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Pasta Dinner, Food Drive & Communion Breakfast Featured in November

Union Council 4504 has planned several events for the month of November which will allow its brothers the opportunity to experience the true meaning of being a Knight of Columbus.

The first major event of the month is our third annual Pasta Dinner in solidarity and support of our parish priests which will be held in the Council Hall on Saturday evening November 6.

This year's dinner will feature pasta (naturally) home-made gravy, meatballs, sausage, salad, wine and beer. Tickets are only \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. They can be obtained by contacting Chairperson Buddy Cotter (908) 447-3378 or Grand Knight Joe Demarco (908) 964-1870.

This event was initiated at a time when the efforts of our priests were being undermined by negative publicity, and has served as a rallying point for the Knights to show our support for their work within the Church. We again ask you to show your support for them by attending this event. Dinner will be served beginning at 6:30 pm.

November 8-13 will mark our semi-annual food drive. During each day of that school week, children in the public schools will be asked to bring in donations which will be collected at week's end. In addition, there will be boxes set up within the Council for members to drop off their individual contributions.

The Food drive will reach its conclusion on Saturday, November 13 when Brother Knights will be outside the major supermarkets in Union asking for contributions from the shopping public. All of the food collected will then be sorted and given to Sister Ann's food pantry in St. Michael's Church. If you are interested in assisting with the drive, please contact Chuck Cababe at (908) 687-3809.

On Sunday, November 14, we will be holding our annual Communion breakfast to remember those deceased brothers. We will first be gathering at St. Michael's church for 9:00 mass, and the breakfast will begin shortly afterward in the Council Hall. For further information, contact Kevin Collins (908) 688-2038.



Pascullo is Knight of the Month

Allen Pascullo has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for the past 15 years. In that time, he has gone through the chairs of the Columbian Club, serving 2 vice-President terms and then as the Columbian Club president for the 2003-2004 year. During that time, Allen found himself without a bar manager, so he willingly took on that role himself until a replacement could be found. In addition, he would also attend work parties and was always willing to help in the kitchen and bar whenever needed. In short, Allen gave up a lot of time away from his family to help out his fellow Brothers.

Allen has been married to his wife Mary Kay for 21 years, and they have four children. His two oldest, Timothy and Kevin, attend Union High School, and a third son Ryan is an eighth grader in Kawameeh Middle School. His daughter Erin is in the 4th grade at Livingston School. The family attends Mass regularly at Holy Spirit Church in Union.

Allen is employed by New York Power Authority. In his spare time, Allen likes to work on his car, go camping, and can often be found on the baseball field with his son Ryan.

Allen's commitment to his family and to the Council is emblematic of what it means to be a Knight, and Union Council is proud to name him Knight of the Month for November, 2004.

Degrees to be held in November

Union Council will be holding second and third degree ceremonies on consecutive Wednesdays in November. The second degree will be held on November 17, and in keeping with tradition, the third degree ceremony will take place on the night before Thanksgiving, Wednesday November 24. Both will begin at 8:00.

If you have not yet made these degrees, contact Membership Director Nick Belmonte to make arrangements to attend these sessions. Nick can be reached at (908) 686-6084.

KNIGHT DIGEST

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

1st Mon.	Council Officers
2nd & 4th Mon.	Council
3rd Mon.	Swim Club
1st Wed.	4th Degree Officers
2nd Thu.	4th Degree Corps

Grand Knight's Column

I would like to start out by welcoming Father Jim Worth to our team of Council officers. We have been without a Chaplin for almost a year. I thank Father Jim for accepting the position, and I look forward to working with him.

October has passed, and it was a very busy month for the Council. We held our Membership Drives at both of our Churches. We collected signatures for the school choice petition at St. Michaels Church. We sold Roses for Life at both our churches. We honored Our Past Grand Knight at a dinner at our council home. I would like to thank everyone who helped out in each of these events, as I do appreciate all of the help.

One thing I noticed this month, is the fact that the same group of men help out at all the events. Although I appreciate their help, I find it very disturbing that out of 1700 Brother Knights, the same 20 men come out for all the events. Where is everyone else? Why don't they come out when I ask for help?

The Knights of Columbus was founded on the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. It is a Fraternal Service Organization, in service to our Church and community. These are the principles that are close to my heart.

I must admit, I do enjoy the other benefits of The Knights of Columbus. I really enjoy coming down to the bar, hanging out with friends, and sharing a few laughs. I consider these as the fringe benefits of being a Knight, not my sole reason for being a member.

