



Knights Digest



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MURDER MYSTERY

April 15, 2000 – 7:00 p.m.

Come and see and find out Who Done It. A speakeasy where someone dies and you find the suspect. Evening includes: complete sit down dinner and dessert with beer, wine and soda. You will have a choice of entre of either: chicken or salmon enroute. Plus the show. All this and a little more for \$30.00 per person. This will and is going fast. Do not miss it. Call now.

Steve Patricco - 688-8607

Harry Lupo – 851-2493

Buster Rapke – 964-4010

Council Nominations

Members of our council who are in good standing and who have been initiated in the first three degrees of the order are eligible candidates for an elective position of the council in the upcoming Columbian year.

The elected officers are follows: Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Recorder, Treasurer, Advocate, Warden. Inside Guard, Outside Guard and Trustee.

If anyone is interested in pursuing an elected office please contact Rich Esposito at 688-6979.

HEY !! PIES ARE BACK EASTER PIE SALE

Your old favorites are still available. Same variety, same sizes, same prices. Here is what is new. Italian Piza Pianna 7" round 3" high full of meat. . . \$16.00 – Easter Bread, and more. See order forms at bar in council or call for your copy.

Steve Patricco 688-8607

Harry Lupo 851-2493

PARADE 2000

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Saturday, March 11, 2000

12:00 NOON

MORRIS AVENUE, UNION, NJ

2000 Grand Marshall –

Frank Donnelly

In conjunction with this year's Fourth Annual Parade the K of C Columbian Club #4504 and the Irish-American Society of Union will be hosting a Parade Party 2000 at OUR COUNCIL HALL. Featuring "The Castlereas Show Band" and running from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Admission is \$5.00 – Mugs \$5.00

Draft beer & soda refills ALL DAY

Corned beef & assorted sandwiches Available For Purchase

For Info Contact:

John Peters 908-810-1283

Mike Malloy 908-810-0862

ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE REPORT

The second half of our Annual Food Drive is about to commence, and, again, your assistance would be appreciated. Council has raised a total of **7245 pounds** of food and supplies, and we are looking to increase that number, while supplying the necessities to our local pantries for the Easter holiday. The following collections will be held:

Edwards Supermarket

Saturday, 2/26 10-3 PM

Acme Supermarket

Saturday, 3/11 10-3 PM

Pathmark supermarket

Saturday, 3/25 10-3 PM

Washington Avenue School, April 3-7

If you are interested in assisting, or would just like to make a donation, please contact:

RAY BARNES, committee chairman

(908) 436-1515

FRY-NITE

FISH FRY

Friday, March 31, 2000

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

UNION COUNCIL #4504

1034 Jeanette Avenue

Union, NJ

CLASSIC STYLE FISH & CHIPS

WITH COLESLAW

COFFEE & DESSERT

SODA &

1 PITCHER OF BEER PER TABLE

Cooking by Teddy Chistoper

(Summer Snack Bar)

\$8.00 PER ADULT

\$5.00 PER CHILD

(Chicken Tenders Also Available

For Children) ONLY !

Reservations Preferred For

Guarenteed Seating

Take-out Available –

Please Call In Advance

FOR RESERVATIONS CALL:

MARTY NATALE @ (908) 851-0692

RICH ESPOSITO @ (908) 688-6979

K OF C CONVENTION

May 18-21, 2000

ADVENTURER MOTOR INN

Ocean and Morning Glory Road

Wildwood Crest, New Jersey 08260

(609) 729-1200

4 night stay at Adventurer \$239.00

3 night stay at Adventurer \$205.00

2 night stay at Adventurer \$149.00

All efficencies room have air-conditioning, heat, color TV, microwave, and refrigerator.

A deposit of \$70.00 for first night stay plus Hospitality. Remainder for room to be paid at Motor Inn at the front desk on day of arrival.

On Friday, sub sandwiches and pizza will be served at 7:00 sharp. Saturday, we will have our annual barbecue picnic at 12 noon.

All rooms must be reserved by April 28, 2000.

Contact C. Cunningham at(908) 241-7710.

