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July 2011

July 13th.....Installation of Officers
 July 14th-17th.....Yankee Road Trip to Toronto
 July 21st Annual Fishing Trip
 July 23rd.....Children's Splash Party
 September 10th..... Council Picnic
 September 11th.....Blood Drive - St.Michael's

Children's Splash Party

The Council will be hosting a splash party at the Columbian Swim Club pool on Saturday evening July 23. Children 6 to 11 are invited to swim from 6:00 pm through 8:00, while children over 11 are will swim from 8:00 to 10:00 pm.

Council members will be on hand to serve hot dogs and ice cream from 7:45 to 8:15.

There will be music and games for all to enjoy!

Please mark your calendars and come out to enjoy the fun!

If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact any officer of the Council or the Columbiettes.

SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 10th ANNUAL COUNCIL PICNIC

Officer Installation

The Installation of the Council Officers for the Columbian year 2011-2012 will take place on Wednesday evening, July 27th, at 7:30 pm at Holy Spirit Church on Suburban Road. Father Armand Mantia will preside over the Mass, and the ceremony will take place immediately afterward.

All fellow Knights, their families and friends of the Council are invited. Coffee and cake will be served in the Council Hall immediately following the ceremony.

Any questions regarding the installation should be directed to the Grand Knight, Andy Schopfer at 908 265-7895.

Council Hall's 50th Birthday



Our Council Hall at 1034 Jeanette Avenue was formally dedicated 50 years ago in late September. To commemorate this Golden Anniversary of our building

and the Columbian Club, we will be holding special events during the Council picnic on Saturday, September 10th, at approximately 1:00 PM.

As we have been advised that a time capsule was buried at the original dedication, members of our Committee have already dedicated several hours over the past weekends to excavate the cornerstone and uncover this capsule. Whatever is ultimately discovered will be unveiled at the rededication on September 10.

Please save this date on your calendars, as it is certain to be a memorable event. Happy Birthday in advance to the Columbian Club!

ST. MICHAEL'S BLOOD DRIVE



Sunday, September 11, 2011

Time: 7:15 AM-3:00 PM

**Place: St. Michael's School Cafeteria
1212 Kelly St., Union, NJ**

Breakfast will be served.

Please know your social security # and bring a signed picture ID.

Thank you, Sister Ann Dominic and volunteers

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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 W. Gasser, PGK
Grand Knight.....Andy Schopfer, PGK
Deputy Grand Knight..... Kyle Wiklanski
Chancellor..... Alex Costa
Warden.....Steve Nagy
Recorder..... Steve Stochlinski
Treasurer..... Frank Santangelo
Fin. Secretary..... Thomas Hornig, PGK
Inside Guard.....Gregory Henn
Outside Guard.....Giftus John
Membership Director..... Kyle Wiklanski
Program Director.....Nick Belmonte
Advocate..... Stephen F. Hehl
3rd. Yr. Trustee..... Joe Burlew, PGK
2nd Yr. Trustee..... Rob Salvatore, PGK
1st Yr. Trustee.....Mike Peter, PGK
4th Degree Faithful Navigator.Allen Pascullo
Columbian Club President.....Mike Scanlon
Swim Club President.....Allen Pascullo
Columbiette President.....Christine Burlew

Monthly Meetings

1st. Mon. -----Council Officers
2nd & 4th Mon.----- Council
3rd Mon.----- Swim Club
4th Wed. -----4th Degree Assembly
4th Thu.----- Columbian Club

MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT



Brother Knights and Friends of Union Council 4504

I am truly honored to be your new Grand Knight for the Columbian Year 2011-2012. When I agreed to assume the role of Program Director at the beginning of last year, I certainly had no inkling or expectations that the year would end with me once again attending the state wide Grand Knight's meeting in Somerset and planning what I would write in my first Digest article in July. However, when the Trustees and other Past

Grand Knights asked me to consider taking on the role of Deputy Grand Knight for a second time, my commitment to this organization and what it represents to our members and our community, would not allow me to say no. I am a firm believer in what it means to be a Knight, and I look forward to the challenges of the upcoming year.

