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Breakfast to Benefit Catholic Education

Our Council will be sponsoring a Breakfast on Sunday, February 29, 2004, between the hours of 8:00am and 1:00pm. The breakfast will benefit Catholic Education; all proceeds from this breakfast will be split between St. Michael's School and CCD Program as well as Holy Spirit's School and CCD Program.

The breakfast will include eggs, sausage, hash browns, pancakes, rolls, butter, juice, coffee, tea and danish.

At the time this digest went to print the price of the tickets was not decided, so for more information and to purchase your tickets please call Harry Lupu the chairman of this event, at 908-851-2493 or you may call the Grand Knight at 908-686-7540. **Please come and support Catholic Education.**

Swim Club Elects Officers

Thanks to all who came out to the annual meeting. Congratulations to Jim Feehan, George Clark, Steve Ruhl and Eugene Sully for their re-election to the Swim Club Pool Board. Committee positions are available to those who wish to contribute to the pools success, please contact Tom Conte or Jim Feehan.

As most know, it is volunteers that open, maintain, and close the pool. The work parties start March 20, 2004 and continue on Saturdays from 8:00 AM to noon. Along with breakfast and lunch, 2 pool passes are given to those who come out. Please come out and be part of these work parties!

Members, please remember to pay your dues by March 1 to avoid late fees. Also, be sure you have a 2004 Council membership card to pick up your Pool badges. The pool opens Saturday May 29th with a poolside mass at 11:00, which all are encouraged to attend. Membership is open to all Union Council members who have accomplished their 3rd Degree. If anyone needs information regarding Pool Membership, contact Jim Ford @908-686-1310 or Tom Conte @ 908-687-4898.

Book Rooms Early for this Year's Convention

The annual State Knight's of Columbus Convention will be held in Wildwood the weekend of May 13th to the 16th. The room cost is \$337.00 for three nights, and \$263.00 for two. Please contact Deputy Grand Knight Joe Demarco at (908) 964-1870 for more information. A deposit of \$175 is needed.

Valentine's Dance, Finnegan's Wake Highlight February Schedule

The Council Hall will be site of two significant events on consecutive Saturdays during the month of February. The first event will be the annual St. Valentine's dance for the benefit of Camp Fatima, which will be held on Saturday, February 14 from 7:00 PM. to 12:00 midnight.

Camp Fatima is a local charity involved in providing opportunities for the developmentally disabled. The Council has long supported the efforts of this charity, and of Sister Ann Domenic from St. Michael's Church who has been an ardent advocate for the Camp.

The cost is \$60.00 per couple and includes a complete dinner, soda and beer. The menu for the dinner consists of antipasto, stuffed shells, salad, Fillet Mignon w/ Shrimp, potato. vegetable, and desert.

There is a deadline of Monday, February 9 to purchase tickets. If you are purchasing your tickets by check, it can be made payable to Camp Fatima, Sister Ann Dominic, O.P., or to the Knights of Columbus.

If you have any additional questions about this event, or about Camp Fatima, contact Sister Ann. She can be reached at St. Michael's Church, 1211 Orange Avenue, Union, NJ, 07083 or by calling (908) 686-5271.

The very next Saturday, February 21, the Council will once again resurrect Mr. Finnegan by hosting its second Finnegan's wake. That blessed event, which is sponsored by the Columbian Club, will feature music by the Mike Byrne Show Band, food, open bar and many hilarious adventures for the price of \$30.00 per person. While other groups have hosted a similar event, feedback from those who attended the Columbian Club's portrayal in 2002, indicates that none of them have been able to achieve such a high level of fun and frivolity. This year's event promises to be just as entertaining!

Tickets must be purchased in advance by contacting Bob Calderone (908) 688-1249, Mike Scanlon (908) 964-7122 or John Peters (908) 810-1283. Tickets should be purchased promptly, as a large crowd is anticipated. No tickets will be available at the door, so don't wait!

KNIGHT DIGEST

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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

Grand Knight's Column



My friends many of you may already know this but for those that do not, in 1954 the words "under God" were inserted into the Pledge of Allegiance. This was all made possible through the efforts of the Knights of Columbus. Now at this time, the words "under God" are being threatened of being removed from the pledge. The Knights of Columbus are now urging the high court to keep 'under God' in pledge. A brief was filed by the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty on behalf of the Knights which stated "the court should overturn an appellate ruling that found the pledge unconstitutional because of the words "under God".

The brief continued to argue "that the inserting of "under God" was meant to reinforce a distinct American political philosophy and that to tamper with it would also make "suspect" the recitation of the Declaration of Independence which similarly refers to the Creator as the source of our rights". The Bush administration also filed a brief urging the Supreme Court to overturn the appellate courts ruling. They went on to say that the pledge was a "patriotic exercise, not a religious testimonial." The Fourth Degree JFK Assembly is currently selling decals with the words "one nation under God" the cost of each is \$1. Proceeds from this sale will go towards purchasing banners with the word "one nation under God" to be displayed throughout the community. The purpose is to heighten public awareness on this issue. Please help support this worthwhile cause by purchasing these decals. Decals can be purchased by contacting the Forth Degree's Faithful Navigator Santo Trapani at 66-3391. If this decision by the appellate court does not get overturned does that mean our money would no longer be valid since it to bears the statement "In God We Trust"?

