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Dear Brothers

Please **SUPPORT OUR TROOPS!** In light of the current situation in the Middle East, our military personnel are in need of certain items. In particular, they are in desperate need of bath wipes, eye drops, phone calling cards, disposable cameras, and sunscreen. Monetary donations are also being accepted and will be used to purchase these needed items. In taking part in this effort you will be meeting our pledge to our first and fourth principles of the Knights of Columbus, Charity and Patriotism. Monetary donations and calling cards can be mail to the myself, Larry Killmer, Past Grand Knight at 819 Center Street, Garwood, NJ 07027 or dropped off at the council in an envelope labeled "SUPPORT OUR TROOPS, Attention Larry Killmer." The other items may be placed in the collection box that will be located at our council home. On behalf of the troops, I would like to thank everyone for their contributions and prayers.

Sincerely,
Larry Killmer, PGK
Program Director

WHAT'S GOING ON IN MAY

SPRING FOOD DRIVE PLANNED FOR MAY 2-3

It is an unfortunate fact that we have friends and neighbors that will go hungry without our help. To assist these families, the Knights of Columbus are planning the Spring Food Drive to collect nonperishable food items. All items will help stock our local food pantries. We are looking for volunteers to stand outside of local supermarkets on May 3 to ask shoppers to contribute nonperishable food items to support our efforts. Also, we need people to pick up the food donations at the elementary schools and C-5 on May 2 and deliver them to our council hall. If you are interested in helping, please contact Chairman John Conti at 908-810-1310 (home) or 908-380-8793 (cell). Thank you in advance for your help.

First Friday Mass and May Crowning Friday, May 2, 2003, 7:30pm

This year no dinner will be served. Instead, coffee and pastries will be provided after Mass. As in tradition, the Catholic Daughters will be participating. If you have any questions, call Chairman Larry Killmer, PGK at 908-389-1341.

Knight's Family Sunday

Due to the Knights of Columbus State Convention, Knight's Family Sunday will not be observed in May.

2003 Knights of Columbus New Jersey State Convention May 15-18, 2003

This year's Knights of Columbus New Jersey State Convention will be held on May 15, 16, 17, and 18 in Wildwood, New Jersey. Union Council 4504 will once again be staying at the Adventurer Motor Inn. As always, this is the perfect opportunity for all Brother Knights and their families to spend an unforgettable weekend together. The fee for a three-night stay will be \$244.00 per family and \$176.00 for a two-night stay. There will be a \$14.00 charge per person, per night for more than 4 individuals in a room. As in the past, we will be hosting our hospitality room for your convenience. We will be serving refreshments for the entire weekend for you and your family. We are also hosting a continental breakfast on both Saturday, May 17 and Sunday, May 18 as well as a pizza party on Friday evening and a barbecue lunch on Saturday. The fee for the hospitality services will be \$50.00 per family, which includes 2 adults, or \$25.00 per adult per room. Contact Chairman Larry Killmer, PGK at 908-389-1341 to make reservations.

TRIP TO THE HOUSE THAT RUTH BUILT ON OLD TIMERS DAY

Our annual Yankee trip will be on Saturday, July 19 which is Old Timers Day at Yankee Stadium. In addition to tier reserved seats, luxury motor coach, snacks, beer, soda, water and goodie bags, we will also take the Yankee Clipper to the mecca of baseball — Yankee Stadium. The Yankee Clipper is a ferry departing from Port Imperial located in Weehawken and sailing around Manhattan and up to the stadium. Don't forget your camera to take some wonderful pictures of the Manhattan skyline and The House That Ruth Built!!!

This entire trip is priced at \$55 per person. A number of tickets have already been sold, so call *as soon as possible* to avoid being "shut out" of this unique experience. Call Steve Helmstetter at 908-688-503.

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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 Wed.	Council Committees
4th Thu.	Columbian Club

GRAND KNIGHT'S COLUMN



Brothers, I hope you all had a beautiful Easter and that the Risen Lord has touched each of your lives in some special way. As we enter into this Easter season it is most important at this time that we continue to hold onto the promise of Christ's hope especially as we face the turmoil that exist in the world today. As the war continues in the Middle East please keep all those men and women in the military, fighting for our freedom in your prayers, as well as their families who wait at home for their safe return. Also remember those that have already lost their lives for our welfare and that they are now with the risen Lord. Pray for our world leaders, that through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, they will be truly inspired by the Easter message, and be able to bring peace and tranquility into the world, at a time when it is needed most.

Brothers, the Columbian year 2002 - 2003 is drawing to its completion, but we still have much to accomplish. So before we put this year into the archives of Union Council's history, please be inspired by our first principle of Columbianism, "CHARITY" and answer the call of the various chairmen seeking your help. Your giving up of an hour or two to volunteer is small in comparison to the great sacrifices being made by those fighting for our freedom.