I must say first of all thank Joe Burlew for his hard work in the past year. He has left us in a solid position financially, and with his counterparts in the Columbian Club, Columbian Swim Club and the Columbiettes, has achieved a level of unity that will make my transition much smoother than perhaps it may have been. Thanks Joe, and congratulations on earning that most honored of titles, Past Grand Knight.

In my first term, I was fortunate to be the Grand Knight during our celebration of the 50th year of our Charter as a Council.

Therefore it is somewhat fitting that in my second term, we will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of our Council Home in September of this year. While we are still working on the details, that commemoration is scheduled to place at the annual Council picnic on Saturday, September 10th.

Since this is also the tenth anniversary of the attack on the World Trade Center on September 11th, we will also be commemorating the memories of all those who lives were impacted on that fateful morning.

As we plan our calendar for the year, it is my goal to schedule events related to our churches and our families, such as our Roses for Life on Mother's Day, and participating in the State Council's free throw and essay contests. However, I am particularly interested in hearing from you, our members, as to the events that you would like to see. Too often in the past years, both the Council and the Columbian Club have scheduled events and dedicated significant resources and energy toward them, only to have little or minimal attendance and participation. If you have an idea or program you would like us to pursue, please contact myself or any of the other officers to make your wishes known. My cell phone is (908) 265-7895, and my email address is Aschopfer@verizon.net. If you are reading this on our website, feel free to send an email to contact us, and Tom Dudek, our esteemed Webmaster, will be sure to direct it to one of the officers.

I look forward to hearing from you. Enjoy the summer, and please take advantage of all that our wonderful Council has to offer.

Vivat Jesus!

Andy Schopfer

Grand Knight 2011-2012



Water Aerobics at the Pool

Water aerobics are back again this year at our pool. Every Tuesday at 6:00 PM and Saturdays at 12:00 PM.



Don our pool manager will conduct water aerobics class in our pool.

Classes are at no charge and are open for all pool members. Come out and enjoy a work out in our pool.

Union Knights of Columbus & Columbian Club



PIG ROAST



Saturday, August 20, 2011

4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Menu includes: *Pig Serving Station*, Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Chicken, Corn on the Cob, Salads, Fixings, Draft Beer and Soda

Price:

\$20.00 - Adults

\$12.00 - Seniors

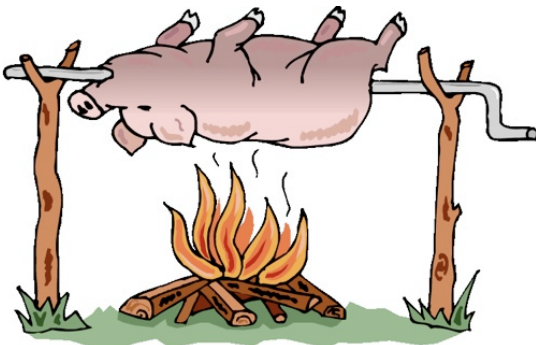
\$7.00 - Children (8 and under FREE)

DJ Entertainment

For tickets or more information:

Tony Quinones: 908-265-3757

Richie Arnold: 908-265-2466



In Our Military

Congratulations to Ryan O'Grady on his graduation from Air Force Basic Training on July 1, 2011 at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, Texas.

Ryan is a member of our Council and the son of Dennis O'Grady, who is a long time member of Union Council. We wish Ryan great success in his Military career. **GO WOLFPACK!!!!**

Congratulations to Stephen Patricco on his completion of his first year at the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, and on his making his First Degree at the Annapolis Council.

Stephen is the son of Steve Patricco and Anthony "Pat" Patricco, both members of our Council. We wish Stephen great success in his Military career.

