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NEW YEARS EVE

The Tragedy of September 11, left us with a fear we have to live with everyday. What better way to have your loved ones near you, than to invite them all to bring in the New Year together. Have your children next to you as you countdown!! At the request of many of our members, we are planning a family celebration and are hoping you can join us.

New Years Eve
December 31, 2001
8:00pm till 1:00am
cocktail hour
5 hour open bar
buffett dinner
desert bar
cheeses, fresh fruit
Disc Jockey, party favors,
noismakers and more!!!
Adults: \$35.00

Children ages 5 to 12: \$10.00

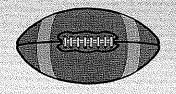
For tickets and info call LarryKilmer 908 389 1341 or Rich Espesito 908 688 6976

HALFWAY TO SUMMER PARTY

Date: Feb. 2nd, 2002
Time: 7:00 PM to 12:00 AM
Place: Union Council Hall
Featuring: **Doctor Checo**Beer, wine, soda, sandwiches
and snacks are included
Price: \$35.00 per couple

Dress for summer (shades, tshirts and shorts)

For more information contact: Clarence Cunningham 241 7710 Harry Lupo 851 2493 Buster Rapke 964 4010



SUPERBOWL PARTY

When: Sunday, Feb 3rd
Where: Union Council Hall
6:00 PM Till ???
Hors-D'oeuvres during 1st half
Buffet during 2nd half
Menu to be announced at a later
date

For tickets and info contact: Anthony Addotta 464 9126 Rich Santangelo, Jr. 908 686 6889





CHRISTMAS DINNER

Please join us for our annual Christmas dinner Meeting on Monday, December 10. The Menu will be chicken parmigiana, chicken franchese, tossed salad along with beer, wine and soda. The price will be \$13.00 per person and \$25.00 per couple. The meeting will start at 6:30 PM sharp. Our guests will be entertained in the bar area until 7:00 PM when they will join us for dinner. We look forward to seeing as many Brothers and their friends as possible. Please contact Kevin Collins 688 2038 or Rich Esposito 688 6979. Please contact us as by Dec. 8th. We look forward to sitting down with old friends and enjoying a fine meal.

Fraternally yours, Kevin Collins

COUNCIL EVENTS

Sunday, December 9 Camp Fatima Christmas Party Monday, December 10 Christmas Dinner Meeting Friday, December 14 Annual Bring a Dish Sunday, December 16 Children's Christmas Party Monday, December 31 New Years Eve Party Tuesday, January 22 Annual March for life in D.C Monday, January 28 First Degree Sunday, February 3 Superbowl Party

CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

We will be holding our annual Childrens' Christmas Party on Sunday, December 16th at 2:00 PM. Come join us for some holiday games, fun and cheer. We have heard from a reliable source that the "BIG GUY, " Santa Clause will be making a special guest ap-Please bring a pearance!!! wrapped gift of \$10.00 or less clearly marked with your child's full name for Santa to distribute. We also have a desert table, so please bring some holiday goodies to share with your friends. We will also be collecting non perishable food items for St. Michael's food pantry.

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. 4th Wed.

Assembly

4th Thur.

Council Committees

Columbian Club

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GRAND KNIGHT'S COLUMN



Those of you who know personnally, know that one of my passions is the game of golf. The "Golf Needle" first showed it's addictive

face to me in 1966, and I have been hooked ever since. After 35 years of praying on the golf course, I have definitely concluded that God will answer my prayers everywhere "except" on the golf course, thus reminding me to be forcefully humble. (I am waiting for the day that I can brag about my round of golf.) Golf is clearly one of the most challenging and humbling experiences man has ever invented. There are many parallels to life itself. There is adversity to be avoided or overcome. There are opportunities and new challenges to be met. There are relationships with people and God to be developed. There is a basic foundation in life and in golf which must be developed before we can achieve success. In golf, as in life, we will never reach perfection, but we can continue to make progress. We should never grow tired of learning from new uncertain situations. During my very first professional golf lesson, the instructor advised me of four things to always remember:

- 1. Understand the game
- 2. Prepare for the game
- 3. Play the game
- 4. Achieve your potential in the game

I only recently realized how important this advise is in playing the game of life, not just golf. We Brother Knights should also understand, prepare, play and achieve and our council will continue to improve and grow stronger each year. Holidays Happy all!! VIVAT JESUS

Fraternally yours, Tony Ferrarro Jr. Grand Knight

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



The Knight of the Month for December is Paul V. Fantini. Paul has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for 3 years. Paul is a member of

St. Michael's Church in Union. He was born and raised in Bridgeton, New Jersey and now resides in Union for the past four years. Paul has been married for three years to his lovely wife Karen. His favorite color is Blue, Stormy Blue to be specific. He also enjoys the company of his dog Busta' Brown. Paul is an avid fan of the New York Yankees as well. Paul has fostered an interest in the Arts and Humanities since High School. Currently, he works for the State Theater in New Brunswick as a Publicist where he manages media relations and various public affairs. His family maintains a tradition of fraternity and service. The example of his Grandfather, Charles V. Reilly, a Knight of Columbus in South Jersey, has inspired him to pursue his own place here in our organization. Recently. Paul has participated in our Fright Nights and organizes the Knights of Columbus participation at St. Michael's and Holy Spirit's Baptism Ceremonies. He also served on the committee for the Nuns's and Widow's Dinner, assisted with the annual Food Drive, and is frequently seen at council meetings.

