



# Knights Digest

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## One Nation Under God Assembly Slated for Town Hall

On Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> Union's Town Hall will be the site of a special assembly to demonstrate our Council's support for keeping the words "One Nation Under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance. This event, which will begin at 11:00 a.m., is part of the Knights of Columbus' ongoing efforts to raise public awareness about a recent court decision in California which declared that these words should be stricken from the pledge, under the premise that they violate the separation of Church and State.

During the assembly, our Council will be donating a pennant embossed with the words "One Nation Under God" to the Township, and we will be asking that it be flown under the United States flag that is raised each day at Town Hall.

Local veterans groups, Boys and Girls Scout troops have been invited to attend, and various media outlets have also been notified. To make this event a true success, it will be important that as many Brothers, as well as their family and friends, attend and lend their support to this initiative. The Knights of Columbus were instrumental in having these words added to the Pledge in 1954, and we are committed to maintaining these important words for future generations to know and recite. Please make every effort to attend this assembly and show your support!

## Spring Drives to Highlight Council's Commitments to Charity

April and early May will present the Council with two opportunities to demonstrate our commitment to raising funds and goods for local charities. First, the annual Retarded Citizens Drive (RCD) will take place the weekend of April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. During this drive, Brother Knights will be asked to donate a few hours of their time to stand in front of local supermarkets, stores, and key intersections in Union to solicit donations from the general public. Since we do obtain permission from the Township to conduct this drive, it will take place, rain or shine.

This drive is annually one of the Council's significant fund raisers for charity, and has typically generated over \$10,000 for local charities of our choice.

This year, as in past years, the funds will be going to four different charities: Camp Fatima, the Union Challenger Baseball League, the McCauley School, and The Burnett Middle School Special Education Program. While each charity has a different primary focus, they all use donations to assist those who are unable to assist themselves in many of the basic activities of daily living.

Please contact chairperson Anthony M. Manochio at [amanoch@verizon.net](mailto:amanoch@verizon.net) to volunteer for this important fund-raiser. Even an hour of your time will enable us to benefit these tremendously beneficial charities. We can certainly use as much help as possible to make this year's event a major success.

Following the RCD drive, we will be holding our annual Spring food drive. This event will take place during the week of April 26-30<sup>th</sup>, when we will be asking each public elementary and middle school to collect donations. The drive will culminate on Saturday, May 1 when Brothers will be stationed at local supermarkets from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm to ask for donations from shoppers as they complete their food purchases. The fall drive was extremely successful, with over 2,000 pounds of food collected and donated to Sister Ann's food pantry at St. Michael's, and we would like to duplicate that success with this drive.

Please contact chairperson Jim Chamberlin if you are able to assist with this event. Jim can be reached at 908 400-8064.



*Santo Trapani Named Knight of  
the Month for April, 2004*

Santo has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for five years. He is a resident of Union and an active member of Saint James Parish. Santo is employed by the European Academy of Cosmetology in Union where he serves as the director of admissions. He has been married to his lovely wife Linda for twelve years and they have three children, Danielle, 9, Antonio, 7 and Santino 2. He is currently serving as the Faithful Navigator of the Fourth Degree and is responsible for the One Nation Under God Stickers and banners that are showing up all over town. Santo is an active member of the knights and is always willing to lend a hand, whether it be helping the degree team, or tiling the outside bathrooms. He is a true Catholic Gentleman and we are fortunate to have him in Union Council.

Five Brother Knights will be taking their Fourth Degrees on Sunday, April 25 at the Parsippany Hilton. Please join us in congratulating each of these worthy candidates: Livinius Adibe, Brian Ford, Reginald Inwirika, Gregory Lodato and Andy Schopfer.

## 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 Thu.	Columbian Club

## Grand Knight's Column



My fellow brothers and your families, in just a few weeks we will be celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and we are once again reminded that it was through His pain and suffering that we too will have everlasting life. I recently saw the movie "The Passion of the Christ", which I felt was truly an intense religious experience. I strongly suggest that if you haven't already seen this movie that you seriously think about going to see it. As Catholics Christians we all have heard or have read the Easter story, but after seeing this movie I am sure you will never look at another crucifix the same way. May we as Knights of Columbus continue to be inspired by the life and death of our Lord as we live out the four principals of the Knights of Columbus; Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

This month our council we will be holding two major events that I hope you will all come and support in some way. The first is the Annual Retarded Citizen's Drive on the weekend of April 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at which time we will hit the streets of Union with our yellow aprons soliciting funds for our brothers and sisters who live with mental retardation. This year's chairman is Tony Manocchio Jr.; please answer his call for assistance. As you may recall last year we had a pitiful showing of support of only about 6 members out of our 1800 members.

The second major event is the "One Nation Under God" Rally planned in front of Town Hall on April 24<sup>th</sup>. This is a very important event for everyone, members, families and friends to come out and show their support to ensure that the words "One Nation Under God" are not removed from the Pledge of Allegiance. Remember it was the Knights of Columbus who fought very hard to gets these words to become part of the pledge and it is the Knights of Columbus and their families and friends who will ensure that they remain in the pledge. Please see the article on the front cover for more details.

