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Karaoke Christmas Party

The inclement weather didn't keep everybody away and those who were able to come enjoyed a great meal followed by a fun time in the lounge with some singing and dancing.

Thanks to Brother Dan Palattella and his karaoke equipment, we had some good and very interesting renditions of some popular songs as well as some of our favorite Christmas tunes.

The evening started off in the hall with dinner prepared by Brother Chris Weir with help from Brother Vinnie Shehan. The side dishes and desserts brought by the members rounded at dinner and a good time was had by all.

Christmas is the time to celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ, but it doesn't have to end there. We should be thoughtful and thankful the whole year through of what this

season and the reason is all about.

This years Christmas party, even though it was not as well attended as years past, still brought a lot warmth and joy to all. For me, it felt great to spend time with the people I have come to know over the past several years and I'm glad I could be a part of this celebration.

On behalf of my wife Terri, my daughters, Nicole and Jaclyn, I wish
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Special points of interest:

- Special report of The Columbus Club on finances and hall rentals.
- Remembering Fr. Jim Dull
Priests play a very important part in our lives. Please remember Fr. James Dull, who passed away on December 11th after battling cancer. Fr. Dull was very close with our own Fr. Sal. Please pray for his soul and his family.



It didn't matter if you were singing, dancing or just hanging around enjoying the show, Karaoke Christmas was a great time had by all!



Here Are Your Officers And Directors For 2009-2010

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3rd Year: Rich Ferraro PGK

2nd Year: Jim Humphrys PGK

1st Year: Ed Rogosich PGK

**Directors: Church: Ralph Tomkins Family: Mark Palko Youth: Frank Casey Council: Jerry Santoro
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Columbus Club Officers

**President: John Murphy PGK Vice President: Ray Trembley Treasurer: Jerry Ryan
Secretary: Jeff Bartoszewski Directors: Jerry Santoro PGK, Rich Ferraro PGK, Dave Bayard GK**

Under Good of The Order:

Knight of Month: Jerry Ryan

Family of the Month: Rich Ferraro and Family

Keep Christ in Christmas, sign at entrance on Thurs this week. Jerry Santoro, winnings of 50/50 donated to Seminary Fund. Bill Whit is our new seminarian. RBC Ctr. fund raiser, will sign a contract, need member commitment, email on the way. Clothing available with Council Logo, Jacket, Shirts, Hats, see article in newsletter, Contact Joe Ryan.

Please pray for those who are sick: Deacon Steve son Mark, Ed Rogosich sister in law, Jeanette, Jim McGowan's son David, Dave Bayard's Mom, Ken Maldonado's wife, Bill Wolf, Jerry Santoro, Harrison Brannon, Frank Kelly's mother, Tom Ingauina's wife, Dave Anderson's wife, Bob Kearney's mother and sister, Frank Ferraro Jr.'s Mother Lynn, Brother John Norkus's nephew Michael Alfano.

Please pray for those who have died: Sean Densmore's grandfather, Fr. Jim Dull.

Pray for all our Armed Forces Personnel. Those who have lost their jobs, , for our leaders and all of our Priests.

Clothing is available for order with the "Fr. Thomas Price, Knights of Columbus Logo"

Knit Golf Shirt, White, size Sm. thru. XXlg, \$25.00

Long Sleeve Dress Shirt, Button Down collar, White, Sm thru. XXlg, \$30.00

Jacket, water repellent, cadet-style collar, Dark Blue, Sm thru. XXlg \$45.00

Ball Caps, no profile design, White, adjustable size, \$20.00

Sweat Shirt, Crew Neck, Pull Over, Dark Blue, Sm Thru XXlg, \$30.00

Contact Joe Ryan: 919-782-6797 or thegreattjjr@earthlink.net



Grand Knight Report

Brothers All,

November was truly a month to be thankful for. We began the month by having our Memorial Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral on November 8th. I would like to thank Chris Lizak, Ralph Thompkin and his wife, Jerry Santoro, Mark and Debby Palko, Deacon Steve Lewandowski, and the Fourth Degree Honor Guard of the Bishop McGinnis Assembly for their participation in the Mass. I would also like to thank the many brothers and their families, who attended the mass to celebrate and remember the widows of our Council. Following mass, we had a lovely brunch on the patio of Napper Tandy's Irish Pub. The weather was beautiful, the food great, and the service...well lets stop while were ahead.

November was also the month the annual Birth Choice Dinner on November 6th and the Columbus Club's 50/50 Dinner on November 20th. We had such an exceptional turnout and support for our Birth Choice auction that additional tables had to be added to accommodate the overflow. I'm sure that Ed Rogosich, our Pro Life Chairman, will have more to say about this event in his article, but I would like to congratulated and thank Frank Ferraro for stepping in at the last minute and preparing an incredible dinner. Columbus Club's 50/50 dinner was also extremely well attended, and we were honored to have numerous dignitaries from North Carolina Special Olympics, including a Special Olympian, in attendance to receive the proceeds for the annual Special Olympics Golf Tournament presented by PSD John Gouldie. Jerry Santoro and his team did their usual great job in preparing and serving the meal.

