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Nuns and Widow's Dinner

On Sunday, **June 1st**, we will be holding our annual Nuns and Widow's dinner beginning at 3:00. The dinner will consist of a yet to be determined entrée, salad, desert, coffee and cake. While invitations will be sent to our widows and nuns, our mailing system is not able to readily identify any widowers who should be invited. Please contact Andy Schopfer, Grand Knight (908) 265-7895 if you are a widower and plan to attend. Anyone interested in assisting at the dinner should also contact the Grand Knight.

Food Drive



Our annual spring Food Drive will be conducted on Saturday, **May 10th** at our local food markets. This drive is badly needed to assist Sister Ann in replenishing her food pantry for the poor. To make it as successful as possible, we need volunteers to so-

licit donations from 10:00 until 3:00. If interested, please contact Chairperson Tom Walsh.



Special Citizens Drive

The raffle for the Special Citizens Drive will be held on Memorial Day, **May 26th** at approximately 6:00 pm on the patio of the picnic grove. If you have not yet sent in your donations, it is not too late to do so.

This raffle is the culmination of our efforts to raise funds for local charities dedicated to assisting individuals with mental disabilities. A number of us were active in soliciting donations from local stores and shopping areas, and we look forward to ending this drive with a successful raffle.

Convention Update

For those who have sent their deposit, I thank you. For those who are still interested in going to the convention I have some rooms available but I will need a deposit of \$185.00 as soon as possible and the balance to paid in full by **May 8th**. A two night stay is \$305.00 and a three night stay is \$410.00. This price also includes the hospitality room. You can contact me at home 908-325-6440 or cell 908-499-1162.

Mike Peter

Tricky Tray 2008

On February 23, 2008 the Columbian Club held its annual "Tricky Tray" to raise money for the much needed repairs and improvements of the building and grounds. The hall and grounds has been host to many events and fundraisers not only for the Knights of Columbus, but other organizations and agencies needing a location to raise money for many worthy causes and charities. The money raised will help our facility continue its mission in helping those in need.

We would like to thank everyone for their generosity and support in making this event a great success. It takes months of planning and commitment to make this happen. We would also like to thank everyone that attended and hope you enjoyed this affair.

Thanks to all of our "Trick Tray Women"

Mike Andriola
Knights of Columbus 4504
Trick Tray Chairman

Council Officer Nominations for 2008-2009

The Nomination Committee will be interviewing candidates to become Council Officers for the year 2008-2009. Anyone interested in becoming an Officer please contact Committee Chairman Buddy Cotter at 908-447-3378 or email at acotterjr@yahoo.com to arrange an interview.

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RULES FOR SUBMISSION: Submissions for consideration are due in writing by the 15th of the month for the following month. Please mail or drop off submission, with contact information to:

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or via email to: tomdudek@att.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

- District Deputy*..... Michael L. Cavallo, PGK
- Grand Knight*..... Andy Schopfer 908-265-7895
- Deputy Grand Knight*
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- Recorder* Frank Santangelo
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- Outside Guard* Chris Flory
- Membership Dir.*..... Nick Belmonte
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- 3rd. Yr. Trustee* Buddy Cotter, PGK
- 2nd Yr. Trustee*..... Harry Lupo, PGK
- 1st Yr. Trustee*..... Joe Beninato, PGK
- 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

Brothers and Friends,



May has always been my favorite month, (yes it is my birthday month), but mostly because the weather is generally pleasant, and the rebirth we see every spring is in full force. I also remember it as the month in my youth that was devoted to Mary, the mother of Jesus. Every Sunday in Church seemed to have at least one hymn dedicated to her, and we always celebrated the May crowning with a special Mass and procession from my grammar school to the Church.

At Union Council 4504, we are fortunate to have a beautiful statue dedicated to Mary to the right of the front door of our building. Thanks to a recent Eagle Scout project, that statue has been restored, and in an appropriate place to kneel and reflect prior to entering the building. We have also been extremely fortunate that an individual associated with Haberle and Barth, a local funeral home, has been kind enough to see that extra flowers from funerals have been placed in front of that statue on a consistent basis. Thanks Emily! I suspect that many of us will be stopping by our Council home during this month. Why not take a few minutes to stop and say a quick prayer to honor Mary?

We are only a few short weeks away from Memorial Day and the opening of the picnic grove and pool. As always, there is a lot of work to be done between now and the end of this month, and we can use all the help we can get in order to complete the clean up and preparation for the summer season. Work parties are now conducted on Saturday mornings from 8:00 AM to noon, and on Wednesday evenings from 5:00 PM until dark. If you can lend a hand, it will be greatly appreciated.

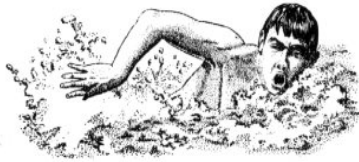
Elections for the Columbian Club Board will be held at our first meeting on May 12th. On that same night, the slate of officers for the Council will be announced. Due to the Memorial Day holiday on the 26th, the Council Officers will be elected on Monday, June 9th. Please make every effort to attend these meetings and cast your votes. Remember it is your Council, and this is your opportunity select the officers who run it.

Enjoy the blessed month of Mary. In addition, Happy Mother's Day to my mom, and all of our mothers, as we celebrate Mother's Day on May 11th. God Bless!

Andy Schopfer, Grand Knight

Columbian Swim Club

As the warm weather is now upon us and your tax refund should be arriving soon we hope that members start to think about paying there dues or joining the swim club. As of this digest article membership is down significantly over last year at this same time. The dues for a family are only \$245.00 for the season. We are one of the least expensive swim clubs in the area. One day trip for a family cost more that this.



If membership dose not increase we may have to shorten the hours of operation. Last year we did not open on the half days of school at the end of June. If membership does not increase we may have to shorten the regular hours of operation.

We are also in need of help on Saturday mornings to clean the pool and get the grounds ready to open. The last couple of work parties only had a handful of people attend and most were swim club board members. Last year someone said "I don't have time to help, that's what I pay dues for". Well all the board members also pay the full dues but we are there almost every Saturday. If we do not get more help we may not be ready for the Memorial Day opening.

May 26th

MEMORIAL DAY



Nativity Set Fund Raiser

Please remember that we are still trying to raise enough money to replace the Nativity scene for the lawn of town hall. PLEASE make a donation to this worthy cause. You can send a check payable to Union Knights of Columbus 4504 to Brother Steven Ruhl 899 Lafayette Ave. Union NJ 07083 write "nativity" in the memo line.

Thank you and God bless

Two Degree Ceremonies Slated for June

There will be a first degree and second degree taking place at the Union Council on Wednesday, June 4th and Friday, June 6th. Candidates who are interested in completing the degrees should contact Nick Belmonte or Andy Schopfer.

*"We only have One Mom, One Mommy,
One Mother in this World, One life.*

*Don't wait for the Tomorrow's
to tell Mom, you love her"*

*"To the world you might just be one person,
but to one person you might just be the world."*

~Author Unknown~

Dear Brother Knight and Family,

Have you found that there never seems to be a convenient time to put money aside for savings, insurance and investments?

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