



# Knight Digest



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## WORDS OF GRATITUDE FROM YOUR GRAND KNIGHT LARRY KILLMER

Thanks to all for a memorable year!

And memorable it was and extremely busy for me. It has truly been a pleasure and honor to serve as your Grand Knight of Union



Council for Colombian Year 97/98. The experience of being your Grand Knight was extremely challenging and rewarding. I am most grateful to all my brothers for their guidance and assistance. I recently attended the annual convention in Wildwood as your delegate. I am happy to report that Union Council was the recipient of an award for the Retarded Citizens Drive. It was a proud moment for us and I congratulate everyone for their contribution in making the drive a successful one. Special thanks to D.G.K Rich Esposito, Chancellor Kevin Collins, Clarence Cunningham, Mike Malloy, Steve Petricco and everyone else that made this convention so successful. Thanks to Father Nardo for joining us in Wildwood and Father Jerry for sharing in the fun and celebrating our poolside mass.

With the assistance and the support that I have received during the year we were able to accomplish many things. The support that was given by P.G.K. Program Director Tom McGarvey and P.G. K. Ray Pruszkowski was invaluable and sincerely appreciated. In every Colombian Year each Grand Knight has their share of highs and lows. We shared in many happy occasions

such as the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Council and thanks to Mike Ward, Bob Pfarr and their committee for putting that event together. We also shared the sad loss of Brother P.G.K., FDD, Frank Dickerson, he will forever be in the hearts of those who knew him.

My congratulations to all incoming officers and I pledge my continued support in making their year a successful one. Special congratulations to our Grand Knight Rich Esposito. As many of you are aware, this is my final article as your Grand Knight, so I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all their help. With a Council our size, I am certain there will be some members that I have missed, however not unappreciated. Chaplain, Anthony Nardo, District Deputy, P.G.K. Bob Sugzda, D.G.K. Rich Esposito, Chancellor, Kevin Collins, Warden, Michael Aduato, Financial Secretary/Vocations Chairman, P.G.K. Tom Hornig, Program Director, P.G.K. Tom McGarvey, Recorder, Anthony Ferraro, Treasurer, Frank Esposito, Membership and Retention Chairmen, Rich Fuentes and Tom Schreiner, Fraternal Activities P.G.K. Barney Capriglione, Bingo Chairmen, P.G.K. Jules Pruszkowski, Clarence Cunningham and the Colombian Club and George Clark and their board. Our Chairmen are very important to the organization as well and I would like to mention some of them. Digest Editor, Mike Eger, Youth Activities, Mike Kramer, Church Activities, Anthony Addotta, Rose Sunday, Ted Kemp, Make-a-Wish, Mike Hrifko, Degree Coordinator, P.G.K. Mike Carr, Trustees, P.G.K.'s Bob Wozniak, Ernie Santorelli and Ray Pruszkowski. Charity Raffle, Jack Murphy, Food Drive, Tom Conti, Advocate, James Conlon. Thank you to the guys that you can always rely on for help in the kitchen, John

McEvoy, Bill DeLeonardo, Mike Malloy and anyone I missed.

Vinne Ianuzzi for always helping me out when needed. Anthony Ferraro, Barney Capriglione and Sister Ann for the great Valentines Dance. P.G.K. Mike Tomko for keeping me informed on our fellow brothers welfare when possible. Bob Jarocha and Dick Martelli for heading up the wake committee call chain.

I would like to also mention some of the highlights and activities that took place during the year and thank those individuals. The Council Picnic...Thanks to Ken Lang, Ted Czapl and Sam Maffei for another fabulous time...New Years Eve, thanks again to Clarence Cunningham for all his hard work in putting that evening together, Kevin Collins for our Super Bowl Party, Nick Iarossi for running the bus trip to Atlantic City. Anthony Ferraro and Mike Aduato for running another successful Retarded Citizens Drive. Jeff Gabarias for always being available to help out. I congratulate Jeff in his newly elected position as Colombian Club President and wish him and all the Colombian Club Officers much success. I wish Richard Esposito the best and hope that he share a similar experience and memories for himself and his family.

