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March 2018

Calendar of Events

March 9th..... Wrestling Event
 March 10th..... St. Patrick's Day Parade
 March 15th..... Knights Family Dinner
 March 18th..... Breakfast with the Easter Bunny
 March 24th..... Casino Knight
 April 6th-8th.....IDD Street Collections
 April 14th.....Swim Club Tricky Tray
 April 19th..... Knights Family Dinner
 April 22nd.....4th Degree Exemplification
 May 20th - 22nd..... Wildwood Convention

Nominating Committee

Ask not what your council can do for you but what you can do for your council. And what better way to support your council and get the most out of being a Knight then being an officer. Please, contact Giftus John PGK (nominating committee chairman) if you are interested in stepping up to the challenge.

Regards, Giftus John, PGK

Casino Knight



Break out your Tux
 Get your James Bond on
 And join us for...



Casino Knight at the Knights!

Craps, Poker, Black Jack, Texas Hold 'Em and more!

Open Play
 Tournament Play
 (Trophies to the Winners)

50/50s and Raffles

Vodka Martinis, Shaken, Not Stirred

When: **Saturday March 24th 2018**

7pm until 11pm

Where: 1034 Jeanette Ave.,
 Union, NJ 07083

Cost: \$40 per person
 \$55 per couple



Includes: \$100 in play money (additional play money available for purchase)

\$125 in play money if you are in a Tux

\$135 in play money if you are in a Tux & wearing
 your 4th Degree Social Baldric

Hors D'oeuvres

One Drink Ticket (Cash Bar is available)

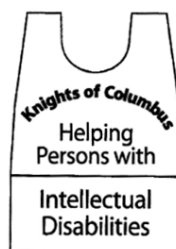
Contact Alex Costa PGK at 305-898-1570 for tickets Proceeds to benefit Union Council 4504 & the NJ Special Olympics via the NJ Knights of Columbus Motorcycle Ministry

Exemplification for the Fourth Degree

The 1st NJ District Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus will hold it's Spring 2018 Exemplification on Sunday April 22, 2018.

Contact Len Komar FN JFK Assembly #0666 or any Assembly Officer for more information about the Fourth Degree and what we do.

There will be more details to follow.



Yes gentlemen it is that time again to please volunteer your services for the Intellectual Disabilities Drive. We need 40 time slots filled.

The dates are Friday, April 6th; Saturday, April 7th; and Sunday, April 8th from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM and 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM.

We will be collecting at our usually locations on the streets. Let's make this year a success to donate to the Charities we have choose in the past. Our goal is \$5000-\$6000.

If those are unable to volunteer then possibly you could donate, by sending contributions to the Council attention Mike Peter Chairman.

If able to help contact Mike Peter at 908-759-3588 or email mikepeter4275@gmail.com.

Thank you

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Union, NJ 07083

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

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2nd Yr. Trustee Greg Henn, PGK
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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

Brothers All,

The month of February came and went in, what felt like, a blink of an eye. We had a very successful Fish Fry, run by our very own, Mike Peter, PGK. I would like to thank Mike as well as all the Brother Knights who assisted in the kitchen. Your service to the Order as well as your continued support for Citizens with Intellectual Disabilities is remarkable. As the Spring of 2018 slowly moves to our Council, we look forward to a few events the Council and Club will be hosting.

The Columbian Club will be hosting a Wrestling Event on 03/09 as well as the St. Patrick's Day Parade on 03/10. There will be festivities at the hall, and our 4th degree will be marching in the parade. General members, other than the Color Corps, can march in the parade as well. I call upon any available Brother Knight to join me in this march. Let's show the pride of 4504 in force this year.

March 18th will be the Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. The details of this event will appear elsewhere in this digest, and I am looking forward to attending this event again. Finally for the month of March, the Council, Columbian Club and NJ Motorcycle Ministry will be hosting our 1st annual Casino Knight. This promises to be a fantastic event that will benefit the NJ Special Olympics. I encourage all Brother Knights, their friends, families and guests to come out for a night of fun and festivities. Details of this event will also be included elsewhere in this digest.

The weekend of April 6th starts our street collections to benefit the Citizens with Intellectual Disabilities Drive. This weekend requires the most manpower out of all the events we do here at 4504. Signup sheets are in the bar as well as at the Council Meetings. If you got 2-3 hours to help out for this weekend, I will be personally very grateful. A week after, on April 14th, our Columbettes and Swim Club will be hosting an annual Tricky Tray. Last year's event was incredible, and I have no doubt that this year will surpass the last.

