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December 2016

Calendar of Events

December

December 3th Bus to NYC
 December 9th Movie Night
 December 12th Charitable Raffle
 December 12th Christmas Dinner
 December 18th Breakfast with Santa

January

January 14th Uncle Floyd
 January 15th Murder Mystery Dinner



Pancake Breakfasts

Council 4504 has planned to have a pancake breakfast every 3rd Sunday of the month beginning in September. The next pancake breakfast will be on Sunday, December 18th. Greg Henn, PGK and Frank Santangelo will be the “chefs” in control during the breakfasts.

More information on the pancake breakfasts will follow in future issues of the Digest.

Charitable Raffle

Charitable Raffle tickets will be mailed in early November. If you would like to receive two tickets for the final charitable raffle of the year, please contact Raffle Chairman Past Grand Knight Andy Schopfer to have your name added to the mailing list.

We will be selling tickets throughout November, and will pull the winning tickets at the Annual Christmas Dinner meeting to be held at the Council on Monday, December 12, 2016.

We would like to thank all of the Brothers and their families who support this raffle on an ongoing basis.

Union Council 4504-Anniversary Circle... A celebration of 25 and 50 years married.

Are you celebrating or have you celebrated your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary this year? If you have, or will be, please send your names to the Grand Knight, Giftus John or call him at 908-370-7760 with the details. We will present Certificates of Commendation from Supreme to all our brothers and their wives who have reached one of these milestones. Hoping to hear from you. Congratulations!!!



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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 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

The Christmas Season draws near and soon we will herald another year. As we look back I am sure many of us are asking, "Whatever happened to 2016?" Looking back, it seemed that just a few days ago I took up my role as Grand Knight. This is just a reminder that we have to do the things we have to do; enjoy the things we have to do and share moments with our families and friends, because like the all too familiar saying. "Time and tide waits for no man."

Christmas is one time when we try to share goodwill; do good deeds; spend time with relatives; donate and give gifts and enjoy good food and drink. It is also the time that we celebrate the birth of our Lord and we dream back to the days of yesteryear and remember the Christmases that we had.

But with all this there are many who are unable to enjoy and celebrate the season as we do and we must not forget them. Many of them are our friends, relatives, acquaintances, former co-workers; formers brothers. This is the time of year, then, that we need to reach out to them and make them feel loved and wanted...It does not mean spending hundreds of dollars...sending a card; giving a small gift; calling to wish them a Merry Christmas or visiting with them for just a few minutes. For many, things like that mean a great deal that they will forever be grateful.

Christmas is a special time and even if you do not celebrate it, no matter what you do, you can't avoid it...the songs on the radio; the midnight mass, the Christmas trees; the toys for the kids and sometimes the snow (many still love their white Christmas) and at the Knights, we, too, help bring a smile to the face of the kids, as well as the adults, at the annual breakfast with Santa...

Brothers, I want to take this opportunity to extend my sincerest best wishes to each and every one of you and your families. I pray that the Almighty will bless each of you in His special way and you get to share the magical moments of Christmas with all those who are dear to you.

I look forward to the dawn of 2017 and another year of great things at our Council, the Columbian Club and the Swim Club. Thanks to all of you, led by John Bashaw, Joe Marateo and PGK Greg Henn for the tireless work that you did this past year. We have achieved a lot and we can only aim for higher heights in the New Year. My thanks also to the Columbiettes led by Fran Carcione for all that you've helped us with and I look forward to continued cooperation and solidarity with each other as we undertake our various programs individually or jointly.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, everyone.

Vivat Jesus!!!

Giftus John



DISTRICT DEPUTY AND COAT DRIVES AT COUNCIL 4504

The **Knights of Columbus** would like to extend our sincerest gratitude for your donation(s) over the years. Because of your generosity, we have been able to implement several programs, including our coat drive. **Union Council # 4504** is still the largest council in the state of New Jersey. This year we won the **McGivney Award** and the **Columbian Award** as well as making one of our larger donation to our **Special Citizens Campaign**. This is all thanks to the hard work by our members and people like you, because you cared enough to contribute your time, effort and money. Thank you for your commitment to helping our local community.

I am writing on behalf of a new need: this year's **Coat Drive**. While many of our programs have excelled thanks to contributions from people like you, this year's **Coat Drive** will prove to be even more challenging. We are undeterred in our endeavor to create an environment where *all* who are in need can have a coat to keep warm this fall/winter. We've seen how generous donations have made an impact on our previous programs, and I am confident the same will be true for this year's **Coat Drive**.

