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CONGRATULATIONS SWIM CLUB ON YOUR SILVER ANNIVERSARY Chaplain Father Bob Fuhrman Celebrates 25th Anniversary Mass, May 28

COME CELEBRATE WITH US!!!

For the past several months we have been listening to suggestions and ideas from members and their wives concerning summer activities. We have tried very diligently to provide a variety of activities that is affordable, entertaining and appealing to our members and their families. All activities are open to all members of Union Council 4504 and their family and friends.

Many men and women volunteered their time, talents and resources so that all can enjoy the activities. Large turnouts will result in more activities.

This summer our theme is the 25th Anniversary of our Columbian Swim Club. 25 years of fun and enjoyment in beautiful surroundings.

Come, Celebrate with Us!

JUNE 18 SATURDAY - 6:00 PM

Council sponsored Bingo at the Boys Club

JUNE 24 FRIDAY - 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Fish Fry Dinner \$7 per person in Picnic Area. Extra: 2-piece combo 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Free to All. See Ed Rocco or Joe Tortora by June 22 for tickets.

JUNE 26 SUNDAY - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Annual Blood Drive at the Council. Two pool passes to donors or potential donors.

JULY 2 SATURDAY 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Spaghetti Dinner with Meatball and Sausage. Council Hall - All the spaghetti you can eat! \$5 per adult, \$3 per child (under 12). Tickets purchased on day of event will be \$7 per adult and \$5 per child, if tickets are available. See Joe Tortora (688-1422) for tickets.

JULY 8 FRIDAY 7:30 PM

Installation of newly-elected Grand Knight Mike Carr St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Elizabeth. Reception following at Council Hall 9:00 PM - Midnight.

JULY 10 SUNDAY - 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Pig Roast in Picnic Area. A young pig will be cooked right before your eyes by professionals. Portions include 8-Oz. pork, fresh-picked corn on the cob, and a baked potato. \$6 per person. See Joe Tortora Deadline for tickets - July 7

JULY 10 SUNDAY 7:30 PM

WWF Professional Wrestling, Meadowlands Arena. \$13 per person (limited number of tickets) Great seats! See Joe Tortora 688-1422 for tickets.



JULY 13 WEDNESDAY

Council Swim Day for all members and family (must present current membership card). Rain date July 14.

JULY 15, 16, 17 - ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND

This weekend has been set aside to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Columbian Swim Club. Please try to attend one or all of the socials.

JULY 15 FRIDAY - 9:00 - 12 Midnight

The pool will be kept open for adult swimming. In addition, on the patio we will have live entertainment for dancing under the stars. Entertainment is free. In case of rain, the entertainment will be in the hall.

JULY 16 SATURDAY 7:15 PM

25th Anniversary Dinner/Dance. Cocktail Hour, Sit-Down Dinner, Dessert, Open Bar. 5-piece Dance Band. \$15 per person. See Joe Tortora for tickets. First come, first served!

JULY 17 SUNDAY

Picnic in celebration of 25th Anniversary. All activities for the day are free. 2:00 - 6:00 PM DJ Pete Pamieri. During the afternoon we will have a clown, magician, rides, games, etc. Free Hot Dogs/Clam Chowder (Courtesy of the Swim Club. Of course, the Snack Bar will be open for purchased food or you can bring your own for the picnic). 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Teenage Dance featuring DJ Ron Tonelli. See Tina Tortora for your free tickets (limited number). In case of rain, the picnic will be held inside.

JULY 23 SATURDAY 7:30 PM

Night at the Races in the Council Hall featuring 10 films in living color shown on our Giant Screen. All attending will receive Hero Sandwich, Beer/Soda and Snacks \$2 per person. See Joe Tortora 688-1422 for tickets.

