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Calendar of Events

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 March 11th St. Patrick's Parade
 March 27th Social Mtg. Dr. Mike Willemse

April

April 1st Bus trip to Sands Casino
 April 7th Fish Fry
 April 9th Breakfast with the Easter Bunny
 April 22nd Tricky Tray
 April 25th Social Event - Family Night

May

May 18th-21st Wildwood Convention

June

June 11th Senior Social
 June 30th Shield Awards

2017 MEN'S AND WOMEN'S COMMISSION

Catholic Men's Conference: Saturday, March 4, 2017, at Seton Hall University. This year's theme is "Be Not Afraid: Becoming Missionary Disciples!" Speakers for the English track will be Cardinal Sean Patrick O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston, and Jeff Feagles, ex-punter of the New York Giants in the NFL. Spanish track speakers will be Cardinal Sean Patrick O'Malley, Pepe Alonso from EWTN, and Mario J. Paredes. The day runs from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, with the doors opening at 8:00 AM.

**Mass will be celebrated by His Eminence Joseph W. Cardinal Tobin, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of Newark.

Registration is \$25. Priests & religious are free. The day includes continental breakfast and lunch. For registration, please visit our website at NJCatholicMen.org (MEN), or contact Chuck Cababe at 908-687-3809.

Pancake Breakfasts

The pancake breakfasts conducted by the Council will continue throughout this year and be held on the 3rd Sunday of every month except if the event coincides with another activity. The next breakfast is scheduled for the 19th of this month. We look forward to your support as we attempt to raise funds for our charitable activities as well as providing an avenue for brother knights, family and friends to interact.

Intellectual Disabilities Drive

Gentlemen, it is that time of the year again. We are starting to plan our Intellectual Disabilities Drive. The dates are Friday, April 28th Saturday, April 29th and Sunday April 30th. Times are 9am-11am, 11am-1pm and 1pm-3pm. We have four different intersections to man for the weekend. Those that are unable to assist and would like to send donations can send them to the Council care of Intellectual Disabilities Chairman. We raised over \$7500 last year. It would be nice to raise \$1.00 this year.

Email mikepeter4275@gmail.com if able to help out. Thank you.

St Patrick's Day Parade

Union County St Patrick's Day Parade is starting to get organized. If any brothers are interested in marching in the parade with the Council, please note that we will have a sign-up sheet at our meetings leading up to the parade week.

The next couple of meetings there will be a sign up sheet. The parade starts off at 1:00pm at the intersection of Morris Ave by Jeanette Ave.

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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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

By the time you receive your copy of the March Digest, we will be in the Lenten Season. As Catholics, this is the time of the year that we generally set aside to change the way we do some of the things that we are accustomed of doing on an everyday basis. Some of us give up meat on Fridays; others alcohol; others give up partying, while others give up smoking among other things or vices. Some of us try to be a little bit more tolerant or tolerable of things, people and situations that we have to deal with on an everyday basis whether at home, work, at our club or in the company of our friends.

At our council, we sacrifice the meals and drinks that we usually have after our general meetings as a sign of our outward belief in what the season means to us. It is a small gesture but it means that many of us are cognizant of what we should do, or know what the season means to us, and we make it a point of duty to show our appreciation for what the season means to us.

Some individuals prefer not to do any of those saying that they should not have to wait for a special time of year to realize the need to be better disciplined; to have better attitudes towards their fellowmen and to exercise restraint in the excess of everything. We all, they counter, should attempt to do everyday things in a moderate way.

But, whatever your belief or what side of the divide you are on, one thing that we are all in agreement-I hope- is that at Lent, we give a gift to ourselves. The gift of respect; the gift of reconciliation, as we make sacrifices and participate in this time, set aside by the church which culminates with Easter; the time when Christ rose from the dead after having sacrificed himself for us; dying on the cross to save us.

Brothers, let us use the Lenten Season as a time to make sacrifices that will make us, first of all, better husbands, brothers, uncles, grandpas and then brother knights, living the principles as catholic gentlemen and proud to be part of the group of men called, "Knights."

