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St. Michael's Blood Drive

Not only does Sister Ann want your blood, but she wants your help too. On **Sunday September 9, 2012** Sister Ann will run her Blood Drive in the St. Michael's school gym from **8:00 AM to 3:00 PM**. While we would like all Brother Knights and their family members that can donate blood to come and do so, we are also asking for our Brother Knights to come and help Sister Ann out by giving an hour or two of your time to help her with the Blood Drive.

Even if you cannot donate blood for medical reasons, you can still contribute by helping her out with the

Blood Drive. No need to contact anyone if you can help just show up ready to help. Hope to see you there. Reminders to Donors - Eat first, Know your Social Security number, and Bring identification.



Charitable Raffle

The next Charitable Raffle will take place at the family picnic to be held on **September 8th**. Tickets have been mailed to all members. If you need additional tickets, see John Murphy.

Pain Management Talk

Our Brother, Dr. Michael Willemse D.C. will be giving a brief 10-15 minute talk on pain and pain management. This will take place after the council meeting on **September 24th** at the Union Council.

Family Picnic

Mark your calendars for **September 8, 2012 12 noon until 6:00PM. If rain, September 9th from 1:00 to 6 PM.** More information will be coming via blast emails throughout the summer and fliers posted.

Tickets will be available at the Swim Club gatehouse starting July 16th. Advance tickets prices will be: Family of 4: \$40.00 (2 adults and 2 children); Additional children ages 6 & up \$10.00 and adults \$15.00.

All tickets additional \$5.00 at the gate.

If you can, and are able to be part of the committee or help, please contact: Rich Fuentes at 908-922-7551, Tom Conte at 908-334-8672 or John Esposito at 201-538-8414.

E-mails: richkofc@aol.com or tconte4466@aol.com

Thanks in advance for your anticipated involvement, it will only be as successful as "we all" make it.



9/11 Memorial

Union Council would like to sponsor a group trip to the 9/11 Memorial in New York City in October. Tentative plans would be to travel into New York via NJ Transit and PATH on a Saturday morning, and to visit the 9/11 Memorial as a group.

After the visit to the Memorial, you will be free to explore New York city on your own or in small groups. If you have an interest in this please contact Deputy Grand Knight Steve Nagy at (908) 688-6783 or toys4504@aol.com.

Swim Club

Reminder that swim club renewals will be mailed out in January. The swim club is also pleased to welcome 10 new families this past summer.

Knight Digest

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or via email to: **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.

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3rd Mon Swim Club
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MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT



Brother Knights and Friends of Union Council 4504

Wow, that was a fast summer and we have so much to look forward to this September. We have Labor Day on the 8th, We have International Literacy Day also on the 8th (I hope you can read that), We have National Grandparents Day on the 10th (can never forget Nonno & Nonna), we have World Suicide Prevention Day on the 11th (let us hope that is a success), International Talk Like a Pirate Day on the 21st (this could be interesting at the Council bar), we have National POW/MIA Recognition Day also on the , 21st (God Bless our Soldiers) and we have the Autumnal equinox (Fall) on the 22nd. We have all this going on in September but I want you to think back to last month for a minute. I want you to think back to last month's digest.

In last month's digest I asked a rhetorical question to our membership, I asked "why are you a Knight?" I also asked if you were "a selfless man" and I stressed the need for Brotherhood and for participation.

So you have had a month to think about these questions, you have had a month to do some soul searching you have had a month to find the answer.

Now my question to you this month is "What have you done differently in the last 30 days?"

How many meetings have you attended in the last month? How many events did you attend in the last month? Did you go up to a Columbian Club or Swim Club officer and ask "How can I lend a hand?" (remember we have fall work parties coming up soon) Did you go up to a Council officer and say "Hey, I have an idea for a charitable event?" (St Michael's Blood Drive is only a few weeks away) Did you do anything for YOUR Council? (we have the Family Picnic right around the corner)

The Knights of Columbus are based on volunteers. The officers of the Columbian Club, Swim Club, 4th Degree and Council have volunteered additional time to make the Council a place for you and yours. But there is only so much we can do without you, the members, our Brother Knights and your families.

