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Scholarship Committee Formed

At the first business meeting in September, Deputy Grand Knight Andy Schopfer announced that Union Council 4504 will once again be awarding scholarships to children of Brother Knights who are currently attending Catholic High Schools. There are 4 awards available this year, each in the amount of \$500.00.

The awards will be granted based on the applicant's grades, extra curricular activities at school and in their community. Anyone interested in applying should send a letter outlining their qualifications to Grand Knight Buddy Cotter by October 31, 2005. Their letter must also include a copy of their most recent report card, or other information from the school documenting their current grades.

Once the applications have been reviewed, the Grand Knight will submit them to the Scholarship Committee for a determination of the winners. We expect to be able to announce the winners by the end of November.

The committee will be chaired by the Deputy Grand Knight. If anyone has any additional questions, they should contact him at (908) 265-7895.

"LUAU" Planned For November

Maintain that "summer state of mind" by planning to attend our Luau. The event is scheduled for Saturday night, November 11 at the Council Hall. Our entertainment will be by the Famous "Dr. Cheeko." A dinner with a "Hawaiian" flavor is planned as well as an open bar.

There will also be a Super 50/50 held the night of the event. The cost for this fabulous "night out" is only \$50 /couple. For tickets and info. Please contact Mike Scanlon @ 908-578-8768 or Harry Lupo @ 908-577-6609.

Art Auction Set For Oct. 13th

On Friday night Oct. 13th we will be holding our 2nd Art Auction. This should prove to be a great night out for our members. We will have Art on display in all media and price ranges, including Neiman, Tarkay, Lena Liu, Rockwell and much more including sports memorabilia. Admission for this event is only \$5 which includes wine, cheese, hors d'oeuvres, dessert and coffee. Preview will be at 7 p.m. with the auction starting at 8 p.m. For Tickets and information for this event please contact Chairman Steve Helmstetter at 908-688-5039 or Grand Knight, Buddy Cotter at 908-447-3378.

Prior to the event you can visit marlinfundraising.com and any purchase you make will benefit our Council. Simply enter code 15050017 upon check out. Major Credit Cards will be accepted on the website and on the night of the Auction.

Food Drive

During the week of Oct. 30th through Nov. 3rd, the fall food drive will take place in the Union schools. On Saturday, Nov. 4th, Brother Knights will be asked to volunteer to solicit donations from shoppers at grocery stores in Union from 10am to 4pm. All food collected from this drive will be given to Sr. Ann Dominic for her food pantry at St. Michael's.

Camp Out



Our 3rd annual Family Camp-out is scheduled for Saturday October 21st. The charge for this event is still only \$10 per family which includes a campfire, dinner, breakfast and a fun-filled night under the stars. Campers can start setting up at dusk. Please contact Jamie Zappulla @ 908-380-9155 or Tom Lamotta @ 908-851-0872 for tickets and information.

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or via email to: 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.

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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



First I want to thank all of the people who came out for our Annual Family Picnic. I was absolutely astounded by the turnout that day. Even though I knew that we had our best attendance in several years, it didn't sink in until it came time for me to speak at the microphone. As I started to read the 9-11 prayer, I looked out at the picnic grove and actually lost my place for a moment. There was a "sea" of people from the rear of the deck clear out to the bocce court. I would also like to thank Tom Walsh for his beautiful rendition of "Taps" during our moment of silence.

The day would not have been possible without our Chairman, Frank Santomauro who not only organized the entire event, but also made it our most financially successful Family Picnic. Frank, along with his family and his committee members worked tirelessly for days to make this picnic possible. I and everyone who attended owe all of these people a tremendous debt of gratitude.

During the same weekend as the Picnic we also had our semi-annual Clothing Drive. This event was made successful through the efforts of our Chairman Michael Loguidice. Mike has continuously made this event a success, contributing to our charitable causes.

September ended with our Past Grand Knights dinner honoring Harry Lupo. Everyone who attended had a fantastic time. A filet mignon dinner was expertly prepared by chefs Frank Santangelo and Ron Kuziola. I would like to thank chairman Michael Scanlon and co-chairman Andy Schopfer for their help and support in making this a successful evening.

