

# Knight Digest

Union Council 4504



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## Holiday Events Planned by Council, Columbian Club

The month of December will feature a number of events for the Brothers of Union Council 4504 and their families. They include the annual Christmas dinner meeting, participation in the Township of Union's annual Christmas tree lighting ceremonies, the Columbian Club's Bring a Dish dinner, and will conclude with a gala New Year's Eve bash to welcome the year 2004.

The Christmas dinner meeting will take place on Monday evening, December 9 in the Council Hall. For a nominal cost, fellow Knights will be able to enjoy a Christmas dinner and the opportunity to spend a few extra minutes with their Brothers in anticipation of the Christmas holiday.

The highlight of this event will be the drawing of the final quarterly charitable raffle for 2003. Please purchase a raffle ticket, as many charities depend on your generous support. For tickets, please call John Murphy at 908 964-4361. Tickets are \$10.00 and prizes totaling 50% of the money collected are awarded to the lucky individuals whose tickets are drawn.

Union Council 4504 will be participating in the Union Township Holiday celebration on Sunday December 14, 2003 by staging a live Nativity scene at Town Hall. Although we have not been involved in this event for the past couple of years, Grand Knight Michael Cavallo was approached by a few individuals and asked if the Council would be willing to do so this year.

Please bring your family to come and enjoy. Anyone interested in helping out please call our Grand Knight, Mike Cavallo for more information at 908-686-7540.

Friday evening, December 19 will feature the Columbian Club's Bring a Dish celebration. At this event, members and their families are encouraged to bring samples of their favorite holiday dinner treats and desserts to share with their fellow Knights.

To conclude the month's events, the Council will be sponsoring a New Year's eve celebration beginning at 9:00 PM. Members and their families, including children, are all invited to welcome in 2004. A buffet dinner, midnight toast, noisemakers and a DJ will be available to make the evening a great way to close out 2003 and welcome in 2004. Tickets are \$35.00 per adult, \$15.00 for children 12 and over, or \$95.00 for the entire family. They can be reserved by calling Larry Killmer (908) 389-1341 or Grand Knight Michael Cavallo (908) 686-7540.

## Children's Activities Update

**SANTA IS COMING!** On Sunday, December 21st Santa is coming to the Children's Christmas Party between 1:00 and 3:00 PM. Refreshments for the children will be served. Please bring a wrapped gift \$10.00 or under if you would like Santa to give your child a gift. Put a tag with the child's name on package for Santa to call your child up. Any questions please contact Bart Supino at 810-1584, or [BARDYSIII@aol.com](mailto:BARDYSIII@aol.com).

Also, a great time was had by all at the children's Halloween party. About 35 children enjoyed pizza, juice, music, games crafts, snacks and more. A special thanks to the Columbian Club for their tremendous job on decorating the hall and helping with supplies. Together we all had a GREAT TIME.

## Camp Fatima Christmas Celebration

On Sunday, December 14, Sister Ann Domenic, OP. and friends will be welcoming all special children and adults to the Camp Fatima Christmas celebration at the Council Hall from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. Santa will be there for all children and adults with a parent, a guardian, or a counselor.

Those wishing to attend should contact Sr. Ann at St. Michael's Parish, 1211 Orange Avenue, Union, NJ. You may also call her at (908) 686-5271. She asks that you do so by December 9, 2003. In addition, if any Brother is available that afternoon, Sister can also use assistance with the distribution of gifts to the children.

## Columbian Club to Reprise Finnegan's Wake

On Saturday, February 21, the Columbian Club will be bring back, by popular demand, Finnegan's Wake-an opportunity for lots of laughs and good times. The cost will be \$30.00 per person, and will include music by the Mike Byrne Show Band, open bar and plenty of food. Reserve your table early, as no tickets will be sold at the door. Contact Bob Calderone (908) 688-1249, Mike Scanlon (908) 964-7122 or John Peters (908) 810-1283.

**Note:** Anyone interested in the Myrtle Beach Golf outing sponsored by the Columbian Club must call John Peters (908) 810-1283 or Mike Scanlon (908) 964-7122 by December 15 to reserve a spot. Without additional reservations, the trip may be cancelled.

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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



Brothers, family and friends, it is hard to believe that we are already in the month of December, the month in which we celebrate the birth of our Lord. It is often difficult at times for us not to get caught up in all the hustle and bustle of the commercial side of Christmas. For us Catholic's, Christmas has a more special meaning, it is a time for us to get ready and prepare for the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ. We must take time out of our busy schedules to pray, believe me I know that is a difficult thing to do but we must try if we truly want to be ready to celebrate and welcome Christ into our lives. I have made a conscious decision that during this Christmas season to

take a minimum of 10 minutes a day to just to pray and contemplate on my life and what I can do to be better prepared for the Magi. I encourage each of you to do the same. I wish each of you and your families all the joys of the holiday season and that the Lord will be good to each of you in the coming New Year providing us all with good health, happiness and prosperity. Remember to keep Christ in CHRISTmas.

At this time I would like to extend a sincere thank you and a heart felt word of appreciation to Father Ted Osbahr for all of his dedication to Union Council over the past 3 plus years as our Chaplain. Due to taking on additional responsibilities at his parish, above and beyond his responsibilities as pastor, Father Ted had to resign from his position as chaplain to our council. Father Ted was a great inspiration to our council, providing guidance at our officer and council meetings as well as spiritual direction at our First Friday Masses. Father Ted still remains a member of our council and will come and visit as time allows. We wish Father Ted much success in his new endeavors and we pray that the Lord will send His Holy Spirit upon him to help guide him along the way. Thank you once again; your services will definitely be missed.