I would like to reach several benchmarks with our **Coat Drive** this year: increase coat distribution by 10%, increase the amount of coats purchased through the **Supreme Coat Program** 600%, provide an opportunity to help distribute the coats and see those who we are helping, and promote a new committee for future **Coat Drives**.

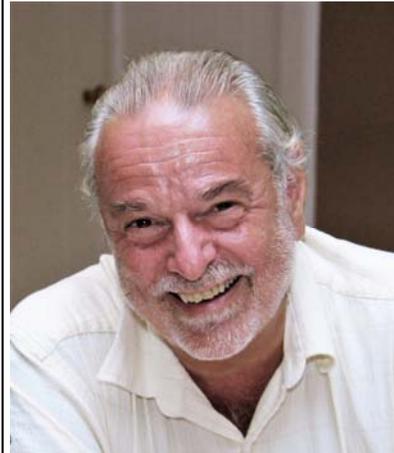
It is our job to help those who are less fortunate with whatever we have at our disposal and I am in the process of doing just that. But I/we need help from donors like you to fund the essential aspects of this initiative: clean your closets and donate your gently used coats, make a financial donation so we can purchase more coats through Supreme, host a fundraiser to generate monies for coats and ask your friends and neighbors for their coat and monetary donations. We will not be successful in our mission to increase the effectiveness of this program without your efforts and financial contributions.

Regardless of whether or not you are able to give at this time, we appreciate your impact on the less fortunate. We would not be helping all those we do help without your contributions and support. I encourage you to stop by any time you are in the area and drop off your donation(s); or call me and I will come pick up whatever you are giving. The people we are helping are better off because of your efforts. Thank you.

Sincerely,
SK Alex Costa PGK, FN, DD
305-898-1570



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH DECEMBER 2016 Frank Santangelo



The Knight of the month for December is a man who has been at the council day in and day out. He and his family are members of St. Michael's Church in Union. He was employed by the US Army Corp of Engineers for over 30 years and has recently retired.

However, that hasn't stopped him from working hard at the hall and for our events. Frank has been a fixture in the kitchen helping to prepare many unforgettable meals such as those he prepares at the Family picnic, The PGK Dinner and our assorted gathering and parties.

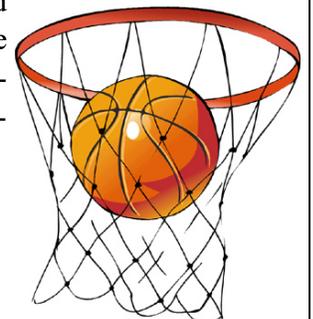
He served as an officer of the Council and the Columbian Club for the past 9 years, with 7 as our worthy treasurer. He is married to his wife of over 30 years, Ruthann, and has 3 children, Frank Jr. and his twin sister Emily, and his younger daughter Julia.

For his continued work and his undying efforts, it is my honor to award Sir Frank Santangelo as the Knight of the Month of December! Congratulations, Frank.

FREE THROW CONTEST

The Union Knights of Columbus has been doing the Council Free Throw for as many as the years I have been a member. I am asking some of the Fathers that are members of this Council if they could assist Program director Mike Peter in coordinating this event. This program is for boys and girls the ages of 9-14. I can be reached at mikepeter4275@gmail.com or 908-759-3588.

Thank you,
Mike Peter



Christmas Message

from Chaplain Fr. Bob Wolfee

A story is told about a man who didn't believe that God became man. On Christmas Eve, he didn't go to Midnight Mass with his family because he said to do so would make him a hypocrite. While they were at church, he sat in the living room, watching the snow fall. Suddenly he was startled by a loud noise. It was quickly followed by another and then another. When he went to the door to investigate, he found a flock of birds huddled in the storm. In a desperate search for shelter, they had tried to fly through his window.

Not wanting them to just lie there and freeze, he went to the barn and opened the door and turned on a light, but the birds didn't follow him. So, he went back to the house, took some breadcrumbs and made a trail to the barn. Still the birds didn't follow. Then he realized that no matter what he did, the birds still considered him a terrifying creature. He thought to himself, "I can't seem to think of any way to let them know they can trust me. If only I could be a bird myself for a few minutes, perhaps I could lead them to safety." At that moment, the Church bells rang. Suddenly he understood. He sank to his knees in the snow and whispered to God, "Now I see why You had to do it."

Jesus became one of us so that we could identify with Him. In doing so, He taught us many things, and among them, He taught us how to live in the way God intends us to live. He taught us that we shouldn't see God as strange or terrifying. We can and should see Him as a person of love, mercy and forgiveness, a person of warmth and shelter.

