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This being my first Grand Knight's column I thought that I would share with you the words I spoke at the officer's installation last month.

I joined the Knights of Columbus back in 1994, when a friend and neighbor of mine, Tim O'Shea, invited my family and I to be his guest at the pool. I was very impressed by what I saw and asked him to tell me more about the council. It was at that time I decided I would like to join, so Tim gave me a Form 100 and became my sponsor. Not knowing many members, for the first few years, I really didn't come around the council except to enjoy the pool with my family. As well, for those that know me, I tend to be shy at first. I then started becoming friendly with some of my son's friends' parents and realized that they too were brother Knights, but were not active for similar reasons. These friends I am talking about are Steve Ruhl and Pat Hand. The three of us at that time then decided to get more involved, so we started attending council meetings together, offered our assistance on various programs and, together with our families, enjoyed the many amenities the council has to offer. The rest is history. Today I look back and only have one regret, that I did not get involved sooner. So there it is, that is what has brought me here today.

The Knights of Columbus Union Council 4504 has and will continue to work wonders. In fact with our many service programs, we can help change the community in which we all live. However, a successful Knights of Columbus program is more than what I am telling you here or what you might read in any Supreme publication. It is more than a suggestion at a meeting. A successful program needs people to take the initial idea, change it in a way that will address the needs of our community, and then implement the program in a way that works.

As I mentioned the night I was elected your Grand Knight, it is my desire that I perform to the best of my ability in leading this council forward over the next Columbian year, but I will not be successful if I do not have the full pledged support of my brother Knights.

Just as Christ entered this world to serve His people, so to must we be imitators of Christ and serve others. I just returned from attending the Knights of Columbus National Convention in Anaheim California, where the theme of this year's annual meeting was "Now Is The Time for the Great Catch" - words spoken by our Holy Father. I mentioned that the Knights of Columbus, especially here in Union, has accomplished many great things over the years for our Church, community and families. I ask you now to turn your attention to what more can we do, what more we need to do. Our task is simply this: To build a better world one council at a time, one new member at a time, one act of charity at a time. We must be Knights that are tough. We must be united. We must be dedicated. And, above all, we must be willing to act boldly, letting the Holy Spirit guide our actions.

Therefore, I urge and implore every brother knight to get out and make it your goal this year to become more active than you have been in previous years. If you haven't sponsored someone into our order, get out and sponsor at least one member this year and if you have sponsored a member try and sponsor at least one or two others. Make it your business to attend at least one or two more council meetings than you have and attend and help support at least one or two more programs than you have last year. If every member does this, we as a council will be guaranteed to have done our part in building a better Knights of Columbus and will have a successful Columbian Year.

In closing I just want to say that I can't fully express to you how excited I am to be your Grand Knight for the Columbian Year 2002-2003. It is with great pride that I this as your Grand Knight. I realize that with this title comes a vast amount of responsibility in leading the largest council in the State of New Jersey and to this I have committed myself 100%. I also realize, that by the virtue of the office I now hold, I have become one of the prominent visible lay leaders of the Catholic Church in our area. This is something that I know I will cherish for a lifetime.

Thank you and God bless each of you and your families.

And remember: "Now is the time for the great catch!"

Vivat Jesus!

Mike Cavallo

Grand Knight

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## 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 Thur.	4th Degree Corps
3rd Wed.	Assembly
4th Wed.	Council Committees
4th Thur.	Columbian Club

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## COLUMBIAN CLUB NOTES

For those who do not know who I am...a *brief history*. I've been a member of the Union Council 4504 of the Knights of Columbus for about 6 years. Along with my wife Kathy and my two children, Brian and Colleen, I attend mass at St. Michael's Church here in Union. Before becoming President, I held two significant positions with the Columbian Club. As first 1st Vice President I managed the bar, and prior to that, as 2nd Vice President, planned for the preparation of food for the various affairs throughout the year and managed all aspects of the kitchen.

I look forward to being this year's Columbian Club President, planning for events with other members of this club, and providing a great home for the members of our community. However, I do need your help. Your participation in and support of the various events will make each affair we have a success. Remember, this is your club. Be sure that this Columbian Year you are not just a name on a roster, but an integral part of this growing organization.

One very special event I want to be sure you plan for is **The Knights' Roast** and tentatively set for November 16. *Now please, write that date down. You are not going to want to miss this.* That evening we will honor five men who have made this council what it is today and who continue to make their presence felt. The night will include a comic and an Elvis impersonator, so be there for a good laugh and to say 'thank ya', *thank ya' very much'* to these outstanding Kingshts.

Here are a few quick **Columbian Club Notes**. The back bar area will be open till at least mid-September - maybe longer - depending on the weather. Football season is here and the inside bar has 6 TV's for your viewing pleasure and a satellite dish to bring you many games. Come on down and cheer for your favorite team and enjoy a barfood buffet during halftime. At the end of September the Columbian Club will sponsor a booth at the St. Michael's feast. Please stop by and say hello.



In closing, I would like to thank the Board of Directors, without whose help I wouldn't have a chance. If anyone has a question or a comment, please don't hesitate to call. Remember that this is your club, and with everyone's help, we can make it a better place for all.

Thanks again,  
Jamie Zappulla  
Columbian Club President

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## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Gene has been a member of Union Council 4504 since August 11, 1980. His dad, 'Skip' Sully, has been a member since since 1964, and is one of the charter members of the Columbian Swim Club. Gene has been married to his lovely wife, Trish, for 13 years. They have two daughters, Chelsea aged 5 and Gabrielle aged 7. Together they are communicants of St. Michael's Parish in Union.