JULY 27 WEDNESDAY

Council Swim Day

JULY 30 SATURDAY 7:30 PM

Big Band Concert in Picnic Area. Free. Rain Date August 6 - Saturday

AUGUST 7 SUNDAY 7:30 PM

WWF Professional Wrestling, Meadowlands Arena. \$13 per ticket (limited number of tickets). See Joe Tortora 688-1422

AUGUST 10 WEDNESDAY

Council Swim Day

AUGUST 13 SATURDAY 7:00 PM - Midnight

Smorgasbord/Dance. The event that we only run once a year. The meal that takes 5 hours to eat and 3 weeks to digest. We will have an open bar, music by Pete Palmieri and his famous 5-piece Dance Band. Our tentative menu includes: Fresh Seasonal Fruits, Fresh Sliced Roast Beef, Shrimp Chow Mein, Tony Maffie's Antipasta Salad (this alone is worth the price of admission), Eggplant, Mussels (hot/mild), Stuffed Shells, Bar-be-que Spare Ribs, Sausage and Peppers, Beans and Macaroni (Rocco Style), Kielbasi, Chicken in our Secret Sauce, Rice Pudding, Marge's Potato Salad, and Doris' Jello Supreme. \$15 per person (limited number of tickets). See Joe Tortora 688-1422.

AUGUST 24 WEDNESDAY

Council Swim Day

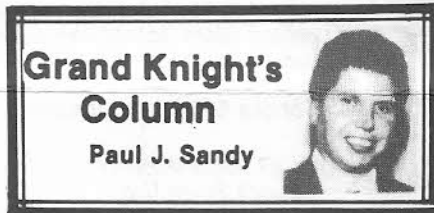
FUTURE EVENTS

- August 20 Fish Fry
- 27 Horses on the Patio
- 27 Trip to Monmouth Race Track
- September
- 10 Council Picnic
- 24 PGK Dinner in honor of Paul Sandy

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We are coming to the end of another Columbian year. This year has gone very quickly for me. Many people have asked me how I feel now that my term as Grand Knight is coming to an end. I have mixed emotions. I have been an officer in Union Council for six of my seven years as a member. During that time, I was involved with many fine Brother Knights who helped me grow as a person. The one individual to whom I will always be grateful is Art Weber. Art encouraged me to join the Knights and was my sponsor. I would like to thank him for that.

As I leave office, I know that Union Council will forge ahead in the years to come. The Council Officers, Columbian Club Officers, and Swim Club Directors are all dedicated to keeping Union Council the fine council that it is.

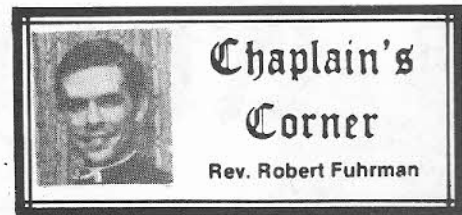
Please remember that our Council Awards Dinner and the drawing for our last charitable raffle for this calendar year will be held on June 27. I hope to see all of you there.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 15 2nd Degree 8:15 P.M.
- 17 3rd Degree 8:15 P.M.
- 20 Swim Club Meeting 8:00 P.M.
- 23 Columbian Club Board Meeting 8:00 P.M.
- 26 Blood Bank 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
- 27 Dinner Meeting 6:30 P.M.
- 30 Grand Knight Midnight Toast

- July 6 Officers Meeting 8:00 P.M.
- 8 Installation of Officers, St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Elizabeth 7:30 P.M.
- 18 Swim Club Meeting 8:00 P.M.
- 25 Council Meeting 8:15 P.M.
- 28 Columbian Club Board Meeting 8:00 P.M.

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- 15 Swim Club Meeting 8:00 P.M.
- 22 Council Meeting 8:15
- 25 Columbian Club Board Meeting 8:00 P.M.



Fire in the Sky

The violent rainstorms and their accompanying thunder and lightning of last evening (May 23) left a good portion of Newark without electricity for about two hours. This included traffic signals, resulting in a scene much more chaotic than usual at the evening rush hour. Sounds of horns blowing, tires squeeling, people yelling, and rain pouring down filled the air. The sky was alive with streaks of lightning, falling to earth as if shooting from the hands of God. The loss of electricity left Sacred Heart Cathedral in darkness.

I was scheduled to offer the 5:30 Mass in the Cathedral and found the chapel as dark as night. I offered Mass with only candlelight and a few people. It made me think of the Church under persecution when, centuries ago Mass was celebrated in the catacombs, underground and in the dark. The darkness of the chapel was a beautiful thing and it helped those present reflect on the beauty and sanctity of the Mass, which so many Catholics take for granted. It was certainly better to have a dark chapel than a dark heart and soul, and real Catholics know that it is the sacrifice of Christ at Mass which brings us true light and comfort.

