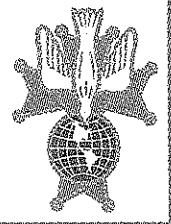


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First Friday Mass

Friday, June 6, 2003, 7:30pm

Mass is offered each first Friday of the month at the council hall. Enjoy some refreshments and fellowship immediately following Mass.

Nuns' and Widows' Dinner

Sunday, June 8, 2003, 5pm to 7:30pm

A full service meal will include a main entree, salad, and desert. Come out and enjoy a wonderful evening of dancing and music. Everyone attending will receive a special membership card from Union Council. For more information, or if you have not received an invitation, please contact Richard Santangelo Jr. at 908-686-5504 as soon as possible!

Membership and Degrees

2nd Degree Wednesday, June 11, 2003, 7:30pm

3rd Degree Friday, June 27, 2003, 7:30pm

For more information contact Membership Director Rich Fuentes at 908-437-0310 (office), or 908-437-0309 (home).

Knights' Family Sunday

at Holy Spirit Church

Sunday, June 15, 2003, 9:00am Mass

Every third Sunday, the first two pews in the congregation are reserved for knights and their families for the 9am Mass. Please join us to celebrate the death and resurrection of Christ in communion with members of the Knights of Columbus. After Mass, a bagel brunch is served at the council hall. This regular event is gaining momentum and is a great way to start your family's week. Join us!

Awards Dinner Meeting

Monday, June 23, 2003, 6:15pm

Ticket price and details will be announced at our June 9th meeting. Please call Kevin Collins at 908-688-2038 for more information or details.

Blood Drive

At the council hall, 1034 Jeanette Avenue in Union
Saturday, June 21, 2003, 11am-4pm

To donate, bring your social security card and a signed form of identification. Refreshments will be served and complimentary swim club passes will be given to all donors. For more information about this blood drive, please call Chairman Joe DeMarco at 908-964-1870

Have you considered **giving the gift of life**, but never have? In addition to the fact that **donating blood is completely safe**, here are ten more facts about giving blood that might prompt you to attend this important function. **Let's make this year a banner year for blood donation from Union Council 4504.**

- Just one pint of donated blood can help save up to three lives.
 - Red blood cells must be used within forty-two days and there is no substitute for human blood.
 - Every ten seconds, someone in the United States receives a blood transfusion.
 - If you began donating blood at age seventeen and donated every fifty-six days until you reached seventy-six, you would have donated forty-eight gallons.
 - About three gallons of blood supports the entire nation's blood needs for one minute.
 - Every three seconds someone needs blood.
 - One out of every four people in a hospital needs blood.
 - The average red blood cell transfusion is 3.4 pints.
 - Sixty percent of the US population is eligible to donate – only 5% do on a yearly basis.
 - Ninety-four percent of all donors are registered voters.
- For more information about donating blood, call the Blood Center of New Jersey at 973-676-0547.

ANNUAL YANKEE TRIP SCHEDULED ON OLD TIMERS' DAY

Our annual Yankee trip will be on Saturday, July 19 which is Old Timers' Day at Yankee Stadium. In addition to tier reserved seats, luxury motor coach, snacks, beer, soda, water and goodie bags, we will also take the Yankee Clipper, a ferry departing from Port Imperial in Weehawken, to Yankee Stadium. This entire trip is priced at \$55 per person. A number of tickets have already been sold, so call **as soon as possible** to avoid being "shut out" of this unique experience. Call Steve Helmstetter at 908-688-5039.

KNIGHT DIGEST

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RULES FOR SUBMISSION: Submissions for consideration are due in writing at the first of the month for the following month. Please mail or drop off submissions, with contact information, to Paul Fantini, Knight Digest Editor, 1034 Jeanette Avenue, Union, NJ 07083 or via email at pfantini33@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.

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<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 Wed.	Council Committees
4th Thu.	Columbian Club

GRAND KNIGHT'S COLUMN



It is hard to believe that a whole year has past and that I am now writing my last article for the Columbian Year 2002-2003. As we bring closure to another

year it is time to look back at the many events that have transpired over these past months. The year was very eventful; it was a year that saw old traditions revived, some new traditions started, and some traditions remained unchanged. Here is a small sample of some of those events; "In Solidarity with Our Priest" a pasta dinner which was held in honor of the priest in our parishes, our Annual Memorial Mass and Communion Breakfast, Family Sunday Masses were started, First Friday Masses, Runnels Hospital involvement, Annual Food Drives, Annual Retarded Citizens Drive, Annual Blood Drives, Tricky Tray, Pound Auction, Nuns and Widow Dinner, Teen Dances, Irish Dinner Dance and the Children's Holiday parties. This year

also saw an increase in our Council dues from \$24 to \$32 per year. There was also a change in our bylaws for the dues increase, as well a change to the nomination procedures for council officers. The memorial board was updated with deceased members, the tradition of honoring someone for each of our degrees was also returned, our presence at Federation Meeting, and the Past Grand Knight's Council was formed.

