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July 2018

Calendar of Events

July 7th Pig Roast
 July 8th Installation of Council Officers 1:30 PM
 July 8th Senior Social 3PM to 5PM
 August 4th Lobster Fest
 September 8th Knights Family Picnic
 September 20th Knights Family Dinner

The Knight Digest will be back in September. The fun does not stop here. There are lots more activities planned, so be sure to visit the website often to see the latest updates.

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Have a safe summer!!!



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 BAR, SWIMCLUB GATE HOUSE (CHECKS OR EXACT
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DAVE WOZNIAK @ 908.930.0616
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ADVANCE SALE OF TICKETS WILL END 9/3/18
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Knights Family Dinner

The Knights Family dinners will resume on September 20, 2018.

Thank YOU

I would like to thank all the outside patio furniture donors who graciously gave money out of the goodness of their hearts, to ensure the quality of accommodation we all enjoy and deserve, in the summer months, at Council 4504.

On behalf of the Columbian Club, God bless you all. A very special Thank You to the Columbiettes for all they do to keep us up and running.

Sincerely

Robert Pynckels

Outside Guard/CC 3 Year Director

Brothers honored as Knight of the Month September 2017 to June 2018

Mike Eger-September 2017

Greg Jones-October 2017

Mike Peter-November 2017

Leonard Komar-December 2017

Alex Costa-January 2018

Luke Sangiamo-February 2018

William "Bill" Peter-March 2018

Buddy Cotter-April 2018

Kris Cancellieri-May 2018

Ronnie Giameo Sr-June 2018

Congratulations to all the brothers who went that extra step for the good of the Council.

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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

Chaplain..... Rev. Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu
District Deputy.....
Grand Knight Michael Willemse
Deputy Grand Knight..... David Wozniak
Chancellor..... Kris Cancellieri
Warden Joshua Merida
Recorder..... Phillip Cababe
Treasurer..... Paul Willemse
Fin. Secretary..... Luke Sangiamo
Inside Guard..... Anthony Ibida
Outside Guard..... Robert Pynckels
Membership Director..... Greg Chaves
Program Director..... Mike Peter, PGK
Advocate..... Stephen F. Hehl
3rd. Yr. Trustee Ed McCormick, PGK
2nd Yr. Trustee Giftus John, PGK
1st Yr. Trustee Greg Henn, PGK
4th Degree Faithful
Navigator..... Len Komar
Columbian Club
President Alex Costa, PGK
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,

I truly know what déjà vu feels like as I am writing my Grand Knight message starting this new Columbian Year.

I am truly humbled that I have the confidence of the membership to be voted in for a second term as your Grand Knight. I am overwhelmed and extremely surprised by this honor. I would also like to take the time to thank the members for their support this past Columbian Year, and especially my Officers. These gentlemen are incredibly selfless and care deeply of the betterment of the Township of Union as well as the Council. We did amazing this year, and I want to thank everyone who made it possible for us to earn the Columbian Award for Charitable Activities, The Father McGivney Award for Membership and the new Domestic Church Award. At the beginning of my tenure, State Membership Director Russell Petrocelli stated that 4504 is the “shining star of the archdiocese.” These awards only prove his point.

This past Father’s Day, on June 17th, we had our first annual Affirmation of Wedding Vows ceremony and breakfast. It was very successful and I would like to thank Deacon Mike for performing the ceremony. I also want to thank the All Star Kitchen Crew for their help on Sunday, especially Big G, Luke, Pynckels, Giftus and Greg Henn. On July 7th, we will be hosting our second annual Pig Roast to benefit St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Our annual Senior Social will be held the following day on Sunday, July 8th 2018 from 3pm – 5pm. We will also be hosting our Annual Family Picnic in September.

As the months go by, I will be keeping you up to date on all of our events and charitable works. We will be reorganizing the charity programs we perform this year. Supreme has changed the criteria for the Columbian Award for Charitable Activities, so myself and the Council officers will be sitting down and figuring out a plan of attack to see if we can continue to achieve this award.

If you have an idea for a program or want to help out in any way, please feel free to contact me. My email address is grandknight4504@gmail.com.

I look forward to hearing from you and working alongside you all. God Bless.

Vivat Jesus!
Michael P. Willemse
Grand Knight; Union 4504



Shield Awards

The annual Shield Awards ceremony honoring service personnel, teachers and a senior citizen in the Township of Union, as well as recognizing the Knights of the Month and the Knight and Columbian of the Year, respectively, was held on Monday 25th June at the Council Hall at 7:30p.m.

