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## **PRO WRESTLING RETURNING TO THE KNIGHTS IN FEBRUARY!!**

Yes everyone, you read that right, wrestling is coming back to Union Council. We had a great turnout the last time we ran it in the hall so we are trying it again. The date will be February 15th, and we will need help at the door, bar, kitchen, etc. If you are interested in helping out, or want tickets, please let myself or Mike Scanlon know.

Thank You!

Rob Salvatore, PGK 908-499-0743

Mike Scanlon, 908-578-8768

## **Diocesan Men's Conference**

On Saturday, March 2, 2013, there will be a Catholic Men's Conference at Seton Hall University 400 South Orange Avenue South Orange, NJ 07079 from 8am to 4pm. Dynamic speakers, confessions, and Mass celebrated by Archbishop John Myers. Adults-\$25., Adults 14-23 years old-\$20, Seniors-65 Years or Older-\$20., There are no refunds. Register on line- [www.rcan.org/menscommission](http://www.rcan.org/menscommission) or call 973-497-4545.

A big "Thank You" to Andy Schopfer PGK2 and current Faithful Navigator for our 4th Degree for stepping up and helping out our council once again and volunteering to take over as Charitable Raffle Chairman.

## **Swim Club News**

At the annual meeting, which was held at the Council on Friday, January 18, 2013, Joe Marateo was elected as the Swim Club President. Also, Bylaw changes were read on the floor, voted on and approved by a show of hands. Most notable of the bylaw changes is that there is no longer any family membership provision being made for children over 25 years of age living at home, they must either join the Knights of Columbus or the Columbiettes in order to be a badged Swim Club Member.

The Swim Club is currently accepting applications for Lifeguards to supplement our current workforce. If you have been a lifeguard at another facility, or if you are a new lifeguard or if you want to become a lifeguard, you must contact a Swim Club Board member and request an interview as soon as possible. You can also leave your contact information at the Union Council #4504 or the Columbian Club bar. We will advise potential new guards on the certification process and we can recommend certification facilities.

Being a Lifeguard is an excellent opportunity to be productive during the summer, earn some money and gain valuable experience which can be used on future job resumes as demonstrating leadership, responsibility, teamwork, etc.

The swim club renewal applications have been mailed out. If you did not receive yours please contact membership director Jim Ford at [jford1488@comcast.net](mailto:jford1488@comcast.net).

Swim Club Board Members to contact directly via email:

Allen Pascullo: [Allen.paz@aol.com](mailto:Allen.paz@aol.com)

Jim Ford: [jford1488@comcast.net](mailto:jford1488@comcast.net)

## **Dues, Dues, Dues**

Brothers, dues notices went out mid/late December. Your annual dues should have been in by the end of January. If you have not received your dues notice, then please, contact Tom Hornig (Financial Secretary) at 908-688-5867 or Alex Costa (Grand Knight) at 305-898-1570 - immediately!

Also, you are our Brother Knights and we as a Council are always here to help. If you can not pay your dues in a timely fashion then contact us. Any and all inquiries will be kept confidential. But if you are having issues due to medical or financial reasons you have to let us know so we can help.

If you have not paid your dues by February 15th and you have not contacted us for assistance, the names of delinquent members WILL be listed in the March Digest. - Thank you.

## Knight Digest

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**RULES FOR SUBMISSION:** Submissions for consideration are due in writing by the 15th of the month for the following month. Please mail or drop off submission, with contact information to:

**Tom Dudek**  
**Knight Digest Editor**  
**1034 Jeanette Avenue**  
**Union, NJ 07083**

or via email to: [tomdudek@att.net](mailto: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

