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Council Plans a Busy February

Although February is the shortest month on the calendar, Union Council 4504 has a number of significant activities scheduled throughout the month.

The month's events start with the resumption of First Friday mass on Friday, February 4th at 7:00 P.M.. This religious activity, which had been a long standing tradition in the Council, will be held in the Council Hall. At the present time, our local parishes do not have First Friday masses, and we are hoping that we will be able to fill this void for our membership and their families.

The Columbian Club will once again sponsor its annual Super Bowl party on Sunday February 6th. We will be holding a raffle for the 36-inch Sony television, as well as a golf bag. There will be a grand buffet before the game as well. The cost is only \$10.00. Kickoff is scheduled for 6:00 P.M., and our buffet will begin at 4:00.

On Saturday, February 12, Sister Ann Domenic will host her annual St. Valentine's dance in our Council Hall to support Camp Fatima. Tickets for this event are \$60.00 per couple, and can be obtained by calling Sister Ann at (908) 686-5271. She has set a deadline of February 8 to order tickets.

The Annual meeting of the Colombian Swim Club of Union Council is scheduled for Friday, February 18, 2005, at the Council Hall at 8:00 P.M.. All members of the Swim Club who are in good standing are encouraged to attend. Elections of board members as well as other changes will be discussed.

Finally, the Council 4504 will be sponsoring a Tricky Tray on Saturday evening February 26 in the Council Hall. Tickets for the evening are priced at \$15.00 per person, which will include light refreshments (coffee and cake), and one sheet of tickets.

This event has been in the works since October, and will require a lot of support from Brothers and their spouses in order to be a true success. If you wish to help out, please feel free to contact Deputy Grand Knight Harry Lupo at (908) 851-2493.

Casino Bus Trip Planned

The Columbian Club has scheduled a bus trip to Mohegan Sun casino in Connecticut. The cost of the trip will be \$30.00 per person, and will include sandwiches and other refreshments for the bus ride. In addition, guests will receive two \$5.00 pull tickets for a slot machine, as well as \$10.00 food vouchers to be used at any casino restaurant or the buffet.

The trip will take place on Saturday, February 19, with the bus leaving the Council parking lot at 9:00 a.m and returning by 10:00 pm. The deadline for tickets is Wednesday, February 16. For more information, contact Jamie Zapulla (908) 380-9155 or Ken Spellman (908) 964-5342.

Easter Egg Hunt Planned

On Saturday March 19th, we will be holding our Easter Egg hunt on the grounds behind the council hall. The Hunt will begin at 1:30 P.M. when the gates open. This is a fun day for all the children with goodies for all the children. Any questions, send an e-mail to Bardysiii@aol.com, or call me at (908)810-1584.

Also, thanks to all who came to the Children's Christmas Party, which was attended by 40 children. Santa arrived to give the children their presents, with a special thank you to Val Bernardes for his time. Thanks as well to the Columbian Club, the Manochio Family, and my wife and children for their help in the preparation for this event.

Bart Supino, Children's Activities Chairperson

Art Auction Planning Meeting Rescheduled

The initial planning session for the Council's Art Auction, originally planned for January, has now been rescheduled for Wednesday evening, February 2. It will begin at 7:15 pm. This meeting will include representatives from the Council as well as Marlon Art, the vendor supplying the art that will be sold that evening. The actual event will take place on Saturday, April 9 in the Council Hall.

Items to be discussed will include the initial bid price for each item to be auctioned, the admission price for the evening, and the appointment of individuals to the various committees that will be needed to make the evening successful. Anyone interested in participating should contact the event chairperson Chancellor Buddy Cotter at (908) 447-3378.

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

Brothers, I recently attended the midterm meeting of Grand Knights in New Jersey, The main focus of the meeting were membership and programs. New members are the life blood of any organization. As members of the Knights of Columbus we have an obligation to seek out good men and to recruit them into our ranks. The first couple of weeks in March will be our second recruitment at our churches. I ask everyone to please come out and lend a hand, and to look within your own family for a brother, uncle, cousin, etc who you think would be a good knight.

Programs are also very important to our organization; they not only help us keep our membership, but also help us raise money for our many charitable causes. I am asking my brother knights again, please get involved in our programs. I don't expect everyone to get involved in all our events, please just pick at least one event and get involved in that.

Some of our upcoming events are the tricky tray February 26th the art auction April 9th, our second double bingo March 12th. I am also happy to announce that February brings with it the return of our First Friday Mass. This Mass had been a long standing tradition at our council but for some reason was stopped. I plan on bringing it back with the help of our Chaplain Father Worth and our church activities chairman John Moco. I hope to see many brother knights attending this Mass.

In the beginning of the year I spoke of starting an email chain, Tom Walsh, a brother knight, suggested I start a Yahoo Group instead. I started one for our council; any brother knight interested can sign on and become a member of the group. I will be posting items of interest, event and meeting reminders on the site; they will automatically be emailed to any member of the group, so please take a few minutes to sign up.

