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April 2007

2nd Annual Golf Outing

Deadline is April 8th

When: Monday, April 16, 2007

Time: 9:00AM Registration - 10:00AM Shotgun Start

Where: Cedar Hill Country Club - Livingston, NJ.

Price: ONLY \$115.00 PER GOLFER

Include: 18 Holes of Golf, Cart, Liquid Refreshments on the course, Food on the turn, Complete buffet dinner (back at the council), 3 hour open bar, plus a chance to win may great prizes.

Please see the bartender for a registration form or call me. We are also looking for sponsors, please help us find some. This year all of the proceeds will go to the Autism speaks foundation.

CALL: TONY QUINONES - 908-265-3757

New Advocate

With the passing of our long-time Advocate James Conlon, we were actively seeking a replacement. I am very pleased to announce that Stephen F. Hehl has stepped up and agreed to fill this important position within our Council for the remainder of the Columbian year. We will recommend that he be elected as our Advocate along with the election of Officers in June.

Calendar of Up-Coming Events

APRIL

- 1 SUN.....BREAKFAST WITH EASTER BUNNY
- 2 MON.....COUNCIL OFFICERS MEETING @ 8 P.M.
- 6 FRI.....GOOD FRIDAY
- 8 SUN.....EASTER SUNDAY
- 9 MON.....COUNCIL MEETING @ 8 P.M.
- 14 SAT.....WESTERN NIGHT @ COUNCIL HALL
- 16 MON.....GOLF OUTING @CEDAR HILL COUNTRY CLUB
- 23 MON.....COUNCIL MEETING AND 1ST DEGREE @ 8 P.M.
- 27 THUR-SUN 30TH.....SPECIAL CITIZENS DRIVE
- 28 SAT.....COUNCIL DOUBLE BINGO 7:30 AND 10:30

MAY

- 5 SAT.....FOOD DRIVE AT LOCAL SUPERMARKETS
- 7 MON.....COUNCIL OFFICER'S MEETING @8PM
- 13 SUN.....MOTHERS DAY & ROSES FOR LIFE
- 14 MON.....COUNCIL MEETING @ 8 P.M.
- 17 THUR-SUN 20.....CONVENTION @WILDWOOD CREST
- 26 SAT.....POOL OPENS WITH POOLSIDE MASS
- 26 SAT.....SEMI-ANNUAL CLOTHING DRIVE THRU JUNE 3RD
- 28 MON.....MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Western Night

Presented by Knights of Columbus Council #4504 and the Columbian Club

When: Saturday, April 14, 2007

Time: 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM

Where: Knights of Columbus Banquet Hall - Jeanette Ave.

Live Music and Dancing by "***Northern Crossroads***"

Open bar - chicken, ribs, chili, beef stew
Coffee, Tea & Dessert

Cowboys & Cowgirls \$20.00 per person

Tickets and Table Reservations:

Mike Scanlon
(908) 578-8768

Harry Lupo
(908) 577-6609

Super 50/50 tickets (on sale now) with \$1,000.00 to the winner

Nomination Committee Formed

Past Grand Knight, Harry Lupo is chairman of the Nominating Committee for Council Officers for the upcoming Columbian year. Any member wishing to become an Officer for the Council should contact Harry at 908-577-6609 to arrange an interview.

State Convention Dates Set

Our Annual State Convention is set for Thursday May 17th through Sunday May 20th. Once again, Union Council will be staying at The Adventurer in Wildwood Crest. Although room rates have increased, we have decided to maintain last years prices for our members. Rates for 3 nights (Thursday through Saturday night) are \$382.00. Rates for 2 nights (Friday and Saturday night) are \$283.00. These rates include the cost of the hospitality room. We will again be expanding our food menu as we did last year, and your suggestions are welcome.

A deposit of \$180.00 is required to hold your reservation. Please contact Deputy Grand Knight, Andy Schopfer at 908-265-7895 to make your reservations. To maintain our "sales tax free" status the Council will have to collect the final payment 1 week prior to the Convention. The Council will send a check for the balance due.

Thank You and we are looking forward to another successful Convention. Please Pray for great weather.

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RULES FOR SUBMISSION: Submissions for consideration are due in writing by the 20th 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 Mike Gasser, PGK
Columbian Club
President Kevin Connors
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



Spring has arrived and before we know it Summer will be here. As we enter Holy Week, I wish everyone a joyous and happy Easter. Palm Sunday we held our annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. It was a wonderful event and many Brothers contributed to make it a success. I won't name everyone for fear of forgetting somebody but I want to Thank our Chairman, Tony Quinones for organizing this fun morning for the children. I would also like to extend a special "Thank You" to Kelly Scanlon for dressing up as the Easter Bunny and entertaining the children.

The fact that Easter occurs in the Spring is no coincidence. Easter represents "New Life." We witness this all around us with the blossoming of trees and flowers. I would like to share an acronym that I found recently,



Everyone has
 Access to the
 Savior, and
 Together we can know for sure that we will live
 Eternally because of His
 Resurrection



Thank You and God Bless You,
Buddy Cotter, (your) Grand Knight

Tricky Tray A Tremendous Success

Anyone who attended our Tricky Tray witnessed first-hand what a fantastic event it was. The Council Hall, as well as the card room was lined with themed gift baskets, assorted prizes and gift certificates for weekend getaways as well as dinners to restaurants all over Union County. The Hall was filled to capacity with close to 300 attendees.

