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 July 19thFluke Fishing Trip
 July 21st..... Pig Roast
 August 11th..... Horseshoe Tournament
 August 25th..... Bocce Ball Tournament



Upcoming Summer Events



- **Bus Ride to Sand Casino, Bethlehem, PA** on June 16th. Contact Mike Scanlon at 908-578-8768 or Blgiants@aol.com
- **Annual Monmouth Park Race Track Trip** on July 17th. Contact Jamie Zappulla at 908-380-9155 or Joe Pesany at 732-233-6601.
- **Annual Fluke Fishing Trip** on July 19th. Contact Bob Calderone at 908-337-2504.
- **Annual Pig Roast on July 21st.** Contact Tony Quinones at 908-265-3757.
- **Annual Horseshoe Tournament** on August 11th. Contact Mike Scanlon at 908-578-8768 or Blgiants@aol.com
- **Annual Bocce Ball Tournament** on August 25th. Contact Mike Scanlon at 908-578-8768 or Blgiants@aol.com

Blood Drive



There will a blood drive held at the council on Saturday, May 26th from 10am to 3pm. This is a great way to kick off the summer season at the Knights.

Nominating Committee Election of 2012-2013 Officers

The elections for Knights of Columbus officers will take place at the May 14, 2012 Council meeting. The Columbian Club slate of officers will be read at this meeting.

For more information contact the Event Chairman or Entertainment Director, Mike Scanlon

Congratulations Captain Howard Anderson

Paterson Fire Captain Howard Anderson, a Brother Knight at our Council was given a Unit Citation for Bravery by the Paterson Knights of Columbus Council #240 on March 26, 2012. Howard was awarded this Citation for his actions taken to pull a man to safety from the flood conditions on the Passaic River during Hurricane Irene last fall.

Grand Knight Oliver Dittamo presented Howard the Citation at an Awards Brunch at the Brownstone in Paterson, NJ. Congratulations Howard for a job well done.



Howard with Oliver Dittamo, Grand Knight of Paterson Council 240 located in Woodland Park NJ

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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.....Michael W. Gasser, PGK
Grand Knight Andy Schopfer, PGK
Deputy Grand Knight..... Alex Costa
Chancellor Open
Warden.....Steve Nagy
Recorder Open
Treasurer Frank Santangelo
Fin. Secretary..... Thomas Hornig, PGK
Inside Guard.....Gregory Henn
Outside Guard.....Giftus John
Membership Director..... Rich Fuentes
Program Director Nick Belmonte
Advocate Stephen F. Hehl
3rd. Yr. Trustee Joe Burlew, PGK
2nd Yr. Trustee..... Rob Salvatore, PGK
1st Yr. TrusteeMike Peter, PGK
4th Degree Faithful Navigator.Allen Pascullo
Columbian Club President.....Mike Panella
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

May has always been my favorite calendar month for many reasons, not the least of which is the fact that it is my birth month. In addition, I love that we can now experience the blooming of the flowers, the warmth of the spring sun, and the increased hours of daylight that can be used for any number of household projects and barbeques.

Here at our Council, May is month of the State Convention, the election of the officers for all of our respective entities (with the exception of the Swim Club), as well as the last month before the opening of the pool and the picnic grove for the much anticipated summer season. Yes, a lot of effort and energy is expended in the month of May, and I would like to take this time to thank everyone in advance who has contributed in any way to these efforts, either by running for an office, volunteering at a work party or working in any way to help us.

May 5th will mark a special day at our Council home as we are honoring Sister Ann Domenic for her 70th Jubilee in service to our Lord, (as well as her upcoming 90th birthday). As we all should know, Sister Ann has been a pillar of the community, serving various township committees, and working closely with the disadvantaged in providing her food pantry, and of course for her long association with Camp Fatima. One night is not nearly enough time to celebrate all of her contributions to us, to St. Michael's and to the community. Congratulations Sister Ann!

With the opening of the pool on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, we have also scheduled a Blood Drive for that day. If you will be attending the opening day Mass, please consider making a donation as well.

In addition, the opening Mass will continue our recognition of those Knights and their families who have served their country, with this year's commemoration honoring the Vietnam War Vets. As a father of a soldier about to be deployed to Afghanistan, I am now prouder than ever of our servicemen and women, and want to thank all of them for their personal sacrifices.

Vivat Jesus!

Andy Schopfer
Grand Knight 2011-2012



Columbian Swim Club

Reminder, 2012 Pool Dues were due on March 15th, if you have not sent in your dues, please mail to Jim Ford, 1488 Burnet Avenue, Union, NJ 07083 and include the \$25.00 late fee.

Please remember to pick up your pool badges over Memorial Day Weekend and please join us for the mass at poolside on Saturday, May 26th. As always, you will have to present a paid up 2012 Knights of Columbus Dues card to receive your pool badges, thank you.

