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Calendar of Events

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 March 15thSt. Patrick's Day Parade
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 March 24th Fr. Larry Evans, Guest Speaker
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 March 30th Columbiette First & Major Degree

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April 5th A Hand 4 Shan
 April 6thBreakfast with the Easter Bunny
 April 11th . Stations of the cross at St. Michael's Church
 April 12thLenten Day of Reflection
 April 17th Family Dinner
 April 18th Good Friday - Council Closed
 April 26th-27th.....Intellectual Disability Drive

May

May 15th Family Dinner
 May 16th-18th.....State Convention
 May 24th Poolside Mass
 May 26th Memorial Day - Council Closed

June

June 11th Second Degree
 June 13th Third Degree
 June 19th Family Dinner
 June 30thGrand Knight's Toast

Nominating Committee for 2014-15 Council Officers

The Nominating Committee is looking for candidates for the Outside Guard position for the slate of Officers for 2014-15 Columbian year. Any Third Degree Brother Knight in good standing at Council 4504 that has an interest in this position or any other Council Officer's position should contact any of the members of the Nominating Committee, Andy Schopfer PGK, Chairman, Frank Stochlinski, Columbian Club representative, Joseph Harbison, Swim Club representative, and Steve Helmstetter and John Holmes Council representatives.

Lent



Sister Ann's Pantry

As many of you know the Union Knights of Columbus have assisted David Sideway at St. Michael's Parish to keep the Food Pantry going over the past year. Besides donations of non-perishable foods and monetary donations, Sister Ann's Pantry needs volunteers to help with the sorting of the food, packing the bags for distribution, and the actual distribution of the food to those who receive it.

Sorting and packing are done at various times during the month and can be done when ever volunteers are available. The distribution is done on the third Wednesday each month from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM at St. Michael's Parish Center.

If you are interested in helping this good cause please contact Grand Knight Steve Nagy at:

toys4504@aol.com or (908) 967-9060.

Save the Date

April 12th - Lenten Day of Reflection

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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:

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or 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

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Warden Giftus John
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1st Yr. Trustee Michael Gasser PGK
4th Degree Faithful Navigator..... Andy Schopfer, PGK
Columbian Club President Jamie Zappulla
Swim Club President..... Joe Marateo, PGK
Columbiette President..... Bernadette Watson

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 at Union Council 4504,

Lent will begin this year on Ash Wednesday March 5, 2014, and it is customary to "give up" something for Lent as Fasting. Fasting, broadly speaking, is the voluntary avoidance of something that is good. When Catholics talk about fasting, we normally mean restricting the food that we eat. We can fast between meals, by not eating snacks, or we can engage in giving up some other thing we like as a form of Lenten sacrifice.

While fasting takes the form of refraining from something, it is primarily a spiritual discipline designed to tame the body so that we can concentrate on higher things. I would like to suggest that rather than giving something up, that you take on a commitment to get more involved with the Knights of Columbus and our Council by attending our meetings and helping out in our Charitable functions such as our Drive for Citizens with Intellectual Disabilities, or Sister Ann's Pantry. By getting involved and helping others you will get a sense that you are contributing to those in greater need than you and your family. Become part of the solution.

I would also like to encourage you to take a few moments to reflect back on the past year since last Lenten Season, and think of everyone and everything that may have caused you distress or upset you in any way and try to find a way in your heart to forgive those responsible for these and show your true Christian beliefs of forgiveness. Hopefully by forgiving those responsible you will be able to lift this burden of ill feelings towards others, and use this Lenten Season to come away refreshed and with a new outlook towards all.

The Union Knights of Columbus can only be successful by all Brother Knights stepping up and working together for the good of our Order, our Council, our Parishes, and our Community.

Vivat Jesus,
Steve



State Convention

The annual Knights of Columbus State Convention will be held in Wildwood, NJ from May 15th through the 18th. We will again stay at the Adventurer Motel in Wildwood Crest, NJ.

Prices for the standard rooms are:

A TWO Night stay is \$370.00

A THREE night stay is \$490.00

Prices include the hospitality suite. Larger suites extra.

A \$200.00 deposit is required by March 4th. Contact Deputy Grand Knight Ed McCormick at Edmccormick01@gmail.com (973) 650-7643 to reserve your rooms.

Fund Raising with TD Bank

Union Council 4504 has joined TD Bank's Affinity program. The Affinity program is a great opportunity for all of us at Union Council to raise money for our charitable fund simply by linking accounts at TD Bank to Union Council. TD Bank will contribute \$10 to our council for every existing checking account which is linked to 4504 and \$50 for each new account linked to 4504. There is no cost to any of us for linking our accounts and your banking information is completely private.

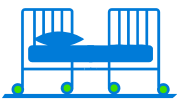
Our council will have no access to anyone's banking information nor will we even have a list of what accounts are linked. TD Bank will simply send us a report at the end of each year telling us how many accounts are linked and accompany that report with a check from TD Bank for the calculated amount. The check will be deposited in to Union Council 4504's charitable fund, enabling us to help more of our brothers and neighbors in need.

