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Upcoming Events

June 2nd Second Degree
 June 5th Third Degree
 June 7th Nuns and Widows Dinner
 June 8th Council Meeting
 June 20th Monmouth Park Race Track
 June 22nd Shields Awards Dinner Meeting - 6:30PM
 June 30th Grand Knight/Columbian Club Toast - 10PM
 July 1st Deadline for Scholarship Applications
 July 16st Annual Fluke Fishing Trip



Reminder: On June 2nd and June 3rd there will be a 2nd and 3rd degree ceremony. Contact Nick Belmonte for any questions at 908-447-1869 .

Swim Club News

By the time you are reading this the pool should be open for the weekends. The poolside opening day Mass was held on the Saturday, May 23rd. We are hoping that the pool will be ready to swimming. There has been less and less people each year that come to the work parties and with some added mechanical problems this year we may not have the water ready in time.

We would like to thank the women from the Columbiette's that did make the work parties. They painted, cleaned all the deck chairs as well as the bathrooms and helped with the pool. Without them we would really be in trouble. The pool will open full time on June 24th at 12 noon. Please make note of our hours of operation that will be posted at the gate house. Due to declining membership we may need to reduce hours as the season progresses.

On a positive note we will be using a new style of pool badge this year. It is a card type of badge on a lanyard. You will no longer wear the badge on your bathing suit. It is not designed to wear in the water. You must take the badge with you anytime you exit the pool to show on reentry. This new type of badge is saving the club a lot of money so we hope it works out OK.

Badges will be available for pick up at the gate house any day we are open. A current paid up Knights of Columbus membership card must be shown when picking up badges.

Knights of Columbus Cuts Our Term Insurance Rates

The Knights of Columbus has introduced a new level of rates for our very healthy members and spouses. It is a twenty year term policy that is convertible and provide our members with a substantial amount of protection for a minimum cost. (Other rates available)

NON-SMOKER ANNUAL PREMIUM

\$250,000	\$250,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
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Male age 40 \$310.00	Female age 40 \$232.00	Male age 40 \$570.00	Female age 40 \$415.00
Male age 45 \$425.00	Female age 45 \$330.00	Male age 45 \$800.00	Female age 45 \$610.00
Male age 50 \$710.00	Female age 50 \$505.00	Male age 50 \$1370.00	Female age 50 \$960.00

Contact Rich Fuentes
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Knights Digest

The Council currently prints and mails about 1900 Knight Digests each month at a cost of over \$7,000 per year. Recent changes in the postal requirements could increase that cost to over \$10,000. In an effort to reduce printing and mailing costs, the Council will gradually be converting to a digital format. Currently, the Digest is available on the Council website, www.kofc4504.org.

Over the summer, the digest can be e-mailed to those who provide an e-mail address. Persons who still wish to receive a paper copy of the Digest in the mail after September must reply by mail to The Knights of Columbus, 1034 Jeanette Ave, Union NJ 07083, ATTN: Frank Santangelo. Please include your name and mailing address, or e-mail address, with your reply. Copies of the digest will also be available at the Council hall. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

Annual Family Picnic

This year's family picnic will be held on Saturday, September 12th with a rain date of Sunday, September 13th. For any more information, please contact Harry Lupo at 908-577-6609. More information to follow.

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RULES FOR SUBMISSION: Submissions for consideration are due in writing by the 15th of the month for the following month. Please mail or drop off submission, with contact information to:

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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.

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Swim Club President..... Steve Ruhl
Columbiette President Christine Burlew

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 Thu.----- Columbian Club

MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT



Brothers, and friends of the Knights,

Recently we were invited to attend the Pride in Priest Dinner to demonstrate our solidarity with our priests. We extended an invitation to the pastors of Holy Spirit and St. Michaels, but Fr. Armand had another engagement and was unable to join us. However Fr. Chuck, Nick Belmonte and myself did attend. This event was very well attended with 130 priests there from Bergen, Hudson, Union and Essex counties. Archbishop Myers gave an inspiring speech about what great deeds the Knights of Columbus do for the Church, the Clergy, and the Community.