I would like to take this time to thank those who have answered the call to help others. A sincere thanks goes out to Mike Scanlon, Bobby Calderone and Gene Sully for putting together what turned out to be a very enjoyable and successful Irish Dinner Dance. Special thanks goes out to Steve Ruhl, chairman of the Retarded Citizens Drive and all those that gave up their time during the weekend of April 26 and 27 collecting on the streets of our community, in an effort to help enrich the lives of these special people. Thanks also goes out to all my brother knights who helped out at the 2nd Annual Bingo, especially Joe DeMarco who "Felt the Love" of those wonderful bingo players. I also want to thank Larry Killmer for helping me by chairing a successful Lenten Fish Fry. Lastly, but definitely not least, I extend a sincere thank you to Donna Ruhl, Maryann Kardys and Kim Conte for their tireless efforts and dedication in achieving what was truly a successful Tricky Tray, I could never have done this without the support that the three of you gave. Kudos to all of you, for again without your giving of yourselves none of what the Knights of Columbus is all about would be at all possible. You are all to be commended. Thank you again and God Bless you.

Vivat Jesus!

Michael Cavallo
Grand Knight

Knights of Columbus Chief Executive Praises Senate Vote Banning Partial Birth Abortion Calls It 'First Step' in Building a Culture of Life

New Haven — The United States Senate passed the "Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act." Excerpts from a statement issued by Carl Anderson, supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus are reprinted below:

"The U. S. Senate's passage today [March 03, 2003] — by a clear 64 to 33 bipartisan majority — of a ban on partial birth abortion gives new hope that soon women and their unborn children will no longer be threatened by this horrible and gruesome procedure."

"Over the years since becoming aware of it, the vast majority of the American people have consistently opposed partial birth abortion and called for it to be banned. The public debate over partial birth abortion has made clear the inherently violent nature of abortion and the fact that it always destroys a human life. Only the abortionists who perform partial birth abortion for financial gain, and their most extreme pro-abortion supporters, have opposed this ban. They in no way represent the moral consensus of the American people."

"We now look forward to passage of similar legislation in the House, giving President Bush the opportunity to fulfill his pledge of signing a partial birth abortion ban into law. We still have along way to go toward building what John Paul II has called the 'culture of life.' Banning partial birth abortion is a good and necessary first step."

From the Columbian Club

Hopefully, by the time you read this article, there will be no snow on the ground and the sun will be shining. It has been a tough winter and lasting into early spring, we have a warm summer to look forward to.

As a reminder, our work parties have been ongoing for about a month now and it's never too late to come down and support your club. We could always use the help.

The Columbian Club and Swim Club have many plans for this coming season and we hope you will take part in many of them. Mark May 3 on your calendar, because we are running a bus trip to Atlantic City. The cost is \$25.00 per person and will include the bus trip, beer and soda, sandwiches and \$11.00 in quarters when we arrive. We will also have some snacks back at the council upon our return. For more information, contact Brian Ford or Shawn Young. In June, we are planning a trip to Monmouth Park race track for a BBQ. Look for details in the near future.

On behalf of the Swim Club board and the Columbian Club board, I would like to thank all who attended the Appreciation Dinner. It was a fun night for all. In closing, I hope to see some new faces at the meetings, at the work parties, and at the events we run.

Sincerely,

James Zappulla
Columbian Club President

OFFICERS WANTED

Anyone interested in serving as an officer please call Mike Carr at 908-276-8006.

SWIM CLUB NEWS

Lifeguards Wanted

There are openings for Lifeguards in this year's swim club season. If interested, send a letter of interest to: Knights of Columbus Swim Club, c/o Brian Shannahan. Interested individuals must be 15 years of age and may apply for their Red Cross certification and CPR at a later date. Should you have any questions, you may call Mr. Shannahan at 908-687-7767.

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BOWLING LEAGUE STANDINGS

WEEK 29

Team	Won	Lost
1 Numero Uno	111.0	92.0
2 DEVILs	110.0	93.0
3 3 Blind Men	102.0	101.0
4 HURRICANES	97.0	106.0
5 Tree Pops	97.0	106.0
6 PMJ	92.0	111.0

Any Brother Knight interested in bowling can contact League Secretary Jim Bayer at 908-687-8481.

COMING SOON!

Nun's and Widow's Dinner
Sunday, June 8th, 2003
5:00PM to 7:30 PM

A full service meal will include a main entree, salad, and desert. Come out and enjoy a wonderful evening of dancing and music. Everyone attending will receive a special membership card from Union Council. For more information, or if you have not received an invitation, please contact Richard Santangelo Jr. at 908-686-5504 as soon as possible!