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November 2007

Union Knights of Columbus # 4505 Presents:

"Bartender Awards Night"



November 17, 2007

7:00 PM – 11:00 PM

Council Banquet Hall

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VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE BARTENDER!!

*Pick up your official election ballot
at the council lounge*

All ballots must be submitted by November 11th!

Ad Books, Raffle Tickets available

In conjunction with our 50th anniversary celebration to be held on Saturday evening, **December 1st**, we are sponsoring a Super 50/50 raffle. Only 200 tickets for this drawing will be sold, with a guaranteed prize of \$2,000.00 to the winner. The prize will be drawn at the Open House on Sunday, **December 2nd**, with the proceeds going to the Cerebral Palsy League in Union. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket, they will be available at Council meetings, Sunday and Monday night football events, or through a member of the Committee. For further information, contact Grand Knight Andy Schopfer.

In addition, we will also be producing a souvenir ad book to commemorate the evening's festivities. Ad requests are available in the Lounge, and should be returned to Past Grand Knight Buddy Cotter by November 20, 2007.



Union Council will once again sponsor a bus trip to New York City during the Christmas season. This year, the bus will leave our Council Home at 6:30 pm sharp on Friday evening **December 28th**. The trip will include a two hour stopover in Manhattan for sightseeing. The cost is \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children under 12. Snacks and drinks will be included. Adults are allowed to supply their favorite beverages. For further information, contact Grand Knight Andy Schopfer or Diane Lupo (908) 577-6606.

Annual Communion Breakfast for Deceased Members

On Sunday, **November 18th**, the Council will be sponsoring a Communion Breakfast in remembrance of our deceased Brother Knights. The cost will be \$7.00 per adult and \$5.00 per child. The event will begin at 10:00. While we will not be gathering at Church for mass, we would hope that all Brothers will stop in for this breakfast after attending 9:00 mass at either of our two churches. In this our 50th year, it would be especially meaningful to take the time out to remember those Brothers of our Council who have gone on before us. Please plan to attend.

This breakfast is the second of our monthly breakfasts to be held on the third Sunday of each month, through the month of March. In December, we will once again be having breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus, also beginning at 10:00 am.

Food Drive November 3rd



The Council will be conducting its semi annual food drive at the three local supermarkets from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. We conduct this Drive every fall and spring in order to help stock the Food Pantry run by Sister Ann Domenic through St. Michael's Church.

If you are shopping at the Pathmark, Stop and Shop or Shop Rite during these hours, please help your fellow Knights by dropping off any non perishable foods. In addition, donations will be accepted at our Council Home during the week.

A separate drive will also be conducted at the elementary and middle schools of Union, with the cooperation of the Union Board of Education.

Bus Trip to New York

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RULES FOR SUBMISSION: Submissions for consideration are due in writing by the 20th 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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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

MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT



My Brother Knights,

As we enter the month of November, two things always come to mind: Election Day and Thanksgiving. This year, both of these days have special significance to us as members of the Knights of Columbus.

In New Jersey, this year's election will enable us to choose our State Assemblymen and Senators, as well as the opportunity to vote on a public question regarding funding for cell stem research to be conducted in the state. At a time when our state faces critical decisions regarding fiscal and ethical responsibility, it is important that we take advantage of our opportunity to vote in this election, and I would urge you all to do so.

Recognizing that voting is an intensely personal decision, please bear in mind when you do so, as Knights, our votes should reflect deep consideration of how a particular candidate's moral views match what we believe, and that their goals are the ones that we desire as practical Catholics.

The public question regarding cell stem research should be of particular interest to us as Catholics. To understand why, it is important to know that this research makes use of both embryonic and adult stem cells. Embryonic cells, whose only purpose is to begin the formation of the human body, are taken from an in-vitro embryo, resulting in its death. To date, these cells have not been found to cure any existing diseases or illnesses. In contrast, 73 cures for human diseases have been found using adult stem cells, which are extracted from amniotic fluid, cord and placenta blood, and in other locations of the body throughout an adult's life. Unfortunately, the public question for New Jersey voters is seeking the authorization of \$450 million tax dollars to fund stem cell research- research that includes the use of embryonic stem cells. While the Church is not opposed to life saving research, it is clearly opposed to the idea of destroying a life at its very start. If we value human life in all its stages, we should not vote for this question.