As one of the more active members of the council, he has resided on the Board of Directors for the Columbian Swim Club for the past three years and is currently serving as the Pool Director. Gene spends a lot of his time in the pool pump room keeping the pumps, filters and assorted plumbing in tip-top shape. He assists the Columbian Club with bartending duties and volunteers to make council picnics a success.

When Gene is not working at the club, he can be found behind the grill cooking for his family and many friends. He also enjoys an occasional round of golf and fixing anything mechanical. He is employed as a corrections officer for the Union County Department of Corrections.

Union Council is proud to have Eugene Sully as Knight of the Month for September 2002.



## Featured Events this September

### First Friday Mass

at the council hall

Fri., Sept. 6, 7pm

Hey! This is the *first* First Friday Mass of the Columbian Year. For those brother Knights who have not been able to join us in the past and for those new to 4504, we hope you make a special effort to come and join with us in celebration. After mass stay for a coffee & dessert reception. If you have any questions call Tony Adotta at 908-464-9126.

### Council Family Picnic

Sat., Sept. 7, 12pm till?

**Tickets: \$35 per family, \$15 per adult, \$7 per child**

Come out and have a great time at this annual event. Tickets are available at the gate. Please call Sam Maffie at 908-851-0813 with any questions. The rain date for this event is Sun. Sept. 08...*just in case.*

### In Solidarity With Our Priests

In appreciation of the clergy in our local parishes, we invite you to...

#### A Spagehetti Dinner

Saturday, September 28, at 6pm

**Tickets: \$7 per adult, \$5 per child**

In recent months, events concerning abusive behavior by priests against youth has placed a burden on the shoulders of so many good priests across the nation. With our faith unshaken in our Catholic leadership and with gratitude that we have such intelligent, loving and accomplished clergy in our community, we hope that you will come to the table and enjoy the evening in the company of family, friends, invited guests and community clergy. For tickets contact our Grand Knight Mike Cavallo at 908-686-7540.

### SAVE THIS DATE...

On Sunday, November 10 Union Council 4504 will be having its **Annual Communion Breakfast**. The cost will be \$15 per couple, \$25 per family, \$8 per adult and \$5 per child. It will be buffet style and there will be a variety of tasty items to eat. Mass will begin at 9:00am followed by the breakfast at the council hall. For more information or to reserve a ticket call Paul Fantini at 908 206-0449 or via email at pfantini33@comcast.net or call Larry Killmer at 908-389-1341.

### Other Events...In the News

**The Swim Club Rühls!** Thanks to Steve Rühls, Coach Kelly and Coach Tiffany, and John McEvoy, not to mention all the dedicated athletes and their parents, the swim team had another undefeated season. Congratulations! **Blood Drives Knights to Give...**At the recent Blood Drive at the council hall, Knights and their families came out to give a total of 75 pints of life saving blood. Thanks to all who made it possible. If you missed it, we are happy to inform you that Sr. Ann Dominic will be hosting a **Blood Drive on Saturday, September 29 at St. Michael's between 8:30am and 3pm.** Our newly deputized Warden, Rich Santangelo, Jr., reports that a wonderful time was had by all at the **Nun's and Widow's Dinner** this past July 27. More than 50 widows and widowers were in attendance and enjoyed nostalgic songs by the great Tony Shans. Thanks to Bobby Calderone and his kitchen crew and to our celebrity bartenders, PGK Andy Popp and PGK Tom Hornig (They make a mean, *mean* Martini!). **Active Color Core Members** are asked to call SK Santo Trapani AC (908-688-3391) regarding a call out for upcoming events.

## Plan Ahead for These Great October Events.

Look for more information in  
*October's Knight Digest.*

### First Friday Mass

Fri., Oct. 4, 7pm

### Family Campout

Fri., Oct. 4 at 6pm till Sat., Oct. 5  
Dinner and breakfast will be provided.

Join us by the campfire for some  
toasted marshmallows and some quality  
time with friends & family.

For details call Joe DeMarco at 908-  
964-1870 or joe@njdemarco.com

### Country Western Dance

Sat., Oct. 12

### Annual Rose Sale for Life

at *Holy Spirit*

Sat., Oct. 5 & Sun., Oct. 6

at *St. Michaels*

Sat., Oct. 12 & Sun., Oct. 13

Your help is once again requested to help  
sell **Roses For Life** at each of the Masses.  
Remember the importance of this sale:  
Every human being has a *right to life*  
from the moment of conception to the  
moment of natural death. You support  
will be greatly appreciated.

For info call Jim Sondey  
908-688-1889

### Membership Drive

at *Holy Spirit*

Sat., Oct. 5 & Sun., Oct. 6

at *St. Michaels*

Sat, Oct. 12 & Sun., Oct. 13

For info call Rich Fuentes  
908-437-0310

### Adult Halloween Party

Sat., Oct. 19, 7pm-12am

Tickets: \$38/couple, \$19/individual  
DJ, OPEN BAR, FOOD, PRIZES  
For tickets call Bob DeMichael 908-  
241-6145, Ken Spellman 908-964-  
5342, or Buster Rapke 908-964-4010

### Children's Halloween Party

Sun., Oct. 27

Call Larry Killmer for details.  
908-389-1341

## IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ THIS OFFICIAL NOTICE

A resolution for a dues increase is scheduled to be read at the council meeting on Monday, September 9, 2002. The second reading and the vote is scheduled for Monday, September 23, 2002. It will be proposed that dues increase to \$32 per year. All members are encouraged to come out and vote.