



# Knights Digest



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## Halloween Party



The Columbian Club's annual Halloween Party will take place this year on Saturday, **October 27th** in our Council Hall. The event will begin at 7:00 PM and will feature, the usual spectacular Halloween decorations, a buffet dinner, open bar, and a DJ - all for the cost of only \$46.00 per couple.

While costumes are not required, those who choose to wear them will be eligible to receive prizes during the evening's Parade of Costumes.

Tickets are available by contacting either of the co-chairmen Bobby DeMichael (908) 241-6145 or Buster Rapke (908) 964-4010. There is a ticket cut off of October 20th, so be sure to reserve early.

This event has become an annual staple at the Knights, but we would like to see more of our own members take part in the festivities. Its not too late to join us!

## Pasta Dinner

The Columbian Club will be hosting a pasta dinner on Friday evening, **October 12th**, from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The cost for the dinner is only \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. The meal will feature pasta, meatballs and sausage, as well as draft beer, wine and soda. The proceeds from the event will be used to assist the Columbian Club in its mission to maintain and support our Council Home. For further information, contact Columbian Club President Clarence Cunningham (908) 241-7710 or Vice President Kevin Connors (908) 347-8655.

## Calendar of Up-Coming Events

### OCTOBER

- 07 SUN ..... Membership Drive
- 12 FRI ..... Pasta Dinner
- 13 SAT ..... Camp Out
- 21 SUN ..... Sunday Brunch hosted by Columbian Club
- 27 SAT ..... Adult Halloween Party

### NOVEMBER

- 17 SAT ..... Bartender's Awards Night
- 18 SUN ..... Sunday Breakfast in memory of our Deceased Members

### DECEMBER

- 1 SAT ..... 50th Anniversary Dinner
- 2 SUN ..... Open House in honor of the 50th Anniv. of the Council

## 50th Anniversary Dinner

At the most recent Council meeting, Grand Knight Andy Schopfer advised those in attendance that tickets for the Council's 50th Anniversary party are selling well, and reminded them that the deadline for purchasing tickets is November 1<sup>st</sup>. In fact, more than half of the available tables have already been reserved.

Tickets for the event, which will be held on Saturday evening **December 1st**, are \$55.00 per person. The event will be a fully catered, sit down meal, with a choice of beef, chicken or fish entrees. There will also be an open bar and musical entertainment will be provided by the band Sound Investment. The event will begin with a cocktail hour at 7:00, and will conclude with a champagne toast at midnight.

If you are interested in purchasing a ticket, please contact Mike Scanlon (908) 578-8768 or Past Grand Knight Mike Cavallo (908) 377-9713.

On Sunday, **December 2nd**, which is the actual 50th anniversary of the granting of our charter, we will also be holding an open house from 6-8 pm. This event will include light refreshments and a cash bar, and will culminate in the drawing of our Super 50/50 raffle which will benefit the Cerebral Palsy League here in Union. If you have not yet purchased a ticket, there are only 200 available at a cost of \$25.00 meaning that a single winner will receive the grand prize of \$2500.00. Grand Knight Andy Schopfer (908) 265-7895.

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*Columbian Club President* ..... Clarence Cunningham  
*Swim Club Pres.*..... Steve Ruhl

## 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

## MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT



My Brother Knights,

As September passes and we head into October and the fall months, it's hard not to have a tinge of sadness at the end of summer. Before too long, we will be no longer be able to stay outside in the evening, daylight savings time will come to an end, and there will be a chill in the air that will be hard to ignore. However, I am buoyed by the fact that Union Council 4504 has had a truly spectacular summer. We were blessed not only by good weather and successful events; we've also been able to witness the continual building of a brotherhood that can only mean good things for our future.

Thanks to all who attended the Council picnic and the Past Grand Knights Dinner this past month. Both events were well received by those who did come out, and I was truly gratified at the numerous compliments that we received.

While the fall season typically sees a decrease in the number of Knights we see at that Council on a regular basis, we certainly have enough events planned to keep your interest throughout the year. For instance, October begins the first of our Sunday breakfasts to be held on the third Sunday of each month, through March of 2008. Each month will have a different theme, but will offer all of us the opportunity to come together for a simple inexpensive meal that will ultimately benefit the Council and our families. The Columbian Club will be hosting this month's breakfast, and you can review page three for more information on the menu. The November event will be to remember our deceased Brother Knights, while the December breakfast will be our annual family Breakfast with Santa. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend as many of these meals as you can. Each will begin shortly after the end of the 9:00 AM Mass.

Other events on the calendar for October include a pasta dinner hosted by the Columbian Club on Friday evening October 12th, beginning at 6:00 PM. On the very next evening, we will be turning the picnic grove into our very own campground as we hold our annual overnight camp out for the children. Finally, the Columbian Club will be hosting its annual Halloween Party on Saturday, October 27th beginning at 7:00 PM. All of these events are featured throughout this Digest, so be sure to reach out to the chairmen if you would like to attend.



