



Knight Digest



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PGK DINNER

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1997 Past Grand Knight Ray Pruszkowski was honored at a dinner by Brother Knights, family and friends.

Everyone enjoyed a delicious Filet Mignon dinner prepared by our own Jack Bruno and His Kitchen Crew.

In addition to all the awards Ray received, including one from the Mayor, the best speech of the evening was given by Ray's Dad, Jules, expressing his love for his son.

Thanks for a great year Ray.

SWIM CLUB NEWS

Another season has come to a close, and the pool has been "put to bed" for the winter. During the swim season several maintenance problems developed which are currently being repaired.

The pressure of the water from our well decreased noticeably indicating an underground leak. The services of a professional well-driller were required to remove and replace the 147 ft. of pipe. The damage was found in the bottom 10 ft. section. Repairs were completed in September.

A second major problem was necessary emergency repairs to one of the main control valves in the pump room, which were completed off hours in August. A close inspection of the pump room at the close of the season indicated at least 3 additional valves should be replaced, and a leak in the main discharge pipe was located under the concrete floor in the guard house. These repairs are well under way at this writing.

These repairs as well as our scheduled preventive maintenance and winterizing of the pool will ensure continued enjoyment by you, the members.

UNION COUNCIL 40TH ANNIVERSARY COCKTAIL PARTY

Date: Saturday, December 6, 1997
Time: 6:00 PM til 10:00PM
Music By "DJ" Bill Patania
Cost: \$18.00 per person
Includes: Open Bar, Hot & Cold Hors d'oeuvres

Come out and join us as we celebrate our 40th year as a council. Renew old friendships, share memories, reminisce a bit, and have a great time! We will conduct a brief program highlighting the major milestones in the history and development of the Council.

- The last date to purchase tickets or make reservations is November 26th.
- Tickets will not be sold at the door!
- The club will be closed to all others until 10PM that evening.
- Everyone in attendance will receive a 40th Anniversary mug.

For reservations/tickets please call:
PGK Mike Ward @687-7994
Kevin Collins @688-2038

IRELAND BOUND APRIL 26-MAY3,1998

Join the Columbian Club who will be hosting an affordable one week fully escorted motorcoach tour of Ireland. The cost is \$1,229.00 per person including all the highlights of magnificent Ireland, featuring airfare, first class accommodations throughout and most meals. A \$200.00 deposit will hold your reservations. Spaces are limited! For more information call Vinnie Iannuzzi at 908-687-9381 or call Travel Planners of Springfield at 973-37609490. Ask for Rosemarie.

COUNCIL BLOOD DRIVE SUNDAY, NOV.23 11AM - 4PM

Stop in at the Council Home and give "THE GIFT OF LIFE" as there is no substitute for human blood.

Did you know each pint donated is tested and broken down into components which have different uses. The red cells are used in surgical situations and platelets for transplants and cancer patients and Plasma for patients with severe burns. SO YOU SEE YOU ARE IMPORTANT. Your pint of blood may help save someones loved one. Remember to bring a signed form of identification and know your social security number. If you have any questions or are in need of blood replacement call Dom Clementoni PGK Council Blood Bank Chairman, 908-688-3618.

DIRECT TV

The Columbian Club is happy to announce that it has just purchased an 18" Satellite Dish with two receivers and signed a contract with Direct Commercial TV for their NFL package that began on Sunday, October 5, 1997. Now NOT only will Jets and Giants games be shown at the lounge but MANY additional NFL games that are being offered by Direct Commercial TV. The Columbian Club hopes that all our brothers who are football fans will come to the club to see their favorite teams FROM NOW ON. Our prices are the best around and food will be offered for \$2.00 at half time of most of the first games.

DON'T FORGET, your friends are welcome as your guests, even if the aren't members.

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.....Clarence Cunningham
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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

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The Annual Council Children's Christmas Party will take place on Sunday, Dec. 21, 1997 in the Council Hall.

This coming January there will be a Basketball Free Throw contest for boys and girls age 10-14. More details will follow in the December Digest. For information concerning any youth activities please contact Mike Kramer at 908-688-2154.

COLUMBIAN CLUB

In my position as the Columbian Club President this year, I would like to thank all who attended this year's Caribbean Night. I would also like to especially thank all those who worked on the committee. Their efforts made the night one of our most successful affairs, enjoyed by all.

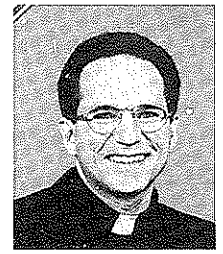
I would also like to address the topic of Rules and Regulations of the Council, Columbian Club and Swim Club. The Rules and Regulations have been in effect since the council home was obtained. They were expanded to spell out what conduct would be expected at the Swim Club when the pool was added. Each year at the annual meeting of the Swim Club copies of these rules are handed out to each member, as well as, copies being included with the current years badges and guest slip when they are picked up at the gate house. They are also posted on the front gate to the patio. The Rules and Regulations were put into effect to insure the safety and comfort of all who enjoy our facilities. They are intended to allow everyone to have a good time here.

One criticism of the Columbian Club pointed out to me has been that these Rules and Regulations have been laxly enforced in the past. I think this is probably a fair criticism, but it doesn't change the fact that the rules do exist. Perhaps, the lax enforcement of the rules led us to this past summer's difficulties with just plain bad behavior on the part of some members. I also learned from some of the discussions I had with these rule breakers that some of them just don't agree with some of the rules and they simply ignored the ones they didn't agree with. That kind of behavior is unacceptable and if they continue to feel that way, I would suggest they join another organization that has rules they do agree with. It would make life easier on all because I can assure everyone that the Rules and Regulations will be strictly enforced in the future. The Columbian Club will also be putting out an explanation of the actions that will be taken with rule breakers; verbal warning, written warning and suspension.

