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Blood and Food Drives, Annual Communion Breakfast Set for November

Union Council 4504 has planned two events for the month of November which will allow Brother Knights the opportunity to assist the less fortunate. In addition, the annual communion breakfast to remember the deceased members of the Council will be held on November 13.

The fall food drive will actually begin in the Union schools on October 31st and will run for the remainder of the week. The drive will culminate on Saturday, November 5, when members of the Council will be at the doors of the Union supermarkets to ask shoppers for donations from 10:00 in the morning until 3:00 in the afternoon.

All of the food will then be sorted and weighed in the Council hall before being delivered to Sister Ann's food pantry in Saint Michael's Church later in the month. If you are available to help with the drive, contact Chairperson Chuck Cababe (908) 687-3809. Donations can also be dropped off at the Council throughout the week.

Later on in the month, on Sunday, November 20th, we will be holding a Blood Drive in the Council Hall from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. By donating blood at this drive, you may well save a life, but will also enable Brother Knights to become eligible for free donations from the Blood Center in the event they face a medical emergency.

In addition, donees also receive juice and a snack for taking the time out of their weekend to contribute. For more information, contact Past Grand Knight Joe Demarco (908) 964-1870.

The Communion Breakfast will take place on Sunday morning, November 13. As noted, this event is held annually to allow the membership to get together to remember those Brothers who have passed away. The breakfast will begin at approximately 10:00, after the end of the 9:00 Masses at our Churches.

The cost for this event is \$7.00 per adult, and \$5.00 for children under 12. If you would like to assist in the kitchen or with serving, contact Warden Mike Peter (908) 272-4535. Tickets will be sold at the door on the morning of the event.

Columbian Club Plans Coors Nite

The Columbian Club has announced plans for a Coors Nite to be held on Saturday, November 26 from 8:00 P.M. to 12:00 midnight. For a \$5.00 admission fee, Coors products will be available at drastically reduced prices. Coors Lite and Yeungling on tap will be sold for only 49 cents, and 12 ounce bottles will be only 99 cents.

In addition, individuals who purchase the admission bracelet will be in the running for prizes which will be given away at 9:00, 10:00 and 11:00. There will also be other giveaways and hors d'oeuvres will also be served throughout the evening.

Even if you are not normally a Coors afficianado, this night promises to be a good time and a break from the normal routines of the weekend. Why not come down and join in the fun?

Outside Guard Position Open

At the Council Business meeting of October 24, Grand Knight Harry Lupo advised the members in attendance that John Moco had resigned his Outside Guard position due to family committments. Anyone who is interested in filling this role should contact the Grand Knight as soon as possible.

In addition, he also announced that we had received a number of applications for the high school scholarship program. As the number of applicants exceeds the budgeted amount for the program, a special committee has been formed to review the applications and decide on the recipients. Chancellor Andy Schopfer will be heading that committee, which will be meeting shortly to begin its evaluations.

Tricky Tray Meeting Scheduled

The committee planning the Council's Tricky Tray will be holding a planning meeting on Wednesday evening, November 9 at 7:30 pm in the Council Hall. Anyone who is interested in working with this committee should plan to attend.

The actual event will take place on Saturday, February 25, 2006. For more information, or to contribute dontations, contact Diane Lupo at (908) 851-2493.

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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



As we get into the cooler weather and start gearing up for the holidays, we all start thinking of indoor activities that we can do. This time of year-with winter fast approaching- is always so peaceful. By mid-February, we will all be looking for the warmer weather to get here, but for now, our thoughts get ready for celebrations of Thanksgiving and Christmas.

November will feature a number of activities within the Council and also around town. First, we will have begun the month by holding our Second and Third degree ceremonies in the Council Hall. Hopefully, all first degree members were able to complete these degrees and will not have to wait until the summer to do so.

Our fall food drive will be taking place in the Union schools during the first week of November, and on Saturday November 5th Brother Knights will be collecting food at all of the local supermarkets in Union. The food will all be donated to Sister Ann's food pantry at Saint Michaels. As yet another sign of our commitment to the community, we will also be holding our Blood Drive in the Council Hall on Sunday, November 20 from 11:00 to 4:00.

Another major event will take place on Sunday, November 13 when we hold our annual communion breakfast to honor those Brother Knights who are no longer with us. Please stop by after attending Mass that morning and take a few moments to remember those who have gone before us.

As you can see, we have a fairly busy month ahead. I am looking forward to seeing a lot of members and their families either to help out at these events, or to just come out and have fun at the Council. Finally, I also want to add a quick note that we will be holding our annual new member social on Sunday, December 9th, and hope that all of the members who have joined in the past year will be able to come out for an evening in their honor.

To all of you, have a happy and healthy Thanksgiving, and stay well.

