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Knights of Columbus  
Annual Family Picnic

**Date:** Saturday, Sept. 9, 2006

**Rain date:** Sunday, Sept. 10, 2006

**Time:** 12:00 to 8:00 PM

**Cost:** Family of Four \$40.00

(\$5.00 addtl. charge per person if more than four)

**Couple:** \$25.00

**Single:** \$15.00

Kids under 7 Free

Our annual family picnic will take place on Saturday, **Sept. 9, 2006** from 12:00 - 8:00 PM. Traditionally, the family picnic is one of the Council's biggest functions and a good time is sure to be had by all. The menu includes: hamburgers, hot dogs, Italian sausage, roast beef/pork sandwiches, pasta, chili, corn on the cob, watermelon, as well as cotton candy and popcorn for the kids. Activities will include DJ, 50/50 raffle, prizes, games, moonwalk, etc. The pool will also be open from 12:00 - 6:00 PM. Unlimited draft beer and soda is included in the price of admission.

Tickets will be available at the gatehouse in mid-August.

For information about the picnic, please contact chairperson, Frank Santomauro (908) 686-9153.

## 50<sup>th</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:aschopfer@comcast.net).

Past Grand Knights Dinner  
To Be Held September 23<sup>rd</sup>

On Saturday evening September 23<sup>rd</sup> we will be honoring our newest Past Grand Knight Harry Lupo. Our Council had a very successful year and now it is time for everyone to come out and show Harry how much his efforts and accomplishments are appreciated. The event will begin at 7 P.M. with a cocktail hour and followed by a full course dinner.

Beer, wine and soda will be included as well as desserts and coffee. Entertainment will be provided by DJ Eddie Gwiz.

The cost for the evening will be \$65.00 per couple. For more information please contact Mike Scanlon at 908-578-8768, GK Buddy Cotter at 908-447-3378 or Dep. GK Andy Schopfer at 908-265-7895.



## Semi-Annual Clothing Drive

Union Council will be holding its clothing drive from Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> thru 10<sup>th</sup>. We will be collecting any usable clothing, shoes, belts, handbags, linens and stuffed animals. All donations should be placed in large plastic bags and securely tied. The bags can be dropped off at the Council Hall Thursday thru Sunday. (1034 Jeanette Ave.)

For more information, please contact the Knights of Columbus Hall at 908-686-4504 or contact Chairperson Mike Loguidice at 908-472-9113.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Council family Picnic-Sat. Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>

Clothing drive-Sept. 7-10

Past grand Knights Dinner-Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>

First Degree-Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>

Art Auction-Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> ( look for details at the Council and in the Oct. digest)

## Knight Digest

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**RULES FOR SUBMISSION:** Submissions for consideration are due in writing by the 20th of the month for the following month. Please mail or drop off submission, with contact information to:

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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

#### Chaplain

*District Deputy* ..... Michael L. Cavallo, PGK  
*Grand Knight*..... Buddy Cotter (908) 447-3378

#### Deputy Grand

*Knight* ..... Andy Schopfer

*Chancellor* ..... Mike Peter

*Warden* ..... Lenny Tripodi

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*Inside Guard*..... Rob Salvatore

*Outside Guard* ..... Chris Flory

*Membership Dir.* ..... Nick Belmonte

*Advocate* ..... James Conlon

*3rd. Yr. Trustee*..... Harry Lupo, PGK

*2nd Yr. Trustee* ..... Joe Beninato, PGK

*1st Yr. Trustee* ..... Mike Gasser, PGK

#### Columbian Club

*President*..... Kevin Connors

*Swim Club Pres.*..... James Feehan

### 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



I hope everyone had an wonderful summer. We were blessed with beautiful weather and I hope you took the time to enjoy the pool, the patio and picnic grounds. I would like to first reflect on some events that took place over the summer. In July we were hosts to a fundraiser for the family of Kevin Apuzzio. This was a very successful night with a pasta dinner and entertainment which included a D.J. and bagpipers. This was spearheaded by Frank Santamauro and a supporting cast too large to list.

Later in July we had our “Splash Party” for the Council children. The pool was open for 4 hours while children enjoyed swimming, games, hotdogs, ice cream, prizes and a D.J. The best part of this event is that it is provided at no cost to the children. Many brothers helped to make this event happen, but I have to give a special “Thank You” to Karen Caulfield, Mary Kay Pascullo and Diane Lupo for their help. Guidance and support.