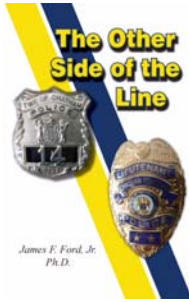
As I mentioned in my previous message, Supreme and State has been making some radical changes to the Order. I have had multiple conversations with officers of the Council and Columbian Club about these changes, and I am incredibly happy to see the air of cooperation between the two corporations. These recent changes had the potential to be divisive, but rather than allowing this to happen, we all formed together, as Brothers of 4504, to implement these changes and find a way to make them work. Truth be told, we may end up being in a better place than we were in the past. I wish to extend my personal thank you to the Council and Columbian Club officers and board of directors for their understanding and continued cooperation with these changes. It is truly a humbling experience to see everyone, in a sense, "unite under one flag" for the betterment of the Order and Club at large.

Let us continue to work side by side and continue to show the State of New Jersey why 4504 is the best Council.

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



We have an author in the house!



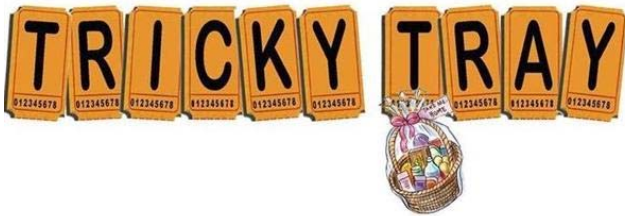
The Sergeant training new officers: There is the right way, the wrong way and the Chatham Township way. Seriously? YES! You will not be able to put this book down as you read the first-hand account of what it was like to work as a police officer in an affluent suburban community where “the rules” might look a bit different than those taught at the police academy. From a runaway

horse to investigating a murder scene, this officer never knew where the next call would lead him - he just knew that he would have a decision to make about how to handle it. It's written as if you're having a conversation with the author.



Union Councils #4504 member Jim Ford is the author and published his first book titled, *The Other Side of the Line*. Jim is a true blue blood family member representing three generations of law enforcement. His late father James Sr, was a Union County Corrections Officer and his paternal grandfather was a police officer in Summit, NJ.

His book can be purchased at www.drjimmyf.com.



On April 14th the Columbiettes and Columbia Swim Club will be holding a Tricky Tray at the Council Hall. We are presently accepting gifts from the members to be used at the Tricky Tray

Gift Ideas include items such as:

Lottery Scratch Off Tickets,
Store Gift Cards,
Restaurant Gift Certificates
Bottles of Wine and accessories
Large and Small prizes of any kind

Your help is needed to make this year's Tricky Tray another great success.

To purchase tickets please contact:
Chris Burlew at chrissi714@aol.com

Knight of the Month



March 2018

Bill Peter



The Knight of the Month for March 2018 is none other than Bill Peter, PGK. Bill was born in Newark in 1931, as the oldest of four children. He attended Our Lady of Sorrows Columbia High School and New York University. He married Cecilia O'Connor in 1959, and

is the father of four children: Carolyn, Michael, Brian and Tim.

Bill retired from working at Chemical Bank and the Nabisco Company. Bill was the Grand Knight of South Orange Council 1831. His sons, Brian and Michael, were also Past Grand Knights in South Orange and Union Council respectfully. Bill lived in South Orange until 2006, and then moved to Union where he currently resides. He transferred into Union Council 4504 in 2006, along with Mike Peter, PGK. As one can ascertain from his history, the Knights of Columbus and his involvement in charitable works is a long stemming tradition with him and his family.

To this day, Bill attends nearly every Council meeting with his partner in crime, Jim Bayer. Bill also attended the pancake breakfasts and currently attend nearly all the Knights Family Dinners.

Please join me in congratulating Bill Peter, PGK, as the Knight of the Month for March 2018.

Thank you, Bill, for your continued dedication to our Order.

Congratulations!

2018 Summer Pool Registration

The 2018 Columbia Club Pool Registration is now open. Applications can be downloaded from the Council's website at:

www.kofc4504.org/swimclub.html

We now offer multi tier level memberships with added benefits.

Any questions please contact:
Chris Burlew at chrissi714@aol.com or
Joe Marateo at marateoj@gmail.com

Brothers in Business

Are you a brother who has his own business? From a suggestion by Mike Ibbotson during one of our regular meetings, Council 4504 has decided to spotlight, on a monthly basis, in the Digest and on the Council's website, a brother who has his own business. That business may be in or out of Union.

We therefore are asking all brothers who own your own businesses, to submit your names, business name and services offered to GK Michael Willemse or PGK Giftus John. We will then randomly pick a business to highlight. All businesses submitted will be highlighted, and submissions will be on an ongoing basis. No deadlines!