In my last month's article I made mention of the phrase "Joe's Pub". The association of this phrase to the bar "Joe's Place" in town was unintentional, but rather a generic term meant to illustrate a point. In no way was it meant to offend the owner of Joe's Place, his patrons or anyone else associated with the establishment. As I was writing that article I used the words "Joe's Pub" as someone else might use the terminology "Tom, Dick or Harry" to generalize a statement. It was not meant in any way as a reference to the establishment "Joe's Place". I truly apologize to the owner of Joe's Place and his patrons for any misunderstandings, which may have occurred as a result of the use of this phrase.

In closing this article I want to extend a word of congratulations to my fellow brother knights who will soon be honored with the title Sir Knight when they take their 4<sup>th</sup> Degree on the 25th of this month.

May the Risen Lord be with you and your loved ones this Season of Easter.  
Vivat Jesus!  
Michael Cavallo, Grand Knight

## Columbian Club News

Work Parties have started and will be getting into full swing in order to be ready for Opening Day for the Pool and Grove/Picnic Area on May 29, 2004. Thanks to all who continue to help out in this much needed volunteer effort every Saturday from 8:00 am-to-12:00 pm. Wednesday night work will begin as daylight permits in early Spring.

The party at our Council Hall after this year's Saint Patrick's Day Parade was a huge success once again. Thanks to all who participated; all who were here had a great time. Special thanks to Clarence C. and his crew who worked in the Driveway, in the Kitchen and at the Bar: Sam; Kevin; Jim C.; Joe S.; Mike P.; Mike M.; Mike A.; Rich S.; Bill M.; Ronnie G.; Jamie Z. Thanks also to DJ's Eddie and Tony for an outstanding job.

This year's Appreciation Night Dinner/Dance will be held in the Council Hall on Saturday, April 24, 2004. This invitation-only event has been well received in the past and this year's event should continue this tradition. Invitations will be going out soon.

Continuing with past Easter traditions, the Council Bar/Lounge will be closed on Good Friday, April 9, and Easter Sunday, April 11, 2004.

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

Happy Easter!  
**Allen Pascullo - Columbian Club President**

### **Softball Players Needed for Union League, Play Starts in May**

Any member interested in playing on the Knights of Columbus softball team should contact Joe Menza at 973-926-2400 A.S.A.P. The team is scheduled to participate in the Union "B" League. Games are played Monday - Thursday evenings at 6:45 and 8:00, and each team will play two games per week. Rainouts are made up on Friday evenings. The season begins the first week of May.

Come join us, even if you haven't played in a while. Its sure to be a lot of laughs, fun, and we should even have a few victories thrown in as well!

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### **Bowling League Standings**

*Results through Week 27 of 35*

<b>Pos</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Won</b>	<b>Lost</b>
1.	Hurricanes	110.0	78.0
2.	3 Blind Men	110.0	79.0
3.	Tree Pops	93.0	96.0
4.	Devils	86.0	103.0
5.	PJJ	84.0	105.0
6.	Numero Uno	83.0	106.0

## **Easter Egg Hunt Slated for April 3**

Saturday April 3 2003 is the annual Easter Egg Hunt for the children of the council. The hunt will start at 1:00 pm in the picnic and play areas behind the council. Bring the children for a fun time. There will be food fun and of course the fun time of searching for goodies on the grounds. We have all had a great time at the Halloween and Christmas and the children will have a great time this day also.

Any questions please contact chairperson Bart Supino by e-mail at BARDYSIII@AOL.COM or by phone at (908) - 810 - 1584.

### **Its Time to Book Rooms for the Convention**

This year the annual State Convention of the Knights of Columbus will be held on May 14th through the 16th. Please join us in spending a weekend with your brother Knights and their families at the Adventurer Hotel in Wildwood.

While many of the actual convention activities are restricted to our elected delegates, the weekend provides an opportunity to meet with fellow Knights from across the state in a relaxed atmosphere. In addition, the trip offers the fun of an early summer weekend on the Wildwood boardwalk, or the chance to take the short ride to view the sights of historic Cape May.

The cost is only \$337.00 for three nights, and \$263.00 for two. The weekend includes use of the Hospitality room which will be stocked with food and drink for the weekend. Please contact Deputy Grand Knight Joe Demarco at (908) 964-1870 to book your rooms. This weekend is always a good time, and this year promises to be no exception. Hope to see you there!

### **Insurance Update**

Remember that a permanent life insurance policy through the Knights of Columbus can offer you and your loved ones financial protection if you live, die, become disabled, or even choose to quit later on! The insurance program is rated AAA by Standard & Poors and A++ Superior by A.M. Best.

See Rich Fuentes for all your insurance and planning needs.

### **Memorabilia Requested**

We are still hoping to redecorate our Lounge and Bar area with pieces of nostalgic memorabilia. If you have anything to contribute, such as old photographs, posters, sports programs, sports equipment, etc. that you are willing to part with, contact Vinnie Iannuzzi at (908) 868-8300. Take a few minutes over the next week to go through your basement or garage to find that unique piece of history that might become the conversation piece of our Council home! Any unused items will be tagged so that they can be returned to you.