As one can see Union Council offered many opportunities for the involvement of its membership. The question is: "Did the membership take advantage of these events?" The truth of the matter brothers is that the answer to this simple question unfortunately is "no". For some sad unknown reason, participation in these functions by our membership was poor. The majority of these events though successful in the way that they realized a minimal profit, but they could have been much more successful if we received the tremendous amount of support that our council was used to receiving in years past. I believe that over the past years the majority of our members have forgotten what the Knights of Columbus is all about. Let me remind you of those four principles upon which our order was founded; CHARITY, UNITY, FRATERNITY and PATRIOTISM. Over these summer months, I ask each of my brother knights to seriously think about why you joined the Knights of Columbus. I sincerely want to thank my fellow brothers knights who did come forward to support our causes; it was your involvement that allowed these events to be the success that they turned out to be. I do feel that we could have accomplished far more towards the goals of our organization if we only had the continued support and cooperation of more of our membership.

In closing, I want to say that it gave me great pleasure in serving you this past Columbian year as the Grand Knight for the largest council in the state of New Jersey. I only hope that I was able to make a difference in bringing our council forward. I feel that I have accomplished the majority of my goals that I set for myself and our council back at the beginning of the Columbian year, but feel that there is still so much more to accomplish especially in the area of involved membership. I am truly honored and touched on being asked to be your grand knight for a second term, a first in Union Council's history. I am excited about being given the opportunity to continue to lead the Union Knights of Columbus and look forward to an even better year where membership involvement will no longer be an issue.

May God send His blessings upon you and your families for a safe and healthy summer!

Vivat Jesus!

Michael Cavallo
Grand Knight

IN MEMORY OF...

For those members that have past away during this Columbian year, we keep them in fond memory, and for their families we offer our love and prayers.

Richard F. Roach, d. 8/27/02
Eugene Campanaro, d. 9/27/02
Angelo Fuentes, Jr., d. 10/25/02
Arthur Piccirillo, d. 10/31/02
Giovanni Raucci, d. 11/15/02
William J. Hempenstall, d. 1/14/03
Hugh J. Howley, d. 3/19/03
Joseph Amoresano, d. 3/20/03
Joseph Enik, d. 4/20/03

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Stock market got you worried?

Low rates got you down?

Well...good news!

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HAS A 4.00% INTEREST RATE ON ANNUITIES!

From April 1 to July 7, 2003 a 3.75% interest rate is offered for deposits under \$10,000 and a 4.00% interest rate for deposits of \$10,000 and above.

Rates guaranteed until April 1, 2004.
Penalty for early withdrawal.

The Knights of Columbus has the highest ratings for financial security and claims paying ability from Standard and Poor (AAA) and A.M. Best (A++). We have also received the IMSA (Insurance Marketing Standards Association) certification for 2003 for customer service, satisfaction, and well-trained agents.

For more information call Rich Fuentes at 908-437-0310 or reach out to him via email at RichKofC@AOL.com.

SPLISH – SPLASH

SWIM CLUB NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

It won't be long now before the pool opens on Memorial Day weekend. Here is are some dates and information for all swim club members. *Non-swim club members:* Be sure to read the final bullet point below!

❁ The swim club opens on Saturday, May 24. A poolside Mass will be offered at 11:00 am and coffee and donuts will follow.

❁ All swim club members are welcome to pick up their badges after the 11:00 am poolside Mass.

❁ If you have not sent in your pool dues yet, or if your check was mailed after March 1, you must pay a \$25.00 late fee. Please send your check to Columbian Swim Club, Box 1206, Union, New Jersey 07083.

❁ Pool Badges will not be given out until all the fees are paid. If you have a question on the payment, please call Jim Ford at 908-686-1866.

❁ Swim club members will be able to use swim club passes that are earned from attending work parties on Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays. The fees will be \$5.00 for children and \$7.00 for adults. The board of directors voted on this for a 1-year trial basis.

❁ Mark your calendars! Children's Splash Parties are scheduled for Saturday, July 19 and Saturday, August 16. Look for more information on the bulletin board at the club.

❁ Swim club membership has not reached the allowable maximum. If you were thinking of joining the swim club, this year offers a great opportunity to splish-splash!

For more information about swim club membership or events call Jim Feehan at 908-964-8014 or Jim Ford at 908-686-1866.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Richie Arnold

Wife:

Kim (married 18 years)

Children:

Richie (age 17) and Anthony (age 15)

Resides:

Union (22 years)

Employer:

Choice Courier, Carlstadt, NJ

Union Council 4504 Member:

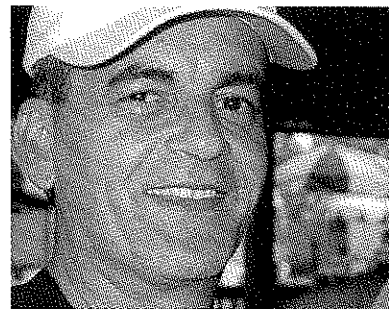
15 years

Volunteer Work:

Work parties, council picnic, and bartending

Favorite Activities:

baseball (Go Yankees!) and the fine art of beer appreciation



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The stats on June's Knight of the Month make it clear that this valuable member deserves a good deal of recognition. Here's to you Richie! Thank you for all your hard work and dedication, and congratulations on becoming Knight of the Month for June 2003.

K of C COUNCIL #4504 BOWLING LEAGUE STANDINGS

WEEK 33

Team	Won	Lost
1 DEVILs	122.0	109.0
2 Numero Uno	120.0	111.0
3 Tree Pops	116.0	115.0
4 Blind Men	113.0	118.0
5 PMJ	111.0	120.0
6 HURRICANES	111.0	120.0

Any Brother Knight interested in bowling can contact League Secretary Jim Bayer at 908-687-8481.