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FISHING TRIP



Thursday, August 9, 2001

7:00AM to 2:30 PM

\$35.00 per person

Kids under 12 half price.

Poles included if needed.

The 62 FT MISTY MORN
will leave from Morgan Creek

RT 35 in Morgan.

Contact Bob Caldorone

At 908 688 1249

COOR'S NIGHT

Friday, August 3, 2001 at 7:00
PM. Price will be \$5:00 per
person. Contact John Peters at
908 810 1283 for further
information.

SPECIAL THANKS

Everyday, in addition to providing the much needed monies to help those who suffer, Knights and their families, throughout the world, put charity into action by their many acts of service for all people. On behalf of those who have benefited from your outstanding support of my endeavors, over the past 25 years, I wish to thank you. I have enjoyed working with all of you, especially the children, over the summer months, in Unity to serve God's special children. THANK YOU one and all for making June 16, 2001 an evening of unforgettable memories for me.

Fraternally Yours
Michael V. Hrifko
Special Children's Chairman
1976-2001

COUNCIL EVENTS

Sunday, August 5

Children's Treasure Hunt

Sunday, August 12

Jail Lock Up Day

Sunday, August 19

Children's Sunday Afternoon
at the Movies

Sunday, August 26

Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, September 8

Council Family Picnic

Sunday, September 9

Rain Date For Picnic

Friday, September 28

Parent/Children

Overnight Campout

Saturday, September 29

PGK Dinner

Monmouth Park



Bus Ride

This trip will take place on
Saturday, August 11, 2001. For
reservations contact Jules
Pruszkowski at 908 688 2846

Splash Parties

Saturday, August 4th

Good times, DJ, Gifts, and Snacks.

For more information call Harry

Lupo at 908 851 2493 or Buster

Rapke at 908 964 4010

Prayer Service

A prayer service will be given to a member or a member's wife who has passed on. This service will be held at the funeral home where the individual is being waked and all prayer services will start promptly at 7:30 PM. If you would like to be on the Wake Committee's call list, please call me at 908 688 6889. If you are already on the list and NOT being called, PLEASE let me know!

Rich Santangelo Jr.

Wake Committee Chairman

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 732 396 9313

WELCOME BACK

Father Gerry



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

*A donation will be made to The
Retarded Citizen's Drive.*

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<i>Swim Club Pres.</i>	James Feehan

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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Comments Or Suggestions To Ray
Pruszkowski

Grand Knight's Column



It's now 1963 and I am entrenched in the seemingly rigorous and disciplined 5th Grade class at St. Anthony's Grammar School in Elizabeth, NJ. The Salesian nuns of St. John Bosco always prided themselves in ensuring that their religious convictions, and the teachings of our Catholic Faith were implanted securely in our minds. (Sometimes against our will) But with disciplinary methods being much different in the 1960's, the nuns usually triumphed in their quest, and we learned, sometimes apprehensively, the principles of our holy religion.

As I reflect on the foundation of my Catholic youth, and the activities which I participated in during Grammar School, one specific yearly event comes to mind. Each year, one week prior to the beginning of Lent, we received a small tin can bank. During each day of lent, we were to make a small monetary deposit in our bank. At the conclusion of the Lenten season, each bank was turned in and totaled. As an incentive to induce each student to be very generous, a prize was awarded for the highest dollar amount collected. However, more important than the prize, was the destination of funds. All monies collected were donated to needy charities in the Newark Diocese. I can honestly say that most of my classmates had a good feeling about helping those less fortunate, and we all competed for achieving the largest donation. (Even if it meant hitting Mom & Dad up for some loot) Learning how to be charitable surely has no age limit. It is a paradox of our time to say that an eleven year old cannot learn the first principle of Columbanism. **CHARITY.**

Fraternally Yours
Anthony Ferraro, Jr.
Grand Knight

PS. I never won first prize because Robert Piccoello's father always put a Fifty dollar bill in his bank on the last day of lent.

Columbian Club President's Column

Dear Brother Knights,
The Columbian Club is pleased to provide you with the outdoor facilities that you have enjoyed and become accustomed to using each summer season. We are happy to continue our level of services which we have maintained for our members, families and guests, over the years. The patio area, including the pool, snack bar, pavilion lounge, picnic grove and playground are here for everyone to enjoy. However, we need you to help ensure that everyone understands and helps to follow the patio rules that are set forth each season. We are asking for everyone's cooperation. Please take a moment to review these rules, to help make the rest of the summer a safe and happy one, for all.

