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Upcoming Events

November 9th.....First Degree & Council Meeting
 November 13th..... Past Grand Knights Dinner
 November 15th..... Columbiette Degree Ceremony
 November 18th..... Second Degree
 November 20th..... Third Degree
 December 12thThe Couples Game Show

Coming in 2010 - Pasta Knights



Pasta Dinner

Every third Thursday night of each month, the Columbiettes will be hosting a Pasta Dinner. For details, visit our web site at www.kofc4504.org.

Festa Italiana

I would like to thank ALL involved with helping put our Festa Italiana together, and working to help make it a success.. Our kitchen crew, Frank Santangelo and Joe Burlew, who were there from 6am, for another event ,till midnight cooking for this event. A special Thank you to both of you...

Joe Marateo, who ran the event, gets a big thank you for all his time and effort of decorating the hall, taking the pictures, and straightening everything out. He, along with his lovely wife, Vickie, collected the money, and made sure the event ran smooth... I would also like to thank Steve Nagy for his recommendation of our Frank Sinatra singer, who crooned the night away, Eddie G, Gina Z, for her "world famous" meatballs, and all who helped serve the food, bartend, or clean up afterwards.

Ti ringrazio,
 Rob Salvatore

Columbiette Degree Ceremony

The Columbiettes of Union Council 4504 will be having a First & Major Degree Ceremony on November 15, 2009 at the Knights of Columbus in Union. The Columbiettes are a unified body of Catholic women who work side by side with the Knights of Columbus.

As a Columbiette you can allocate your time as your schedule permits. There are many spiritual, social, educational and moral benefits which you may derive from your membership.

If you are interested in joining or would like more information about this organization you can contact Gina Zangari at 908-230-2295 or email ginazangari@comcast.net.

Any Member who has a son, relative or knows of anyone available during the holiday break and is interested in joining we are considering conducting a 1st degree on their behalf, if so please contact Nick Belmonte at 908-447-1869.



Yellow Ribbon Ceremony

On Sunday, October 18th, a Yellow Ribbon Ceremony was held at the Council home for all relatives of Brother Knights and all Service Men and Women in the United States Armed Forces. This Ceremony was done at this time as one of our Knights of Columbus Family, PFC Sarah Kramer, U.S. Army, as she starts her one year deployment to Afghanistan.

Sarah is the Daughter of Mike and Jackie Kramer, and Granddaughter of Tom and Dolly Kramer.

This was a short ceremony to tie a Yellow Ribbon in their honor to remind everyone to keep them in their thoughts and prayers during their deployments.

Father Armand from Holy Spirit Church offered up a blessing for their safe return.

If anyone knows of any other relative of a Brother Knight that is deployed, please let Steve Nagy know so they can also be included in future ceremonies.

Past Grand Knights Dinner

On Friday, November 13, 2009 we will be honoring Past Grand Knight Mike Peter (2008-2009) at the council hall from 7 PM to 11 PM. Cost for this event is 30.00 per-person. (Cash Bar). Please make your reservations by November 3rd by contacting Committee Chairmen Eugenio Gonzalez at 973-444-6899 or Co-Chairmen Joe Burlew Sr. at 908-507-4875.

Columbian Club #4504 Presents:

THE COUPLES GAME SHOW
 (Based on The Newlywed Game)
SEE HOW WELL THESE COUPLES KNOW EACH OTHER!

Saturday, December 12, 2009
 Knights of Columbus Banquet Hall
 7:30 PM - 11:30 PM

Featuring
 Music & Dancing by Eddie G-Whiz
 Open Bar - Bring your own platters
 \$20/person

For table reservations &
 information by December 6th!:

Mike Scanlon	Bob Calderone	Mike Panella
908-578-8768	908-337-2504	201-978-8551

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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
- Grand Knight*Rob Salvatore
- Deputy Grand Knight*..... Joe Burlew
- Chancellor*..... Gino Gonzalez
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- 2nd Yr. Trustee* Tom Conte
- 1st Yr. Trustee*Buddy Cotter, PGK
- 4th Degree Faithful Navigator*Allen Pascullo
- Columbian Club President* Bob Calderone
- Swim Club President*Steve Ruhl
- Columbiette President*.....Christine 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



Brothers,

As I write my article for the November Digest, I am reminded that Thanksgiving and the Holiday season are quickly approaching. It also reminds me of how thankful I am, and we all should be, for what God has given us, and we have earned in this life.

For our Children, Family , Spouses and Friends, we all must do our part to make our lives, and those around us, as easy as possible. The road isn't always easy, believe me I know. We all have our trials and tribulations, some professional.... some personal, but we march on knowing that in the end, things have a way of working out, and hopefully Heaven is at the end of the road.

It is times like these that I am talking about where we truly appreciate family and friends that pick us up when we are down, No matter what. .We here at the council don't always have to love each other, but we all know that at the end of the day, Hopefully, we can put our differences aside for the good of our Council, and for ourselves. Our time here is short my friends, we must not fill it with petty things..