August brought our Officers Installation Mass and Ceremony. The Officers and I would like to Thank everyone who came out for this night. It was a beautiful ceremony orchestrated by our District Deputy Mike Cavallo and PGK Larry Kilmer. It was wonderful to have Mass in our Council Hall leading into the ceremony thanks to Father Joseph Murphy.

Also in August we had our annual “pilgrimage” to see the Yankees play the Angels. We had busses which took us to the ferry in Weehawken, a trip around Manhattan and a great game which the Yankees won. Steve Helmstetter chaired this event and as usual it was a flawless, fun-filled day. Thanks Steve.

As we enter the month of September, we look back at summer and realize that a couple of months have gone by in seemingly a week-end. It appears that as we get older the months, seasons and years fly by faster and faster. Our lives are often too busy with appointments, meetings and deadlines. Take the time to enjoy family and friends. This is what will be our most cherished memories.

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

### APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE

Due to a vacancy in the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> yr. trustee, the officers have appointed Joe Beninato, PGK. There will be reading at the 1<sup>st</sup> Council meeting on Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> with a vote to take place on Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>.

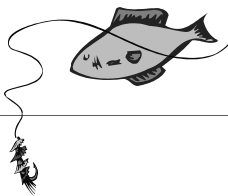
## RISK AND REWARDS

BY RICH FUENTES FIC,CSA

Planning for a comfortable and worry-free retirement. Some concern from baby boomers and others approaching retirement age will face increased challenges, brought about by many companies opting to change their pension plans or to freeze benefits. To help you to educate yourself, allow me to suggest a booklet entitled Retirement Risk Manager. Published by the Life Insurance Market Research Association (LIMRA). This booklet outlines several areas of Risk that retirees face, helps you to determine how susceptible you are to each of these Risks, and offers alternatives for managing each area of Risk. THIS BOOKLET IS FREE FROM THE KNIGHTS TO OUR MEMBERS JUST E-MAIL ME AT RICHKOFC@AOL.COM AND I'LL BE HAPPY TO GET YOU A COPY.

### Roster Update Needed

While planning the past Nuns, Widows and Widowers Dinner we have realized that our Council Roster does not have a designation as to who all of our Widows and Widowers are. We would like to plan early to update this roster so that everyone who is entitled receives an invitation to our next years event. I would like to be contacted with that information if either you did not receive an invitation last June or you know of someone who did receive one. Please send a short note to the Council to the attention of the Grand Knight. I will also be planning a meeting in the coming months to meet with any members who would like to help us complete this project.



Thank You,  
Buddy Cotter, Grand Knight

### Fishing Trip

The Columbian Club's annual fluke fishing trip took place on August 15th with forty-two enthusiastic anglers on board.

Everyone had a fantastic time including Dennis Loscato who caught the prize-winning fish of the day.



## September Knight of the Month

John Murphy



John Murphy is one of the key contributors on a nearly daily basis to Union Council 4504. Whether it is in being available to handle rentals of the hall to members or outsiders, or setting up the hall for an upcoming event, or just getting change or liquor for the bartenders, John is always available and willing to help. For all of his efforts and the many ways in which he contributes to the Council, we are pleased to honor him as Knight of the Month for September.

John is currently serving as the Banquet Manager for the Columbian Club, a job which requires him to be on call for individuals interested in using the hall, as well as to be in attendance at nearly every function when the hall is rented. In addition, he serves as the Treasurer for the Columbian Club, takes a regular turn as a bartender, and has run the Council's quarterly charitable raffle for the past several years. In addition to these formal duties, he is always willing to take on additional tasks, such as traveling to the Post Office to drop off the Digest on a monthly basis. Over this baseball season, he has also organized a unique contest which rewards the participant whose team is the first to score 13 runs in any game played during the week.

John has been a member of Union Council since February of 1984. He was married to his wife Marie for 25 years until her untimely passing last year. John is a retired Newark Policeman where he served for 27 and a half years before taking an early retirement in the mid 90s. He has 5 grandchildren and takes great delight when they join him at the pool during the summer.






In his spare time, John has been known to participate in pinochle games and enjoys legalized games of chance. He has also been known to visit Atlantic City on a regular basis.

Please join us in recognizing John Murphy as the Knight of the Month for September.

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