*Chaplin* ..... Rev. Ranulfo D. Docabo  
*District Deputy* ..... Pat Harrington, PGK  
*Grand Knight* ..... Alex Costa  
*Deputy Grand Knight* ..... Steve Nagy  
*Chancellor* ..... Ed McCormick  
*Warden* ..... Greg Henn  
*Recorder* ..... Giftus John  
*Treasurer* ..... Frank Santangelo  
*Fin. Secretary* ..... Thomas Hornig, PGK  
*Inside Guard* ..... Michael Willemse  
*Outside Guard* ..... Open  
*Membership Director* ..... Rich Fuentes  
*Program Director* ..... Mike Peter, PGK  
*Advocate* ..... Stephen F. Hehl  
*3rd. Yr. Trustee* ..... Andy Schopfer, PGK  
*2nd Yr. Trustee* ..... Michael Gasser, PGK  
*1st Yr. Trustee* ..... Rob Salvatore, PGK  
*4th Degree Faithful*  
*Navigator* ..... Andy Schopfer, PGK  
*Columbian Club President* ..... Mike Loguidice  
*Swim Club President* ..... Joe Marateo  
*Columbiette President* ..... Eileen Lettier

## Monthly Meetings

1st. Mon. ----- Council Officers  
2nd & 4th Mon. ----- Council Mtgs.  
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

Brothers all, it is with mixed emotions that I write this month's article. If you have not yet heard, at the recent Columbian Club meeting on January 23, 2013 I reorganized the Columbian Club in its present form.

I want to thank the brother Knights that served us well and find it regrettable that this action was necessary. I was only replacing the President, the Bar Manager and the Kitchen Manager. No other members were asked to resign but several members walked out. These individuals were given 48 hours to contact me if they wish to retain their positions otherwise their actions will be considered resignations.

I have an initial team in place to fill the vacant slots necessary to keep things running as smoothly as possible. I also welcome all Brothers (in good standing) who wish to help rebuild and reorganize to contact me.

I am doing this for the betterment of our council. Far too many good Brother Knights and their families have stopped coming to our council for one reason or another. I hope this will entice those men to return to the council.

The question I have been asked most is why? Unfortunately, conditions in the council have resulted in an environment that is not supportive or nurturing to our order's principals of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. The Columbian Clubs reason to exist is to "...provide and maintain Club House facilities for the members... ..and to promote the health, comfort, religious, educational, moral and social betterment of our membership... ..wherein the ideals of the Knights of Columbus will prevail."

I have asked the outgoing officers to remain Catholic Gentlemen and to be honorable and available this transition period. For those few who might not think this way, summary suspensions have already been discussed with our District Deputy, our State Warden and our State Deputy.

This reorganization is not a statement about the members as Knights. Several have been dedicated, contributing members who offered years of service and for that I thank them. This reorganization is about getting us back on track as Knights and as a Knight of Columbus Council.

**Vivat Jesus!**  
**Alex Costa**  
**Grand Knight 2012-2013**



## NJ State Convention

Brothers, as I am writing this the temperature is a freezing 180 F today so it seemed like a good idea to remind everyone of spring and our NJ State Convention. That's right, think about the beach and waves, the boardwalk and our hospitality room. Wildwood is up and running since Super Storm Sandy and our friends at the adventurer will be welcoming us back with open arms. I know May 17th, 18th and 19th seem a way off but remember we need your deposits by March! So it is never too early to plan. Please, contact Deputy Grand Knight Steve Nagy for additional information.

## ***Knight's Family Dinner***

The next dinner is scheduled for

**Thursday, February 21, 2013  
6:30 - 8:30 PM**



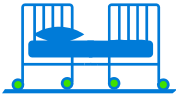
Family of 4 - \$25.00  
Adults \$8.00  
Children and Seniors \$6.00



Cash Bar Available & 50/50s

## ***2012-2013 Runnells Hospital Schedule***

Below is Council 4504's schedule for volunteering at Runnells Hospital. Take a moment to add these dates to your calendar and make a commitment to yourself to volunteer to help.



February 17, 2013  
March 24, 2013  
April 28, 2013  
June 2, 2013  
July 7, 2013  
August 11, 2013



You help is greatly appreciated!  
Contact Charlie Cunningham at 908-419-2310.

