



**OUR NEXT MEETING—Wed., October 26th**

**Jerry's Woodswether Cafe**

1414 W. 9th St. (between hickory & liberty - West Bottoms)  
Kansas City, MO 64101  
8.472.6333

**Cocktails 6:00pm- Dinner 6:45pm**

**Words to live by:**

*"Unican's who eat together, stay together"* -Frank Cherrito

*"To be a good Unican, you have to be a giver, not a taker"* -Phil Balano

**Upcoming Meetings/Events - Save The Date(s)**

November

- Wednesday, the **16th** - Monthly meeting @ Johnny C's (7012 Universal Ave)
- Friday, the **18th** - Poker Tournament @ Old Pike Country Club (5101 Old Pike Rd)

December

- Wednesday, the **7th** - X-Mas dinner/monthly meeting @ Cascone's (3737 N Oak Trfwy) - All members are invited to bring their significant other.

January

- Wednesday, the **25th** - Location TBD

**Dear Friends -**

On September 29, UNICO National mailed out the second half member dues billing/invoice to all Chapter Presidents. As our chapter still has over 20 members that have not yet renewed I wanted to once again send a reminder to please bring to our Wednesday meeting or mail your check (\$80) to me at: 6922 N Hardesty Ave. Kansas City, MO. 64119. Know that we need your help and support to continue the good work that we have done and sincerely hope you renew your membership. Please send me an email if you do not plan to renew so that you may be taken off the roster.

The Bocce season is underway and the UNICO team is always looking for players and support. If you are ever available on Thursday evenings come down to Sons of Columbus and support the guys - they would appreciate it! Or as previously mentioned, if you would like to play, even one week, contact our Bocce captain, Frankie Bellucci for more details.

As you know, we are only a month away from our 1st annual Texas Hold 'Em Tournament to be held Friday, November 18th at Old Pike Country Club in Gladstone, MO and are in need of your help to ensure it's success. Following are the four areas that need full member support:

- 1) Spread the word and Sell Tickets!!! They are \$40 in advance/\$50 at the door.
- 2) Sell Table Sponsorships! \$50 will display your business or families support of UNICO, or you have the option of paying \$75 which includes a player with the sponsorship attached is a sponsorship form that can be filled out and mailed back to me.
- 3) We are in need of donations for the raffle. Anything from gift cards to a fruit basket to a car will work just fine!
- 4) Volunteers needed: Needing a total of 10 - 15 to work the door, bartend and serve drinks during the hours of 5 to 10pm. Please let me know if you would like to help out.

Sunday, October 2nd, Father Joe celebrated Columbus Day along with the homecoming of the C. Columbus monument which if you haven't had a chance to see yet, I would encourage you to take a trip to Holy Rosary - it is beautiful. Many thanks to Charlie Pasantino, Joe Privitera and Frank Cherrito for making this happen. Father also included in the mass bulletin a great article about Christopher Columbus. As a few people asked

Father for a copy he thought it might be good to send to the membership so I have included within the newsletter.

It seems the later in December we get, the harder it is for people to join. So in hopes that more people will be able to attend, we have scheduled our annual Christmas dinner a bit earlier this year. It will be held Wednesday, December 7th at Cascone's restaurant. The spouses are invited and hope all can attend.

*All my best,*

*Michael Mange*

*816.210.3897*

## Christopher Columbus: The rest of the story

On the occasion of the dedication of Christopher Columbus monument at Columbus Park on October 2, 2011, I did some reading about Columbus and I learned something that I like to share with you. On August 2, 1492, feast of Our Lady of the Angels, Columbus attended mass and received communion and packed his boat to sail from Spain to America. The officers and crew undertook one of history's greatest adventures which made Columbus the world greatest explorer. What inspired Christopher Columbus? His deep spiritual faith based on his very name: "Christopher" means "Christ Bearer." Columbus believed that he was destined to carry the gospel of Jesus across the ocean. He was a strong and sincere Christian and a Catholic and a defender of the faith. He was a man of prayer, he prayed several times a day and the crew started every morning with the Lord's Prayer, the Hail Mary, and other prayers. At sunset they sang the "Salve Regina" to the Blessed Virgin Mary. He was familiar with the bible, especially the prophets. In his writings he makes frequent references to God: "I could feel the hand of God to open my mind to the fact that this mission would be possible ... And God instilled in me the desire to accomplish it. The Lord had planned that something miraculous would happen in my voyage to the Indies." His voyages were not only about discovery as much as they were intense religious missions. Columbus was very devoted to the Virgin Mary and named his flagship, Santa Maria. Religion was his first refuge in adversity. Whenever he faced a storm or a rebellious crewman, he prayed. He was a member of Third Order of St. Francis. After sailing three months without seeing land, the crewmen became restless. Columbus told his men that if he did not see land by October 12, he would turn back to Spain. At 10:00 p.m. on October 11th, the crew gathered to sing the Salve Regina on the deck. Columbus saw a faint flickering light like a candle but did not take it as a sign of land. At 2:00 a.m. October 12 a crewman yelled "Terra!" (Land). At daybreak, they saw the land which Columbus promptly named San Salvador, "Holy Savior." They had indeed been saved. October 12 was the feast of Our Lady of the Pillar, a feast very dear to Columbus and to Spain itself. On every island he explored, Columbus erected a large wooden cross and named the Islands and settlements after a saint or a religious name such as St. Croix, Virgin Islands, La Navidad, Santo Domingo etc.

When Columbus returned to Spain seven months after he left, the church bells rang out and a letter was delivered to king Ferdinand and Isabella: "Our Redeemer has given this triumph ... and all Christendom should feel joyful and make great celebrations and give solemn thanks to the Holy Trinity for the salvation of so many peoples to our holy faith. Columbus' deep Christian faith still causes academic bewilderment to many, but Pulitzer Prize winning biographer Samuel Eliot Morison puts it this way: "There can be no doubt that the faith of Columbus was genuine and sincere, and that his frequent communion with forces unseen was a vital element in his achievement." All of us should embrace the thought that it was the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary, that America was discovered. The whole New World was meant to belong to her. It is no coincidence that the patron saint of the United States is Mary under the title of "Immaculate Conception" and the patron saint of the Americas is "Our Lady of Guadalupe." Columbus was indeed the missionary of the Blessed Mother.