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Columbian Club & Council Plan Summer Extravaganza

On Saturday, July 23 the Union Council Picnic grove will be the site of "Seaside Summer Slam" an event sure to evoke the images and memories of weekends at the Jersey shore.

The evening will feature an outdoor concert by the band Solid Gold, as well as a dinner menu of cheese steaks, hamburgers and hot dogs. Draft beer and soda will also be included in the ticket price of \$20.00 per person.

The food will be served beginning at 7:00 PM, and the music will begin shortly thereafter. To accommodate the need to arrange the patio, the outside bar will be closed from 5:00 to 7:00 that evening. The rain date for this event will be Saturday, July 30.

The band features songs from the '60s and '70s, and has a strong following in the area. For ticket information contact Clarence Cunningham (908) 241-7710 or Kevin Connors (908) 387-1247.

Be on the lookout for more events that will be planned throughout the summer.

Clothing Drive to Be Held Weekend of May 7th and 8th

The Knights of Columbus Council 4504 will be holding a clothing drive to help raise funds for charity. We will be collecting any usable and wearable shoes, belts, handbags, linens, clothing, (men's, women's, and children's), as well as stuffed animals.

The drop off for the drive will be on Saturday and Sunday, May 7th and 8th, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1034 Jeanette Avenue, Union, NJ. All items should be in large garbage type bags, securely tied.

If you have any questions about this drive, or if you would like someone to pick up your donations, please contact chairman Mike LoGuidice (908) 688-7994 (home) or (908) 472-9113 (cell).

Convention Rooms Still Available

The annual Knights of Columbus statewide convention will take place this year from May 13th-15th. Once again, Union Council has reserved rooms at the Adventurer Hotel in Wildwood for members of our council and their families. Rooms are available by contacting Deputy Grand Knight Harry Lupo (908) 851-2493. The cost is \$379.85 to stay Thursday night through Sunday, and \$283.55 if you arrive on Friday evening and leave on Sunday. This price includes the use of the Hospitality room, which will be open both Friday and Saturday.

This weekend offers an excellent opportunity to get an early taste of the shore, as well as a chance to relax with fellow Knights and their families. Last year we were blessed with excellent weather, and those who attended had an excellent time. Hopefully, the weather will be just as good this year, but even if it isn't, we should still have a great weekend!

May Crowning Planned for First Friday in May

The annual May crowning ceremony will be held once again this year, now that we have restarted our tradition of First Friday masses. This year's ceremony will take place at the conclusion of the Mass in the Council Hall on Friday, May 6, at 7:00 PM. Please join us as we honor Mary, mother of Christ, during her special month.

Blood Drive Set for June 5

The Council will be holding its annual Spring Blood drive on Sunday, June 5 from 11:00 am to 4:00 PM. In past years, we have received commendations for our successful drives, and we are looking forward to seeing a large number of donors at this Drive. It only takes a few minutes to donate a pint of blood, but the donation can save the lives of critically ill hospital patients. In addition, donations to these semi annual drives do enable members of the Knights of Columbus to receive blood at no charge, in the event they require surgery or during a hospital stay.

If you are interested in lending a hand on the day of the Drive, contact Grand Knight Joe Demarco (908) 964-1870.

KNIGHT DIGEST

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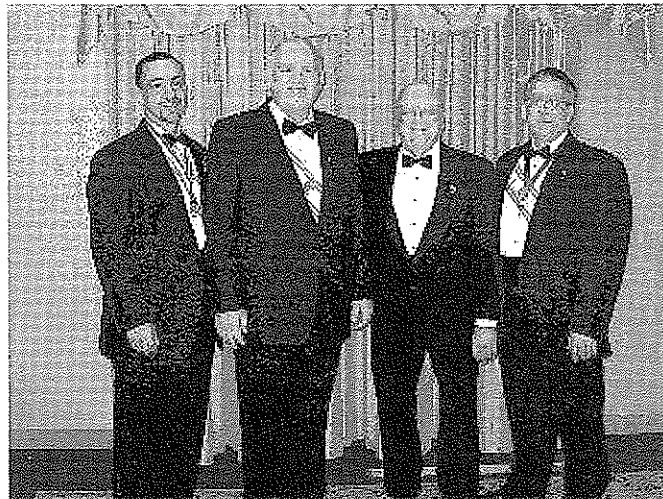
MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

Grand Knight's Column

Brothers, April is over and it was a very busy, and very successful, month. I would like to thank Buddy Cotter for chairing our first art auction. The auction was very enjoyable and successful thank you to all the people who help with this event. I would also like to thank Tony Manochio and all my brother Knights who helped make this years RCD a big success.

April 26th was the Fourth Degree Exemplification. Pictured below is Robert Litterer Union Council's newest Sir Knight, along with JKF Assembly Officers, Santo Trapani, Joe DeMarco and Tom Kramer. Congratulations Bob!



May is the month we honor Our Blessed Virgin Mother. We will be having our May Crowning following our First Friday Mass.