When we celebrate Jesus' birth, we're not celebrating just another historic event in time. We're calling to mind the awesome and mysterious love of God. At the heart of Christmas, we celebrate what Jesus' birth brought: salvation. His birth is the greatest gift of all time, and it's a gift that keeps on giving if we're open to receive Him. Today, Jesus still brings life, He still brings joy, He still brings peace on earth and good will to all with hearts humble enough to receive Him.



A TRIBUTE TO SISTER ANN DOMINIC VANO O.P

Sister Ann Dominic, born August 22, 1922 in Schenectady NY, and raised in Bridgeport, Connecticut by her parents, Catherine and Dominic, along with siblings Gemma and Anthony, per her very descriptive way, was quite the "TOMBOY" which she so proudly owned. (So many stories she loved to share.)

In February of 1942 Sister entered her Dominican Life Vocation with the Caldwell Dominican Sisters. In Caldwell, Sister served in the Infirmary and Motherhouse at St. Catherine's Convent as dietician in her earlier years and continued supporting her Community and the Infirmary bringing up gifts and treats for the holidays, every year until her retirement there.

In 1969 Sister was assigned to St. Michaels Parish and started to teach (as many know and was taught by her) the third grade, CCD, and became the head of Social Ministries, such as, Pastoral care and Social Services. In 1989 Sister Ann was released from her 3rd grade classroom to serve fulltime as Pastoral Associate for Social Concerns. Many throughout Union can recall Sister visiting, and delivering the Eucharist to seniors, and the infirmed; food to those in need, and running the St. Michael's food pantry.

An avid skier, enjoying running and sports, which we have witnessed, Sister seemed to have the tireless ability to put, even some of us younger kids, to shame, earning the nickname "Energizer Bunny" by some. In the capacity Sister was assigned, it still enabled her to teach CCD, as well as working with children, as she always wanted to do, as they are the future, and if you can't make children happy, then fix it! Sister, as "TOUGH" as she could seem, always loved the children.

Sister always found great gratification of having worked with Eunice Kennedy in forging the "Special Olympics", as well as being a part of the success of the New Jersey Division of "Camp Fatima".

The accolades that came with Sister's works and achievements, go from Congressional to local acknowledgements and awards, too long to list, as that was not her goal (though she didn't mind the publicity for the causes).

In 1976, under the year of Grand Knight Andrew Popp, Sister Ann ran her first Camp Fatima Valentine's Dance and continued to be a large part of supporting the Council and its charitable efforts. There have been so many Brother Knights, and supporters of Sister that have been involved to assist the charitable efforts, from the Valentine's dance, to the Camp Fatima Christmas parties, it has always been amazing that her efforts through this Council we supported, generated more than 1/2 million dollars for the Special Citizens she was so devoted to.

Sister was also instrumental in supporting the start-up and growth of Union Council's Columbiettes, which have supported her causes, and continue to do so.

Dear Sister Ann,

We miss your physical presence, though we do know you are here with us, and pray for us. We will always remember, "Smile, God Loves you".

Knowing you are with your Mother Mary, Saint Mother Theresa, and Saint John Paul, as well as the rest of all the Saints and our Lord, You couldn't be in a better place!! You will always have an impression in our lives and decision making process.

With Love, all your fond friends, and those whose life you have touched.

Thomas Conte Sr.



MEMORIAL MASS

The Annual Memorial Mass in honor of deceased brother knights was celebrated at St. Michael's Church on Sunday, 20th November, during the 9:00a.m. mass. Chaplain Fr. Wolfee was the celebrant. Members of the Fourth Degree Color Corps were also present and escorted Fr. Wolfee and the Eucharistic team in and out of the church.

Also present for the occasion were members of the Columbiettes led by President Fran Carcione who, following the mass, together with brother knights, their families and guests, gathered at the Council Hall for a pancake breakfast.

The names of the deceased brothers were read by Grand Knight Giftus John who asked for a moment of silence in honor of all our brothers and relatives who have left us.

The following is a list of brothers who have gone to their eternal rest since last November:

Edward A. Mach	George Ondish
William N. Dimarzio	Alfio M. Foti
Robert J. Schetelich	Bernard Warren Hehl, PGK
Walter Wasowski, PGK	William Michael Heady
Peter F. Bahr	Joseph DeDeo
Joseph T. Kiernan	Anthony Magliacano, Sr.
William P. McGovern	Jack Bruno
Donald J. Tarantino	Carmelo Valentino
Joseph Burlew, Jr.	Thomas J. Butler

May their souls and the souls of all those departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

CHILI COOK-OFF

LET'S GET READY TO RUMBLE!
It's that time of the year again folks.
The weather gets cooler
The nights are longer
And the smell of Chili is in the air!

