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## Membership Drive Slated for March

The council will conduct its second biannual membership drive at Holy Spirit Church on Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. The drive at St. Michael's will be held on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. This year the Knights of Columbus worldwide has been conducting a Membership Blitz, trying to recruit as many new members as we possibly can or bring back former members who left for whatever reason. We need to inform these men of what they are missing out of by not joining the ranks of our organization. Our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson said there is no reason why every Catholic gentleman should not be introduced to the Knight of Columbus. There are stories told of some men who were asked why they were not Knights and their response was that no one had ever asked. Did you know that if a policeman or paid fireman joins the Knights of Columbus and should he be killed in the line of duty the Knights of Columbus will pay 100% of his children's college tuition, if they attend a catholic college or university? Please somehow find one hour of your time-that's all we ask, 1 hour, to help increase our membership. Please call Membership Director, Rich Fuentes at 908-437-0310 or as always the Grand Knight Mike Cavallo at 908-686-7540 with the good news that you are willing to HELP!

## Day of the Unborn Child

Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> has been set aside as the "Day of the Unborn Child". Union Council will be celebrating mass in honor of the Unborn Child at 7:30 PM at our council hall. Please bring your families and friends to share in this special occasion. Refreshments will be served following the mass.

## Convention Set for May 14-16th

This year the annual State Convention of the Knights of Columbus will be held on May 14th through the 16th. Please join us in spending a weekend with your brother Knights and their families at the Adventurer Hotel in Wildwood. The cost is \$337.00 for three nights, and \$263.00 for two. The weekend includes use of the Hospitality room which will be stocked with food and drink for the weekend. Please contact Deputy Grand Knight Joe Demarco at (908) 964-1870 to book your rooms.

**Bids Due** - Applications to run the outside snack bar from Memorial Day through Labor Day are due by March 31. Please send bids to the Knights of Columbus, 1034 Jeanette Ave. Union NJ care of the Columbian Club.

## One Nation Under God Ceremony Planned

A recent court decision has ruled that the words 'One Nation Under God' should be stricken from the Pledge of Allegiance. Since the Knights of Columbus led the battle to insert these words into the Pledge in 1954, we are taking a lead role in bringing this issue to the center of public attention. To that end, our Council has asked the Township of Union permission to arrange an assembly at Town Hall during which residents will be able to demonstrate their support for maintaining the Pledge as it is currently written. As part of the ceremony, we will be donating a pennant embossed with the words 'One Nation Under God' which will be flown under the United States flag at Town Hall.

This event is scheduled for Saturday, April 24th at 11:00 am. Local veterans groups, as well as the Boys and Girls Scouts will be invited to attend. Please mark your calendars to join us for this important event. For further information contact the Grand Knight Mike Cavallo at (908) 686-7540.

In addition, the members of the 4th Degree JFK Assembly have also been active in this initiative. Their members have been selling One Nation Under God stickers for \$1.00. The money that they have raised has gone toward the purchase of banners to be donated to local businesses who support maintaining the Pledge as it stands. For more information, or to purchase stickers, contact the Faithful Navigator, Santo Trapani at 908 688-3391.

## Catholic Education Breakfast Rescheduled

Due to a scheduling conflict, the Breakfast for Catholic Education that had previously been set to take place on February 29th has been rescheduled to Sunday March 14. The event will take place in our Council Hall between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M.. The breakfast will benefit Catholic Education; all proceeds from this breakfast will be split between St. Michael's School and CCD Program as well as Holy Spirit's School and CCD Program.

The menu will feature: eggs, sausage, hash browns, pancakes, rolls, butter, juice, coffee, tea and danish.

Tickets for the breakfast will be \$7.00 per adult, \$5.00 for seniors and children ages 4-12. Children under 4 will eat for free. To purchase tickets, you may call the Grand Knight at 908-686-7540, or Buddy Cotter at (908) 447-3378.

This event has already attracted considerable interest, and is expected to be a major opportunity to demonstrate our support for Catholic Education. Please make it a point to attend, and to lend a hand in the preparations, if you are available.

## KNIGHT DIGEST

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**RULES FOR SUBMISSION:** Submissions for consideration are due in writing by the tenth of the month for the following month. Please mail or drop off submissions, with contact information, to Andy Schopfer, Knight Digest Editor, 1034 Jeanette Avenue, Union, NJ 07083 or via email at aschopfer@comcast.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

## Grand Knight's Column



the time to think

Christ did for us when he was crucified? If God can forgive us for such an atrocity, how can we possibly justify our own condemnatin of others for offenses so much more menial? Let us do our best instead, to show kindness and compassion in return; for this would be an even more meaningful sacrifice for us to offer.

As you can see, this issue of the Digest notes that we have many activities planned over the next few months, including our Benefit breakfast for Catholic Education, the "One Nation Under God" ceremony to take place in front of town hall, our annual retarded citizen's drive, the spring food drive, the children's Easter egg hunt, our State Convention in Wildwood and many more. As a result of all these activities being planned, many of our brother knights will be calling out to other brother knights for assistance. I encourage each of you to please answer their call for help and come out to lend a hand.

To my fellow brothers that frequent the bar, please remember we are the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic organization, and not Joe's Pub. I have received several calls regarding the language that is often heard at the bar and I have even heard it myself. Please refrain from using inappropriate language or your membership will be suspended from the Knights. Please cooperate so that all may come and enjoy our council facilities.

