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Upcoming Events

January 16th Chili Contest
 January 17th Veterans Flag Presentation
 January 21st Pasta Dinner
 January 23rd Voice of Reason
 January 31st Blood Drive
 February 5th National Wrestling Superstars
 February 27th Yankee Stadium Tour & Tricky Tray

Union Council Supports Our Troops

The Union Knights of Columbus would like to show our support to U.S. Service Men and Women serving overseas by collecting Personal Care and Comfort items that will be sent to them.

These items are basic items that we take for granted, but for someone deployed to Afghanistan or Iraq where they are not readily available, receipt of a care package with these items is a much welcomed reminder that the folks back at home remember them and are thankful for the job that they are doing.

Our goal is to keep this program close to home by sending the items to any relatives of Members of the Union Council, so any members having relatives serving in the military should contact Steve Nagy at the Council or toys4504@aol.com with information on them so we can include them in the distribution of items.

A collection box will be set up in the bar at the Council with a list of suggested items to send to our troops.

A copy of this list is also posted on the Council Web site www.kofc4504.org

Monetary donations will also be accepted to purchase items and to help cover the shipping costs

Thank you in advance, and let's show our support to these great men and women for their service to our Nation.

We are in the process of loading old Knight Digests onto our web site which date back to 1963. Visit the History section to see what was happening back then. Special thanks to Saverio "Sam" Bruzzi for loaning us his digest collection.

Thursdays in
2010


Pasta Knights

Time
6:30 PM to
8:30 PM

Council Hall

Adults\$10.00
 Children\$6.00
 Senior Citizens\$6.00



Cash Bar Available
50/50



Pasta Dinner

Dates: Jan 21, Feb. 18, Mar. 18, Apr. 15,
Sep. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 11, Dec. 16.

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus and the Columbiettes.


**IN MEMORY OF OUR
DECEASED BROTHER KNIGHTS**
 2009
 

Voice of Reason to perform For Charity Events

Stanley J. Sokolwski	01/06/09	Frank J. Esposito	05/31/09
Peter P. Disturco	01/22/09	William E. Connolly	06/17/09
Joseph G. Borowski	01/29/09	Martin Panko	06/29/09
Stanley G. Wnek	02/12/09	Michael S. Ziobro	07/18/09
George Biglin Sr.	02/19/09	Frank A. Tower	07/23/09
Thomas A. Smith	03/08/09	Michael S. Machalaba	07/29/09
Robert J. Alves	03/10/09	Stanley F. Sacewicz	08/02/09
Martin C. Soos	03/19/09	Edward W. Cole	08/10/09
Frank A. Laudati Jr.	04/05/09	Robert K. Browne	09/01/09
Michael J. Bizon	04/08/09	Louis G. Vetter	09/08/09
Anthony P. Longo	04/09/09	William J. Christian	10/05/09
Luis M. Giandonato	05/27/09	James F. Ford Sr.	10/28/09
Frank J. Rogauskas	05/28/09	Paul Gamcsik Jr.	11/16/09

Voice of Reason will be performing at the Knights of Columbus Council Hall located at 1034 Jeanette Ave, Union on January 23rd from 7:30 PM to 11:30 PM. Admission will be \$20.00 and it will include an open bar. (Bring your own food)

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the following Charities:

Cerebral Palsy - In honor and memory of my sister, Patty Ann Salvatore, and to:

Matty's Rhabdoid Tumor Research Foundation Inc. (This is a rare and highly malignant tumor of childhood which is very aggressive.) There have been only 50 cases reported. Mean age at diagnosis is 3.5 yrs, and as young as 6 months.

You can visit the band's web site at www.vorband.com.

There will be a Super 50/50 drawing. We will be selling 100 tickets for \$10, half of what we take in will go to the winner. Those tickets are also on sale now. We will also be having our usual 50/50 sold at the door. Both 50/50's will be pulled that night.

Knigh 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:

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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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Columbiette PresidentChristine Burlew

Monthly Meetings

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

MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Gentlemen and Friends:



I sincerely hope everyone had a joyous Christmas with friends and family, and I would like to extend my hopes and best wishes that everyone has a Happy and Healthy New Year!!

With a new year, comes new challenges, be it personnel or professional, or even here at the Council, we must do what we can to adapt and overcome. The road is not always easy, but that is why we are a FRATERNAL organization. We help each other out as Brothers. Remember, no matter what, our basic principles still endure.

With that being said, we have done a lot in the past several weeks, with more on the horizon. I would like to thank Nick Belmonte and Charlie Cunningham, who spear-headed our food drive, along with all the brothers that pitched in to help, collect, pack and deliver to Sr. Ann and make this drive a success. With the generosity of our local schools and stores, we were able to collect in excess of 3000 pounds of food, as well as cash donations.

Our Nativity Scene lighting in front of town hall was well attended and was Blessed by Fr. Armand, Pastor of Holy Spirit, and by Fr. Chuck, Pastor of St. Michaels. Our lighting of the Nativity, here at the Council, was also well attended and was a reminder of the real reason for the season to all who walked in. Also, on December 20th we will have had our "Breakfast with Santa" that always proves to be a success.

My wish is that we continue to all work together to make this Council a success, and not let anything stand in the way.

Here's to hoping as many as our wishes come true, and to a Happy and Healthy 2010!!



Please check our web site www.kofc4504.org for updates and events.

