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Valentine Dinner Dance

Saturday, February 9, 2008

Held at: Knights of Columbus Hall
Jeanette Ave., Union, NJ
Time: 7:00 p.m.—12:00 a.m.

Includes Appetizers & Full Course (Filet Mignon) Dinner,
Salad, Soda, Beer, Coffee & Dessert

Music for Dancing Provided by Eddie Gwiz
Tickets: \$60.00 per couple
(Make checks payable to:
Camp Fatima OR Knights of Columbus)

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO CAMP FATIMA*

For further information contact:

Sister Ann Dominic, OP
St. Michael's Convent
1211 Orange Ave.
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Phone: (908) 686-5371 or (908) 686-3839

* New Jersey's only all volunteer one-to-one camp for

person and \$45.00 per couple, and will include sub sandwiches as well as wine, beer and soda. For ticket information, contact Columbian Club president Clarence Cunningham, or any of the Columbian Club officers.

Dr. Cheeko has a large following in this area, and the event promises to be lively and full of fun. While for most of us shorts and swim suits are not the order of the day for January in Union, why not join us to at least enjoy thoughts of summer even if it is still winter?

Tricky Tray - On Saturday evening, February 23, the Columbian Club will be hosting the Council's annual Tricky Tray. Admission for the event is \$20.00 which will include a row of tickets, as well as coffee and cake. Additional prize tickets will be available throughout the evening.

The doors of the Hall will open at 6:00 to preview the prizes, and the first prizes will be raffled off beginning at 7:00.

This is the fourth consecutive year that we will be hosting a Tricky Tray, and each year the event has served to be a significant fund raiser. Diane Lupo and her team have been working on this event since the end of last summer, and we fully expect to have a full house once again! Be sure to get your tickets early!

Calendar of Up-Coming Events

JANUARY

18 FRI.....Pasta Dinner in Support of the Clergy
19 FRI..... Halfway to Summer Event
26 SAT..... Chili Cook Off
28 MON.....First Degree (tentative)

FEBRUARY

9 SAT.....Camp Fatima Valentine's Dance
23 SAT..... Tricky Tray

MARCH

8 SAT..... Bus Trip to Atlantic City
15 SAT.....St. Patrick's Day Parade
16 SUN..... Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

APRIL

12 SAT..... Council Event (Details to be Announced)
14 MON..... 3rd Annual Golf Outing
25—27Special Citizen's Drive

MAY

15—18State Convention, Wildwood



Pasta Dinner - The third weekend of January will be a busy one at Union Council 4504. On Friday, January 18, the Council will host its annual Pasta Dinner in Solidarity with our priests.

The meal will consist of the usual pasta, meatballs, sausage, salad and desert. Wine, beer and soda will be included in the price, and the proceeds will benefit the CYO of Holy Spirit and St. Michael's.

All of the clergy from both St. Michael's and Holy Spirit will be the guests of honor. The cost of the dinner will be \$7.00 per adult and \$4.00 per child under 12. We will begin serving at 7:00 pm. Last year this event turned out to be a major source of revenue for the CYO, and we hope to duplicate that feat again this year.

Half-Way to Summer - The very next night, the Columbian Club will be celebrating the halfway point to summer with Dr. Cheeko and his band. The cost of this event will be \$25.00 per

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or via email to: tomdudek@att.net. You must clearly identify all people in photos submitted and at what council event the photo was taken. Photos with alcoholic beverages will not be considered. Photos may also be submitted via email as hi-resolution image files. Hard copy photos will only be returned when accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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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

MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT



Brothers Knights, Families and Friends of Union Council:

Amazingly, the Christmas season has already come and gone. Hopefully, you were all able to celebrate the joys of the season with your loved ones, and had a happy and holy Christmas. Before we officially close our memories of the season, I think its important to remember and commend the incredible spirit of giving that is fostered throughout the Christmas season. To see the smiles on the faces of individuals who benefit from our generosity is one of the most uplifting feelings that we can have, and makes all of our own troubles seem almost minimal.

