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Bus Trip to Atlantic City

On Sunday, **March 30th**, there will be a bus trip to Caesars, Atlantic City. The price for this trip is \$35.00 per person. We leave from the council at 9:00 am sharp and leave the casino at 5:30pm. Price includes sandwiches and drinks on the bus going and returning. You will also receive \$17.00 back from the casino. For more information, see Jamie Zappulla (jkbc87@verizon.net)

Clothing Drive Scheduled

The Council will be conducting its semi-annual clothing drive the weekend of **March 28-30th**. Anyone wishing to donate their old clothes, shoes, stuffed animals, coats, etc. should place them in sturdy plastic bags, and drop them at the Council that weekend. All donations will be picked up the following week, and the money we raise will be used for our charitable donations. For further information, contact the Grand Knight, or any of the council officers.

Union County Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee

Proudly presents: **"FINNEGAN'S WAKE"**
A fabulous Comedy Show

"COME SEE OL' TIM FINNEGAN RISE"

Saturday, March 8, 2008 - 7:00 PM – 11:00 PM

Union Knights of Columbus #4504 Banquet Hall

Featuring: Music & dancing by the Mike Bryne Band

Lavish Buffet – Open bar – Coffee – Tea – Dessert
\$25.00/person

Table Reservations of 8 & 10 Suggested

For Information contact Mike Scanlon at (908) 578-8768 or
Mike Panella (201) 978-8551

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

Palm Sunday, March 16th
10:00 am

Includes: eggs, sausage, pancakes, bagels, and the increasingly popular omelet bar.

The price is \$23.00 for a family of 4, \$6.00 for each additional adult \$4.00 each additional child. Also there will be an Easter egg hunt after the breakfast approx: 12:30 pm. Contact Tony Quinones at (908) 265-3757 or email at a2and3@yahoo.com.

State Convention

The convention will be held this year again at the Adventure Hotel in Wildwood from **May15th to May18th**. A three night stay will be \$410.00 and a two night stay will be \$310.00. We would need a deposit of \$185.00 by April 8th to secure the rooms. If there is any questions you can reach DGK Mike Peter at home 908-325-6440 or by cell 908-499-1162.

St Patrick's Day Celebration



The Columbian Club will again be sponsoring its annual St. Patrick's Day party on Saturday, **March 15th**. Admission will be \$5.00. There will be a cash bar, and corned beef and cabbage will be available at a nominal price. Music will be provided throughout the evening.

Please note that due to the length of the festivities throughout the day of the parade, the lounge will be closing at 11:00 pm. All members and guests will be expected to leave by that time.

Pasta Dinner

Our annual Pasta Dinner will be held on Friday, **March 28, 2008**. Dinner will consist of the usual fare of pasta, meatballs, sausage, tossed salad, bread, tap beer, wine, soda, coffee and dessert. The cost is only \$7.00 per adult, and \$4.00 for a child 12 and under.

As we expect this to be a popular event, reservations will be accepted for tables of 10 only. No tickets will be available at the door. For further information, contact Grand Knight Andy Schopfer (908) 265-7895, Steve Helmstetter (908) 688-5039, or Steve Ruhl (908) 964-8095. All proceeds from the dinner will be donated to the CYO of Holy Spirit and St. Michaels Churches.

Work Parties to Begin in March

At the annual Swim Club meeting, the members were reminded that our work parties to prepare for the opening of the pool and picnic area, will begin on **Saturday, March 22**. These weekly efforts, which begin at 8:00 and end at noon, are vital to our efforts to a successful summer at the Council. Our facilities are our drawing card, but we need to have a solid group of volunteers to get them and keep them in shape. Please mark your calendars to spend Saturday mornings throughout the spring helping out.

Knight Digest

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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:

Tom Dudek, Knight Digest Editor
1034 Jeanette Avenue
Union, NJ 07083

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*..... Joe Beninato, PGK
- Columbian Club*
- President* Clarence Cunningham
- 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,

It is hard to believe that I am writing an article for the March Digest. Lent has already begun; we have almost gotten through the winter season, and can begin to look forward to the spring and warmer weather. In just a few short weeks, we will have the St. Patrick's Day Parade, followed by Easter Sunday, and the start of our work parties in preparation for the summer season. Although I am still thrilled by the conclusion of the football season, it is also comforting to know that spring training has begun, and baseball will soon be captivating us once again.

