



# Knight Digest



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## Chili Cook Off, Bingo, New Member Social On Tap in January

The month of January will feature two distinct opportunities for members and their families to get together at the council to meet and share with their fellow brothers. Sandwiched in between those two events, we will be holding the first of our two annual bingo nights at the Boys and Girls Club of Union to raise money for our charitable events.

The initial social event will be the first annual chili cook off which will be held on Saturday afternoon, January 15 during the NFL playoff games. This event, chaired by Tom Walsh, is open to all members and their spouses. Entrants will receive T shirts marking the occasion, and there will be prizes for the first, second and third place finishers.

A sign up sheet and official rules for the submission of entries will be available in the lounge area. It promises to be a lot of fun, even if you don't submit an entry!

A week later, on Saturday January 22, Brother Knights will be asked to assist at our first of two double bingos at the Union Boys and Girls Club on Jeanette Avenue. Volunteers will be needed to sell game boards to participants, man the refreshment stands and to sell the specials at both of the evening's Bingos. In order for the evening to be a success, we will need as many brothers as possible to assist in these different functions, even if it is only at one of the two bingos. For more information, contact chairperson Bob Litterer at (908) 245-0091.

The second of our two bingos will be held on Saturday evening March 12.

Friday evening, January 28 will mark the Council's annual New Member Social. This event, which began three years ago, is intended to provide those individuals who have joined the Council over the past year an opportunity to learn more about the Council and its many activities.

Representatives from the Columbian Club, Swim Club and the various Council committees will be available to meet with all new members and their families event. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Chancellor Buddy Cotter at (908) 447-3378.

## Tricky Tray Scheduled for February 26th

Union Council 4504 will be sponsoring a Tricky Tray on Saturday evening February 26 in the Council Hall. The event, which has been in the planning stages since October, promises to be a major initiative for this Columbian year.

Tickets for the evening are priced at \$15.00 per person, which will include light refreshments (coffee and cake), and one sheet of tickets. Of course, the tickets will be used to place bids on the wide variety of baskets that have been donated for the evening.

If you own a small business, it is not too late to put together a basket which will showcase your products or services to all those who attend. In addition, if any groups or individuals wish to submit a basket, they will be willingly accepted.

If you do have a basket to submit, arrangements should be made to have it delivered to the Council by February 10 to allow time for the committee to arrange for its display on the night of the event. If you need more information, or need to arrange for pick up of your basket, contact chairperson Harry Lupo at (908) 851-2493.

Brother Knights should be aware that we are still collecting lottery tickets in order to create our own basket for the evening. If you purchase tickets regularly, remember to buy a few scratch off tickets to drop off at the Council the next time you are at a meeting or an event. Of course, cash donations to purchase scratch off lottery tickets can be made by contacting any of the Council officers.

## Swim Club Sets Annual Meeting

The Annual meeting of the Colombian Swim Club of Union Council will be scheduled for Friday, February 18, 2005, at the Council on Jeanette Ave. at 8:00 p.m. All members of the Swim Club who are in good standing are encouraged to attend. Elections of board members as well as other changes will be discussed. Members of the 2004 season should receive your letter soon. If you do not receive your letter please contact a board member as dues will still be due by March 1, 2005, to avoid a late fee. Happy New year from your Board of Directors.

## 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 that everyone had a blessed Christmas Season and I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. This is the time of year that we all make our New Years Resolutions. We make them with the best of intentions, but if you are anything like me, they soon become a distant memory. I would like to ask each and every Brother Knight to make, and try to keep one very special resolution. I would like everyone to resolve to perform more acts of charity than you have in the previous years. If we all make and keep this promise we will have a very successful and rewarding year.

I am starting the second half of my term with the same hope and enthusiasm as I had when I started my term. I would like to thank everyone who helped make the past six months the success that it was. I appreciate all the help and support that I received. It seems that whenever there was work to be done, there was a certain group of Brother Knights that I could count on. I would like to say thank you to them, from the bottom of my heart, as I will never forget what you have done for me. I only hope that one day I will be able to return the favor.

I look forward to working with everyone over the next six months.

Vivat Jesus! Joseph DeMarco, Grand Knight

## Fall Food Drive Aids the Needy

The Fall Food drive was very successful, highlighted by the receipt of some very generous donations that were provided by businesses and individuals in Union. As a result, we were able to present Sister Anne Domenic of St. Michaels parish a total of \$1,000 in cash and supermarket gift cards in the days immediately following the drive. She was then able to use our gifts to purchase turkeys for the needy for Thanksgiving.