Each year, the Council, in conjunction with the Union Elks, sponsors a holiday dinner for the special needs children from the Burnett Middle school. This year, I was fortunate enough to be able to attend that dinner. It was truly an amazing dinner, and to watch the students, many of them with Down's Syndrome or other disorders, eagerly marching out to the dance floor, and "helping" the DJ with the musical selections was a reminder to me of the truly positive things we do as Knights. Although we routinely donate to the Special Citizens Drive each year, this particular contribution now has much more significant meaning for me, and will motivate me to make this year's drive as successful as can be.

Similarly, as demonstrated in some of the pictures enclosed in this Digest, a number of the members of our Council, on their very own initiative and without Council funding, helped the students of the Deron School enjoy their Christmas. Although I was unable to attend, I have been told that too, was a truly heartwarming event. My thanks and appreciation to those involved for this tremendous charitable effort!

I am certain that many of you took some time out this season, whether by participating in an Adopt a Family effort through your worksites, or donations to the Salvation Army or other charities, to assist the less fortunate. If so, you are all to be commended and deserve a pat on the back for your generosity. This is truly what being a Knight is all about!

Now as the hustle and bustle of the season winds down, we can now all take a few moments to appreciate all that we have, and to make plans to make 2008 an even better year, for ourselves, our families, and our Council.

God bless you all,

Andy Schopfer, Grand Knight

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Columbian Swim Club

The annual Columbian Swim Club meeting will be held on Friday **January 18, 2008** at the council hall.

Election for three seats on the board of governors will be held. You must be a Swim Club member in good standing to attend and vote at this meeting. Anyone wishing to run for a position on the board should contact Brothers James Feehan or James Rath of the nominating committee.

Announcement

The photographer for the 50th Anniversary Dinner has provided us with a video disc of the pictures that he took throughout the evening. If anyone is interested in purchasing a copy of the disc, contact Grand Knight Andy Schopfer. The cost will be \$10.00 per copy.

Thanks!

The Columbian Club would like to extend their thanks and appreciation to Joe Alvino and Chris Saros for donating and installing the new security system in the Lounge. The equipment is top notch, and your time and effort is much appreciated by all!

Annual Super Bowl party

The Columbian Club will once again sponsoring our annual Super Bowl party on Sunday, February 3rd. We will have a big screen TV in the Hall, with food served throughout the afternoon. The cost for the event is \$10.00 per person. To reserve seats, please feel free to contact Mike LoGuidice (908) 472-9113 or Kevin Connors (908) 347-8655.

The Deron School



Knight of the Month Marco Vitale



Marco Vitale Sr. has been a member of the Union Council for 10 years. Since joining Marco has been an active member, serving the first three years as a Council officer and currently in his seventh year as a director on the Columbian Club Board. He is usually on the "sidelines" but Marco helps out by volunteering for many events/charity functions. As well as selling 50/50 and raffle tickets. He also is a bartender and was recently voted bartender "who will tell you a joke before serving you."

Originally from the "Ironbound" section of Newark, Marco graduated from East Side High School. Upon graduating he has worked in the construction field. He works as a Construction Supervisor for Donnelly Industries, in this position for over 10 years.

Marco has been married for 19 years to his wife Annette. They have four children, Matthew 14, Meghan 11, Marco jr. 9 and Maximillian 7. Marco is a member of St. Michael's Church.

Actively involved in Union, Marco has served on Jefferson/Central 5's PTA executive board. He is a coach with the Union Little League as well as a coach for the Suffragette's Girls Softball League for many years. The word "NO" is not in Marco's vocabulary and he can be found helping out with the PTA, The Fifth Quarter Club and many other things around the community.

Marco enjoys spending time during the summer at the pool and in the grove, barbecuing with friends and family. A Giants and Yankees fan, you can find Marco at the Council most weekends and the occasional weeknight watching "the game."

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