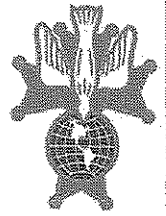


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## Convention Bookings Due Soon

Time is running out to reserve your rooms for this year's annual State Convention in Wildwood the week of May 12th to the 14th. Union Council 4504 has once again booked the Adventurer Hotel on the boardwalk, and has a limited number of rooms available. The cost is \$355 for all three nights, which includes use of the Hospitality room for your stay. The cost for two nights is \$265, but also includes the \$75.00 charge for the hospitality room.

To make reservations, contact Deputy Grand Knight Harry Lupo at (908) 577-6609 (cell) or (908) 851-2493. A deposit of one night's stay plus the hospitality room is required.

Please be sure to reserve early to avoid missing out.

**April 4<sup>th</sup> is the Day of the Unborn Child.** This date has been instituted as an addition to our Order's Crusade for Life and is a symbol of our commitment to building a culture that respects and protects every life. To commemorate the day, we will be having a Pro Life Rosary prayer service at 7:00 PM, just before our officers meeting. Everyone is invited to join us.

## Columbian Club Plans Trip to Monmouth Park

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 18 as the Columbian Club has announced plans for its annual trip to the picnic grove at Monmouth Park Racetrack in Oceanport. The cost is \$35.00 and will include lunch, soda, beer and a private betting stand. More details will appear in the next Digest.

## Children's Easter Egg Hunt a Success

A great time was had by all as 42 children and their parents came to the annual Easter Egg Hunt at the council. The children were broken up in three age groups 4 and under 5-6 and 7 and older. The youngest members hunted by the play area and all others by the orchard. They hunted for 1,200 eggs filled with candies. After the hunt we all enjoyed hotdogs, chips, juice and all received a goody bag.

Thanks to all who came. And a special thanks to my family helping spread the eggs and the Manochio family with set up and serving the food. A thanks to the Columbian Club for the grounds and the use of the kitchen to cook the dogs.

## Art Auction, Charitable Events Top Council Schedule for April

The Union Council's first ever art auction, and two of the more significant charitable events for the Knights of Columbus will all take place in the month of April. In addition, a number of Brother Knights will also be completing the exemplification to become Fourth Degree Knights at the Parsippany Hilton on April 17th.

The Art Auction, which is being chaired by Chancellor Buddy Cotter, will take place on Saturday evening April 9. There will be a preview of the art at 7:00 with the auction beginning one hour later. Admission to the event is \$5.00 per person, and will include wine and cheese. Door prizes will also be available.

The art will be supplied by Marlon Art, and they have confirmed that the majority of the bids will begin at between \$65.00 and \$120.00. However, the key to a successful evening will be to have as many people in attendance as possible. Therefore, we are hoping to fill the Council Hall with friends and relatives. The cost is relatively low, and there is a good chance that you will be able to purchase a piece of quality art at a reasonable price. To purchase tickets, contact Buddy at 908 447-3378.

The annual RCD drive will take place on the weekend of April 22-24th. This event, in which Brother Knights are asked to solicit donations for a number of local charities devoted to individuals with Special Needs, will be chaired by Anthony M Monachio. He is seeking volunteers that weekend after each Mass at our local churches, and at various sites around the city of Union. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Anthony at 908 688-6761 or by email at Amanoch@verizon.net.

The month will conclude with the spring food drive, which will take place during the week of April 25 through the 29th in the Union schools. On Saturday, April 30th, brother Knights will be asked to volunteer to solicit donations from shoppers at the grocery stores in Union from 10:00 am to 3:00 PM. To assist with this event, contact Chuck Cababe at (908) 687-3809.

All of the food contributed to this drive will be given to Sister Ann Domenic for her food pantry at St. Michael's Church.

Did you know that Council 4504 has its own publicity chairman? If you are running an event and need it advertised, contact Rob Salvatore via email Salv12@comcast.net.

## Columbian Club News

First, I would like to thank all who worked on the St. Patrick's Day Parade Day. Without your help, we could not have had such a great day at our council.

Our work parties started on Saturday, March 19 and will continue until the Opening Day of the summer season. We can use all of the help we can get. Come out and meet the members who make this Council work. All we need is your morning hours on Saturday from 8:00 to 12:00 noon. Coffee and lunch are served. If you have the time, we surely do appreciate it.

**Sam Maffei, Columbian Club President**

### Knights Agency Notes Job Opening

Due to the growth in our agency and Insurance operations, we have employment opportunities for qualified brother knights and their friends.

We are looking for people who want to be associated with a top rated insurance company and willing to give back to Brother Knights and their families. This is a full time position, and prospective candidates must be able to work around the schedules of Brother Knights and their families.

Please fax resumes to Rich Fuentes FIC, CSA. at (908) 437-0310. If you prefer, you may send it via email to RichofKFC@AOL.COM, or call (908)722-6360.