By the time you read this, Memorial Day will have passed.. This is a day on which we honor and reflect on the men and women who have served in the armed forces of our country, particularly those who have been wounded or have sacrificed their lives. There will be a parade at the conclusion of which there will be a wreath laying ceremony in which we participate along with members of the American Legion, the VFW, the Elks, and the Armed Forces. Since Patriotism is one of the primary principals of our order, we as members of the Knights of Columbus should honor these men and women on this day by flying our flag at half staff.

As I conclude my last few days in office, I have bittersweet feelings of my term as Grand Knight. It has been a tremendous ride, but there comes a time when I must get off and let someone else have a spin. As much as I would like to thank everyone individually, it would be impossible to name all of those who gave me help and support. These included my family, my fellow officers, the Trustees, the Columbian Club, the Swim Club, the Tricky Tray girls, our newly organized Columbiettes, and many others too numerous to mention. We had our ups and downs, our headaches and heartaches, our changes and “same old – same old”, but all in all it was an interesting year. I was also pleased and honored to have my father and my brother, both of whom are also Past Grand Knights, transfer into our Council.

My deepest thanks to all of you. I hope you have a great summer, and that our incoming officers will have a great council year with your continued help and support. God bless you and keep you.

God Bless Us All.
Sincerely, Mike Peter - Grand Knight

Message from the Columbian Club President

This is the last month of being President of the Columbian Club and I must say the year has gone quickly. I believe the board of directors and I have accomplished a lot in this past year. I said it before and I’ll say it again it takes a lot of time and effort to run this place. Whether it’s paying bills every month (a lot by the way), trying to improve the interior and exterior of the council grounds or getting ready for the summer season. It never ends. I want to thank my board of directors for their support and Grand Knight Mike Peter and his council board. They should be proud of what they’ve done. Of course, Swim Club president Steve Ruhl and his board did a great job getting the pool ready for the summer season. I want to wish our new Columbian Club president, Kevin Connors and new Grand Knight Rob Salvatore the best for this coming year. In closing I want to thank you for letting me serve as President and having faith in me. I did my very best and always did what I thought was best for this council. All I can ask for is that when people look back on this year they will say, “Jamie did his best with what he had to work with.” I’m sure I might have angered a few people along the way, but you can’t please all the people all the time. I want to wish the Columbiettes good luck as they will be a fine addition to our council. The more people that volunteer, the better. I think my second term as president was a little easier but it was definitely not a walk in the park. Thanks again and enjoy the summer. — *Jamie Zappulla*

Honoring our woman and men of the U.S. Armed Forces

We are once again seeking the names of all Brother Knights and their immediate families (spouses, children or grandchildren) who have served or who are serving in the U.S Armed Forces since September 11, 2001. Please contact Chancellor Joe Burlew at (908) 507-4875 or by e-mail (joedis@aol.com) with the branch of the military and their years of service.

Anointing Mass

A special liturgy will be celebrated and the Sacrament of the Sick will be administered to those in need on Saturday, June 20, 2009 at 11:00AM in St. Michael's Lower Church. A lunch will be served immediately following the Mass. Those planning to attend are asked to call Sr. Ann Dominic at (908) 686-5271 by June 17, 2009.

Convention 2009

Gentlemen, the convention has come and gone, and a good time was had by all. Brother Knights and their wives, friends and children enjoyed a nice weekend of good weather, and good times.

Thanks go out to the people that helped throughout the weekend: Buddy Cotter, PGK, Harry Lupo, PGK, Mike Peter, GK, all the Knights that helped cook or serve at the grill or who helped pack. Kelly Scanlon, the Columbiettes, Jamie Zappulla, Joe Burlew, who did the shopping, and special thanks go out to Brothers Frank Santangelo who also did the shopping and the cooking for the weekend, and Tony Quinones who ran around all weekend making sure everything was in order. Thank you for all the help.

