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Upcoming Events

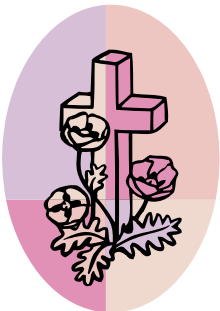
November

November 1st All You Can Eat Beef Steak Dinner
 November 10th.....Dedication of Thomas Mahoney Park
 November 10th..... Fall Festival of Vendors
 November 13th..... Second Degree
 November 17th..... Memorial Mass and Brunch
 November 21st Family Dinner
 November 22nd..... Third Degree
 November 25th..... Social Mtg. - Talk on Arthritis

December

December 3rd.....Nativity Blessing
 December 8th Camp Fatima Christmas Party
 December 9thCouncil Christmas Dinner
 December 22nd Breakfast with Santa

Annual Mass for Deceased Brother Knights



Union Knights of Columbus will hold their annual Mass offered for the Repose of the Souls of our deceased Brother Knights on Sunday November 17, 2013 at 9:00 AM at Holy Spirit Church. An area of the Church will be reserved for us to sit as a group. Fourth Degree members should contact Andy Schopfer

PGK Faithful Navigator of the JFK Assembly about Fourth Degree participation. Following the Mass at approximately 10:30 AM we will sponsor a brunch in our Council hall featuring various breakfast choices. Prices are \$10 for adults, \$8 for Seniors and children 6 - 12, and children under 6 are free.

See page 5 for a listing of brother Knights who have passed since our last Memorial Mass in 2012.

Due Notices

Brothers, as we approach the end of calendar year 2013 we would like to remind all Brother Knights who still have outstanding dues owed to please send them to Tom Hornig our Financial Secretary before he starts sending out the Dues Notices for 2014. Currently we only have less than 100 Brothers who still owe \$44 for 2013 Dues, less than 30 Brothers who owe \$88 for 2012 and 2013 Dues, and less than 10 Brothers who owe 3 or more years Dues. Your Dues obligation does not go away at the end of the year, but combines with the next years Dues, so please do not let \$44 become \$88, or \$88 become \$132 in 2014.

Coping with Arthritis



Brothers, our second Council meeting of the month on November 25, 2013 will be a Social meeting. Dr. Michael Willemse will be hosting a talk on arthritis of the

knee. As we age, arthritis slowly builds up in our bodies and currently over 10 million Americans are affected by this condition. Dr. Willemse will be discussing what arthritis is, how it is caused and what can be done for this condition that can help you avoid surgery.

Since this will be a Social meeting not a Business meeting, your family and friends are invited to join us for Dr. Willemses' program.

If you or someone you know suffers from knee pain or if you are worried you have arthritis, please feel free to attend. Light refreshments will be served after the meeting.

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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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Deputy Grand Knight..... Ed McCormick
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Warden Giftus John
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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,

The month of November is a month of Remembrance and Thanksgiving. We start the month celebrating All Saints and All Souls Days. On All Saints Day we commemorate all those who have been Beatified as Saints. On All Souls Day we remember all our family members and friends who have passed away. At the Union Knights we also remember all our Deceased Brother Knights from our Council who have passed over the 56 years that our council has been in existence. This years Memorial Mass will be at 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday November 17, 2013 at Holy Spirit Church. Following the Mass we will hold our traditional Brunch in the Council Hall. Please join us as we come together as a Knights family to remember those who have left us.

During November we also celebrate Veterans Day. Every year on the 11th of November we honor all our Veterans. Veterans Day was originally called Armistice Day, and was intended to remember the end of World War I, which officially ended at the eleventh hour, of the eleventh day, of the eleventh month of 1918. After World War II the name of the Holiday was officially changed to Veterans Day to Honor all Veterans of all Branches of the Military. This year I would like to invite all Brother Knights and their families to join us on Sunday November 10, 2013 at 12:30 PM for the dedication of Thomas Mahoney Park on Chestnut Street in Union Township. Tom became a Brother Knight at our council late in life, and over the past few years has always joined us in our Memorial Day ceremonies, and our Veterans celebrations. The park is being named in Tom's honor to commemorate his lifelong commitment to make sure that the sacrifices the he and his fellow World War II and other Veterans made for our Country will be remembered by all. And Thank You to all our Veterans for their Service to our Country, on Veterans day, and every day of the year.

