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Calendar of Events

July

July 2nd Senior Social
July 16th Pig Roast
July 23rd Installation of Officers

August

August 5th Lobster Feast
August 12th Splash Party
August 20th Pancake Breakfast

September

September 9th Family Picnic
September 17th Half Way to St. Patty's

Knights' Dinners

There will be no dinners in July and August but will resume on the 3rd Thursday in September. Anyone planning on attending must call Pat Wittek in advance at 908-964-3989.

Best Wishes Fr. Wolfee and Fr. Emmanuel

The Grand Knight and members of Union Knights of Columbus would like to extend our sincerest best wishes to Frs. Bob Wolfee and Emmanuel Agu as they leave for their new assignments.

We thank Fr. Wolfee for serving as our Chaplain and assisting the Council whenever we needed his services.

We wish both of you continued blessings as you spread the word of God to the members of your new parishes. Thanks again and God bless you both.

IDD Drive

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Holy Spirit and St Michael's Churches, especially to Fr Armand and Fr Bob along with the parishioners for being generous towards the Union Knights of Columbus Intellectual disabilities Drive. We are able to donate \$4500.00 to those with Disabilities. Anyone interested in donating to this worthy program, can do so by sending the contribution to the Council attention of the Intellectual Disabilities Chairman.

A large thank you goes out to our members who volunteered their time before and after all masses on the weekend of June 10th and 11th.

Union Council 4504-Anniversary Circle... A celebration of 25 and 50 years married.

Are you celebrating or have you celebrated your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary this year? If you have, or will be, please send your names to the Grand Knight, Mike Willemse with the details. We will present Certificates of Commendation from Supreme to all our brothers and their wives who have reached one of these milestones.

Also, if you have celebrated anniversaries in increments of 5 years-30, 35, 40, 45 etc, please let us know. We will also present certificates to all brothers who have also reached one of those milestones.

Hoping to hear from you. Congratulations!!!

2017 Shield Awards

Union Police, Fire and First Responders were honored at the annual Shield Awards ceremony on Monday, June 26th, at the Columbian Club of Union. The awards are given out each year to a deserving Union Township police officer, emergency technician and firefighter for demonstrating outstanding service within their departments and achievements in the local community.

Union Police honoree, Capt. John Daubner and Firefighter Daniel Donza were awarded Policeman and Fireman of the Year for 2017 respectively, for exceptional service and commitment to the Township of Union. Union's EMT of the Year was awarded to CJ Urso, who was recognized for his service to the Union community for over 14 years.

Other honorees at the Shield Awards were Mrs. Karen Holroyd-Holy Spirit, and Janet Boscia-St. Michael's, as Parochial School Teachers of the Year; the late Mrs. Edith Leddy as CCD Teacher of the Year at St. Michael's and Mrs. Pat Wittek, Senior Citizen of the Year. Father Wolfee of St. Michael's Church, and the Columbiettes of Union, were also honored for their dedication to Council 4504.

Awards were also presented to the Council's Knights of the Month as well as special recognition for the Columbian of the Year, Michael P. Campanelli and the Knight of the Year, Grand Knight elect, Michael P. Willemse.

The ceremony was well-attended and was one of the most impressive conducted by the council over the years. Following the presentation of awards, honorees and their guests were treated to snacks and refreshments.

Council 4504 is proud to have been able to recognize all those who were honored and look forward to continuing the tradition for a very long time.

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or preferably via email to: tomdudek@outlook.com.

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

Chaplain.....
District Deputy..... Alex Costa, PGK
Grand Knight Michael Willemse
Deputy Grand Knight..... Rob Genovese
Chancellor..... David Wozniak
Warden..... Eric Hernandez
Recorder..... Luke Sangiamo
Treasurer..... Paul Willemse
Fin. Secretary..... Ed McCormick, PGK
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3rd. Yr. Trustee Giftus John, PGK
2nd Yr. Trustee Greg Henn, PGK
1st Yr. Trustee Mike Peter, PGK
4th Degree Faithful
Navigator..... Alex Costa, PGK
Columbian Club
President John Bashaw
Swim Club President..... Joe Marateo, PGK
Columbiette President..... Fran Corcione

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

First, I want mention how deeply appreciative and humbled I am to be elected Grand Knight. When I first joined the Knights of Columbus in 2011, I had no clue that I would find myself as an officer, nonetheless the Grand Knight of one of the largest councils in New Jersey.

