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5th ANNUAL PASTA NIGHT IN SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH PRIESTS

FRIDAY JANUARY 26th 2007
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL
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UNION, NJ 07083

ADULTS: \$7.00 - CHILDREN UNDER 12: \$4.00
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Annual Tricky Tray

On **February 24, 2007**, Union Council 4504 will be hosting our annual Tricky Tray. Each year this event has become increasingly successful in raising money for the numerous children's charities our Council supports. This year, the Council has chosen the following charities for donations: Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the National Alliance for Autism (NAAR) and the Imus Ranch for Kids with Cancer.

These charitable organizations are phenomenal in helping children. Because of our many generous members, this event has become a major fundraiser for our Council.

The Knights of Columbus Council 4504 would like to thank all of our members that help each year. We couldn't do it without you!

Once again, we are asking for your participation and continued support of these charitable organizations.

We hope each member can contribute something towards our Tricky Tray. Donations can be made in many different ways. For example, gift certificates for stores, restaurants or places of fun and interest. We can also utilize miscellaneous items for raffling. Last year, many families donated a "themed basket" which was a big success. Of course, monetary donations are always helpful. However, any and all donations would be accepted and very much appreciated.

Remember, this event is not only a fundraiser, but also an exciting evening for our members, their spouses and any adult family or friends. This year the setting will be "Love, American Style" Tickets are only \$20.00 which includes a sheet of raffle tickets and refreshments.

Should you need any further information or have any questions regarding donations, please contact Diane Lupo 908-352-2190 or Chris Burlew 908-403-1590.

DOUBLE BINGO

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a double bingo on Saturday, **January 27th**, at 7:30 pm and 9:30 pm at the Boys and Girls club. Volunteers are needed to help on the floor, in the kitchen, and to call numbers. Please contact Tony Quinones at 908-265-3757 or Buddy Cotter at 908-447-3378

Calendar of Up-Coming Events

JANUARY

2 TUE.....COUNCIL OFFICERS MEETING @8 P.M.
8 MON.....COUNCIL MEETING @8 P.M.
21 SUN..... BREAKFAST AT COUNCIL HALL 9 A.M.~11 A.M.
22 MON.....COUNCIL MEETING AND 1ST DEGREE @8 P.M.
26 FRI.....PASTA NIGHT FOR OUR PARISH PRIESTS @ 7 P.M.
27 SAT.....COUNCIL DOUBLE BINGO @BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

FEBRUARY

4 SUNDAY..... SUPER BOWL SUNDAY
5 MON.....COUNCIL OFFICERS MEETING @ 8 P.M.
10 SAT..... SISTER ANN'S VALENTINE DINNER/DANCE
12 MON.....COUNCIL MEETING @ 8 P.M.
17 SAT.....BUS TRIP TO FOXWOODS CASINO
21 WED.....ASH WEDNESDAY
24 SAT..... TRICKY TRAY
26 MON.....COUNCIL MEETING @ 8 P.M.

MARCH

5 MON.....COUNCIL OFFICERS MEETING @ 8 P.M.
10 SAT.....ST. PATRICKS DAY PARADE
12 MON.....COUNCIL MEETING @ 8 P.M.
17 SAT.....WORK PARTIES BEGIN @ 8 A.M.
26 MON.....COUNCIL MEETING @ 8 P.M.

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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



This has been a wonderful month to be a Knight and to have the opportunity to show the true “Spirit of Christmas”, the “Spirit of Giving.” We opened December with our Blood Drive. The event was chaired by Joe Burlew and was a huge success. We were given a “goal” of 35 pints to be donated. At the end of the day our grand total was 40 pints. I wish to thank Joe and his wife Christine for coordinating this worthwhile event.

Sister Ann Dominic held her annual Christmas Party for Camp Fatima at our Council Hall. As usual the event was very well attended and successful, due in part from several Knights and their families who helped Sister Ann with all aspects of the function from setup and decoration, to preparing the food and “entertaining” the guests.

Our annual Christmas with Santa for the children became a “Breakfast with Santa.” I would like to thank Tony Quinones for not only coming up with the theme, but also for being the Chairman. Thanks also to his wife Kim (who made beautiful “themed” gift baskets to be raffled off to the children). Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus made the morning wonderfully rewarding and successful, thanks to Tom Walsh and Kelly Scanlon. I urge everyone to please visit our website www.kofc4504.org to see pictures from this event.

