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Upcoming Events



February 13thPasta Night - CYO (Our Priests)
 February 14thSister Ann's St. Valentine's Dinner
 February 21st..... Western Night
 February 25th Ash Wednesday
 February 28th Tricky Tray
 March 13th Friday Fish Fry
 March 14th St. Patrick's Day Parade
 April 3rd Friday Fish Fry
 April 5th Breakfast with the Easter Bunny
 April 10th Good Friday
 April 12th Easter Sunday
 April 24-26th People With Disabilities Drive
 May 14-17th State Convention in Wildwood
 Memorial Day Pool side Mass
 June 2nd Second Degree
 June 5th Third Degree



Valentine Dinner Dance



When: Saturday, February 14th

Time: 7pm to 12 midnight

Includes Appetizers & Full 3 Course Dinner, Salad, Soda, Beer, Coffee & Dessert

Music for Dancing Provided by **Eddie Gwiz**

Tickets: \$70.00 per couple, (Make checks payable to: Camp Fatima OR Knights of Columbus)

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO CAMP FATIMA*

* New Jersey's only all volunteer one-to-one camp for persons with developmental disabilities.

Catholic High School Scholarship Applications

We are currently accepting scholarship applications for the 2009-2010 school year. There will be four \$500.00 scholarships awarded this year.

Basic Requirements: All applicants must be a child or grandchild of a member in good standing of the Knights of Columbus, Union Council 4504 to apply. In addition the child must be attending a catholic high school. The scholarships will be awarded based on the merits of the applications.

Additional Requirements: Please submit the following documentation to the Scholarship Committee for consideration:

- ★ A letter of consideration to the Knights of Columbus Council 4504 Scholarship Committee
- ★ Documentation (report card, transcripts etc.) that you have maintained a minimum of a "C+" average for the past eight marking periods.
- ★ Documentation of acceptance/enrollment to a catholic high school.
- ★ A summarization of your individual and academic accomplishments in the past twelve months.
- ★ A one hundred word essay "Why a catholic education is important to me".

All applications must be submitted by July 1, 2009

Please address your completed paperwork to:

**Knights of Columbus, Union Council 4504
Scholarship Committee, ATTN Joseph Burlew
1034 Jeannette Ave, Union, New Jersey 07083**

If you have any question, please contact Joseph Burlew, Committee Chairperson, at 908-507-4875.

Western Night

Come join us on **February 21st**, from 7pm to 11pm at the council hall for a "western night".



Featuring Live Music By:
"Dottie Williams and Moving On"

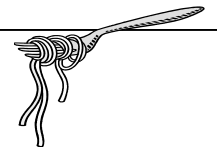


Food will include Ribs, Chilli, Chuckwagon Stew, and More. Also include is Beer, Wine and Soda.

The cost is \$20.00 per person and tickets are selling fast. Call Kyle Wiklanski at 732-310-3265 or Tom Leddy at 908-851-9185.



Pasta Dinner



Our annual pasta dinner in solidarity with our parish priests will be held on Friday, **February 13th** at 7PM. Dinner will include Pasta, Sausage & Meatball, Tossed salad, Bread, Dessert and Coffee.

Tickets are \$8.00 Adults and \$5.00 for children 12 and under. Proceeds to Benefit the CYO of Holy Spirit and St. Michael's Parishes.

For tickets call Steve Helmstetter 908-688-5039 or Steve Ruhl 908-964-8095 .

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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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- 1st Yr. Trustee* Harry Lupo, PGK
- Columbian Club President* Jamie Zappulla
- Swim Club Pres.* Steve Ruhl

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,

As we enter the Month of February we honor some very special people, most notably our 1st and 14th presidents who are the most famous and most highly honored of our presidents. Our newly elected 44th President has expressed a great admiration and respect for President Lincoln even to the extent of using Lincoln's bible in his inauguration. As he assumes the tremendous burden of this hallowed office we should all pledge our support and wish him success in these difficult times.

My heartfelt appreciation goes out to Tony Quinones for chairing our annual Breakfast with Santa. I also want to thank the kitchen staff of Frank, Ron, Joe, and Columbian President Jaime Zappulla. While the weather was not the greatest, the children were ready and eager to meet and greet the "Big Guy" and his lovely wife Mrs. Claus. The presents were in abundance along with the food. I'm sure a good time was had by all.

Mark your calendars for Sr. Ann's St. Valentine's Dance which this year will actually be held on St. Valentine's day, Saturday , February 14th. There will be great food and entertainment. Let's all have a really great time while supporting this woman of God in this charitable event. We are also soliciting donations of cash or Lottery Ticket "Rub Off"s" to make a "Frame" to be raffled off at the upcoming Council sponsored Tricky Tray on Saturday, February 28th. Additionally, I wish to introduce Tom Conte as a new trustee who I have appointed to serve for the balance of this Columbian year.

