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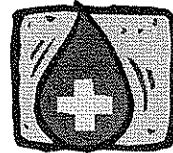
This year's Knights of Columbus New Jersey State Convention will be held on May 16, 17, 18 and 19, in Wildwood, New Jersey. Union Council will once again be staying at the Adventurer Motor Inn and as always, this is the perfect opportunity for all Brother Knights and their families to spend an unforgettable social weekend together. The fee for a three night stay will be \$220.00 per family and \$160.00 for a two night stay. As in the past, we will be having our usual hospitality room for your convenience. We will be serving refreshments for the entire weekend for you and your family. We are also including dinner and continental breakfast on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The fee for this year will be \$50.00 per family. Reservations can be made by contacting Mike Cavallo at 908 686 7540. A deposit for one night's fee plus the full cost of the hospitality room is required to reserve your room. Currently a committee is being formed to help make this convention the best it has ever been. If you plan on attending, why not sign up to be part of the committee? You may sign up for the Convention 2002 committee by contacting Mike Cavallo at 908 686 7540.

HOWDY PARTNERS!!

Get ready cause **Western Night** is Coming!! Unfortunately we have to postpone this event until the summer time. So keep watching for more information in the digest in the months to come. We will bring you details as we get them!!

CHARITABLE RAFFLE CORRECTION

A printing error was made on some of the raffle tickets that I just mailed. Some gave a raffle date of **March 25th** which is **correct** - the others have an **incorrect** raffle date of **June 24th** (which is actually the date of our next raffle). All the charitable raffle tickets you received in February, are for the drawing on **March 25th**. Please send in your raffles as soon as possible.
Fraternally yours,
John Murphy
Raffle Chairman



BLOOD DRIVE

Due to a scheduling problem with Saint Michael's blood drive, it is necessary to change the date of our next blood drive from June 22 to July 27. I realize that this is not an ideal week for a blood drive because of vacations, but I hope that anyone who can come out will come out and give blood.

Yankee Road Trip

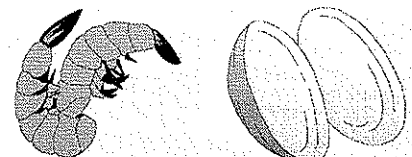
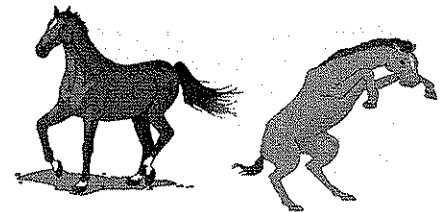
Come and see the New York Yankees play the Oakland Athletics on Sunday, August 11, 2002 at Yankee Stadium. The buses will be leaving at 10:00 AM. Snacks, soda and beer will be served on the bus as well as a goody bag for the game. We will be sitting in Upper Tier Box Seats. Also, you will be eligible to win tickets for a future game at Yankee Stadium. Please call Steve Helmstetter at 688 5039 to reserve your tickets as soon as possible.

COUNCIL EVENTS

May 11
Double Bingo
May 16, 17, 18 and 19,
Convention 2002
June 12
Second Degree
June
Third Degree (TBA)

MONMOUTH PARK RACETRACK TRIP

We will be running our Monmouth Park Trip on August 3 this year. The bus will leave at 10:30 am and will leave the track after the feature race. The cost will be \$9.00 and we will have beer, sandwiches and a snack for all participants. Contact Jamie Zapulla for more information and to reserve your seat on the bus!



Look out for our first annual **CLAM BAKE!** August 10, 2002. See Sam Maffei or Gene Sully for more details!

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

1st Mon. Officers
 2nd & 4th Mon. Council
 3rd Mon. Swim Club
 1st Wed. 4th Degree Officers
 2nd Thur. 4th Degree Corps
 3rd Wed. Assembly
 4th Wed. Council Committees
 4th Thur. Columbian Club

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GRAND KNIGHT'S COLUMN



FAITH

Follow your dreams and remember you're special. Acknowledge that things can go wrong. Interest yourself in

tomorrow not yesterday. Try to be patient and strong. Hope for the best, hold your head up high always and things will improve before long.

Some days are hard, but things will get better.

As one of the largest Catholic men's organizations, the Knights of Columbus should support our Catholic Priests in their time of need. They are there for us in our time of need. Support them, they are human.

CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN

As we observed the Lenten and Easter season this year the reports and stories in the media about sexual abuse of boys by priest pedophiles has continued unabated. I believe it is appropriate and honest to write some observations on this here.

