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For the record, the items in the opening below the cornerstone are:

A Rosary, a Knights of Columbus lapel pin, 2 copies of "These Men They Call Knights" booklet, a "Columbia" magazine from September 2011, a copy of "This is your Club House Brother Knight" pledge booklet from 1960, a copy of September 10, 1961 newspaper article about the 1961 Building Dedication, Copies of the Knight Digest September 1961 - page 3 "The Big Day is here" Official opening activities, October 1961 - Front page "Council Home Dedicated", September, 1969 - Front page "Mortgage to Burn", November 1969 - Front page "Throng Watches as Mortgage Burns". July 2011 - Front page "Council Hall's 50th Birthday, September 2011 - and page 2 Message from the Grand Knight about excavating the corner stone, a DVD with all Knight Digests from 1958 to present, US coins from 2011, Dog tag from 2011 Korean War Vets Flag Ceremony, US Flag from Union Country Fire Chief's Association September 11th Tenth Anniversary Memorial, Copies of the Star Ledger September 11, 2011 about 10th Anniversary of September 11, 2001 and a Council 50th Anniversary 1957 - 2007 tee shirt. We also cleaned up and reinstated the old Esso oil can which was the only artifact discovered in our attempts to find the original time capsule.

Time Capsule to Be Sealed

Over the past several months, we have tried to keep you all updated on the progress of our attempts to locate documents that were reportedly saved in a time capsule at the original dedication of our Council Home in September of 1961. Our efforts to date included the digging up of the original cornerstone, and the excavation of the ground underneath. However, as you all know, those efforts proved unsuccessful.

Despite our somewhat futile efforts, we did succeed in creating some interest in the building's history, and have had a good bit of fun in discussing the location of the alleged time capsule, and speculating on exactly what documents our Charter members had attempted to save for us.

In addition, we were also left with a fairly significant hole, and a completely unearthed cornerstone (re-engraved with the year 2011). So what's next? Our intrepid historian/archivist/mason Steve Nagy has filled in the hole underneath the old cornerstone, and has also created a small brick structure atop that location which is large enough to store a number of documents and other memorabilia reflecting the Union Council in the year 2011.

We have securely wrapped a number of items related to the Council and its history and place them in the middle of this new structure. The original cornerstone has now been placed on the top, and firmly mortared in place.

In anticipation of these events, we asked all of the Past Grand Knights who were able to attend the Past Grand Knights dinner on October 8th to participate in a group photo showing the location of our donation to the Council's history.



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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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Columbiette President.....Gina Zangari

Monthly Meetings

1st. Mon. -----Council Officers
2nd & 4th Mon.----- Council
3rd Mon.----- Swim Club
4th Wed. -----4th Degree Assembly
4th Thu.----- Columbian Club

MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT



Brother Knights and Friends of Union Council 4504

Last week, I set aside two hours to sit with a Brother Knight at the Stop and Shop as part of our semi-annual Food Drive. As we sat there conversing in between shoppers, discussing the ways that we would fix the world, we both noted the disabled individual valiantly propelling his wheelchair in an effort to enter the store and review the movies available in the kiosk located in the store's lobby. After he had left, we both remarked at how fortunate we are, and that despite the difficulties we have both experienced in our lives, things could be much, much worse.

This little reminder is especially pertinent as we enter the month of November – the month that begins with All Soul's day where we remember those who have gone before us, and concludes Thanksgiving, perhaps the best holiday of the year.

Like nearly all of you, I have experienced loss and grief, most notably in the past two years, when first my mom, and then my wife passed away. While time has not eased all of that emotion, it has taken some of the sting away. While I will still find myself missing them, I am now able to better understand that, despite our expectations, we are not in total control of what happens in our lives. Instead of focusing on the sense of loss, I have learned to remember the best times I had with both of them. I have also learned how important it is to let go of the small issues in life so that I can focus on those items that are truly important. They will both be on my mind a lot in the upcoming month, but I know that through the Grace of God, I will be able to reflect in a positive way.

I do have a couple of reminders for you as we get ready to prepare for the holiday season. Our family dinners have resumed in full swing, and are on the schedule for the third Thursday of each month (with the exception of February) through April. The prices can't be beat, and the opportunity to share a meal with your Brother Knights and their families is a treasure unto itself. We will also be arranging the township Nativity scene at the end of November, and will be scheduling the blessing of the Council and Township nativity scenes on Tuesday, December 6.

We will also be having our annual Christmas dinner meeting on Monday, December 12, so please make every effort to attend. The highlight of the evening, as usual, will be the drawing of the quarterly charitable raffle, led by John Murphy.

Enjoy your Thanksgiving!

