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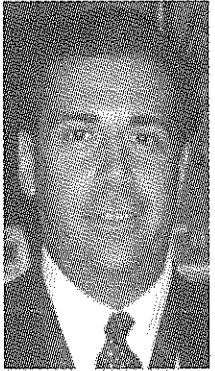
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Hope all of you had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. This being the first digest of the new Columbian year I thought that it would be a good idea once again to provide you with my Grand Knight's address from the Installation of Officers which was held on Friday, August 22, 2003.

Grand Knight's Address

Let me start by saying that it is a pleasure to be standing here tonight before you as your grand knight for another term. Though I may say, it is very ironic that a year ago I was defending myself to be elected as the grand knight and now a year later I am being asked to serve you for a second term. I think what all this says is that we had a very successful year. One of my main goals this past year was to bring back unity within our Council home and I am proud to be able to stand before you tonight and say that I believe this goal was accomplished and that Union Council is once again UNITED. It was through the efforts of many individuals that this was possible and I congratulate and thank them tremendously. It was a pleasure working together as a team, as we can all see from the year that we had, that teamwork does work and much could be accomplished.

Although this past year was a successful year in many ways we have only touched the tip of the iceberg, there is still much more that needs to be done here in Union. As we all know the Knights of Columbus is a Catholic, Family, Fraternal, Service organization. The Knights of Columbus was built on CHARITY the first and main principle of our order. Union Council has worked wonders in serving the community in which we all live. I only hope that we as a council will be able to continue this success story in the future. This year though successful was a very challenging one. Membership participation in all of our service programs has dropped drastically. To get chairman to run events has been a very difficult task. The reasons for this I am sure are numerous but none of which I feel hold any substance. When each of us joined the Knights of Columbus we were all instructed about the practical works of our order and what would be expected of us as a member. It was at that time that each of us made a commitment to the organization and pledged our support to continue the mission of Father Michael J. McGivney, our founding father. This year it will be my number one goal to increase membership participation. I have already taken some action, such as revamping our recruitment process, to ensure we get quality members, members that have the same values and interest that the Knights of Columbus promotes. It is my goal to get new members involved in a service program immediately and make them feel part of our council family. It is also my intent to send out random personal letters from the grand knight to our current inactive membership with the hopes of getting these members more involved and to solicit their help on a committee.

I have only been a member since 1994 but I have heard a lot of great stories of what this council has contributed to our community, to our church and to our Families over the years and I truly want to see this continue for years to come and I am most positive that you do also. But I can not do this alone, I sincerely turn to each knight present and ask you in turn to sincerely turn your fellow brother knights not present with us tonight and ask not what can the council do for you but rather what can you do for the council. We must be Knights that are tough, we must be united and we must be dedicated and above all we must be willing to act boldly, letting the Holy Spirit guide our actions. Many programs have been planned for this new Columbian year; let's use these programs to add to the successful history our council has built up over the years. Get INVOLVED!

Being a Knight implies a way of life. Informed by our ceremonial degrees and imbued with the lessons of charity, unity and fraternity, we are made stronger citizens and stronger Catholic men. We stand taller when we wear proudly the title, "Knight". We have been called to build a better world and a stronger Church.

That is what Father McGivney envisioned for the men who would follow him into Catholic Knighthood. God must
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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 Thu.	4th Degree Corps
3rd Wed.	Assembly
4th Wed.	Council Committees
4th Thu.	Columbian Club

Membership Drive, Rose for Life Sale To Take Place October 17-18

This year's annual Membership Drive and Rose for Life Sale will be conducted at all three of our churches during the weekend of October 17-18. During each Mass, brothers will be able to speak to the congregation in regard to the mission of the Knights of Columbus, and to then take applications for membership after

each Mass.

Recruiting a new and active membership is critical to the future success of the Council, and this drive is an integral part of our strategy to meet our recruitment goals.

At the same time, Respect for Life Chairman Gary Abram will be coordinating the Roses for Life sale after each Mass. The proceeds from these sales will be used to assist selected charities that are focused on protecting the rights of the unborn throughout the State of New Jersey.

A number of volunteers will be needed in order to make this day a success, since we will need representation at each mass. (Saint Michael's and Holy Spirit each hold 5 masses, and Saint Paul's holds 4.)

Please see Gary for more information about the schedule and to volunteer to assist after attending Mass. Any help provided will be greatly appreciated.

Columbian Club Sponsoring Myrtle Beach Golf Outing

It's not too early to plan for a winter release in sunny Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Deposits are currently being taken for a Golf Getaway from February 26-29, 2004. Cost is \$599.00 per person (double occupancy).

The trip will depart Newark airport the 26th at 7:55 pm, with the return flight leaving at 4:20 pm on February 29. Cost includes 3 nights and 4 days at the Beach Cove resort, shared use of a car with unlimited miles, 1 round of golf per day (cart included) and a breakfast buffet each morning. All hotel taxes and services are included.

