



# Knights of Columbus



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## Grand Knight's Message

Merry Christmas, Brother Knights.

Not to long ago as a kid growing up in North Summit I remember Christmas as a time of Baking Cookies, Sending out and Receiving Christmas Cards and Mass at Saint Teresa's on Christmas Morning. The rest of the Christmas Day was spent with family, visiting relatives, eating, drinking a few glasses of homemade wine, opening presents and of course watching the "senior adults" (the men) having a snooze in front of their crystal clear H.D. (Home Designed), rabbit eared, remotely changeable (by the kids) Black and White TV on their cherished plastic covered sofa. Ah, now that was living!

As the years passed, I spend my Christmas Day doing much of the same, except for the fact that I can't find the time for that snooze on the sofa. This year I am thankful for a healthy and happy family and I plan on spending a few quiet moments thinking of the wonderful family and friends who have touched my life. Coming back to the Knights I am grateful for the memories that are being shared with me from many of you who have also grown up in neighborhoods like mine. It brings tears of joy hearing how many of you have ties with each other and how you have remained friends as the years have past. I can see that our Council does keep us all together. I am so touched to hear the wonderful stories or your past growing up in my old neighborhood. Your stories and memories are priceless and for that I thank you all.

By the time you read this article December 25, 2009 will be long gone and we will all be looking forward to 2010. I am asking that each and every Brother Knight spend a few moments thinking about our Council's past and looking forward to our future. I pray that each and everyone of you have a Happy Healthy and Joyful New Year. Pray that our soldiers come back safely and that our brothers who are sick have a speedy recovery. Lastly, remember our Brothers who are no longer here but the memories that they once shared with us will never be forgotten.

God Bless you all and I hope to see you real soon.

Frank Buscaino, Jr.  
Grand Knight

## Council Meeting Minutes

Budget Committee to be started with Brothers Joe Furner, Tony Graziano and John Dougherty.

By Laws Committe to be started with Steve Dempsey and Richard Gallupo.

Father Plate is seeking help in the form of time and effort.

Brother Joe Caron spoke in regard to the "Blog" on the web site.

Brother John Buscaino will continue to publish our Council Newsletter. He also explained the use of the keyless entry system to the assembled membership.

The Charity Ball is to take place on November 20th at L'Affaire in Mountainside. Please purchase raffle tickets.

New Member Awards were given to Brothers John Buscaino and Gene Melino.

A Motion was passed to raise Council Membership dues \$1.00, to \$40.00 per year which will start in January 2010.

A Motion was passed to purchase 4 tickets for the Grand Knight, his wife, Hector Ariza and his wife to attend this years Charity Ball.

A Motion for \$100.00 was passed to donate to the Springfield First Aid Squad.

A Motion for \$100.00 was passed to donate the Notre Dame Mount Carmel Church.

Columbian Club Election Results: Rudy Reino, James Lackaye and Chris Tarashuk. This will be for a 3 year period starting from 10/09 through 9/12.

## Degree News

The Warren Council will host a 1st and 2nd Degree on Monday, January 18th. Candidate sign in is at 6:45pm. Contact Grand Knight Frank Buscaino at Postier1@aol.com for more information.

## Chaplain's Summation

Dear Brothers Knights,

A quote from Oscar Romero is appropriate at this time of year.



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"On this night, as we Christians have done every year for 20 centuries, we recall that God's reign is now in this world and that Christ has inaugurated the fullness of time. His birth attests that God is now marching with us in history, that we do not go alone, and that our aspiration for peace, for justice, for a reign of divine law, for something holy, is far from earth's realities. We can hope for it, not because we humans are able to construct that realm of happiness which God's holy words proclaim, but because the builder of a reign of justice, of love and of peace is already in the midst of us."

Indeed Christ is with us to be our Emmanuel.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

Rev. Brian G. Plate



Columbian Club News



Brother Knights

Soon we will be updating our front door entry system by installing a new security device that will identify members who enter the building during club hours.

Sincerely,  
The Columbian Club Volunteers

Monday, January 18, 2010  
(Somerset County)

First Degree Details

Location: Fr. Russell 11409  
167 Mount Bethel Road  
Warren, NJ 07059

Sign In: 6:45 p.m.

Degree Start Time: 7:15 p.m.