Happy Easter brothers!
Vivat Jesus!
Giftus John, Grand Knight



Wildwood Convention 2017 May 18-21

3 Nights: \$520 includes hospitality room
2 Nights: \$395 includes hospitality room
Upgrades to 3 room-suites additional \$35.00 per night
Upgrades to penthouse suites additional \$50.00 per night

If you plan on coming or have any questions, please contact
Mike Willemse, DGK as soon as possible.

FISH FRY

APRIL 7, 2017 (Friday)

Fried Fish
Broiled Fish
Fries
Mac and Cheese
Cole Slaw
Soda
Coffee
Dessert



\$15 per Person
\$10 per Senior
\$25 per Couple
\$6 per Child

Contact Mike Peter
For tickets 908 759 3588
Mikepeter4275@gmail.com

Cut off is March 31, 2017

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Supreme has set aside March as Membership Recruitment Drive month and we at Council 4504 will once again plan on doing our part. We have tentatively set aside March 25th and 26th to conduct our drives at St. Michael's and Holy Spirit churches.

We look forward to brothers assisting us at these churches on those dates. Please reach out to Grand Knight, Giftus John, Deputy Grand Knight, Mike Willemse or Program Director Mike Peter.

Bus Trip to Sands Casino

April 1, 2017

\$35.00 per person



Includes \$20 slot play and \$5 food voucher

Bus depart from the Council at 1:00 PM

Bus leaves the casino at 7:00 PM

For tickets, contact John Peters at 908-296-1638

Beer and water served on the bus

Knight of the Month

March 2017

Ron Salzano



The Knight of the Month for March 2017 is Ron Salzano. Home grown in Union, Ron graduated from Union Catholic High School and attended New Jersey Institute of Technology where he graduated with a degree in Computer

Science. Ron became a member last year after speaking with Grand Knight Giftus John when they got to know each other at offices of the Union Chamber of Commerce where Ron was then employed as the web and media consultant. Ron indicated an interest in becoming a member, following in the footsteps of his dad, and within a month did his first degree.

Ron can be seen at various charity events conducted by the council, and can sometimes be found having a drink and mingling with other brothers at the bar after a hard day's work. Ron presently works next door at the Boys and Girls Club where he conducts computer labs for the youth and also assists at bingo nights.

When our "Halfway to Summer" event was planned and we needed someone to chair it, Ron jumped on the opportunity and was very passionate about making sure it worked out right. This was especially refreshing to see such unfiltered enthusiasm and eagerness, to put in time when needed, by a relatively new member. Through his hard work, and connections, Ron was able to get multiple donations for the event.

We are thankful that we have Ron as a member of Council 4504. It is my pleasure, therefore, to award Ron Salzano with this honor as Knight of the Month for March, 2017. Congratulations, Ron, and thank you!

BREAKFAST!

WITH THE BUNNY

Sunday
April 9, 2017
10:00 a.m.—12:30p.m.

Join us for an Easter Egg Hunt!

Tickets: Family of Four \$30.00

(2 adults & 2 Kids under 12)

Additional Tickets: Children: \$6.00

Seniors : \$7.00

Adults: \$10.00

For Reservations Contact John Bashaw @ 908-591-4338 or columbianclub4504@gmail.com

The background of the top section features several overlapping grey tickets with the words "Tricky Tray" printed on them in a stylized font. The tickets are slightly tilted and layered, creating a sense of depth.

Tricky Tray

Columbian club of Union

1034 Jeanette Ave., Union, New Jersey 07083

April 22, 2017

Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

Calling begins at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$25

(includes 1 sheet of 25 minor tickets / coffee & cake)

Cash Bar Available

*** No alcohol is to be brought on premises ***

For Tickets Contact:

Fran Corcione at 973.454.4145 / Christine Burlew at 908.403-1590

John Bashaw at 908.591.4338

Follow us on Facebook

www.facebook.com/ColumbianClubTrickyTray

MARCH 11

St. Patrick's Day Party



\$5 Admission

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Happy St. Patrick's Day

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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: March 16, 2017.