Harry Lupo, Grand Knight

PASTA NIGHT-A CULINARY DELIGHT

On Friday October 14th, we held our 4th annual "Pasta Night in Support of Our Parish Priests." Nearly 150 Brothers, their families and friends, attended this event, which has grown each year since its inception.

Monsignor Doyle, Father Burke and Father John from Holy Spirit, as well as Father Matt and Father Chuck from St. Michaels, were our honored guests. Everyone enjoyed a meal which featured pasta, sausage, homemade meatballs, salad, bread, desert, coffee, beer, wine and soda.

This event, emceed by Grand Knight Harry Lupo would not have been such a success if not for the help and dedication of a wonderful group of Brother Knights. I would like to personally thanks Frank Santangelo, Joe Bierlew, Mike Malloy, Clarence Cunningham, Steve Ruhl, Jamie Zapulla, Andy Schopfer, Joe Harbison, Steve Helmstetter, and Tom Dudek for making the night one to remember.

Buddy Cotter, Deputy Grand Knight

Columbian Club News

Brother Knights and Ladies of the K of C:

This year is going by so fast that I am having trouble keeping up with all that is taking place at the Knights. October 15, 2005 was the family camp out, run by Jamie Zapulla and Tom Lamotta. I did not attend due to the fact that this old body just could not handle sleeping on the hard ground. However, I was told that everyone in attendance had a great time sitting around the old campfire, playing games and sleeping in tents in the wilderness of the picnic grove. Breakfast was a huge success cooked on the new griddle we purchased this past summer. I would like to personally thank Ron Giameo for, once again, donating toys for each child at the camp out.

I would like to let everyone know that our bar **will** be open for business the night before Thanksgiving. I'm told that this is the biggest party night of the year, so why not join us and have the party at our place? We are also hosting a Coors night in our lounge Saturday, November 26, 2005. All Coors products will be on sale! Coors Lite and Yeungling tap beer will be 49 cents a glass, and Coors Lite and Yeungling bottles will be 99 cents each. The \$5.00 entrance fee makes you eligible for the door prize drawings and also gets you a bracelet for the discounted prices. Sorry guys, the Coors girls will **not** be attending!

Before closing, I would like to remind everyone about football Sunday every week in the bar area. We feature the Direct TV NFL ticket, a snack around half time of the first game, and something hot to eat at half time of the second game. I would like to thank Mike Scanlon, John Peters and Chris Bono for helping in the kitchen while Bob DeMichael was visiting with his mother. Liz Scanlon also gets a big thank you for making the delicious home made potato salad. Sorry Mike, I could not let you get away with taking the credit.

To all my brothers and ladies of the K of C, I wish you a happy, healthy, and safe Thanksgiving. May God bless you.

Bob Calderone, Columbian Club President.

Childrens Christmas Party Slated for December 18

The annual Children's Christmas party, sponsored by the Children's Activities committee, will be held on Sunday afternoon, December 18. Beginning at 1:00 PM, the event will feature a visit from Santa, as well as goodies for the children. Food and drinks for the children will be provided.

Please be certain to bring your children to this fun filled event. For more information, contact Children's Activity Chairman, Matt Cunningham (908) 241-7710.

Jamie Zapulla Named Knight of the Month



Jamie has been a member of Union Council 4504 for 8 years. He lives in Union and has been married to his wife Kathy for 18 years. They are the proud parents of Brian, age 14 and Colleen, age 9. Brian is a freshman at St. Peters Prep in Jersey City and Colleen is a 3rd grader at Washington School.

Jamie and his family are parishioners of St. Michael's Church.

Jamie is a graduate of Lincoln Technical School and has been employed by Wyman Ford for 21 years as a Senior Master Technician. He has been instrumental in the success of many activities here at the Council, such as the bus trips to Monmouth Park, Atlantic City, and Mohegan Sun. In addition, he has most recently planned and conducted the family camp out this past month.

Jamie is always found lending his time and expertise to many other activities and functions including work parties, the annual picnic and the Pasta night.

In his spare time, Jamie can be found playing softball with the Knights of Columbus team, playing volleyball and golfing.

We are pleased to honor Jamie as the Knight of the Month for November.

New Member Social To Be Held On December 9

Each year, Union Council 4504 reaches out to all new Brother Knights who have either completed their degrees or who may have transferred into the council and invites them to a night in their honor. The idea behind the event is to allow the new members and their spouses or girlfriends the opportunity to again stop by the Council and learn more about what it means to be a Knight of Columbus.

This years event will be held on Friday evening, December 9 at 7:00 P.M. Officers of the Council, Columbian Club and the Columbian Swim Club will be on hand to discuss their roles and the roles of their organizations. Chairmen of the different committees will also be invited to participate and share their experiences with the new members.

The honorees will be receiving their invitations in the mail shortly. For more information contact Nick Belmonte, (908) 686-6084 or Andy Schopfer (908) 686-8974, chairpersons.