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Dear Brother Knights,

At the end of our 2001 season, I would like to offer a sincere thank you to everyone who helped make this a great summer. One of the things we look forward to each year is our summers. From the pool and patio to the picnic and playground areas. We all come together as a "Family" and share the entire club. Thankfully, the weather cooperated, making this great season full of fun and sun.

At the end of each summer, I seem to notice more changes within our club. Those changes are not just the different things that were built, fixed and added. I am speaking about the people who join us each year. Seeing the generations of families growing up here gives me a great feeling. A feeling of belonging, unity and friendship. And if you take notice, you will feel it too.

As your Columbian club, we will continue to work helping to provide the amenities you have enjoyed each year. As you know, each of our members are always welcome with their families and friends. This invitation is not just for the summertime, but also throughout the year. We sincerely hope each of our members will continue to enjoy the Knights of Columbus all year-round.

In closing, I look forward to seeing all of you through the rest of this year and, until next summer, please be happy and healthy. Again, thank you so much for your help this season.

Fraternally yours,

Harry Lupo

President, Columbian Club

Kids Halloween Party

We will be having a children's Halloween Party on Sunday October 28th at 2:00PM. Wear your scariest, funniest or silliest costume. We will be serving hotdogs and snacks to all of the goblins and ghouls. In addition, we will be entertained by some of the council's best monsters. Come and Join the fun!!



Come and experience the Halloween Maze Of Horrors. Visit The Field Of Screams, & The Haunted Graveyard. These are just a few of the encounters you will be subjected to on your visit to the Maze. Be part of the crazed and horrific adventure that will take place at our council picnic grove. Visit The Unnecessary Surgery Room and The Torture Chamber, if you dare. Don't just go it alone. Make sure you bring someone. Coming on October 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28, 30, and 31. Tickets on sale now. Adults: \$8.00. Children under 12, \$5.00. Contact Larry Killmer, 908 389 1341 or Mike Cavallo, 908 686 7540.

ADULT HALLOWEEN PARTY



Saturday, 10/27/01
7:00PM to 12:00AM
DJ, OPEN BAR, FOOD, SNACKS
PRIZES AWARDED
(costumes optional)
\$38.00 per couple
RESERVE EARLY!

For more info contact,
Buster Rapke 908 964 5342
Bobby DeMichael 908 241 6145
Kenny Spellman


GET WELL SOON
Father Gerry

COUNCIL EVENTS

- Saturday, October 6th
Council Golf Outing
- Saturday, October 13
Rose Sale at St. Michael's
- Sunday, October 14
Rose Sale/Membership Drive at St. Michael's
- Saturday, October 20
Rose Sale at Holy Spirit
- Sunday, October 21
Rose Sale/Membership Drive at Holy Spirit
- Saturday, October 27
Adult Halloween Party
- Sunday, October 28
Children Halloween Party
- Friday, November 2
First Friday Mass
- Friday, November 9
Spaghetti Dinner
- Saturday, November 17
Hire A Knight Auction
- Sunday, November 18
Communion Breakfast
- Sunday, December 9
Camp Fatima Christmas Party
- Monday, December 10
Christmas Dinner Meeting
- Friday, December 14
Annual Bring a Dish



CHARITY GOLF OUTING

SATURDAY OCTOBER 13, 2001
MATTAWANG GOLF CLUB
BELLE MEAD, NJ
\$85.00 PER GOLFER

Includes green fee, cart, lunch and refreshments and awards banquet.

CONTACT
MICHAEL BEVAN
908-964-5048

All proceeds will go to the Retarded Citizen's Drive.

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

1st Mon.	Council Officers
2nd & 4th Mon.	Council
3rd Mon.	Swim Club
1st Wed.	4th Degree Officers
2nd Thur.	4th Degree Corps
3rd Wed.	Assembly
4th Wed.	Council Committees
4th Thur.	Columbian Club

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GRAND KNIGHTS COLUMN



Loras College, A Catholic college, In Dubuque, Iowa proved to be quite a culture Shock for me. The Renaissance from big city life to the rural farmlands of the Midwest, was more than a sheltered 18

year old New Jersyan bargained for. I was used to beeping my car horn when the person in front of me did not immediately take off when the light turned green. Midwesterners simply wait with seemingly no concern for haste. The transition to life in Iowa was partisan at best. I adapted, but not without desire to return to my roots.

Loras College offered many social and academic challenges. One particular organization, on campus, which I participated in for all 4 years of my undergraduate work was Alpha Phi Omega, a National Service Fraternity. Our main principle was service to our college, community and country. Much of the activities that we did paralleled the good works of the Knights of Columbus. We ran blood drives, raised and donated money to charitable organizations and provided various levels of service and assistance to the administrative and logistic needs of our college.

Fraternal brotherhood, during my college days, was a rewarding experience. Being part of a brotherhood, then and now, is a special part of my life. It's ever enduring significance comes from within, and hopefully will be passed on to my children. Brotherhood, of course, is the principal learned in our 3rd Degree Ceremony, and is cherished by all Brother Knights.

*Fraternally yours,
 Anthony Ferraro Jr.
 Grand Knight*

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



The Knight of the Month For October, 2001 is Frank Hrdina. Frank and his wife Maria have been Married for 16 years. They are the

parents of Anthony, Toni Marie and Francesca. They have been residents of Union for one year. Prior to moving to Union, Frank and his family lived in East Windsor. They are parishioners of Holy Spirit and Frank is employed by Maher Terminal where he has worked for the past 21 years. He is currently director of Human Resources.