## Meetings in January

Wednesday, January 6th: Columbian Club Volunteers

Wednesday, January 13th: 5560 Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 20th: Columbiettes Meeting

Wednesday, December 30th: 4th Degree Meeting/Union Council



Respectfully Submitted by  
Brother John M. Buscaino



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06/01/09 – 05/31/10

Chaplain	Rev. Brian Plato, Pastor
Grand Knight	Frank Buscaino Jr.
Deputy Grand Knight	Dr. Jack Patuto
Chancellor	Brian O'Shea
Financial Secretary	Anthony Graziano PGK, PFN
Recorder	Nicholas A. Falzarano
Treasurer	Joseph Furner
Warden	Ben Russo
Advocate	Raymond Oakes PGK
Lecturer	Tony Cirelli
Inside Guard	Savino Deleo
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Trustee 3 Years	Herman Piraneo PGK
Trustee 2 Years	Rudy Reino PGK
Trustee 1 Year	John Dougherty

### COLUMBIAN CLUB VOLUNTEERS

POSTION	NAME
President	Chris Tarashuk
Vice President	Joe Caron
Treasurer	John Dougherty
House Manager	John Buscaino
Bar Manager	Joseph Accorsy
Director	Rudy Reino
Director	Jim Lackaye
Director	Herman Piraneo
House and Grounds	John Caporaso
Grand Knight	Frank Buscaino Jr
Deputy Grand Knight	Dr. Jack Patuto

### 3rd Degree Brothers

Springfield 5560 is looking  
for 3rd degree Brothers  
who may be interested in  
starting our own 1st degree  
team.

If interested, please contact  
Tony Graziano at  
[Springfield.graz@comcast.net](mailto:Springfield.graz@comcast.net)

Lets move our new candidates  
to our Council Home!



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Weddings - Banquets - Birthdays  
Hall Rentals from 25 - 180 people  
908-277-3722

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Old Shumpike Rd  
Springfield, NJ

### Calendar of Events:

Monday Night Football - 8pm Food, Fun, Friends  
11-01-09: Sunday Brunch with the Knights 9am-2pm  
11-08-09: Rudy Reino's Trip to Showboat  
11-11-09: Springfield 5560 Council  
Meeting 8pm/Council Home

11-18-09: 7:00pm Mass at St. James to honor  
deceased members/ 8:30pm Reception follows  
at Council Hall  
11-26-09: Thursday Night Giants vs Denver 8pm  
11-29-09: Sunday Brunch at the Knights 9am-2pm  
12-05-09: Christmas at the Knights 6:30pm  
Visit [www.springfieldkofc.org](http://www.springfieldkofc.org) for details

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### Help Increase Our Membership

If you know of a Catholic man, 18 yrs or  
older who would be interested in becoming  
a Knight, please contact Brothers Tony  
Graziano at 973-376-5612 or John  
Buscaino at 908-967-4819 for an application  
or email us at [ucfsl@aol.com](mailto:ucfsl@aol.com).

Contact Sister Fran Corcione at [mrsoc417@hotmail.com](mailto:mrsoc417@hotmail.com) or call 908-709-4395 if you know  
of a woman 18yrs or older who is  
interested in becoming a Columbiette.

**Dear Brother Knights:**

**As of August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009, the Columbian Club Volunteers have been put in place by Columbian Club President Herman Piraneo and our Grand Knight Frank Buscaino, and are responsible for making the following repairs and changes to our Council Home:**

- Opened our front doors to ALL new and existing members (7 days a week, 11am - Midnight)
- Installed 5 new HDTVs in the bar and members area which included updating the electric and all interior Comcast cable lines. (1 of the 5 was donated by an existing member of the Council, Brother Skip Bariexca)
- Changed from a regular Comcast TV service to an all High Definition service with a Premium Sports package and installed a WiFi system throughout the club.
- Recently Installed a new Computer, which was donated to the club in the Hall Rental Office.
- Updated our bar area which includes the installation of track lighting, relocate the large mirror from the entrance foyer to the bar room and oil stained the bar area walls.
- Relocated the PGKs pictures to our bar area along with all Knights of Columbus and Columbiette plaques to the members lounge
- Painted the main hall, hallway, entry way and added new moldings and just recently new flooring to our entry hallway.
- Added furniture and a a new area rug to our Foyer.
- Repaired all broken dimmer switches in the hall and added a new circuit breaker for the coffee makers in the main hall.
- Cleaned all of the Hall and Hallway light fixtures and shampooed the main Hall rug and all of the chairs.
- Repaired the plumbing/sewer line in the bar, purchased a new Cash Register, painted our "Lady" out front, raised a new flag and painted our front door.
- Repaired the Dishwasher and the men's room urinals.
- Cut the weeds outside the building, sprayed roundup and cleaned up the parking lot

**In order to comply with the Board of Health we:**

- Added a grease trap to the kitchen sink, installed a new hand wash sink in the kitchen and installed a slop sink in the wash room.