On Thanksgiving Day our families come together to thank the Lord for all the good things that he has given us throughout the year. Always be mindful that there are others out there that may not be as blessed as you are, and be Thankful for what you have, not upset over what you do not have. Please keep those in need in mind and do your part to help them out. One good way is to drop non-perishable food at the Council or St. Michael's Church for Sister Ann's Pantry so we can help those who may not have as much as we do. Food can be dropped off in the rear vestibule of St. Michael's Church before or after the Masses in the plastic tub by the entrance door.

On a solemn note, this year marks the 50th anniversary of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy on Friday November 22. President Kennedy was a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus. Those Brother Knights over the age of 55 will always remember where they were that day back in 1963 when they first heard the news about President Kennedy's death, and how our Nation stood still for that weekend as the events unfolded on our TV's. Our Third Degree on Friday November 22, 2013 will be dedicated to the Memory of Sir Knight John F. Kennedy.

Remember that you only get from the Knights of Columbus and our Council what you put into them. Please attend our monthly Council meetings and actively participate in them. Not only attend our events and activities, but help in planning and running them. We need everyone to get involved and make Union Council the best it can be.

Vivat Jesus,
Steve



Swim Club News

The annual swim club renewals will be mailed out in early January. Please keep an look out for the announcement in the digest as well as in the mail. Last year, we welcomed 10 new families, keep spreading the word so that membership keeps increasing.

Donation to Sisters of Saint Dominic

A resolution was made at the October 14, 2013 Council meeting for the Union Knights of Columbus to make a \$1,000 donation to the Sisters of Saint Dominic / Caldwell Dominicans to help with their Capital Campaign to complete the construction of and furnish their new Sacred Heart Convent located in Caldwell, NJ. This donation from our Charitable Fund will be made in Honor of Sister Ann Dominic in acknowledgement of her service to the community and many years of support to Union Council . Since this is a sizable donation the resolution will be put to a vote at our Council meeting on November 11, 2013.

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.



November 17, 2013
December 25, 2013
January 26, 2014
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

Upcoming Degrees

Wednesday - November 13, 2013 - Second Degree

Friday - November 22, 2013 - Third Degree

Sign in for all Degrees at 7:30 PM.
Degrees start at 8:00 PM

Please contact Membership Director Nick Belmonte or Grand Knight Steve Nagy if you know of candidates for the First Degree, or if you need to make your Second or Third Degrees.

Knight of the Month

November 2013

Tony Cavallo



The Knight of the month for November 2013 is a fixture in Union Council. He can be seen tending bar two or more days per week. Tony Cavallo has been heavily involved in Union Council since joining us 24 years ago. He may be one of more senior members but his age doesn't slow him down one bit. Tony comes to most work parties, tends bar and counts the money for the Columbian Club. It seems that he is always in the building.

Tony joined the Knights shortly after his beloved wife, Marge passed away to have something to do and someone to socialize with. He jumped in with both feet and has not looked back. He's one of our hardest working members. Tony grew up in Newark and attended East Side High School. He moved to Union in the late 40's where he and his wife raised three sons. Today Tony has 7 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren; every one of whom he is extremely proud. He is a parishioner of St. James Church in Springfield.

Tony has shown the virtues of a Knight of Columbus for over two decades. For that we are proud to name Tony Cavallo Knight of the month of November, 2013.

Congratulations Tony

HELP WANTED Knight Digest

Anyone interested in getting involved with the monthly Knight Digest, please attend a brief meeting on Tuesday November 12, 2013 at 8:00 PM at the Council. We are looking for Brother Knights to get involved with us to help each month to put together an informative and entertaining Digest. If you are interested and cannot attend please contact Tom Dudek at webmaster@kofc4504.org , or Grand Knight Steve Nagy at toys4504@aol.com or (908) 967-9060.

Christmas Bus Trip to New York City



On Saturday December 7, 2013 the Council and Columbian Club will sponsor a bus trip into New York City to partake of the Christmas Season in the City. The bus would depart from the Council at 12 noon and travel to Little Italy for a lunch (on your own) or Canal street shopping. Bus will pick up at approximately 3 pm for a ride to Bryant Park for approximately 1hr stop over (there are a lot of kiosk shopping). Bus will pick us up at approximately 4:30 pm and go to the tree for an hour or so and leave NYC at approximately 6 pm to return to the Council. More details will be posted on the web site and in the December Knight Digest. For reservations and more details contact John Peters at JEP103@verizon.net or (908) 296-1638.



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.

Welcome Home Dan Tatge - U.S.A.F.

We welcomed Brother Dan Tatge home on Sunday October 27, 2013 from his deployment at Qatar AFB in the Middle East, where he was serving as a Fire-fighter / Crash Specialist.

Dan will return back to Dover AFB in Dover DE, where he will continue to serve our Country in the United States Air Force. Dan is also Brother Knight Joe Harbison's nephew.