Remember as well the full significance of Thanksgiving as you celebrate that event later this month. At a time when the Pilgrims had suffered through some extreme hardships in creating their settlement, they still found the time to thank God for all he had given them. Please take that very powerful thought into your own celebration this year- despite the hardships that all of us endure God is still there to provide for us.

Happy Thanksgiving, and I look forward to seeing many of you on December 1st as we celebrate our very special Council's 50th anniversary.



God bless you all,

Andy Schopfer, Grand Knight



Reminder

The quarterly raffle to fund our Charitable events will be held at our Christmas Dinner meeting on Monday, **December 10th**. If you would like additional tickets, please see the raffle chairman, John Murphy.

New Year's Eve

Once again this year, the Council and Columbian Club will be sponsoring an adult New Year's Eve party. The event will be similar to last year's event, with a DJ, Open Bar, and casual dining available beginning at 8:00 pm. Further details will be available in the upcoming Digest, but please make plans to celebrate the New Year with your Brother Knights and your Council family!

Upcoming Columbian Club Events

On Saturday evening, **January 19, 2007**, the Columbian Club will be sponsoring a Half Way to Summer event in the Council Hall. The band Dr. Cheeko will be performing, and sub sandwiches will be served. The event will begin at 7:00 pm and run until midnight. More details will be available in the December Digest, but if you are interested, you may contact Columbian Club President Clarence Cunningham, the first Vice President Mike Loguidice, or second Vice President Kevin Connors.

The Columbian Club will also be sponsoring our annual Tricky Tray to be held on **February 23, 2008**. The theme of this popular fund raiser will be Stars and Stripes Forever. The cost of admission will be \$20.00 and will provide each customer with a sheet of tickets as well as coffee and cake. Additional tickets will be available throughout the evening.

Tickets for the event will go on sale November 19, 2007. For additional information, contact Mike Andriola at (908) 244-5494 or Diane Lupo at (908) 577-6606.

Camp Fatima Christmas Party

Sister Ann Domenic is inviting all special children, parents and adults to her annual Christmas party for Camp Fatima to be held in our Council Hall on Sunday **December 9th**. Lunch will be served from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm. Santa will arrive at 2:30 pm with gifts for all of the special people, and he will also be available for pictures.

If you are interested in attending, contact Sr. Ann at St. Michael's, 1211 Orange Avenue, Union, NJ 07083.

Save these dates

Children's Breakfast with Santa

December 16, 2007 10:00am-12:30pm
More details in Decembers Digest.

Also

3rd Annual Golf Outing

April 14, 2008 Details too follow.
CEDAR HILL COUNTRY CLUB



Knight of the Month

Jose Santiago



One of our Council's quietest members is also one of our most generous volunteers. For several years now, Jose Santiago has been contributing his knowledge of plumbing, electricity and heating to assist the Council whenever a problem arises that fits into these areas of expertise. For instance, when the Columbian Club wanted to move an ice machine from the kitchen to the outside bar area, Jose was there to assist in the disconnecting, moving and reconnecting it in its new location. Similarly, whenever we have had any problems with the plumbing inside or outside, he has always been front and center to donate his time, tools, and energy to solve the problem. For all of his contributions, we are pleased to honor Jose as the Knight of the Month for November.

Jose is currently employed by the Union Board of Education, where he serves the school district by working on those same services that he donates to the Council: plumbing, electricity, and heating. He is a resident of Roselle Park, and is a parishioner at St. Catherine's Church.

Jose is the proud parent of three children Jose, Luz and Erik. He is especially proud of Erik who is currently serving in the United States military. In addition, he has been blessed with 5 happy grandchildren. Jose is always known to volunteer his services to those in need, or he can be found at the Council, relaxing with his Brother Knights.

Please join us in congratulating Jose for his selection as Knight of the Month for November!



Donations Sought

As the Christmas season approaches, the Council will once again be arranging to display our Nativity scene at Town Hall. As many of you may have noticed, our statues for this scene have been getting chipped and damaged over the years, and are now getting to the point where they can no longer be repaired.

Unfortunately, due to the size of the statues required for this use, the cost of a replacement set is several thousand dollars, and we are now seeking donations to help us defray this expense. If you would be interested in donating to this cause, please contact either Steve Ruhl, or the Grand Knight Andy Schopfer

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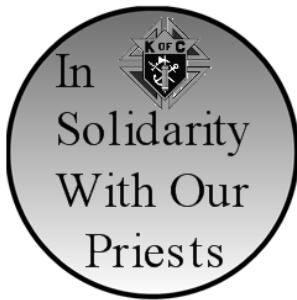
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