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THINGS TO DO THIS MARCH!

IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO ENTER THE YOUTH ESSAY CONTEST

Irish Dinner Dance

Friday, March 7, 2003, 8pm-12am

Tickets: \$25 per person

Enjoy an evening of live music by the band **Round the House**, an exciting group that performs a lively blend of blues, jazz, rock and Celtic themes. Enjoy the special talents of Irish step dancing by the **Peter Smith School** and listen to the **Union County Police & Fire Pipes & Drums**. This evening is more than a dinner-dance...it's a real show! The menu will include a tossed salad, corned beef & cabbage, potatoes, Irish soda bread and open bar. Call for tickets today or for more information call Chairman Mike Scanlon at 908-964-7122. Co-chairmen are also available also: Gene Scully (908-688-5034) or Bob Calderone (908-688-1249).

Italian Night

Friday, March 21, 2003, 7pm-11pm

Tickets: \$20 per person

Mangia! This evening will be full of good music and great food. Before the main entrée, your choice of linguini with clam sauce or pasta with eggplant, each table will enjoy soup, salad, and a family-style antipasto. Along with beer, wine and soda, coffee, cake and *biscotti italiani* will be served. A strolling violinist will complement dinner. Contact James Zappulla (908-964-7377) or Allen Pascullo (908-851-9274) for tickets and more info.

Lenten Fish Fry

Friday, March 28, 2003, 6pm

Tickets: \$10 per adult, \$6 per child

Cooking will be done by the Famous "Thistles" of Kearny. Tickets will be limited and are on sale now. Call Larry Killmer (908-3891341) or Mike Cavallo (908-686-7540) for tickets and info. Chicken fingers entrée is available upon request in advance.

Annual Double Bingo

At the Boys & Girls Club

Saturday, March 29, 2003, 7pm

This is the second bingo held at the Boys & Girls Club on Jeannette Avenue. Proceeds from this bingo will support various charitable organizations, including our scholarship fund. Your support for this event is greatly appreciated; if you are interested in helping out please contact Grand Knight Mike Cavallo at 908-686-7540.

Our council is sponsoring a Youth Essay Contest for 8th grade students attending a Catholic school. Surrounding the theme "The Responsibility of a Catholic Citizen in a Free Society," the topic the essay should explore is:

Justice goes hand in hand with peace and is permanently and actively linked to peace. Justice and peace seek the good of one and all, and for this reason they demand order and truth. When one is threatened, both falter; when justice is offended, peace is also placed in jeopardy.

The rules pertaining to the contest can be obtained by contacting Deputy Grand Knight Tony Addotta at 908-464-9126, Grand Knight Mike Cavallo at 908-686-7540 or Program Director Larry Killmer at 908-389-1341. All essays are due on March 28, 2003.

CALLING ALL MEMBERS

The Retarded Citizens Drive (RCD) is just around the corner. During the month of April we will be holding our street and church collections. Please support this fundraiser. This is one of the charities that the Knights of Columbus are known to enthusiastically support. Also, in addition to these collections we will hold a **Mega 50/50 RCD Raffle**; look for these raffle tickets in your mailbox soon. Please call Steve Ruhl (908-964-8095) for more information and volunteer to help this effort.

THREE THINGS YOU SHOULD CONSIDER

1) Serving our council as an officer!

Anyone interested in serving as an officer please call Mike Carr at 908-276-8006.

2) Something to snack on!

Anyone interested in managing the snackbar this summer, please submit a proposal with a sample menu by April 1. Contact Allen Pascullo at 908-851-9274 or Bob Calderone at 908-688-1249 for more information.

3) Improve your chances for the charitable raffle!

The drawing for our quarterly charitable raffle will be held at our March 24, 2003 meeting. As you know, our many charities depend on your support. If you would like additional tickets call John Murphy at 908-964-4361.