Lastly, I would like to share something that demonstrates the true meaning of Christmas. A true Charitable, unselfish act by a group of fellow Knights. The Council received “letters to Santa Claus” written by 7 students from the Deron School. This school, located in Union is a “special school for special children.” The children wrote letters to Santa requesting simple items such as a toy, a doll and a shirt for Christmas. Their letters wished Santa a Merry Christmas, and promised to leave cookies. Our Brother Knights paid for the gifts for these children as well as gift cards for “Happy Meals” and one Brother Knight even dressed up as Santa Claus and delivered the presents to the Children in their classroom. While these Brothers preferred to remain anonymous, anyone who frequents our Council knows who these men are.

I wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year and hope to see many of you helping with and attending our many functions in the coming year. I hope everyone keeps the Spirit of Christmas in your heart and in your deeds all year.



Thank You and May God Bless You,
Buddy Cotter, Grand Knight

Yankee Road Trip to Toronto



We will be making our second pilgrimage to Canada from Saturday August 4th thru Tuesday August 7th. In addition to seeing the Yankees play you will be able to go to Niagara Falls and see the sites or try your luck at the casinos.

The cost is approximately \$950 for 2 people, \$1,200 for three and \$1,400 for 4 people in a room. We will stay at the hotel attached to the stadium and enjoy a prime rib buffet the day of the game. In addition we will enjoy a luxurious motor coach ride to Toronto with freshments. Toronto has great restaurants, Hockey Hall of Fame and a great theater district. We will look into seeing a show. On our last trip we saw Mama Mia.



There are limited seats available, please contact Steve Helms at 908-688-5039 to reserve your seat.

Swim Club News

Our annual Swim Club meeting will be held on Friday, January 19, 2007, at 7:30 pm at our council. All Swim Club members in good standing are welcome to attend.

Please look for your swim club renewals in the mail the end of January. If you do not receive them please contact one of the board members. To assist us in maintaining our current costs and fees it is very important for you to volunteer with work parties. Please continue to support your swim club.

Jim Ford
Membership Director

Columbian Club News

First off, I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thanks to everyone who attended our annual "Bring a Dish" night in the Council Lounge. It was a wonderful evening, with friends, and a nice way to share in the Christmas Spirit.

Now that the Christmas season has come to an end, Spring is right around the corner, marking the beginning of work parties to prepare for the upcoming Summer Season. We hope we can get more members to come out and volunteer their time to help us out in any way they can.

On a special note, we would like to thank George Jaekel who just retired from bartending at the Council Lounge. George has been volunteering his time for a great many years, and we appreciate his dedication to our council.

Remember there are still upcoming events being planned. Keep checking the Digest for further details.

Keep the Faith!
Kevin Connors - Columbian Club President

Knight of the Month ***Chuck Cababe***



At the last Council meeting, it was announced that the annual fall food drive had been completed, and that we were preparing to donate nearly 3,000 pounds of food for Sister Ann's food pantry at St. Michael's Church. The chairperson for this successful event, as he has been for the last 5 food drives, was Charles, "Chuck" Cababe. For his efforts in coordinating these semi-annual drives, we are pleased to honor Chuck as the Knight of

the Month for January.

The role of the Food Drive Chairman requires significant contact with local businesses, the school districts, the grocery stores, and then soliciting the assistance with Brother Knights on the days of collection. To Chuck's credit, he has been persistent in his follow through, and diligent in his efforts at overcoming obstacles to make each drive that he has sponsored a success.

Chuck is a comptroller at Patel Consultants Corp in Union, NJ. He is happily married 16 years to his wife Joyce. They have one son, Phillip, who is currently in the second grade. Chuck is involved with his son in Scouts and is currently serving as the troop's treasurer. The family attends St. Michael's Parish in Union. In his free time, Chuck enjoys swimming, and listening to Christian music. In that regard, he also hosts a show on WSOU Radio, where he plays Asian and Christian music and gives a devotional to his listeners. **Congratulations, Chuck!**

50th Anniversary Party Scheduled

Union Council 4504 will celebrate its 50th anniversary on December 2, 2007. To commemorate this event, we have scheduled a sit down dinner for Saturday, December 1st. In addition, we will be holding an Open House on Sunday, December 2nd in the late afternoon. Both events will be held at the Council Hall.

Bus Trip to Foxwoods

February 17th - \$35.00 per person includes sandwiches and drinks on bus and free buffet. Leaves the council at 9am and leaves Foxwoods at 6pm.

3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off

Our 3rd annual chili cook off will be held on **Saturday, January 28, 2007** at 1 PM Sharp. All interested chili cooks should sign up at the bar during January (please, before the 1pm start time). Think you make a good chili? Our judges will decide that. All who have participated in the past as cooks, judges or chili eaters have had a great time and maybe a little indigestion. Any questions, see Tom Walsh or call 908-686-4064 for more information.

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