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Family Picnic Will Bring Summer to a Close

The picnic grove in the back of our Council home will be bustling with excitement on Saturday, September 10 when we hold our annual summer picnic. There will be plenty of food and drink to sustain all, as well as games for the children and the use of the pool for the day. The rain date is Sunday, September 11.

The festivities will begin 12:00 noon and will conclude at 9:00 in the evening. The menu will feature sausage and pepper sandwiches, pasta dishes, chile con carne, roast beef sandwiches, roasted potatoes, hot dogs, hamburgers, corn on the cob, watermelon and zeppoles. In addition, we will again feature a hit from last year when we bring back the cotton candy machine. Tap beer and soda are also included in the admission price.

Children's activities chairman Matt Cunningham has also promised to have plenty of activities for the children, no matter what their ages!

A DJ will be providing musical entertainment throughout the day. A highlight of the evening will be the drawing of the Council's quarterly raffle, and raffle chairman John Murphy will be on hand to sell tickets for \$10.00 a chance if you have not yet purchased them.

Tickets are \$40.00 per family, \$25.00 per couple and \$15.00 per individual. They are on sale at the Gate House through Labor Day weekend, and can be purchased at the bar the week of the picnic. For more information, contact Frank Santomauro at (908) 686-9153.

Fall Work Parties Scheduled

As stated in my article in the last Digest, we have arranged two fall work parties. The Swim Club will have theirs on Saturday September 17, and the Columbian Club will have theirs the following weekend. Both will take place from 8:00 to 12:00 noon. Remember, workers will receive breakfast and lunch, and will also receive two pool passes for their participation.

All Brothers are encouraged to lend a hand on either or both days. We need your efforts to keep the Pool and grounds open and available. **Jim Feehan, Swim Club President.**

Clothing Drive Set for September 9-11

Union Council will reprise its late summer clothing drive the weekend of September 9, 10 and 11. During the drive, we will be collecting any usable shoes, belts, handbags, linens, clothing, (men's women's and children) as well as stuffed animals. All donated items should be placed in large plastic garbage bags and securely tied. The bags can be dropped off all weekend at the Council Hall (1034 Jeanette Avenue) where they will be stored for pickup the following week. All funds raised from this drive will be used to continue the Council's charitable efforts.

Unfortunately, it will not be possible to arrange for pickups of the clothing. All donations must be brought to the Council hall.

If you plan on being at the Council for either the annual picnic or the start of Football Sundays, we hope that you will remember to drop off your donations.

For more information about this drive, contact chairperson Mike LoGuidice at (908) 688-7994 or (908) 472-7794.

Past Grand Knights Dinner To Be Held October 1

Please join us on Saturday evening, October 1 as we honor our most recent Past Grand Knight, Joe Demarco for his accomplishments over the 2004-2005 Columbian year. The evening will begin with a Cocktail hour at 7:00 to be followed by a dinner of Chicken Franchise. Beer, wine and soda will be available, as well as dessert and coffee. In addition, there will be a DJ providing musical entertainment.

The cost for the evening will be \$65.00 per couple. For more information, contact the committee Chairperson's Mike Carr PGK, (908) 358-7979, Dominic Clementone PGK, (908) 688-3618 and Tom Horning, PGK (908) 688-5867.

All are welcome to celebrate what was a very successful year for Joe and for the Council.

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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
3rd Wed.	Assembly
4th Thu.	Columbian Club

Grand Knight's Column



Yet another summer unfortunately has come to a close, and most of us are starting to prepare for school and putting our lives out of the summer's disarray. Although the summer always seems to go by much too quickly, we all have a way of cramming a lot of activities into it. However, now it is time for that deep breath and preparing to go on.

We do have a few things coming up here at the Council to help with the transition. The first event is the annual Council Picnic to be held on Saturday, September 10. For those of you who do not know about the picnic, it is a great day of food, fun, games, and socializing. Please make every effort to attend. You will be glad that you did.

We also have the First Friday Masses resuming again in October. If you can find time in your schedule to keep this tradition alive and well in our Council, you will be greatly rewarded.

I would like to welcome Joe Bennanato as a Trustee to the Council. Thank you, Joe. As a past Grand Knight and an Insurance agent for the Knights of Columbus, I am sure that he will be a huge asset to our Executive Board.

When it comes to writing a column, I am not a man of many words. However, if anyone feels the need to speak with me about any issue involving our Council, I am a good listener. In addition, I always enjoy a good conversation and the opportunity to discuss new ideas.

We are again asking anyone interested in contributing his time to come forward and volunteer. For instance, we are planning to have a stand at the Italian feast in Union Center during September, and we will need volunteers to work the stand and represent the Council. If you are interested in this, or any other activity that we run, please stop by and see me.