I would like to send a special thank you to the following chairmen for all their hard work in organizing our various programs; Buddy Cotter for a successful Pasta Dinner "In Solidarity with Our Priests", Bart Supino for a great job at the children's Halloween party, Rich Fuentes for our recent membership drives, Gary Abraham, a newer member to our council, for coming forward and volunteering to chair our Roses for Life sale, Jim Chamberlin for organizing our annual food drive, Joe DeMarco for continuing to chair our successful Blood drives and Bob Litterer, another new member (less than one year) for coming forward and organizing a successful Annual Memorial Mass and Communion Breakfast. A sincere thank you to each of you, for without you these programs would not be possible. Last but definitely not least, I would like to say thank you to Vinny Iannuzie for a fine job on redecorating the entrance hallway to the council, as well as revitalizing the officer's room. Both look great. May God Bless each of you for your dedication to the Knights.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.  
Vivat Jesus

Michael Cavallo, Grand Knight

## Columbian Club News

This month I am happy to report that we had another smashing success with the Adult Halloween Party which was held on October 25. What a great turnout – over 125 fabulously costumed and ready-to-party people, young and not so young, danced, laughed, socialized, ate and boogied the night away. Many thanks go to Bobby DeMichael, Buster Rapke and Kenny Spellman who know how to chair this event and who did an excellent job. They have built this event up over the years and it certainly shows! We had great food, great DJ music, excellent costumes and the best decorations. Sam Maffie served up some of his specialties - Chicken Cacciatore; Sliced Roast Beef; Pork Tenderloin; Cavatelli and Broccoli; Sausage and Peppers; Rosemary Potatoes; Veggies; Salad; Cake and Coffee. Kevin Connors kept all the ghouls and goblins served and under control at the bar. And, once again, Angela Rapke and Dianne Lupo did an outstanding job with the decorations. Thanks to all and wait until next year - it will be even bigger and better.

And now we are in the Christmas season. It is a joyous and glorious time in which we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ and welcome back Santa Claus. It's a little tiring also - busy, busy, busy; go, go, go. It's about shopping, cooking, baking, eating, presents, church, traveling, snowmen, vacations, and yes, work is in there too. With all these things on our minds, I must take the time to mention that there are a number of our brother Knights (and their family and friends) at our Council who will be having a difficult time this holiday season due to the recent loss of a family member. I have also had a loss in my own extended family. In the span of one-month, there are four loved ones who have left us and who have gone to heaven. We are sad for our own loss and we are sad for others who have felt the same pain. Those of us that frequent the Council on a regular basis, especially the Columbian Club, will know of whom I speak. Think about these, your brothers, and remember them and their families in your prayers during the holidays.

I again invite you to come to the Council on any night or weekend and socialize with your fellow brothers. Make no mistake about this - the Club is yours and it is here for you to enjoy, this is what it is all about. Enjoy the fraternity and the great Club that we have, especially during this Holiday season. Put a song on the jukebox. Share a laugh (or a cry) or a story with someone. There is always somebody giving out laughs by the dozen and telling tall tales to anyone that will listen (and even to those who are not listening). We again have a Pin Ball machine and already the competition for "Top Dog" has gotten intense. The battle for whose name is in the top slot goes on and the name changes almost every night. It could be your name, you can be "THE MAN!" but only if you come down and give it a shot.

See you next month, unless you stop by and we see you sooner.

Merry Christmas!

Allen Pascullo, Columbian Club President

## Insurance Update

*Rich Fuentes, FIC, Certified Senior Advisor*

Now, we can protect your family for all the seasons of your life. The Knights of Columbus now offers Long Term Healthcare as a major new insurance product.

Longevity is something many of us take for granted these days. Medical advances, coupled with healthier life-styles, are enabling us to live 10, 20, or even 30 years longer than previous generations. These changes will leave us plenty of time to spend with our grandchildren and even great grandchildren.

The catch is, many of us can count on needing care in our senior years- whether at home or in a nursing facility. That care can cost upwards of \$70,000 per year. If you are not prepared for these expenses, you may be forced to count on your family for help, and may wind up deleting all of those assets you worked hard to attain during your working years.

Continuing our tradition of finding ways to assist the families of Brother Knights first developed over a century ago, the Insurance Program has now introduced **Knights of Columbus Care**- a new Long Term Care program from the Knights of Columbus. It picks up where Medicare leaves off- by preserving the assets you have worked a lifetime to attain.

From our very beginning, Father Michael McGiviney's vision was and still is to protect our families- that is the very mission of the order.

For more information about this product, contact Rich Fuentes FIC, CSA Certified Senior Advisor at (908) 437-0310.

## SWIM CLUB NEWS

### Attention all swim club members


The Columbian Swim Club will be holding it's annual meeting the third Friday in January which you will be notified of in your regular yearly letter.

At the yearly meeting there will be election of officers. Any Member of the swim club in good standing is encouraged to seek a position on the Board of Directors. To be considered please contact John Conti @ 908-810-1310.

### Bowling League Standings

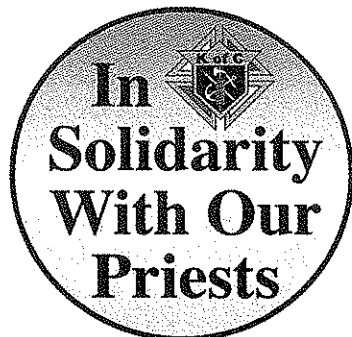
*Results through Week 10 of 35*

Pos	Team	Won	Lost
1.	3 Blind Men	44.0	26.0
2.	Tree Pops	44.0	26.0
3.	PMJ	35.0	35.0
4.	Hurricanes	31.0	39.0
5.	Numero Uno	30.0	40.0
6.	Devils	26.0	44.0

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