights during this busy season.

May God bless you all with a holy and happy Christmas!

God bless you all,

Andy Schopfer, Grand Knight



## Reminder

The quarterly raffle to fund our Charitable events will be held at our Christmas Dinner meeting on Monday, **December 10th**. If you would like additional tickets, please see the raffle chairman, John Murphy.

## ***Food Drive Results***

The fall food drive was a huge success. We gathered 35 cases of canned foods, 17 boxes of pastas, cereals, cake mixes, and cookies, and 12 bags of miscellaneous boxed items.

My heartfelt thanks to all who volunteered and helped especially the brave men who stood outside the stores despite the unfavorable weather conditions. Thanks also to those who helped sort everything and get it over to St. Michael's. Special thanks also to my son, Tom Jr. who did all the letter typing for me (he types much faster than me)

***Tom Walsh, Sr.***  
***Food Drive Chairman***

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## ***Upcoming Columbian Club Events***

On Saturday evening, **January 19, 2008**, the Columbian Club will be sponsoring a Half Way to Summer event in the Council Hall. The band Dr. Cheeko will be performing, and sub sandwiches will be served. The event will begin at 7:00 pm and run until midnight. More details will be available in the December Digest, but if you are interested, you may contact Columbian Club President Clarence Cunningham, the first Vice President Mike Loguidice, or second Vice President Kevin Connors.

The Columbian Club will also be sponsoring our annual Tricky Tray to be held on **February 23, 2008**. The theme of this popular fund raiser will be Stars and Stripes Forever. The cost of admission will be \$20.00 and will provide each customer with a sheet of tickets as well as coffee and cake. Additional tickets will be available throughout the evening.

Tickets for the event are on sale now. For additional information, contact Mike Andriola at (908) 244-5494 or Diane Lupo at (908) 577-6606.

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## ***Camp Fatima Christmas Party***

Sister Ann Domenic is inviting all special children, parents and adults to her annual Christmas party for Camp Fatima to be held in our Council Hall on Sunday **December 9th**. Lunch will be served from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm. Santa will arrive at 2:30 pm with gifts for all of the special people, and he will also be available for pictures.

If you are interested in attending, contact Sr. Ann at St. Michael's, 1211 Orange Avenue, Union, NJ 07083.

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## ***Save these dates***

**3rd Annual Golf Outing - April 14, 2008**  
**Bus Trip to Atlantic City - March 8, 2008**



## ***Knight of the Month*** ***Tom Walsh Sr.***



Tom Walsh Sr. is one of the "regulars" at the council's bar and patio, and can be found there on most weeknights and weekends. He also attends most of the council's meetings and volunteers to help with quite a number of events/charities that go on. Recently he has been the Chairman of the council's fall and spring food drives and has done a great job with getting the work done.

Tom attended 12 years of catholic school and graduated from St. Benedicts in Newark, NJ. After high school he joined the U.S. Navy and served from 1967 to 1971 on a destroyer. Since then he has been employed in the auto business and currently works at Difeo (J&S) Ford in Jersey City.

Tom has been married for 30 years to local Dallas Cowboy's fanatic Carol Walsh, and has two sons (both Giants fans) Tom Walsh Jr. and Dan Walsh. He is a member of St. Michael's Church parish, a Eucharistic Minister, teaches Pre-Cana, and helps whenever work is needed to be done around the church. Tom enjoys going fishing whenever he can, even though he never hooks anything worth catching.

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## ***Columbian Swim Club***

There are three seats on the swim club board up for election at the annual meeting in January 2008. Anyone interested in a position on the board should contact Brother Knights James Feehan or James Rath of the nominating committee.

You must be a member of the swim club in good standing to run for the board.









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## ***Donations Sought***



As the Christmas season approaches, the Council will once again be arranging to display our Nativity scene at Town Hall. As many of you may have noticed, our statues for this scene have been getting chipped and damaged over the years, and are now getting to the point where they can no longer be repaired.

Unfortunately, due to the size of the statues required for this use, the cost of a replacement set is several thousand dollars, and we are now seeking donations to help us defray this expense. If you would be interested in donating to this cause, please contact either Steve Ruhl, or the Grand Knight Andy Schopfer

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