I would like to thank everyone for your vote and for putting your trust in me. Congratulations to all the officers as well. It is my hope and desire to increase membership and participation this year. We have a lot going on this summer, and I am hoping to see everyone at our events.

One thing I want to do this year is to tie our fundraising events to a charity organization. On July 16th we will be hosting a Pig Roast to benefit *St. Jude's Children's Hospital*. I feel that there is no greater charity than that of assisting terminally ill children. We will also be hosting our Annual Family Picnic in September to benefit the *Breast Cancer Research Foundation*.

As the months go by, I will be keeping you up to date on all of our events and charitable works. I will not beat around the bush; I will need everyone's assistance this year. We are aspiring to do a lot of good and give with all our hearts, but we need people to help.

If you have an idea for a program or want to help out in any way, please feel free to contact me. My cell phone is (908) 349 - 0048 and my email address is grandknight4504@gmail.com.

I look forward to hearing from you and working alongside you all. God Bless.

Vivat Jesus!
Michael P. Willemse
Grand Knight 2017-2018



Half way to Saint Patrick's Day

Sunday, September 17th, 2017



SAVE THE DATE



UNION COUNCIL #4504 FAMILY PICNIC TICKETS

To benefit *Breast Cancer Research Foundation*

SEPTEMBER 9, 2017

12:00 TILL 6:00 pm

FOOD, DRINKS, ACTIVITIES, AND GOOD OLD COMARADERIE!

ADVANCE PURCHASE TICKETS COST:

FAMILY (2 ADULTS & 2 CHILDREN)--\$45.00

ADDITIONAL CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OLD-- \$10.00

ADULTS--\$20.00

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AT ALL COUNCIL MEETINGS, SWIM
CLUB GATE HOUSE(CHECKS OR EXACT CHANGE)**

OR CONTACT:

Ed McCORMICK @ 973.650.7643

email: 4504blast@gmail.com

ADVANCE SALE OF TICKETS WILL END 9/2/16

LIMITED TICKETS

**TICKETS BOUGHT AT THE GATE WILL COST AN
ADDITIONAL \$5.00 PER TICKET**

Senior Social

The Council's annual Senior Social took place on Sunday July 2nd at the Council hall. Over twenty-five seniors; including Senior of the Year, Pat Wittek, were hosted by Council 4504, in what was formerly referred to as The Nuns' and Widows' Dinner. However, the Council has changed it to include any senior who is linked to a member of the club rather than widows and widowers.

The very appreciative group was treated to a wonderful meal cooked by Greg Henn and then to coffee and cookies. Many were also able to get their favorite special drink prepared by our event bartender for the past few years, Joe Harbison.

All our guests were very appreciative of what we had done and thanked all who had put the event together for a lovely afternoon. Grand Knight, and Chairman of the event, Mike Willemse, in his first official duty as Grand Knight, thanked all the seniors who had participated and helped make the event a wonderful one. He also took the opportunity to let those present know of some of the events that will be undertaken by Council 4504, very soon. Council 4504 thanks all who assisted in making the social a heartwarming and special event for our seniors.

The MPs Take the Big Ones.

Michael P. Campanelli and Michael P. Willemse (in what must be the first time two brother knights with the same first name and middle initial,) are the 2017 Columbian of the Year and 2017 Knight of the Year, respectively. Both brothers were among the honorees at this year's Shield Awards held on June, 26th.

Michael P. Willemse, (Dr. Mike as he is fondly called,) Grand Knight elect, chaired two very successful and profitable programs during the past Columbian Year-the Family Picnic and the Murder Mystery Dinner (look for a repeat this year,) while Campanelli, the self-proclaimed, champion mixologist, is the maintenance "chief."

We extend our congratulations to the Mike Ps and to all the brothers who were recognized as Knight of the Month for their respective months.