To sign up, contact John Peters (973) 810-1283, or Mike Scanlon (908) 964-7122.

Be Prepared for Upcoming Events !

Adult Halloween Costume Party will be Saturday, October 25. (note date correction from last edition)

The next blood drive will be held on Sunday, November 23 from 11:00 to 4:00. All donors welcome. To assist, see Joe Demarco.

The semi-annual food drive will be taking place in November. See chairman Jim Chamberlain for details.

We will be having a family New Year's Eve Party. Details to follow.

Children's Activities

Bring your children to the Halloween costume party at the council hall on Sunday, October 26, from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Music, games and a good time are promised for all who attend!

Also keep open Saturday, December 20, 2003, for the children's Christmas party.

For more information about our Youth activities, please contact Bart Supino.

Look for more information on most of these events in the next Digest.

Insurance Update

If the stock market's ups and downs have you concerned, or if you can't find a reasonable interest rate on your CDs, we have good news for you.

The Knights of Columbus has a 3.75% interest rate on Annuities!!

From July 1 to October 1, 2003 a 3.5% interest rate is being offered for deposits under \$10,000 and above. These rates are guaranteed until April 1, 2004, but there is a penalty for early withdrawal.

The Knights of Columbus has the highest ratings for financial security and claims paying ability from Standard and Poors (AAA) and A.M. Best (A+++). We have also received the IMSA (Insurance Marketing Standards Association) certification for 2003 for customer service, satisfaction and well-trained agents.

For more information call Rich Fuentes at 908-437-0310 or reach out to him via e-mail at RichKofC@AOL.com.

Grand Knight's Column

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have shown Father McGivney, not with his eyes alone but with his heart and soul, how our organization was needed not only for 19th century New England but also for generations to come.

Father McGivney's vision is alive today in more than 12,000 councils, among 1.6 million Catholic men and among 1.6 million Catholic men and their families, in jurisdictions that stretch from the farthest reaches of the Pacific to the northern Atlantic and south of the Yucatan Peninsula. Father McGivney's vision is alive in what we have accomplished in the 121-year history of the Knights of Columbus. It is that vision that must inspire us during this current fraternal year and beyond.

I am very motivated and excited about this upcoming Columbian year. Please show me by standing and applause that you are just as motivated and excited and that you stand shoulder to shoulder united with your newly elected officers and fellow brother knights to strive for what I will call a SUPER BLOW-OUT YEAR.

In closing I just want to say that I can't fully express my sincere appreciation and thanks to my fellow brother knights for having the confidence and belief in me to be your Grand Knight for the Columbian year 2003 - 2004. It is with great pride that I stand here tonight as you're Grand Knight. As I said last year as I stood before you, 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 again 100%.

I thank you and may God Bless Each of you.
Vivat Jesus!

Michael Cavallo

From The Columbian Club

As I begin my year as the 2003-2004 Columbian Club President of Union Council #4504, I would like to thank all of you who came out and participated this summer and enjoyed the patio bar, the Friday night DJ's and the picnic grove. You helped to make a very rainy summer season a successful one. I would also like to thank the Columbian Club Board as well as all the outside bartenders for doing a great job. It seems like I just got started on July 1, but we have already closed the patio and grove. Please don't forget to take your grills and other personal belongings back home.

I would especially like to thank last year's Columbian Club President, Jamie Zappulla, for providing great leadership and for personally showing, by example, what unity within the Council truly means. I am looking forward to working with this year's Council Officers and Swim Club Board to continue this renewed tradition.

I have great expectations for this year and I hope you all will come out and join us for some, if not all, of the upcoming Columbian Club affairs. Please start by coming to the October 25, adult Halloween Party, which is always a lot of fun for all those that turn out. For future Columbian Club affairs, as well as Council events for that matter, watch for notices which are posted in the Digest. Or, better yet, come down to the bar and look for notices which are posted throughout the area. Stay a while and watch a football game on Sunday on a SONY 36" WEGA TV as well as on our other six (6) TV's. There are also many other sports being enjoyed all week by your brothers; come down and socialize. If you are sad that the summer ended and you will be missing those folks that you have seen all summer, why let it stop? Come on down all year long and participate at the Council, either at the bar or at any one of the affairs which the Columbian Club and Council offer. There is something being offered for everyone's taste if you have the desire to be part of something great.

In closing, I wish to express my sincere gratitude to Steve Patricco, and his dedicated family, for doing an outstanding job in the snack bar. Without hesitation, he came forward on short notice (one day) and provided great food and snacks, all day and all night, and at a very reasonable cost. Thanks Steve!

See you next month, unless you stop by and we see you sooner.

Allen Pascullo
Columbian Club President

Upcoming Degree Dates Set

- 1st Degree: Monday, Oct 27
- 2nd Degree: Wednesday, Nov 12
- 3rd Degree: Wednesday Nov. 26