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Tricky Tray

On **April 9, 2011**, the Columbiettes of Union Council 4504 will be sponsoring a "Tricky Tray". We have organized and accomplished many successful Tricky Tray's previously under the Knights of Columbus, but this year, will be the first since our institution in February 2009.

The money that we have raised in the past has helped our community and many children's charities such as; Autism Awareness, Children's Specialized Hospital and St. Jude Children's Hospital and many others. The Columbiettes of Union will continue with this honest and devoted tradition. We will focus on our principles of Faith, Hope and Charity. We wish to make this year's Tricky Tray better than ever, we can only achieve that with your help!

We realize that difficult economic times have affected everyone, but we are hoping that you can find a way to help us, to help others. Any donation that you can make will make a difference. We are also hoping to help you; we will recognize your business on all our promotional material and in our event program, encouraging everyone to support you, as you have helped support us.

If you should have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me anytime at 908-577-6606.

Once again thanks for your time.

Diane Lupo, Committee Chair
 Union Columbiettes 4504

Special Citizens Drive & Food Drive

Brothers,

It is that time of year where we put one of our most treasured principles to the test, Charity. As you know, one of our most known charitable drives, our Special Citizens Drive, along with our Food Drive, are right around the corner.

Once again we will be calling upon you, our fellow brothers, to try and help as much as you can, either stuffing raffle envelopes, or most importantly, standing outside one of the supermarkets that are letting us do it this year, as well as churches and streets. The drive this year is the weekend of **April 15-17th**. With Stop and Shop letting us do it the following weekend of the **22nd and 23rd**.

We are also having our Spring Food Drive, in the schools, and at the stores, the weekend of **May 7th-8th**. I know that is a busy weekend for some, but we need all the help we can get. This is also a great endeavor and all help is greatly appreciated. There will be schedules for both drives to sign- up for at the Council meetings, and at the bar. Please come out and support us in these two endeavors.. Thank You!

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 SCD, Food Drive
 908-499-0743

Steve Stochlinski
 Chair, Co-Chair,
 Food Drive, SCD
 908-477-7133

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

At The Knights of Columbus Union Council Hall

Sunday April 17th 2011 - 10:00 AM

Menu includes:

Our ever popular omelet station
 Eggs, Sausage, Bacon, Pancakes, potatoes, bagels,
 Coffee and Juice.
 An Easter egg hunt will conclude the festivities
 in the back grove.

Price: \$27.00 for a family of 4 (2adults 2 children)
 \$8.00 each additional adult
 \$6.00 each additional child (6 and older)

Reservations: Tony Quinones 908-265-3757

** Parents: Please bring a basket for the egg hunt. **

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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.

Council Officers

District Deputy..... Lawrence Killmer, PGK
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Recorder Steve Nagy
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2nd Yr. Trustee..... Mike Peter, PGK
1st Yr. Trustee Tom Conte
4th Degree Faithful Navigator. Allen Pascullo
Columbian Club President..... Mike Scanlon
Swim Club President..... Allen Pascullo
Columbiette President..... Christine Burlew

Monthly Meetings

1st. Mon. ----- Council Officers
 2nd & 4th Mon.----- Council
 3rd Mon.----- Swim Club
 4th Wed. ----- 4th Degree Assembly
 4th Thu.----- Columbian Club

MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT



Brothers Knights,

April! What does April bring to mind? Easter, spring flowers, “April Fool’s Day”, the day that reminds us of what we are the other 365 days a year.

Easter the fulfillment of our faith, communion our Easter Duty, without our faith, each day would be April Fool’s Day.

St. Paul wrote, “Unless Christ rose from the dead, our faith is in vain”.

Through his death, Christ saved mankind from bondage to sin, and He destroyed the hold that death has on all of us; but it is His Resurrection that gives us the promise of new life, both in this world and the next. (1 Corinthians 15:17).

April is also the time when our youngest members of our faith make their First Communion, please embrace these newest members of our community and show your support, and prayers.

Please join us at our next council meeting on April 11, at 8:15 p.m. Happy Easter, may God Bless you all during this Easter session.