This program is applicable to personal and business accounts and is not limited to just brother knights. It is applicable to anyone willing to link their accounts to Knights of Columbus 4504. All you need to do is visit any TD Bank branch and ask any officer to link your account to Knights of Columbus 4504 or code number AF442.

This is a great opportunity for all of us to help raise funds. I urge you to read the following brochure from TD Bank and stop in to link your accounts.

2013-2014 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.



March 2, 2014
April 6, 2014
May 11, 2014
June 15, 2014



You help is greatly appreciated!

Charlie Cunningham at 908-419-2310 or
Nick Belmonte at 908-447-1869

Knight of the Month

March 2014

Tom Dudek



The Knight of the month for March 2014 is a real "behind the scenes" member. Tom Dudek has spent many hours a month for several years producing the "Knight Digest" which is our council's news lifeline. Tom also created and maintains our council website. He devotes countless hours a year to keeping us all informed of council activities.

Tom grew up in Avenel and Clark where he attended St. John's elementary school and Arthur L. Johnson High School. He then attended Kean University where he earned a Master's Degree in Elementary Education/ Math and Science. Tom then attained certification as a Computer Programmer from the Cit-tone Institute. He is employed as a Business Analyst at EmblemHealth.

Tom and his wife of 33 years, Irene have four children, Jason, Jennifer, Matthew and Mark and one precious grandson, Wesley. Tom and Irene are parishioners of Holy Spirit Church in Union where Tom volunteers as an usher and also created and maintains the parish website. In their free time Tom and Irene bowl in a Knights of Columbus league and enjoy ballroom dancing.

Tom Dudek has shown a true commitment to our council and his parish. For all that he does he is truly deserving of recognition as Knight of the Month.

Congratulations Tom!

2014 Dues Payments

Brothers we have sent out the First and Second Notices for 2014 Dues. Hopefully you have received them and have already paid your dues, but in the case that you did not receive either notice we apologize for this. Our Dues for 2014 will remain the same at \$44 for the year and if you have not received any Dues Notices you can send a check for \$44 made out to Union Knights of Columbus 4504 mail to Union Knights of Columbus 4504 1034 Jeanette Ave Union, NJ 07083 ATTN: Dues. Please write 2014 Dues on the memo line of the check. Our Financial Secretary will send you a 2014 Traveling Card once he receives your payment. Please remember to sign and carry your current card with you at all times.

Columbiettes First & Major Degree Ceremony

The Columbiettes of Union 4504 will be having a First and Major Degree Ceremony at 1:30 PM on **Sunday, March 30, 2014**, at our Knights of Columbus Hall, 1034 Jeanette Avenue, Union, NJ.

As a charitable, not-for-profit organization we support many different charities and are involved in Catholic and community activities as well as working collectively with our Brother Knights to promote faith and unity. Our First and Major Degree ceremony is a very spiritual and rewarding ceremony.

If you know of any Catholic women interested in joining our auxiliary, please have them contact Christine Burlew at chrissi714@aol.com or 908-403-1590.

Please note that this will be our only Degree Ceremony until the Fall!

Fourth Degree Exemplification

Any Brother Knight who has made his 3rd degree should consider taking the 4th degree at the upcoming exemplification on **March 30, 2014**. This degree is the final degree of the Order, and is focused on the principle of Patriotism. At the end of the ceremony, the attendees attain the title Sir Knight, and are then able to participate in the Color Corp of the Knights of Columbus, the visible arm of the Order.

Why should anyone consider taking this final degree? For many, the answer varies, but for those who value the principles of the Knights, the taking of this degree allows you to learn more about the important principle of Patriotism. In addition, new Sir Knights gain a better understanding of what it means to be a Catholic in today's United States, and how we all play a key role in defending and supporting the principles of our great country.

The exemplification is a very formal affair, requiring that all candidates rent or buy a tuxedo for the day. After the ceremony, the new Sir Knights and their spouses are then invited to a festive formal dinner. As in year's past, the March exemplification will be held at the Parsippany Hilton on Route 10.

Membership in the Fourth degree does involve the payment of nominal annual dues that are used to support the needs of the Assembly. Meetings of the Assembly take place in our Council home on the 4th Wednesday of every month.

Brother Knights who are interested in the 4th degree should contact Faithful Navigator Andy Schopfer for an application. He can be reached at 908 265-7895, or at most Council meetings.



Fish Fry



On **March 28th** we will be having a Fish Fry. All proceeds to benefit the Intellectual Disabilities Drive formally known as Special Citizen Drive. The price will be \$12.00 a person \$20 a couple and \$35 for a family of four. The menu will consist of Fish and Chips with cole slaw, Macaroni and Cheese, along with soda coffee and desserts. A cash bar will be available. Please contact John Esposito at 908-688-1665 or Mike Peter at 908-759-3588. Please reply by March 19th. Tickets purchased at the door will be subject to a surcharge.