Our Family of the Month was the family of **Richard and Terri Ferraro**. Richard and his family our mainstays at all of our council events, and Richard works tirelessly in publishing the newsletter and keeping yours truly on target as your Grand Knight. Our Knight of the Month was **Gerald Ryan**. Jerry was instrumental in obtaining and planting numerous trees along our Heddingham property line to create a sound barrier, which will enable us to use the club more effectively going forward. Jerry has also been working overtime to balance the books as treasurer of the Columbus Club. On that note, I know that by now you have seen John Murphy's appeal for support of our club. We are exploring all possible avenues to maintain the property, but we need your support. The bills can not be paid without your patronage and the referrals that are made by the members to rent the facilities. Please take advantage of the referral program the Columbus Club has created for your benefit and for club's sake.



See you at the next meeting!

Dave Bayard

DUES! DUES! DUES!

Brothers, check your wallets. If your membership card is not WHITE, you do not have a current membership card - probably because you have not paid your dues. Your dues are very important to the Council's ability to perform its fraternal and charitable works, and meet its other financial obligations. Please pay your dues for the second half of the 2009-2010 Fraternal year if you have not done so: \$20 for a regular member, \$10 for a student member (that is, 25 or younger), or \$10 for an Honorary member. Send a check made out to "Knights of Columbus #2546", to 11304 N Radner Way, Raleigh NC 27613. Thank you!

**"MAKE A STATEMENT.....MAKE A NEW YEARS RESOLUTION
ATTEND MORE BUSINESS MEETINGS AND GET MORE INVOLVED"**

To All My Brother Knights,

The Columbus Club is responsible for upkeep and maintenance of all the equipment and facilities on the approximately 30 acres of land where our Council home sits.

Early this year (April, 2009) the planning committee that had been commissioned by the Columbus Club reported that our club was having financial trouble and that if we did not take a different approach, we faced the possibility of having to shut our doors. The current Columbus Club Board which was elected in July has tried to improve the financial viability of the Columbus Club. For a number of reasons, not the least of which is the poor economy, we have failed to improve the situation. As of today, December 8th, 2009, we have approximately enough funds for a little over one month's average bills.

Brothers, your club is in dire straits, financially speaking. Wake Services, which has responsibility for management of the lounge as well as scheduling and securing all rentals of the facilities on the property, has been unsuccessful in securing enough rentals of the hall, pavilion and ball fields and could not pay their rent (\$3000) in November and only a fraction of their rent for December. However, the bills to maintain the facilities do not stop and people want their money. Brothers, this club and council home CANNOT continue without your help. We ALL have to promote our club. At its last meeting the Columbus Club approved the following actions;

- Any brother who promotes and sells a rental of the hall, ball field or pavilion will receive 10% of the rental. An example would be: rent the hall and kitchen for \$800 and receive \$80 (after the rent is actually paid to Wake Services). Another example might be a brother who brings in an organization that pays \$100 in monthly rent. Every month that organization stays the brother would receive \$10, again after the rent is paid each month. Once you have promoted the property to someone please work with Vinnie Sheehan (ph 919-) or Tom Monk (919-) who will actually write up the contract and schedule the event.
- The Columbus Club has specifically asked our brothers Dave Anderson and Dan Danford to develop and follow through with marketing of the hall and grounds anyway they can.
- Explore the possibility of selling some timber from the property – Jerry Santoro and John Murphy
- Talk to our neighbor to the south of our property (the storage space business) to see if there is interest in long-term leasing or purchase of some of our land immediately adjoining their property - Rich Ferraro and Ray Trembly
- Explore the possibility of restructuring the current mortgage on the property – GK Dave Bayard and Dave Anderson
- Develop some immediate and/or long term fund raising activities like a Casino night, a steak night, bingo, etc... – Jeff Bartoszewski and Dan Danford

Explore the possibility of meeting monthly expenses by getting a catering company to take over rentals of the property – Jerry Ryan

Brothers, as you know, in any endeavor where volunteerism is needed sometimes things go haywire. Brothers who have spent many hours volunteering get burned out, or their feelings unintentionally get hurt. Sometimes in the past they may have walked away from being an active supporter of the Columbus Club or the Council for legitimate reasons. On behalf of the Columbus Club I want to apologize to anyone who feels they have been slighted by the actions of the Columbus Club or its members. It is time for ALL OF US to pull together. Come back and help us solve the pressing problems that face our very existence. If you can, volunteer your time. If you are financially able, support our fund raisers. If you are looking for fellowship please support our lounge. Feel free to ask members of the Columbus Club Board how you can help. Our names and contact information are published elsewhere in this newsletter.

Brothers, I am asking all 377 members of Council #2546 to help in this effort. If we sit back and let someone else do it, we will fail. **Remember, this is your council home!!!!!!!** We all have to pitch in.

