



# Knights Digest



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## AWARDS DINNER MEETING

Our annual Council Awards and Shield Awards will be presented following the June 26<sup>th</sup> council meeting. **The meeting will begin at 6:30 PM sharp.** Dinner will be served at 7:15 PM. Awards will be presented during dessert.

### Dinner Menu

Chicken Parmigiana, Pasta, Salad, Dessert, Coffee, Tea, Beer and Soda.

For reservations contact:

Frank Esposito @ 908-851-0989

**Ticket Price: \$10:00**

## CARIBBEAN NIGHT

This year Caribbean Night will be held on Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. The time will be from 8:00 pm to 12 midnight. As always, we will feature Caribbean culinary delights plus New Jersey's own Doctor Cheeko's Band and a D.J. The price this year will be \$55.00 a couple. For information please call Clarence Cunningham 908-241-7710, Harry Lupu 908-851-2493 or Buster Rapke 908-964-4010.



## OFF TO THE RACES !

**MONMOUTH PARK BUS RIDE  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2000**  
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**BUS LEAVES AT 10:00 a.m.**  
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**Call: Jules Pruszkowski for details  
688-2846**

## BLOOD DRIVE

Our Council Blood Drive will take place on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2000 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. We ask that you help us with this very worthy cause.

## CHARITABLE RAFFLE

Our Next quarterly *Charitable Raffle* will be held at our Awards Dinner on Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. I know this comes on the heels of the special raffle for Retarded Citizens – but, charity is one of the basics on which the K of C is founded and our many charities depend on your support. If you would like additional tickets for yourself or someone else, contact me at 908- 964-4316. Thanks for your continued support and have a great summer.

John Murphy  
Raffle Chairman

## MEMBERSHIP

Please mark your calendars for the next 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree June 7<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree June 16<sup>th</sup>. A good attendance is a positive way to support our Brothers.

I wish to thank Rich Fuentes and Joe Beninato for all their support with membership this Columbian Year !!

Congratulations to all our new Brothers (approx. 60), and please keep up your support for membership as we all could use fresh ideas and support.

Fraternally, Tom Conte

## YANKEE TRIP

Our annual bus trip to Yankee Stadium will held on Sunday, August 6, 2000. The World Champion Yankees will be playing the Seattle Mariners and all fans 14 and younger will receive a Yankee Rally Towel.

The cost of the trip is \$40.00 per person and includes tier level box seats, transportation, soda, beer and snacks on the bus as well as snacks to bring into the game. In addition everyone going on the trip will be eligible to win 2 or 3 tickets for the September 15<sup>th</sup> game against the Cleveland Indians. The tickets are right behind the Yankee on deck circle and are valued at \$55.00 each !

Tickets are limited and are available on a first come first served basis. Please call Steve Helmstetter at 688-5039 to secure your seat.

## Knights of Columbus Union Council #4504 Annual Charity Golf Tournament

**Saturday, October 7, 2000  
Farmstead Country Club  
Lafayette, New Jersey**

We will begin soliciting for sponsorships from the corporate and private community. Hole sponsors will be asked for a \$50.00 donation. Donations of door prizes or promotions will also be accepted. If any brother is interested in making a contribution, please contact:

Ray Barnes – (908) 436-1515

**All proceeds collected will be donated to the Council's Retarded Citizens Drive.**

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## COUNCIL OFFICERS

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Outside Guard	Mike Cavallo
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Trustee 2 Yrs.	Larry Kilmer, PGK
Trustee 3 Yrs.	Rich Esposito
Lecturer	Frank Esposito
Col. Club Pres.	Joseph Willmore
Swim Club Pres.	George Clark

## MONTHLY MEETINGS

1st Mon. ....	Council Officers
2nd & 4th Mon. ....	Regular Meetings
3rd Mon. ....	Swim Club
1st Wed. ....	4th Degree Officers
2nd Thurs. ....	4th Degree Color Corps
3rd Wed. ....	4th Degree Regular
4th Wed. ....	Council Committees
4th Thurs. ....	Columbian Club

## FREEDOM

You cannot buy it.  
We cannot sell it.  
You cannot send away for it.  
And you cannot return it.  
It fits every size  
And it lasts a lifetime.  
It's made right here at home  
And comes in a multitude of colors—  
Most notably, red, white and blue.