And please remember these Knights family members, Erik Santiago, Brian Schopfer, Sara Kramer, Paul Le Compte Jr., Kenneth Le Compte, and Michael Zagorski in your thoughts and Prayers as they serve our Country in our Military.

DONATIONS NEEDED

Unfortunately, Due to a house fire that gutted the house, A Brother Knight, and his family are without a home, and the fire destroyed all their possessions. They escaped ,but with only the clothes on their back.

Charlie Cunningham is a brother, friend, and member in good standing and now is the time for Brother Knights and Friends to help out. They are in need of everything, Gift Cards, Toiletries, Restaurant/Grocery Gift Cards, and Clothing in the following Sizes:

Ladies pants sizes 5-7, Small ladies shirts, Ladies shoes 6-7, Men's pants 36w 34 Length, Men's xl shirts, Men's shoes size 14, or would care to make a monetary donation instead, It would be greatly appreciated.

To donate or for more Information, Please contact:

Tony Quinones 908-265-3757 or,

Rob Salvatore 908-499-0743 or,

Nick Belmonte 908-447-1869





Please welcome our new First Degree Brother Knights, who made their First Degree on Monday June 13, 2011.

Above pictured left to right, Bernard Glove, Matthew Kelly, John Keegan, Neil Tortorelli, Mark Brubaker, Hector Cadillo, and John Casas.



2011-2012 Officers

Pictured left to right, Frank Santangelo; Tom Hornig, PGK; Kyle Wiklanski; Andy Schopfer, PGK; Giftus John; Steve Nagy; Nick Belmonte; Greg Henn, Mike Peter, PGK; Joe Burlew, PGK



**Columbian Club #4504
Seaside Summer Slam 2011**

Featuring Live Entertainment by “The Stages”

www.stagesband.com

Saturday, July 30, 2011

7:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Union Knights of Columbus

Boardwalk Style Food

(Food served 7PM - 9PM)

Draft & Canned Beer, Wine & Soda

\$25.00 per person

Tickets & Table Reservations by July 17th

Limited Seating

No Tickets Sold at the Door

Rain or Shine!

In the event of inclement weather, Seaside Summer Slam will be moved inside our Banquet Hall

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**A.M. Best reaffirms Knights of Columbus
rating of A++ (Superior)**

Order's insurance program earns highest rating for 36th consecutive year

(NEW HAVEN, Conn.) — For the 36th consecutive year, A.M. Best Company has given the Knights of Columbus its highest financial strength rating, A++ (Superior). A.M. Best is a worldwide rating and information agency, which conducts in-depth analyses and issues reports about the fiscal stability of insurance companies.

In its 2011 reaffirmation, A.M. Best cited the Knights of Columbus' “strong fraternal and insurance presence within the Catholic communities in the United States and Canada, its superior risk-adjusted capitalization as measured by Best's Capital Adequacy Ratio and the Order's consistently positive statutory operating results.”

The report also stated that “the Order has a strong affinity with its large membership base through its charitable works and competitive portfolio of life insurance and annuity products.”

Supreme Knight and C.E.O. Carl A. Anderson said that, “In the past 36 years, there have been five recessions. And in every single one of those years, the Order earned A.M. Best's highest rating. This confirms the wisdom of our careful investment policies in turbulent economic times and again demonstrates our fidelity to our original mission: providing Catholic families with security and stability through top-quality life insurance products.”

In just over a decade, the amount Knights of Columbus insurance in force has doubled to more than \$80 billion. It also recently introduced disability income insurance to its product portfolio.

One of the most active charitable groups in the United States, Knights of Columbus members last year set records by providing more than 70 million hours of charitable service and over \$154 million in donations to charitable causes. Cumulative figures show that, during the past decade, the Order has donated \$1.4 billion to charity, and provided more than 653 million hours of volunteer service in support of charitable initiatives.



Jaime Zappulla
Columbian
of the Year



Len Komar
Knight
of the Year

July 2011

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