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February 2024



Calendar of Events 2024

February 9th.....Medieval Times 7:00 PM
 February 11th..... Super Bowl Party
 February 12th..... Council Meeting 8:10 PM
 February 28th..... 4th Degree Mtg. Hillside Council
 March 11th..... Council Meeting 8:10 PM
 March 22nd..... Fish Fry 6:00 PM
 March 27th..... 4th Degree Mtg.
 April 6th Comedy Night
 April 8th Council Meeting 8:10 PM
 April 14th..... 4th Degree Exemplification
 April 24th..... 4th Degree Mtg.
 May 13th..... Council Meeting 8:10 PM
 May 17-19th Wildwood Convention
 May 22n..... 4th Degree Mtg.
 June 10th..... Council Meeting 8:10 PM
 June 26th..... 4th Degree Mtg.
 July 8th Council Meeting 8:10 PM
 August 12th Council Meeting 8:10 PM
 September 9th..... Council Meeting 8:10 PM
 September 25th..... 4th Degree Meetings Resume
 October 14th Council Meeting 8:10 PM
 November 11th Council Meeting 8:10 PM
 December 9th..... Council Meeting 8:10 PM

Dates are subject to change. Refer to our website for the latest information:

<https://www.kofc4504.org/events>




Fish Fry FRIDAY

MARCH 22ND
TIME: 6:00 PM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL
1034 JEANETTE AVE.
UNION, NJ 07083

COST: \$17 PP

The Union Knights of Columbus is planning on having a fish fry on Friday, March 22nd at 6 p.m.

The menu will consist of Fried Fish or Baked Fish. When purchasing your ticket we would like to know your selection. The meal will also include French Fries and Cole slaw. There will be beverages of water, soda, coffee, and dessert. There will be a cash bar available.

The cost will be \$17.00 with proceeds will be distributed to charities. We will need a team of volunteers to set up, serve, and clean up afterward. In the past, this has been a success.



Happy
Valentine's
Day!



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Knigh Digest Editor
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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.

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Columbian Club President Joe Marateo
Swim Club PresidentMike Harms
Columbiette President Fran Corcione

Monthly Meetings

1st. Mon. ----- Council Officers 8pm
2nd Mon.----- Council Mtgs. 8:10pm
2nd Thu. ----- Columbiettes 7pm
4th Wed. ----- 4th Degree Assembly 7:30pm
4rd Thur. -----Columbian Club Officers 8pm

MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT



As we come together in the spirit of fraternity and service, I find it fitting to reflect not only on our shared commitment as Knights of Columbus but also on the significance of the upcoming Valentine's Day. In the tapestry of our brotherhood, we discover a profound love for one another and a calling to extend that love to the broader community.

Our acts of charity, from food and coat drives to fundraising events, are expressions of the love we hold for those in need. In the true spirit of Valentine's Day, let us also extend our hearts to our fellow brothers and their families, acknowledging the strength that comes from the love and support we provide one another.

As I navigate the end of the second year of my term as Grand Knight, I am reminded of the love and commitment each of you brings to our council. Your support is the bedrock upon which our shared mission stands, and I am grateful for the bonds we continue to forge.

In the spirit of Valentine's Day, let us take a moment to express gratitude for the love within our brotherhood. May it inspire us to reach out to those who may be in need of a kind word, a helping hand, or simply the warmth of companionship.

In our churches, we serve as ushers and witnesses at baptisms. We rally behind the families of our departed brothers, standing with cans in hand to raise funds that echo the heartbeat of compassion. Our duty is not merely to enjoy good times together but to act in a manner that elevates us as men dedicated to service.

Let us not forget the importance of reaching out to our fellow Catholic brothers, sharing the profound impact of our collective efforts, and inviting them to join us in this noble cause. The Knights of Columbus is a beacon of light, and every new member adds to the brilliance of our shared mission.

Lastly, in honor of shared experiences, I extend a reminder about the upcoming KOFC convention in Wildwood, NJ, scheduled for May 17-19, 2024. If you and your families are interested in attending, don't hesitate to contact our council. Detailed flyers for this exciting event will be shared soon.

May our bonds of brotherhood continue to grow stronger, and may the love we share be a guiding light in our journey as Knights.

Fraternally,

Gerry Aponte
Grand Knight, Council 4504



I keep seeing this math problem. Can someone help me solve it?
 $20+C+M+B+24$

Traditionally on the feast of Epiphany, Catholics bless their homes by writing the letters C, M, and B and the numbers of the year on either side — so this year it would look like “20+C+M+B+24.”

The letters stand for the traditional names of the three Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. They also represent the Latin blessing “Christus mansionem benedicat,” which means “May Christ bless this house.”

Let us pray. Bless, O Lord God almighty, this home, that in it there may be health, purity, the strength of victory, humility, goodness, and mercy, the fulfillment of Thy law, the thanksgiving to God the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

May this blessing remain upon this home and upon all who dwell herein. Through Christ, Our Lord.

Submitted by SK Ray Gora



February 11, 2024

Join us to watch the game.
Sponsored by The Columbian Club



Knight of the Month



February 2024

Dennis Mann



Knight of the Month for February 2024 is Dennis Mann. Dennis has been a very active and involved council member over the past year. Dennis exemplifies a remarkable commitment to his family and community, notably through his dedicated involvement with the Knights of Columbus (KOC). Since

2019, he has been an integral part of the KOC, and upon relocating from Brooklyn, NY, to Parlin, NJ, he actively sought to transfer to a council closer to his new home. Thanks to his connection with Mike Harms, he successfully transitioned to Council 4504 at the beginning of 2023.