Current Membership Cards

Besides needing to show a current membership card for admittance for our Council meetings you will be required to show it for service at our lounge. Our license issued by the NJ ABC is a Club License, which means that all alcoholic beverages sold or served must be consumed on the licensed premises by actual club members and those who are truly their guests. No one else may be served. A club member is any individual in good standing who has been admitted to voting membership in the manner regularly prescribed by the by-laws of the club, who maintains such membership in a bona-fide manner and whose name and address is listed on the list of members. In short, you will need a current membership card for service and you must accompany your guests.

St. Patrick's Day Parade



This year the St. Patrick's Day Parade will take place on **Saturday, March 15th at 12pm**. We will meet around the Council at 1130am to step off on Morris Ave, then come back to the Council afterwards for refreshments and entertainment.. Please contact Mike Peter PGK 908-759- 3588 for any added information.

Drive for People with Intellectual Disabilities

The Drive for People with Intellectual Disabilities will be the weekend of **April 26 and 27** we have letters out to Shop Rite on Morris Ave, Stop and Shop on Stuyvestant Ave, Quick Check on Morris Ave, 3 7/11s in town the one in 5 Points, Stuyvestant Ave, Elmwood and Morris Ave. The time we are looking for members along with wives if interested in supporting this Drive, will be 9am to 11am, 11am to 1pm, and 1pm to 3pm. We also will be collecting outside each of the Masses on **Sunday April 27** were we will need coverage. Please contact either: John Esposito, Chairman, at 908-688-1665 or 201-538-8414 or Mike Peter at 908-759-3588.

St. Michael's

Once again St. Michael's Parish will hold its Lenten Guest Speaker series, and Father Larry Evans will be the guest speaker on Monday March 24, 2014. Last year when the Union Knights attended Father Larry's talk everyone found it to be very informative and enjoyable, so we are scheduling our second Council meeting of March to be at 7:00 PM at St. Michael's Church to hear Father Larry again. This talk is for everyone, not just parishioners of St. Michael's parish or the Knights of Columbus. Brother Knights are encouraged to attend with their spouses. Father Larry is a very dynamic speaker and his message is powerful for life in today's world. His topic is not known at this time, but should be announced in the St. Michael's Sunday bulletin as we get closer to the date. Hope to see everyone there.

Holy Spirit

Invest in yourself this Lent by coming to our Parish Retreat. Fr. Tony Burrascano, an Augustinian monk will be leading us in prayer and reflection for three days: March 10-12. Spend an hour with us each day and feed your soul. Fr. Tony will be speaking twice each day: at 9am and 7pm. Join us either time for the same message.



Fr Bruce Janiga will be offering a Lenten Bible Study on the Gospel According to Matthew. Classes will take place on Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:30. The series runs from March 19-April 16 in the Parish Hall. This would be a good way to grow in your understanding of the Sunday gospel readings. All are welcome. Please bring a Bible and a friend.

Union Knights of Columbus 4504 would like to congratulate the Union Columbiettes on their 5 Year Anniversary.



Congratulations on your five years of service and best wishes for the future.



Catholic Men's Conference on March 15, 2014

Register on line at www.rcan.org/menscommission or call 973-497-4545



Adults: \$25, College Students: \$20 (18 to 22 years old)
 Seniors: \$20 (65 Years and older)
 Priests/Deacons/Religious: (Free)
 Notice: There will be NO refunds.



Seton Hall University
 400 S. Orange Ave, South Orange, NJ 07079

Schedule:

- 8:00am Registration/Breakfast/Confessions/Fellowship
- 9:15am Music
- 9:30am First Talk & Testimonial
- 10:15am Confessions/Fellowship/Music/Exhibitors
- 10:35am Second Talk
- 11:30am Lunch/Fellowship/Exhibitors
- 12:30pm Confessions
- 1:00pm Keynote Speaker- Cardinal Timothy Dolan
- 2:00pm Adoration -
- 3:00pm Mass with Archbishop John J. Myers



Continental breakfast and lunch included.



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Post-Parade Celebration

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For information Contact Jamie Zappulla

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1034 Jeanette Avenue, Union, NJ

For Tickets, call

John Peters 908-296-1638

Don Erdman 908-229-0066

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

Sunday, April 6, 2014
9:30 A.M.

Items to be served:

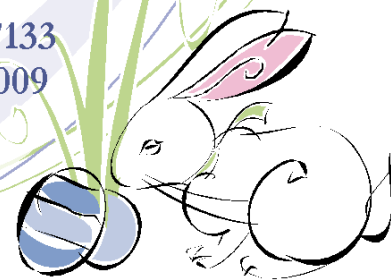
Pancakes, Omelets, Home Fries, Bacon, Sausage, Coffee, Tea,
Juice, and much more!

Tickets are \$25 for a family of 4. (2 adults/ 2 children)
\$8 for additional adult
\$6 additional child

Walk In Welcome at Additional Charge

***Reservations are required and seating is
limited!***

Call for reservations
Steve Stochlinski: (908) 477-7133
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