Rob Salvatore, DGK Convention Chairman

2009 Seaside Summer Slam

Date: August 8, 2009

Time: 7:00 PM to Midnight

Featuring the famous
"Cameo's Oldies group"

Location: Council's Outdoor Patio

Rain Location: Council Hall

Cost: \$25.00 per person includes:

Tap & canned beer, wine, soda and Boardwalk-style sandwiches. Hamburgers, Hot dogs, Sausage and Cheese Steaks will be served from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Advanced ticket sales only! No tickets sold at the door

Call:

Chairman Bob Calderone at 908 337-2504
Co-chairman Mike Scanlon at 908 578-8768
Co-chairman Mike Panella at 201 978-8551

2009 Annual Fluke Fishing Trip

This year's fluke fishing trip will be on Thursday, July 16, 2009 aboard the "Misty Morn Party Boat" which leaves from Morgan Creek at 7:00 AM sharp and returns at 2:30 PM. The fare is \$50.00 per person and includes all liquid refreshments, fishing poles and rigs if needed. Bring your own food.

Due to increased popularity of trip, this event is open only to Members and their families. Reservations will be on first come basis. Sign up will begin Memorial Day weekend. Please see Bob Calderone or call 908 337-2504.

Columbian Club Activities for July 4TH

DUNK TANK

Come Out & Try To Dunk The Grand Knight or Columbian Club President

GOLF CHIPPING CONTEST

\$5.00 For 2 Shots
Half Of The Take Goes To The Winner!!

For Information Contact
Mike Scanlon: 908-578-8768



Knights of the Month

Charlie Cunningham



As Knights, we always look for ways to give back to the community, Our Knight of the month joined the council because of the way the Knights handled themselves with the community.

Charlie Cunningham became a Knight so he can give back, whether it be at the Knights, or in his personal life. Charlie has been a Knight for over 4 yrs, and he is involved in Knights Softball, Bowling, and although he doesn't drink, he comes and hangs out at the bar to be with his friends.

Charlie was born and raised in Newark, and he has been married to his lovely wife Judy for over 18 yrs. They have 1 daughter, Megan, 17, who plays for the Union Suffragettes Girls Softball team, and also where Charlie has coached the past 8 yrs. They are members of St Michaels Parish in Union.

At the club, Charlie is involved in any food drives, Special Citizens drive, and has been doing Runnells Hospital regularly, and helps out any where he can.

His favorite teams are the Yankees, and the 49ers ...(!?) ,He loves fishing, softball, and basically anything outdoors.

Union Council salutes Charlie Cunningham as its Knight of the Month.

Monmouth Park

The Columbian Club is having a trip to Monmouth Park, on Saturday, June 20th. The cost is \$35.00 per person and includes : Clubhouse Admission, Program, and buffet lunch of herb roasted chicken, burgers, hot dogs, beer, soda, corn on the cob and chips. Gates Open at 11:30 and lunch will run from 12pm to 3pm. Transportation is not provided. For more Info please contact: Kevin Connors: 908-347-8655 or Jamie Zappulla: 909-380-9155.

4TH DEGREE - JFK ASSEMBLY

Sir Knights

The election of the slate of officers for the 2009/10 term will be held at the June 24 meeting. Please attend. If you are interested in an officer's position, please contact me as soon as possible.

John J. McEvoy, 908 964 1842 Email jandkmc@verizon.net

On Sunday April 26, 2009, The Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus, St. Isaac Jogues Providence, First New Jersey District, held The Exemplification of the Patriot Degree. Joe Burlew, Alex Costa and I attended the degree and dinner.

Congratulations to Sir Knights Joseph M. Burlew, Alex T. Costa and Augustus Bryant on their exemplification.

The remaining meetings for 2009 are on the fourth Wednesday of each month: June 24, September 23, October 28, November 25, and December 23.

If you would care to explore becoming a 4th Degree member, please speak to any current member.

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