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## Chaplain's Column REV. ANTHONY NARDO



The 'merry merry month of May' is upon us. What a full month it promises to be with Mother's Day, Ascension

Thursday, Pentecost Sunday, Spring cleaning, graduations, 1<sup>st</sup> Communions, Confirmations, Memorial Day weekend, the opening of the pool, the NJ State Convention, golf outings, a softball tournament, and more. Let us give thanks to the Lord for all the wonderful things we have to do. Let us be open to the ways the Lord would have us be spiritually renewed as the world around us 'Springs' to life. Let us also be sensitive to the needs of those around us, pitching in to help where and when we can. I am especially proud to be the chaplain for the Union Knights of Columbus because of the generosity of its members in fund raising activities. Keep up the good work. Let us look forward with joy to all the Lord has in store for us. He is risen.

### Brothers, NOTICE, We Need You!

Over the last five years the Columbian Club, the entity charged with the management of the Council home, (the maintenance, renovation, operation and in general paying the bills), has noticed an alarming trend. Receipts from the bar, theme nights and whatever events we could come up with to generate income have continuously fallen off while costs have continuously increased.

For example:

	Receipts	Disbursements
1996	\$153,928.46	\$168,053.95
1995	\$159,712.10	\$159,712.10
Loss	\$ 14,117.88 8% Incr.	\$ 8,341.85 5%

This example shows that in the last year alone, (receipts have fallen off by 8% and costs have increased by 5%), revenues have fallen off a total of 13%.

It has gotten to the point that we feel that we have to ask for your help. We need your patronage, at the council lounge, at parties and in the banquet hall.

Our prices in the lounge are more than competitive with commercial taverns, so if your going to meet a friend to see a ballgame and have a couple of drinks, why not come to the council. We have four color TV's and unfortunately plenty of space at the bar. All we need is you. If your friend(s) is(are) not a member(s), no problem, just bring them in and ask them to sign our guest register, relax and enjoy yourselves.

We promise to advertise our parties better in the future so that maybe you and your friends might buy a table for future events. We have eighteen hundred members, we would hope to have a waiting list for tables of our affairs.

If you or a relative have a wedding or christening or any special occasion coming up, please inquire about the cost of having the affair at the council home. We have plenty of room and open dates.

If for some reason something has turned you off from coming to the council, please let a member of the Columbian Club Board know about it and we will try to fix the problem. If you were turned off from having a party at the council, again, please let us know about the problem so we can make sure we don't turn our brothers off in the future. Any suggestions as to how you think we can solve our problem of the lack of patronage will be listened to and acted on whenever possible.

We want to thank the group of our brothers who continue to be LOYAL in their support and patronage. Without them we would surely have to close our doors and move to a church basement

Thanks for you continuing understanding.  
The Columbian Club Board

## RETARDED CITIZENS DRIVE

Our annual Retarded Citizens Drive was held the weekend of April 11 - 13. To date, you have helped to raise over \$12,000 and counting. If you didn't get a chance to come out and collect and you haven't sent anything in yet, please pledge a few dollars to the drive. Call Mike Aduato at 908-276-6357. Thank you.

## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH May 1997



### KEVIN COLLINS

Brother Kevin Collins, a brother Knight for 4 years now, presently holds a very important position as the Worthy Warden of Union Council. Kevin has also been juggling the responsibilities of Youth Activities Chairman. While meeting the demands of these important roles, Kevin can always be found helping out with other charitable events such as the Retarded Citizens Drive and St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance.

Kevin and his wife, Carol, formerly of Chatham have resided in Union for about 9 years. They have 3 children, Caitlin 9, Billy 7, and Molly 4 years old. Kevin and his family are communicants of Saint Michael's Parish. The Collin's are also active members of St. Michael's Parish School where Kevin holds the seat of President of the School Advisory Board and heads up the Father's Guild, while Carol is the President of the Home School Association.

Kevin is a graduate of Kean College and is presently employed as a Financial Planner with Jack Collins and Associates.

