



# Knights Digest



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## *Past Grand Knights Dinner*

On Saturday evening **September 22nd**, Union Council 4504 will hold its annual Past Grand Knights Dinner, beginning at 8:00 pm. This year's event will honor our most recent Grand Knight, Buddy Cotter. Since many of us have stated that last year was one of the best year's in recent history, it is only fitting that as many of us as possible attend a dinner to honor Buddy for his memorable year.

The menu for the evening will feature an entrée of filet mignon, with vegetables and potatoes. For dessert, we have been promised home made cannolies (that deserves a Holy Cow in honor of the late Phil Rizzutto!). There will be musical entertainment by Eddie G Wiz, as well as an open bar. In addition, there will be several presentations to Buddy to help him remember his year, and as per tradition, a toast with all of the Past Grand Knights in attendance.

The cost for the entire evening is \$65.00 per couple, and jackets are preferred for the gentleman.

Please join us! For ticket information, contact Grand Knight Andy Schopfer (908) 265-7895 or Joe Burlew (908) 507-4875.

Charitable Fund Raffle - Next drawing to be held on September 8, 2007 at the council picnic.

### *St. Michael's Blood Drive*

**Where:** St. Michael's School Gym  
1212 Kelly Street  
Union, NJ

**Date:** Sunday, September 9, 2007

**Time:** 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (after all masses)  
Breakfast will be given to all that donate that day.  
If you wish to help or donate, please call  
908-686-5271.

Thank you,



Sister Ann & Blood Drive Volunteers

## *Annual Council Picnic*

The annual Council Picnic will be held on Saturday **September 8th**. There will be plenty of food and refreshment available beginning at 12:00 noon. There will also be entertainment for the children. A highlight of this year's event will be the special ceremony to honor all of our fellow Knights and their immediate families who have served in the Armed Forces since the tragedy of September 11th.

The cost for the picnic will be \$15.00 per person, \$25.00 per couple and \$40.00 for a family of four, with additional family members costing \$5.00. There is no charge for children under 7. The pool will be open for the picnic. For further information, contact co-chairmen Harry Lupo (908) 577-6609 or Frank Santamauro (908) 686-9153.

## *Children's Events Slated for Council Picnic*

Youth Activity Director has a number of events planned to entertain the children at this year's Council Picnic on Saturday, September 8. When the gates open at 12:00 noon, the Moonwalk will be open and will remain open for the entire day. In addition, he has arranged for a face painter to be on the premises from 1:00 until 2:30. There will also be an Arts and Crafts table open from 4:00 to 5:00.

For those children interested in a competitive activities, there will be a three legged race for children, a hula hoop contest run by the DJ, a basketball free throw contest for children 10 years and older, a bat spin race for all ages, including adults, an egg carrying race, a football tire toss and a water balloon toss! All of these races will feature prizes for the winners, so be sure to enter as many of them as you can!

## *Calendar of Up-Coming Events*

### SEPTEMBER

- 8 SAT..... Council Picnic
- 9 SAT..... Sister Ann's Blood Drive
- 14, 15, 16 ..... Italian Feast in Union Center
- 22 SAT..... Past Grand Knights Dinner

### OCTOBER

- 21 SUN ..... Sunday Brunch hosted by Columbian Club
- 27 SAT..... Adult Halloween Party

### NOVEMBER

- 18 SUN ..... Sunday Breakfast in memory of our Deceased Members

### DECEMBER

- 1 SAT ..... 50th Anniversary Dinner
- 2 SUN ..... Open House in honor of the 50th Anniv. of the Council

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or via email to: [tomdudek@att.net](mailto:tomdudek@att.net). You must clearly identify all people in photos submitted and at what council event the photo was taken. Photos with alcoholic beverages will not be considered. Photos may also be submitted via email as hi-resolution image files. Hard copy photos will only be returned when accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

## Council Officers

*District Deputy*..... Michael L. Cavallo, PGK  
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*2nd Yr. Trustee*..... Harry Lupo, PGK  
*1st Yr. Trustee*..... Joe Beninato, PGK  
*Columbian Club President* ..... Clarence Cunningham  
*Swim Club Pres.*..... Steve Ruhl

## 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

## MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT



My Brother Knights,

I hope your summer has gone well, and that you all have been able to enjoy the excellent weather that God has blessed us with this year.

I do want to thank those of you who were able to attend the Installation Mass for our new officers. It was a great pleasure for me to know that I have the friendship and support of so many of you. As I stated in my address that night, I think that I am probably the most fortunate Grand Knight to be elected to serve this Council. Not only have we had two very successful years in a row, I am also reaping the success of our first 50 years. As I have learned more about the history of our Council, what has struck me the most is that we have been able to nurture and develop a unique dedication and commitment from its members. Driven by that passion and devotion, members have taken out second mortgages to enable us to finance our Council Home and Swim Club, and have put in countless man hours to build and improve on the facilities that we all share today. Even when we have disagreements, we all seem to have the good of the Council and the good of the Club first and foremost in our hearts and in our discussions. Our emotions may get in our way, but with the good of the Order in our minds, success will never be far from our grasp.

I am looking forward to the upcoming year, and to being your representative as we celebrate the history and success of the first 50 years of this Council. We are not perfect, and do have issues to address, but I am confident that this group of officers is more than ready to meet all of the challenges that we face.

