



# Knights Digest



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February 2016

## Calendar of Events

### February

February 4th..... Insurance Seminar  
 February 7th..... Super Bowl Party  
 February 18th..... Family Dinner  
 February 19th..... Elvis (Dinner & Show)

### March

March 4th .....Fish Fry

### ***DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES FISH FRY***

On March 4 2016 at 6pm the Knights of Columbus Council will have the 3rd annual Fish Fry to benefit our People with Developmental Disabilities. The cost will be \$12.00 for fish and chips with Cole slaw and macaroni and cheese There will also be soda coffee and dessert. Cash bar available. No door sales. We will be serving between 630-7pm. For tickets please contact Mike Peter at mikepeter4275@gmail or phone number 908 759 3588. Thank you.

Donations would also be deeply appreciated. We will sell tickets till the end of February.

### ***HELP GIVE THE GIFT OF SIGHT TO THOSE LESS FORTUNATE***



The Union Knights of Columbus 4504 will be setting up a collection box for donations of used eyeglasses, and sunglasses to be taken to the New Eyes for the Needy in Millburn, NJ.

Since 1932, New Eyes for the Needy has provided clear vision to over 8 million people in the United States and throughout the world. New Eyes for the Needy was founded in 1932 by the late Julia Lawrence Terry of Short Hills, NJ. The idea originated with Mrs. Terry when she worked as a volunteer at a Red Cross food depot during the Depression. So many applicants had impaired vision that she collected discarded eyeglasses for distribution to those in need.

In 1958, New Eyes for the Needy was incorporated in New Jersey as a non-profit charitable organization. A new headquarters at 549 Millburn Avenue was purchased in 1961. Their Program distributes used glasses worldwide. They receive donations of used glasses from all across the country. Their specially trained volunteering teams test and sort the glasses into different categories. After which we distribute the glasses through international charitable organizations and small medical missions.

Don't let those old glasses take up space in your drawers when they can be put to good use.

### ***INSURANCE SPOTLIGHT***

You and your spouse are cordially invited to attend a Long Term Care and Disability Income Seminar organized by our Supreme Council Specialist.

Date 2/4/16  
 Time 7 to 9 pm  
 Union Council 4504  
 1034 Jeanette Ave, Union

Light refreshment will be served.  
 RSVP: Rich Fuentes 908 922-7551

### ***THANK YOU!***

Would like to express our deepest gratitude to those involved with the Knights of Columbus Council Nativity "Keep Christ in Christmas" by either painting setting up or disassemble along with the Blessing. Thank you Members, Families and the Township Committee

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**Knigh Digest Editor**  
**1034 Jeanette Avenue**  
**Union, NJ 07083**

or preferably via email to: [tomdudek@outlook.com](mailto: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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*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

Brother Knights,

February brings us several days that are worth mentioning. Groundhog Day is February 2<sup>nd</sup>. I am sure after the Blizzard of 2016 everyone is hoping the groundhog will not see his shadow and spring will be just around the corner.

On February 15th we celebrate President's Day. We all think of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln when we celebrate this holiday as both their birthdays are in February. Originally established in 1885 and celebrated on February 22, Washington's birthday, the holiday became popularly known as President's Day after it was moved as part of 1971's Uniform Monday Holiday Act, an attempt to create more three-day weekends for the nation's workers. President's day is now viewed as a day to celebrate all U.S. presidents past and present.

Ash Wednesday is on February 10<sup>th</sup>. It is the first day of the Christian season of Lent which lasts for six weeks ending on Easter Sunday. Christians focus on simple living, prayer, and fasting in order to grow closer to God.

I attended the midterm meeting of Grand Knights in New Jersey. Mention was made of achieving Star Council. One area our numbers are lacking in is the insurance program. I encourage all new members to look into purchasing insurance. If you are interested please contact Greg Chaves.

As I mentioned in the January newsletter I am looking forward to seeing more of you around the council. Come out, say "hello", meet new friends, and get involved even in the smallest way.

Vivat Jesus  
Greg



### ***CHURCH COMMUNITY YOUTH RITE TO LIFE***

Gentlemen this Columbian Year is half over but we somewhat getting ready for our next Columbian Year. That will start in July 2016. We were wondering if any members would be interested in assisting us with our Church Community Youth Rite to Life and Council events. Please contact Mike Peter at [mikepeter4275@gmail.com](mailto:mikepeter4275@gmail.com).

### ***FAMILY DINNERS***

The Family dinners take place every month on the third Thursday of the month from September to June.

It a great opportunity to not only enjoy a great home-cooked meal, but also to get together with family and friends and enjoy a night out without having to cook.

A family of 4 costs \$30.00

Adults are \$10.00

Children (under 8) & Seniors are \$8.00

There is a Cash Bar Available and as always a chance to win the 50/50.

Please keep in mind that due to the increase of people coming to the family dinners we are now taking reservations. If you plan on attending, please call Pat Wittek at 908-964-3989. If you don't make a reservation we can't guarantee you a plate for dinner.

Thank you for making this event extremely successful.

The menu for February 18th is stew over noodles.

Dinner is served from 6:30 to 8:30 PM.

Also, please keep in mind that the April dinner date has been changed from April 21st to April 14th due to the "Taste of Union".

### ***KNIGHT OF THE MONTH***

***FEBRUARY 2016***

**Edward Stonack**



Edward "Ed" Stonack became a member of Union Council 4504 in 1976 following in the footsteps of his dad who was also a Knight. Ed presently lives in Union with his wife Rosemary and is a parishioner at St. Michael's Church in Union. He is a father of two daughters and a step-son.