Columbian Swim Club

State Convention Wildwood, NJ

May 18th through the 20th
Prices for the rooms are:
A TWO Night stay is \$335.00
A THREE night stay is \$445.00

Brother—The NJ State Convention is coming up fast. If you have not yet handed in your \$200 deposit, please do so ASAP? Balance in full is due by May 1st.

Contact Alex at 302-898-1570

Runnells Hospital

The next chance to volunteer at Runnells Hospital is Sunday, **May 13th** 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.

Knights' Family Dinners

The next dinner is scheduled for

Thursday, May 17, 2012

6:30 - 8:30 PM

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!!!



Knights of the Month

May 2012

Tom Conte



Words like debonair, sophisticated, handsome and dapper are bandied about but not when it comes to our Knight of the Month for May. No, when describing our Brother Tom Conte you need none of these words.

Tom was born right here in Overlook Hospital. Tom has been a long time resident of Union and is a graduate of Union High School.

Tom and his beautiful wife Marianne have been married 28 years (as of April 29th). They have a son, Thomas, who is currently a junior at the University of Scranton.

He is currently the Sales Manager with Orange Packaging and has been in the "point of purchase display" industry for nearly 25 years.

Tom and his family are parishioners of Saint Teresa's Church and are readily involved at St. Michael's here in Union. Through his works with St Michael's Tom has become a champion of the one and only Sister Ann Dominic.

Brother Conte has also earned the right to be called Sir Knight after taking his 4th degree in 2011. He had the honor of taking his 4th degree not only with his father-in-law but also his son. A proud day for all I am certain.

Tom has served the council as a trustee, he has chaired many programs such as Food Drives, Special Citizen's Drive, Rose Sunday (back in the day) and many more. He has also been the voice for Camp Fatima, the Widows & Widowers Dinner and most recently the 70th Jubilee for Sister Ann.

Knights, help us say "Congratulations" to a leader, a friend a Sir Knight and our Brother, Tom Conte. Union Council's Knight of the month for May 2012.

Vietnam Era Veterans Names for Honor Roll

As we get ready this Memorial Day weekend to honor our Council members that served in the Military during the Vietnam Era we are putting an Honor Roll of those who served during that period.

To date we have the following Veterans to put on the Honor Roll:

Joe Beninato - U.S. Navy
Robert Calderone - U.S. Navy
James Collura - U.S. Army
Michael Cielak - U.S. Army *
Ray Dimperio - U.S.M.C.
George Domaniecki - U.S. Air Force
William Edgar - US Army
Jim Feehan - U.S. Navy
Thomas Feehan - U.S. Navy *
Raymond Gore - U.S.M.C.
Patrick Hand - U.S.M.C.
Ed Hanselman - U.S. Army
Tom Kramer - U.S. Navy
John McEvoy - U.S. Army
Thomas McGarvey PGK - U.S. Navy
Russel Norris - U.S. Army
Robert Passafiume - U.S. Air Force
William Reddick - U.S. Army *
Richard Scanio - U.S. Army
Vincent Sepe - U.S.M.C.
Thomas Walsh - U.S. Navy

* Deceased

If you served in the Military between August 1964 and May 1975 you are considered a Vietnam Era Veteran and will be included on our Honor Roll if you notify Steve Nagy at toys4504@aol.com or at the Council Home at 1034 Jeanette Ave. Union, NJ 07083 with your name and Branch of Service. And we look forward to seeing everyone on Saturday May 26, 2012 at 11:00 AM poolside for our Mass and Veterans Ceremony.



Welcome Union Council #4504 new 4th Degree Sir Knights: Pictured with Faithful Navigator Allen Pascullo on the left is, right-to-left, respectively: Sir Knight Ray Gora; Sir Knight Buddy Cotter; Sir Knight Jimmy Bayer.

Memorial Day Parade

Over the past few years the annual Union Township Memorial Day Parade has grown each year, and happily the Union Knights of Columbus have been there to grow with it.

The Parade is sponsored by the Veterans Alliance of Union Township, and it is their goal to grow the Union Parade each year, and they have invited us to help them do this. Our part is easy, just come out on Memorial Day and march in the Parade with your Brother Knights and their families.

We have been assigned to meet on **Monday May 28, 2012 at 10:00 AM** at the 7-11 on Stuyvesant Ave next to the Rita's Ice stand. Dress is causal, but it is recommended that if you have a Knights of Columbus shirt please show your pride and wear it.

The Fourth Degree JFK Assembly will be marching in Regalia - any 4th Degree Knight who is in the Color Corps is requested to march with us. Additionally, current 4th Degree Knights in good standing are welcome and encouraged to march with the Assembly in Tux and Social Baldrick.

