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Halloween Party

The Columbian Club's annual Halloween Party will take place this year on **Saturday, October 25th** in our Council Hall. The event will begin at 7:00 PM, end at midnight, and will feature the usual spectacular Halloween decorations, a buffet dinner, open bar, and a DJ - all for the cost of only \$25.00 per person. While costumes are not required, those who choose to wear them will be eligible to receive prizes during the evening's Parade of Costumes.

Tickets are available by contacting chairmen Bobby DeMichael (973) 332-4374. There is a ticket cut off of October 20th, so be sure to reserve early.



Anniversary Merchandise

If anyone has any interest in still purchasing 50th Anniversary shirts I have plenty of t-shirts people can buy, also for those who have ordered other merchandise and yet to pick those items up please contact Mike Peter at 908-499-1162.



Annual Campout

The annual campout for kids is October 11th. Price is \$10.00 per family and includes: drinks; dinner (burgers, hotdogs), Breakfast; (pancakes, bacon, eggs, milk, etc.) Snacks; (S'mores, chips, etc). Campers can start setting up tents after 5:00pm Note: Must have child to stay overnight. Anyone can join us for our campfire. For more information, please contact Jamie Zap-pulla at 908-380-9155.

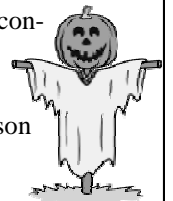


Clothing Drive

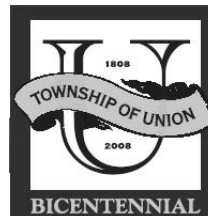
Union Council will be holding its clothing drive from **September 21st thru October 28th**. We will be collecting any usable clothing, shoes, belts, handbags, linens and stuffed animals. All donations should be placed in large plastic bags and securely tied. The bags can be dropped off at the Council Hall on 1034 Jeanette Avenue.

All funds raised from this drive will be used to continue the Council's charitable efforts.

For more information, please contact Chairperson Mike Loguidice at 908-472-9113.



Bi-Centennial Parade



On October 12th there will be a Bi-Centennial Parade for Union Township. The Knights of Columbus has been invited to participate. It would be nice if it were well attended. The parade route will be basically the same as the St. Patrick's Day route except it will not turn onto Stuyvesant but will continue to the Casino Lot on Morris Ave just past Town Hall. If you would like to march in the parade, please arrive no later than 1:30pm. Parade begins at 2pm.

First Degree Scheduled

There is a first degree ceremony scheduled for Monday, October 27th at 7:30pm. Please come out to support the new members.

For further information call Membership Director Nick Belmonte at 908-686-6084. Remember F-100's are located at the Council!

Regards, Nick Belmonte

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or via email to: tomdudek@att.net. You must clearly identify all people in photos submitted and at what council event the photo was taken. Photos with alcoholic beverages will not be considered. Photos may also be submitted via email as hi-resolution image files. Hard copy photos will only be returned when accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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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

MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT



Brothers, and friends of the Knights,

I am happy to say that even though we were forced to postpone our picnic when the remnants of "Hanna" came whipping through, it turned out to be a huge success. The sun returned on Sunday to give us a glorious day. All those who attended were more than satisfied by the great selection of food presented by Frank Santangelo and his staff. He and his crew consisting of Ron Kuziola, Joe Burlew, Allen Pascullo, Tommy LaMotte, Giftus John, Mike Loguidice, and Mike Malloy really out did themselves. I would also like to thank the "girls" that did such a wonderful job stepping up to lend a hand wherever it was needed. Their great help was really appreciated. I also want to express my sincere gratitude to Harry Lupo for chairing this wonderful event.



At the picnic, we continued with our tradition of honoring those families with members in the armed forces. I want to earnestly thank the union county police and fire departments' pipes band for their participation which always adds so much to this occasion. Additionally, we recited the prayer for peace that Pope Benedict had read at ground zero. We now read this stirring prayer at all of our meetings and ask that all of our members attend whenever possible.

