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Free Throw Contest

The Knights of Columbus, Union Council #4504 in cooperation with the Boys and Girls Club of Union will be hosting a Free Throw Contest on Saturday, January 21, 2012 and will conclude on January 28th, 2012.

At this time we're asking anyone willing to participate to contact Nick Belmonte at 908-447-1869 for rules and confirmation.

The participants will consist of boys and girls ages 10-14 and each will receive a Certification of Participation. Plaques will be awarded to the winners of each age group.

Brothers, Families & Friends



This will be our 6th year helping the **Deron School** students enjoy a Merry Christmas with the help of the Knights of Columbus. Donations are needed to purchase and present gifts to the children. We started this endeavor in 2006 with "letters to Santa" from a small

class of 9 students and it has grown to providing gifts for students in 14 classrooms. The Deron School provides a quality education to learning disabled children ages 5-13.

Each year we have had volunteers visit the school a few days before Christmas with gifts from "Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus." Anyone who has been involved will tell you that seeing the joy on these kid's faces helps you to really appreciate the "gift of giving."

Please make any monetary donation that you can afford. No amount is too small. Please contact Buddy Cotter, PGK at 908-447-3378.



New Year's Eve Party



December 31, 2011



DJ

Open Bar 8 PM to 1 AM *

Assorted Desserts & Coffee 11 PM to 1AM

Hats and Noise Makers

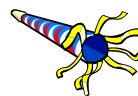
Bring Your Own Platters

Admission:

* \$25 per person includes: Desserts and Open Bar

\$15 per person includes: Desserts and Cash Bar

21 years and over



Knights of Columbus

1034 Jeanette Ave

Union, NJ 07083



For ticket info:

Contact: Joe Pesany at 732-233-6601

Email: jpesany2@yahoo.com

Charitable Raffle

The next drawing for the Council's Charitable Fund Raffle will be at 9 PM on December 12th at the Council Christmas dinner meeting. If you need raffle tickets, please call John Murphy at (908) 868-7040.

Good Luck!

1st Prize: 40% of Gross Sales

2nd-5th Prize: 2½% of Gross Sales



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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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Swim Club President.....Allen Pascullo
Columbiette President.....Gina Zangari

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



Brother Knights and Friends of Union Council 4504

While November was a somewhat quiet month, at least in terms of direct activity here at our Council, I can't say that it was not without its challenges and memorable experiences. First, we concluded a very successful food drive, and are now just awaiting word from our venerable sponsor as to when we can drop off the food that was collected by our small but intrepid band of volunteers. The amount of food collected is particularly impressive when we consider that we were only able to collect outside of two stores this fall, when in year's past we had volunteers at as many as five. Congratulations to Steve Stochlinski and Greg Henn, our co-chairmen on a job well done!

In addition to the Food Drive, our Council also hosted a second and a third degree in November. While we do this every year, what was unique about this year was that we had the State Warden present at both of them, as he is intent on fulfilling his role in certifying the various degree teams throughout the state. For those of us who volunteered to take a role in the second Degree, the experience was somewhat nerve racking (well maybe not for our two veterans Mike Carr and our Worthy District Deputy Mike Gasser), but well worth our efforts. Being one of the team, I must share with you that the messages from each of the Degrees really are quite powerful, and I would urge all of you to attend future degrees, and to really listen to the various speakers- they all reinforce the basics of what it means to be a Knight of Columbus.

As for the third Degree, it was a privilege for us to welcome the 100 candidates and guests in attendance. As the host Grand Knight, I was fortunate to receive the accolades of those in attendance, but the recognition goes to those officers and Brother Knights who assisted in the set up and in the actual degree itself. In addition, the Columbian Club Kitchen Manager put together a strong crew to serve our guests and make certain that they all felt welcome. Thanks to Rich Arnold and all who helped.

December is obviously the month of Christmas, and I would urge you all to remember the true meaning of the holiday. While its easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle that inevitably comes up, take a few minutes during this season to remember why we are celebrating. Keep Christ in Christmas by attending our Nativity Lighting at Town Hall on December 6th, and please consider making a small donation to our annual efforts to purchase gifts for the students at the Deron School.

