

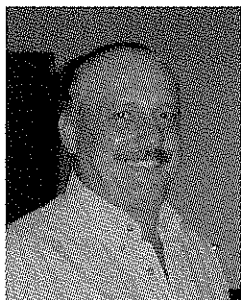
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Loguidice Named October Knight of the Month

Over the past several months, it seems as if one Brother in particular has been involved in nearly every activity that the Council has sponsored. For this reason, he has been chosen as October Knight of the Month.

Mike Loguidice has been a Knight of Columbus for almost 30 years. After helping to paint the Lower Church at St. Michaels a couple of years ago, he was a natural to step up when the Convent and Parish Center needed to be painted. Over the past few months, working with Sister Ann Dominic, he has organized a team that has painted the parlor, dining room, kitchen, bedroom, and bathroom in the Convent. They also have plans to paint the halls and the Chapel in the upcoming months.

Recently, Mike initiated a clothing drive, which earned money for our charitable efforts without incurring any expenses. Always willing to lend a hand, he is likely to be found in the Council Hall cleaning and waxing the floor, or in the kitchen making a pot of his world famous chili. He has worked on past food drives, collecting the food from the Township schools and delivering it to Sister Ann. He is the current Retention Chairman, making phone calls to boost membership. He is also in his second year as a Council Officer, currently serving as Inside Guard.

Mike is employed by the Union Township Board of Education as a custodian at Franklin Elementary School. He has two children, a son Michael III, a police officer here in Union, and daughter Christina, a senior at Union High School. In his spare time, Mike coaches Christina's Union Suffragettes softball team, and enjoys fishing, bowling, and working on old cars.

Mike exemplifies all that it means to be a Knight of Columbus, and Union Council is proud to name him "Knight of the Month".

Get Set for Halloween

The Columbian Club will be hosting its annual Halloween party, which will take place on Saturday evening, October 30 from 8:00 to 12:00 in the Council Hall. The cost is \$45.00 per couple, and \$22.50 per person.

There will be an open bar, plenty of food, a DJ, and of course, prizes will be awarded for the best costumes. Why not come out and share a spooky evening with your Brothers and friends?

Contact Ken Spellman (908) 961-5342 or Bob DeMichael (908) 241-6145 for tickets or more information.

Roses for Life, Past Grand Knights Testamonal Dinner Highlight October Events

Union Council 4504 has a number of key events scheduled for the month of October, including a membership drive at Saint Michael's Church the weekend of October 9th and 10th, as well as the Roses for Life Sale at both of our parishes. However, the event that many are looking forward to is our Past Grand Knights dinner to be held on Saturday, October 16.

The membership drive began in September at Holy Spirit, where Grand Knight Joe Demarco spoke at each mass and fellow Knights were on hand afterward to speak with prospective new members. Contact Membership Director Nick Belmonte ((908)-686-6084) if you will be able to assist in a similar initiative at St. Michaels. These drives will culminate with a first degree ceremony on Monday, October 25.

The dates for the Roses for Life sale had been set for October 2 and 3rd at Holy Spirit, and October 16th and 17th at St. Michaels. Proceeds from these sales are used to support selected organizations that seek to protect life in all of its stages. Contact Gary Abraham (908) 810-8847) to lend a hand.

The Past Grand Knights Testimonial dinner will honor our Council's first two term Grand Knight, and now District Deputy, Mike Cavallo. It will feature a cocktail hour, filet mignon as the main course, and will also include music and dancing. The cost is only \$50.00 per couple, and tickets can be obtained by contacting chairpersons Larry Killmer or Kevin Collins, both past Grand Knights themselves.

Pasta Dinner Rescheduled

Union Council's 3 annual Pasta Dinner in solidarity and support of our priests has been rescheduled from Friday, October 15 to Saturday evening November 7. The dinner will begin at 6:30 P.M., and will of course, include pasta, meatballs and salad. The final price for the event has not yet been worked out, but Chairman Buddy Cotter has stated that he is hoping to provide more substantial fare at prices similar to last year's dinner.

KNIGHT DIGEST

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Grand Knight's Column

I am writing this month's column with mixed emotions. September has been a very successful and productive month for the council, but it is overshadowed by the loss of a Brother Knight and someone I considered a friend. Jim Chamberlin was a very active and respected member of Union Council and he will be dearly missed. I'd like to extend my deepest sympathy to his family and assure them Union Council is here to help them in anyway we can.

September is over- the children are all settled in at school and now we can get back to our normal routine. It's hard to believe that I have been the Grand Knight for three months already; the time has gone by so fast. I am very grateful for all the support I've been given so far and I hope to see it continue. We have a lot of events planned this year and I need everyone's support.