Before bringing this to close I would like to extend a sincere thanks to P.G.K. Andy Popp for all sharing an ear and kind words of advice throughout the years. Special thanks to all the wives and families that consistently lend a hand in getting things done.

My family has been a wonderful support to me, my wife Diane was always ready to assist in every and anything she can, and my daughters, Deanna and Leah, sharing and being there for me whenever possible and for this and all the many things, I am grateful.

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Columbian Club President.....  
.....Clarence Cunningham  
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

## CHARITABLE RAFFLE

Our last quarterly charitable raffle drawing for the 97-98 Columbian year will be held at our award dinner meeting on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Let's make it the best. Anyone wanting additional tickets for yourself, a family member or a friend can call me at 908-964-4361. Remember, you have to be in it to win it and our many charities depend on your support.

Thank you,  
John Murphy,  
Raffle Chairman

## INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

On July 10, 1998 at St. Michael's Church in Union, the Installation of Officers for the 1998-1999 Columbian year will take place promptly at 7:30 PM.

The Installation will follow the Mass being celebrated by our Chaplain Fr. Tony Nardo.

All are invited to attend the Mass, Installation and the reception to follow at our Council home at 1034 Jeanette Ave, Union.

Please contact Barney Capriglione at 908-687-1566 for further details.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AWARDS DINNER MEETING

JUNE 22, 1998

6:30 PM

\$10.00 Per Person

Salad, Entrée, Beer, Wine and Soda. The Columbian year for 97/98 is coming to a close. Our Annual Dinner Meeting is set for June 22, 1998. I encourage all to attend. For reservations, please contact Chairmen P.G.K. Andy Popp @ 688-6951.

## CARIBBEAN NIGHT

August 1, 1998

7:30 - 1:30

\$48.00 Per Couple

Open Bar

D.J. and Dr. Cheeko's Island Sound

Menu: Roasted Pig  
Spare Ribs  
"Jerk" Chicken  
Shrimp Kebabs  
Rice  
Salad

Pool open 7:30 - 12:00

For tickets contact:

Clarence 241-7710

Jeff 851-9210

Joe 687-5715

Steve 688-8607

Cut off date - 7/25/98

## BLOOD BANK

On Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup>, Union Township held a community blood donors awareness day. This program was coordinated by the Blood Center of NJ and the Union Hospital. At this time, Union Council was honored as being one of three sponsor groups that have consistently and successfully supported the voluntary blood donor program.

A Union Council thanks goes out to all Brother Knights, their family and friends who made this honor possible. Let's keep up the good work by making our blood drive on June 27<sup>th</sup> the best one yet.

REMEMBER:

COUNCIL BLOOD DRIVE

SAT. JUNE 27<sup>TH</sup>

11AM - 4PM

## 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY 3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Come out and see the new basketball court. All K of C kids ages 8 to 18 are invited. There will be five age brackets and a maximum of five kids on a team. All participants will receive a gift, along with each winning team. You can sign up starting May 23<sup>rd</sup> on the patio bulletin board. All children are guaranteed at least two games. You will also have your child's schedule so you can work your holiday plans around this exciting tournament for your children. Questions, please contact Kevin Collins at 908-688-2038.

## INSURANCE REPORT

For the second year in a row the Order went over \$4 billion in issued business! In addition, the Order set their dividend scale for 1998. The overall interest rate remains at 9%! Also, the accumulation rate remains at 7.5%! Take advantage of these great benefits!

Call me for details on our Discoverer Plan and the new Roth IRA. Contact Rich Fuentes at 908-925-9131.

**Chaplain's Column**  
REV. ANTHONY NARDO

The K of C Convention in Wildwood seemed to me to be a big success. It was really good to see so many families with their children enjoying themselves. I had to get back to my parish for a Saturday morning 8:00 AM Mass, a 10:00 AM Confirmation ceremony and a 5:30 PM First Communion Mass. The next day, Sunday, besides more first communions at the 10:30 AM and 12 Noon Masses, we had six men who are on their way to becoming priests be ordained transitional deacons by Archbishop Theodore McCarrick at the 9:00AM Mass. It was a busy weekend at Saint James in Springfield. So I trust everything continued to go well at the Convention.