Last month I mentioned of 'incidents ' at the council.. These incidents were very minor, and it must in no way, shape, or form cloud peoples judgments of our council....With that being said, I asked already, but I am asking again for any brother that is thinking of coming back to the Council, or any new member that wants to get involved, please do..

We have a lot going on here, whether it be the Columbian Club, Columbi-ettes, Swim Club or Council, There will be a lot coming up, especially for the Holiday season.. On the front page of the digest there is a small list, but a few are: Breakfast with Santa, Runnells Hospital, Council tree lighting ceremony and Nativity set up, Football Sundays, New years day Bowl Brunch, and at least 3 or 4 more big events that are in the planning stages for next year . Not to mention our Pasta Knights that will be every 3rd Thursday of the month starting in January, and the Knights are being invaded by the National Wrestling Superstars in February..

For more information on these or any other event, Please go to our website www.Kofc4504.org

Remember.. Sometimes in this life, even though the road may be bumpy, We must follow our heart in order to be truly happy..



Thank you and God Bless,

Robert Salvatore
Grand Knight

Columbian Club News

Brothers, First I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve as Columbian Club President a second time. I will try my best to help keep our council running smooth and always promote unity. The Columbian club had a very good summer financially and we all had a lot of fun times in the grove, bar and pool. I would like to thank all of the people who worked tirelessly to make our weekends on the patio a fun place to be.

The next event planned for December 12, 2009 is a "couples game show". This event will emulate the "Newly Weds" game show as seen on TV. Eddy G Wiz will be the DJ, starting at 7:30 PM and will end at 11:30 PM. The price of \$20.00 per person includes open bar and great entertainment. Please feel free to bring platters and snacks for your table. With Mike Scanlon as the chairman, you can expect lots of surprises, embarrassment, and fun for all contestants and spectators. The co-chairs are Mike Panella and myself. Tickets can be purchased from all of us.

The night before Thanksgiving the Columbian Club will be serving snacks and finger food in the bar area and all are welcome to join us for some holiday socializing. Also the bar will open Thanksgiving Day at 6:30 PM, so when dinner is over come and watch the Giants play some great football. Jets fans are also invited.

In closing I would like to quote the late Red Skelton and say "May God Bless".

Bob Calderone
Columbian Club President

"The Meaning of Thanksgiving"

We celebrate Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday of November; traditionally with food, family, football and the Thanksgiving Day Parade with Santa at the end, taking us into the start of the Christmas Season.

The importance of Thanksgiving is to remember the things we have to be grateful for. It's a special time to give thanks, not just for the obvious things we have in life, but for the hundreds of joyful moments and the amount of blessings we receive each year.

Sometimes we need to take a break from our fast-paced life to reflect on all we have. Sometimes we need to take a good hard look around us and realize that while we may not have everything we want, what we want is not always, what we need. Maybe we need to look closer at our own personal lives, and put everything in perspective; it is about the people around us who truly make a difference in our lives.

We need to be thankful for the heroes who have made the ultimate sacrifice so that we are free to celebrate Thanksgiving. We need to be thankful for our family and friends, who are there for us when we need them the most. We need to be thankful for the good times we share, that make the memories we cherish.

This Thanksgiving Day as you celebrate with family and friends, that God for all that you have.

Happy Thanksgiving.....Christine Burlew
Columbiette President



Knight of the Month Steve Nagy

Steve was raised in New Brunswick has been a member of the Knight of Columbus since he was 21. He lives here in Union with his wife Carol of 21 years and they have two children Rachel and Stephen and a dog named Cosmo. Steve and his family are parishioners of Saint Michael's Church.

Steve has been involved in many council activities and chaired "Second Chance Toy Drive" which was a great Success. He is currently chairing a program honoring our World War II Veterans.

Steve is currently servicing as faithful recorder for the council. He is always happy to pitch-in and help out around the council and assist Sr. Ann with her programs.

In Steve's spare time he enjoys working on his 1952 Chrysler Saratoga. His family calls him the "Tool Man" as he can be found around the house or at friend's houses on the weekends fixing or building items to help make life a little easier for those around him.

When he kicks back he has been known to enjoy his single malt scotch. He enjoys listening to Frank Sinatra as well as Country and Western style music. Steve is always willing to share what he has and to lend a hand to any one that needs some assistance.

We are pleased to honor Steve Nagy as the Knight of the Month for November.

Honoring World War II Veterans

Next summer will be the 65th Anniversary of the end of World War II, and Union Knights of Columbus Council #4504 would like to take this opportunity to Thank and Honor all Brother Knights from Council #4504 that served in the Military Service our Country during World War II.

We are planning to have a United States flag flown over the Pearl Harbor Memorial in Hawaii "In Honor and Memory of all the World War II Veterans that are or have been members of the Union Knights of Council #4504".

We are then planning on having this same flag raised over the pool during a ceremony at the Pool Opening Mass on Memorial day weekend next year, and to have this flag proudly fly over the pool and then the Council Home as a remembrance of the these Veterans Service to our Country. We would like all Veterans and their Families to attend this ceremony.

We are 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:

Knights of Columbus
Attn: Steve Nagy
1034 Jeanette Ave.
Union, NJ 0708

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.