Vivat Jesus!
 Joe Burlew Sr., GK



“There is no glory in star or blossom till looked upon by a loving eye; There is no fragrance in April breezes till breathed with joy as they wander by”. William C. Bryant

Officer Nominations

The Nominating Committee would like to present the slate of Officers for the incoming year of 2011-2012 which consists of:

Grand Knight Andy Schopfer PGK
 Deputy Grand Knight Kyle Wiklanski
 Chancellor Alex Costa
 Warden Steve Nagy
 Recorder Steve Stochlinski
 Lecturer Open
 Advocate Steve Hehl
 Guard Greg Henn
 Guard Terrence Duffy
 Financial Secretary Tom Hornig, PGK
 Treasure Frank Santangelo
 Trustee 1st Year Joseph Burlew PGK
 Trustee 2nd Year Robert Salvatore PGK
 Trustee 3rd Year Michael Peter PGK

This slate of officers will be read at the April 25th Council meeting and elections will take place on May 9, 2011

Those were the Days and Knights

Let's put on a Show

Most of us grew up watching The Little Rascals comedies and one of their favorite activities was putting on a show. Well our Brother Knights at the Union Council during the 1970's followed the Rascal's lead and put on a lot of shows. These shows were not the rag tag in my father's garage show, but really impressive musicals. Many of our Brother Knights and their wives would put on shows with names like "A Knight on Broadway", "A Knight of Nostalgia", and "A Knight in a Magic Kingdom".

Barney Capriglione PGK was General Chairman, Joseph Ruddy was the Director and Choreographer, Enrico Farro was the Musical Director, Saverio Bruzzi was in charge of set design and construction, and a host of other Brothers and their wives helped to put on and Star in the shows. The casts were made up of up to 50 Brothers, their wives and children. These shows had great sets and costumes and had performances were spectacular too. The shows were put on at Burnet Junior High School but they did take them on the road to entertain patients in local hospitals. And these shows were put on to benefit charities such as the Deborah Hospital and Union County Cerebral Palsy Association.



New First Degree Brothers

Congratulations to the newest members of the Knights of Columbus who completed their first degree (above) on Tuesday, March 29, 2011. Also, a special congratulations to the brothers of council 4504 who have completed their 4th degree (below)

New Fourth Degree Brothers



Dear Brother Knight,

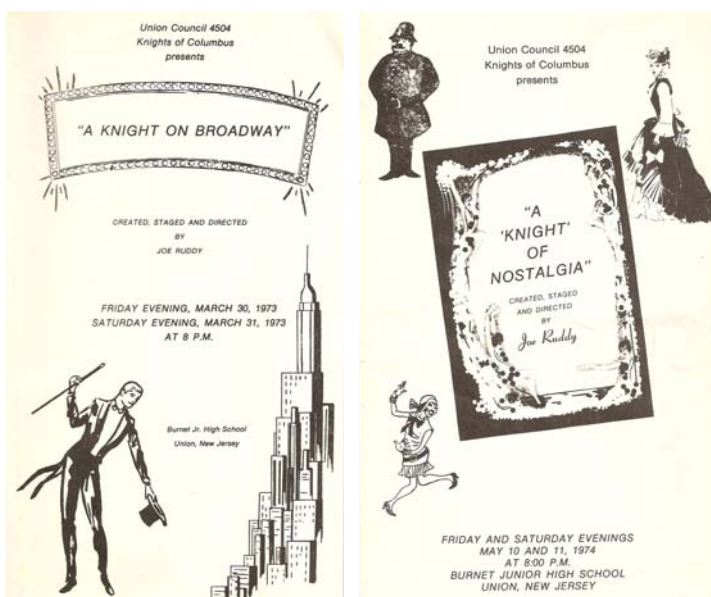
We need your help and support to achieve greater success in our charitable endeavors.

After a very long and cold winter, Spring is finally upon us along with our annual Special Needs Citizens Drive.

As you know, our order was founded on the principal of charity. The Special Needs Citizens Drive is one of those charities the Knights of Columbus is known for nationwide.

We are again trying to raise funds for groups such as, Camp Fatima, Burnett School, and various other organizations by holding a Charitable raffle so we can donate funds to this worthy cause. Each member should have received two tickets and the cost is \$10.00 per ticket. This Raffle is taking the place of the normal Charitable Raffle that occurs in June.

If you can sell additional tickets to friends, family, and co-workers, please call me, Rob Salvatore at 908-325-6437, or Steve Stochlinski Co-Chair at 908-477-7133.



Dining to Donate

Brothers, On April 13th, Applebees is having our "Dining to Donate" to benefit the SCD. Between 5-10pm on that night, when you go in for dinner, just present them with our Knights flyer and 10% of your bill will be donated back to our drive. The flyer can be picked up at the Council Hall, or printed from page 7 of this digest. Any questions, please ask myself or Steve.

Please find a few moments to donate some time to the drive. We need all the help we can get... Thank You! Rob Salvatore, PGK and Steve Stochlinski

50th Anniversary Tee Shirts

We have a limited supply of navy blue tee shirts left that were made for the 50th Anniversary of our Council for sale at \$3.00 each, or 2 for \$5.00. Most sizes available. Contact Mike Peter for them.

