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Annual Summer Picnic Offers Food and Fun

The Council will be holding its annual family picnic to commemorate the end of the summer season on Saturday, September 11, with a rain date of Sunday, September 12. The gates to the picnic grove will be open at 12:00 noon, with the formal festivities scheduled to end at 9:00 pm.

Chairman Frank Santamauro has promised to have plenty of food on hand throughout the day, including hamburgers, hot dogs, chili, corn on the cob, sausage and peppers, pork sandwiches, roast beef, watermelon and pasta. Tap beer and soda will also be available. A cotton candy machine will be on hand to create desserts for the children.

Since it is a family affair, several events have been planned for the children, including a moonwalk and sand art. In addition, although the pool will be officially closing on Labor Day, we have made arrangements to have it open for this picnic. Musical entertainment from a DJ will be included as well. The evening will be capped off by the drawing of our 3rd quarter charitable raffle. (Tickets for the raffle will be available for \$10.00 throughout the day.)

The cost for families is only \$35.00 if purchased before the event. Couples will pay \$20.00 and individual tickets will cost \$15.00. They can be purchased ahead of time at the pool gate house, but there will be an additional \$5.00 charge per category if you wait until the day of the event to buy your tickets. For further information, contact Frank at (908) 686-9153 or PKG Kevin Collins at (908) 688-2038..

Because you have shared in their struggles and successes and have given your support when needed, you are cordially invited to the annual Past Grand Knights Testimonial Dinner. This year we will be honoring PGK, and current District Deputy, Michael Cavallo. The event will take place on Saturday, October 16, 2004 at 7:00 PM at our Council home, 1034 Jeanette Avenue. Union, New Jersey. You will enjoy the Cocktail Hour, Filet Mignon Dinner and Dancing. Donation: \$50.00 per Couple. For Tickets and information contact: Chairman, PGK Larry Killmer at 908-389-41 or PGK Kevin Collins at 908-688-2038.

Council Sponsoring Clothing Drive to Raise Funds for Charity

Union Council 4504 will be holding a clothing drive the weekend of September 11th and 12th. During the drive, we will be collecting any usable and wearable shoes, belts, handbags, linens, clothing (men's, women's or children's), and stuffed animals. All donated items should be placed in large garbage-type plastic bags and securely tied. The bags can be dropped off at the Council Hall (1034 Jeanette Avenue in Union), where they will be stored for pickup during the next week. All funds raised by this drive will be used to supplement our ongoing charitable efforts.

The drive is timed to coincide with the annual Council picnic which will be taking place on Saturday the 11th. In addition, the inside bar will be open for the first football games of the new NFL season on Sunday the 12th. If you plan to stop by the Council on either day of that busy weekend, we hope that you will remember to drop off any of the items noted above.

For further information about this drive, contact chairman Mike LoGuidice at (908) 688-7994 or (908) 472-7794. Why not give your clothes and other used items a second chance and help us in our charitable efforts at the same time?

Fall Membership Drives Scheduled

As we all know, new member are the life blood of any organization; they are the pool from which we draw help and support, as well as ideas for our events. With that in mind, we are asking for everyone's help in our recruitment efforts the upcoming year. Our Church recruitment drives will be held at Holy Spirit Church on September 18th & 19th, and at St. Michael's on October 9th & 10th. We will be speaking at every Mass on these weekends, and will need Brothers to meet with potential candidates after each service. Please make every effort to come out and lend us a hand. You may contact Membership Director Nick Belmonte at 686-6084 or Grand Knight Joe DeMarco at 964-1870. We thank you in advance for your assistance.

KNIGHT DIGEST

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RULES FOR SUBMISSION: Submissions for consideration are due in writing by the tenth of the month for the following month. Please mail or drop off submissions, with contact information, to Andy Schopfer, Knight Digest Editor, 1034 Jeanette Avenue, Union, NJ 07083 or via email at Aschopfer@comcast.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.

COUNCIL OFFICERS

<i>Chaplain</i>	Father Jim Worth
<i>District Deputy</i>	Michael L. Cavallo, PGK
<i>Grand Knight</i>	Joseph DeMarco 908-964-1870
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<i>1st Year Trustee</i>	Dom Clementoni, PGK
<i>Columbian Club President</i>	Sam Maffei
<i>Swim Club President</i>	James Feehan

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

Grand Knight's Column

It is hard to believe that September is upon us, and that in a few days our children will be going back to school, the weather will be getting cooler and the days shorter. Brothers as much as we hate to see it end, summer is over. We will no longer be able to enjoy the pool or the picnic grove, but this does not mean we cannot still come around to the Knight of Columbus. Brothers, life at the Knights still goes on long after the summer ends. In this Digest issue we have a sampling of what we have in store for you this upcoming year. I am asking each and every one of you to make an effort to come out and show your support for these events. We are a Catholic Fraternal Service Organization, in service to our Church and community. We need you, our Churches need you and our community needs you.