As we have done in the past when ever any member of our Knight's family is deployed, we gather to place a Yellow Ribbon on the tree in front of our Council to remind everyone to keep them in their thoughts and Prayers, and to show them that they are not forgotten by everyone back home while they are serving their deployment. And we also gather to welcome them home when they cut their Yellow Ribbon off the tree.



In Memory of Our Deceased Brother Knights

Who Passed Since our Last Memorial Mass November 2012

Michael A. Tomko PGK	10/23/12	WWII
Theodore H. Stawski	10/27/12	WWII
Stanley F. Kozubal	11/23/12	WWII
Bernard J. Higgins	11/27/12	WWII
Andrew F. Dudek	12/25/12	
Frederick J. Barsanti	01/09/13	
Regis J. Connors	01/20/13	KV
Willaim J. Hannon Jr.	02/03/13	WWII
Donald G. Ring	02/09/13	
Richard F. DeVivo	02/17/13	
Joseph M. O'Connor	02/23/13	WWII
Warren L. Henderson Sr.	03/25/13	WWII
John F. Mageean	02/28/13	WWII
William F. Jones	03/26/13	
Theodore Ziegert	04/09/13	WWII
John A. Truhe	05/06/13	WWII
John Mirynowski	05/10/13	WWII
Gustavo H. Bagnato	05/28/13	
Cosmo Vacca	05/31/13	
Frank J. Simone	06/01/13	WWII
Thomas F. Mahoney	06/03/13	WWII
John A. Raudonis	06/16/13	WWII
George C. Chapman	07/03/13	WWII
Andrew L. Tobia	08/22/13	WWII
Joseph J. Hrdina Jr.	08/23/13	
Benjamin N. DiGiovanni	09/22/13	WWII
James Longo	10/04/13	
Jose Blanquer	10/10/13	
Thomas M. McGarvey	10/20/13	
Walter Guthreau	10/25/13	WWII
Stephen A. Patricco	11/01/13	
World War II Veteran	WWII	
Korean War Veteran	KV	

Fall Festival of Vendors

Start your
Holiday
Shopping
Early



Sunday, November 10th 2013
10:00AM - 5:00PM

Knights of Columbus
1034 Jeanette Ave
Union, NJ 07083

FOOD
Baked Goods

Cash Bar
Available

thirty-one

Pampered Chef



Amway

Free Admission!



Hobby N Home
Homemade Soaps



Premier Designs
INC.

Decorated Scented
Candles & Holders

"Dazzling Designs"

Christmas Ornaments

Handmade Wood Crafts

Painted Glass

Crocheted Items

Origami Owl Custom Jewelry

Handcrafted Flower's

Hand Bags & Wallets



&



AND MORE!!!

Longest serving officers of Union Council

There have been several brothers who have served this council as officers for 10 years or more. Below is a list of these dedicated gentlemen in order of most years served.

Top 10 Guard to Trustee			Months	Years
Frank	Dickerson	PGK	415.00	34.58
Tom	Hornig	PGK	324.00	27.00
Michael	Gasser	PGK	144.00	12.00
Alvin	Dietlein		139.00	11.58
Mike	Carr	PGK	132.00	11.00
Dominick	Clementoni	PGK	132.00	11.00
B.Warren	Hehl	PGK	132.00	11.00
James	Moran	PGK	132.00	11.00
Mike	Peter	PGK	122.00	10.17
Barney	Capriglione	PGK	120.00	10.00
Henry	Mey	PGK	120.00	10.00
Frank	Santangelo		120.00	10.00
Henry	Skarbek	PGK	120.00	10.00
Roy	Trupiano	PGK	120.00	10.00
Walter	Wasowski	PGK	120.00	10.00

As you can see some of these gentlemen are still serving us after all these years.

They are to be commended for their years of dedication to this council.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our thanksgiving. ~ W.T. Purkiser					1 Beef Steak Dinner	2
3	4 Council Officer's Meeting	5	6	7	8	9
10 Thomas Mahoney Park Dedication 12:30 PM Fall Vendor Festival	11 Veteran's Day Council Meeting 8:10 PM	12	13 Second Degree	14	15	16
17 Memorial Mass 9AM at Holy Spirit and Brunch to follow at the Council Hall	18 Swim Club Mtg.	19	20	21 Family Dinner 6:30 - 8:30 PM	22 Third Degree <i>50th anniversary of the assassination of John F. Kennedy</i>	23
24	25 Social Meeting 8:10 PM Talk on Arthritis	26	27 4th Degree Assembly	28 Thanksgiving Day	29	30