Swim Club

Thank you to all who have sent in their dues so far; if you have not, please remember to include the \$25.00 late fee after April 1.

Thank You

On behalf of the entire Membership Committee, we would like to thank all the brothers that helped make the membership drive on Sunday February 27th a success. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Thank you, Kyle Wiklanski

Donate to Japan Earthquake Relief Fund

Make checks payable to:

Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc.

Kindly write Japan Earthquake Relief on the memo line of your check.

Send to:

Knights of Columbus Charities
One Columbus Plaza
PO Box 1966
New Haven, CT 06509-1966

Come Out and "Party like a Wreckstar" as the Knights of Columbus present "The Wrecks" in concert!

Date: Fri, June 3rd

Place: Council Grove

Time: 8pm-

Price: \$10 cover includes 1 Drink Ticket



The back will be open only to those who buy a ticket for the show.. The inside bar will be open for everyone else .



For more Information, Please contact :
Rob Salvatore, PGK at (908) 499-0743,
Or please visit www.Thewrecks.com

Volunteer Needed at Runnells

Brothers, every 5th Sunday, Council 4504 visits Runnells Specialized Hospital in Berkley Heights to comfort the patients and assist those who wish to attend Mass.

Due to greater attendance, the Mass has now been moved from the 1st floor Chapel to the 3rd floor and help is always needed. If you wish to lend us about 2 hours of your time on Sunday mornings, please call Nick Belmonte at 908-447-1869.

Memorial Day Weekend

Last year the Memorial Day Weekend was a non-stop activity filled weekend at the Union Council. We would like to do the same again this year, but it requires a lot of planning and efforts to make this happen. If you would like to be part of it by either running an activity or just helping out, there will be a brief open meeting on Monday April, 18th at 7:30 PM to start the planning for this year's Memorial Day Weekend activities.

If you would like to help, but cannot attend this meeting, please contact Steve Nagy at (908) 967-9060 or toys4504@aol.com . Let's make this year's weekend bigger and better and a great start to a summer of fun here at the Council.

Columbian Club Presents

Pizza And Salad Night

Why Cook When You Can Enjoy Great Food
Reasonably Priced?

Delicious All You Can Eat Homemade Pizza And
Fresh Crispy Salad



Friday, April 8, 2011

7:00 Pm – 9:00 Pm

\$8.00 – Adults \$5.00 – Children

Draft Beer And Soda Included

For More Information:

Mike Scanlon

908-578-8768

BLGIANTS@AOL.COM



•**Yankee Road Trip to Toronto**
Only 2 Seats Remaining



We are scheduling our third pilgrimage to Canada from Thursday July 14th thru Sunday July 17th. In addition to seeing the Yankees play, you will be able to go to Niagara Falls to see the sites or to try your luck at the casinos.

The cost is approximately \$1,100 for 2 people, \$1,375 for three and \$1,650 for 4 people in a room. We will be staying at the world famous Renaissance Toronto Hotel which is attached to the stadium and we will be feasting at a scrumptious buffet on game day. In addition we will enjoy a luxurious motor coach ride to Toronto and Niagara Falls. Toronto is a fun city with many fantastic restaurants, the Hockey Hall of Fame as well as a great theater district.

There are only two tickets remaining, so please call Steve Helmstetter at 908-688-5039 or email at helmstetter2@verizon.net A.S.A.P. to reserve your seat.

2011 Convention

Plan on coming down with your family and enjoy the fun. This year's Convention is from Thursday **May 12th** through Sunday **May 15th** at the Adventurer Motel. Room costs for this years Convention including hospitality room are, \$325 for 2 nights stay, and \$435 for 3 nights stay. A \$100 deposit is needed with your reservation.

Information will be posted on the Council's web site. Please contact Deputy Grand Knight Andy Schopfer with your reservation at 908-265-7895 or email him at aschopfer@verizon.net.

In Our Parishes...



St. Michael's Church

Stations of the Cross - Please come out and join the Union Knights as we participate in the Stations of the Cross on Friday April 15, 2011 at 7:00 PM at St. Michael's Church.

The object of the Stations of the Cross is to help us make a spiritual pilgrimage of prayer, through meditating upon the chief scenes of Christ's sufferings and death.

We encourage all Brother Knights and their families to join us as we participate in this Lenten Rite.

St. Michael's Ministry Fair - Sunday April 3, 2011 after all Masses in the Lower Church. Learn about our Parish Ministries and how you can join them. All Parish Ministries will be represented.

