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SUMMER 2001

Before you know it the summer season will be upon us. The summer of 2000 was far from our usual financial success, due to unforeseen happenings & bad weather. Our treasury was not substantial as it usually is come Septembers past. Renovations on our inside bar and other expenses arose & we the Board of Directors had to struggle just to pay our usual everyday bills from November through March.

Our plans for expanding the playground area with additional equipment had to be put on hold for the time being but not forgotten about. Hopefully the start of 2001 will bring warm dry weather & members and your guests out to enjoy our facility. We may be able to start some expansion by mid-summer. If financial support is supplied by our members and support of our summer activities and patio events. Please help us to become financially viable again so we can continue to expand and modernize our outdoor facilities.

**Columbian Club
Board of Directors**

BIKE FOR LIFE

Sunday June 10, 2001
8:30 a.m.

Beginner 5 miles
Intermediate 15 miles
Experienced 35 miles

K of C Hall
2400 North Avenue
For more information
call (908) 679-0388

RETARDED CITIZENS DRIVE

Again this year, Union Council hopes to be among the State's top Fundraisers. For those new members who are not familiar with this event; It is historically the top charitable fund raiser of the year. All funds that are collected are distributed solely, to benefit the mentally and physically challenged of our society.

This year we will be running a Super 50/50, as well as, Supermarket Collections, Church Collections, and other avenues of fundraising. Please make the effort necessary to ensure success.

Based on whatever area you will be able to support this important program; I will lead you to the Chairman or Group Leader responsible.

WE NEED YOU NOW.

***Please open your hearts
(and wallets) to the cause
we feel so deeply about,
and support it!!***

Fraternally,

Mike Gasser (908) 272-7871

Annual Double Bingo

On May 12, 2001 our annual double bingo will be held at the Union Boys & Girls Club. Proceeds from this event will benefit our scholarship fund. If you have helped in the past and can do so this time, or, if you find yourself able to make the time to help for your first bingo (and earn points) it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Steve Patricco at (908) 688-8607.

N.J. STATE CONVENTION

This years convention will be held on **May 17, 18, 19, & 20, 2001, in Wildwood, NJ.** Union Council will once again stay at the **Adventurer Motor Inn.**

This is a perfect opportunity for all brother Knights and their families to spend a social weekend together.

The fee for a 3 night stay will be \$210.00 per family, and \$155.00 per family for 2 nights.

As usual, we will have a hospitality room for your convenience, which will serve refreshments for the entire weekend. Also included will be dinner on Friday night, a barbeque lunch on Saturday afternoon and breakfast on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The fee for the hospitality room is \$45.00 per family.

Reservations can be made by contacting **Tony Ferraro at 732-777-1999 (Daytime) or 908-851-0797 (Evenings).**

Deposit required is one night's fee plus the full hospitality fee.

ANOINTING MASS

A special Liturgy will be celebrated and the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be administered to those in need on **Saturday, May 19, 2001 at 11:00a.m.**

Place: St. Michael's Church Hall
Lunch will be served immediately following the mass.

Anyone attending--Please call:
Sister Ann Dominic at (908) 686-5271 by May 14th, 2001 or you can write to:

St. Michael's Church
1212 Kelly Street, Union, NJ 07083

THANK YOU.

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Col. Club Pres.	Mike Malloy

MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

WEB SITE

UNION COUNCIL NOW HAS A WEB SITE. The address is:

WWW.KC4504.HOMESTEAD.com

Surf this site and send any comments or suggestions to RAY PRUSZKOWSKI.

INSURANCE

One of the primary reasons the Knights of Columbus insurance program has paid significant dividends through the years is because we are a non-profit organization. Without any tax payments and administration the Knights of Columbus has passed these savings back to its insurance members. During the year 2000 the Knights paid out a total of \$252,713,730 in dividends. We paid out more in dividends than in death claims.

Contact your insurance representative today to begin your program and start earning dividends today. Contact Joe Beninato (732) 287-2214 or Rich Fuentes (908) 925-9131.

Baptismal Service Participation At St. Michael's Parish

We are continuing to look for volunteers to participate in the Baptism's at St. Michael's Parish. At the conclusion of the Baptism ceremony a Knight of Columbus representative presents a rose to each mother and a pair of rosary beads to each father. Prior to presenting the rose and rosary beads a small explanation is read about the meaning of those two items. This is a very fulfilling experience and continues to be very well received at St. Michael's. The Baptism's are held on the 1st and 2nd Sunday of every month at 1:30. Call Mike Cavallo at 908-686-7540 if you are interested. For those of you who need points this is a great way to earn them.

WHERE ARE YOU?

Though so many of us plan to do what we can, some of us just don't find the time - understandable as it is, making the time is the sacrifice which is most worthy.

If you have an amount of time per month that you can afford, be it 1/2 hr. or 12 hrs. there is some charitable cause you would be able to support.

If you are not sure as to what you can contribute please feel free to call me, and maybe I can steer you in the direction to satisfy your needs.

Fraternally,
Tom Conte, program director
(908) 687-4898

RETIREMENT PARTY

On June 16, 2001 from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. we will be having a retirement party for Mike Hrifko.

Mike has dedicated 25 years to the Make A Wish Foundation and has raised tens of thousands of dollars.

Please come and join us. The cost is \$50.00 per couple and will include dinner, dancing, a DJ. Beer, wine, soda and dessert. Contact Clarence Cunningham at (908) 241-7710 or Andy Popp at (908) 688-6951. Cut off date is June 9, 2001.