On page 3, you will also find an application to join the Father McGivney Guild. As you know the Knights are working very hard to have Father McGivney raised to sainthood. It cost nothing to join the Guild but by joining you will show that you support this effort. For joining, you will also receive literature each month which will give you the progress being made in this effort. I urge each member to fill out the application and join this worthwhile cause. It would be great if our entire membership joined the Guild to show Union Council's Support.

In closing, a wish for you that you are encouraged to share with others during this Lenten season;

"May the road rise up to meet you  
may the wind be at your back  
and until we meet again  
May God hold you in the palm of your hand"

**Vivat Jesus!**

**Michael Cavallo, Grand Knight**

## Columbian Club News

Just a few words to say this month but there is a lot to do.

Work Parties will start on Saturday March 20, 2004 in order to get the picnic and grove area ready for the upcoming Summer season. Work will continue every Saturday, from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon, until opening day. When we gain some more light in the Spring, we add Wednesday evening to the schedule, from about 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.. As I mentioned last month, this is a very important and much needed volunteer effort. Those who participate on Saturday can expect breakfast in the morning consisting of coffee, rolls, bagels and juice. Lunch is served along with your favorite beverage and it is usually a nice hot meal, especially in the beginning as it is still chilly outside. On Wednesdays we provide pizza and beverages. To repeat what I said last month, I hope that those that have come to help in the past will continue to do so this year. Also, maybe some men who have not had an opportunity to help out will come down this time, and while you're at it, call another brother Knight to join you. New or recently joined brothers especially are always welcome to get involved and meet the regulars; one day, hopefully, you will be a regular.

Thanks to all who came to the Celebrity Bartender on Saturday, January 24 as well as those who attended our recent Finnegan's Wake. We appreciate your support.

See you next month, unless you stop by and we see you sooner.

**Allen Pascullo, Columbian Club President**

## March 13 Marks St. Patrick's Day Parade

The 8<sup>th</sup> annual Union County St. Patrick's Day parade will take place on Saturday, March 13. This year's celebration will kick off from Commerce Place at 1:00. Marchers from the Council will gather on Jeanette Avenue in front of the Council building, before moving down Morris Avenue to Union Center. The parade will contain 6 divisions, each named for an individual with strong ties to the Irish American community within the county. 26 bands will participate, including 22 pipe bands.

For the Council, the Saint Patrick's Day Parade is always one of great activity. Marchers often stop into the Council prior to the commencement of the parade, and viewers are also invited to stop by for hot dogs and sodas outside the building. After the parade ends, the Columbian Club then invites everyone back to the Council to continue to celebrate St. Patrick's day with corned beef sandwiches and other refreshments. Happy St. Patty's Day!

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### Join the Fr. McGivney Guild

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

Mail forms back to Union Council, 1034 Jeanette Ave, Union, NJ 07054, attn: Fr. McGivney Guild.

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## YANKEE TRIP TO TORONTO

We will be traveling to Toronto to attend a game at the world famous Skydome ballpark. We will depart on Saturday morning July 24<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 am and return on Tuesday evening the 27<sup>th</sup>. We will travel via a luxury motor coach which will be stocked with snacks and soft drinks. We will stop for lunch along the way. The estimated travel time including a one- hour stop for lunch is 9 hours.

We will stay at the Skydome Renaissance hotel, which is connected to the ballpark. Our trip will include a tour of the facilities on Monday afternoon, an all you can eat prime rib buffet, and club level seats for the game on Monday evening. In addition to the game and tour, the hockey hall of fame is located within walking distance as well as the CN Tower. Toronto also boasts numerous restaurants and nightlife as well as a fantastic theater district all within walking distance of the hotel. The cost for transportation, tickets and refreshments to Toronto will be approximately \$140 per person. The cost of the hotel room, depending on the exchange rate in July, will be between \$400 (2 persons per room) to \$525 (4 persons per room) for the 3 night stay. EACH person will be responsible for booking his or her own room directly with the hotel. We are also trying to arrange a trip on Sunday to Niagra Falls for those that are interested in sight-seeing or gambling at one of the Niagra Falls casinos. If you are interested, please call Steve Helmstetter @ 688-5039 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

## 2nd Double Bingo Scheduled for End of March

On Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> we will host our 2<sup>nd</sup> Bi-Annual Double Bingo at the Boys and Girls Club in Union at 7:00pm. This is one of our big fundraisers, as it helps us to continue to support our many charitable organizations. In addition, the Bingo's support our scholarship fund. The support that our council is able to provide to those in need comes from events such as these but these events need volunteers to make them happen. Whatever help you can provide is appreciated. We need people to sell the bingo sheets, to be runners when bingo is called, to work the refreshment stand and to be the bingo caller. Please contact Bob Litterer at 908-245-0091 or the Program Director Larry Killmer at 908-389-1341.

### *Upcoming Events of Interest*

**Quarterly charitable raffle-** will be held on Monday, March 22. Return tickets to John Murphy.

**Children's Easter Egg Hunt-** will be held on Saturday, April 3 at 1:00 in the Council Grove. There will be candy, prizes and food. Contact Bart Supino at BardysIII@Aol.com.

**RCD Drive-** will be held the weekend of April 23, 24 and 25. Volunteers should contact chairperson Anthony M. Manochio at amanoch@verizon.net.

**Spring Food Drive -** Food will be collected in the schools the week of April 26-30<sup>th</sup>. We will be soliciting outside of the local supermarkets on Saturday, May 1.