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Upcoming Events



March 8th Union County Federation Communion Breakfast
 March 13th Friday Fish Fry
 March 14th St. Patrick's Day Parade
 March 21st Work Parties Begin
 March 23rd Charitable Raffle Drawing
 March 28th Men's Conference
 April 3rd Friday Fish Fry
 April 4th Comedy Night
 April 5th Breakfast with the Easter Bunny
 April 24-26th Special Citizens Drive
 May 11th First Degree
 May 14-17th State Convention in Wildwood
 Memorial Day Pool side Mass
 June 2nd Second Degree
 June 5th Third Degree
 June 30th Grand Knight/Columbian Club Toast

Men's Commission

On Saturday, March 28, 2009 from 8am to 4pm the Archdiocese of Newark will hold it's first Men's Conference. It plans to bring together roughly 2000 men for a prayerful, spirit-filled, life changing day. Men will hear how they can grow spiritually and enrich our relationships in family, marriage, parish and at work. There will also be times for fellowship, singing, confession and Mass celebrated by Archbishop John J. Myers, D.D. This event will be held at Essex County Richard J. Codey arena, 560 Northfield Ave, West Orange. Ticket prices are Adults - \$25, Students - \$15 (14 to 23yo), Seniors - \$15 (65yo or older), Priest/Religious - free, ticket price includes continental breakfast and lunch. To register or for more information visit: www.rcan.org/menscommission or you may contact Mike Cavallo, PGK, FDD

Union County Federation Communion Breakfast

On Sunday, March 8, 2009, we will be hold a Communion Breakfast at Union Council Hall at which the bishop will be the keynote speaker. The breakfast will consist of scrambled eggs, potatoes, sausage, bacon, pancakes, danish, bagels, juice, coffee and tea. The cost of the breakfast will be \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 5 - 10, children under 5 will be free. Tickets must be purchased in advance by contacting Mike Cavallo, PGK, FDD at 908-377-9713, no tickets will be sold at the door.

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. For details, see last month's digest or visit kofc4504.org.

Union Knights of Columbus # 4504
and Columbian Club Presents:



COMEDY NIGHT



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Limited Seating - Reservations Only!!!!

Contact Mike Scanlon (908) 578-5768 (BLgiants@aol.com)
or Tony Quinones (908) 265-3757 (A2and3@yahoo.com)

Breakfast with The Easter Bunny

Date: April 5th, 2009
Place: The Council Hall
Time: 10:00AM (after 9am mass)

Price: \$23.00 for a family of 4 (2 adults & 2 children)
Each additional adult = \$7.00
Each additional child = \$5.00

MENU includes, our famous Omelet station, Eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, bagels, fruit, Coffee and juices!!!!!!

Bring the whole family for this great family day!



Reservations Requested



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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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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,

This past Valentines Day I had the honor of attending Sister Ann's Valentines Day Dance which was a lovely affair. There I met those who are responsible for assisting the people at Camp Fatima where the proceeds from this dance go to help keep the camp functioning. Sister Ann is a very deserving woman who goes out of her way to assist others with all that she does for the camp as well as with the food drive. On the previous Friday, the CYO held its annual Pasta Dinner in Solidarity with the Priests of our affiliated parishes, Saint Michael's and Holy Spirit.

I look forward to having a good showing from our members participation in upcoming events. We have a Fish Fry set for Friday, March 13th, and of course the Union County Saint Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday the 14th, a day which is very special to me. Last year I had the honor of marching as an Adjunct with my grandson beside me. Not only was I wearing the "green" that day, but my little Italian grandson was wearing the green also to honor not only the Irish but someone who was very close to him.

As members of the Knights of Columbus, we should especially keep in mind the date of March 25th. This is the Feast of the Annunciation which is one of the most important days of the Church Calendar. Occurring nine months before Christmas, it celebrates the Incarnation of our Savior as a human child. Also in March let us remember the anniversary of the Knights of Columbus which was founded by Father Michael J. McGivney on March 29th, 1882. Without Father McGivney, there would be no Knights of Columbus to spread the Good of the Order and uphold its virtues of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. In honor of this Anniversary, we will be holding a membership drive on that weekend at our local churches. We would like to get a good showing of officers and members to help solicit new members to join the Knights so that we can keep our cause going strong.

In closing, I would be remiss not to congratulate the 59 women that I had the distinct pleasure of seeing make history on February 8th by becoming the first members of our Council's "Columbiettes". I also had the pleasure of installing the women who will be the officers of this organization. I particularly want to congratulate Christine Burlew who was elected as president of this "Band of Women" who I know will be of great help to our organization and something we can be proud to be associated with.

Sincerely, Mike Peter - Grand Knight

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 nick-snabs@verizon.net

Work Parties

On Saturday, March 21st, work parties will begin the task of cleaning up the pool and picnic grounds to prepare for this season's outdoor activities. Please donate some of your time to so that our council looks it's best this year!

Charitable Raffle

The next charitable raffle drawing will take place at the March 23rd council meeting. Tickets have been mailed out. If you need additional tickets, see John Murphy.