Living Stations of the Cross will be presented by the CYO and the adult choir at 7pm on Good Friday, April 22nd.

Holy Spirit Church

The Spirit Walkers—a team formed to participate in the MS Walk, is being re-established! The Team will walk in the MS walkathon on Sunday morning, April 10th, beginning at Nomahegan Park in Cranford. The Walk is approximately 6 miles; however, for those who choose, there is a one-mile alternative route. The Walkathon is sponsored by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's New Jersey Metro chapter.

The purpose of the walkathon is to raise awareness of the disease and to raise money for research and for programs which the Chapter runs for those who suffer from MS. Please note that there is no longer any minimum required amount of money required to participate. Anyone can join to be part of this team.....any small token amount of donation will be most appreciated by the MS Society. Or just come and walk with us to help raise awareness. If interested, please call Alida Karas at 908-591-3690 or see me at church. Thank you and I hope you can join us!

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Union Knights of Columbus Columbian Club Presents:

COMEDY NIGHT

Featuring:

RICH RAMIREZ – CHRIS MONTY – ROB FALCONE

They have appeared in comedy clubs throughout the Country

Music & Dancing by Eddie "G-Whiz"

Saturday, April 16, 2011

K of C Banquet Hall

7:30 PM – 11:30 PM



Open bar – Bring your own platters
\$25.00 per Person

Limited Seating – Reservations Only!!!!
Tables of 8 & 10 Suggested

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Panella610@verizon.net

Memorial Day Weekend Mass

Every year we celebrate a Mass poolside at our Council to thank the Lord for all that He has given us, and to ask that we have a safe summer at our Council. Last year the Mass was well attended as we Honored our members that served in our Armed Forces during World War II. Besides the large attendance at the Mass, we were fortunate that Mark Di Ionno wrote about it for his Sunday article in the Star Ledger. Mark's article made it clear that the true meaning of Memorial Day is to Honor and Remember all those who have died in the Service of our Country, not just the beginning of summer. With this thought in mind we are continuing to Honor those who served by Honoring our Knights of Columbus members who served in the Armed Forces during the Korean War. We would also like to remember any relative of our members who may have died in the service to our Country, which is the true meaning of Memorial Day.

If any of our members would like to have a relative that died in the service remembered at the Mass, please contact Steve Nagy at toys4504@aol.com or at the Council address, with the name, rank, branch of service and when their relative was killed, and we will remember them at the Mass this Memorial Day weekend.



BEFORE

AFTER

It takes a lot of work to get from the Before to the After. Please come out and at the Work Parties to help get the Pool, Patio, and Bar ready for our Summer Fun.

Work Parties meet every Saturday morning at 8:00 AM and Wednesday afternoons at 5:00 PM.



DINING TO DONATE

Enjoy a meal that's filling and fulfilling.
Eat in or try our Carside To Go™ service!

Dine at Applebee's® and
10% of your bill will be donated to

**Knights of Columbus,
Union Council # 4504
For the Special Citizens Drive**

Present this flyer to your server on

**April 13th
5:00pm - 10:00pm**

at Applebee's of

**Union
1721 Morris Ave at
Route 22
908-964-1070**

**You must present a flyer for
your donation to count!**

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and alcohol sales. Valid at participating restaurants during specified hours.
Must present flyer in order for organization to receive credit for purchase.
Flyers are not to be distributed in the restaurant or within the perimeter of
the parking lot.




You must bring this flyer for your donation to be counted. If ordering To Go, please mention this fundraiser.



Print this flyer and bring it with you to Applebee on Morris Ave. in Union on April 13th.
Your support for the Special Citizen's Drive is greatly appreciated.

April 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<p>"Every charitable act is a stepping stone towards heaven." - Henry Ward Beecher</p>   						1	2
3	4 Officer's Mtg. 8p	5	6	7	8	9 Tricky Tray	
10	11 Council Mtg. 8:15p	12	13	14	15 Stations of the Cross - St. Michael's Special Citizen's Drive ★	16 Comedy Night Special Citizen's Drive ★	
17 Palm Sunday Breakfast with the Easter Bunny Special Citizen's Drive ★	18 Memorial Day Planning Mtg. 7:30p	19	20	21 Holy Thursday	22 Good Friday Special Citizen's Drive ★	23 Special Citizen's Drive ★	
24 Easter Sunday	25 Council Mtg. 8:15p	26	27 4th Degree JFK Assembly Mtg. 7:30p	28 Columbian Club Mtg. 7:30p	29	30 Appreciation Night	

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