In addition, we collected 3,030 pounds of food from the public schools and supermarkets in Union during the week of November 8th through November 13th. All of the contributions were subsequently delivered to Sister Anne for distribution to the needy throughout the winter season.

Our food drive would not have been successful without the fantastic teamwork from my Brother Knights. I want to again thank the following brothers for their efforts in this year's drive a true success:

**School Flyer Distribution & School Pick up-** Mike Loguidice and Frank Santangelo

**Providing Boxes -** Tom Conte

**Supermarket Collection-** Gary Abraham, Nick Belmonte, Mike Brevan, Buddy Cotter, John Forde, Giftus John, Peter Kardys, John Kreinberg, Tony Manochio, Bob Masucci, John Moco, John Murphy, Carlos Nunes, Mike Peter, Andy Schopfer, BartSupino, and Tom Walsh.

**Food Sorters & Packers-** Mike Carr, Steve Helmsetter, Bill Mateo.

**Chuck Cababe, Food Drive Chairman**

## Columbian Club News

I hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas and a joyful new year. May the New Year bring happiness and goodwill to all.

It was unfortunate that our New Years Eve party had to be cancelled due to lack of support from our own members.

Upcoming events include our Super Bowl gathering on February 6<sup>th</sup> in the Council lounge. We are also looking forward to the Chili Cook-Off to be held on January 15<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see you all enjoying the fun at either or both of these events.

**Sam Maffei, Columbian Club President**

## First Friday Masses to Resume in February

Union Council 4504 will once again be hosting a celebration of Mass on the first Friday of each month. Our chaplain, Father Jim Worth, has announced his support for resuming this program, which had been discontinued due to declining attendance and the extensive parish commitments of our prior chaplain. However, Father Worth has enthusiastically endorsed the idea of resuming the tradition, beginning on Friday, February, 4.

Mass will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Hall. All brothers and their families are invited to attend. Please be certain to spread the word about the resumption of these Masses, so that we can once again demonstrate our commitments to God and to our Council.

## Yankee Trip Planned for April

Our annual Yankee trip will be held from Friday April 15<sup>th</sup> to Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup> 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 McHenry, 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.



## The Words of Our Chaplain

Father Jim Worth

### Do You Hear What I Hear?

The Christmas rush is through. Presents have been exchanged and exchanged again. The needles are dropping off the tree like snow flakes on a winter's day. Boxes are being made ready to pack up again for another year. Now what?


It is so easy to get caught up in the worldly spirit of Christmas that the true spirit fades away in the background. When I was a young boy, the most important thing on Christmas was the gifts under the tree. That one day was what I anxiously awaited, and when it was over, I thought Christmas was over too. For children, this is understandable, but what happens when we become adults? What then?

Hopefully this Christmas has brought us all a bit closer to Jesus Christ. We are one family united in faith and mission to a Church that nurtures and supports us. The season that is slowly drifting away is more than just a season...it is a way of life. Everyday, Jesus is born into our hearts when we live out the Gospel message to everyone we know and meet. All the symbols of the season may come and go, but the spirit lives on in our hearts. That warm, toasty feeling of family and friends gathered near is what motivates us to endure all things during the year. The love of Christ, which was born on Christmas, can dwell deep within us if we hear the words of Christ and live them. Listen closely to what Jesus is saying. He speaks to us often. He loves us very much and wants us to love Him in return. We hear the voices of many people during the course of our day. Do we hear the voice of Christ? Are we listening to His voice? Do you hear what I hear? If so, then praise God for all the gifts He has given us...most especially His only Son, Jesus Christ. He is the Christmas Gift that perfectly fits the size of every heart.

## Art Auction Planned for April

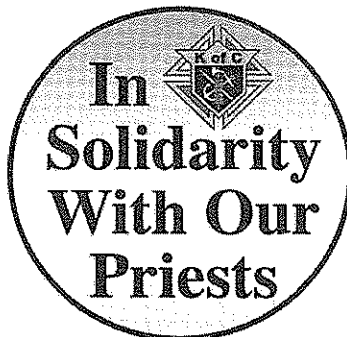
Union Council will be sponsoring an art auction on Saturday evening April 9. This event, which will be open to the general public, will allow participants to purchase a variety of art at prices that are much lower than you would find at any gallery.

Although the event is still in the planning stages, a contract has been signed with the auctioning company, and planning will begin in earnest during the month of January. If we draw enough support, this event will be a major fundraiser for the Council. Look for more info in upcoming Digests.

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