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## Holiday Celebrations Dominate December Events

Union Council has planned several events for December to enable Brothers to share the Holiday season with their fellow Knights. The first event is the annual New Member Social on Friday evening December 9 at 7:00 PM. This event is scheduled to welcome the new members of the Council and their spouses the opportunity to meet the officers and chairpersons of various committees from the Council, the Columbian Club, and the Swim Club.

New members who have joined or transferred into the Council in the past year have all been invited. Wine and cheese, as well as other assorted snacks will be served. For more information, contact Membership Director Nick Belmonte, or Chancellor Andy Schopfer.

The first holiday event is set for Monday evening, December 12 when we will be holding our annual dinner Christmas meeting. The event will begin with the business portion of the meeting at 6:30 PM, with dinner being served after the meeting has concluded.

This year's menu will feature a main course of roast pork, with salad, vegetables, and dessert. The cost of the dinner will be \$10.00, with tickets available at the door.

The highlight of the evening will be the drawing of the final quarterly raffle of the year. If you have not yet purchased your tickets, raffle chairman John Murphy will be on hand to sell them. The cost is \$10.00 per chance.

On Friday evening, December 16th, the Columbian Club will be hosting its annual Holiday Bring A Dish in which members are invited to bring a sample of their favorite foods to the Council. This event begins at 7:00, and is always a good way to relax to kick off the final weekend before Christmas with your fellow Knights and their spouses.

Finally, the Children's Christmas party is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, December 18th at 1:00 PM. There will be food for all of the children, and of course, Santa is scheduled to make an appearance before the festivities come to an end.

Please try to attend at least one of these Holiday events.

## Annual Swim Club Meeting Scheduled for January

The Annual meeting of the Colombian Swim Club of Union Council will be scheduled for Friday, January 20, 2006 at the Council on Jeanette Ave. at 8:00 PM. 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 2005 season will be receiving letters of invitation. If you do not receive your letter please contact a board member. Happy holidays from your Board of Directors.

## Second Chili Cook Off Planned

The second annual chili cook-off will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2006. There will be spectacular prizes, great chili, and plenty of cold refreshment to put out the fire and wash down the chili. Rules and a sign up sheet will be posted in the bar area over the Christmas holiday.

Dust off your recipes and BRING IT! Last year was a good start, but we hope to do even better this year. **Tom Walsh**

## The Best Present Can't Be Wrapped

This holiday season give the gift of yourself with your council, community, and family. Give these or similar presents of friendship, understanding, kindness, love and compassion.

- Visit someone who is a shut-in
- Invite a friend or neighbor who will be alone to share your Christmas celebration
- Send a Christmas card to someone you have not seen or talked to you in years
- Reconcile with a friend or relative with whom you have quarreled
- Wish people you meet a good day and a happy and holy Christmas
- Provide transportation to shelters for homeless people
- Serve or prepare meals at a soup kitchen

**Have a happy and holy Christmas! Mike Cavallo, DD**

## 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

## Words from the Grand Knight



This is my final column for 2005, and at least at the time I write this, the weather has been really great. As I drive around town, it is great to see that a good number of people have taken advantage of the good weather to hang their Christmas lights and decorations. I hope that everyone remembers the activities that we have scheduled for this month, including the New Member Social on December 9, the annual Christmas Dinner meeting on December 12, and the children's Christmas party on December 18th. If you plan on attending the latter, please be sure to bring a gift for your child, as Santa will be there to distribute them. In addition, I hope that you can all get to Town Hall over the Christmas season to see the decorations, especially the Christmas Manger which we set up every season. A special thanks goes out to Steve Ruhl for orchestrating the transfer of the figures from the Council to Town Hall.

The annual Dinner meeting will be prepared by our chief chef, Frank Santangelo who has promised a great meal at a very reasonable price. For more good food at an even better price, be sure to stop in on the Columbian Club's annual Bring a Dish on Friday evening, December 16th! This is always a fun event and a good way to recharge for the last frantic week before Christmas.

I'd like to remind everyone that after the holidays we will have a number of special events, including our Tricky Tray on February 25th and two double bingos on February 11th and April 22nd. More information will be found in this and future Digests. The next planning meeting for the Tricky Tray will take place on Wednesday, December 14 at 7:30 PM in the Council Hall.

I do hope that each and every one has a wonderful Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

**Harry Lupo, Grand Knight**

**New Digest Editor Needed** Due to a significant change in my duties at home, at work and here at the Council, I regret that I will be unable to continue in the role of Digest editor. While I will work closely with my successor, I will need to step down as soon as possible. If anyone is interested in taking on this job, please contact me, Andy Schopfer, Chancellor (908) 265-7895 or the Grand Knight, Harry Lupo.