We are hoping that this initiative will work at building stronger ties between our business brothers and our general membership who have need for their services, hopefully at a special rate.

Thanks Mike, for bringing the suggestion to the Council.

WRESTLEPRO

Former WWE Superstar
Darren Young

vs

Fallah Bahh

Live from Union, NJ
March 9th 2018

Columbian Club
1034 Jeanette Ave. Union, NJ

Signing - 6:00 PM
Bell Time - 8:00 PM
Tickets Start at \$20.00

Budget Vote

Brothers All, Union Council 4504 will be voting on modifications and additions to the Annual Budget.

The changes and additions in question are in specific regard to Council Liability Insurance and Donations to be made throughout the Columbian Year.

These changes and additions must be discussed, voted on and approved at two (2) separate council meetings. The discussion and voting will occur at two (2) Council meetings of **March 12th 2018 and March 26th 2018**, respectively.

Please come out for this vote.

Thank you, Brothers.



Wildwood 2018 – Are you going?

The annual Wildwood convention will be from May 17th 2018 through May 20th 2018. If you are planning on attending, we need your deposit of \$200 ASAP in order to reserve your room.

Please contact Ed McCormick at (973) 650-7643.



Knight's Family Dinners

This month's Knights Family dinner is scheduled for **March 15th**. The dinners will be held on the 3rd Thursday of every month except when noted otherwise.

Anyone planning on attending must call Pat Wittek in advance at 908-964-3989.

LATIN NIGHT 2018

LAST YEAR IT WAS CARIBBEAN NIGHT
2018...it will be...LATIN NIGHT 2018!!

STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS.

In the meantime we are seeking volunteers to organize this activity. If you are interested, please inform PGK Giftus John or GK Mike Willemse.

BREAKFAST!

WITH THE BUNNY

Sunday
March 18, 2018
10:00 a.m.—12:30p.m.

Join us for an Easter Egg Hunt!



Tickets: Family of Four \$30.00

(2 adults & 2 Kids under 12)

Additional Tickets: Children: \$6.00

Seniors : \$7.00

Adults: \$10.00

For Reservations Contact John Bashaw @ 908-591-4338 or columbianclub4504@gmail.com

The OTHER Vocation

We talk a lot in this church about vocations. We pray regularly for an increase in vocations. We encourage parents to talk to their children about considering life as a priest or brother or a sister.

But a vocation that doesn't get as much attention but should is one that has affected every man, woman and child today. And it's one that many here are living out every day maybe without even realizing it. It's probably the most visible vocation in the world. Marriage: the vocation of being a husband or a wife.

On **World Marriage Day** the church takes the opportunity to celebrate this sacrament to honor men and women who have made this commitment to one another, to renew wedding vows, and to remind ourselves of what it means to be married.

Like Valentine's Day, those who are married know: it's not all chocolates and roses. Sometimes, it's sour grapes and poison ivy. It's socks on the floor and dishes in the sink and diapers that need changing and meetings with teachers and paying bills and fixing the car and snoring at three in the morning. It's not always easy. But nothing of value is. Being married isn't just a life-style choice, or a living arrangement that has tax advantages and can result in two or three little deductions.

No. Marriage is something else. Something more. Something deeper. Something greater. Something that should inspire awe and wonder. **It is, in fact, a vocation.** But how many of us treat it that way?

How many of us even the most faithful Catholics look on this sacrament as something like Holy Orders? How many of us realize that those of us who are married are a part of something sacred? How many of us understand that this life we live as a married couple is like the life of a priest or religious a calling?

It is. Make no mistake: those who are married have been called to this way of life. God has spoken to us, just as he has to priests and religious, and He has summoned us to live our lives in a radical way putting the interests of another person, or even the interests of an entire family, ahead of our own. He has asked us to do this for better or for worse, in sickness and in health, for a lifetime. Share this mission with me, He says. Offer your life for this great adventure: to be a spouse, to begin a family, and continue My work of creation in the world. That is His calling to us.

It is a wonder, and a mystery and a summons that can't help but leave us feeling humbled. Married life is God extending Himself through time, continuing what began when He first called forth light and life. The creative work of the Creator continues, through every husband and wife, who then strive to bring light and life into the world. It's a holy covenant. It's a sacrament. And yes: it is a vocation.

And like any vocation, it requires an ongoing dialogue with God. And it is something to be done, a way of living that should give glory to God.