Please, remember, THE COUNCIL NEEDS YOU MORE NOW THEN EVER BEFORE! For over 50 years Union Council has been here for you and your families. You, your fathers and/or your grandfathers built this council, help their vision last another 50 years and more. PARTICIPATE! GET INVOLVED!

Vivat Jesus! Alex Costa Grand Knight 2012-2013







Knight's Family Dinners

The next dinner is scheduled for

Thursday, September 20, 2012

6:30 - 8:30 PM

Family of 4 \$25.00

Adults \$8.00

Children and Seniors \$6.00

Cash Bar Available

50/50s

Anyone wishing to be on the mailing list for the monthly dinners, please send your email address and name to Judy Amorosa at Judi421@aol.com We hope to be able to send out an e-vite with each month's menu. Please sign up if you are interested. Thanks!!!

Fourth Degree

Sir Knights (and those desirous of this title)

After an all too brief summer hiatus, the John F Kennedy 4th Degree Assembly will resume its weekly meetings in September. As we meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month, our first meeting of this Columbian year will take place on the 26th of September. All current 4th degree members are invited and encouraged to attend.

The 4th Degree is open to all 3rd degree Knights who have been members for at least one year. Our degree is based on Patriotism toward our great country, and we run a number of programs to support the military serving anywhere in the world. Due to our wearing of the Regalia (the feathered hats, capes, and swords), we are often referred to as the Visible Arm of the Knights of Columbus.

We have recently been advised by the outgoing Master, Joe Olivo, that a new Supreme Vice-Master has been named, and it is none other than former State Deputy Reggie Beckett. We expect to be advised of the results of the election for the new Master by the first Masters meeting, which takes place on Monday, September 10. (Master's Meetings are open to all 4th Degree Knights, so if any Sir Knight wishes to attend, please let me know.)

I am looking forward to serving this Assembly as Faithful Navigator, and hope to see a strong turnout on September 26th.

Andy Schopfer Faithful Navigator 2012-2013



Knight of the Month September 2012



Rev. Ranulfo "Nol" Docabo

Union Council 4504 Knight of the Month is proud to name



our Chaplain, Rev. Ranulfo "Nol" Docabo as our September Knight of the Month.

Father Nol was born in Sevilla, Bohol, Philippines in 1966 and is the oldest of five children. At the age of 13 he entered the local minor (high school) seminary at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Tagbilaran, Bohol. From 1983 to 1993, he continued

his studies at San Jose Major Seminary, Ateneo de Manila University in Quezon City, Philippines, and he was ordained to the Priesthood on April 21, 1993.

His next 6 years were spent at the Diocesan Curia in various positions and then he was given the opportunity to administer to a small community trying to achieve their dream of becoming a Parish. Eventually they became a Parish and Father Nol was its first Pastor. He stayed with the Parish for two years before being sent to Rome to pursue his higher studies at the Pontificio Biblico, a Jesuit Institute at the Gregorian University. While studying in Rome, he spent the summer months of 2001 to 2004 serving at three Parishes in the Archdiocese of Newark, the Church of the Presentation in Upper Saddle River, St. John Nepomucene Church in Guttenburg, and Sacred Heart Church in North Bergen.

After his summer course in Jerusalem in 2005, Father Nol started his ministry at Sacred Heart Church in Bloomfield. It was here in 2007 that Father Nol received his Degrees in the Knights of Columbus at the Bloomfield Council No.1178.

In October 2011 Father Nol was assigned to St. Michael's Church in Union and while performing the Wake Service for the mother of a Brother Knight, he met and was welcomed by a number of our Brother Knights from the Union Council 4504. Having been invited to serve as out Chaplain, he received his appointment from Archbishop John Joseph Myers on February 14, 2012. Father Nol is pleased to be given the opportunity to serve the Union Knights of Columbus as our Chaplain, and while his assignment at St. Michael's Church is his top priority, he has nonetheless promised to be of genuine service to his Brother Knights at 4504 and will make himself as available as possible.

Union Council would like to welcome Father Nol and we are very proud and pleased to have him serve as our Chaplain and to name him our Knight of the Month for September 2012.

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