I would hope that having postponed the past Grand Knight's dinner to Saturday night November 22nd it might give some of those who would not have been able to make the earlier date a chance to attend. Please also try to attend the other upcoming events which I have mentioned previously. I would like to invite anyone who can to march in the parade that the town is having on October 12th to celebrate its bicentennial. Our mass for deceased members will be held at 9:00 am Sunday, November 16 at Holy Spirit with a brunch at the council afterwards. We will also be having a "Breakfast with Santa". More details will be provided at a later date.

I recently attended the moving tribute to those who were killed at the world trade center. This somber occasion reminds us what these families have had to endure, and of what has been said: "lest we forget."

In closing, I wish to express my deepest sympathy to all those who have lost loved ones, particularly those lost within the past month.

God bless all of you,
Mike Peter



Columbian Club

Although this is my second time around as Columbian Club President, every day is a real challenge. Always worried about things breaking down or just paying all our bills. Just think of the Columbian Club as a big business. We need to make money for all improvements here at the club. Whether its a new AC unit on the roof, a fence in the back grove or even a new TV for the bar. It adds up quickly. And the money goes even quicker. I hope everyone knows that if you're a member of the Knights of Columbus, you are also members of the Columbian Club.

This is "Your Club". This past summer we ran a few events to raise funds. The Summer Slam and the Pig Roast to name a few. We are always looking for different ideas to run here at the council as well. If anyone has any ideas feel free to contact me either by phone (380-9155) or E-Mail (Jkbc87@verizon.net).

I look forward to seeing some of you at future events. Come down to the council bar and watch some football. We have Direct TV so we should have all the games. Remember, we need your support in order to make improvements.

Thank You,
Jamie Zappulla



Knight of the Month *Nick Belmonte*



The Knights of Columbus prides itself on having members who are not just good catholic gentlemen, but also active in the community and at the council.. This month we honor one of those gentlemen who epitomizes that effort.

Nick Belmonte has been an active member for 5 years, and since joining has been involved in just about everything at the council. We normally see him running around as Membership director ,which he has been for the past several years, , trying to line up candidates, Interview them and schedule degrees. He has also been an Officer of the Council the last few years.. He is an Original North Ward "Nicky Newarker " and moved to Union and has been married to his lovely wife Maria , with whom they just celebrated their 20th anniversary. They have 2 children, Adrianna ,13, and Nicholas 9. They are parishioners of St Theresa in Kenilworth

Nick is a computer programmer by trade, and when not at work he coaches Adrianas softball team, as well as Nicholas' and also enjoys whatever free time he has with the kids, playing basketball, and bike riding
He is an avid Yankees and Giants fan, and you can normally see him on Football Sundays rooting his team on.

Union Council #4504 is proud to make Nick Belmonte its Knight of the Month.



Jamie,

We can't thank you enough for the beautiful splash party you ran at the Knights of Columbus council #4504. This was our first experience with this since Alyssa Nicole is four years old. She couldn't wait to go.

You did such a fine job. All the children, younger and older, had a big smile on their face. After swimming for an hour and a half, you then served them hot dogs, apple juice, and ice cream sundaes. The new Grand Knight Mike Peter and myself (Emily Casalino) really enjoyed helping to serve the ice cream sundaes. The prizes were even great. Alyssa won a \$25.00 gift certificate to Toys R Us and there so many other nice prizes

I took about 60 pictures. Hope I didn't leave any one out, even tried to get some of the adults sitting around the tiki bar.....everyone had a great time, even the adults...I had 2 cds made, so everyone can view them on the website.

Thank you again, Jamie, for allowing my two special nieces, Jessica and Sarah to participate...they are still talking about it.

Also, we can't forget Mary Kay Pascullo and Chris Burlew for all their work with the raffles for the prizes to the children and especially to the lifeguards for keeping all our children safe.

Jamie, you are an amazing person, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts!!!!!!

The Casalino family

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