The first event is our Annual Council Family Picnic. I can think of no better way to end the summer. This will be your last chance to picnic and swim with you family, friends and brother Knights. We need your support to make this a success, so please come out.

In my first digest column I provided everyone with my phone number, cell phone number and Email address. I asked that anyone that has a problem or concern to get in contact with me. Brothers, please, if there is a problem contact me, do not send me an anonymous letter; I will not take any action on any letter that is not signed. We are Catholic gentlemen, and should treat each other as such; if you have a concern bring it out into the open, do not leave unsigned letters on our council grounds.

Vivat Jesus! Joseph DeMarco, Grand Knight

News and Notes about Council Activities

Installation of Officers- The Mass for the Installation of Officers was held on July 23, at St. Michaels Church at 7:30 PM, and was followed by the Installation ceremony and dinner at our council home. Thanks must be extended to Father Bart for saying the Mass for us as well as Installation Chairman, PGK, Larry Killmer, for his great work putting the whole event together. In addition, this year's Installation was also very memorable because it was performed by our newly appointed District Deputy, PGK, Mike Cavallo.

Blood Drive- Our summer blood drive was held Saturday August 21st, at our council home. The Blood Center was very pleased with the 48 people who turned out to donate blood. Thanks to everyone who turned out to donate blood, as well as those who helped make the drive a success. The amount of support we received was overwhelming. Our next drive will be December 5th from 11:00 A.M. -4:00 PM in our Council Hall.

Other Upcoming Events

October	Pasta Dinner in Solidarity with Our Priests	Date: Oct 15
	Rose Sale	Date TBA
November	Annual Communion Breakfast	Date Nov. 14
	Food Drive	Date TBA
December	Holiday Craft Show	Dec. 4

Columbian Club News

Well another summer has passed, and I hope that everyone had an enjoyable one. Even with the change in seasons, we still have plenty of reasons for you to continue to visit the Council. For instance, we are already looking forward to the opening of the Sunday Football afternoons at the inside bar beginning Sunday, September 12. We have all of the games on each and every week, so you can always stop by to see your favorite teams in action. Other fall events will include our annual Halloween extravaganza on Saturday, October 30, and we are also planning an Italian Night for a weekend in November. Finally, we will be sponsoring this year's adult only New Year's Eve party (we all know the date of that one at least!). We will have more specific information about that party in next month's Digest, but we would encourage you to keep the date open, as it is sure to be an enjoyable evening!

Sam Maffei, Columbian Club President

Note: Due to an editing error, the summer Digest incorrectly noted that the donation for the bar stool fund raiser was \$50.00. The correct price is \$20.00

Columbian Club Schedules Halloween Party

The Columbian Club has already begun planning for this year's annual Halloween party, which will take place on Saturday evening, October 30 from 8:00 to 12:00 in the Council Hall. The evening will feature plenty of food, an open bar, DJ and prizes for the best costumes. The cost is \$45.00 per couple, and \$22.50 per person. Contact Ken Spellman (908) 961-5342 or Bob DeMichael (908) 241-6145 for tickets or more information.

Committee Sets Theme for February Tricky Tray

Our annual Tricky Tray will be held February 26, 2005, in the Council Hall. Although that may seem to be a long way away, the Committee sponsoring this event has already been hard at work. At their first meeting on August 18, they selected the theme for the event: Mardi Gras. If you are interested in assisting chairman Harry Lupo or his wife Diane, you can reach them at 908 851-2493, or attend their next meeting which will be on September 15, at 7:00 PM.

The time and admission price for the Tricky Tray will be announced in an upcoming Digest. However, the committee has also chosen to have an Ad Journal for this event. Therefore, we are seeking any Brother Knight who owns a business to either donate a prize for the event or to take out an ad in our Journal. We need everyone's support to make this event a success.

Bowling League Season Set to Begin

The Knights of Columbus bowling league will open its season on Tuesday, September 7 at Roselle Lanes. The league bowls three games each week beginning at 8:00 pm, and generally concludes play by 10:00 pm. Afterward, league members frequently return to our Council Home to review the evening's games over a friendly martini (or other beverages of choice!) The league will bowl each Tuesday evening through the spring of 2005.

Team scoring utilizes a handicap system, so even if you are not an experienced bowler, you can still participate and contribute to your team's success. Also, since it is a long season, you can also sign up as a substitute in the event a bowler is unavailable in any given week. If you are interested in bowling, please contact Jim Bayer at (908) 687-8481.

Insurance Update

Is your CD maturing? Did you know that there may be a financial product that's better for you than a CD? Knights of Columbus annuities have a surprising number of features and benefits- many of which you simply cannot get from a CD. Take a look:

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Rich Fuentes, F.I.C., F.S.A.

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