Sincerely,
Clarence Cunningham

Chaplain's Column REV. ANTHONY NARDO

Central to the gospel message is the theme of forgiveness. (The word 'Gospel' means 'good news') God has forgiven all humanity for its transgressions. Yet to receive forgiveness we must ask and acknowledge our sinfulness. Being honest with ourselves is a 'grace' we should always pray for. When we acknowledge our sins or any problem we have, we have taken a big step to overcoming our problems and growing in what it means to be holy. The greatest saints were always ready to admit that they were sinners. We do not have to worry about being perfect. God loves us and accepts us as we are right now. Yet our god would want us to repent and come closer to him, becoming more and more like Jesus. This is a great promise of Our Lord. "A fully trained disciple will be like their teacher." The Lord is our Teacher. It is only by grace and forgiveness that we become holy. This requires humility and cooperation on our part. As daylight time diminishes may the light of the Lord shine more and more brightly through us in all the good we do as a Knights of Columbus council.



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KNIGHT OF THE MONTH
November 1997



Brother Joseph Hrdina has been a resident of Union for 14 years. He and his wife Sharon have been married for 23 years and are parishioners of Saint Michael's in Union. They have 3 children Felecia, Joseph and Daniel.

Joseph is an active member of Union Council 4504. He currently is serving on the Columbian and Swim Club Boards. Joe can always be found at work parties and helping out at the Retarded Citizens Drive and Council picnics.

Joseph is employed by Essex County as a Special Procedure Technician. He graduated Saint Michael's School of Radiology as a licensed radiologist and Seton Hall with a AA Degree in Science.

Joe enjoys spending his free time with his family. He is also a member of the Italian American Club. Joseph also coached for the Little League, Teener League, Union Soccer and the Suffragettes.

Union Council 4504 takes great pride in naming Brother Knight Joseph Hrdina as Knight of the Month for November 1997.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to all the council Brothers and their Wives who helped in working at the booth at the St. Michael's Feast in Union Center. *Your Help Was Greatly Appreciated.*

Grand Knight's Column

LARRY KILLMER



Now there is a chill in the air and we're starting to think about the holidays. Thanksgiving is a wonderful beginning for the Holiday season. Sure, right away some of us think food and parties. These tangibles are fun, however the time I enjoy with my family, working in the kitchen and preparing for the festivities, is what is most memorable and enjoyable to me.

All together with family and friends sitting down to relish what we've prepared, it is always the traditional prayer of thanks that I remember long after the leftovers are still lingering. How many times do we stop and thank God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us. For our tradition, we take turns giving personalized thanks for being able to be with one another, or for a certain event during the year that might have made us closer to God like the birth of a baby. We also recognize those that may not be as fortunate as us and pray that God will keep them in his care. I would like to extend my thanks to everyone at the Council for their help and the sacrifices that are made to devote time to the success of our work. May all of you and your families have a very Happy Thanksgiving!

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Reserve now
Cocktail Hour - 8PM
Dancing - 9PM - 2AM
Sit Down Dinner
Dessert & Coffee
\$85 Per Couple
Reservations- Call
Bob Kalkus 201-399-1570 or
Larry Killmer 908-686-4810

CALENDAR

November 1997

- 1 Sat.....All Saints Day
- 2 Sun.....Feast of All Souls
- 2 Sun Memorial Mass St. Michaels
9AM with Communion Breakfast
at council after mass
- 3 Mon.....Council Officers Meeting
7:45 PM
- 4 TueElection Day
- 7 Fri 1st Friday Celebration 7:30 PM
- 9 Sun Membership Drive-Holy Spirit
- 10 Mon.....Council Meeting 8:15 PM
- 11 Tue.....Veterans Day
- 15 Sat..Due - Digest Articles to Editor
- 17 Mon.....2nd Degree 8:00 PM
Swim Club Board Meeting
- 23 Sun Blood Drive..11AM - 4:00 PM
- 24 Mon.....Council Meeting 8:15 PM
- 26 Wed.....Third Degree
- 27 Thu.....Thanksgiving Day

December 1997

- 1 Mon.....Council Officers Meeting
7:45 PM
 - 2 Tue.....40th Anniversary of Union
Council # 4504 - Actual
Anniversary date
 - 5 Fri.1st Friday Celebration 7:30 PM
Christmas Tree Lighting
 - 6 Sat.....40th Anniversary of Union
Council # 4504 Celebration
- Council Event Date
 - 7 SunBus Trip to Franklin Mills
4th Degree Assembly
 - 8 Mon..... Council Christmas Dinner
Meeting- 6:30 PM
 - 14 Sun.....Camp Fatima Christmas
Party
 - 15 Mon....Swim Club Board Meeting
Due - Digest Articles to Editor
 - 19 Fri..Bring A Dish - 7:30PM:12AM
(Columbian Club Affair)
 - 21 Sun.....Council Children's
Christmas Party(1PM - 3PM)
 - 22 Mon.....No Council Meeting
 - 24 Wed.....Council Closed
 - 25 Thur.....Christmas Day
-Council Closed
 - 31 WedNew Year's Eve Party
(Council Event)
- January 1998
- 1 Thur.....New Year's Day Holiday
Council Closed
 - 2 Fri.1stFriday Celebration @7:30PM

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