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COUNCIL OFFICERS

OFFICE	OFFICER
Chaplain	Rev. Anthony Nardo (973) 376-3044
District Deputy	Robert Wozniak, PGK
Grand Knight	Kevin Collins (908) 688-2038
Depty. Grand Kngt	Clarence Cunningham (908) 241-7710
Chancellor	Anthony Ferraro, Jr.
Warden	Marco Vitale
Fin. Secretary	Tom Hornig
Recorder	Ed Frick
Treasurer	Tom Musarra
Advocate	James Conlon
Inside Guard	Ray Barnes
Outside Guard	Paul Weisenbacher
Outside Guard	Mike Cavallo
Trustee 1 Yr.	Ray Pruszkowski, PGK
Trustee 2 Yrs.	Larry Kilmer, PGK
Trustee 3 Yrs.	Rich Esposito
Lecturer	Frank Esposito
Col. Club Pres.	Joseph Willmore
Swim Club Pres.	George Clark

MONTHLY MEETINGS

1st Mon. Council Officers
 2nd & 4th Mon. Regular Meetings
 3rd Mon. Swim Club
 1st Wed. 4th Degree Officers
 2nd Thurs. 4th Degree Color Corps
 3rd Wed. 4th Degree Regular
 4th Wed. Council Committees
 4th Thurs. Columbian Club

Union Knights of Columbus Annual ATLANTIC CITY TRIP

When: March 19, 2000

Where: Trump Plaza Casino
 CASINO WILL REIMBURSE \$17.00 COIN UPON ARRIVAL

SANDWICHES AND SODA WILL BE SERVED ON BUS. - BUS LEAVES COUNCIL HALL AT 10:30 AM.

COST: \$20.00 per person

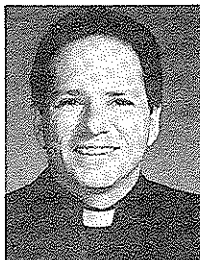
For Tickets Call:

NICK IAROSSE AT 688-8941

Chaplain's Column

REV. ANTHONY NARDO

Today's world is more complicated and fast paced than ever. It is impossible to keep up with everything that is going on. However, this month of



March brings us the beginning of Lent, a time when we try to renew ourselves spiritually. (Ash Wednesday is March 8th) This we should make a priority. More than thinking what you may want to give up for Lent, think about what you can begin to do this Lent. Let me explain. Justice is a primary aspect of our spiritual lives. We might examine this Lent how justly we are fulfilling our obligations to family, friends, work-place, Church and State. What do you think you should begin to do or do better. It says in the Bible that Heaven is a place where the justice and peace of God reign. Jesus told us to pray that the Kingdom of God come on earth as it is in Heaven, in the Our Father. Put a plan of action together to bring a little bit of Heaven down on earth. Seek justice and peace for yourself and for others. Remember, charity begins at home but it is meant to overflow to all.

*In His Love,
 Fr. Anthony*

NEW MILLENIUM BINGO

Sunday, May 13, 2000

Keep this day open because we are running our first bingo of the new century. In fact it is a double bingo. The first starts at 7:30 p.m. and the second at 10:30 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Club.

Remember the proceeds of these events are used for our scholarship funds.

Workers and players are needed.

For further information call JULES at 688-2846.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH February 2000



HAROLD "BUSTER" RAPKE

Buster has been a Knight with Union Council 4504 for twenty years. He is married to Angela for twenty-seven years and has two children Gina age 22 and Michael age 18. They are residents of Union for the past 40 years and are Parishioners of Saint Michael Church. He is employed by All Tool Company.

Buster is currently on the Columbian Club Board of Trustees. You will always find Buster assisting in the kitchen for affairs that are held down at the Knights for both Columbian Club and Council, or you may catch him at the bar working on the bills.

Buster helped co-chair the February 50's night this year. He also chairs the Swim Parties for the kids in the summer. Buster is always willing to lend a helping hand no matter what the cause.

In Buster's spare time (when he has some) he likes to fish or working on his car.

Union Council 4504 is proud to name Harold "Buster" Rapke as our February Knight of the Month.

EYES FOR THE NEEDY PROGRAM

The generosity of our council members and the people of Union Township continue as we have donated over **650 pair of eyeglasses** to this worthwhile cause. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

For questions and information, please call:

Ray Barnes - (908) 436-1515

Grand Knight's Column

KEVIN COLLINS

Dear Brother Knight's :

I attended the Valentine's Dinner Dance February 12th, it was nice to see so many of our senior members in attendance



Sr. Ann and her chair people Barney Capriglione, Andy Popp and Tom Conte did a great job. Thanks also to our chefs Steve Patricco and Harry Lupo, along with their staff did an outstanding job. The proceeds for this dinner dance help to defray the cost to parents whose "special children" attend Camp Fatima. During the night I happened to look at the dance floor to see, two young adults who attend Camp Fatima having a great time dancing. At that moment I realized how grateful I was to be a part of Union Council 4504.

