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Summer Festival Set for July 24

The Columbian Club and the Council are cosponsoring the first major social event of the 2005-2006 Columbian year: "Seaside Summer Slam", which will be held on Saturday evening July 23. The festivities will begin at 7:00 P.M. We will be recreating a boardwalk atmosphere that promises to bring a festive atmosphere to the Council picnic grove.

The evening will feature an outdoor concert by the band Sound Investment, as well as a dinner menu of cheese steaks, hamburgers, hot dogs, sausage and peppers, corn on the cob, ice cream waffles, and zeppoles. Draft beer and soda will also be included in the ticket price of \$20.00 per person.

The organizers have noted that the food will be served from 7:00 to 9:00 only, and the musical entertainment will start shortly after the food service has ended.

The band has a large local following, so ticket sales are expected to be brisk as the date of the event is rapidly approaching.

For the only time this season, the snack bar will not be open on the night of this event. In addition, while the pool will be open, members will be asked to exit directly onto Jeanette Avenue if they are not planning to attend this event.

For ticket information contact Clarence Cunningham (908) 241-7710 or Kevin Connors (908) 687-1247. In addition, if anyone is interested in assisting with any of the myriad of preparations needed for an event of this size, they should also contact Kevin or Clarence.

Election Scheduled to Fill Open Officer Positions

The Council will be having an open election at its first meeting in August to fill two vacant officer positions. Frank Santangelo has been nominated to fill the role of Recorder to replace Mike LoGuidice. In addition, Joe Bennanato, PGK, has been nominated to fill the vacant one year trustee position. The remaining vacancy for the inside guard will be filled at a later date.

Three Key Events Scheduled for August

With the summer season now in full swim, Union Council 4504 has a number of events scheduled for the month of August. The first is our semiannual blood drive which will be held in the Council Hall on Saturday, August 6 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Blood supplies are often at their lowest in the summer and donations to drives such as this one are critical to maintaining a safe supply at the area's blood banks.

Those who donate allow Brother Knights and their families to receive any blood needed during a hospitalization free of charge. If you are going to be coming to the pool or having a picnic that day, why not drop in and make a donation? For further information about the drive, contact Joe DeMarco at (908) 964-1870.

On that same day, the Columbian Club will be sponsoring its annual bus trip to Monmouth Park Race Track in Oceanport New Jersey. The bus will depart from in front of the Council at 10:00 AM and will depart the park after the feature race has been run.

The price for this trip is \$12.00 per person, and includes the bus ride, sandwiches, beer and soda. Admission to the park is not included. For more information contact Jamie Zapulla at (908) 964-7377, or (908) 380-9155.

The installation of the new Council Officers is tentatively scheduled for Friday evening, August 12 at Holy Spirit Church. Afterward, there will be a light dinner served in the Council Hall.

This event marks the formal beginning of the new terms for our elected officers, and all are encouraged to attend and show their support for them. The Mass will begin at 7:00 PM, with the installation to take place immediately afterward.

Bake Sales Raising Money for New Umbrellas

Every Sunday throughout the summer, volunteers have been selling various baked goods in the back of the patio in an effort to raise money toward the purchase of 20 new patio umbrellas. Thus far, their efforts have raised enough money to purchase at least 3, and you can track their progress on their graph posted on the bulletin board in the patio. Please help out with this very worthy cause!

KNIGHT DIGEST

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COUNCIL OFFICERS

<i>Chaplain/Father</i>	Jim Worth
<i>District Deputy</i>	Michael L. Cavallo, PGK
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<i>Deputy Grand Knight</i>	Buddy Cotter
<i>Chancellor</i>	Andy Schopfer
<i>Warden</i>	Mike Peter
<i>Recorder</i>	Frank Santangelo
<i>Treasurer</i>	Peter Kardys
<i>Fin. Secretary</i>	Thomas Hornig, PGK
<i>Inside Guard</i>	TBA
<i>Outside Guard</i>	John Moco
<i>Program Director</i>	Clarence Cunningham
<i>Membership Director</i>	Nick Belmonte
<i>Advocate</i>	James Conlon
<i>Lecturer</i>	TBA
<i>3rd Yr. Trustee</i>	Joe DeMarco, PGK
<i>2nd Yr. Trustee</i>	Dom Clementoni, PGK
<i>1st Year Trustee</i>	Joe Bennanato, PGK
<i>Columbian Club President</i>	Bob Calderone
<i>Swim Club President</i>	James Feehan

MONTHLY MEETINGS

1st Mon.	Council Officers
2nd & 4th Mon.	Council
3rd Mon.	Swim Club
1st Wed.	4th Degree Officers
2nd Thu.	4th Degree Corps

Grand Knight's Column



As we start another Columbian year, I would like to wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer. So far, the weather has been real good for us, and it has been a real pleasure to see people at the pool and on the patio.

I am looking forward to a good and fruitful year as Grand Knight. I am also looking for any member who is interested in getting involved to get in touch with me- there is plenty going around for all to help out. You would be surprised at how much satisfaction you can achieve working with other members on a project. Please- don't hesitate to get involved!

All First Friday masses will be discontinued for the summer. They will resume again on the first Friday in October.

We will be having our first Summer Slam on July 23. Get the feel of the Jersey shore right here in Union with live entertainment. This is a joint venture between the Council and the Columbian Club, so show your support for our organization!

In closing, everyone have a great summer!

Harry Lupo, Grand Knight

LoGuidice, Santangelo, Kardys Honored In June

Brothers Mike Loguidice, Frank Santangelo and Peter Kardys were recognized for their contributions to the Council for the 2004-2005 Columbian year at the annual dinner meeting held at the last Council meeting of June.