Vivat Jesus!

Andy Schopfer - Grand Knight 2011-2012



Fall Food Drive

It's that time of year when our local Food Pantry is in need of our support.

Volunteers are needed for collecting food outside our local stores.

A&P and Seabra
November 4th, 5th and 6th



**Food Pantry
Donations Needed**

Please contact
Steven Stochlinski at
908-477-7133 or
Gregory Henn at
908-721-2094

Thank you for your support.

Runnells Hospital

The next chance to volunteer at Runnells Hospital is Sunday, November 20th from 9 AM to 11 AM. Your assistance is needed to bring patients to the chapel to attend Sunday mass. See Nick Belmonte.



Knight's Family Dinners



The next dinner is scheduled for
Thursday, November 17, 2011
Family of 4 \$25.00
Adults \$8.00
Children and Seniors \$6.00
Cash Bar Available
50/50s



Anyone wishing to be on the mailing list for the monthly dinners, please send your email address and name to Judy Amorosa at Judi421@aol.com We hope to be able to send out an evite with each month's menu. Please sign up if you are interested. Thanks!!!

Vietnam Era Veterans

Next Memorial Day weekend we will honor all Brother Knights from our Council who served in our Military during the Vietnam War Era with a Flag Ceremony after the poolside Mass. For this we are putting together an Honor Roll of our members that served during that era.

If you served in the Military on active duty for a period of more than 180 days, any part of which occurred between August 5, 1964 and May 7, 1975, and was discharged or released with other than a dishonorable discharge you are considered a Vietnam Era Veteran and will be included on our Honor Roll. If you served during this time, or if you are a relative of a member of the Union Council that served during this time, please send your name or their name and Branch of Service to Steve Nagy at the Council Home at 1034 Jeanette Ave. Union, NJ 07083 or email him at toys4504@aol.com.



Brothers, please welcome new First Degree Brother Knights (photo left to right) Hugh Strong, Michael Feehan, and Michael Willemse. They made their First Degree on Tuesday October 25th at our Council.

Knights of Columbus Financial Corner

By Rich Fuentes

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Columbiettes

Presidents Message:

Hurricanes, Earthquakes, & Floods- We've had some extreme weather this year. I hope everyone is enjoying the nice fall weather and I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming Columbiette meetings on Tuesday nights.

We are here to help and serve the less fortunate. It really does feel good knowing that we are helping others in our community and around the world.

Our "Family Dinner Nights" are continuing on the third Thursday of each month along with the Knights. Dinner is served at 6:30 pm. Come on out and have a great meal, and bring a friend or the entire family. This is a great, steady fundraiser for us.

"Haunted Hallows Eve"...what can I say!!...it had it all...creepy, scary, candy, prizes, costumes and it was all completely free to all the children that attended.

The Knights are also having their fall food drive Nov. 4, 5, and 6th at A & P and Seabra supermarkets. If you'd like to help, call Steve S at 908-477-7133. Food can also be dropped off at the Council Hall.

Our Christmas party is set for Friday, Dec. 9. We all had a great time last year. Come on out and enjoy yourselves. YOU DESERVE IT!!!

See You All Soon,

Gina Zangari

Columbiette President



Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma—which is living with the results of other people's thinking. Don't let the noise of other people's opinions drown out your inner voice. And most importantly, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition.

Save The Date

Joe Pesany is again chairing the New Year's Eve party featuring Eddie G. Whiz.

Cost: \$25.00 and includes open bar and desserts.

More details to follow in the December Digest.

Humor

Submitted by Steve Nagy

Finkelstein and Jesus:

Jesus was wandering around Jerusalem when he decided that he really needed a new robe.

After looking around for a while, he saw a sign for Finkelstein, the Tailor.

So, he went in and made the necessary arrangements to have Finkelstein prepare a new robe for him. A few days later, when the robe was finished, Jesus tried it on -- and it was a perfect fit!

He asked how much he owed.

Finkelstein brushed him off: "No, no, for the Son of God there's no charge!

However, may I ask for a small favor. Whenever you give a sermon, perhaps you could just mention that your nice new robe was made by Finkelstein, the Tailor?"

Jesus readily agreed and as promised, extolled the virtues of his Finkelstein robe whenever he spoke to the masses.

A few months later while Jesus was again walking through Jerusalem, he happened to walk past Finkelstein's shop and noted a huge line of people waiting for Finkelstein's robes.

He pushed his way through the crowd to speak to him and as soon as Finkelstein spotted him he said: "Jesus, Jesus, look what you've done for my business!

Would you consider a partnership?"

"Certainly," replied Jesus.

"Jesus & Finkelstein it is."

