



# Knight Digest



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## Council Rallies for Hurricane Victims

As we all know, Hurricane Katrina dealt a severe blow to families in Louisiana, Mississippi and the surrounding states. To aid some of those individuals most affected by the devastation, Program Director Clarence Cunningham has been in touch with a church in Louisiana that had converted its rectory to a shelter for local families who had lost their homes and their possessions. 150 people had been living in that rectory, and they are in dire need of essential supplies.

To assist these families, the Council has been accepting donations of bottled water, toiletries, clothing, diapers and other items for infant care, small toys for children, and non-perishable food that will be sent to the Church. Cash donations are also being accepted. In addition, the money that was raised in our recent clothing drive has also been allocated for the purchase of additional supplies for these families.

Donations can be dropped off throughout the week at the Council. If you have further questions about this drive, please contact Program Director Clarence Cunningham (908) 241-7710, or Steve Ruhl (908) 964-8095.

## Halloween Party Set for October 29

The annual Columbian Club Halloween Party will take place in the Council Hall on Saturday evening, October 29. The evening will begin at 7:00 PM, and will feature a DJ, buffet dinner, open bar, and assorted snacks at each table. The cost for the night is \$23.00 per person, or \$46.00 per couple.

Although costumes are optional, one of the highlights of the evening is the contest that takes place for those who do choose to do so. Prizes are awarded in various categories, and the highlight of the evening is the parade before the judges before the winners are announced.

Over the years, this has become one of our most popular events, and this year's is expected to be even better than ever. For further information, contact Bob DeMichael (908) 241-6145 or Buster Rapke (908) 694-4010.

## Deadline Set for Scholarship Requests

At our last Council meeting, it was announced that the deadline for accepting applications for the High School Scholarships is November 1. Any Brother Knight with a child enrolled in a Catholic High School who is interested in this program should send a letter to the Grand Knight prior to that date.

## Pasta Dinner To Honor Priests

Union Council 4504 will be sponsoring its 4<sup>th</sup> annual Pasta Night in support of our parish priests on Friday evening, October 14 at 7:00 PM. This event has become more successful over the years, and is a true bargain at only \$7.00 per adult and \$4.00 for children under 12.

The menu will include Pasta, meatballs, sausage, salad, beer, wine, soda, coffee and dessert. For further information or tickets, contact chairperson Buddy Cotter (908) 447-3378, or Grand Knight Harry Lupo at (908) 851-2493.

Please join us for an enjoyable evening that also confirms our support for our Priests for their dedication and service to our parishes.

## Membership & Roses for Life Sale to be held After Masses

In an effort to recruit new Brother Knights for the Council, we are again sponsoring membership drives at our local churches in October. Brothers will be available after Sunday masses to speak with prospective members, and we will have a representative speak to the churchgoers at each Mass.

The drive at Holy Spirit took place on October 2, and the drive at St. Michaels will occur on Sunday, October 16.

Also on the 16th, members of the Council will also be conducting our annual Roses for Life Campaign at both parishes. As usual, we will need volunteers to be at these masses in order to make them both as successful as possible. If you can help with Membership, contact Membership Director Nick Belmonte at (908) 686-6084. To assist with the Roses for Life Campaigns, please contact Gary Abraham.

## Volunteers Needed for Food Drive on November 5

During the week of October 31st through November 4th, the fall food drive will take place in the Union schools. On Saturday, November 5th, Brother Knights will be asked to volunteer to solicit donations from shoppers at the grocery stores in Union from 10:00 am to 3:00 PM. All of the food to this drive will be given to Sister Ann Dominic for her food pantry at St. Michael's Church.

To assist with this event, contact Chuck Cababe at 908-687-3809 or [chuckjoycab@juno.com](mailto:chuckjoycab@juno.com).

## KNIGHT DIGEST

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### MONTHLY MEETINGS

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|----------------|------------------|
| 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



Another month has come and gone, although September did have good moments, such as the start of Sunday football in our lounge. This is a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon! In addition, we had our annual family barbecue in the grove, and everyone who attended had a great time. It was a great day, with the pool being open, the pipe band making an appearance, the DJ playing well

beyond his scheduled time, great food, and great company. I would like to thank Frank Santamoura and his crew for running such a great affair. I would also like to thank all who attended, as it was truly a great time, and a great way to end the summer season.

In October, we do have several activities planned, such as the Pasta Dinner with our priests on October 14<sup>th</sup>, and the membership drive at our Churches. These events are all worth our time and energy, but also require a lot of manpower, and we can use all of the help that we can get from any and all Brothers in the area.

The Council also has plans for many more events and activities beyond this month as well, such as our Blood Drive, the fall food drive, our annual Communion Breakfast on November 13, our Double Bingos and a Tricky Tray in February. All of these events will be broadcast in future Digests, so be sure to watch for further information

In addition to these Council activities, the Columbian Club also has several events planned for the next several months, as you will note in the Columbian Club President's article on the opposite page.