As we go forward this year I ask everyone to please come out and attend our Council meetings and to get involved with our charitable functions. We urgently need participation from more brothers. Our success and growth as a Council demands contributions from a larger segment of our membership. Please come out and volunteer. You will feel great for doing it.

**Thank You and May God Bless You,
Buddy Cotter, Grand Knight**

Message from Harry Lupo, PGK

I would like to thank all who attended the Past Grand Knights Dinner on Saturday Sept. 23rd. We had a great turnout and the food was excellent thanks to Frank Santangelo and Ron Kuziola. Thanks to Eddie Gwiz who did his normal "great" job. Thank you to Kelly and Colleen for serving and to Jamie at the bar.

Special thanks to Mike Scanlon for chairing the event and to Buddy Cotter who was a tremendous help. Thank You All for making the end of my term so great and memorable.

Thank You, Harry "WHO" Lupo

Columbian Club News

Brother Knights:

Have you all put your bathing suits away and settled your children in school? Well, think positive, the pool will open again, Memorial Day 2007, which is just around the corner. Time goes by fast as you have just witnessed this summer flying by.

In the meantime, remember the Halloween Party, October 28th and the Luau November 11th. Details noted elsewhere in this digest.

We are still in need of recipes for our Cookbook.

The cake sale brought in \$1,126.00 - Thank you ladies!

We expect to sell religious Christmas cards. For more information please contact me at the council hall at 908-686-4504.

Remember to "Keep Christ in Christmas".

Keep the Faith!

Kevin Connors - Columbian Club President

Swim Club News

I would to take this opportunity to thank all the men who took the time on Saturday mornings and Wednesday evenings to come to the Knights Swim Club work parties a lot has been accomplished. Without you this pool would not open. A special thanks goes out to Steve Ruhl for all the work he did during the day when no one else was around.

Spring work parties start in March the Saturday after the Union County St. Patrick's Day parade.

Jim Feehan - Columbian Swim Club President

Christmas Bus Tour Planned

The Council is running a bus tour to New York City on December 28th. The bus will depart from our Council Home and tour sights such as St. Patrick's Cathedral, Rockefeller Center and other great sights.

Refreshments will be served upon arrival back at the Council. Please keep this date open as it will be a great Family Outing. **More information will be posted in the next Digest.**

ALL GRILLS NEED TO BE REMOVED FROM
THE PICNIC AREA BY OCTOBER 22ND.

October Knight of the Month

Frank Santamauro



On Saturday, September 9, the picnic grounds of Union Council 4504 were filled with Brother Knights and their families, all gathered to celebrate the end of a successful summer season. We were blessed with another gorgeous late summer day, the pool was in use throughout the day, and there was plenty of food and entertainment. At the end of the day, everyone remarked at how well the event was run, and noted that it was one of the most successful picnics in recent years. In addition, the Council was also able to realize a financial gain, raising the most money from the event in many years.

The credit for the success of the day goes to the October Knight of the Month, Chairman Frank Santamauro. Frank not only put together a tremendous committee of fellow Knights and his own family to assist in the myriad of details associated with hosting over 450 individuals for a full day, he also donated significant hours of his own time to assure that the picnic was the success it ultimately turned out to be. Indeed, Frank took time off from his job to plan and prepare food in the days before the event, and even enlisted family members to assist with the clean up when many of the families were getting ready to depart from the day's festivities.

Frank has attended St. Michael's church for the 13 years that he has lived in Union. Prior to moving to New Jersey, Frank was raised in Queens, where he first joined the Knights of Columbus. He attended St. John's University, and works as a risk manager for a large pharmaceutical company in Madison. He and his wife have been married over 23 years, and have two teenage children.

In addition to serving as the chairperson for the picnic, Frank is also a member of the Columbian Club Board, where he serves as the Insurance Coordinator. He also enjoys playing basketball and softball in his spare time.

We are pleased to honor Frank as the Knight of the Month for October.

50th Anniversary of Union Council 4504

On December 2, 1957 Union Council 4504 was officially awarded its Charter as a council of the Knights of Columbus. Although it is over a year away, a committee has been formed to begin planning the celebration of our 50th anniversary. If any Brother is interested in sharing ideas for this historic occasion, please contact Deputy Grand Knight Andy Schopfer. Andy's phone number is (908) 265-7895 and his email is aschopfer@comcast.net.

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