Frank explained that he was a little hesitate about becoming a member when his brother Joe asked him to join the Knights of Columbus, but now he realizes that he made the right choice as he's beginning his second year with us. Frank decided to become an active member immediately and so he jumped right into getting involved. Last year Frank was very helpful with our annual food drive. He participated in the collection at various supermarkets, sorting and packaging the food where it was delivered to St. Michael's Food Pantry. This year Frank went a step further and became an officer. He is currently serving as the Council's Treasurer.

In his free time Frank enjoys reading and has recently discovered a new passion for gardening.

Union Council 4504 takes Great Pleasure in naming Frank Hrdina as the Knight of the Month for October, 2001

Congratulations Frank!!!

FIRST FRIDAY MASS

Our Next First Friday Mass will be held on Friday, November 2nd. Mass will be held in our council hall and will start at 7:00PM. If you have any questions concerning Church Activities you can contact Anthony Addotta at 908 464 9126.

SPEGHETTI DINNER

On November 9th, 2001 we will be having a spaghetti dinner with salad. It will be \$5 per adult and \$3 per child. **All proceeds will go to the WTC victims.** contact Clarence Cunningham, 241 7710 or Harry Lupo, 851 2493 for tickets.

SEPTEMBER BACK TO SCHOOL

Is there anyone out there who has not noticed the absence of children on the streets during the day? No question about it, school has reopened. Never before has more emphasis been placed on school costs---and how to pay for them. Sure, the Order has a scholarship program and a student loan program and our Swift-Mathews Educational Trust Fund does answer particular needs. But almost still must borrow money from banks in order to finance a college education for their sons or daughters.

Costs, of course, are up. This comes as no great surprise. In fact, while most people loudly protest increases in food prices, taxes and costs of other services, seldom do they oppose increases in the cost of education. Most parents seem to view college cost as an investment. They are investing money in their children's future. It has been definitely established that college graduates earn, on the average, from 1 1/2 to two times as much as non-college grads. Perhaps this is the reason why costs are so infrequently questioned.

Wise members prepare for these expenses by planning for them in advance. I can tell you of a plan specifically designed with college in mind. It enables you to plan, in advance, for your child's bills. It guarantees that if a child has the desire, the ambition, and the drive, he or she will also have the money. Moreover, it has a feature that no other financial institution can offer. If you die, or become disabled, the money you had planned to save will still be there.

Call me today to discuss these needs. I want to here from you.

Fraternally yours, Rich

Pinochle 2001 Tournament Results *And the winners for 2001 are:*

Ray Menoni & John Boyd

This years bragging rights go to Ray Menoni and John Boyd. Moving through the tournament, 'WINNING ALL THE GAMES' it took John and Ray less than 3 hours to emerge as 4504's Pinochle Champs for 2001.

John J. Mc Evoy

CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN

The recent events that have so sickened us have to be spoken about. What would the lord have us do? As we hear that we are at war, how should we conduct this war? I humbly submit some thoughts. First, our thoughts and prayers should continue for those families who lost loved ones, and for those traumatized by the event. I think that would be all of us. Secondly, we need to pray for our president and our government leaders to have wisdom in leading our response to this situation. I think we need to apprehend and bring to justice those who share in the responsibility for this act. We need to be patient and not inflict on others what we abhor ourselves, that is, we should not injure innocent people. So, First we need to pray a lot at this time and then talk, express our feelings and thoughts with one another. Remember, that their can not be any peace without justice and we should also talk about what a just world order should look like. Most of all let us trust in the Lord who promises us a bright eternity with him. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made Heaven and Earth.

In his love,

Fr. Anthony Nardo

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COMMUNION BREAKFAST

On Sunday, November 18 Council 4504 will be having its annual Communion Breakfast. The cost will be \$15 per couple and \$8 per adult. It will be buffet style and there will be a variety of tasty items to eat. The breakfast will start at 10:00AM following mass at St. Michael's parish. More details will follow. For more information or to reserve a ticket call Rich Santangelo Sr. at 908 964 5258, Rich Santangelo Jr. at 908 686 6889 or Marty Natale at 908 851 0692.

RETREAT

On November 25, 2001 there will be a retreat at St. Joseph's Shrine. Contact Tony Addotta at 908 464 9126 for information and reservations. The cost will be \$25 per person and is only for men 18 and older.

ROSES FOR LIFE

Have you ever thought about what you can do to proclaim the Gospel of Life? Our annual Rose Sale will be taking place this October at St. Michael's and Holy Spirit in Union. The money will go to organizations that help women in crisis and that help families of the terminally ill. If you can donate 15 minutes before or after mass, please contact Jim Sondey at 908 688 1889. Thank you.

Dear Editor,

The Annual Family Picnic was held on Saturday, September 8, 2001 in the Council Picnic Grove. While I was not only happy to have been in attendance, I was honored to have been a "small" part of a fantastic Picnic Committee.

While I can only speak for myself, I hope all will join me in offering "Kudos" and congratulations to Sam Maffei and his committee on a **JOB WELL DONE!!!!!!!**

Sincerely,

Michael Scanlon

3rd Degree Member, 4504

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