Dominic Clementon is this years Nomination chairman, anyone wishing to be considered for any of the Council Officer positions should see Dominic as soon as possible.

Vivat Jesus, Joe DeMarco

Art Auction Proves Successful

On April 9th the Union Council held its 1st and hopefully annual, art auction at the Council Hall. 62 "art lovers" bid on 165 different works of art. Guests paying only \$5.00 admission were treated to wine, cheese, hot hors d'ouvres, coffee and dessert. Bidding on the art work started at an average of \$65.00 and went up from there. The event raised over \$1700 for the Council.

I would like to thank many people who assisted with all aspects of the event, such as ticket sales, food preparation, set up and breakdown as well as performing various functions during the event. They include: Joe De Marco, Harry Lupo, Al Pascullo, Jamie Zappulla, Mike Loguidice, Frank Santangelo, Joe Bierlew, Rob Salvatore, Nick Belmonte, Steve Ruhl, Mike Cavallo, Andy Schopfer, Pete Kardys, Steve Helmstetter, and a special thanks to the Columbian Club for donating the wine for the event.

Buddy Cotter, chairperson

Columbian Club Sets Race Track Barbecue

The Columbian Club of Union Council 4504 is sponsoring its annual Monmouth Racetrack Barbecue on Saturday, June 18, 2005. The track is located in beautiful Oceanport New Jersey (exit 105 off of the Garden State Parkway). The gates will open at 1:00 PM on the day of this event.

The price for this event is \$35.00 per adult, and \$10.00 for children under 10. The price includes the park entrance fee, program, a full barbecue menu of sausage and peppers, hamburgers, cheeseburgers and chicken. The menu also will include a variety of salads, corn on the cob, desserts, bottled beer and soda. (The exact menu is subject to change.)

We will be in our own private grove, with a personal teller to make placing wagers easier, with no long lines. The grove is near where the horses enter the track, so you will be able to get a close up view of the horses as they prepare to race.

Contact Kevin Conners (908) 387-1247, or Jamie Zappulla (908) 964-7377 for more information and tickets.

Swim Club Offers New Membership Option

Numerous inquiries have been received concerning the "Single Membership." This membership is for the single male member of the Knights of Columbus, who is a member in good standing and has received his 3rd degree.

Reminder-Pool badges will be available on Memorial Day Weekend (opening of the pool) and through June. The member must present a valid 2005 paid up dues card. Thank you and we are looking forward to a great summer.
Jim Ford, Membership Director

Widow's Dinner To Be Held June 5

The annual Nuns and Widow's dinner will be held in the Council Hall on Sunday, June 5. Dinner will be served at 5:00 PM, and the meal will feature salad, vegetables, an entree, coffee and desert. An open bar will be included.

Invitations will be mailed out shortly. Any Brother interested in assisting with this dinner should contact the Grand Knight, Joe Demarco at (908) 964-1870.

Note- The Columbian Club and Irish American Society are sponsoring a 7 day trip to Ireland beginning October 14. Contact John Peters at (908) 296-1638 for details..



Keeping the Flame Alive

by Father Jim Worth

Pentecost reminds us of our *Baptismal Call* to be disciples of the Lord. We are instructed to *go out to all the world and spread the Good News!* Our language should speak and our actions should witness the goodness of God, manifested through the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit.

As Catholic Christians, it is our duty to be zealous for the Faith. Do we show others the excitement of being alive in Jesus? Do we share our faith with those around us? We don't have to beat people over the head with what we believe, but do we gently foster through our example, the love of God, neighbor and self? If we can answer yes to these questions, that is a very good thing. However, there is always room for improvement. If our answer is no to these questions, then we need to get moving and start living up to our call. It is never too late to be faithful disciples.

Unlike so many in the world today, there aren't a lot of second chances. The *Good News* about our Faith is...we have third chances, and fourth chances and fifth chances and so on. Our faith is built on unconditional love. Forgiveness always follows our faults if we open ourselves to the redeeming love of God. When we recognize our sinfulness, we recognize our need for God. We keep the flame alive when we show mercy and love to ALL God's people, especially when we show mercy to ourselves. The flame can only get brighter when it is shared with one another.

Let us pray to the Holy Spirit for the Seven Gifts of Wisdom, Counsel, Awe, Piety, Knowledge, Understanding, and Fortitude to be better witnesses of Christ in this world. Let us also pray that from these gifts will flow the Twelve Fruits of Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Generosity, Gentleness, Faithfulness, Modesty, Self-control, and Chastity. May we work toward building up the Kingdom of God here on earth as we keep the flame alive in our hearts and the hearts of all people.

Second, Third Degrees Scheduled for June

The council is currently scheduling a second and a third degree for the month of June. If you have made your first degree, and are seeking to advance, please contact Membership Director Nick Belmonte at (908) 686-6084 as soon as possible. The exact dates of the degrees will be posted in the June Digest.