Summer is finally here. Hopefully, you can grab some needed rest and relaxation. {Once when Jesus' disciples were not able to so much as eat, because of the demands of the crowds following him, Jesus told the apostles to get away and rest awhile. Jesus often stole away to pray. Good rest equals good work. A good nights sleep helps us to be energetic throughout our day. Both ingredients are necessary for a balanced and productive life. So this summer and throughout your year make time for yourself, and quality time for the people close to you, as best you can. Let me illustrate this with a short story.}

There is a story of a child approaching his father to play with him. The father was busy working so he took a picture of the world and cut it up in many pieces and told his son that after he put the picture together he would stop working and play with him. The child came back in just a few minutes with the project complete. The father was amazed. He asked how he put it together so fast. The child answered that on the back of the paper was an outline of a man. He put the man together and

**KNIGHT OF THE MONTH**  
June 1998



Brother Steve Patricco is a life time Union Township resident. He and his wife Mary Ellen have two children, Michael, 8 and Stephen, 5. Steve and his wife are parishioners at Saint Michael's Church and their boys attend Saint Michael's School.

Steve is a district manager for Raybestos Auto Brakes. He was awarded to the President's Club (top sales) in 1997, 1995 and 1994.

In 1975 he joined the Rams Pop Warner Football Organization. In 1978 he became the youngest member nationally to become President at age 22.

Steve also was a volunteer ambulance driver for the Paramedic Unit at Overlook Hospital. In addition he is a certified CPR instructor. Presently he volunteers his time as coach for the Union Little League.

Since making his first degree last year, Steve has been constantly volunteering his time assisting in the kitchen preparing delicious meals for the council. He has been involved in food preparation for our Christmas Meeting Dinner, Valentines Day Dance, Super Bowl Sunday, Summit Speech School, Wildwood Convention, Nuns and Widows Dinner and most council meetings. He is also on the Columbian Club Board.

Steve's favorite hobby is cooking and one day he hopes to have his own restaurant. Union Council 4504 takes great pride in naming Brother Steve Patricco as Knight of the Month for June 1998.

the world fell into place. The moral of the story is obvious. If we take proper care of ourselves our world will be together. So remember to

**CALENDAR**

June 1998

- 1 Mon..... Council Officers Meeting 7:45 PM
- 5 Fri..... 1st Friday Celebration @ 7:30PM
- 8 Mon....Council Meeting @ 8:15PM
- 12 Fri.....Third Degree
- 15 Mon.....Swim Club Board Meeting  
Due - Digest articles to Editor
- 22 Mon..... Council Meeting/Awards Dinner @6:30PM  
Charity Raffle
- 25 Thur...Columbian Club Board Mtg @7:30PM
- 30 Tue.....Midnight Toast to Outgoing GK

July 1998

- 4 Sat.....Independence Celebration on Patio  
500 Free Hot Dogs  
3 on 3 Basketball Tourney
- 6 Mon..Officers Meeting @ 8:00 PM
- 9 Thur.....Installation Rehearsal St. Michael's @ 7:30 PM
- 10 Fri.....Installation Council Officers St. Michael's @ 7:30 PM
- 11 Sat.....Clam Night
- 18 Sat.....Fish Fry Big Band
- 20 Mon.....Swim Club Meeting @ 8:00 PM
- 23 Thur...Columbian Club Board Mtg @7:30PM
- 26 Sun.....Yankee Baseball Trip
- 27 Mon..Council Meeting @ 8:15 PM

August 1998

- 1 Sat.....Caribbean Night
- 3 Mon..Officers Meeting @ 8:00 PM
- 5 Wed.....Council Day at Pool
- 8 Sat.....Youth Splash Party  
Trip to Monmouth Park
- 10 Mon..Council Meeting @ 8:15 PM
- 17 Mon.....Swim Club Meeting @ 8:00 PM
- 19 Wed.....Council Day at Pool
- 21 Fri.....Federation Mtg @ 8:30 PM
- 22 Sat.....Council Bingo  
.....at Boys & Girls Club
- 24 Mon..Council Meeting @ 8:15 PM
- 27 Thur..... Columbian Club Meeting @ 7:30 PM

take time for prayer, rest and exercise, work and play and time with your family and friends. God bless you and keep you this Summer and always.

Fr. Tony