Recognized for their services for the Columbian Year 2017-18 were Officer Anthony Lagoa of the Union Police Department; Fireman Matthew Zieser, of the Union Fire Department, and EMT Owen Filipe, of the Union Emergency Medical Unit.

Mrs. Clare Andriola of St Michael's Church, and Mrs. Elizabeth Nyzio of Holy Spirit Church, were recognized as CCD Teachers of the Year, while Mrs. Antoinette Telle and Mrs. Maria Alvarado of the St. Michael School and the Holy Spirit School, respectively, were honored as Parochia School Teachers of the Year.

Mr. John Janowski was recognized as the Senior Citizen of the Year.

All the recipients were very thankful to the Council for recognizing them and thanked all who had assisted them in their services during the past year.

Certificates of recognition for their steadfast involvement, dedication and commitment to the Council, were presented to, James "Jimmy" Bayer and William "Bill" Peter. Ed Stonack, whose wake was held earlier that day, was posthumously recognized. His certificate was presented to his family at the wake service conducted by the Council.

Mike Peter, PGK; the out-going Program Director, was presented with a Certificate of Recognition by the Council for his untiring and unselfish work during the 16 years that he has been a member of 4504. Phil Cababe and Joshua Merida, were presented with the Shining Armor Award for their help recruiting new members.

The Knights of the Month for the past Columbian Year, were presented with their plaques and certificates. The final presentations for the night were the Knight of the Year and Columbian of the Year. Edward McCormick, PGK, was voted Knight of the Year while Kris Cancellieri was recognized as the Columbian of the Year.

Following the ceremony, awardees, friends and

members of 4504 mingled and shared experiences and also enjoyed the refreshments provided by Council 4504 and the Columbian Club.

It was a very touching night and we are thankful to all the awardees who make worthwhile contributions towards the development of the township. Council 4504 wishes to thank all who assisted in making this program the success it was this year, once again, and we look forward to recognize more members of our community for the good that they do.

Blessings all!



For a complete list, visit our website at www.kofc4504.org/events.

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Columbian Club Elections 2018 - 2019

The Election for the Columbian Club Officers and Directors was altered during the Council Business Meeting on June 11th 2018. A member in good standing brought up a concern a few days earlier to the Grand Knight, Michael Willemse, that the Columbian Club bylaw amendments in 2016 were never properly ratified. They were never published and the membership was not properly notified. One of the 2016 amendments prevented running off the floor for Columbian Club elections. After an investigation by the Grand Knight, it was determined that the 2016 amendments were not properly ratified and were declared null and void. Due to this, a motion was made to run an open election, and the motion was carried with a majority vote of the members present and voting. The other bylaw issue was that both Columbian Club clearly state that no officer can succeed himself in office. The Columbian Club bylaws say no succession without a unanimous vote by the board, which was determined that there was not. An open election occurred that night and the new officers & directors for the Columbian Club are the following:

President

Alex Costa, PGK, PFN, FDD

1st Vice President/ Bar Manager

Ron Giameo, Sr.

2nd Vice President/ Kitchen Manager

Michael P. Campanelli

Recording Secretary

Alex Rivera

Treasurer

Vacant

3 Year Trustees

Robert Pynckels

George Gaydos

Jack Schultz

2 Year Trustees

Ron Giameo Jr

Steve Nagy, PGK

Ron Salzano

Giftus John, PGK

Columbian Club

Brother Knights, Family, Friends and our Guests,

As a PGK (Past Grand Knight) of Union Council 4504, a PFN (Past Faithful Navigator) of the 4th Degree JFK Assembly, and now after 5 years as a FDD (Former District Deputy), it is my honor to serve the Knights of Columbus 4504 and their families in the position of Columbian Club President.

I need to start by thanking John Bashaw for steering the ship as he did over the last three years. John was thrust into a position that he knew little about and had to become self-taught in many ways as those immediately before him really didn't have a secession process. I am also happy that John has agreed to stay on as our Banquet Hall Manager.

I need to thank all the Directors and others whose dedication are what makes the day to day operation of the Club possible for the enjoyment of all. We still have a few open positions on the board so if you are interested, speak up.

My agenda for the next year is simple, to make the Club even better. Of course we have finances to consider, we have maintenance to consider and we have atmosphere to consider.

Finances will be addressed. You help by supporting events and the lounge & Tiki Bar. And while we appreciate those of you who come out every summer, your participation and support are also needed in the fall and winter months. Don't just be a "Summer Knight". If you have an event/fundraiser that you are passionate about and would like to run, please, contact me and we will see what we can put together.