## ***Camp Fatima Valentine's Dinner / Dance***

When : Saturday February 9, 2013  
where : Union Knights of Columbus  
1034 Jeanette Ave., Union, NJ 07083

Time: 7:00pm-12 mid-night

Dinner includes: Appetizer, 3 course Dinner, salad, soda, beer,  
coffee and desert

Music provided by : Eddie G Wiz

Ticket cost \$70/cpl. Or \$35/ind

Checks payable to Sister Ann Dominic or  
Union Knights of Columbus #4504  
please write "Camp Fatima Dance" in the memo area

This is a major fundraiser whose total proceeds go to  
Camp Fatima run for our special children, please support !

For further information or tickets please contact:  
Tom Conte (908) 334-8672 or Marianne Conte (908) 451-7754

Deadline for ticket sales is February 1, 2013 please  
provide your name and phone number, also a list of  
the names of people attending. Table seating is 8 or 10  
per table.

## ***Knight of the Month***

***February 2013***

**Andrew Schopfer**



We are pleased to name Andrew Schopfer Knight of the Month for February 2013. Andy has the rare distinction of being the first Brother Knight at the Union Council to serve two non-consecutive terms as Grand Knight. Andy's first term as Grand Knight was in 2007 – 2008 when our Council celebrated its 50th Anniversary, and he ran the 50th Anniversary Gala, along with the other duties of Grand Knight. Two years when there was an unexpected opening for the position of Deputy Grand Knight, he stepped up and filled the position for the remainder of that Columbian year, and went on to serve his second term as Grand Knight for 2011- 2012. But this is just more proof of Andy's commitment to the Knights of Columbus and Council 4504.

Andy made his Degrees in 2001 and quickly became active in our Council. In 2003 he took on the position of Recorder and continued through the Chairs until he served his first term as Grand Knight for 2007 – 2008.

On the personnel side, Andy was born in Elizabeth, NJ. He has 5 Brothers and Sisters. He attended Immaculate Conception Grammar school in Elizabeth, NJ, St. Benedict's Prep in Newark, NJ and then on to Moravian College where he earned his Bachelors and masters Degrees. Andy works for Prudential Insurance Company as a Disability Claims Manager, and will celebrate his 30th year with Prudential this year.

The pride and joy of his life is his son Brian, who is presently half way through his Army National Guard deployment in Afghanistan, and Andy along with all of us at the Council cannot wait until we welcome Brian home this summer.

Last year Andy took the office of Faithful Navigator for the JFK Assembly of the Fourth Degree, and this year he is taking on the job of running our quarterly Charitable Raffle. Besides Andy's commitment to our Council as an officer, he can always be found helping out at all events that are held at the Council, and always putting a positive and pleasant attitude to not only other Brother Knights, but to the local community as well.

Congratulations to Andy for being named Knight of the Month for February 2013.

## *Message From Our Chaplin*

It's been a year since I've received Archbishop Myers' appointment as the Chaplain of Knights of Columbus Council 4504. Having attended to some of the activities throughout the past year, I've realized how much efforts were shared by many of our brother knights in doing works of charities within and outside our community. Needless to say, I'm quite impressed by the dedication of those involved. And, I can just imagine how much greater success would have been made if each member had actively participated in those past activities.

Now, as we know, there are more things to be done as we start the year 2013. The calendar of activities has been lined up. We need more help from our members. We can achieve more if only all our hearts and hands work together.

We must remember, however, that we can only be more effective in our works and find deeper meaning in them when we keep ourselves rooted in our faith. In the words of Pope Benedict XVI: "We must rediscover a taste for feeding ourselves on the word of God, faithfully handed down by the Church, and on the bread of life, offered as sustenance for his disciples (cf. Jn 6:51)."

And, in the spirit of the Season of Lent, which is to begin this February, on Ash Wednesday, it would be most fitting for us, brother knights, to stop and take a look into our inner selves and ponder upon our works and actions. Hence, a day of recollection, that is, a day of prayer and reflection, is worth scheduling.

What is a day recollection? Well, simply put, it is a day of talks and reflections, private and communal prayers, and the celebration of the Mass and the opportunity to go to confession. Its purpose is to take time to really look back on our lives and prepare for the future. It includes the withdrawal of the mind from external and earthly affairs in order to attend to God and divine things.