COUNCIL OFFICERS

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Columbian Club President	Sam Maffei
Swim Club President	James Feehan

MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

On September 18th and 19th we held our membership drive at Holy Spirit Church, I'd like to thank all of the Brother Knights who came out and gave us a hand-thanks to you, it was a successful weekend. On October 8th and 9th we will be holding a similar drive at St. Michael's Church, and I need Brother Knights at every Mass to lend a hand. Please try to be there. You may contact Membership Director Nick Belmonte for more information (908)-686-6084. October is also the month we have our Rose's for Life sale at our Churches. As you can expect, we will need help at both our parishes after each Mass. Gary Abraham is the Respect Life Chairman; please call him at (908) 810-8847 and sign up to help at your Parish.

On September 11th we held our Annual Council Family Picnic which was attended by over 400 people. Frank Santomauro and Kevin Collins did a great job chairing the event and I thank them very much. I'd like to thank everyone who helped to make this event the enjoyable time that it was. It took a lot of time and man-hours to put this event together and I appreciate everyone's help. I'd like to thank Mike Loguidice for supplying us with the sand art and backpacks for the children- they were a big hit. We took time out of the day to remember and pay tribute to those who lost their lives in the terror attack of September 11, 2001. I'd like to thank Tom Walsh and Mike Finnegan for helping us with that portion of the event.

September 17th 18th and 19th was the Italian Feast in Union Center. This year the council ran the water gun stand at the feast. Deputy Grand Knight Harry Lupo did a great job organizing the event. I'd like to thank all the brother Knights and their family members who lent us a hand.

Vivat Jesus!

Joe DeMarco, Grand Knight _____

Reminder: All Grills and other personal items must be removed from the picnic area. Please make arrangements promptly to pick up your items as they cannot be stored over the winter!

Columbian Club News

Sunday football is in full swing at our Council home. We had a great standing room only crowd for the first weekend of the season, and each week only promises to get better. Why not come by and enjoy an afternoon with your Brothers and friends?

Unfortunately, we did have some very sad news recently- we lost a Brother Knight on Saturday, September 11, 2004. He was a friend to all who knew him, and our sympathy goes out to his family. Brother Jim Chamberlin will be missed by all of us.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for our October 30th Halloween party, as well as our New Year's Eve party on December 31st. Make your reservations before its too late!

Finally, wow what a picnic! Thanks to Frank Santmauro and all who helped make it a success. Great Job!
Sam Maffei, Columbian Club President



Last August, Knights and their families enjoyed a fishing trip jointly sponsored by the Council and Columbian Club. Brother Tom Walsh was the winner of the pool for the biggest catch.

Mark Your Calendars

October	St. Michael's Blood Drive	Oct. 24th
	First Degree Ceremony	Oct. 25th
November	Annual Communion Bkfst.	Nov. 15th
	Food Drive	Nov. 14th
	Second Degree Ceremony	Nov. 17th
	Third Degree Ceremony	Nov. 24th
December	Holiday Craft Show	Dec. 4
	Council Blood Drive	Dec. 5
	Camp Fatima Christmas Party	Dec. 12
	New Year's Eve Party	Dec 31

Details on many of these events will be found in this, and future issues of the Digest.

Children's Halloween Party Scheduled

Don't forget that Sunday, October 31 is our annual children's Halloween party. This year's event will take place from 1:30-3:30pm in the Council Hall. There will be fun, food, games and prizes for the children. Be sure to bring your children and have a great time. Last year's party was a great success, and we expect to have a great time again this year! If you have any questions about this or any other activity that we have planned for the children, please call Bart Supino at (908)-810-1584, or send an E-MAIL to bardysiii@aol.com. See you at the festivities!

Columbian Club Plans Festive New Year's Eve Bash

All Brother Knights are invited to celebrate the New Year in style at the Council Hall on Friday, December 31. The event will feature an open bar, cocktail hour, family style dining, desert, and music by Michael.

The cocktail hour will be held from 8:00 to 9:00 P.M. and will feature stuffed mushrooms, asparagus rollups, and assorted garlic toasts with toppings. Salad and a shrimp cocktail appetizer will then follow, and diners will then have a choice of filet mignon or chicken breast stuffed with broccoli rabe, prosciutto and fontino cheese. These entrees will be accompanied by rosemary potatoes, carrots and green beans. A dessert of Italian pastries or fruit salad, with coffee tea and espresso will round out the meal, but there will still be plenty of dancing to make the evening truly memorable.

The cost of the event is \$150 per couple, \$75.00 for singles, and reservations must be made by December 15. Contact Sam Maffei (908) 241-3977 or (908) 803-3305 for more information.

Donations Sought for Tricky Tray

Our annual Tricky Tray is being held on February 26th the committee is in the process of soliciting the local merchants for contributions. I am asking Families to consider donating baskets for this event. Some ideas for baskets are, Garden basket, Bath towel basket, Candle basket, Bath basket, Hair basket, Snack basket, Birthday basket, Baking basket, Picnic basket, Sports basket (boy or girl), Scrape book basket etc. You may contact Diane Lupo at (908) 851 2493 with any donations you may have.

We would also like to have the Council make up a lottery basket, and are asking for donations of Scratch off tickets. If everyone can bring at least one ticket to a meeting we will be able to make up a nice basket.