LoGuidice and Santangelo each received plaques for their being named as Knight of the Month in October and December respectively. In addition, Allen Pascullo also received a plaque for being named Knight of the month for November.

However, Loguidice and Santangelo were then called back to the podium to receive their awards as Columbian of the Year and Knight of the Year, for their overall outstanding contributions to the Council throughout the year. Kardys was then honored with the Grand Knights Award for his contributions to the Council as Treasurer and chairperson of the Runnels Hospital visits, in addition to his participation on the softball team and in the bowling league. Congratulations to all for their fine efforts!

Have You Checked Your Insurance Policies Lately?

Do you have enough Life Insurance?

Has your insurance company been downgraded?

Will your heirs be forced to pay unnecessary taxes?

Will your heirs be able to avoid the time and cost of probate?

Are you overpaying for your existing coverage?

If you are unable to answer any of these questions, you should have your insurance policies reviewed immediately!

For your NO COST NO OBLIGATION REVIEW call your Knights of Columbus Advisor Rich Fuentes FIC,CSA 908 437-0310

Columbian Club News

Brothers: I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to all of the members who might not know me. My name is Bob Calderone, and as of July 1, 2005, I was elected Columbian Club President. I started as the Kitchen Manager, then moved up to Bar Manager, and am now the President. As I progressed through these positions each person that I replaced offered me vast amounts of help and for this I am very grateful. I would like to thank them all personally: Sam Maffei, Allen Pascullo, Jamie Zapulla, Harry Lupo, and my personal confidant, Mike Scanlon- thank you all for your guidance and assistance.

Our present Columbian Club officers are Kevin Connors, First Vice-president and Bar Manager, Tom Lamotta, Second Vice-President and Kitchen Manager, and of course, myself as President. I feel that Kevin will make an excellent Bar Manager as he worked closely with me, filling in for me whenever I needed him, with no questions asked. He is a dedicated Brother Knight who is always involved and willing to help. I am deeply grateful to Tom Lamotta for stepping up and filling the Kitchen Manager's position. I know that he will also do a great job and we will all be there to help him. This is probably the most demanding position on our Board, and I thank him for offering to fill the spot.

I am looking for a great year, working in unity with both the Council and Swim Club as one entity. Our first endeavor working together is the "Seaside Summer Slam" to be held on the patio July 23, 2005. We will be presenting a boardwalk setting with sausage sandwiches, cheese steaks, hamburgers, hot dogs, corn on the cob, zeppoles ice cream waffles, a live band, beer and soda all included in the price of admission fee of \$20.00 per person. This will be an adult only affair, and all members are invited along with their family and friends.

Due to popular demand, I am presently trying to arrange a fishing trip to be held sometime in August, and the facts will be provided as they are available. So, if you want to say hello, I am the short, chubby guy, with very short hair and blue eyes and I am usually with the tiny young lady with long black hair, and always talking non-stop to someone.

Bob Calderone, Columbian Club President

Pope John Paul II The Great

Pope John Paul II was a God send. He brought all religions and nationalities together. The love he showed for man was a reflection of the God that sent him to us. He stood his ground on church doctrine in a changing world. This took courage, faith, perseverance, and love of God. To bring down communism without a war is a miracle in itself. The people wanted change, but he was their guiding light.

He suffered in his later years, only to get a greater reward in Heaven. Even in his death, he brought friend and foe together at his funeral. He will go down in history as Pope John Paul II the Great. Let us hope we can follow in his steps.

Sincerely, Brother Dan Soos

An Open Letter from A Concerned Volunteer

Starting on March 19, 2005, and every Saturday until the Memorial Day Weekend, the council had our yearly work parties to clean up the back patio, the picnic grove and the pool area. We also had work parties on Wednesday evenings after daylight savings time.

To say the turnout of members was poor is a gross understatement. A council with over 1700 members, we averaged 11 men at the work parties, the average age of the workers was 70 years old.

To keep this council up to the standard the "summer members" expect, we need your help. You don't have to make every work party, but making 2 or 3 would be appreciated.

This council will not continue if we do not get more help. This year, we almost did not open on time. If it were not for men who worked 5 days a week for 2 weeks, we would not have made it.

The decision is up to the members: **IF YOU WANT TO KEEP THIS COUNCIL OPEN, YOU MUST VOLUNTEER SOME OF YOUR TIME.**

As an added incentive work party members get breakfast, lunch and 2 pool passes. Work starts at 8:00 AM and are over at 12:00 noon. Wednesday work parties start at 5 PM and are over at 8:00 PM.

The summer work parties are over, but just as it has to be "opened up" in the spring, it must be closed up in the fall. Look in upcoming Digests for dates and times.

This council has a lot to offer, but it's only going to be as good as our members want it to be.

James Feehan, Swim Club President

Web Site Up and Running

Our Council has a new web site- <http://www.kofc4504.org>. The site contains information on a large number of topics including: events, calendars, Past Grand Knights, Insurance, photos, and ways of contacting the various Council officers with new ideas and updates. If you have any information that you would like posted to this site, send an email with details to: webmaster@kofc4504.org

Pool Hours - July 1st thru Labor Day

Monday thru Thursday (Noon until 8pm)

Friday, Saturday and Sunday (noon until 9pm)

(Weather permitting of course. Please call if the weather is questionable)

Fees for Guest- Children \$5.00 and Adults \$7.00

Remember: Badges are not transferable!

Jim Ford, Membership Director