The daylong program will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 9. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. At 9:30 a.m., we'll listen to an hour talk to be given by a visiting priest. After the talk, there will be a moment of sharing and reflection. Then, after lunch, at around 1:30, participants will be given the opportunity to receive the sacrament of confession. We end the day with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 2:30 p.m.

It is my fervent hope that many members will find time to join in this spiritual activity. I particularly encourage our officers and the new members who recently received their first, second and third degrees. But, again, this is a call for every member of our Council. And, I hope that you won't miss this opportunity to "waste time" with the Lord.

## *Lenten Day of Recollection*

A day long Lenten Day of Recollection has been tentatively scheduled for Saturday March 9, 2012 at St. Michael's Church from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. At 9:30 a.m., we'll listen to an hour talk to be given by a visiting priest. After the talk, there will be a moment of sharing and reflection. Then, after lunch, at around 1:30, participants will be given the opportunity to receive the sacrament of confession. We end the day with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 2:30 p.m. More details will be in the March Knight Digest, and on our web site [www.kofc4504.org](http://www.kofc4504.org).

## *Death With Dignity Act - A3328 / S2259*

*From former Supreme Director & Current Religious and Civil Rights Chairman Jim White.*

Brothers, Please OPPOSE the "DEATH WITH DIGNITY" ACT - A3328 / S2259.

This would give a patient diagnosed with a terminal illness and given a prognosis of less than six months to live, the ability to request a lethal prescription to end his/her life.

If passed physician-assisted suicide would become legal under New Jersey law.

## *The Union County Police and Fire Pipe & Drums*

Is sponsoring a trip to the  
Bethlehem Sands Casino Bus Trip  
Saturday, February 23rd 2013

\$40 per person gets you  
\$20 slot play & a \$5 food voucher  
Beer & water served on the bus  
Pizza upon returning to K of C

Bus departs Union Knights of Columbus  
1034 Jeanette Ave, Union, NJ at 10:30am

The bus departs the casino at 5:00pm

Contact John Peters @ 908-296-1638  
LIMITED SEATING!

## *The Power of One*

More Knights of Columbus equals more good works. More Knights will result in more charitable programs, more support for parishes, more help for the needy, the disabled, the hungry and the homeless, and more financial protection for Catholic families.

"It's more than just about numbers and quotas," he said. "Membership is about the changed lives of the men we recruit and the financial protection we can provide for their families. Membership is what these men will do for their communities and their parishes. Membership is about renewing the Church through support of our priests and bishops. Membership is about transforming society through Catholic solidarity, through everyone being able to say, I am my brother's keeper." - Supreme Knight Carl Anderson.

**"One Member, Per Council, Per Month."**

Each of the 15,000 local councils is asked to recruit at least one member each month. If this plan were carried out, with each council bringing in 12 new members, the 1.8 million Knights would grow by 180,000 in the next year.

Brothers, the State still has some funds available for Sandy relief. If you are still in need of assistance then complete the application, give to me for endorsement and I will then send to:

New Jersey State Council Disaster Relief Program  
C/O Edward Shellman, FDD  
69 Lawrence Drive  
Hackettstown, NJ 07840  
Email: Edward.Shellman@njkofc.org

## New Jersey State Council Knights of Columbus Disaster Relief Request

Date of Request: \_\_\_\_\_

Council #: \_\_\_\_\_ Grand Knight: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Print Name*

On Behalf of Member (*in Good Standing*):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership #: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Print Name*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street City State Zip*

*Please be advised that we do not have the funds to rebuild homes but we can help with food, clothing and other items that will help you sustain your family*

Are you unable to access your home? \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief Statement of Immediate Need (Specify Food, Shelter, Other Necessities):**  
*(Attach additional information if needed)*

Endorsed: \_\_\_\_\_ Council Seal if Available:  
*Grand Knight Signature*

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Evaluated by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
*Please Initial*

Meets Criteria: Yes \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ More information required \_\_\_

Payment Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Authorized Signature & Title*

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Issued: \_\_\_\_\_

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