I am asking every Brother Knight to try a little harder, and when I reach out and ask for your help, please be there for me.

I'd like to close by wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving.

Vivat Jesus
Joe DeMarco

Wanted: Union Knights of the Round Table

"Knights have nothing less than a moral obligation to offer every eligible Catholic man the opportunity and the privilege of membership in our Order. Also, we must have a Knights of Columbus presence in every parish". Those were the words of Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson as he addressed his meeting of state deputies. One way the Knights of Columbus presence may be established is through the Parish Round Table Program. Through the Round Table Program a council works closely with the pastor of each parish that it serves.

At Union Council No. 4504, we are establishing a Round Table Program at each of our parishes, Saint Michael's and Holy Spirit and are looking for strong participation from our Brothers. Here is a great opportunity to further serve our parishes and strengthen our Council's relationship with them. Round Table sessions will likely be on an as need basis and are not anticipated to be more frequent than once a month. All Brothers interested in being involved with the Saint Michael's or Holy Spirit Round Table Program should see Grand Knight Joe DeMarco or John Moco.

Columbian Club News

Now that we are in November, the football season is at its mid-point, and we continue to draw strong crowds to watch the games on Sunday afternoon. Be sure to join us for a good time and plenty of good food.

Our next major item on the agenda will be the New Year's Eve party on December 31. We have a first class evening planned, including: music by Michael, open bar, a cocktail hour from 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM, family style garden salad, shrimp cocktail appetizer, a sit down dinner with a choice of entrees between Filet Mignon and Stuffed Chicken Breast, dessert and coffee. The cost is \$150 per couple and \$75.00 for singles.

We do have a deadline for reserving tickets of December 15th, so please call as soon as possible. I can be reached at (908) 241-3977 or (908) 803-3305.

Sam Maffei, Columbian Club President

Lottery Tickets Needed for Tricky Tray

As announced in last month's Digest and in subsequent meetings, we are seeking to put together a lottery basket for our Tricky Tray that will be held on February 26th. The next time that you are at the convenience store or anywhere instant lottery tickets are sold, buy one (or more) for our basket. They can be dropped off at our Council home anytime between now and the day of the event. If everyone who attends a meeting or comes to any event at the Council contributes just one ticket, we will be able to make up a nice basket.

Swim Club Update

We had a very successful 2004 swim season and we all hope everyone is doing well.

As any small business knows, success may only be enjoyed with sound fiscal management. On that note, the Columbian Swim Club Board Of Governors, due to a falling membership, has found it necessary to open the Club membership to outside councils.

Please feel assured that this is being done in the best interest of our current membership, and the future of our great club. The process will be gradual and closely monitored to assure the integrity of the club and grounds. The membership maximum is not being increased, only trying to be achieved. Our goal is, to contain the rate of dues increases, as well as financing future upgrades. It will be a true benefit to all membership to achieve a full roster and allow the Club to operate soundly, as well as plan future improvements.

We look forward to a strong future and The Board wishes a safe and enjoyable fall to all.



The Words of Our Chaplain

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Father Jim Worth. I am a priest stationed at Saint James the Apostle Church in Springfield, New Jersey. I was ordained in the archdiocese of Newark on May 26, 2001; the Feast Day of Saint Phillip Neri, patron saint of *Christian Joy*. One of the driving forces in my ministry is first and foremost, the spread of the Gospel and celebrating the Eucharist. Along with these sacred duties, is the building up of God's Kingdom by the sharing and restoring of *Christian Joy*. The world around us is overflowing with anger and fear, which ultimately leads to pain and suffering. I lead my priesthood with the intention of lifting up all those with whom I meet by bringing them closer to the source of all our love...Jesus Christ.

I am honored to be named the chaplain of this fine council of Knights here in Union. I look forward to the myriad of opportunities to meet and interact with my brothers and their families. My goal is to serve the needs of each and everyone who reaches out their hand for help. Together, I believe we can make a difference in our part of the world by making known the tremendous achievements of the Knights of Columbus throughout the world. By sharing the story of our great founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, whose cause for sainthood is being pursued, we can all learn to be better Catholic Christians.

During this month of November, let us all remember the souls of our faithful departed, especially the members of this council who have served us so well.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

And let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace.

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

In Christ's healing peace,

Father Jim Worth, Chaplain

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