Enjoy the holidays and Vivat Jesus!
Andy Schopfer - Grand Knight 2011-2012

Merry
Christmas



The Tricky Tray is going "Broadway" on February 25, 2012

Tickets are \$20.00 which includes a sheet of minor prize tickets and will be on sale later this month.



We are also seeking various types of donations, restaurant or store gift certificates, appliances, and electronics, anything that we can raffle. We are also in need of our

always popular "Themed Baskets"; if you can help us with a donation, please feel free to contact Chris Burlew any time at 908-403-1590.

Christmas Dinner Meeting

This year's Christmas dinner meeting will be held on December 12, 2011. The business portion of the meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. followed by a dinner, beer, wine and soda. Cost of the dinner is \$10.00. Charitable raffle drawing will also take place.

Runnells Hospital

The next chance to volunteer at Runnells Hospital is Sunday, December 25th from 9 AM to 11 AM. Your assistance is needed to bring patients to the chapel to attend Sunday mass. Contact Nick Belmonte at 908-447-1869.



Nativity Lighting

The Union Knights of Columbus welcomes all to join us on Tuesday December 6th at 7:30 PM as we light the Nativity scene at Town Hall on Morris Ave. in Union, NJ.

Knight's Family Dinners



The next dinner is scheduled for
Thursday, December 15, 2011

Family of 4 \$25.00

Adults \$8.00

Children and Seniors \$6.00

Cash Bar Available

50/50s



Anyone wishing to be on the mailing list for the monthly dinners, please send your email address and name to Judy Amorosa at Judi421@aol.com We hope to be able to send out an e-vite with each month's menu. Please sign up if you are interested. Thanks!!!

Vietnam Era Veterans

Next Memorial Day weekend we will honor all Brother Knights from our Council who served in our Military during the Vietnam War Era with a Flag Ceremony after the poolside Mass. For this we are putting together an Honor Roll of our members that served during that era.

If you served in the Military on active duty for a period of more than 180 days, any part of which occurred between August 5, 1964 and May 7, 1975, and were discharged or released with other than a dishonorable discharge you are considered a Vietnam Era Veteran and will be included on our Honor Roll. If you served during this time, or if you are a relative of a member of the Union Council that served during this time, please send your name or their name and Branch of Service to Steve Nagy at the Council Home at 1034 Jeanette Ave. Union, NJ 07083 or email him at toys4504@aol.com.

The Knights of Columbus, Columbian Club and Columbiettes would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.



Knights of Columbus Financial Corner

By Rich Fuentes

4th QUARTER FINANCIAL RESOLUTIONS

- CREATE A NEW PLAN TO PROTECT AND GROW YOUR INVESTMENTS.
- GET A SECOND OPINION AND UPDATE YOUR FINANCIAL PLAN.
- REVIEW YOUR OUTDATED WILLS/TRUSTS.
- WORK THE NUMBERS TO SEE WHEN YOU CAN RETIRE.
- FIGURE OUT STRATEGIES WHICH MAY REDUCE OUR INCOME/ESTATE TAXES.
- SHOULD WE CONSIDER A ROTH IRA/401K, GUARANTEE ANNUITY OR TRADITIONAL IRA?
- DO YOU HAVE A NEED FOR MORE LIFE INSURANCE (OR JUST WANT MORE)?
- ARE YOUR DISABILITY AND LONG TERM CARE NEEDS TAKEN CARE OF?

It's time to check the boxes and make sure your financial affairs are in good order. As one of the leading and top rated insurance companies I am in a position of security for you and your family. With 20 years of expertise I am here to serve you.



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COLUMBIAN CLUB # 4504 PRESENTS

A Bus Trip Into New York City

Saturday, December 17, 2011

Coach bus leaves the Columbian Club at 2 PM
and will return about 7:30 PM.

Come out and enjoy the Christmas atmosphere of
New York City with family and friends.



