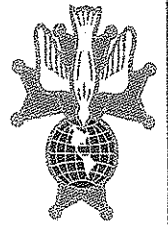


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## The Knights Get Ready For Youth Contests

### Youth Essay Contest

Our council is sponsoring a Youth Essay Contest for 8th grade students attending a Catholic school. Surrounding the theme "The Responsibility of a Catholic Citizen in a Free Society," the topic the essay should explore is:

*Justice goes hand in hand with peace and is permanently and actively linked to peace. Justice and peace seek the good of one and all, and for this reason they demand order and truth. When one is threatened, both falter; when justice is offended, peace is also placed in jeopardy.*

The rules pertaining to the contest can be obtained by contacting Deputy Grand Knight Tony Addotta at 908-464-9126, Grand Knight Mike Cavallo at 908-686-7540 or Program Director Larry Killmer at 908-389-1341. All essays are due on March 28, 2003.

### Youth Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest

Our council is sponsoring a Youth Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest for all young people between the ages of 8 and 14. The topics for the contest are "Alcohol Awareness and Abuse" or "Drug Awareness and Abuse." Each poster must include a slogan reflecting either of the topics and an original visual image. There will be two age divisions, ages 8 through 11, and ages 12 through 14. To enter the poster contest you may pick up an entry form at the Council as well as the list of rules. All posters are due in by March 7, 2003. For more information you may contact Deputy Grand Knight Tony Addotta at 908-464-9126, Grand Knight Mike Cavallo at 908-686-7540 or Program Director Larry Killmer at 908-389-1341.

## February Brings Love and Free Pasta to Union Council

### Camp Fatima of New Jersey

### Annual Valentine's Dinner Dance

Saturday, February 8, 2003, 7pm-12 midnight

Tickets: \$50.00 per couple

The evening includes a full course dinner, soda, and beer. Camp Fatima of New Jersey, an all-volunteer organization, provides a camping experience for children with severe developmental disabilities. All proceeds from this event go directly to benefit the handicapped of New Jersey. Enjoy a lovely evening and support a meaningful New Jersey organization. Please call Sister Ann Dominic, (908-686-5271) for details about this event. Tickets available through February 1.

### POUND AUCTION

### Free Pasta Dinner

Friday, February 21, 2003, 7:30pm

A free pasta dinner will be served. In exchange for an admission fee, we ask that you bring a wrapped gift that weighs a pound or more. This gift will be auctioned off that evening and all proceeds from the auction will go towards the council's charitable organizations. So please plan on joining us for a night of fun and surprises. For more information you may call Larry Killmer, PGK at 908-389-1341 or Grand Knight Mike Cavallo at 908-686-7540.

## REMEMBER: Knight's Family Sunday at Holy Spirit February 23 at 9am

A continental breakfast at the council hall follows the Mass.

## Brother Knight Bart Supino Says "GIVE A CAN IF YOU CAN"

Dear Brother Knights,

*As we begin our New Year, let us not forget about why we became Knights. We joined to help those who may be in need of some assistance. Columbianism is an everyday way of life. Each and every day, we should do our best, in some way, to do good for others.*

*In the Sunday parish bulletin for St. Michaels, it told of Sister Ann feeding 100 families over the holiday season. Although the holidays have ended, these families' needs have not. They will still be in need of food to help them through their difficult times and I know, through this small effort, we as Knights CAN make a difference.*

*I ask not for any time, but for one CAN at a time. This CAN IF YOU CAN food drive will help assist families in our community and help Sister Ann reach another 100 families. Drop off a CAN of food at a meeting, when you stop in to see some friends at the council, or as you pass by on your daily travels.*

*We pass here constantly. Just stop in and drop off one CAN. I ask for no time, just a tiny effort. The 50 cents it may cost for a can of corn or pound of pasta will not seem like much to us, but to a hungry child that has food to eat, it means the world.*

*I will sort, count, and deliver the collected food myself to the local parishes. All I ask for is a CAN IF YOU CAN! So please help.*

Fraternally yours,

Brother Bart Supino

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## KNIGHT DIGEST

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**RULES FOR SUBMISSION:** Submissions for consideration are due in writing at the first of the month for the following month. Please mail or drop off submissions, with contact information, to Paul Fantini, Knight Digest Editor, 1034 Jeanette Avenue, Union, NJ 07083 or via email at pfantini33@comcast.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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## 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

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S COLUMN



faith, he will celebrate family life through our programs, and he will celebrate fraternity by taking part in your council.

Programs are just as important as our membership, for it is our programs that will allow us to keep that membership. Someone asked at the Grand Knight's meeting: Which came first, the membership or the programs? Truly, without one you cannot have the other. The variety of programs that our council offers is an integral part of our existence here in Union. In order to continue these programs we need both our membership to run them and members to come out and support them. Once again, I am turning to my fellow Brother Knights to ask that you take an active role and get involved in at least one program this year. I realize that many of us do not have a lot of free time on our hands, for many reasons, but please try and give at least one hour of your time. If every member gives at least one hour of his time, we would have over 1,800 man hours with which we can celebrate faith, family, and fraternity. Just think of how much charitable work we could accomplish. This Digest includes plenty of opportunities; please take advantage of what this council has to offer your family.