## Chaplain's Column

REV. ANTHONY NARDO

### E-MAIL FROM GOD.

If you were to get e-mail from GOD .

As you got up this morning, I watched you and hoped you would talk to me, even if it was just a few words thanking me

for something good that happened in your life yesterday – but I noticed you were too busy trying to find the right outfit to put on and wear to work.

I waited again. When you ran around the house getting ready I knew there would be a few minutes for you to stop and say hello, but you were too busy.

At one point you had to wait fifteen minutes with nothing to do except sit in a chair. Then I saw you spring to your feet. I thought you wanted to talk to me but you ran to the phone and called a friend to get the latest gossip.

I watched as you went to work and I waited patiently all day long. With all your activities I guess you were too busy to say anything to me.

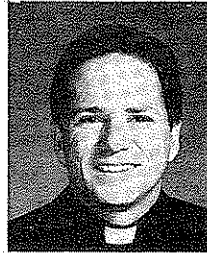
I noticed that before lunch you looked around, maybe you felt too embarrassed to talk to me, that is why you didn't bow your head. You glanced three or four tables over and you noticed some of your friends talking to me briefly before they ate, but you didn't. That's okay.

There is still more time left, and I hope that you will talk to me, yet you went home and it seems as if you had lots of things to do. After a few of them were done you turned on the TV. I don't know if you like TV or not, just about anything goes there & you spent a lot of time each day in front of it not thinking about anything, just enjoying the show.

I waited patiently again as you watched the TV and ate your meal, but again you didn't talk to me.

Bedtime I guess you felt too tired. After you said goodnight to your family you plopped into bed and fell asleep in no time.

That's okay because you may not



realize that I am always there for you.

I've got patience more than you will ever know. I even want to teach you how to be patient with others as well.

I love you so much that I wait everyday for a nod, prayer or thought or a thankful part of your heart. It is hard to have a one-sided conversation.

Well you are getting up again and once again I will wait with nothing but love for you hoping that today you will give me some time.

Have a nice Day!

Your friend,  
GOD

## Random Thoughts

Prayer of the modern American: Dear God I pray for patience, and I want it now! ... Governments tend not to solve problems, only rearrange them ... The opposite of listening isn't listening ... The opposite of talking is waiting. It's not true nice guys finish last ... Nice guys are winners before the game even starts ... Why is it that children seem to grow up fast and leave home so slowly?

## Council Nominations

Members of our council who are in good standing and who have been initiated in the first three degrees of the order are eligible candidates for an elective position of the council in the upcoming Columbian year.

The elected officers are follows: Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Recorder, Treasurer, Advocate, Warden, Inside Guard, Outside Guard and Trustee.

If anyone is interested in pursuing an elected office please contact Rich Esposito at 688-6979.

## Effective Communications

- Talk with people—not at them.
- Illustrate with appealing and reasonable examples.
- Use readily understood terms.
- Speak in your natural tone of voice.
- Avoid distracting mannerisms.
- Be understanding, if you want to be understood.
- Share your enthusiasm.

## SWIM CLUB

Swim Team sign ups will begin June 14<sup>th</sup>, look for information at the Gate House and Guard House. Swim lessons will start up in early July. Further info on fees and dates will be available at the Gate House and Guard House. Goggle purchases will be available at the Guard House.

The Youth Splash Party will once again be on two days this year, July 22<sup>nd</sup> and August 26<sup>th</sup>. Council Days are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays in July and August.

### Which Are You?

Are you an active member—the kind that would be missed, or are you just content that your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock or do you stay at home and criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part to help your council along—or are you satisfied to simply say that you "belong"?

Do you ever volunteer to help the guiding stick? Or leave the work to just a few, then talk about the clique?