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



Brothers! Last month I had to complete the Annual Fraternal Activity Audit, which Supreme requires of every council. In preparing this form I was amazed at what we at Union Council have accomplished over the year. Here are some of the numbers that were part of the audit. I think you will be impressed as much as I was. Our council held in excess of 200 events over the past year, which included council meetings, charitable and non-charitable social gatherings, fundraising events, and various religious functions. Our charitable disbursements, which were given to the church, community and youth of our council, amounted to over \$21,000. Our estimated volunteer hours reached well over 100,000 and were given to our fellow neighbors in need. Again, members of our council who have made the Knights of Columbus an integral and important part of their life made all this possible. As you can see, when all of us come together we are a powerhouse of volunteerism. A sincere thank you goes out to every brother knight who, in some way or another, contributed to the success of this year's fraternal activity.

The Annual Retarded Citizen's Drive will soon be approaching; this drive is one of our major fundraisers of the year. I once again am turning to each brother Knight who is reading this article and ask that you to set aside one hour of your time and assist in helping to make this year's drive a true success. This year's chairman for the drive is Steve Ruhl; please support him in whatever way you can.

It's hard to believe that Lent is already upon us. What will you do this Lenten season that will prepare you for the joy of Easter season? We all know that if we eat healthy and exercise regularly, we will build our physical bodies into better shape and have a healthier life, but what about our spiritual life? Lent is a good time to get spiritually into shape and prayer, it is said, is a good place to start. Praying daily will lead us to a closer relationship with God and will direct us to the fruits of the Holy Spirit. This Lent, I challenge each of us to take time out of our busy and hectic schedules and turn to prayer. Can you spare 10 or 15 minutes a day, when you can communicate with the Lord, so you may put your spiritual lives in order? I am sure I can and I believe you can also. The challenge is yours!

In the February issue of the Columbia magazine, there is an article entitled "A House of Prayer." This article talks about prayer and a home-based family retreat in which you may be interested. I hope to schedule a Day of Reflection for our council sometime in April or May for all our brother knights and their families in which they may participate. More information on this will follow in next month's digest.

Vivat Jesus!
Michael Cavallo
Grand Knight

If anyone has been fortunate enough to be the recipient of a winning 50/50 ticket at a Knights of Columbus function, chances are Frank Santomauro sold it to you. Frank is always lending a hand where needed for the council. In addition to his outstanding efforts as the best 50/50 salesman ever to pass through Union Council 4504, he is also an important part of the yearly council picnic. Each year, Frank, along with many other council members, donates many, many hours in food preparation (and laughs) to this extremely well attended and favorite family event. Everyone knows good food and good friends are the formula for a good time; Frank is an important ingredient of all the good times and successful functions we enjoy at the council.

On a more serious note, Frank is a member of the Columbian Club board and has done an outstanding job representing and advising the council on all insurance matters related to the council's operation. Frank resides in Union along with his lovely wife, Lucretia, and their two children Jim and Christine. In his spare time he enjoys playing basketball and softball. Although it remains a matter of opinion and up for considerable debate, Frank also plays golf. Union Council 4504 is proud to name Frank Santomauro Knight of the Month for March 2003.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CD OWNERS.

Is your CD maturing? Did you know that there may be a financial product that's better for you than a CD? Knights of Columbus Annuities have a surprising number of features and benefits, many of which you simply cannot get from a CD. Take a look:

- ❖ **Top Interest!** Annuities have highly attractive rates compared to CDs. Currently the Knights of Columbus pays 4.25% on annuities (as well as IRA's, Roth IRAs, and SEPs).
- ❖ **Tax Deferral!** You do not pay current income taxes on your annuity, which helps your money grow faster. Your principal earns interest, your interest earns interest, and the money you would have paid in taxes earns interest!!!
- ❖ **Access to Your Money!*** If you need access to some of the money inside your annuity, you may do so without penalty. You may be able to withdraw the interest you earn or part of your accumulation value (principal + interest) of your annuity.
- ❖ **Lifetime Income Options!** You may convert your annuity to a series of income payments, in which you cannot outlive!
- ❖ **Death Benefit Protection!** If you name a beneficiary for your annuity, you may be able to help your beneficiaries avoid the hassles and delays of probate. CDs must first pass through probate (less probate court costs and lawyers fees) before your heirs can receive any money.
- ❖ **And That's Not All!** Annuities offer you the choice of flexible premium products, multiple payout options, death benefit payouts and more. Plus, there are absolutely no sales charges, so 100% of your money goes to work immediately.