4th Annual Lobster Festival



On The Patio

Rain or Shine

Saturday, August 5, 2017 - 2-6 PM

Admission \$25 per person includes:

Whole Lobster/Salad & Bread

Corn on the Cob/Baked Potato

Choice of

Clams & Linguine or Shrimp & Linguine

Ice Cream & Watermelon

In lieu of Lobster, a Steak ticket may be purchased

Tickets Must Be Purchased by Saturday, July 29th
(NO TICKETS AVAILABLE DAY OF EVENT)

Only 350 tickets will be sold

ON SALE STARTING JUNE 15, 2017

(see bartender for tickets)

Knights of Columbus

1034 Jeanette Ave., Union, NJ 07083

Splash Party



August 12, 2017

6PM to 9PM

- Free pool admission - all kids
 - DJ
 - Free Hot Dogs
 - Free Ice Cream

Why is the Eucharist Called “the Host”?

The Latin word "hostis," meaning victim, was first applied to the Eucharist in early Christianity. The Eucharist is referred to as a host, but why? I decided to seek out the origin of the word “host,” so I checked several dictionaries and discovered that a Latin word linked to its history meant “victim.” The Romans referred to a vanquished enemy offered to the gods as a hostis.

The term became common in Western Christianity because of its use in the Vulgate (the Latin translation of the Bible, made mostly by St. Jerome) to signify sacrifice. Thus “host” came to refer to the greatest victim of human aggression: God-made-man, crucified and risen.

Christians adopted the word “host” to refer to the immolated Lamb who was risen and present in the Eucharist. It came to signify the reality that Christ himself unveiled at the Last Supper: “This is my body ... this is my blood, poured out for you.”

The consecrated bread is thus a “host,” the true host, the true victim, the Body of the Risen One, once mortally assaulted by human evil and now alive among us, surrendered to us as food and drink: Take and eat.

Unfortunately, much of the significance of the word “host” has been lost, and it has come to refer simply to the circular piece of unleavened bread, both before and after consecration. But today, when I speak of the “host,” I think of the paschal Victim. I think of the death of Christ and his resurrection. I think of the paschal mystery.

“Host” for me is all of this: the death of Our Lord and his resurrection, the total gift of himself, his presence in the consecrated bread and wine.

As we are invited at each Mass to behold this host, we bow in profound reverence, on our knees, in contemplation, taking up the commitment to “offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God” (Romans 12:1).

To adore this “host” is to surrender oneself to the mystery so as to live it day after day. And to enter into Communion with this “host” is to assimilate this mystery in the whole of our being so as to become like Christ: a victim, given in service to our brothers.

Now I understand better what the Second Vatican Council exhorts when it expresses the desire for faithful who participate at Mass with “a good understanding of the rites and prayers” so that they should “take part in the sacred action conscious of what they are doing, with devotion and full collaboration.”

That “by offering the Immaculate Victim, not only through the hands of the priest, but also with him, they should learn also to offer themselves; through Christ the Mediator; they should be drawn day by day into ever more perfect union with God and with each other, so that finally God may be all in all” (Sacrosanctum Concilium, 48).

Editors’ note: Some readers have taken exception to, or been confused by, this author’s focus on the role of the Latin word hostis (“enemy”) in the etymology of the Eucharistic host. Indeed, most explorations only go back as far as the Latin hostia (“victim”), without making clear that victims in this sense were enemy captives sacrificed to the gods. (There is a separate Latin word, victima, that lacks this connection.) The roots and cognates of host are many – going back to the Indo-European word that means both “stranger” and “guest”—as you can see from the related words host, guest, hospitality, hostel, hospital, hostile, and hostage, as well as hosts, meaning “armies.” These levels of meaning give added richness to our understanding of the Eucharistic presence of Christ, who is Stranger, Guest, Victim, and Host.

This reflection is modified from a meditation by Fray José Arioaldo da Silva, OFM

Thank You

I did not realize that my message in the June Digest was my last one until Tom Dudek brought it to my attention. I was under the impression that I also wrote the one in July, but no such luck. Well, I guess I had better say my "Thank Yous" before it is too late.