Many of us have seen Ed helping out in the kitchen doing dishes and other chores after Council events; something he started doing without being asked by anyone. He does it tirelessly and purposefully, seemingly undaunted by what goes on around him. He assisted greatly at last year's Family picnic. Ed also serves as a worthy companion and driver for brother Jim Bayer, whom he transports to and from council events, following Jim's recent illness which does not allow him to drive. Ed also volunteers at Sister Ann's Food Pantry at St. Michael's.

Ed was a master carpet installer working with his dad and another company, until he retired because of the toll the job was taking on his body. Following his retirement as a carpet installer Ed worked at International Flavors and Fragrances from which he has since retired. Back in the day, Ed was a very good bowler, accredited in part to him being a southpaw.

During his spare time Ed loves salt-water fishing but occasionally travels to Canada to do freshwater fishing. He also enjoys being with his grandchildren as well as helping around the council. Though a very quiet and somewhat reserved individual, Ed makes his presence felt by what he does and how he does it.

We at Union, Council 4504 are very appreciative of Ed's time, talent and his brotherhood and for this, we have great pleasure to acknowledge Edward "Ed" Stonack, as Knight of the Month, February, 2016.

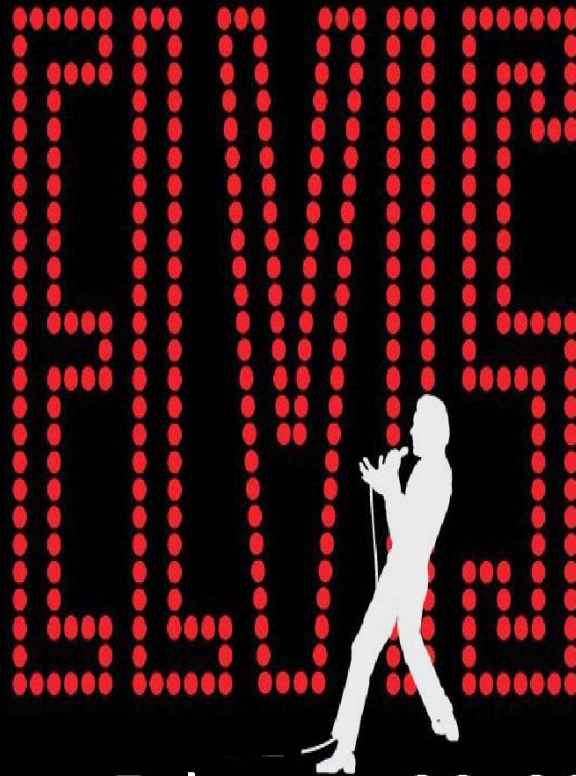
**Congratulations Ed!!!!**

**The Columbian Club of Union  
presents**

**Jeff Krick**

**Elvis Tribute Artist & Vocalist**

**Tickets  
\$25.00  
Per person**



**Includes  
Buffet and  
Draft Beer &  
wine**

**Date: February 20, 2016**

**Time: 7:00p.m to 11:00 p.m.**

**Where: 1034 Jeanette Ave., Union**

**For Tickets or Info Contact:**

**John Peters at 908-296-1638 or jep103@verizon.net**

**\*\* Tickets must be purchased in advance. No Tickets will be available at the door\*\***

# Long Term Care and Disability Income Seminar

Organized by The Supreme Council Specialist



You and your spouse are cordially invited to attend a Long  
Term Care and Disability Income Seminar.

Date: February 4, 2016

Time: 7:00P.M. TO 9:00P.M.

Venue: Union Council #4504

1034 Jeanette Avenue

Union, New Jersey 07083

R.S.V.P. Rich Fuentes @ 908-922-7551

In Service To One. In Service To All





St. Michael's Parish presents  
**Mardi Gras Carnival  
 Fish Fry\***

**When** - Saturday, February 6, 2016  
**Time** - After 5:30 Mass, approx. 6:30 - 10:30 PM  
**Where** - St. Michael's Lower Church

\*Chicken will be available; Dinner provided by Argyle's Restaurant, Kearny, NJ.

Cost: \$18.00 per person eat-in  
 \$16.00 per person take-out  
 \$9.00 per child (age 10 and under)



*Music - Dancing - Entertainment - BYOB*

Questions? Contact Alberta Phillips: 908-686-3717 or Tina Spassione: 973-202-7191



Return this portion with payment to:  
 St. Michael's Parish Center c/o Mardi Gras Carnival Fish Fry  
 1211 Orange Ave., Union, NJ 07083

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_

Eat In: \_\_\_\_\_ Take out: \_\_\_\_\_ Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken: \_\_\_\_\_ Fish: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to reserve a table of 8 in the name of \_\_\_\_\_



### *KNIGHTS FAMILY DINNER*

The next Knights Family Dinner will be on Thursday, February 18, 2016.



### *Swim Club*

Renewal Pool Memberships have been mailed out. **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE AT THE COUNCIL,** mail them. thank you.

Jim Ford

### *Coat Drive*

Folks, as the weather turns cold and the Holiday Season is right around the corner, let us not forget those less fortunate. Clean out your closets and let's get some coats to those who need. There is a coat collection box at Union Council 4504 and if you won't be at the council, call/text me and I'll make arrangements to come and get your donation. Don't have any coats to donate? I am also going to purchase some coats if you'd rather make a monetary donation. Thank you.

SK Alex Costa PGK FN DD  
305-898-1570 cell



## The Columbian Club of Union Presents our Annual Super Bowl Party

**\$20 Per Person**

Includes: Open Buffet and  
One Drink Ticket

**Doors Open  
at  
3:00p.m.**



**FEBRUARY 7, 2016**

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14	15 Swim Club Mtg.	16	17	18 Knights Family Dinner	19 Elvis: Dinner & Show	20
21	22 Council Mtg. 8p	23	24 4th Degree Assembly	25 Columbian Club	26	27
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