In the letter we just heard, St. Paul wrote: "Brothers and sisters, whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." That includes the ordinary, everyday, mundane acts of married life. Give glory to God with every dish you wash, every bill you pay, every sock you toss in a hamper instead of leaving on the floor. Make of your marriage a prayer.

Years ago, the first time I preached on this subject, I asked my wife, "What do you think I should say about marriage in my homily Sunday?" and without hesitating, she said, "It's so important to pray. Separately and together. Because God knows the strengths and weaknesses of the other person better than you do. You need His help."

Every marriage does. Every vocation does. No priest or brother or sister or deacon can last long without an active prayer life. And so it is with this vocation of marriage. It requires what the Church has so beautifully described as "the domestic church" each couple, each family living and praying and sharing together, finding communion together.

It is something beautiful. And holy. It is a vocation. And as I tell couples in my wedding homily: the great goal, the highest goal, of any marriage is to try to make your spouse a saint. Imagine what might happen if we honestly, sincerely treated marriage that way and treated it as a vocation.

Parishes would have regular marriage vocation fairs.

There would be a marriage novena to Mary and Joseph, asking their intercession to call forth more good husbands and wives. There would be prayers offered regularly to Saints Louis and Zelig Martin the parents of St. Therese of Lisieux. There would be an ongoing effort, in every family, in every parish, in every diocese, to pray for holy marriages, just as we now pray for holy priests.

If we began to have that kind of a mindset, more of us might then come to see this sacred calling as, indeed, a calling that is sacred. A marriage wouldn't just be 50 or 60 years following a big overpriced party with a dress you only wore once. We would begin to see it as a kind of daily prayer - an offering to God, and an offering to one other person. An offering made once. And forever.

Imagine what it might be mean if we all thought of marriage that way. Imagine how that might change our church and change our world.- *Deacon Greg Kandra*

Tips For Planning Your Estate

Everyone Has An Estate - If you have something of value that you'd want to pass on to someone in the event of your death, you have an estate. Everyone needs an estate plan.

What Is an Estate Plan?

- ◆ A plan for conserving and transferring one's wealth to his/her family upon death in a way that maintains and increases the financial security of the survivors.
- ◆ This process is often accomplished by a team of professionals which may include an attorney, an accountant, a life insurance agent, a trust officer and a financial planner.

Do you have a plan?

No matter your net worth or income level, everyone should have a basic estate plan in place.

Do You Have these Important Documents? A Will, Enduring Power of Attorney, Living Will

How to Create Your Estate Plan

- ◆ Step 1 - prepare an inventory of your assets and liabilities
- ◆ Step 2 - define your estate planning objectives
- ◆ Step 3 - evaluate your objectives based on your current situation.
- ◆ Step 4 - determine what actions are necessary to achieve your objectives
- ◆ Step 5 - consult the appropriate advisors to implement your plan
- ◆ Step 6 - periodically review your plan

What a Will Can do?

- ◆ Appoints trustworthy executor/executrix
- ◆ Appoints children's guardians
- ◆ Establishes charitable gifting & planned gifting
- ◆ Saves your family time and money



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Do Not Die "Intestate"

- ◆ If you die without a will, you will have died intestate. The court will appoint someone to act on your behalf.
- ◆ By having a will you avoid this and you elect your representative and indicate your specific wishes.

If You Have a Will...

- ◆ Like survivor designations on life insurance, be sure your will is current
- ◆ Changes in circumstances after the execution of the will (tax law amendments, deaths, marriage/divorce, births, or change in the amount of your estate) may raise questions as to the adequacy of your will.

What is Durable Power of Attorney?

- ◆ Allows you to appoint individuals you trust to make financial or medical decisions on your behalf should you be incapacitated.
- ◆ Must be drawn up prior to your physical or mental incapacitation.
- ◆ You may appoint contingent attorneys

What is a Living Wills or Advanced Health Care Directive?

- ◆ Living wills allow an individual to outline to their attorney exactly what extraordinary means are to be used to sustain their life.
- ◆ Advanced health care directives outline specifically, to your attorney, the type of care you wish to receive during an incapacitation.

What Are Possible Consequences Of Not Planning?

- ◆ Higher taxes on estate
- ◆ Higher probate costs
- ◆ Delays in closing estate
- ◆ Having decisions made for you & your family
- ◆ Minor children placed at court's discretion
- ◆ Can cost your family much more than a proper plan

How The Knights Of Columbus Can Help?

- ◆ Superior life insurance products
- ◆ Excellent guaranteed, probate-free, creditor proof retirement products
- ◆ Long-term care and disability income insurance
- ◆ Free professional advice in the comfort of your own home from agents who are brother Knights

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