"Oh, no," said Finkelstein.

"Finkelstein & Jesus.

After all... I am the craftsman."

"I understand, Mr. Finkelstein.. but I am the son of God," Jesus replied.

The two of them debated this for some time.

Their discussion was long and spirited, but ultimately fruitful. They finally came up with a mutually acceptable compromise. A few days later.. the new sign went up over Finkelstein's shop:

"Lord & Taylor"

Social Knights

By Steve Nagy

I would like to start this article by wishing Bobby McGeorge a very Happy 80th Birthday.

The Knights of Columbus hold four Principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism, all of which are equally important to each and every Brother Knight. There is also a fifth unwritten Principle - Social Activity. In today's age of Facebook and other "Social" networks, we have gotten away from true Social interaction - being in the same room with others and enjoying their company. When our Council was founded and after our Council home was built, the Brother Knights enjoyed themselves with many Social activities ranging from dinner dances, parties, to children's activities, and much more. The Hall always seemed to be filled with Brother Knights and their wives and families at some event or activity. Amazingly, most events and activities were initially restricted to Brother Knights, since they usually sold out within a day or two. A waiting list to attend an event was commonplace. Maybe times were simpler back then, but our Brother Knights seemed to really enjoy themselves at their Council home.

Lately while we still schedule many different events, the participation by our Council membership of over 1,200 Brother Knights has dwindled down. Rarely are events sold out, even though good times are still had by those who do attend.

Now, back to Bobby McGeorge. Bobby is a lifelong member of our Council and is loved by all. When he enters the lounge there is a chorus of "Bobby" from everyone there, much like Norm was greeted as he walked into "Cheers". Bobby always seems to be smiling and his laugh is infectious. So with his 80th Birthday coming up his friends at the Council decided to throw him a Surprise 80th Birthday Party. Remember "Surprise" 80th Birthday party. With secrecy unmatched only by plans for the D-Day Invasion, slips of paper with details of the party were passed underhanded to each other while Bobby sat at the other side of the bar, and conversations were quickly switched to talk of the Yankee game when Bobby walked into the room. This event was not an event sponsored by the Council or Columbian Club, but was set up by friends of Bobby's, who all just happen to be Brother Knights at 4504. News quickly spread throughout the Council and everyone wanted to attend. On the night of Saturday October 15th, Bobby and his family walked into the lounge to find it unusually empty. Then with a knock on the door to the main hall, the doors were opened, the metal screen behind the bar went up, and Bobby was greeted with a loud chorus of "Happy Birthday" from over 130 of his friends. A great night of fun was had by everyone that came out to wish Bobby a Happy 80th Birthday.

Now you may ask, what does Bobby's 80th Birthday party and an article about past events at our Council have in common? Just

that it was great to see so many familiar faces all back together again at the one place they all have in common, the Union Knights of Columbus. Everyone enjoyed themselves and each other's company just like our members had done back in the day. Some people traveled some distances to be there, others just across town, but it was an evening just like the old days when there was an event at the Council and everyone just had to be there.

Our Council, besides doing the many good works for our community, is also a place for all members of our Council and their families to come and relax and enjoy each other's company. We do offer a lot of Social activities for everyone to enjoy, all you need to do is partake of them. There are a lot of events and activities being planned for November and December here at the Council so check the Digest calendars and our web site for details. The next major event will be our New Year's Eve Party, which should be a fun filled night for all, and we may even be able to get Bobby to dress up as the New Year 2012 Baby, since everyone loves him and will come out to see him ring in 2012.

WHY???

We, as fellow Knights, and Officers, are wondering where our brothers went. We would like to know where, when, and how we lost some brothers as far as coming to meetings, events, participation in drives, or just come around the Council to say "Hi". Brother Steve Nagy compiled a list and it shows that at least a few hundred members under the age of 70 are living right here in Union. We would like to know why participation is down and what has caused your absence.

Is it because of:

- A) Busy lifestyle
- B) Just didn't feel like being involved anymore
- C) Atmosphere
- D) Personal reasons
- E) Other

We would like to know what, if anything, the Council could do to bring our members back. Is it anything listed above, or something else? Please feel free to tear this out of the digest, and mail it back to our hall with your comments/reasons on it. Please send it to my attention as we would like to know what we can do to bring you back.

Thank You,
Rob Salvatore, PGK
Retention Chairman

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		1 All Saints' Day	2 All Souls' Day	3	4	5
6 Daylight Savings Time Ends	7 Officers Meeting	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 No Council Meeting Second Degree	15	16	17	18 Third Degree	19
20 Runnell's Hospital	21 Swim Club Meeting	22	23 Fourth Degree	24 	25	26
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