Maintenance is an ongoing issue. The simplest thing I can ask of you is to lend a hand and go that one step further. You time is the least expensive thing we can ask of you. The work parties in opening and closing the backyard seem to always be attended by the same people. Their help is indispensable and your help can only add to that. Also, treat our facility with respect. If you see trash on the floor or a table, feel free to clean it up. Don't leave it for "someone else". Remember, with the exception of our lifeguards and maybe one or two other positions, the Council and the Club exist strictly on the volunteerism of our members.

In regards to Atmosphere, this has been and WILL continue to be a family oriented facility. You don't need to love one another (although, it would be nice), you don't need to like one another (although, you would think this is the bare minimum) but you WILL be civil and respectful of one another or you WILL be gone. The 5th grade mentality will not be tolerated. You are responsible for your own actions and members are accountable for the actions of your family and guests. It's very simple, treat those around you as you would like to be treated.

That is about it for now. I appreciate the confidence of the membership that voted for me. I will do my very best but that only comes with YOUR help. Thank you again and let's have a great summer.

Sincerely,

Alex Costa

Alex Costa PGK, PFN, FDD

Columbian Club President &

NJ K of C Motorcycle Ministry President

A Tribute to Ed Stonack



Council 4504 has lost a brother whom many considered as a man who exemplified all it meant to be a Knight. We lost Brother Ed Stonack after a brave battle with mesothelioma and we bade farewell to him on June 29 where over thirty brothers paid their final respects at the wake at Lytwyn and Lytwyn Funeral Home in Union.

Ed was a quiet man, but he led by example. He was a devoted member. His last act as a Knight, voting at the Columbian Club elections, even as he seemed to be in discomfort. Ed was friendly to all who approached him at the Council. He was always ready to help either in the kitchen or at other council events without showing any sign of doing it for nothing else but being a brother Knight. Always ready to speak about his fishing trips and his eyes lit up when he told of those expeditions. Ed was the one who transported James "Jimmy" Bayer to meetings and council events during Jimmy's own health crisis and he seemed not to mind doing it, whatsoever.

Ironically, Ed's wake took place the same day when the Council held the Shield Awards. Ed was among three brothers whom Council 4504 recognized for their dedication to the Council over the years. The others were Jimmy Bayer and William "Bill" Peter. Ed received his certificate posthumously, and his wife accepted it on his behalf. Ed and his wife were one of the couples recognized during the Council's Reaffirmation of Wedding Vows, held the Sunday before his death at the Council hall, but unfortunately, they were unable to make it to the event because Ed was not doing well. We will present the certificate to his wife very soon.

We extend our sincerest condolences to Ed's widow and to his children and family. We will keep his spirit alive among us. Rest in Peace, Ed.

Rides for Brothers

If any Brother Knight in the Union Council that lives in the Union Township area that would like to attend our Council meetings on the second and fourth Mondays each month but are unable to attend due to transportation issues please contact Steve Nagy PGK at (908) 967-9060 or email him at toys4504@aol.com and he will try to find another Brother Knight to give you a ride.

We are also looking for Brother Knights that are willing and able to provide rides to contact Steve Nagy PGK and he will work with everyone to make arrangements for both parties. This is a great way to show your commitment to our Orders Principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

Want to become a Columbiette?

If any women of the Knights would like to be Columbiettes we are having a first degree on October 11th.

Please contact Fran Corcione at Mrsc417@hotmail.com or 973-454-4145.



Novena for Life

One of the new criteria for our Columbian Award is a program called "Novena for Life." Its a program where Brother Knights announce and hopefully attend our parishes' Novenas.

Holy Spirit has their Novenas are on Monday (September—June) immediately after 8:30 Mass. St. Michael's Novenas are more sporadic.

A novena is a series of prayers that are said for nine straight days, usually as a prayer of petition but sometimes as a prayer of thanksgiving. The nine days recall the nine days that the Apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary spent in prayer between Ascension Thursday and Pentecost Sunday.

Installation of Officers

Newly elected officers of Council 4504 for the 2018-19 Columbian Year, were officially installed into office during a ceremony at St. Michael's Church on Sunday, July 15 at 1:30p.m before a gathering of family, friends and supporters.

The ceremony was conducted by District Deputy Andy Schopfer while Monsignor Anselm, officiated in his position as Council Chaplain. Following the ceremony, the officers and their supporters gathered at the Council building for refreshment.

We extend our sincerest congratulations to all officers of the elected brothers and look forward to great things in 2018-19.



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