Union Council 4504 takes great pride in honoring Paul Fantini as the Knight of the Month for December 2001. Congratulations Paulie!!

FREE Hors-D'oeuvres Night!! January 18 from 8 to 10 PM Sponsored by the Columbian Club For more info call Harry Lupo at 908 851 2493

Pray To End Abortion

COLUMBIAN CLUB PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

As we all know, we are nearing the end of the year and getting ready to say good-bye to 2001. Since Halloween and Thanksgiving holidays have passed so quickly, it means we will soon be celebrating Chistmas. Luckily, many of us are able to enjoy this holiday with one of our close family and friends. However, it is especially important that we all take a little time to remember our fellow brothers and their families, friends and anyone else who might need a little attention right now. Often, when we are asked to help, our first reaction is financial or donating a can of soup. Though money and food are welcome, there are other things that we can all do to help. During this holiday, let us remember our family, friends, and yes, even strangers and offer a friendly hand to spread some holiday cheer. Most often, we forget the little things in life that mean so much. A simple greeting of 'hello' around this time of year could be all it takes to make a persons' day. Our lives are full, so lets remember to share with others...those that may be in a little empty spirit and need some hope this holiday season. As always, if you have any suggestions, questions, or just want to talk, please call me. In closing, I would like to offer my most sincere greetings to you and all of your families this Christmas. God Bless!

Fraternally yours, Harry Lupo

CHARITABLE RAFFLE

Our next Quarterly Charitable Raffle Drawing will be held at our Christmas Dinner Meeting on December 10th. If you have not already done so, please make your returns now. Our many charities depend on your kind support.

Franternally yours, John Murphy Raffle Chairman

CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN

Christmas greetings to all of the Knights in Council 4504 and their families! Christmas is a special time of the year because it reminds us of the fact that God has lovingly looked down upon our human condition and sent a remedy, Jesus Christ. Why did he come? The scriptures are very clear on this: He came to save us from our sins. Sin separates us from God and other people. The repair of sin brings togetherness. This season, as always, will be about the many fine things we do to celebrate Christmas with our families and friends. But let us not forget to prepare spiritually for the Holy day of Christmas. What if anything is separating you from God or others? Their is always a need for improvement. Remember that God loves you so much that he came down form heaven to bring you grace, healing, love, joy and peace.

In his love, Fr. Anthony

FOOD DRIVE REPORT

The first food drive for the Columbian vear was conducted during the first two weeks of October. The drive is aimed at raising food for the needy of the community. Four supermarkets in the area, Shop Rite, Pathmark, Acme, and A&P of Kenilworth as well as the elementary schools in Union participated in the collection of food. Over 2700 pounds of food was collected as well as over \$100 in cash. Most of the food was given to St. Michael's Food Pantry and the rest went to the Township's Food Pantry located in Town Hall. Special mention must be made to Bob Calderone, Paul Fantine, Frank Santangelo, Rich Santangelo Jr., Jim Finnegan Jules Pruszkowski, Santo Trapani, Mike Cavallo and Tom Conte.

Fraternally yours Giftus John

SWIM CLUB NEWS

Plan now to attend the General Meeting on Friday, January 18 2002, at 8:00 PM at the Council Hall. Once again there will be four positions open to vote for on the Board of Directors. In you are interested and can be an active Director, Contact Ted Czapula at 908 686 7411. Also get ready for the summer and plan to attend work parties that will begin on Saturday, March 23, 2002. Members are encouraged to attend. We need members to prepare our pool for the upcoming season. Lastly, the Columbian Swim Club Nominating Committee is currently accepting Swim Club members who interested in serving the Board of Governors. Elections will be held at the annual membership meeting in January, 2002. If you are interested please contact Steve Ruhl 908 964 8095, Anthony Manochio 908 687 4785 or John Perina 908 354 6659. From your Board of Directors to you and your family, have a blessed and fun filled Christmas and a happy New

Fraternally yours, Jim Feehan

PRAYER SERVICE

If anyone knows of a Brother Knight who has passed on please contact Richard Santangelo SR. at 908 964 5258. A prayer service will be held at the funeral home where that person is being waked.

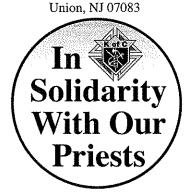
All prayer services will promptly begin at 7:30 and will last about 15 minutes. Any brother who would like to be on the *Wake Committee call list* please call me or talk to me at a meeting. Any brother who is already on the Wake Committee Call list and is not getting a phone call, let me know as soon as possible.

Fraternally yours,

Rich Santangelo SR. Wake Committee Chairman



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