Act Now! If you're a CD owner, or even if you're just thinking about buying a CD, you owe it to yourself to find out more. It's fast and it's free. Call me today at 908-437-0310 for a no obligation annuity illustration.

Fraternally and sincerely,

Rich Fuentes, F.I.C., C.S.A.

SPRING FOOD DRIVE PLANNED FOR MAY 2-3

It is an unfortunate fact that we have friends and neighbors that will go hungry without our help. To assist these families, the Knights of Columbus are planning the Spring Food Drive to collect nonperishable food items. All items will help stock our local food pantries. We are looking for volunteers to stand outside of local supermarkets on May 3 to ask shoppers to contribute nonperishable food items to support our efforts. Also, we need people to pick up the food donations at the elementary schools and C-5 on May 2 and deliver them to our council hall. If you are interested in helping, please contact Chairman John Conti at 908-810-1310 (home) or 908-380-8793 (cell). Thank you in advance for your help.

FROM THE COLUMBIAN CLUB

Spring is almost upon us and I am sure you all have 'cabin fever.' I know I do! How much TV can you possibly watch? Well, we are here to help you get through the winter *blahs!* The bar is always open and now may be the perfect time to visit and have drink with a buddy.

Let me make it easier for you. On March 15 we are offering a special opportunity to come out to the club. Immediately following the Union St. Patrick's Day parade come back to the council and enjoy food and drink with friends. Two DJ's will be spinning tunes all day and all night and will provide a great time for one and all. For a \$5 cover charge you may attend this function and enjoy a bottomless mug of beer (\$7) and purchase from our menu of Irish sandwiches. Don't forget to wear your green as we ring in St. Patty's Day.

As the weather breaks, the work parties will soon begin. The Swim Club and the Columbian Club need your help. Don't forget, it is everyone's club. Together we can make it through this cold winter and before you know it, we will all be floating in the pool and basking in the sun. Stay warm as we look forward to warmer weather!

Jamie Zappulla

Columbian Club President

THIS APRIL Tricky Tray Saturday, April 26, 2003, 7pm Tickets: \$15 per person

The Knights of Columbus will be serving sandwiches and dessert during this tricky tray raffle. A raffle card will be received with every admission for your chance to win one of the many gifts and prizes given away that evening. Co-chairman Mike Cavallo and co-chairwoman Donna Ruhl are requesting donations to make this evening a success! If anyone has a business or service and would like to donate a product or gift certificate please call Mike (908-686-7540) or Donna (908-964-8095). Also, they are looking for families to contribute themed gift baskets (e.g. an Italian-night gift basket might include, a pot, special pasta, gourmet sauce, a bottle of dipping olive oil, and perhaps a gift certificate to a local Italian bakery). This would be a great opportunity to get together with another family and come up with a special gift to make this tricky tray a success. Call Mike and Donna for details.

THIS MAY 2003 Knights of Columbus New Jersey State Convention May 15-18, 2003

This year's Knights of Columbus New Jersey State Convention will be held on May 15, 16, 17, and 18 in Wildwood, New Jersey. Union Council 4504 will once again be staying at the Adventurer Motor Inn. As always, this is the perfect opportunity for all Brother Knights and their families to spend an unforgettable weekend together. The fee for a three-night stay will be \$244.00 per family and \$176.00 for a two-night stay. There will be a \$14.00 charge per person, per night for more than 4 individuals in a room. As in the past, we will be hosting our hospitality room for your convenience. We will be serving refreshments for the entire weekend for you and your family. We are also hosting a continental breakfast on both Saturday, May 17 and Sunday, May 18 as well as a barbecue lunch on Saturday. The fee for the hospitality services will be \$50.00 per family. Contact Deputy Grand Knight Tony Addotta at 908-464-9126 to make reservations.

Something to Begin Your Lenten Journey... St. Michael's Parish is hosting an Archdiocesan Adult Faith Formation Series during the first three Wednesdays of Lent — March 12, 19, 25. This timely series will help us to understand how a person develops a moral conscience and what it means to live a Christian moral life. Sessions are 7:30 to 9:30 pm in the lower church at St. Michael's. For information, please call the parish center at 908-688-1232.