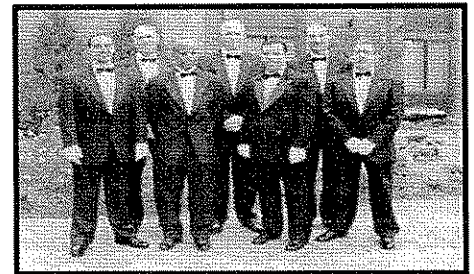
This situation is, I believe a crisis and opportunity of inestimable proportions for us, the church. If affects all of us in the church. It is analogous to a problem in a family such as alcoholism or infidelity, which affects everyone in the family. In the past, I have not been entirely in agreement with the use of the model of 'family' for the church because of its implied patriarchal model of family is much less in play today. The model of the family in our culture and life today is really much more consensual, democratic and egalitarian priest pedophilia affects all of us. First in regard to the victims or survivors of this abusive, predatory behavior, Continued on page 3.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



The Knight of the Month for May, 2002 is Ramond Menoni. Ray and his wife Patricia have four children, Raymond the 3rd, Robin Ann, Elisa

and Russel. Ray and Pat are also the proud grandparents of four grandchildren. Ray retired from the East Orange Police Department after serving for 33 years. Ray can be found helping out at work parties, attending and supporting various Council and Columbian Club events. He also extends a helping hand in the kitchen or bar whenever needed. Ray has also been a houseman with the Columbian Club. On his spare time, Ray enjoys cooking and being with his grandchildren. Union Council 4504 congratulates Ray as Knight of the Month for the month of May, 2002.



With the events of September 11, still fresh in their mind, seven members of the Knights of Columbus, Union Council 4504, took their Fourth Degree, the Degree of patriotism. They were joined by 190 other brother Knights from North Jersey in a ceremony at the Hilton in Parsippany on April 4th, 2002. That was followed by a dinner attended by 700 brother Knights, family and friends.

Pictured from left to right. Santo Trapani, Joe Riggi, Giftus John, Steve Ruhl, Michael Cavallo, Peter Kardys and Joseph DeMarco.

Chaplain's Column continued

we, all of us as a church, must extend compassion, understanding, help and hopefully healing. we should not place any blame on them for coming forward and even pursuing the issue to the point that it is receiving such unprecedented publicity. This tragedy, crisis, even disaster, is not of their making. Nor is it of the media's making. It is the sinful, criminal, destructive behavior on the part of some priests and bishops of the church that has brought this about. we now realize that the number of perpetrators must be in the hundreds, including two bishops identified by name in Florida, and the number of victims must be in the thousands in many if not most of the diocese in the country. This is not an American problem. I know of abuse cases both alleged and tried in Canada, Ireland, France, Poland and Austria, where the Cardinal Archbishop of Vienna was forced to resign in 1998. It is a crisis for the universal church.

Both priests and bishops are accused and we will have to extend the healing hand of forgiveness and reconciliation to them. We do believe in redeeming and forgiving God and we must not lose sight of that. However, they who have committed these wrongs serially must be removed permanently from active ministry in parishes at this time. Cases of priests who are guilty of a single-

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2002 - 03 COUNCIL OFFICERS

If you are interested in running for a council officer position for the 2002 - 03 Columbian Year, the Council Nominating Committee is now scheduling interviews with potential candidates. If you are interested in running contact Ray Pruskowski, PGK at 908 688 0559.

**HALL RENTALS
CALL VINNIE IANNUZZI
908 377 1000**

**I N S U R A N C E
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CD OWNERS

Due to the high amount of interest we are running this article a second time.

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Fraternally yours,
Rich Fuentes, F.I.C., C.S.A.

SWIM CLUB NEWS

The pool opens on May 25, 2002 on a Saturday. It will begin with a pool side mass that will start at 11:00 pm. We invite all members and their families to attend and to help us bless our 2002 summer season.

Starting July 1st only embossed pool passes will be accepted at the Gatehouse. If you still have passes that are before 1995 and are not embossed, call George Clark at 688 8753 to exchange them.

Have a safe , fun and hot summer!!

offence many years ago and who went for succesful treatment and who served well for years without a subsequent offence should be treated carefully with special consideration.

Beucause of the history of cases in New Jersey our bishops and county prosecuters have been relatively aggressive in these cases to my knowlege. Priests have served time in our state for these offenses. I am in agreement with that approach. In my time and in the decades before me in the last centur, men entered the seminary desireing to be priests, have grown up in an atmosphere of sexual repression, not psychosexually mature or integrated and not prepared to make a free choice or decision in regard to celibacy. Please pray for the Church: the victims of this abuse, the perpetrators of this abuse and the leaders of our beloved Roman Chatholic Church.

**Fraternally yours,
Father Ted Osbahr**