- 1. Please make certain that your children under the age of 16 are not left unattended on the premises. Please do not "drop and run."*
- 2. Please take notice of the proper times and ages when your children are to be on or off the patio.*
- 3. Please make sure your children are monitored when they are using any of the facilities, including the pool, playground, basketball, bocce ball, horseshoe or game room areas.*
- 4. Please note that we need your help to remove and properly dispose all garbage. Place them into the proper receptacles.*

Again we are happy to continue the service we have provided. However, we must have your help to follow these simple reminders, as well as the other rules posted. If you need a copy or have any questions on anything mentioned, please feel free to give me a call. Thank you so much for your all of your help and cooperation.

Fraternally Yours
Harry Lupo
Columbian Club President

BLOOD DRIVE

NOVEMBER 11, 2001
AT UNION CONCIL

"Give The Gift Of Life"

SWIM CLUB PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The pool opened on a cool and gray day and was not too inviting. But there were some brave souls who went into the water. Since that day, the weather has improved and we are enjoying a very good season so far. The condition of the pool and grounds are very good thanks to a great team of lifeguards and managers; Brian Shanahan and Jim Caufield. The pump room is running smoothly and the extra efforts of George Clark, Gene Sully and Steve Rule is paying off.

The swim team season is upon us and again the K of C Team is doing very well. The first Teen Splash Party is Saturday, July 14 and it will have been over by the time you read this. I am sure it will have been a great success.

If anyone has suggestions or ideas for an event, please bring it to my attention or any member for the Board of Governors. If you want to chair it, even better! We are always looking for ideas to help our club. I would like to thank all the members on the board and the directors who spent countless hours getting ready for the season. A special thanks to all the men who came to the work parties to get the grounds ready for opening day.

*Fraternally Yours,
Jim Feehan
Swim Club President*

EDITORIALS

If you have any comments, opinions, constructive criticism, or reasonable complaints and would like to have your opinions published in this forum, please send your letters to the Digest Editor, care of Union Council. All letters must be signed by a member. It is solely up to the editor as to what gets published and when. All letters become the property of Union Council and will not be returned.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



The Knight of the month for July, 2001 is Giftus John. Giftus and his wife are proud parents of two children. They are parishioners of St. Michael's Parish. Giftus is a fairly new member of the Knights and he did not hesitate to jump right into getting involved. Giftus can always be found attending regular council meetings and is always offering his help at work parties. This year Giftus has accepted a position of committee chairman for the Annual Food Drive. For his short time being a member he has already proved to be a tremendous asset to our organization. I am sure we will be hearing more about him as he continues his membership with the Knights of Columbus. Union Council 4504 is proud to name Giftus John as **KNIGHT OF THE MONTH** for **JULY, 2001.**

**CONGRAGULATIONS
GIFTUS!!**

A Word From The Deputy Grand Knight

I would like to take this time to extend a heartfelt word of appreciation to all my Brother Knights who were present at our election meeting in June. The standing ovation, which I received from some 126 members present in response to my acceptance speech, was truly an overwhelming experience and very much unexpected. The comments and words of support that I recieved, and continue to recieve, even today, tells me that this was something that was long overdue and needed to be communicated.

As was mentioned in my speech, over the past year, there was much talk about unity and uniting this council. Unfortunately

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much of what I seen and heard has been far from Unity. It appears that many of you brothers feel the same way, from the response that was shown. Well, now it is time to do something about it. Talk is cheap and comes easily, but words put into action is worth a million dollars. Now it is time to put that support into action. I am asking each brother to get **INVOLVED** somehow in our council. When an officer or committee chairman asks for volunteers, please step forward. There are two meetings a month and I realize that everyone has busy schedules, but make it a point to attend at least one of them. Attend Council activities, whether it be Council or Columbian Club sponsored. Remember we are but **ONE** organization; **THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.** Also remember that The Knights Of Columbus is a religious organization as well. Please make an effort to attend our religious activities.

Over the next few months I will be working closely with the Grand Knight and my fellow officers to discuss what action items can be put into place to ensure that we have a **UNITED COUNCIL.** I urge each of you who have supported me, to please see to it that you get involved **NOW.** If you are not sure yet where you fit in, make every effort to see me of the Grand Knight and we will ensure that you are directed to the proper person. Your help, guidance and support will be greatly appreciated and utilized.

Thank you again and God Bless.
*Fraternally Yours,
Michael Cavallo
Deputy Grand Knight*

Swim Club News

The next splash party will be on August 4th, 2001. Please make sure to mark your calenders. We are currently asking all members who have pool passes with no seal on it, to return the passes in exchange for new ones. Please give your name and number to the gatehouse person and we will contact you for the number of passes to exchange. Also you can call George Clark at 908 688 8753. Most passes before 1999 are not embossed. Please be sure to update those passes. Just think, we still have another month of swim time. Enjoy and Be Safe.