The address is

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/UnionKnights4504/>

Vivat Jesus! Joe DeMarco

Chili Cook-Off a Grand Success

Our first annual chili cook off was held on Saturday January 15, 2005 and was a huge success. There were 19 entries and each had its own style and flavor. Contestants and fans eager to sample the tastes packed the bar.

First place went to Jackie Kramer, second place to Tom LaMotta, and his wife Rachel, and the third place finisher was Fran Donnelly. The winners received gift cards for a dinner at Chili's restaurant (where else?).

All contestants received tee shirts commemorating the event donated by none other than "T-Shirt Harry" better known to most of us as Harry Lupo, Deputy Grand Knight. Thanks, Harry.

Additional heartfelt thanks also go out to our intrepid panel of judges (Bob Lenahan, Jim Feehan, Richie Arnold, Ed Goerke and Gary Hornig) who had to taste each chili and then vote for the award winners. I also want to thank my wonderful wife, Carol for all her help with the registration and tabulation of the scoring. Last but not least thanks to all who entered the contest and those who just came to have some fun.

There will definitely be a second annual chili cook off next year. Watch future Digests for information. **Tom Walsh**

Columbian Club News

I would first like to thank Tom Walsh and his fantastic wife Carol for putting together our first annual chili cook off contest. What a great success! Thanks to all who participated in a great day at our lounge.

As you know, the first Sunday in February (February 6) is Super Bowl Sunday. For those who would like to have a fun time, do not miss this one. We have great food, 50/50 chances, and a good game as well.

Sam Maffei, Columbian Club President

Deadline Set for Yankee Trip

Our annual Yankee trip will be held from Friday April 15th – Sunday April 17th 2005. We will be staying at the Day's Inn located in Baltimore's famous Inner Harbor. We will be going to Camden Yards for a Friday evening game and we will be sitting in the Club Level seats. The rest of the weekend is for enjoying the Inner Harbor including the aquarium, Fort Mc Henry, Fells Point and numerous restaurants and watering holes. The trip will include tickets to the game and buffet breakfast on Saturday and Sunday. The cost of the trip will be \$60 per person. The cost for the hotel is \$189 per night with up to 4 persons per room.

The cutoff date for this unique trip is FEBRUARY 10, 2005. Please call Steve Helmstetter @ 688-5039 A.S.A.P.

A Letter from a Widow

The word "forever" was engraved in the gold band I placed on the third finger of my husband's left hand the day we were married... "Until death do us part" was closer to the truth.

It is now four years since my husband's death. In the interim, I have had the opportunity to meet and talk with other widows, all of whom were very candid about their finances. I learned that these widows fell into three distinct categories: 1) those who were able to maintain the same comfortable standard of living they had when their husbands were alive, 2) those who found themselves even better off than before, and 3) those who were struggling to make ends meet.

As different as the situations were, however, I saw a common thread. The financial status of each widow was in direct proportion to how much life insurance the husband had carried. In the wake of my own badly shattered life, I have learned to pick up the pieces and to accept the fact that, in spite of what had happened, life goes on. Happily, I can say that the quality of my life falls well within comfort zone, and for the most part, this is because my husband lovingly planned for my life by wisely allowing his insurance agent to give him direction to that end. Sincerely,

A Widow

Submitted by Rich Fuentes, FIC. CSA. 908 437-0310



The Words of Our Chaplain :

Father Jim Worth

Hope Can Never Be Washed Away

We have ended this past year and have started this New Year with such a horrific natural disaster. The victims and their families of the Tsunami that struck Southeast Asia have been terrorized by the power of nature. It seems as if the earth is falling to pieces. It seems as if there is no hope left for this world. This could easily be the words we shout. However, we have hope in the Almighty power of God. The hope we have can never be washed away.

Through all the media coverage, the daily death toll rising, the reports of the widespread famine and disease, the one thing that has been consistently woven through this tragic tapestry has been... *worldwide compassion and generosity*. There have been countless collections totaling billions of dollars for the relief efforts. People from all over the world, from all walks of life, from all faiths, and from all cultures have felt the pain of this enormous historic catastrophe. Prayers have been said in the languages of native tongues from around the world. The hearts of humanity have been broken. The pain of so many is felt by so many. We have banded together as a human family and have embraced the world with the common goal of healing and restoration. Hope for rebuilding, hope for restoring, hope for surviving has been initiated because of the *worldwide compassion and generosity* of humanity. Despite our differences, we have come together as a family. Even if for only a short while, we have tasted the potential of global love. How's that for global warming? God has been with us from the dawn of time. He has helped generation after generation live through tragedy. His love has given birth to our love. We rise to the occasion because Jesus has risen and lives in our hearts. May the hope that can never be washed away, live on in our hearts forever.

St. Patrick's Day Parade Slated for March 12

The annual Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade will take place on Saturday, March 12. As usual, Union Council 4504 will figure prominently in the festivities, as many of the groups in the parade begin their march on Jeanette Avenue, right out side of the Council.

We will again need marchers for both Third and Fourth Degree Knights, so if you are going to be attending the parade, please plan on joining us for the brief walk down Morris Avenue. The exact time will be in next month's Digest.