Come out to the meetings, and help with hand and heart; don't just be a member, but take an active part!

Just think this over, member—you know right from wrong:

*Are you an active member, or do you just belong?*

## INSURANCE

Dear Mr. And Mrs. Senior Knight:

I write you today about Knights of Columbus Senior Life Insurance for our Brother Knights and spouses. The Board of Directors for the Supreme Council has voted on and approved the following:

All Brother Knights up to age 75 are eligible for Knights of Columbus Insurance (based on underwriting approval)

Many of you have asked and now the Order has responded with Life Insurance for our Senior Members and spouse.

Give your KofC rep. a call – Rich Fuentes @ 908-925-9131  
Joe Beninato @ 732-287-2214.

## Grand Knight's Column

KEVIN COLLINS

Dear Brother  
Knight's :

I very much enjoyed my year as Grand Knight of Union Council 4504. It was rewarding and for the most part a very pleasant experience. I would like personally to thank PGK Rick Esposito and PGK Ray Pruszkowski for all their support and knowledge.



I cannot believe how fast the year has gone, it seems like yesterday when I was sworn in as Grand Knight. It is inevitable when you are in charge of organization people will try to judge you. Every article I wrote this year always has had the same theme, Charity.

This year we helped to raise over 15,000 pounds of food for people in need, we collected over 1000 pairs of eye glasses for the needy. We helped support our local Churches with over \$3,500 in donations. We contributed over \$1,500 to support right to life causes. Our council gave over \$1,000 to American cancer and heart Associations along with other needy charities. We donated \$4,500 to St. Barnabus Hospital cancer unit in Millie Garbiras name, our past Columbian Club's presidents' wife. We gave over \$3,000 to make-a-wish foundation, a great organization that grants wishes to children with life threatening diseases. Our council has given over \$10,000 to help support Camp Fatima, a great place for mentally challenged kids. Let us not forget our biggest fund raiser the RCD drive, we hope to make over \$10,000 this year without collecting a penny on the streets. I could go on and on with everything else our Council does, but we must never forget what we are about and its one simple word CHARITY !!

I would like to thank everyone who has supported me in any way they could, be it big or small. My prayers will always be with each of you.

Fraternally Yours,  
Kevin Collins, Grand Knight

## CALENDAR

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June 2000

- 2 Fri. ....First Friday 7:30
- 5 Mon..... Officers Meeting 8:00
- 7 Wed. .... Second Degree 8:15
- 11 Sun. .... Nuns & Widows Dinner  
6:00 PM
- 12 Mon.....Council Meeting 8:15  
(Election of Council Officers)
- 16 Fri. ....Third Degree 8:15
- 19 Mon. ....Swim Club Meeting
- 22 Thur. ....Col. Club Meeting
- 24 Sat. ....Semi-annual Blood Drive
- 26 Mon. ....Council Awards Dinner-  
Meeting 6:30
- 30 Fri. ....Midnight Toast –  
Incoming Outgoing Grand Knight

### Short Course In Thinking

1. Be honest with yourself. Avoid the temptation of self-delusion.
2. Confront problems, don't evade them. Growth comes through facing reality.
3. Widen your interests. Stretch your mind by reading, conversation, and listening.
4. Write out the problem. Positive action depends on clear thinking. Writing helps.
5. Keep first things first. Focus on the main issue. Don't be confused by non-essentials.
6. Don't oversimplify. If a problem is serious enough to bother you, its worth pondering.
7. Get beyond fault-finding. People know what's wrong. They want to know what to do about it.
8. Keep an open mind. The best solution may not be your solution.
9. Retain your sense of humor. Humor can reduce prejudice and put things in perspective.
10. Develop insight. Listen for what the other person means, not merely what he says.
11. Focus on the positive. Emphasize points of agreement while admitting differences.

## SWIM TEAM

Columbian Swim Team bathing suits will be sold at the council on **June 17, 2000 between 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm.** Suit style will remain the same as last year.

Female Suit - \$36.00  
Male Suit - \$18.00