The late afternoon thunderstorms are a sign of summer approaching. I wish to encourage all brother Knights and their families to relax and be with each other, to slow the pace a bit, and to realize just how much God has given us, especially in the sacraments.

Also, as summer arrives, I salute our outgoing Grand Knight Paul Sandy. As we all knew he would, Paul has continued the long and fine tradition of Union Council's Grand Knights and done a fine job. At the same time, I welcome our new Grand Knight Mike Carr and all the officers.

May God bless us and keep us safe and happy and holy during the summer months and always.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



**June, 1988
Tom Kramer**

The Knight of the Month for June is Tom Kramer. Tom and his wife, Dolly, are residents of Union. They are communicants of Holy Spirit Church.

A member of the Council for five years Tom plays an active part in Council life. You may see him serve as a bartender both daytime and nights. He is an active participant in the Fourth Degree Assembly where he, too, is a member. Over the past few years Tom played an integral part for the convention in Wildwood. Without him many of the supplies needed would not have been transported down there so efficiently. This year he spent hours of his time cutting and slicing the meats which were served for lunches and snacks.

Tom is a Brother who is always willing to help whenever needed. For all this Union Council is pleased to honor him as Knight of the Month.

KNIGHT'S BINGO - SATURDAY, JUNE 18

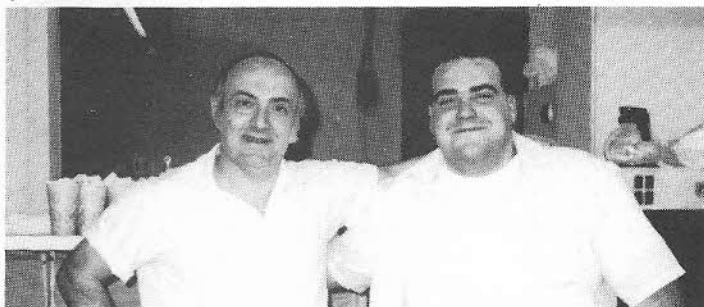
On Saturday, June 18 - be there or be square! Spend your Saturday night and (possibly) go home a winner. First game starts 7:00 PM. Come out and play or work. Workers needed there at 6:00 PM.

GONE FISHIN'??

Anyone interested in joining a Deep Sea Fishing Group please contact Angelo Torrisi at 376-2461.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD BANK

Our Blood Bank Drive is scheduled for Sunday, June 26, 1988, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Refreshments will be served to all donors. In addition, all donors will receive two pool passes.



Stop by and say "hello" to Ted and Chris at our Snack Bar on the patio. Enjoy scrumptious cuisine at reasonable prices.

COLUMBIAN CLUB NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS 1988 - 1989

President Joe Tortora
1st Vice President Tony Maffie
2nd Vice President Ed Rocco
Secretary Bill Stuart
Treasurer Rocco Corbo

Directors -

Angelo Torrisi
Bob Auth
Bob Sugzda
Matt Battiato
Vic Interdonato
Stanly Dziekew
Joe Partly

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS 1988 - 1989

Union Council 4504 will have their annual installation of officers. The installation Mass will be held on Friday evening, July 8, 1988 at 7:30 P.M. at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Elizabeth, New Jersey. A Reception will immediately follow after the installation. It will be held at the Council hom 9:00 P.M. - 12:00 Midnight.

COLUMBIAN SWIM CLUB

For your safety and convenience, the following rules apply to ALL members and guests:

1. No foot street wear to be used in pool area.
2. No food or drink allowed in pool area.
3. No running in pool area.
4. No transferring of badges to others for pool use.
5. Bathing caps must be used on long hair.
6. Obeysance of pool management regarding health and safety.
7. Obeysance of Columbian Club rules.
8. Infants must be toilet trained to use the Adult pool.

Violators will be subject to suspension by the Board of Directors.

The pool will begin its full-time schedule on June 20. Hours of operation in July will be 12:00 Noon to 9:00 PM. Hours of operation in August will be 12:00 Noon to 8:00 PM.