I would like to thank some of my fellow brothers, who took the challenge and got involved in some way. A special thanks goes out to Mike Gasser, Bob Pfarr, Joe Willmore, Julian Pruszkowski and Andy Schopher for being part of the bylaws committee. Your help on updating our bylaws is greatly appreciated. Also, thanks goes out to Robert Salvatore for his work as our Publicity Manager. I would also like to thank Bill Morris and Joe Sheridan, for their help on transporting the food we collected during our food drive and donated to St. Michael's food pantry. Kudos, goes out to all of you, for without your support this would not be possible.

In closing, I leave you with this: "Christ," the Pope said, "works with us and through us as we are 'put out into the deep'." He continued, "But when times are difficult and unpromising, the Lord himself urges us 'to cast our nets once more' (cf. Lk 5:1-11)." In the face of every difficulty we are called to turn to Christ. After a night spent fishing with nothing to show for it, Peter tells the Lord: 'At your word, I will let down the nets.' The results, as we remember from Luke's Gospel, were astonishing: 'They caught a huge school of fish.' Through this example Christ is telling us, my brothers, not to falter in the face of new challenges, but rather to walk confidently with him. As the Holy Father tells us, "Now is the time for the great catch!"

Vivat Jesus!

Michael Cavallo

Grand Knight

P.S. Pray for world peace in these trying days.

My Brother Knights,

I recently attended the midterm meeting for Grand Knights in New Jersey; the main focus was a discussion about membership and programs. As I listened, the theme of the 120th Annual National Convention this past August echoed in my mind: "Now is the Time For the Great Catch."

As members of the Knights of Columbus, we each have an obligation to constantly seek out good men - looking for the great catch, if you will - and recruit them into our ranks. I turn to each of you at this time and ask that you try, in the remaining months of the Columbian year, to find at least one good man and invite them to become part of our order. Invite your father, son, brother, uncle, cousin, friend, co-worker, or priest and introduce him to the Knights of Columbus. Our membership program — "Celebrate: Faith, Family and Fraternity" — sums up all the reasons why a Catholic man should join the Knights. He will celebrate his

**KNIGHT OF THE MONTH**



February's Knight of the Month is John Perina. John and his family have been residents of Union for 19 years and are parishioners of Holy Spirit Church. John has been married to his wonderful wife Paula for 22 years. Together, they have 3 great children, John, Jeff and Jaclyn. We all congratulate his son, John, on making his 1st Degree this past January 14.

John has been a member of Union Council since 1991 and is currently an active member of the Columbian Swim Club Board of Governors. Though disputed by some, he does in fact "bowl" on the council league. John has always stepped up to the plate to support many of the council's efforts, be it Roses for Life, RCS collecting, washing a dish in the kitchen, or just about anything asked of him.

John is a supervisor in a laboratory at Trinitas Hospital, where he has worked for 27 years.

In the summer you will find John around the pool, and in the winter he may be found at the club on Sundays rooting for the Giants.

Union Council is proud to have a brother, member, and friend like John to call Knight of the Month. Congratulations Brother John!

**Knights of Columbus  
2003 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 social 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 having our usual 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 barbecue lunch on Saturday. The fee for the hospitality services will be \$50.00 per family. Contact Deputy Grand Knight Tony Addota at 908-464-9126 to make reservations.

**FROM THE COLUMBIAN CLUB**

I hope the first month of 2003 has been a positive one. The Columbian Club board would like to thank all of you who have been so kind as to contribute to our fund. In the upcoming months, you will see changes to the club, including a new driveway entering the back grove, and a new men's bathroom in the back. Hopefully a new retaining wall, along the side near the drain pump, will be built. We need to keep improving the club to make it better and safer for all of us.

As we plan for many great events in the coming months, we are also always looking for new ideas. If anyone has an idea for an event, don't hesitate to contact myself or one of my board members. Also, in February we are considering having Karaoke Night on Fridays in the bar. Call the club or myself for details. As always, the bar is open to one and all. Come out with a friend and listen to some music or play some pinball or throw some darts. Everyone is always welcome.

James Zappulla, Columbian Club President

**JOT THIS DOWN  
IN YOUR CALENDAR!**

**Irish Dinner Dance**

NOTE! Date for this event in January Digest was wrong for this event.

The correct date is . . .

Friday, March 7, 2003 8pm-12am

Tickets: \$25 per person

Enjoy an evening of live music by the band *Round the House* that includes tossed salad, corned beef & cabbage, potatoes, Irish soda bread and open bar. For more information call Chairman Mike Scanlon at 908-964-7122.

**Italian Night**

Friday, March 21, 2003

*Mangia!* This evening will full of good music and great food. The menu will include an antipasto, soup, salad, and a choice of either linguini with clam sauce or pasta with eggplant. Coffee and cake will follow. Entertainment and price of this affair will be in the next month's digest. Contact James Zappulla (908-964-7377) for more info.

**Lenten Fish Fry**

Friday, March 28, 2003

Tickets: \$10 per adult, \$6 per child. Cooking will be done by the Famous "Thistles" of Kearny. Tickets will be limited and are on sale now. Call Larry Killmer (908-3891341) or Mike Cavallo (908-686-7540) for tickets and info. Chicken available upon request.

**Annual Double Bingo**

at the Boys & Girls Club

Saturday, March 29, 2003, 7pm

This is the second of two Double Bingos. Proceeds from this bingo will go toward charitable funds, including our scholarship fund. Your support for this event will be greatly appreciated. If you are interested in helping out please contact Grand Knight Mike Cavallo at 908-686-7540.