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CALLING ALL WOMEN!

Union Knights of Columbus Council 4504 has started a Columbiettes chapter. Our first official meeting, which will be an induction for all interested Catholic women, will be on Sunday, February 8, 2009 at 2:00 pm in the Knights of Columbus hall. This will be a big ceremony that will last about 3 hours as all attendees will receive our First and Major Degree at this meeting.(Columbiettes only have to attain 2 degrees). A buffet dinner will follow the ceremony.

Who are the Columbiettes?

The Columbiettes represent a unified body of Catholic women ages 17 or older that when initiated become members of a team who act as our "extended family". Columbiettes provide emotional support to each other when needed. A Columbiette does not have to be married to a Knight of Columbus and in fact could be single, but our group stands ready to help our Knights of Columbus Council promote Holy Family and the community.

Benefits

The benefits of membership are many, including spiritual, moral, charitable, educational and social. We pray for each other and play together building lasting friendships and crucial support systems in our lives. Many hands make a lighter load when doing projects for our organization.

A Columbiette is eligible to join the Knights of Columbus pool without having to be married to a Knight.

If you are interested in joining the Columbiettes, or have any questions please call Chris Burlew at (908) 403-1590 (Chrissi714@aol.com) or Judy Amorosa at (908) 296-8010 (Judi421@aol.com).



The officers and staff of the Knights of Columbus and the Columbian Club would like to wish everyone a healthy and prosperous new year.

FIRST DEGREE

The next First Degree induction ceremony will be on Monday, January 26, 2009 at 7:30 PM .

Any Brothers who knows of someone who may be interested in joining the Knights, can have them fill out a Form-100 located in our lounge or they can contact Nick Belmonte at 908-447-1869.

Thanks again for all your support.

Western Night

Date: February 21, 2009
Time: 7pm to 11pm
Location: Knights of Columbus Banquet Hall

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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



Brothers, and friends of the Knights,

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas, and I want to extend to you my best wishes for a joyous New Year!

As fraternal brothers and Catholic gentlemen, we should unite in being eternally grateful to our founding members and their successors for the wonderful organization and marvelous facilities they have passed on to us. As we embark on a new year we must remember that while there may be changes from time to time in our organization and operations, we trust that the basic underlying principles upon which we were founded will continue to endure.

As you are aware, our Nativity Scenes in front of the Town Hall and at the Council were blessed by Fr. Armand Mantia, Pastor of Holy Spirit Church, to whom we are most grateful. This was done on Tuesday, December 2nd, in observation of the day instituted by our Supreme Council to "Light Up Christ". I want to thank all who contributed to acquiring these figurines as well as those who attended the lighting and prayer ceremony. In keeping with the wishes of the Supreme Council, we expect to make this an annual event on the first Tuesday of each December. We should also remember that January 6th is the Feast of The Epiphany, which is often thought to represent the "shining forth" or revelation of God in human form in the person of Jesus Christ.

My sincere gratitude to Charlie Cunningham and all the others who stepped up to the plate on short notice to make our recent food drive a great success. Through the generosity of local stores, schools and others, we collected almost 2500 pounds of food as well as some cash donations. By the time you read this, we will have delivered these to Sr. Ann's food kitchen at St. Michael's (weather permitting). Also on December 21st we will have had our "Breakfast With Santa" chaired by Tony Q to whom we owe a debt of thanks. A further report on this will follow.

We have a very active season coming up, so mark your calendars and keep these dates in mind:

January 16th Annual Swim Club Meeting
 January 26th First Degree at 7:30pm
 February 13th Pasta Night - CYO in solidarity with our Priests
 February 14th Sister Ann's St. Valentine's Dinner
 February 21st Western Night
 February 25th Ash Wednesday
 February 28th Tricky Tray
 March 13th Friday Fish Fry
 March 14th St. Patrick's Day Parade
 April 3rd Friday Fish Fry
 April 10th Good Friday
 April 12th Easter Sunday

(Further information on these events will be forthcoming)

Again, let me extend my best wishes for a holy, healthy, joyous, and prosperous New Year!

TRICKY TRAY

Our annual Tricky tray is scheduled for Saturday, February 28, 2009. Letters were sent out to our members and to local merchants asking for donations.

We hope each member can contribute something towards our Tricky Tray. Donations can be made in many different ways. For example, gift certificates for stores, restaurants or places of fun and interest. We can also utilize miscellaneous items for raffling. Last year, many families donated a "themed basket" which was a big success. Of course, monetary donations are always helpful. However, any and all donations would be accepted and very much appreciated.

Should you need any further information or have any questions regarding donations, please contact Diane Lupo at 908-577-6606 or Chris Burlew at 908-403-1590.

Please note that we are also collecting unscratched NJ Lottery tickets at Council meetings to make a "lottery" basket from all council members.

Columbian Swim Club

The annual Meeting for the swim club will be held on Friday January 16th 2009.

There will be voting on a number of by-law changes along with elections for Board of Governor's positions. If anyone is interested in a position on the swim club board please contact Jim Feehan or Steve Ruhl.

Convention Update

Brothers,, Although it is 4 months away, it is never too early to think about the Warm Weather and the State convention at the Adventurer in lovely Wildwood, NJ

The prices this year are \$430.00 for 3 Nights, and \$318.00 for 2 nights. A deposit of \$190.00 would be needed by the end of March to hold a room. A handful of rooms are already booked, so if you think you may be going please let me know so I can pencil you in. Any questions or info, Please call me on my Cell 732-522-0240.



Deadline for submitting articles for the February digest is January 16th.



Knight of the Month

Michael J. Scanlon, Sr.



Michael J. Scanlon, Sr. was born in January 25, 1958. He grew up in Vailsburg in Newark. As a young lad in Vailsburg, he was given the nickname "Otto". He got the name because he would always follow his older brother Pat around.

Although, as he grew up, he became a leader, especially in the Irish community. He was president of the Irish American Society of Union for ten year. He has been an integral part of the Union County Saint Patrick's Day Parade of Union since its inception following his Father, Patrick J. Scanlon, Jr., Essex County Sheriffs Officer and his Mother, Mary Scanlon who was the Deputy Grand Marshal in 1980 of the Newark Saint Patrick's Day Parade.

At the age of seventeen, Michael started his career working for the Essex County Board of Elections Superintendent. He started at the bottom working as a voting machine mechanic. Through the years, Michael worked through the ranks and is currently the Chief Engineer of Voting.

Michael is currently the Kitchen Manage of the Knights of Columbus. He can always be seen helping with the daily activities at the Knights or relaxing at the bar watching sports with his brother Knights. Michael is the type of person who would go out of his way to help his family or Brother Knights in anyway he can.

Michael is married to his beautiful bride, Elizabeth of 30 years together. They have raised two great children, Michael J. Jr., who is also a fellow Knight and currently works as a Township of Union Firemen and Kelly, who is his Apple of his eye who is a graduate of Berkeley College and is currently an Office Manager of the Department of Public Works in the Township of Union.

In Honor of her father, This article was written by his lovely daughter Kelly.

Michael, we are grateful for all of your help and wish you the best in the future.

Congratulations to Michael J. Scanlon – Union Knights of Columbus #4504 – Knight of the Month!

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