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.

A Precious Gift for the Sick

by Friar Jeremy Harrington, OFM

February 11th was the 25th World Day of the Sick, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Pope Francis encourages us to pray for the sick and their caregivers. I would like to mention one service to the sick that is sometimes neglected—the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

Some may think of the anointing as only for those near death. It is important then, but the Church also recommends that the very ill or those having serious surgery be anointed. The Epistle of James asks, “Is anyone among you sick?” Call the priest who will “pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven” (James 5:14-15).

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick includes confession, if the person chooses, and a short Scripture reading. Then the priest, praying silently, puts his hands on the person's head. Then he anoints the person with the Oil of the Sick blessed by the bishop on Holy Thursday on the forehead with these words: “Through this holy anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit.” He anoints the palm of each hand saying, “May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up.”

For those in danger of death, the priest adds special prayers. Most importantly, he gives them Holy Communion, called Viaticum, which is food for the journey to meet our Savior. Why is it important to receive the holy anointing? Pope Francis told people at a general audience: “Because it is Jesus who comes to lift up the sick person, to give him strength, to give hope, to help him, and to forgive his sins.”

The anointing gives “strength, peace, and courage to overcome the difficulties that go with the condition of serious illness or the frailty of old age,” the Catechism of the Catholic Church adds. It helps them renew their faith in God and to overcome discouragement that can come with sickness.

Another benefit, “union with the passion of Christ,” may sound strange to people without faith. The anointing helps the sick understand the mystery that their suffering can be united with the suffering of Christ. Physical healing is not the main purpose of the sacrament, but it can happen if that is God's will. I know if I am seriously ill or all the more in danger of death, I want someone to call a priest. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is a precious gift!

Submitted by Ray Gora

Welcome Back, Sgt. Erik Santiago!

On Saturday, February 18th, on the grounds of Council 4504, as a brotherhood and community, we celebrated the safe return of U.S. Army Sergeant, Erik Santiago, son of Brother Knight Jose Santiago. Sgt. Santiago served our country through five tours of duty and has been on multiple deployments to Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan.

The ceremony started at 2:00 p.m. and present to welcome Erik were members of the Union VFW; the Women's Auxiliary and the American Legion, together with members of Union Knights of Columbus, Council 4504.

Brother Leonard Komar Jr. took the opportunity to welcome Erik and to thank him for his services as a member of the US Armed Forces. Erik was then invited to cut the yellow ribbon that had been tied around a tree on the grounds of the Council, before he departed on his most recent assignment. Erik is home now with no current assignments unless the Army calls him in.

Following the ribbon cutting, all present were invited into Council's hall for pizza provided by brother knight, Jose Santiago.

Thank you, Sergeant Santiago, for your selfless dedication and time, sacrificed serving our Nation.



HALFWAY TO SUMMER- CARIBBEAN NIGHT

The torrential downpour that we experienced just before the start of our Half-way to Summer event on the night of Saturday 25th, may have deterred some who had planned to be with us from attending, but others braved the elements and helped make the staging of the event, a successful one. Those in attendance were treated to a variety of foods and music with a Caribbean flavor. Many had high praise for everything from the decorations to the food and some even suggested a repeat next year.

Special thanks to Eric Hernandez, Nick Belmonte and Ron Salzano for all their efforts in making the event a reality and also to the businesses and individuals who made contributions and donations to the Council. We greatly appreciated your support. Thank you very much.

FORTY CANS FOR LENT



Hunger exists in every parish and community and it is not confined to any season. During Lent, we, as brothers and catholic gentlemen, are asked to help alleviate the misfortune of others. We are asked to be part of

40 Cans for Lent program established by Supreme and help bring the joy of the Resurrection to those in need. There is container at the Council where brother knights and their families, of Council 4504, are asked to contribute to this campaign. If all brothers can contribute just one can, we can make this an overwhelming success. All donations will be given to Sister Ann's Pantry at St. Michael's for distribution to the less fortunate in our community.

Please help support this worthy initiative.

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