As in past years we will try to arrange cars (hopefully antiques and classics) for our Brothers who would like to participate in the parade, but are unable to walk the full parade route. If you would like a ride please contact Steve Nagy at toys4504@aol.com or send a note to the Council attn: Steve Nagy and he will help with the arrangements.

And as an added Respect to those who gave their lives in Military Service to our Country, you may want to attend the Special Mass at 9:00 AM at St. Michael's Church in Honor of Memorial Day prior to the start of the Parade.

Columbian Club Presents - Casino Day

Saturday, June 16, 2012

Sands Casino, Bethlehem, PA

\$30.00 per person

Includes: Luxury Bus Transportation, Beer & Water on Bus, \$20 Free Slot Play, \$5 Meal Voucher, Pizza back at the Knights of Columbus lounge.

Bus Departs at 11:00 AM SHARP from the Union Knights of Columbus

LIMITED SEATING—RESERVATIONS BY JUNE 10TH

Contact Mike Scanlon at 908-578-8768 or Blgiants@aol.com



Columbian Club Announces Summer DJ Schedule

Every Sunday Beginning May 28th, 2012

3:00 PM to 7:00 PM



Cuzzin Brucie	Eddie G-Whiz	Jersey Jim	Papa Joe
May 28th	June 24th	July 1st	July 8th
July 15th	July 22nd	July 29th	August 5th
August 19th	August 26th	September 2nd	August 12th

Union Township Honors two of our own Brother Knights.

On March 27, 2012 two of our Brother Knights, George Clark and Warren Henderson were awarded the Mayor's Award for Service to the Community. Both George and Warren served over 30 years on the Community Development Advisory Board, and through their efforts they were able to raise over 26 million dollars for Union Township over their years on the Board.

The awards cite their involvement with the Boys & Girls Club of Union, Knights of Columbus, as well as their Military Service during World War II and both their years of employment with the Township of Union Fire Department. Congratulations George and Warren for all that you have done for not only Union Township, but for our Knights of Columbus too.



Raffle for RCD

Charitable Raffle chairman John Murphy has mailed out tickets for the next raffle that will be drawn on Monday, May 28th (Memorial Day). As we did last year, the proceeds from this raffle will be going toward our Special Citizens Drive. Please give generously, and if you are not on the mailing list, don't hesitate to see John before the drawing to purchase tickets.

Brother Knights,

I am about to embark on a fantastic journey and I need your help! I will complete the Centurian 50 mile race/ride in Lake George on June 24th to raise funds for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America (www.CCFA.org). Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis are chronic, painful and often debilitating digestive disorders. CCFA's mission is to find a cure for these diseases and improve the quality of life of the nearly 1.5 million American adults and children who suffer every day.

My daughter Jillian is one of them and that is why I'm doing this!!!! My wife and I have seen her go through so much since being diagnosed over 10 years ago. We've seen her lose weight and lose her hair. Also gain weight from steroids to spending 9 days in the hospital and almost being sepsis. And even now the amount of meds she takes on a daily basis is staggering. She also goes for infusions of Remicade every 6 weeks.

Together, we can make a difference! As a Team Challenge participant, I have a coach, a training program and teammates to support me. I have committed to a schedule with team and individual workouts and have promised to raise **\$3,100** to help find a cure! I AM MOTIVATED! I AM COMMITTED!! I WILL DO IT!!!

But I can't do it alone – I am asking for the help of my Brother Knights! Please consider donating to help me reach my personal goal of raising \$3,100 by June 15th. You can make a secure online donation by visiting my website at: <http://www.active.com/donate/nyccycle/TCCycleMGasser>

If you would like to send an offline donation in, you can do so by making a check out to **CCFA** and sending it to:

Michael Gasser
374 Lincoln Drive
Kenilworth, NJ 07033-1517

I will also be accepting Advil, advice, ice packs, love and a personal cheering section on race day!

Thank you for your generosity and support.

Thanks for your support,

Michael W Gasser, PGK, FDD

Help for Greg

Garwood P.B.A. Local 117 will hold a fund raiser for Marine Cpl. Greg Caron, a friend to Local 117 who was seriously injured by an IED while serving our Country in Afghanistan. Greg lost both of his legs, a finger and broke his collarbone. The Garwood P.B.A. Civic Association will host a benefit to help the Caron family during this misfortunate time. The benefit will be Thursday May 10, 2012 from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm at the Westwood Banquet Hall in Garwood, NJ. Tickets are \$45 each and include food and draft beer and house wine. There will be a Supper 50/50 & Door Prizes. Live music by the Union County Police & Fire Pipes & Drums, and Sharp Edge. For ticket info: Lt. James Wright & PO Philip Lewis (908) 789-1500, or email GarwoodCivicAssociation@gmail.com Please help support this worthwhile cause.

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