We look forward to your participation, and also to receiving the assistance that we need to make each and every one of these events a success.

**Harry Lupo, Grand Knight.**

## Degrees Scheduled In October and November

The council will be conducting a first degree ceremony for new members at our meeting on Monday, October 24. This event will then be followed up with our second degree ceremony on Wednesday, November 2 and a third degree ceremony only two days later on Friday, November 4. These events are slightly earlier than in years past, but we hope to be able to take advantage of our membership drive in October to enable new brothers to become 3<sup>rd</sup> degree Knights as quickly as possible.

Any first degree member who wishes to complete the remaining two degrees must contact membership Director Nick Belmonte at (908)686-6084 to attend.

## Planning Beginning for February Tricky Tray

Union Council 4504 has planned a Tricky Tray for Saturday evening February 24, 2006. Anyone who is interested in helping out with this event is invited to a planning meeting on Tuesday evening, October 10 at 7:00 PM in the Council hall.

All donations for the Tricky Tray are certainly welcome and appreciated. For more information about the evening, please contact Diane Lupo at (908) 851-2493.

# Columbian Club News

Brother Knights and Ladies of the K of C:

Summer is over and I don't know about you, but I get a little depressed thinking about the winter. I guess I will just take a Xanax and look forward to the exciting events coming up here at the Council. The first thing is the family camp out on October 15<sup>th</sup>, starting at 5:00 PM. This is a great night to be with your kids, not really in the wilderness, but roughing it out in the outdoors of the Knight's wild picnic grove. There will be story telling, roasting of marshmallows, and eating hot dogs around the old campfire. If you are familiar with the movie "Blazing Saddles", baked beans will **not** be served. A pancake breakfast will be served on Sunday morning. The price for all of this is only \$5.00 per person. If you have any questions, or to let them know that you are planning to attend, call Jamie Zapulla at (908) 964-7377 or Tom Lamotta at (908) 851-0872.

The next event scheduled is our annual Halloween party. The party has always been a great success and gets better every year, thanks to Bob DeMichael and Buster Rapke. They always provide excellent food, the music is nonstop and there are great prizes for those in costume. Their better halves (Karen and Angela) also offer a great deal of help with decorations, shopping and setting up. The price of \$46.00 per couple and \$23.00 for a single includes the buffet dinner, snacks and open bar. The event starts at 7:00 PM on Saturday, October 29, 2005.

Every Sunday at noon we offer enough football to make any fan happy and probably make a lot of wives happier to get rid of their husbands, although the ladies are more than welcome to come as well! We have Direct-TV with the NFL ticket and 7 TVs. No matter which team you favor, the game will probably be shown, and the only charge is \$5.00 for a raffle ticket.

Please make note that our Council bar will be open for business on Wednesday evening November 23, 2005- the day before Thanksgiving. We will also be hosting a Coors night at the bar on Saturday, November 26, 2005. The cost will be \$5.00 per person, which will entitle you to Coors products for only \$.99 for the remainder of the evening, as well as snacks and door prizes.

In December of course we will have a Christmas party with Santa and gifts for the children. We are making plans for a comedy night on February 18, 2006 and a tribute to the New Orleans Mardi Gras on April 1, 2006. These events are still in the planning stages and details will be posted well in advance.

I am looking forward to a fun filled fall and winter. I would like to extend my hand in friendship to any new member who might be a little hesitant to attend these functions. If you don't know too many people, please feel free to contact me at (908) 687-7725 and I will make sure that you feel welcome. I invite you to join my sometimes crazy, but always gracious, fun-loving, and accepting group of friends.

**Bob Calderone, Columbian Club President.**



## **Knight of the Month**

Once again this year, the Council Family Picnic held on the Saturday after Labor Day proved to be a huge success. Brother Knights, their families and their friends were able to spend an entire afternoon enjoying the huge quantities of food, drinking their favorite beverages, and listening to the sounds of music for nearly the entire day. This event would not have been possible without all of the hard work of the chairperson of this event Frank Santamauro. For his efforts at this year's party, as well as his numerous contributions all year round, we are pleased to honor Frank as the Knight of the Month for October.

Frank is a native of Middle Village, Queens, and has resided here in Union for the past 12 years. He is a parishioner at St. Michael's parish, and he and Lucrecia, his wife of 22 years, have two children Jimmy, 19 and Christina, 13.

Frank is a graduate of St. John's University and is a Risk Manager for Wyeth Pharmaceuticals in Madison, New Jersey. Fortunately for Union Council, Frank first joined the Knights in Glendale New York before transferring to Council 4504 in 1993. In addition to chairing the annual Family picnic, Frank has also chaired the first clambake sponsored by the Council, and is a Director of the Columbian Club serving as the Insurance coordinator. In his spare time, he enjoys playing basketball and has played on the Council softball team as well.

For all of his efforts on our behalf, we are proud to honor Frank as the Knight of the month for October.

**Note:** All Grills and Equipment must be removed from the grove area by November 1, or they may be discarded

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