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Calendar of Events

May 23rd Poolside Mass and Pool Opening
 May 23rd Outside Grove Open for Summer
 May 25th Charitable Raffle
 TBD Caribbean Night
 June 19th Dinner and "The Show"
 June 28th Half Way to Christmas
 July 18th Baseball Game Trip
 August 8th Lobster Fest 2020
 August 15th Splash Party
 September 12th Family Picnic

Due to the Corona Virus Pandemic, the following activities have been canceled.

Annual Fish Fry
 Intellectual Disabilities Drive
 Exemplification of the 4th Degree
 Pocketbook Bingo/Tricky Tray
 State Convention in Wildwood
 Knights Family Dinners
 Bar Closed

Maintaining our Church Connections

With the recent announcements by Cardinal Tobin regarding the celebration of Mass, staying in touch with our Priests and parishes is of more importance than ever for members of our Council. One example of the value of doing so was made clear at the end of March when Holy Spirit sent out an email to the scheduled readers for the weekly Stations of the Cross advising that the Stations would have to be cancelled. Brother Knight Len Komar, DGK, Past Faithful Navigator, discussed his disappointment to his daughter Kelly, and a creative idea was born. Working with a small group within Holy Spirit, Len and Kelly were able to record a reading of the Stations and post it on the Church's website for all of the parishioners to view and appreciate.

In addition to recording the Stations, Father Armand from Holy Spirit also recorded a mass for the parish family to view on Sunday and expects to do so for the duration of the closure of our churches. In addition, we are reminded that there are other ways of remembering the Sabbath on Sundays, including family prayer, recitation of the rosary or reading of Scriptures to keep our faith strong in this time of extreme change to our routines. Those needing more information should feel free to reach out to their priests, who are still available and ready to assist with all of our spiritual needs.

Work Parties Underway

Saturday, March 21st marked the first work party of the spring, with a group of volunteers on hand to begin the clean up process needed to open the Pool and the back grove for the summer months. They will continue every Saturday mornings beginning at 8:00 a.m. through Memorial Day, and in April will also be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

There is plenty of work to be done and plenty of space to work in, and we are following appropriate distancing guidelines as we complete our tasks! All are welcome!

Baseball Game Update

To those that have given a deposit for the Met Game on July 18th we will have send that in by May 18th.

We will be collecting the balance between April 19th and April 26th so we can send the balance by May 1st. Thank you in advance, Mike Peter.

Baseball game final payment due by the end of April.

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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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4th Degree Faithful
NavigatorSteve Nagy III, PGK
Columbian Club President Alex Rivera
Swim Club President Andy Schopfer, PGK
Columbiette President Fran Corcione

Monthly Meetings

1st. Mon. ----- Council Officers
2nd & 4th Mon. ----- Council Mtgs.
2nd Thu. ----- Columbiettes
4th Wed. ----- 4th Degree Assembly
4rd Thur. ----- Columbian Club

MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Brothers All,

I would like to start with an anecdote from our own Chaplain, Monsignor Anselm that has been passed down through my father to me. One evening, while Monsignor was walking to his car, someone stopped him and proceeded to hold him up. After presenting his wallet to the mugger, Monsignor Anselm asked the mugger if he could take out a cigarette from his pocket and even offered a cigarette to the mugger. The mugger thanked Monsignor Anselm for the offer. But he refused the cigarette due to the fact that he had given up cigarette smoking for lent.

I believe that this mugger has a problem prioritizing good Christian behavior. Due to our current circumstances surrounding the Corona-virus and the panic it has been causing I almost daily see the public exhibiting shall I say “less than Christian” behavior. I understand that this is not only a tough time for our order, but in fact our entire country. However I implore everyone reading this as a Knight and as a good Catholic that we remember our values and respect our fellow men and women in this dire time. The only way for us to successfully work through this pandemic is to practice “unity”. Unity in this case meaning working together as a country (even if that means staying home and 6 feet away from each other) to do everything in our power to stop the spread of this virus. With that being said if going out is a necessity we MUST as Catholic gentleman act and express ourselves as such, regardless of seeing other people fight over a roll of toilet paper or the last parking spot at Costco. I wish everyone and their family’s good health and the best of luck during this. We are Knights and we will get through this!!!

Vivat Jesus!
David Wozniak
Grand Knight; Union 4504



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Council Elections

The Council Nominating Committee has concluded its interviews, and the slate of officers has been chosen.

The following is the slate for the 2020-2021 Columbian Year:

Grand Knight – Leonard Komar, PFN
Deputy GK – Phillip Cababe
Chancellor – Gerry Aponte
Warden – Anthony Ibida
Treasurer – Chuck Cababe
Recorder – Robert Pynckels
Inside Guard - Vacant
Outside Guard - Vacant
Advocate - Stephen Hehl
1 Year Trustee - David Wozniak, PGK

Elections are scheduled for **May 11, 2020** pending approval from Supreme Council and the Township of Union to reopen meetings due to the viral pandemic.

Wildwood Convention Cancelled

Due to the ongoing concern of COVID-19 (coronavirus), Supreme and State Council has cancelled our annual Wildwood convention that was dated from May 14th through May 17th 2020.