I hope to see all of you at the end of the summer Picnic to be held on Saturday, September 8th. We have a lot of food on order, a series of events for the children, and will be honoring those members of our families who have served our country in the Armed Forces since September 11, 2001. In addition, you will also be able to order 50th anniversary memorabilia, Super 50./50 tickets, and reserve tables for the anniversary dinner to be held on December 1st.

Finally, we will be having our Past Grand Knights Dinner to honor Buddy Cotter on Saturday, September 22nd beginning at 8:00 pm. Last year was an exceptional one for the Council, and we'd like to have as many of you as possible at this dinner to recognize Buddy's accomplishments.



God bless you all,

Andy Schopfer  
Grand Knight

## *Columbian Club News*

On Sunday, August 26, the Columbian Club teamed up with Michigan Deli, the tenants in the outdoor snack bar, to run a horseshoe tournament. A total of 18 two person teams were entered in the contest, which began at noon and ended just after 6:00 pm. When the last shoe was finally thrown, the winners were the father and son team of Mike Scanlon Sr. and Mike Scanlon Jr. It wasn't easy, but the winners did manage to fend off the game efforts of the Andriola brothers, Mike and Dave. Trophies were awarded to both the first and second place finishers, and their names will be engraved on a plaque which will be hung in the Council Hall in the fall.

Since we are having a very successful outdoor season thus far, the Club plans to keep the outdoor bar and patio open as long as the weather allows. While the Sunday football festivities will still be held once the season starts, the outside bar will be open as well. In the event of inclement or chilly weather later in the month, the bartender will have the option of moving inside on a moments notice.

Finally, we are already planning for the annual adult Halloween party to be held in the Council Hall on Saturday, October 27th beginning at 7:00 pm. The night will feature a buffet dinner, DJ, open bar, and dancing all night long. Although costumes are not required for those attending, there will be prizes given in various categories for those who choose to do so.

The cost for the event is \$46.00 per couple, and advance reservations will be required. Last year's event was a huge success, and we anticipate that we will have another sellout again this year. Cutoff for tickets will be Saturday, October 20th. For tickets or further information, contact Bobby DeMichael (908) 241-6145 or Harry Lupo (908) 577-6609.

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### *Volunteers needed to help run the Knights booth*

The Council will once again be manning a booth at this year's annual Italian Feast in Union Center the weekend of September 14th through the 16th. Anyone interested in assisting at our booth should contact Past Grand Knight Harry Lupo. Shifts are generally no more than two hours, and always involve at least two Brother Knights or their family members. The proceeds raised at our booth will be dedicated to one of our charitable partners. If you are going to the feast anyway, why not spend some time with your fellow Knights and raise money at the same time?

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### *Council Positions Available*

At the last Council meeting in August, Grand Knight Andy Schopfer announced that the State has asked that each Council appoint a Religious and Civil Rights Chairman. This new Chairperson will serve as a conduit to share information regarding new issues that are currently impacting the Catholic religion or other social issues relating to the mission of the Knights of Columbus and will act as a liaison between the State and the Council. If you feel that you have the zeal and commitment for this position, please contact Andy at (908) 265-7895.

We are also seeking an individual to serve in the important role of Program Chairman for this Columbian year. If interested, contact Andy as soon as possible.

## *Knight of the Month* **Mike Andriola**



For the past several years, Mike Andriola has worked behind the scenes for the Columbian Club, using his accounting and business knowledge to assist them in understanding their financial obligations and ways of increasing revenue. For his efforts on their behalf, we are pleased to name Mike the Knight of the Month for September.

Mike is a lifelong resident of Union who graduated from Union High, and then went on to graduate from the College of New Jersey in Trenton. After graduating, he became a Certified Public Accountant while working for Ernst and Young. He recently switched firms and is now working for Wiss and Company.

Mike is a parishioner of St. Michael's Church, and lives in Union with his mother Clare, his father Derrick and his two brothers David and Steven. Both of his brothers and his father are also members of our Council. In his spare time, Mike enjoys playing golf, working out, and "hanging out" with his friends at the Council. Please join us in congratulating Mike on being selected as Knight of the Month.

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### *50th Anniversary Dinner*

The formal celebration of the Council's 50th anniversary will be held on Saturday evening **December 1st**, at the Council Hall. We will be having a catered sit down dinner beginning at 7PM. There will be a choice of 3 entrees (beef, chicken or fish), a cocktail hour, and open bar all evening. Music will be provided by the band Sound Investment. The cost is \$55.00 per person, and jackets are required for the men. Reservations will be required, and we will not be able to accept requests after November 1, 2007. For ticket information, contact Mike Scanlon (908) 578-8768, or Past Grand Knight Mike Cavallo (908) 377-9713.

The following evening, **December 2nd** (the actual anniversary) we will be having an open house in the Council Hall. There will be light refreshments and a cash bar. The open house will be held from 6-8 PM, and will culminate with the drawing of the Super 50/50 to benefit United Cerebral Palsy. There are only 200 super 50/50 tickets available at \$25.00 a piece with a guaranteed prize to the winner of \$2500.00. Tickets will be available beginning July 21st, and throughout the summer. For ticket information, contact Grand Knight Andy Schopfer (908) 265-7895.

In addition, we will be selling ads for a commemorative ad book. For information about the cost and placement of an ad, contact Past Grand Knight Buddy Cotter.



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