Hope you had a great summer,

Harry J Lupo, Grand Knight

Reminder- First Friday Masses will begin again in October. Please join our chaplain, Fr. Jim Worth, in celebration on October 7 at 7:00 PM in the Council Hall. For a time, this traditional event had died here in Union Council, but was reinstated last year with good results. We are now hoping to build on last year's success by having even better attendance each month. Please try to join us on the First Friday of each month.

Thanks from a Brother Knight

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and well-wishes before and after my recent surgery. Thankfully everything is progressing very well and I owe a huge debt of gratitude to everyone at Union Council. Also, the fruit basket was delicious!

Thank You All and God Bless,
Buddy Cotter, Deputy Grand Knight

Columbian Club News

I have only just begun my year as Columbian Club President, and I am already at an end- the end of a very hot but enjoyable summer. July brought the "Seaside Summer Slam" with over 200 people in attendance. The band was excellent, the food outstanding, and the fun overwhelming. I thank everyone who helped, and also those who attended.

August brought our "Annual Fluke Fishing Trip", which was also a huge success. We sold out the trip, with adults and children all catching plenty of fish. Unfortunately, most of them were throwbacks, but they were still fun to catch. Pictures from the trip are posted on the Council Web site, so please visit and take a look.

August 20 was the Columbian Club Splash Party for the kids. The pool was open from 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM just for the benefit of those children attending the party. The DJ was "Bruce", and he did an excellent job of entertaining the smaller children as well as the older ones. Gift certificates and prizes were given out, and hot dogs and ice cream sundaes were served to the partygoers.

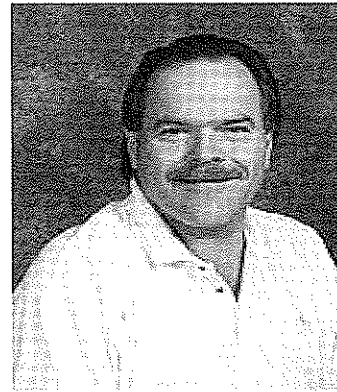
I would like to personally thank Annette and Marco Vitale, Mary Kay Pascullo, and my own Doreen Carmiche for the great job they did hosting this party. Everyone who attended had a ball.

At this time, I would also like to applaud the ladies who, every Sunday this summer have sat on the patio and sold donated cakes and cookies in order to raise money for new umbrellas for the pool and patio area. I am not sure of the exact amount, but I know that they have raised over \$800 thus far. So, to Marion Connors, Karen Caulfield, Judy Amorosa, Kathy Zappulla, Bart Supino, and all who donated, I personally give you a standing ovation. Please keep up the good work.

Remember that the summer might be over, but there is life at the Knights after the summer! We have football every Sunday in the bar area, with food served at halftime. October brings our annual Halloween party and December will feature the Christmas party. My point is that just because the summer ends and the grove closes, there is still plenty of action at the Knights. The cute little ground hogs we have living on our property hibernate for the winter, but you don't have to. Please support the events held all year round- we plan them for you! Again, thanks for all of your help.

Bob Calderone, Columbian Club President.

Jim Caulfield Named September Knight of the Month



Jim Caulfield has been a member of Union Council 4504 since 1997, and has served as a manager of the Swim Club as well as a member of the Columbian Club Board. Last November, when a fellow member had to take a leave from the key position of Banquet Manager to deal with a family illness, Jim volunteered to take over the role, and continued in the job for the next eight months.

Jim has lived in Union for his entire life, and members of his family were among the first to join the Council pool. He is a graduate of St. Peter's Prep in Jersey City, and Thomas Edison College. He had worked for Federal Express Corporation for 21 years, and is presently a 7th grade Math teacher at Battin Middle School in Elizabeth. He is pursuing his Masters degree in Educational Leadership, and during the summer is also employed as a Pool Operations Manager, overseeing seven properties for Segal and Segal Property Management.

Jim, his wife Karen and 9 year old daughter Meaghan are parishioners of Holy Spirit, and in his spare time, he enjoys golf and fishing.

For his extraordinary efforts over the past 8 months, we are proud to honor Jim as Knight of the Month for September.

Children's Campout Planned

The Council has announced plans to reinstate yet another old tradition by holding a fall campout in the picnic grove for children. The event will take place on Saturday evening October 15. The event will begin at 5:00 with the pitching of tents, and will include a campfire dinner of hot dogs, with Smores for dessert of course! A morning pancake breakfast will also be provided. The cost will be \$5.00 per child.

For further information, contact Jamie Zapulla (908) 964-7377 or (908) 380-9155 or Tom Lamotta (908) 451-4113.