**Saturday, January 28, 2017
12 Noon**

Bragging rights are on the line. Last year's results were highly contested (Mainly by me) and a few "kids with talent & promise" were missing from the line up.

All are welcome to enter be you Sir Knight, Brother Knight, Columbiette or friend.
For additional details call Tom Walsh at 908-591-1279. You can also sign-up at the bar.

KNIGHTS FAMILY DINNERS

This favorite event of many has returned and will continue monthly on the 3rd Thursday of each month unless posted otherwise. Next dinner: December 15, 2016

Due to the increase in the number of people coming to the family dinners we are now taking reservations for this event. 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.

CHRISTMAS DINNER - SAVE THE DATE

Our annual Christmas Dinner will be held on **December 12th 2016**. Meeting will start at 6:30pm followed by dinner.

Price is \$30/ per person

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #4504 - MOVIE NIGHT

Brothers All,

On December 9th, 2016, the council will be hosting a movie night for our members and guests of members. We will have more information to follow, but mark your calendars for this day.

In anticipation for the new movie, Rogue One, coming out on December 14th, we have chosen to show Star Wars Episode VII: The Force Awakens.

We plan to have a wonderful Star Wars gift basket to raffle off, as well as some great movie food to munch on. Bring the little ones, and enjoy a nice and relaxing movie night.

Also, if you are not a Star Wars fan, come by the council to snack and have a drink or two. See you there.

Admission to movie : FREE

When: December 9th, 2016:

Time: 7:30pm

Where: KofC #4504 council. 1034 Jeanette Ave. Union, NJ



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

December 18, 2016

10:30 a.m.

\$30 Family of Four

Additional Tickets:

\$10 Adults

\$8 Kids (under 12)

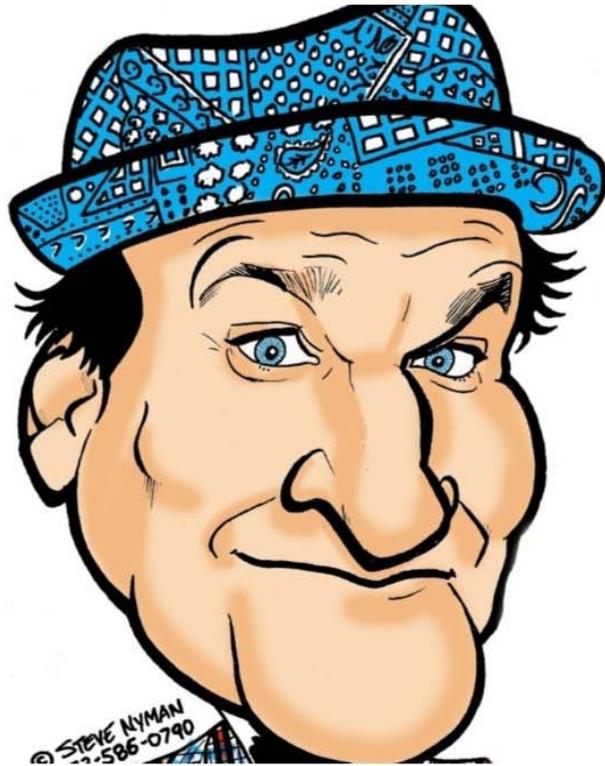
Columbian Club

**1034 Jeanette Avenue
Union, New Jersey 07083**

For Tickets Contact:

**John Bashaw @ 908.591.4338 or
columbianclub4504@gmail.com**

The Columbian Club of Union
presents
Uncle Floyd



Music by DJ Faz

Date: Saturday, January 14, 2017

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

Tickets: \$35.00 per person

(Includes buffet dinner)

Tickets can be purchased at the bar or by calling:

John Peters @ 908-296-1638

No tickets will be sold at the door and must be purchased by January 7, 2017



The Murder Mystery Company Presents:

Midnight at the Masquerade

A murder mystery dinner experience

January 15, 2017 at 7 p.m.

Knights of Columbus
1034 Jeanette Avenue
Union, NJ 07083

\$30 per person

\$55 per couple

RSVP with Mike Willemse, DGK

(908) 447-7009 or

mike.willemse@gmail.com

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