Please note that the council meeting of Dec. 26, is canceled but a special meeting is scheduled for Wed. Dec 28, 2005 at 8:00 PM. The reason for this meeting is to discuss the renovations that are being done to the bathrooms in the banquet hall and the mens room in the bar area. Please have a very Merry Christmas and try to attend the meeting.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Calderone". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Bob Calderone, Columbian Club President

# Columbian Club News

**Brother Knights and Ladies of the K of C:** I hope everyone had a safe Turkey day! For the first time, our bar was open for business the entire evening on the night before Thanksgiving. Due to the great turnout and good time had by all, we will try to do this every year. We also had a Coors night in the bar on November 26, featuring half price drinks on selected beverages, as well as various raffle and door prizes. We had an excellent turnout, and I would like to thank our MC for the evening, John Peters.

On December 16th, we will be hosting our annual Bring a Dish night in the bar. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy the various foods brought by the patrons. Come on out and share some beverages, Christmas music, and good friendship!

The next event to look forward to after that is the children's Christmas party. Santa always makes an appearance, so bring the kids and enjoy the Christmas holiday.

The Columbian Club is in the process of renovating the bathrooms in the hall, and I apologize for any problems that this may be causing. The end results will be worth the inconvenience.

I would also like to give a heart felt thank you to Mike LoGuidice, Kevin Connors, Frank Santangelo, Joe Willmore, and Mike Kramer for the work they did in painting the bar and installing the shelf for the new TV. Ditto to George Domaniecki for his work on the electrical wiring in the bar area, and a special thanks to Bob "Curly" Gormley for donating the shelf and a portable bar to the Club. I would also like to thank the newest member of our Board, our Recorder, Mike Panella for his cash donation to purchase new ceiling tiles. Mike has been a big asset to the Board, and I am very pleased that he offered to fill the vacancy. Again, thank you to everyone. I am proud to be President of this board.

To all my brothers and ladies of the K of C, I wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Please remember the true meaning of Christmas, and give thanks. May God bless you.

**Bob Calderone, Columbian Club President.**

## Convention Dates Set

While winter is only just beginning, its not too early to start making plans to spend a weekend in May at the annual Knights of Columbus State convention. The event will take place on May 18th, 19th and 20th, and Union Council 4504 will once again be stationed at the Adventurer Hotel, only a few blocks away from the Convention Center in Wildwood. We will be accepting reservations for both three and two night stays, with more information to follow in upcoming Digests.

## Kevin Connors Named Knight of the Month

On virtually every day (and evening) of the week since being named Bar Manager, Kevin Connors has been found working at the end of the bar, in the kitchen, or on the phone with bartenders or vendors, making certain that the bar and its surroundings are running as smoothly as possible. For all of his efforts over these months, we are pleased to name Kevin as the Knight of the Month for December.

Kevin has been a member of the Union Council #4504 for 10 years. At the present time, he is Vice President of the Columbian Club, serving as the Bar Manager.

Kevin, one of eight children, was born and raised in Union, where he still resides. He attended Holy Spirit Grammar School, and is a graduate of Roselle Catholic High School where he played basketball and soccer. He then attended Union College before obtaining his certification from the School of Data Programming. For 12 years, he worked as a Computer Programmer before becoming a process server. He enjoys volunteering at the Knights in any capacity that he can; he makes himself available for all events such as work parties and the annual picnic. In addition, he was on the committee for the recent Summer Slam, and also runs the annual picnic at Monmouth Park race track.

Kevin is also a member of the Irish American Society of Union, and in his spare time he enjoys playing golf, fishing, and just being with friends. He is a member of Holy Spirit Parish in Union.






Congratulations, Kevin on being named Knight of the Month.

## Interested in a Springtime Show?

In an old MGM movie, "Babes on Broadway", Judy Garland said to Mickey Rooney, "I found a trunk in the attic and it was filled with costumes." Mickey Rooney said to Judy that he knew where they could get access to a stage, and she said "Why don't we put on a show?" To which Mickey replied, "What a great idea!"

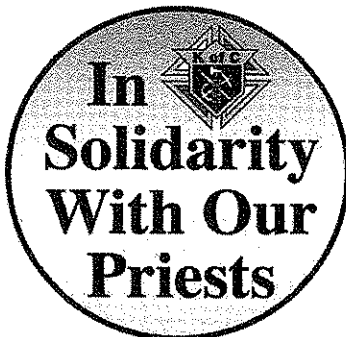
Well, putting on a show might be fun, but before we go any further than just a good idea, we better see if there is any interest in actually working on all of the things necessary to get a show on a stage.

If anyone is interested in building and painting scenery, sewing costumes, handling props, doing makeup, hairdressing, acting, singing, and dancing, please contact Joe Willmore at (908) 687-5715.

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