### Eagle Scout Seeks Donations for Project at Council

I will be doing my Boy Scout Eagle project at the Union Knights of Columbus this spring. I will be repainting the statue of the Virgin Mother and landscaping around it with some decorative pavers and rose bushes. If anyone can help me out with the donations of money or supplies, I would greatly appreciate it. Any questions you can contact me at 908 964-8095. Thank you in advance,

**Ryan Ruhl, 899 Lafayette Ave, Union**

### SoftBall Players Needed

Excited by last year's success, Union Council 4504 has again opted to enter a team in the local softball league. Team captain Jamie Zapulla has indicated that while he has received a number of commitments from players, there are still spots on the roster. If you are interested in competing for this years team, please be certain to contact Jamie as soon as possible at (908) 380-9155.

Last year marked the Knights return to softball after a long absence. While wins were not plentiful, expectations are high for an enjoyable season this year.



## Hope is on the Rise

by **Father Jim Worth**

People usually view suffering and pain as one of the greatest pitfalls of life. When we view our sufferings as inconveniences and as a form of punishment, it only makes things more difficult for us and those we love. The sufferings we endure in this life, when they are united with the sufferings of Christ, take on a purpose, a true meaning. These sufferings are tragic and often times we despair and feel we have no recourse. When we accept these sufferings, we begin to feel the healing presence of Christ who gives us peace. We do not have to enjoy these pains, only to know that our courage and strength comes from God. Our example of endurance is a witness to those around us, and enables all to better cope with these life-changing events. God, in His infinite wisdom, gives us only what we can handle. At times, due to our humanity, it may feel like there is no sense to suffering and pain. Sometimes we reject the thought of having to suffer at all. This is a human response and absolutely natural. However, as Christians on a journey of faith, we need to realize that it is our faith that gets us through. Our faith in Jesus Christ and His Church affords us the ability to get through our everyday struggles. Our witness to the Death and Resurrection of Jesus gives others a glimpse of the love that God has for each of us. Smiling in the face of pain is only possible when we have a relationship with Jesus. When He is alive and present in our hearts and minds we can stand up to these sufferings. Our prayer is that we have the strength to continue on our journey, despite the obstacles that may appear along the way. With Jesus as our model, guide and friend, we can endure all things. With God all things are possible. May the peace of Christ be with us always.

**Congratulations** to the following Brother Knights who attained 50 years of service in 2005: Louis Paige, Regis Connors, Edward Aimutis, John Heiszer and Matthew Bellero. This is a memorable milestone, and we thank you for helping to pave the way for us and all future Brother Knights.

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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 Thu.	Columbian Club

## Grand Knight's Column

Brothers, the past month has been a very busy and successful one for Union Council. The month started out with our First Friday Mass, which was celebrated by our Chaplain, Fr. Jim Worth. I am very happy to announce that the attendance is starting to pick up at the Mass, but we still have room for plenty of more Brother Knights and their families. I would like to thank John Moco for all his help getting the Mass started up again.

February 26<sup>th</sup> we held our second annual Tricky Tray, this event was a bigger success than I expected. Deputy Grand Knight Harry Lupo was the chairman of this event, but we all know that his wife Diane was the true backbone of this event. Diane Lupo and her committee started work on the Tricky Tray last July, and all of their time and hard work really showed the night of the event. There was such a great turn out, that we actually had to turn people away at the door.

I would like to thank Diane and all the other ladies involved, Mary Kay Pascullo, Karen Caulfield, Linda Trapani, Judy Amorosa, Nancy Zuena, Ana Lodato, Chris Burlew, Donna Ruhl, and Carol Walsh. I would also like to thank all my Brother Knights who also lent a hand that night. Your help was deeply appreciated.

March 12<sup>th</sup> was another busy day at the Knights; we marched in the St. Patrick's Day parade in the morning and ran our Double Bingo that evening. I was very disappointed in the parade turn out, there were only four Brother Knights marching in the Parade. Union Council has over 1700 members, where were they all???

The Bingo was a success, even though it was on the same day as the parade. I would like to thank everyone who came out that day and lent a hand, the Chairman Bob Litterer, Tom Hornig, Peter Kardys, Mike Cavallo, Steve Helmstetter, Bill Mateo, and Joe Harbison.

March 19 we held our annual Easter Egg Hunt at the council. Our Youth Activities Director Bart Supino and his wife Judy did a great job as usual. We had a very nice turn out for this event and the children had a great time.

We still have a lot of events planned for the up coming month. April 1<sup>st</sup> will be our next first Friday Mass to be held at Our council home at 7:00 PM. Father Burke from Holy Spirit will be celebrating it for us. April 9<sup>th</sup> we will be holding our first Art Auction, which is being chaired by our Chancellor Buddy Cotter. I am looking forward to this fun event, and hope to see many of you there.

April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, & 24<sup>th</sup> we will be having our annual RCD. Drive, The chairman Tony Manochio will be reaching out for help collecting on the streets of Union, please be there for him- this is a very worthwhile cause. He is also sending out 50/50 tickets; please remember to return them as soon as possible.

Brother Charles Cababe will be asking for help with the food drive this year. We will be collecting at the supermarkets on April 30<sup>th</sup>, and in the schools on April 25<sup>th</sup> - April 29<sup>th</sup>. Please try to give him some time for this worthy cause.

In closing I would like to congratulate all our Brother Knights from Union Council, who will be making their Fourth Degree this month. Welcome to our Assembly.

**Vivat Jesus! Joe DeMarco, Grand Knight**