Convention Update

The time is drawing near to think about the warm weather, the Yankees.... and our State Convention at The Adventurer in Wildwood, NJ. The prices for this year are \$318.00 for 2 "Knights", and \$430 for 3 "Knights" I would need a deposit of \$190 by the end of March, so if you are planning to attend, and haven't sent a check yet, please do so ASAP. Rooms are being booked so please contact me with any questions. Rob Salvatore 732-522-0240. Also, if you are a Columbiette and are interested in going, your husband need not be a Knight.

Welcome Columbiettes

On February 8th Columbiettes of Union Council 4504 had 59 women form their charter. In the ceremony, the women received the degrees of First and Major. On this day, Knights of Columbus Council 4504 made history twice first by instituting the organization and second having 59 women to start a chapter is a record in New Jersey. It was overwhelming for the Degree Team to manage the service with such a large group, but it went relatively smoothly. We also need to mention that Columbiettes 4504 had four transfers join our Council bringing the total of our charter to 63 members.

The benefits of membership are many, including spiritual, moral, charitable, educational and social. We pray for each other and play together building lasting friendships and crucial support systems in our lives. Many hands make a lighter load when doing projects for our organization. Columbiettes are a growing organization of Catholic women and we will continue, if you are interested in joining we have application at the Council hall or call Chris Burlew 908-403-1590 or Gina Zangari 908-230-2295.

The Columbiettes would like to thank everyone involved in forming our organization. It was a group effort on behalf of Grand Knight Mike Peter and his Officers, Knights of Council 4504 and our women, to mention each one individually would be excessively much. We do need to give a special "Thank You" to those involved in the beautiful service on Sunday February 8th. We had many visitors from various Councils in New Jersey take part in the ceremony; they had the opportunity to see Council 4504 at work and they were very impressed by the facility and grounds, the hospitality and the cooking. It was a pleasure to hear such nice comments. Sometime we take all that we have for granted.

Thank You & God Bless,
Christine Burlew, Columbiette President

Second Chance Toy Drive



Our council will sponsor a Toy Drive for the collection of Gently Used Plastic Toys in conjunction with Second Chance Toys to coincide with Earth Week in April 2009.

Second Chance Toys is an organization started in Mountainside, and has grown to be a nationwide organization that collects good condition used plastic toys to help keep them out of landfills and distributes them to underprivileged youngsters in New Jersey. We are planning on holding the collection at the council home the weekend of April 25th, 2009.

Besides donations of gently used plastic toys, volunteers will be needed to help in the collection and packing of the toys for pick up by Second Chance Toys.

To find out more about this program, please see Steve Nagy, Buddy Cotter, or Tom Conte, or email any inquiries to Toys4504@aol.com. There will be more detailed information in April's Knights Digest. Go to www.secondchancetoys.org to learn more about Second Chance Toys.



Knight of the Month



Joe Burlew



A man must possess certain qualities to become a Knight, obviously they have to be an upstanding catholic gentlemen, take pride in their families, and be charitable. Our Knight of the month possesses these qualities, and more.

Joe Burlew is that catholic gentleman, having attended 12 years of catholic school, starting at the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, then on to Bayley-Ellard High, to where he is now, a parishioner of St. Michael's Church., where he attends mass with his lovely wife, Christine, with whom he has been married to for 23 years. He has always wanted to help people. He started his Emergency Medical Service (EMS) career in the cities of Orange, East Orange, Irvington and Newark which is where he became employed by University Hospital, and has been there for 23 years. He began as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), then on to Paramedic Assistant, Rescue Technician and then made his way into the Communications side, where he is currently the Communications Coordinator for EMS in the city of Newark, which also dispatches the New Jersey State Police Medevac Helicopter and the Irvington and Maplewood Fire Depts.

Joe has had many achievements in his life and one of them came in 1999 when he was accepted onto the New Jersey State Police Urban Search Rescue Team otherwise known as NJ-TF1. We all know of the disasters that unfortunately have taken place in and out of New Jersey, Joe has been there helping. We also see him helping out at the Knights, where he has been a member for 10 years. If there is something that needs to be done, or advice given, Joe is there to lend a hand or lend an ear. Joe helps out wherever he can, be it part of the "Kitchen Crew" where he helps cook for events, or at work parties, or wherever, Joe is a valued member of the club, where he is currently serving as Chancellor. Joe is also a member of the Irish-American Club in Union.

But of all his achievements, none is most important to him and the proudest, than to be Grandpa. He has 2 Grandchildren, Alexis 5 and Airyanna 1.

Union Council is proud to make Joe Burlew its Knight of the Month.

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, Roselle Park, and Union. Please pardon my error last month. I included Summit instead of Roselle park.

Our activities include the furthering of all Catholic goals, particularly patriotism. So this time of year, which includes Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays and Presidents Day are of importance to us.

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

If you are a member of the Color Corp, we will be marching in various St. Patrick's Day parades; watch for a notice. If have become inactive, please return your cape, hat and sword to your council. On occasion, I will stop by and retrieve them. If you would care to explore becoming a 4th Degree member, please speak to any current member.

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