SWIM CLUB NEWS

The pool opens Saturday, May 26, 2001. There will be a mass at poolside at 11 a.m.

Badges may be picked up after 12 noon at the gatehouse. Please bring your active K of C Card which must be paid through Dec. 2001.

If you are making your 3rd Degree in June, you still have an opportunity to join this year's Swim Club. Please contact Tony Manochio Sr. at (908) 687-4785 for further details.

Hope to see you all on Memorial Day Weekend. Let's have a safe and "HOT" Summer.

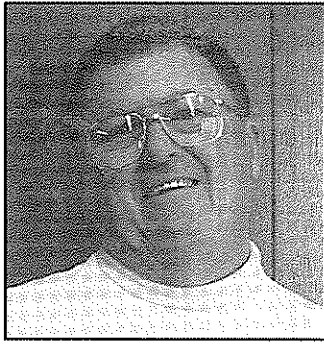
FOOD DRIVE

This year we will be having a Spring Food Drive to help replenish the food pantries for the summer months. The drive will be held in May and the beginning of June. We will be collecting at the schools as well as at local supermarkets. The dates for the drive were not confirmed at the time this article was being composed. If you would like to help out whether it be at a supermarket, picking the food up at the schools or separating and packing the food your help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Mike Cavallo at (908) 686-7540.

MONMOUTH PARK BUSRIDE

Saturday, August 11, 2001
For reservations contact
Jules Pruszkowski
at (908) 688-2846

**KNIGHT OF THE MONTH
APRIL 2001**



JAMES F. BAYER

The Knight of the Month for April 2001 is James F. Bayer. James and his wife have been residents of Union for forty years. They are the parents of 2 sons, Patrick and Kenneth, and proud grandparents of four grandchildren.

They are parishioners of St. James Parish. He is a graduate of Villanova University and recently retired from Lucent Technologies, Corp., where he was employed as a senior engineer.

Jim became a member of Union Council #4504 on Feb. 2, 1966. Around the council you will find him working as a bartender, serving as Secretary to the council bowling league, and rounding up other members to play golf.

Over the years, he has served the council well, when the council hosted the Knights of Columbus National and State Bowling Tournaments. At our recent state Bowling Tournament, Jim was Secretary, using his computer expertise. He set up a computer program that made a difficult problem very easy.

His community activities are not limited to the Knights of Columbus. Jim has served as a coach for the Ram's Football League for many years, and is also very well known for his work with the JC's.

His wife Annette said he is the handy-man around the house, and likes to tinker with everything. (Just before she calls the repairman.)

Union Council 4504 takes great pride in honoring Jim F. Bayer as Knight of the Month for April, 2001.

Congratulations Jim!

**Grand Knight Column
CLARENCE CUNNINGHAM**

Brothers,

In response to the changing world around us Christians are searching for ways to further develop the ministry of the Catholic Church.



If their good intentions are going to bear fruit, if the church is not just going to exist but thrive in today's society, men and women throughout our communities must come forward and take an active part.

Far more action of an ecumenical nature is needed. As Knights of Columbus our prime responsibility is to encourage and promote that action.

The lay apostolate must respond to the constant call for active involvement in the work of the church. Our council has the members, the organization, and the communication abilities to get involved and spread the word throughout the Christian community.

We must appeal for greater unity, understanding, and ecumenism among all religions. Initiate those programs through which members can practice their Catholic duties in the fields of charity, devotion and education.

**Grand Knight
Clarence Cunningham**

PRAYER SERVICE

If anyone knows of a brother Knight who has passed away, please contact Rich Santangelo Jr. at 908-686-6889. Our wake committee will run a prayer service for the member's family where the funeral service is being held.

**CALENDAR
"2001"**

May, 2001

- 4 Fri.....First Friday
- 7 Mon.....Officers Meeting
- 13 Sun.....Mother's Day
- 14 Mon.....Council Meeting
- 17-20..State Convention-Wildwood, NJ
- 21 Mon.....Swim Club Meeting
- 24 Thurs.....Columbian Club Meeting
- 26 Sat..Annual Poolside Mass 11:00am
- 28 Mon.....Memorial Day Parade
Council Meeting

June, 2001

- 1 Fri.....First Friday (Dickerson Hall)
- 4 Mon.....Officers Meeting
- 10 Sun.....Nuns & Widows Dinner
- 11 Mon. Council Mtg. Ele. of Off.(8:15)
- 13 Wed....2nd Degree (Dickerson Hall)
- 16 Sat.....Blood Drive (Dickerson Hall)
- 18 Mon.Swim Club Meeting(7:30)
- 22 Fri. 3rd Degree (Dickerson Hall 8:15)
- 25 Mon..... Council Meeting & Awards
Dinner Meeting (6:30)
- 29 Fri..... Midnight Toast for Incoming
and Outgoing GK

July, 2001

- 2 Mon.....Officers Meeting (8:00)
- 9 Mon..... Council Meeting (8:15)
- 16 Mon.Swim Club Meeting
- 19 Thurs..... Installation Practice
St. Michaels (7:30)
- 21 Sat. Installation of Officers
St. Michaels (7:00 SHARP)
- 23 Mon. Council Meeting (8:15)
- 26 Thurs...Columbian Club Mtg. (8:00)

BLOOD DRIVE
Where: Council Home
When: Sat. June 16th 2001
Time: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Why: To give the "Gift of Life"
to someone in need
**Remember to bring your
social security card and a
signed form of identification.**