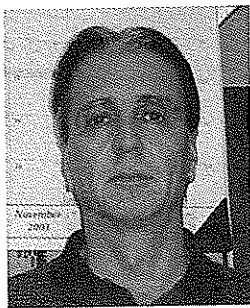
I want to extend a few words of thanks to a few brother Knights who have volunteered themselves recently to organize recent events, Larry Kilmer-Family New Year's Eve party, Harry Lupo- New Member Social, Sam Maffie-Picnic Appreciation Night, Mike Loguidice and Frank Santangelo-Christmas Nativity scene, Bob Litterer- Annual Double Bingo and Joe Burlew-Eyes for the Needy. Your participation and involvement is greatly appreciated.

Throughout this month's digest you will see various events coming up for both the Council and Columbian Club, I hope that everyone will come and support at least one of them. Looking forward to seeing you there. February - the month in which we set aside one day to tell those special people in our lives how much we love and need them in our lives. That day of course is Valentine's Day, so don't forget to send those you love a note or give them a call to remind them of how much you love them and how glad you to have them as part of your life. For the greatest gift that God has given us is the gift of LOVE to share with each other. Remember we must not like everyone but we must Love One Another just as God loves each and everyone of us. Happy Valentine's Day.

Vivat Jesus!

Michael Cavallo, Grand Knight

Columbian Club News



By the time you read this, football will have ended. I would like to take the time to thank all of you who came out and supported us this season. I am sure that this was the best football season that the Columbian Club has ever had. Sam Maffei and Bobby DeMichael have set the standard for Sunday Football in the town of Union – if

you are not at Union Council #4504 on Sunday during football season, you might as well be home. I would also like to thank the Sunday Bartenders for doing a great job as well. But, it doesn't have to end. Why don't you continue to make our place your place on Sunday? The Council home and bar/lounge belongs to all of the members so it is in fact, your place. So if you were coming in, continue to do so. If you haven't been here for a while, make it a point to come in this month. I cannot tell you how much I am waiting for the return of Finnegan on February 21. It was a tremendous success last time and it was such a blast and so much fun! I know this will be a sell-out and the show will be as good as or better than last time. So get your tickets as soon as possible so you don't get shut out.

The St. Patrick's Day Parade is coming up soon – March 13. Every year the Parade gets bigger and better. And every year the place to go after the parade is Union Council #4504. I hope you are making your plans to be here that day and maybe even march in the parade – the kids love it, especially when they are marching in the parade. Our Corned Beef sandwiches rival the best anywhere. Hot dogs and soda will also be available as usual, so please continue to have your family share this tradition with us.

Lastly, believe it or not, work parties will be starting in a month or so in order to get the picnic and grove area ready for the upcoming Summer season. Without this very important volunteer effort, the back yard would never be even close to looking as good as it does, every year. Thanks to those who give some of their time to help out on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings. I hope that those that have come to help in the past will continue to do so this year. Also, maybe some men who have not had an opportunity to help out will come down this time, and while your at it, call another brother Knight to join you. New or recently joined brothers especially are always welcome to get involved and meet the regulars; one day, hopefully, you will be a regular.

See you next month, unless you stop by and we see you sooner.
Allen Pascullo - Columbian Club President

Brothers, the Council will be conducting its annual Retarded Citizens Drive on the weekend of April 23rd, 24th and April 25th, 2003. We would like to ask for your help that weekend with collections around Union and at our Churches after mass. Volunteers should contact Anthony M. Manochio (908) 688-6761, or amanocho@verizon.net

Santa's Visit Provides Good Time for Children

On December 21, 2003 Santa came to visit the children of the council at the council hall. Santa came with a gift for all the children and goody bags with Christmas Prizes included. 43 children sat with Santa and enjoyed Soda, chips pretzels, juice, candy canes, cup cakes, and Christmas music. The goody bags included a Nativity Craft, Nativity Coloring book, religious candy canes with Bible passages on the wrapper and Nativity game books in a bag that read Happy Birthday Jesus. All who attended had a good time.

Since 50 goody bags had been prepared, the seven unused bags were donated to Holy Spirits Pre-school class for Christmas to help the teacher teach Jesus to the young children in the class.

Be sure to check the March Digest issue for date and time of the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CD OWNERS-

Is your CD maturing? Did you know that there may be a financial product that's better for you than a CD? Knights of Columbus annuities have a surprising number of features and benefits-many of which you simply cannot get from a CD. Take a look:

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Fraternally yours,
Rich Fuentes, FIC, CSA

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