Fraternally yours,

“In service to one/in service to all”

John Murphy,

Columbus Club President

Family Report:

We will be having an Adult Movie Night and Potluck Dinner on Saturday January 9, 2010 starting at 7:00 PM at the council. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share. Drinks will be provided. The movie being shown is Fireproof.

Community Report:

Our **Adopt-a-Highway** cleanup was held on **Saturday, November 8th at 9:00 AM**. Thanks to Jim Humphrys for running for me. Jim says it was a big success and to say Thanks to all that participated.

Our quarterly **Blood Drive** will be held **on Tuesday, December 29th from 4pm to 7pm** at our council off New Hope Rd. The SIGN-UP SHEET IS AT THE COUNCIL!!!! Or email me and I will put you on it!! Blood is always in demand, but during the holidays it is even more important due to the lack of donations and the increase in accidents If you are able to donate or you **KNOW ANYONE ELSE THAT CAN**, please make sure you get signed up as soon as the sheets are made available.

Contact our Community Director, Shawn Densmore: densmores@hpw.com, (919)414-9166 for more details.

Council Report:

We had a great turnout for our annual fruit drive at the three area churches we have been at for many years now and had a lot of new faces help sell fruit. Thanks to all who helped and supported this fund raiser by purchasing fruit. The three team captains, Ron Duffy, Ed Rogosich and Rich Ferraro PGK's did a good job recruiting, but it was the members in the trenches who brought it home. Let us not forget Jerry Santoro PGK, who orders the fruit and helps to coordinate it all.....great job and thanks again.



Brother Bob Kearney takes time out to juggle some produce.



Matt, Ryan, Dave, Bob & Tim show off some fancy citrus.



TWO BIG UPCOMING EVENTS
ANNUAL ART AUCTION
SATURDAY JANUARY 30TH 6:30 PM
ANNUAL SUPER BOWL PARTY
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7TH 6:00 PM
“TWO EVENTS YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS”



“10 Facts About WW II You May Or May Not Know”

by Carmine Sacchitello PGK

1. At the same time Hitler ordered his troops to cross the Polish border on September 1st 1939 to start WW II, he gave orders to all hospitals in Germany to euthanize all terminally ill patients to make room for the anticipated wounded soldiers, (nice guy).
2. The best correspondent of WW II was Ernie Pyle. His articles were published in over 300 newspapers in the U.S. Pyle was killed by a Japanese sniper on the island of Ie Shima during the battle of Okinawa in April of 1945.
3. German Admiral Karl Donitz, chief of the German navy lost both sons in WW II. One was lost on a U-boat and the other on a torpedo boat. His son-in-law was also killed when the submarine he was on was sunk.
4. Not one U.S. battleship was sunk by enemy fire after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.
5. Some large bombs dropped by the U.S. air Force were equipped with parachutes to slow the bomb so aircraft could safely escape the blast area before the bomb detonated.
6. Japans engineer Tsutomu Yamaguchi is either the luckiest or unluckiest human in history. He traveled to Hiroshima on August 6th 1945 for a business trip. That’s the day the U.S. dropped the A-bomb on Hiroshima. Seriously burned, he was sent to Nagasaki for treatment to his wounds. While there on August 9th, the U.S. dropped the 2nd A-bomb on Nagasaki. He survived both bombings which killed 190,000 Japanese. He is still alive today at 93 years old. “Lucky or Unlucky?”
7. On the first wave to land on Omaha Beach by the 1st and 29th infantry divisions, there were over 50% casualties.
8. During the battle for Berlin in April of 1945, the Russians outnumbered the Germans by 20-1 in infantry, 7-1 in tanks and 18-1 in guns of all types, (artillery, mortars, cannons). Guess who won that battle?
9. When Germany invaded Poland in September, 1939 to start WW II, Poland had one million soldiers. 700,000 Poles were taken prisoner and 80,000 fled the country. The rest were killed. Germany’s losses were 45,000 dead missing or wounded.
10. Approximately 15,000 Allied soldiers were killed or wounded on the first day of the Normandy invasion. German losses were about the same.

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to all of you, My Brother Knights and your families the most joyous Christmas, peace on earth and a happy and healthy new year. If you are traveling this Christmas season, please be safe and take your time.

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RICH FERRARO PGK

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10	11	12 Columbus Club Mtg. 7:30 PM	13	14	15	16
17 3rd Degree Mtg.	18 Martin Luther King Day	19	20	21	22	23 Mid-Year Mtg.
24 Mid-Year Mtg.	25	26 Officers/Directors Mtg. 7:30 PM	27	28	29	30 Art Auction 6:30 PM
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 Business Mtg. 7:30 PM	4	5	6 Council Planning Meeting – 11 AM
7 Annual Super Bowl Party	8	9 Columbus Club Mtg. 7:30 PM	10	11	12	13
14	15 Presidents Day	16	17 Ash Wednesday	18	19 Fish Fry Santoro Team	20
21 3rd Degree Mtg.	22	23 Officers/Directors Mtg. 7:30 PM	24	25	26 Fish Fry Palko Team	27
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