Visit our website for further details.

<http://www.kofc4504.org>

Stay Safe



**Lobster Fest 2020 returns to
The Union Columbian Club on
Saturday August 8, 2020
Details to be announced**



Knight of the Month



April 2020

Bruce Zukowski



The Knight of the Month for April 2020 is Bruce Zukowski.

Bruce began his schooling at Saint Joseph's Elementary School in Maplewood, after his family moved, he went through the Union school system and graduated in 1969. At the early age of 16, Bruce's mechanical interest grew, and he began building engines. The interest remains today as he still loves working on cars and motorcycles (of which he has many!).

After graduating high school, he began working as a tow truck driver at Lou's 22 West and joined the Army Reserves. As a civilian employee of the United States Army, he worked at Military Ocean Terminal Base (MOTBY) in Bayonne as a heavy equipment operator, where he trained other employees at the base and issued out licenses. He remained employed until the base closed in 1997.

Bruce met his wife, Robin in high school. They did not get together until three years later, when Robin and some friends pulled into a service station to refuel their car. It happened to be the same station where Bruce was employed, and it was his shift to pump gas. They reconnected and in 1974 they married, a year later were blessed with a son, Scott. In 1975 they moved into their current home in Union. They are parishioners of Saint Michael's Church and Bruce continues to hold a close relationship to God and his family.

Bruce made his First Degree in October 15, 2004 and advanced to the Third Degree in November 24, 2004. Bruce loves to sing at social functions and runs a DJ business. Bruce has fun but takes DJing seriously and makes sure his "audience" is satisfied. He can be seen at our council, playing music at summer events and at the last Past Grand Knights Dinner.

Bruce takes pride in our council. He can be seen at work parties and sometimes just stops by to clear trash from in front of the Council.

Bruce is currently a bartender at the Columbian Club and is always good for an interesting story or joke.

Bruce, thank you for all that you continue to do for our Council.

Congratulations.

Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary during the corona virus pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Intellectual Disabilities Drive

More than likely the Intellectual Disabilities Drive will not be able to do this year on the street. Any of our members that had any thoughts of volunteering for this program.

Instead of volunteering your time for this great program possibly send donations to the Council to the Attention of Intellectual Disabilities Chairman. So far we were doing fairly well this year.

To date we have had successful collections at our Churches. Under these tough times we might still get to our goal.

Swim Club Applications Are Available

The Columbian Swim Club is eagerly preparing for the 2020 summer season and is seeking new members to take advantage of the pool and grounds behind our building. Membership is open to Knights of Columbus members, to Columbiettes, and to practicing Catholics who can provide proof of parish membership. Various memberships are available to families as well as singles, and widows or widowers.

For more information, visit our Facebook page (Columbian Swim Club of Union), or reach out to any of the Club Officers. Applications are available at the Columbian Club, KofC website ([kofc4504/swimclub](https://www.facebook.com/kofc4504/swimclub)) and will be available at upcoming events scheduled for the Council Hall.

Andy Schopfer, PGK
Columbian Swim Club President

Swim Club Names New Board

At its annual meeting at the end of January, the Columbian Swim club filled out the open positions on its Board, and has begun the process of preparing for the 2020 swim season.

The board members are as follows:

President..... Andy Schopfer
Vice-President..... Michael Harms
Treasurer..... Michelle Schulz
Assistant Treasurer..... Marisol Harms
Controller..... Frank Santangelo
Recorder..... Allen Pascullo

Ann Hart, Phil Cababe, Jason Hamilton and Jim Deluca will also be voting members on the board for the upcoming year. Michele and Marisol have agreed to handle the duties of membership.

The meeting also reviewed the financial situation facing the pool in the upcoming year. It was noted that we did raise prices for the different levels of membership by a small amount that still represents a good bargain for members.

Although we do rely largely on membership dues to sustain the pool, both the President and Vice-President noted that several outside fund raisers are planned. Notably, the first charitable raffle of 2020 will be dedicated to the Swim Club.

In addition, Mike Harms advised the members of the upcoming event on June 19, 2020, featuring "the Show" will be run from 7:00 to 11:00 pm, with all proceeds donated to the Swim Club.

Additional fund raisers are being discussed and more details will be forthcoming.

Application renewals will be emailed to all former members. Applications for new members can be downloaded from the Council website, or the Columbian Swim Club Facebook page.



The COLUMBIAN CLUB of Union

4 Tops

1034 Jeanette Avenue

R & B

Union, NJ 07083

June 19, 2020

*Live
Entertainment*

7PM-11PM

Motown

DINNER AND "THE SHOW"

*Tina
Turner*

*Oldies but
Goodies*

\$50 per Couple / \$25 per Individual

*SAM
COOK*

Italian Buffet Dinner

*Lionel
Richie*

+ 1 drink ticket

Dessert & Coffee

*Bravo
Mars*

Cash Bar

*Live
Entertainment*

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5 Palm Sunday	6	7	8	9 Holy Thursday	10 Good Friday	11 Holy Saturday
12 Easter Sunday	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		