



Knights Digest

Happy Easter



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Upcoming Events

April 3 rd	Friday Fish Fry
April 4 th	Comedy Night
April 5 th	Breakfast with the Easter Bunny
April 12 th	Easter Sunday
April 24-26 th	Special Citizens Drive
April 25-26 th	Second Chance Toy Drive
May 11 th	First Degree
May 14-17 th	State Convention in Wildwood
Memorial Day	Pool side Mass
June 2 nd	Second Degree
June 5 th	Third Degree
June 30 th	Grand Knight/Columbian Club Toast
July 1 st	Deadline for Scholarship Applications

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.

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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

Tony Quinones
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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
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- 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 you are probably aware, we recently had our annual Tricky-Tray which was chaired by Diane Lupo, ably assisted by Chris Berlew, Gina Zangari, Marykay Pascullo, Annette Vitale, Jackie Wiklanski, Denise Salvatore, Ellen Tiabi, Mary Celletti, and Lynn Liputwhich. The ladies did an outstanding job of organizing this wonderful event to support the charities they designate. Also my heartfelt thanks goes out to Brother Kyle Wiklanski and his wife for putting together the Western Night

that we held recently. This was a huge hit, and they are already planning another one for next year.

One of the highlights of the Lenten season will be our Palm Sunday Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, which is being chaired by Tony Quinones. I'm sure this will be great fun for the kids. Palm Sunday marks the start of Holy Week and celebrates Christ's triumphant entrance into Jerusalem when he was honored and welcomed by the faithful waving palm branches in his path. Holy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper at which our Lord first changed bread and wine into His Holy Body and Blood. Good Friday of course commemorates the Passion and Death of Christ when He sacrificed His physical body to show His love for us and to appease our sins. We should observe it as a day of fast and penance in preparation for the glorious feast of Easter.

On the Sunday after Easter we celebrate the Feast of the Divine Mercy which devotion was promoted by Sister Faustina, a Polish nun who was canonized on April 30, 2000, by Pope John Paul II. She had written in her diary that Jesus had revealed to her that he would grant complete forgiveness for their sins to anyone who confessed their sins and received communion in devotion to His Divine Mercy.

On April 24th to the 26th we will be conducting our Special Citizens Drive. As Charity is the first principal of our Order, I would be most appreciative if as many of you as possible can spare a little time to come out and "shake a can" on these dates to make this a memorable event. Please contact chairman Rob Salvatore, DGK at 732-522-0240 for further details and to volunteer for this worthy cause.

Have a happy, holy Easter!

Sincerely, Mike Peter - Grand Knight

Notice

The Columbian Club is holding interviews for officers and board of directors. Anyone interested, please contact Joe Willmore at (908) 687-5715 or E-mail fivejsinc@aol.com.

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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.

Swim Club News

Work parties have started and much help is needed to get the pool ready for the swimming season. Remember the first principal of the Knights is charity and charity begins at home.

The club is our council home so please come out and give a morning of charity to your home. Every year fewer and fewer brothers come to the work parties making it harder to get the pool ready. Work parties start every Saturday at 8am with a coffee break around 9 and finish with a free lunch at noon. Come out and show your support for YOUR club.

Swim Club dues was due as of March 15th. If you have not paid your dues it is now due with the late fee of \$25. As a reminder: Any unmarried child 25 or older still living at home has an additional fee of \$50.

There will be a bus Trip to the **Mohegan Sun Casino** in Uncasville, Connecticut on **April 18, 2009**. The bus will depart from the Knights at 9am and leave the Casino at 6pm. Trip includes light sandwiches, beer, soda and water. For further details, call Jaime Zappulla at 908-380-9155. We need 50 people to fill the bus.

Second Chance Toy Drive

Knights of Columbus Council #4504 will sponsor a Used Toy Drive in conjunction with Second Chance Toys over the weekend of April 25th 2009. This used toy drive coincides with Earth Week in April 2009.

Second Chance Toys is an organization that works to keep used Plastic toys out of landfills and give them a second like with under privileged children.

We are asking that all donations of gently used Plastic toys be brought to the council home Friday April 24th, Saturday April 25th between 9:00 AM through 3:00 PM and Sunday April 26th between 12:00 PM through 3:00 PM.

Plastics toys should be in good condition with all parts and all battery powered toys should be in working condition. Besides needing donations of toys, volunteers will be needed all three days of the drive to help receive the toy donations, clean and sort the toys and pack them for pick up by Second Chance Toys. Volunteers will also be needed the week after the drive to help load the toys when Second Chance Toys comes to pick them up.

To find out more about this Toy Drive or to how you can help, please see Steve Nagy, Tom Conte, or Buddy Cotter, or email to Toys4504@aol.com. To learn more about Second Chance Toys go to www.secondchancetoys.org . Please help support this worth while cause while helping to un-clutter your home.



Knights of the Month

Steve Helmstetter



The Knights of Columbus likes to give back to family, and community, Our Knight of the Month epitomizes both. As a Knight for ten plus years, Steve Helmstetter has been involved in a lot of our charitable works. He joined the knights because he enjoys giving back to the community, and was always impressed with how the knights, and their good works, give back.

Steve takes family and responsibility seriously, as a Special Agent for the US Treasury Dept. he knows a lot about responsibility, but takes care of his family. He is married to his lovely wife Joann for twenty-five years, and have two children. Jonathan is a Senior at Ramapo college, and Nicholas is a junior at Union High. It is because of them, that Steve got involved in the CYO, and is also a member of the Union Township Board of Education.

Steve has helped at the club in many ways such as; Family Picnics, Special Citizens Drive, Food Drive and anywhere he can help. He has also run many Yankees trips over the years. He is a member of St Michaels parish where he is a member of the counting team and also a Eucharistic Minister. In his free time, when not at the club, he enjoys rooting for the Yankees and Giants, going out to dinner with his wife and friends, and can be seen walking at the South Mountain dog park with their dog Indy. Union Council is proud to make Steve Helmstetter its Knight of the Month.

Council Officer Nominating Committee

The Council Nominating Committee has been formed and will be setting up meetings to interview all 3rd degree members of Union Council # 4504 interested in taking an active role in an Officer position. Please contact Tom Conte at (908) 334-8672 if you have an interest in helping shape the future of your Council. Interviews will start being scheduled shortly.

Thank You, Tom Conte

4TH DEGREE - JFK ASSEMBLY

The 4th Degree, JFK Assembly is proud to announce it has recruited four new members. Their applications have been forwarded to the state level.

This column will not come out before St Patrick's or St Joseph's Day. However, though the celebrating may be over for this year, it is never too late to say a prayer to both saints.

In the near future, Kathy and I will be traveling to the Knights of Columbus Headquarters in New Haven, Connecticut. We have visited the museum on other occasions and find it to be quite an interesting place. On our next trip, I will gather details about running a K of C bus trip to New Haven for all members, their families and guests. Details will appear in a future digest.

The remaining meetings for 2009 are on the fourth Wednesday of each month: April 22, May 27, June 24, September 23, October 28, November 25, and December 23.

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

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