God bless you all,

Andy Schopfer, Grand Knight

## Champagne Brunch

The Knights of Columbus Union Council #4504 in conjunction with the Columbian Club will be hosting a Columbian Club Champagne Brunch, on Sunday, **October 21st** from 10:00am till 1:00pm at the Council hall located at 1034 Jeanette Ave, Union.

The cost for this event is \$14.00 for Adults, Children 12 and under \$7.00, Seniors (62+) \$6.00, and children under 5 are free.

The price will include a Hot Buffet complete with an Omelet Station, pastries, desserts and beverages.

Pre-sales for this event are recommended and are only available until Oct 14th, there will be limited tickets available at the door.

For more information or to purchase tickets, Please contact: Joe Burlew @ 908-507-4875, or Tony Quinones @908-265-3757.

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## Camp Out



Our 4th annual Family Camp-out is scheduled for Saturday, October 13th. The charge for this event is still only \$10 per family which includes a campfire, dinner, breakfast and a fun-filled night under the stars. Campers can start setting up at dusk. Please contact Jamie Zappulla at 908-380-9155 for tickets and information.

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Union Knights of Columbus # 4505 Presents:

### ***“Bartender Awards Night”***

**November 17, 2007**

7:00 PM – 11:00 PM

Council Banquet Hall

Open Bar – DJ & Dancing with

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\$20.00/Person

Bring your own platters for tables

For seating arrangements & table reservations:

Mike Scanlon

Bob Calderone

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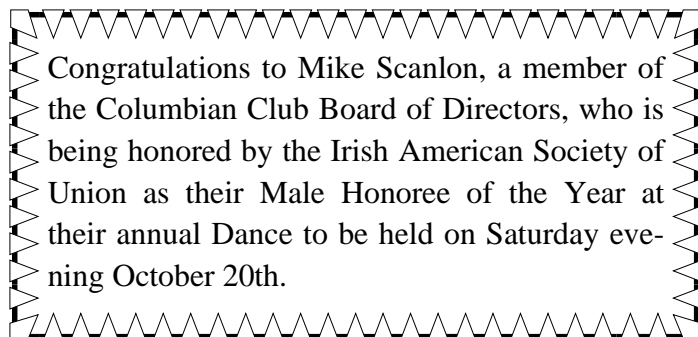
CUT OFF DATE – NOVEMBER 10TH!

VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE BARTENDER!!

*Pick up your official election ballot*

*at the council lounge*

*All ballots must be submitted by November 11th!*



## Knight of the Month

### **Bob Cacchiola**



To those Brothers who are frequent visitors to our Council Home, the selection of October's Knight of the Month is long overdue. For the past several years, Bob Cacchiola has been a regular contributor to our various activities, offering his time and energy to making our events a success. Throughout the past several summers, Bob has often seen fit to personally donate the clams that have become a seasonal hit, as well as frequently preparing his renowned linguini with claim sauce. For his generosity and valued contributions to our Council, we are pleased to name Bob as Knight of the Month for October.

Bob is currently a resident of Springfield, and joined Union Council in 1989. After many years of owning his own business, Bob sold that business nine years ago. He has been employed since then by Merck Pharmaceuticals, where he serves as their vehicle fleet technician.

Bob is a parishioner of St. James Church in Springfield. He is the proud father of 6 children. In his spare time, Bob enjoys watching his sons play baseball, rooting for the Yankees (and the Cowboys?) and spending time with his friends at the Council.

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**Congratulations Bob!**

### ***Membership Drive***

At the last Council meeting, Membership Chairman Nick Belmonte announced that we will be conducting a Membership Drive at both St. Michaels and Holy Spirit on Sunday, **October 7th**. At the request of the two pastors, we will not be speaking from the pulpit during this drive, but instead will be distributing handouts and cards to potential members as they arrive and leave for Mass. For this reason, he asked that as many Brothers as possible be available after the 9:00, 10:30 and 12:00 Noon masses at both Churches.

All that is required is to ask departing church goers if they are interested in joining the Knights. If so, they are asked to leave their name and phone numbers at the drive. During the next week, Nick and his team will then follow up with them to arrange a recruitment interview.

Gaining new members is critical to our success as a Council, and it does require the effort and commitment of every Brother Knight. Please contact Nick if you will be available to assist on Sunday, October 7th.

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### ***Merchandise for Sale—50th Anniversary***

We have merchandise for sale that will have the 50th anniversary decal on it. Golf shirts, t-shirts, jackets and sports bags. Anybody interested, please contact Mike Peter at 908-721-2006 (cell) or 908-325-6440 (home)

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