The Lenten season commences on Ash Wednesday, February 25th. As we receive our ashes we should reflect on our sins and resolve to fast and do penance while observing the forty days leading up to Easter and keeping in mind those not as fortunate as ourselves who fast, not by choice, but because they do not have enough food to satisfy their needs. We should also resolve to practice justice to God, to ourselves, and to our neighbors.

In closing, let us remember our loved ones near and far, particularly those in the Armed Forces, who remain dear to our hearts even when we cannot be near them in person.

Sincerely, Mike Peter - Grand Knight

A Special thanks to Tony Quinones and everyone who helped to arrange the Breakfast with Santa. Despite the weather, the turn out was great.



TRICKY TRAY

Our annual Tricky tray is scheduled for Saturday, February 28, 2009. We are collecting unscratched NJ Lottery tickets at Council meetings to make a "lottery" basket from all council members.

Should you need any further information or have any questions regarding donations, please contact Diane Lupo at 908-577-6606 or Chris Burlew at 908-403-1590.



Bowling Notice

Union Council #4504
Bowling League



Location Change: Roselle Lanes to Linden Lanes

Day Change: Tuesday to Thursday

Time Change: 8:00PM to 6:15PM

Anyone interested in BOWLING,
please contact Jim Bayer at 908-687-4989

Columbian Swim Club

Swim Club Renewals have been mailed out. The due date to return them is March 15th. If you did not receive one please contact Jim Ford at (908) 686-5264 or jford1488@comcast.net.

Any unmarried children, living at home with the member, 25 years of age or older, prior to June 1, 2009 will require a \$50.00 membership per child in addition to the primary membership.

New member applications are also available at the club or from any of the swim club board members or by contacting Jim Ford at the above email address. Thank you as we look forward to another successful swim club season.

Calling All Women!

The first official meeting, which will be an induction for all interested Catholic women, will be on Sunday, February 8, 2009 at 2:00 pm in the Knights of Columbus hall. A buffet dinner will follow the ceremony. If you are interested in joining the Columbiettes, or have any questions please call Chris Burlew at (908) 403-1590 (Chrissi714@aol.com) or Judy Amorosa at (908) 296-8010 (Judi421@aol.com).

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Knights of the Month

Joe Harbison



Our Knight of the Month is a true Jersey guy. He was born in Newark, on Jan 5th 1963, raised in Nutley, as one of 5 children, and has been a resident of Union since 1989.

Joe Harbison has been at Anheuser Busch since 1987 as an Electrician. He started out on evenings as "Coder Joe" making sure all the "Born on Labels" were correct on the Bud bottles. Now he is on days as he does Tech planning and scheduling. We see him here at the Knights hanging with the boys, or as one of the guys who always gets involved. He is an active member who helps out where needed. Be it the SCD, set up of the Christmas dinner meetings, Food Drives, where he is either collecting food or picking it up at the schools and delivering it to Sr. Ann, Work Parties for the back or at any other council event that needs people. Recently, he volunteered to be on the Swim club board. In his free time, he loves to go fishing as he has never missed a work sponsored charter boat day, Ski and camp in upstate NY, and spend the summers down in Wildwood. He is also a member of IBEW and the Irish American Society of Union.

Joe has been married to his lovely wife Nancy, with whom they just celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary Las Vegas They have a son, James who attends Florida Atlantic University. Joe is also proud of his female best friend, Marley. She is a rescue dog who marched in last years Union Council St. Patrick's Parade. with their Knights. Union Council is proud to make Joe Harbison its Knight of the Month.

Mark Your Calendars

There will be a 2nd degree ceremony held on Wednesday, June 3rd at 7:30pm and a 3rd degree to be held on Friday, June 5th at 7:30pm. Please pass the word. If you know of anyone who may be interested please contact Nick Belmonte for more details at (908)-447-1869 or nicksnabs@verizon.net

4TH DEGREE - JFK ASSEMBLY

'OF INTEREST TO ALL'

The 4th Degree, JFK Assembly is comprised of more than 150 Knights from five different councils: Hillside, Kenilworth, Springfield, Summit, and Union.

Our activities include the furthering of all Catholic goals, particularly patriotism.

The Color Corps of the 4th Degree, at times of installations, internments, parades and visits, escorts officers, politicians and church officials, including his holiness the Pope.

Our meetings are on the fourth Wednesday of each month-2009 schedule: Jan 28, Feb 25, Mar 25, Apr 22, May 27, Jun 24, Sep 23, Oct 28, Nov 25, Dec 23.

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

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