With spring coming quickly, the middle of March is really a key time for our Council. To start, on Saturday March 15th, our Council Home will again be a focal point for the St. Patrick's Day parade. Not only will we have a contingent of Knights marching under our banner, but the Columbian Club will be hosting its usual party throughout the day.

On the very next day, we will again be holding our annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny beginning at 10:00am. Following breakfast we will then hold our Easter egg hunt in the picnic area behind the Council.

No activities are planned for Holy Week, but we would encourage you to take time during that week to attend Church services and to remember that this is our holiest time of the year.

On Saturday, March 22nd, we will begin the work parties in the pool and picnic areas to begin the process of cleaning up the grounds for the summer season. As we do each year, we rely on our volunteer work force to do all of the cleaning, painting, and other tasks that are vital to having a successful summer. If you can help on any Saturday (or Wednesday evenings when the weather gets warmer), it will be greatly appreciated.

We will close March with several activities on the last weekend. On Friday, March 28th, we will be holding our annual Pasta Dinner in Solidarity with our Priests, with all money to go toward the CYO of our parishes. On Sunday, March 30th, the Columbian Club will also be sponsoring a trip to Atlantic City. In addition, the Council will be open all weekend to accept donations to our clothing drive, will all of the proceeds going toward charity.

Have a happy and holy Easter,

Andy Schopfer, Grand Knight



Reminder: The quarterly raffle to fund our charitable events will be held on March 24th. If you would like additional tickets, please see the raffle chairman, John Murphy.

**Knights of Columbus
Union council #4504**

It's time for our 3rd annual golf outing!

Monday, April 14, 2008

9:30 am registration, 10:30am shotgun start

Scramble format!

At the cedar hill country club in
Livingston, NJ.

It's only \$135.00 per golfer

It includes:

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 many great prizes.

Please call me for a golfer form and/or sponsor
form and I will mail it, or for more information at
908-265-3757

This year a portion of the proceeds
will go to the
Autism speaks foundation.



Tony Quinones
Golf outing chairman



**State Council to Celebrate
125th Anniversary**

On Saturday evening, **April 12**, Union Council 4504, in
conjunction with the Councils from Roselle, Cranford,
Westfield and Springfield, will be hosting a dinner dance to
commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the Knights of Co-
lumbus.

The evening will feature a hot buffet, open bar, coffee, tea
and dessert. Musical entertainment will be provided by
Briand D (a one man show). The cost of the dinner is
\$75.00 per couple or \$38.00 per person. For ticket infor-
mation, contact Grand Knight Andy Schopfer (908) 265-
7895. Any proceeds that are raised will be donated to a
charity designated by the participating Councils.

The evening will highlight the 125 years of service to our
Church and to the communities in which the Knights re-
side. This is the only event of its type in the State of New
Jersey, and promises to be a memorable evening. We look
forward to seeing as many of you attend as possible.



**Knight of the Month
Kyle Matthew Wilanski**



Kyle Matthew Wilanski was
born on June 7, 1979. He
graduated from Piscataway High
School and attended Kean University
for the major of Electronics.

Previously employed at Wizards in
Woodbridge, and then Home Depot
in Edison, Kyle has found his place
as being a manager at Modell's in
Livingston.

He lived with his mother, Regina,
and brother David up until 2006, when he got married. On
August 19, 2006, Kyle married Jacqueline Deborah Leddy.
Kyle and Jackie presently live in Union.

He is a member of Saint Michael's Church in Union and is
an usher there.

With the help of his father-in-law, Tom Leddy, Kyle be-
came a member of the Union County Council in late 2006.
He made his first degree in January 2007 and then made his
second degree in June 2007.

Kyle was seen last year helping with a couple of food
drives that the Knights of Columbus ran, and he is presently
a member of the membership committee.

Our congratulations go out to five members of our
council who are celebrating 50 years as a Knight this
year:

Samuel Cecere
Martin Farrell
Milton Lepski
Vincent Riggi
Louis Schiffl

Good luck and God bless you!

Columbian Club

The Columbian Club would like to remind all patrons of
the rules regarding guests. While all members can sponsor
a guest, the guest must sign our visitor's book, and the
member must also sign them in. When the member
leaves, their guests must also leave with them.

Council Officer Nominations for 2008-2009

The Nomination Committee will be interviewing candi-
dates to become Council Officers for the year 2008-2009.
Anyone interested in becoming an Officer please contact
Committee Chairman Buddy Cotter at 908-447-3378 or
email at acotterjr@yahoo.com to arrange an interview.

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