**Payment:**

- 6 Pasta Nights for the Knights of Columbus and the Columbian Club
- Bus trip to Atlantic City's Showboat Casino
- 3 Sunday Brunches
- Sunday "Follow the Giants"
- Monday Night Football w/ included an "open kitchen"
- Comedy Knight

**Recognize the Following Volunteers:**

Joe and Laura Caron, Joe Accorsy, John and Chris Caporaso, Herman Piraneo, Jim Lackaye, Chris Tarashuk, Ben and Anthonly Russo, Rudy and Elizabeth Reino and Kim and Jessica Buscaino for being involved in every event!

## **Columbian Club Finances**

As of 7-31-09, the Columbian Clubs Checking Account balance was \$20,740.49 with an additional \$5600.00 in a CD, totaling approx. \$26.3K. Our monthly expense to run the Club is approx \$3000.00 per month. (The balance of \$26.3k includes a \$10,000.00 donation that was given to the Columbian Club from the Knights of Columbus General Fund prior to 7-31-09, therefore Columbian Club balances would have been down to \$16.3k without that help!)

With monthly expenses of \$3000.00, the New Columbian Club Volunteers feel that it is necessary to maintain a minimum balance of 10 months payments or \$30,000.00 as a security blanket within our Checking and Savings accounts. With a current balance of \$26,300.00, we remained short approx. \$4,700.00 plus \$3000.00 in monthly expenses. (\$7,700.00).

Since taking the Hall Managers role in August, the following deposits were made:

- August \$990.00
- September \$5094.05
- October \$8894.13
- November \$ 15,286.90 (approx. 120 volunteered man hours)

As of November 31<sup>st</sup>, The Columbian Club maintained a balance of \$28,888.00 in its Checking account, \$428.00 in its BAR access account and approx. 5,600.00 in its CD for a total of \$34,916.00.

## **Upcoming scheduled repairs are as follows:**

- Sand and Paint (poss replace with refurbished) Bathroom stalls.
- Change the toilet seats and install two new Vanities.
- Install a new Security System at the front door. (Budgeted and Approved by Board)
- Replace the flooring in the bar and members areas. (Budgeted and Approved by Board)
- Replace the ceiling tiles in the bathrooms
- Replace one exit door from the Hall to the outside parking lot
- Install new weather stripping on all exterior doors
- Clean and paint the Kitchen walls.
- Add a 3<sup>rd</sup> kegerator to the bar.

## **MOTION:**

Our biggest problem right now is that we are in desperate need of a new roof. Prior to coming on board, the Columbian Club patched the roof whenever it leaked. Most of the problems were around the air conditioning units. During the Comedy Knight rainstorm, water was coming down on a table to the left of the back Air Condition unit and just recently, water made its way into the Rental Office.

Currently we have two roof estimates. The first is approx. \$27,500.00 that comes with a 15 year warrantee. The roofer will patch our current leaks to get us through the winter and put the repair towards the cost of a new roof come Spring. The second estimate is for \$26,500.00 and comes with a 10 year warrantee. Dr. Jack is currently working on a 3<sup>rd</sup> estimate which should be here soon.

At our last two Columbian Club meetings, Frank our Grand Knight suggested that we should raise a motion to our Council for an 8 year (interest free) loan of \$30,000.00 to cover the roof expense. He stated that he would have to take himself off the dayest in order for him to raise the motion. Therefore...I would

like to raise a motion in regard to move \$30,000.00 from the general fund of the Knights of Columbus to the House Fund of the Columbian Club for an interest free loan of \$30,000.00 to be paid back in full over a 96 month payment period.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**The 2010 Columbian Club Volunteers**

Chris Tarashuk (President)

Joe Caron (Vice President)

John Dougherty (Treasurer)

Frank Buscaino (Grand Knight/Secretary)

Herman Piraneo (Director)

Joe Accorsy (Director/Bar Manager)

Jim Lackaye (Director)

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