With a marriage spanning 38 years to his wife, Janine, and two accomplished children, Samantha and Chris, Dennis holds family values close to his heart. Samantha, a second-grade teacher specializing in children with autism, and Chris, employed at an accounting firm, reflect Dennis's pride and fulfillment in his family's achievements. The anticipation of identical twin granddaughters in late April adds another joy to his familial bonds.

Dennis's dedication extends beyond the family, as he has devoted almost 40 years to the apparel industry in finance. A firm believer in teamwork, he refrains from using the word "I" excessively, emphasizing the collective effort. His commitment to the KOC is evident in his active participation in council events whenever family commitments allow. With a profound belief in the council's mission, Dennis aspires to continue contributing to its endeavors, embodying the values of community, family, and collaboration.

Congratulations, Brother Knight Dennis Mann, for Knight of the Month for February 2024.



THE KNIGHTS ARE STORMING THE CASTLE

February 9, 2024
7PM



Please be sure to arrive one hour before
the start of the tournament.

Join the
Union Knights of Columbus Council 4504
at Medieval Times castle
149 Polito Ave, Lyndhurst, NJ 07071
For a night of fun and commradiery.



PRICE:

\$60- Adult
\$40- Child

INCLUDES:

Two hour live tournament
Four-course medieval feast

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Leonard Komar
EMAIL: ljkjr4504@gmail.com

Horses will not be provided.
Please arrange your own travel to and from the castle.



Comedy Night

APRIL 6, 2024

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM

SHOW STARTS AT 7:00 PM

Contact Fran Corcione for tickets:

973-454-4145

mrsc417@hotmail.com



Jeff Norris & Renee DeLorenzo



Chris Monty

Popular on Cruise Ships
and Atlantic City



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL

1034 JEANETTE AVE., UNION, NJ

\$30 PP

COFFEE AND CAKE
BRING YOUR OWN FOOD

CASH BAR



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS UNION COUNCIL 4504

**2024 WILDWOOD CONVENTION
MAY 17-19, 2024**

**MEMBERS AND PARISHIONERS
ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND**



FREE PARKING

Free outdoor and garage parking available at the hotel. (One car per room.)



COMPLIMENTARY BREAKFAST

Free breakfast in the hotel restaurant for each guest.



PIZZA NIGHT

Pizza night Friday evening in the hospitality room.



CONVENTION HOURS

5/17 10AM-1PM
5/18 10AM-2PM

RATES:

For 2 Guests

4 nights (Wednesday - Sunday) \$610.00

3 nights (Thursday - Sunday) \$475.00

2 nights (Friday - Sunday) \$363.00

Hospitality Room Fee- \$75 per guest

ADDITIONAL GUESTS

\$15.00 per night

ROOM UPGRADES

3 Room Suites: +35 per night

4 Rooms Suites: +50 per night

Notes



Deposits needed by February 8th.



Deposits will not be refund after April 1st.



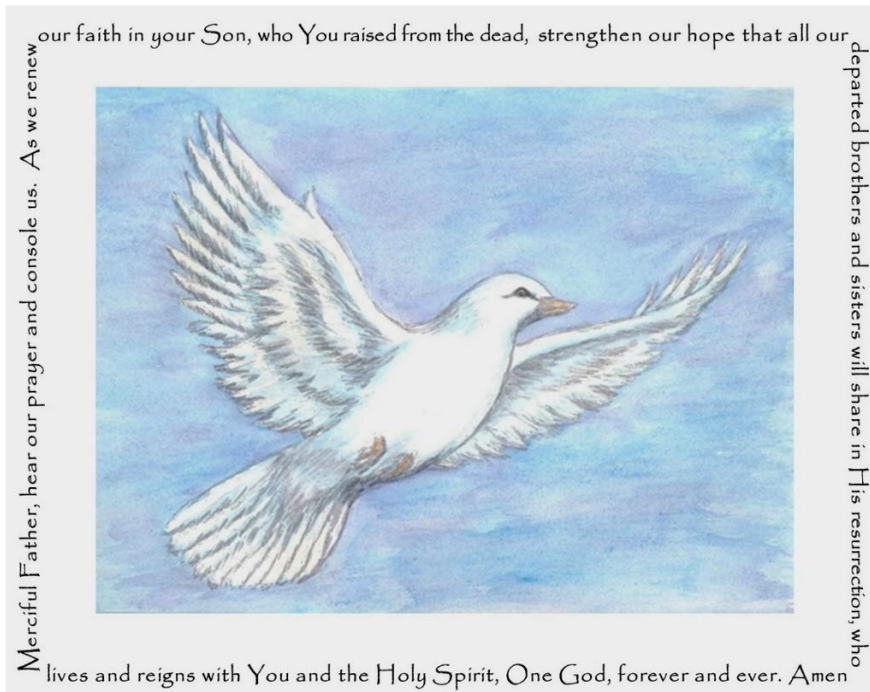
Full balance due by May 10, 2024.

For Reservations Contact:

Gerry Aponte
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**The Adventurer Inn
5401 Ocean Avenue,
Wildwood Crest, NJ 08260**



The Bereavement Ministry of Holy Spirit Church
will again offer its Christ centered support group sessions,
for those in need of help coping with the loss of a loved one.

The next session will begin Wednesday February 14, 2024
for 8 weeks (in the afternoon) through Wednesday April 3, 2024
from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm at the corner of
Morris Avenue & Suburban Road, Union, NJ.

Meetings will be held in Drexler Hall

(Located at far end of parking lot by Morris Avenue)
(Wednesdays: February 14th, 21st, 28th, March 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, April 3rd.)

Participation is FREE, however, REGISTRATION is required.

Please contact the parish office at (908) 687-3327.

Let us be your companions for the journey.

God Bless You

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