I want to thank all who helped me along the way during my journey as Grand Knight. To the Columbiettes- for your spirited effort in undertaking the Tricky Tray and assisting with other council activities; to the many brothers who participated in various council activities throughout the year; to all the individuals, agencies and business places who contributed or sponsored projects undertaken during this year. I also want to thank Pat Wittek who ran the monthly family dinners, and to all those who religiously participated and my thanks to Greg and Frank, who helped prepare the meals.

Fr. Wolfee served as our chaplain and I was able to meet and discuss concerns and issues seeking guidance as to be more effective in my role as Grand Knight. Thanks Fr. Wolfee and other priests at St. Michael's Church who joined Ed McCormick and me at the Pride in Our Priests Dinner. It was a special night for all of us. Thanks to the officers and members of the Columbian Club and to all the residents of Union who, in one way or the other, were part of events and activities of Council 4504. My thanks also to all who always gave me words of encouragement as I undertook my role as Grand Knight of this great Catholic organization. A special thank you to Tom Dudek with whom I worked to produce the Digest during the past year. Thanks for your patience, cooperation and dedication in undertaking this task.

However, most of all, I would like to express my sincerest thanks and love to my wife, Theresa, who had to deal with my absences from home and constantly being at the Council Hall or some event out of town doing one thing or the other when she wished I was at home. Thanks my dear.

As I bid you goodbye, I leave you in the capable hands of brother Mike Willemse and I ask for your full support and cooperation as he steps in to lead Council 4504 during the upcoming Columbian Year.

Thank You All.
Giftus John

JFK Assembly

Incoming Officers for the JFK Assembly for 2017-2018.

Navigator - Len Komar
Acting Friar - Raymond Gora
Captain - Steve Nagy
Admiral - Alex Costa
Scribe - Andrew Wnukowski
Comptroller - Steve Whoeler
Faithful Pilot - Mike Peters

Inside & Outside Sentinels
Greg Henn and Mike Ibbotson

Board of Trustees:

Allen Pascullo
Alex Costa
Andrew Schopfer

Guard Commander - Andrew Schopfer

Next Fourth Degree meeting Sept 27th at 8 PM

Wildlife and Roof Repairs

During the recent repairs to the roof of the council building, work on one section had to be halted for a while when the roofers came face to face with two gawking Plover Killdeers only to find out that these two birds were protecting four eggs in a nest of stones. The animal control team in Union was called to the scene and two officers decided against moving the nest or capturing the birds. Instead, they created a "moveable nest," so to speak, using a small flat box cover to allow the workers to move the nest, temporarily, to a safe spot and avoid any issues with the plovers and their eggs.

A few weeks later, I was able to photograph the parents and three of the four chicks that had hatched. There was still one egg in the nest camouflaged among the stones. Another visit on the 25th indicated that the birds had moved on. No more the distress calls from the parents to the young chicks warning them of impending danger, or the parents playing the "broken wing" trick to lure trespassers away from their nest and their chicks. I guess they'll return sometime to continue the process.

See some photos from our wildlife experience. You can go online to find out more about plovers. Thanks to Joe Harbison and another friend who helped me identify the birds.



2017-2018 Election of Officers

Elections of officers to serve during the 2017-18 Columbian Year were held on Monday, 15th June, 2017 during the final general meeting of the Columbian Year 2016-17. The following brothers were elected to serve as officers.

Michael Willemse..... Grand Knight
Robert Genovese..... Deputy Grand Knight
Dave Wozniak Chancellor
Eric Hernandez Warden
Anthony Ibida Inside Guard
Josh Merida.....Outside Guard
Luke Sangiamo Recorder
Paul Willemse..... Treasurer
Giftus John..... Trustee 3 year

The following officers who were not due for elections will complete the Council.

Mike Peter..... 1 year Trustee
Greg Henn..... 2 year Trustee
Ed McCormick..... Financial Secretary

Congratulations to All



Officers, Columbian Year, 2017-18. Council 4504

Left to right: Mike Peter, Erik Hernandez, Anthony Ibida, Greg Henn, Giftus John, Luke Sangiamo, Mike Willemse, Paul Willemse (Mike's dad,) Josh Merida, Dave Wozniak and Ed Mc Cormick. Missing is Rob Genovese.

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