One of Kevin's outside interests is basketball, whether it be coaching Billy's basketball team or cheering for the NY Knicks. This is not saying he would turn away the opportunity for a good round of golf if time allowed!

Union Council is extremely pleased and proud to have Brother Kevin Collins as Knight of the Month for May, 1997.

## SUMMER ACTIVITIES

- June 21.....Coors Barbecue
- July 4 .....Hotdogs
- July 12..... Summer Dance (inside)
- July 19 ..... Fish Fry
- July 26 ..... Outside Patio Party
- Aug 2 ..... Caribbean Night
- Aug 9 ..... Youth Splash Party
- Aug 9 ..... Monmouth Park Bus Ride
- Aug 16 ..... Crab & Corn Night
- Aug 23 ..... Oldies But Goodies Night

## Grand Knight's Column RAY PRUSZKOWSKI

It was only a few years ago when I learned that what we sing as our national anthem is really only one of the verses of "The Star-Spangled Banner".



I believe I was in my early 20s when I realized that the verse that we sing is only three lines and, more importantly, that the last line is really a question. "Does that star-spangled banner yet wave o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?" I believe the US is the land of the free BECAUSE it is the home of the brave. Brave men and women who gave their time, talents, limbs and lives in the service of this country.

Memorial Day will be celebrated later this month. It is a day we set aside to honor those who have served our country and who have given their all for it. They are the people who have answered that question at the end of "The Star-Spangled Banner" not just with words, but with their lives. That question is one that is asked and must be answered everyday. Those men and women who currently serve our country answer that question for us today.

How can we honor the memory of those who gave their "last full measure of devotion" and the spirit of those who currently serve of those who have served? One simple way is to march in the Memorial Day Parade on May 26. Join your brother Knights for a short walk in the morning. Other ideas are to send a letter of thanks to someone you know serving in the military. If you know someone who has served and is in a VA hospital, call or visit them. And, of course, visit the grave of a family member who served our country. In your own style, find some way to thank them for what they have done.

## "JACK ROBBINS SPRING" GOLF CLASSIC

Saturday - May 31<sup>st</sup>  
(Rain Date to be determined)

Apple Mountain Golf & Country Club  
Belvedere, New Jersey  
\$65.00 per golfer

For Reservations Contact: John Peters (908)810-1283

ALL Foursomes MUST be paid prior to Tee-Times.

## CIRCLE THE DATE

SATURDAY, JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup>  
11AM - 4PM  
BLOOD DRIVE AT UNION COUNCIL

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## MONTHLY MEETINGS

1st Mon. .... Council Officers  
 2nd & 4th Mon. .... Regular Meetings  
 3rd Mon. .... Swim Club  
 1st Wed. .... 4th Degree Officers  
 2nd Thurs. .... 4th Degree Color Corps  
 3rd Wed. .... 4th Degree Regular  
 4th Wed. .... Council Committees  
 4th Thurs. .... Columbian Club

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**SAT. MAY 24, 1997**

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 Swim Club Pres.....George Clark

## CALENDAR

May 1997  
 1 Thu.....National Day of Prayer  
 2 Fri.....1<sup>st</sup> Friday Mass/  
 Communion Supper @ 7 PM  
 3 Sat.....Work Party @ 8AM  
 7 Wed.....Work Party @ 6 PM  
 8 Thu.....Holy Day of Obligation:  
 Ascension of the Lord  
 10 Sat.....Work Party @ 8 AM  
 12 Mon.....Rosary @ 7:30 PM  
 14 Wed.....Work Party, 6 PM - 8 PM  
 15 - 18.....NJ State Convention  
 21 Wed.....Work Party @ 6 PM  
 24 Sat...Pool Side Mass @ 11:00 AM  
 24 Sat.....Double Bingo at the  
 Boys Club @ 7:30 PM  
 26 Mon.....Memorial Day Parade  
 @ 9:30 AM  
 27 Tue.....FIRST DEGREE @ 8PM  
 31 Sat.....Golf Outing  
 June 1997  
 4 Wed..SECOND DEGREE @ 8PM  
 6 Fri.....First Friday @ 7:30 PM

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