This Digest will be out after the fact, but at our February 28th Council meeting we will donating thousands of dollars to St. Barnabas Hospital in Millie Garbaris' name. Millie our past Columbian Club presidents wife, passed away last year from cancer.

I am just trying to shed light, for those of you that may not be fully aware of all the truly GREAT things this Council does for its members and local community.

I am proud of all nineteen hundred plus members of this council. Whether you support us by joining the pool or coming to meetings, or attending one of our many functions it all makes a difference.

*Fraternally Yours,
Kevin Collins, Grand Knight*

RUNNELL'S HOSPITAL VOLUNTEERS

On Sunday March 12, 2000 volunteers are needed to assist wheelchair patients so they can attend 10:00 a.m. Mass in the hospital chapel. For more information contact Richard Esposito at 908-688-6979.

MEMBERSHIP

Wherever you are, we hope you are thinking of the next candidate to sponsor for membership !!!

You Have A Job To Do

Please support you're council by sponsoring a new member soon.

Our next scheduled degrees are as follows: 1st degrees: April 10th & May 2; 2nd degree: June 7th and the 3rd degree June 16th.

Fraternally,
Tom Conte (908) 687-4898

INSURANCE

The tax season is upon us and I don't know anybody who likes to pay the Internal Revenue any extra money. One way to defer paying taxes is to open an IRA before April 15th. If you have your own business it is very important that you make constant contributions to an IRA account. Your future depends on it.

However, some of us do not qualify to have a tax deferred IRA account but still want to put extra money aside for retirement. The Roth IRA is a tremendous opportunity to set aside additional retirement funds. The greatest advantage to having a Roth IRA is that all withdrawals when taken after 59 ½ are ALL TAX FREE. Don't let this opportunity slip by you. For additional information to set up the IRA of your choice please call Joe Beninato (732) 287-2214 or Rich Fuentes (908) 925-9131.

CALENDAR

" 2000"

March, 2000

3 Fri. First Friday
4 Sat. 50's Night
6 Mon. Officers Meeting
13 Mon. Council Meeting
13 Mon. Essay Deadline
20 Mon. Swim Club Meeting
23 Thurs. ... Columbian Club Meeting
27 Mon. Council Meeting
31 Fri. *Fish Fry*

April, 2000

3 Mon. Officers Meeting
10 Mon. .. Council Meeting 1st Degree
15 Sat. Mystery Dinner
16 Sun. ... Children's Easter Egg Hunt
17 Mon. Swim Club Meeting
21 Fri. Good Friday
24 Mon. Council Meeting
27 Thurs. Columbian Club Meeting
28-30 Fri., Sat., Sun. Annual Retarded Citizens Drive

CHARITABLE RAFFLE

Our quarterly charitable raffle will be held at our March 27th meeting. As you know our many charities depend on your support. If you would like additional tickets, call me at 908-964-4361.

*Thank you,
John Murphy, chairman*

1999 ANNUAL SURVEY

Please complete the attached survey and return to TOM HORNIG at our next council meeting or by mail no later than MARCH 15, 2000.

CUT ALONG DOTTED LINE

1999 ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY MEMBER WORKSHEET

Last year, the knights of Columbus donated more than \$107 million to charitable and benevolent causes and 50 million hours of volunteer community service to aid the less fortunate. **To help prepare our Fraternal Survey for the Supreme Council office, please complete the information requested below and return it our next meeting.** This information will assist us in determining the total hours of community service volunteered by our members during 1999.

1. Number of visits you made during 1999 to:
 - Sick - caring for the sick/nursing homes/hospitals
 - Bereaved - visits of condolence
2. Number of times you served as a blood donor during 1999
3. Estimated hours of community volunteer service during 1999:
 - Church Activities - service in all Church related activities
 - Community Activities - service in all community related activities .
 - Youth Activities - service in all youth related activities
 - Miscellaneous Activities - service in areas not outlined above ...
4. Number of hours of fraternal service during 1999:
 - Sick//disabled members and their families - household chores, transportation, tutoring, counseling, etc.