An event of this magnitude does not happen by chance. It is successful only because of a dedicated group of women with Our Council in mind and Charity in their hearts. Diane Lupo organized this entire event along with her dedicated staff which included Judi Amorosa, Chris Burlew, Karen Caulfield, Mary Cellitti, Donna Ruhl, Denise Salvatore, Annette Vitale, Carol Walsh and Gina Zangari.

These women spent months contacting members and merchants for donations. They met every week to create the baskets, wrap gifts and plan their "phone and foot" campaign to reach out to merchants and restaurants.

What resulted was the single most successful charitable event this year. \$18,000 was raised that evening which will be spread among four very deserving Charities. Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the National Alliance for Autism and the Imus Ranch for Kids with Cancer.

I would like to Thank everyone who attended and donated to this worthy event, and everyone who helped make out Tricky Tray such a monumental success.

Buddy Cotter ~ Grand Knight

Double Bingo

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a double bingo on **April 28th** at 7:30 PM and 9:30PM at the Boys and Girls Club. Volunteers are needed to help on the floor, in the kitchen, and to call numbers. Call Tony Quinones at 908-265-3757 or Buddy Cotter at 908-447-3378

A MESSAGE FROM THE COLUMBIAN CLUB

The Columbian Club would like to take this opportunity to issue a friendly reminder of the rules governing non-member guests at the club. All non-member guests should be accompanied by a sponsoring member at all times. If the member leaves the premises then the guest must also leave. All non-member guests must sign in upon entering the club and, effective April 1, 2007; the sponsoring member must also sign in next the guest's name. All members are reminded that when sponsoring a guest, that guest is the member's responsibility and the member will be held accountable for the guest's actions. We would like to thank everyone for their cooperation in following these rules. In doing so, we can all ensure a safe and welcoming atmosphere at our club.

Columbian Club News

Brother Knights:

Once again Spring is here and the work parties have begun. It won't be too long before the pool and picnic grounds will be opening. Anyone willing to volunteer a few hours on Saturday morning please come and help out.

Once again it was a huge success back at the Club after our annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. Thank you to all the club members who volunteered their time. We appreciate your dedication.

Mark your calendars for our "Day At The Races", on Saturday June 30th at Monmouth Park, in the Grove Area. Look for further details in the May Digest or call Kevin Connors at 908-687-1247 or 908-347-8655.

Remember, Keep the Faith
Kevin Connors
Columbian Club President

Swim Club News

1. Reminder, the annual pool dues are due on April 1, 2007.
2. Pool Hours will remain the same as last year. Monday thru Friday 12-PM. Saturday and Sunday, 11 am- 8 pm.
3. Work parties have resumed, we need all your help. They are held at 8 am to noon on Saturday's.
4. As a reminder, pool badges are non-transferable. Only the person whose name appears on the badge may wear that badge.

Thank you,

Columbian Swim Club

Knight of the Month Clarence Cunningham



The Knight of the Month for April is Clarence Cunningham. Clarence has been married to his wife Karen for 28 years. They reside in Roselle and are parishioners at St. Mary's Parish in Elizabeth. They have 3 children. Matthew, who is 27, and twin daughters Jessica and Katie who are 23. Clarence graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in Elizabeth. He is employed by the Elizabeth Police Department for the past 26 years and is currently a Detective in the Domestic Violence Unit. Clarence has been a member of our Council for 15 years. He is a Past Grand Knight as well as Past District Deputy. He is also a Past Columbian Club President and is currently serving the Columbian Board as Bar Manager. He is also a member of the Roselle Democratic Club, Elizabeth PBA and served 6 years as Councilman in Roselle. Clarence has lent his time and expertise to many affairs most recently the Luau and the Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade celebration at our Council. Among his hobbies are visiting Atlantic City, Myrtle Beach and cooking a "mean" Corned Beef. Union Council #4504 is proud to name Clarence Cunningham as Knight of the Month for April 2007.

Food Drive









On Saturday, May 5, 2007 the council is holding its annual spring food drive. We need help, as always, with collecting the food from the local supermarkets. I am reaching out to those of you who have so generously given of your time on past drives and offering an opportunity to some of you who might want to get a little more involved with the council events. This also applies to new members who want to become active right away. Please contact Tom Walsh at home 908-686-4064, work: 908-561-7500 x213 or email twalsh129@comcast.net. Please get in touch with me ASPA so that I can arrange schedules that will be convenient for all. We need approximately 24 people to cover the stores, 28 people if the new Stop & Shop opens by then. Please help.

Chairman,
Tom Walsh

PEACE OF MIND WITH THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

April 15, tax day here in the United States is here. It's become popular this time of year to encourage the opening of an IRA or similar retirement annuity or to deposit additional funds into an existing account, as a tax savings vehicle. Here at your own organization over \$222,828,000.00 dollars were deposited into Knights of Columbus annuities last year alone. And our annuities do pay a very competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal. Opening or adding to an annuity is simple-- just call me.

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