Thank you and God Bless,

Robert Salvatore
 Grand Knight



Knights of Columbus Annual Convention

Mark your calendars May 13th to May 16th is the annual Knights of Columbus Convention in Wildwood. Letters will be going out shortly and additional information will be available on the web site. If you have any questions, please contact Joe Burlew DGK via e-mail at joedispa@aol.com.

New Years Resolutions

In the United States, popular goals include:

- * Lose weight
- * Get out of debt
- * Become more organized
- * Maintain a diary
- * Save money
- * Improve grades
- * Get a better job
- * Get fit
- * Eat right
- * Get a better education
- * Drink less alcohol
- * Quit smoking

- * Reduce stress
- * Take a trip
- * Volunteer to help others
- * Be less grumpy
- * Be more independent
- * Learn something new (such as a foreign language or music)



There will be a blood drive on January 31st at the council hall from 9 AM to 2 PM. Please take the time to donate this gift of life.

Columbian Swim Club

REMINDER PLEASE HELP

We still need donations for the Tricky Tray that will be held this coming February. We are looking for donations of theme baskets, lottery rub offs, gift cards, dining certificates or even cash. The donations so far have been very slow and we need everyone's help to make this a success. We know times are hard but maybe two or three families can donate together. If you know of a local business that can donate or have any questions please call Jin Feehan, Diane Lupo or Steve Ruhl.

The annual Swim club meeting will be on Friday January 15, 2010. If anyone would like to run for a position on the swim club board please contact John Perina or Steve Ruhl ASAP.

2010 Chili Contest

Yes it's back! The Knights of Columbus Council #4504 Chili Contest will be held on Saturday, January 16th, at the council lounge starting at 2:00 p.m.

Come down and try to win the bragging rights for the best chili maker of 2010 if you dare! All entries must arrive at the council by 1:00 p.m. to be eligible for judging.

Tour Set For Saturday February 27th

Come and take a tour of the Cathedral of baseball: YANKEE STADIUM. Our pilgrimage will be held on Saturday, February 27th. In addition to the tour, we will have lunch at the Hard Rock Café located in the stadium. Tickets are limited and are on a first come first serve basis. The entire cost is \$55 per person including tour of the stadium, bus transportation, and your meal!! Don't miss out on this unique opportunity.

Please call Steve Helmstetter at 908-688-5039 A.S.A.P.

National Wrestling Superstars

National Wrestling Superstars invades our Council on Feb. 5th for a night of Pro Wrestling with an appearance by "Hacksaw" Jim Duggan. Please contact Mike Scanlon, 908-578-8766 or Rob Salvatore, 732-522-0240 for details. Tickets are on Sale now. Adults: \$18, Children under 12: \$16.

The Union Knights of Columbus is looking for Yankee fans for a road trip to Toronto to watch the New York Yankees vs. the Toronto Blue Jays in August. If you are interested in joining us please contact Steve Nagy at Toys4504@aol.com

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Knight of the Month

Mike Hrifko



Mike was born Scranton, Pennsylvania, he grew up in Newark and in Union. Mike has been a member of the Knight of Columbus for 35 years. He is also a Fourth Degree Sir Knight and was named Sir Knight of the Year. Mike is a parishioner of Holy Spirit Church where he organizes the annual "Loaves and Fish" drive to help feed the poor.

Mike graduated Kean College with a degree in Industrial Arts, worked and studied in Japan for a career in printing. Mike's career path changed due to brain surgery many years ago; he has worked at AT&T for the past 20 plus years.

Mikes has supported many charities over the years raising as much as \$2,000 a year for Saint Joseph's Soup Kitchen, and for the Sister Anna's Camp Fatima.

Mike has been an active volunteer with the Special Olympics for more than 20 years, where he was recognized as the volunteer of the year. He has worked in the support of elementary school and pre-school children through collections of empty ink cartridges, and the gathering of donations for school activities.

Mike has always been ready to help with any cause, he has given both his time and talents and has touched thousands of Council Members and their families through his fundraising effort for the "Make a Wish Foundation".

We are pleased to honor Mike Hrifko as the Knight of the Month for January.

Honoring World War II Veterans

On December 2nd 2009 a US Flag was flown over the USS Arizona Memorial in Pearl Harbor Hawaii "In Honor and Memory of all the Members of Knights of Columbus, Union Council #4504 that served their Country during World War II."

The Flag and the Certificate have been received at our Council, and are being set up for display in the Council Hall.

The current listing is now up to 104 Brother Knights from Council #4504 that served in the Military during World War II.

Of the 104 Brothers, 22 are still alive. We are planning to have a small get together of them on Sunday January 17th to present the flag and so they can get together and share tales of their Military Service. Details of this get together will be posted on the web site, and each Veteran will be notified about it.

We are still asking that all living Veterans, or their Family members or friends contact us with their name, Branch of Military Service, rank, and any other details of their Military service. This information will be put on a Council #4504 Honor Roll of World War II Veterans.

Please mail all information to:

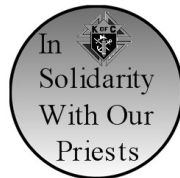
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Or email to Toys4504@aol.com
Please include an address and phone number so we can contact you with more details of this event. All information will be kept Confidential.

JANUARY 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Council Mtg.	12	13	14	15 Swim Club Mtg.	16 Chili Contest
17 Veterans Flag Presentation	18	19	20	21 Pasta Dinner	22	23 Voice of Reason 7:30 - 11:30 PM
24	25 Council Mtg.	26	27	28	29	30
31 Blood Drive 9AM - 2PM						

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