\$20.00 per person

For more information contact:



TONY QUINONES: 908-265-3757

JAMIE ZAPPULLA: 908-380-9155

New Brothers - Save the Date

Union Council will hold a New Members Social on Friday January 20, 2012 at 8:00 PM at the Council. All new Brothers having taken their First Degree since 2009 are invited to attend. More details in the January Knight Digest and on the Council web site.

Union VFW Post 2433 will hold a ceremony on Sunday December 4, 2011 at 2:00 PM their Post on High Street in Union, NJ to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor which lead to the United States entry into World War II. Please plan on attending and joining our Brother Knight Thomas Mahoney who survived the attack on December 7th, 1941, and will be part of this ceremony. This ceremony is open to the public.



Blood Drive



On Sunday, January 15th, the Council will be hosting a blood drive. As you are probably aware, blood supplies drop during the holidays, and this will be a good opportunity to help replenish those supplies. The drive will run from 10:00 am to 3:00. All donors receive a free meal

for helping out.

Anyone available to assist with this drive should contact Mike Gasser or Andy Schopfer.

Honorary Life Members

By Steve Nagy

One of my duties as Warden is to check the Membership cards of our Brothers before the start of our meetings. As the younger Brothers search through their wallets to find their current Membership cards, our Senior Brothers quickly and proudly present their plastic Honorary and Honorary Life Membership cards. They proudly show these cards like they were Platinum Amex cards with an unlimited credit line. What are these special plastic cards? And how did they get them? They are issued to Brother Knights after many years of continuous membership in the Knights of Columbus and upon the reaching of a certain age.

A Brother Knight gets his Honorary membership card at the age of 65 and with 25 years of continuous membership. His membership dues are then reduced to \$10 per year. The Honorary Life Membership is given at the age of 70 with 25 years of continuous membership. The Honorary Life member is no longer assessed any annual dues. As of November of this year our Union Council has 59 Honorary members and 315 Honorary Life members. The following are our latest members of both groups as of July, beginning of this Columbian year.

Honorary members - William Burns, Francis Bradley, Peter Brady, John Phillippi, and Stanley Kwiatek

Honorary Life members - Edwin Hackney, Bernard Stummer, Edmund Biedrzycki, John McClung, Richard Devivo, Patrick Catino, and John Smith.

Congratulations to our Brother Knights on achieving these milestones, and thank you to all of them for their service and commitment to the Knights of Columbus and our Council.

Special Election

There will be a special election at our first business meeting in December, (December 12) to fill the vacancy created by the recent resignation of Deputy Grand Knight Kyle Wiklanski.

As announced at the last meeting in November, the Council is recommending that Alex Costa be elected to fill out the remainder of this term. However, nominations off of the floor will be admitted under the normal election rules.

Any questions regarding the election should be directed to the Grand Knight, Andy Schopfer at 908 265-7895.

Swim Club News

The Columbian Swim Club Board hopes you and your families have a wonderful Christmas and that you will enjoy a healthy and happy 2012.

Please mark your calendars for our annual Swim Club meeting which is scheduled for Friday, January 20, 2012. The meeting will be held at Union Council, starting at 7:30 P.M. Director's positions are to be nominated and voted on; if you have an interest in one of these positions, and if you can be an active board member, contact Nominating Committee members Steve Ruhl, John Perina or Andy Schopfer.

By-law changes will be discussed and voted upon. Please join us, light refreshments will follow the meeting.



Breakfast with Santa



Sunday, December 18, 2011
10:00 AM

Knights of Columbus Union Council 4504
1034 Jeanette Avenue
Union, NJ



\$25.00 Family of 4 (2 adults & 2 children)



\$8.00 each additional Adult

\$6.00 each additional Child & Seniors

Bring a camera for pictures with Santa

Menu includes:

Eggs, Pancakes, Bacon, Sausage, Hash Browns, Bagels

Coffee & Juice

In addition,

OUR FAMOUS OMELET STATION

Reservations Required

This Event Sells Out Quickly!



Please Call:

Gina Zangari: 908-230-2295 or ginazangari@comcast.net
Chris Burlew 908-403-1590 or chrissi714@aol.com

****Parents: Please bring a wrapped gift for Santa to give to your child (\$15.00 Max.)****

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