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Upcoming Events

September

September 2nd Labor Day - Goodbye to Summer
 September 7th Family Picnic & Charitable Raffle
 September 8th Blood Drive at St. Michael's
 September 14th Cigar & Scotch Night
 September 14th Soccer Challenge
 September 15th Grand Re-opening - Inside bar
 September 19th Family Dinner
 September 19th Dancing with the Knights
 September 20th Overnight Camp-Out

October

October 5th Past Grand Knights Dinner
 October 27th Tailgate Party

November

November 1st All You Can Eat Beef Steak Dinner

Fun Fact

Did you know that our Grand Knight and our Council are the same age? It's up to you to figure out what that age is.

Dancing with the Knights

Save the Date: September 19th - 8:00 PM.

Dancing is a great way for people of all ages and physical abilities to get and stay in shape. Expert dance instructors from Arthur Murray will be here to introduce you to a variety of dance types. Get set for an enjoyable and informative session of dancing. All are invited, singles and couples, young and old. No prior dance experience necessary. Participants should wear comfortable shoes.



Union Council #4504 Family Picnic



September 7, 2013
12 noon to 6:00 pm



Food, Drinks, Activities,
and Good Old Camaraderie!

Ticket Costs:

Family (2 Adults & 2 Children) - \$40.00
 Additional Children Over 6 - \$10.00
 Adults - \$15.00

Tickets available at all Council meetings,
Swim Club Gate House
(Checks or Exact Change)

Contact:

Rich Fuentes at 908-922-7551 (richkofc@aol.com)
 Tom Conte at 908-334-8672 (tconte4466@aol.com)
 or
 John Esposito at 201-538-8414

Limited tickets day of, at the gate they will be an additional \$5.00 per ticket.

Sister Anne's Blood Drive

Date: Sunday, September 8, 2013

Where: St. Michael's Cafeteria

Time: 8:00am to 2:00pm.



For info or to make an appointment call
Michael Gasser PGK at 908-578-4071.

Please bring ID and eat before donating.

Charitable Raffle

The next Charitable Raffle will be held at the Family Picnic (see above). You should have received your tickets in the mail. If you would like additional tickets please contact Past Grand Knight Andy Schopfer at (908) 265-7895. Andy will also have tickets for sale at each Council meeting.

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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.

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Columbian Club
President Vacant
Swim Club President Joe Marateo
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,

It is hard to believe that the summer is already over, and we are already two months into the new Columbian year. While this summer went by fast it was good to see a lot of new faces and many more familiar faces who have not been around the Council for awhile. The Endless Summer Nights and Splash Parties let everyone enjoy some extended swim time at night. It was definitely welcomed with the heat wave we had early in the summer. We had a successful Sunday Brunch on our Patio with beautiful weather and over 160 in attendance. Our Columbian Club has been working very hard to rejuvenate our inside lounge and card room, and the Columbiettes did likewise to the front Ladies Room. We had many other activities for both young and old alike. This filled our outside patio, picnic grove, Tiki bar, and Swim Club with activities allowing our members to spend time with each other relaxing. In all while it went by fast, it was a great summer that was enjoyed by everyone in our Knights family.

As we settle into the end of vacations, and the kids are returning to school we will continue to have activities for our members and their families to enjoy. First up is our Annual Council Family Picnic on Saturday September 7, 2013, and if it is anything like last year's picnic a good time is guaranteed for all. For the kids we are holding a Soccer Challenge on Saturday morning September 14, 2013, and for the adults, the Columbian Club is holding a Cigar and Scotch Night that same night. We will once again continue with our Third Thursday of the Month Family Dinners for the year. Starting with the first dinner on Thursday September 19, 2013, and that night we have added an extra attraction of "Dancing with the Knights" following the dinner. We are opening up our picnic grove to our families to experience an overnight camp out on Friday September 20, 2013. As you can see there will be a lot of activities going on to keep everyone very busy. And this is only for September; there will be more to come throughout the year.

Now that the commercial for all the fun activities is over, let's get down to the real meaning of why we are Knights of Columbus, and Father Michael J. McGivney's vision of what the Knights of Columbus are and do. As Catholic gentleman working in conjunction with our Parishes we should always remember that all the good works that we do are formed by our four core principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Over the upcoming year I would like to ask all my Brother Knights at the Union Council to get more active, not only in the social activities but to attend our Council meetings and get involved in all our activities that help to benefit our Church, Council, Families and Community. We will have many Service activities such as our Blood Drive, Food Drive, and Citizens with Intellectual Difficulties Drive, and Church activities such as our Nativity Blessing, Lenten Stations of the Cross, and Lenten Day of Recollection, and Community activities such as Christmas for the Deron School, Camp Fatima Christmas party, and activities for our Veterans and Service men and women. The Union Knights of Columbus should be a good example to our Parishes and community through our good works and deeds, and the only way we can do that is with your involvement in our Council.

Get Active, Get Involved, and Have Fun doing it.

Vivat Jesus,
Steve Nagy



Outside Guard

Presently the Council has an open position for Outside Guard. Any Third Degree Brother Knight in good standing who wishes to be considered for this position should contact Grand Knight Steve Nagy at (908) 967-9060 or toys4504@aol.com, or Deputy Grand Knight Ed McCormick at (973) 650-7643 or edmccormick01@gmail.com to be considered for this position. An election will be held at the September 9, 2013 Council meeting between all interested individuals.

Goodbye to Summer (Labor Day)

The Columbian Club will have a DJ on hand from 2pm to 6pm. Come join us!

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.

September 8, 2013

October 13, 2013

November 17, 2013

December 25, 2013

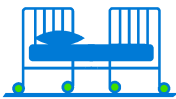
January 26, 2014

March 2, 2014

April 6, 2014

May 11, 2014

June 15, 2014



You help is greatly appreciated!

Contact:

Charlie Cunningham at 908-419-2310 or

Nick Belmonte at 908-447-1869



Past Grand Knights Dinner



On **Saturday October 5th** we will be holding our annual Past Grand Knight's Dinner for Alex Costa. The evening will begin at 7 P.M. with a Cocktail Hour featuring a delectable assortment of hors d'oeuvres, followed by presentations to our Past Grand Knight, dinner, dancing and an open bar. Tickets for the evening's festivities are only \$25.00 per person (\$50.00 a couple). Reservation must be made by Wednesday, October 2nd so that we may properly order food. Please call Buddy Cotter, PGK at 908-447-3378 or Ed McCormick 973-650-7643 for reservations.

Knight of the Month

September 2013



Sir Knight John Bashaw



The Knight of the month for September 2013 is a gentleman who perhaps we can call a gentle giant. John Bashaw does just about everything there is to do around the council. He bartends, he's helping renovate the inside bar, he's been quietly cooking for a long time. Most recently John took on the job of kitchen manager. He's a big man with a big heart who quietly performs whatever task needs to be done around the council. John has become an integral part of this council.

John grew up in Garfield and Hasbrouck Heights and has been living in Union for a number of years. He is employed by the Union County Department of Corrections. He and his wife Fran have two young sons Kamran and Kiyana who I'm sure you've seen around the pool and picnic grove. John is a parishioner of St. Michael's Church.

John represents the best of what a Knight of Columbus is. For all that he does we are proud to name Sir Knight John Bashaw Knight of the month for September, 2013.

Congratulations John



Cigar & Scotch Night

From Boulevard Cigars, Toms River

September 14, 2013

Featuring

Tony Santana Cigar Rolling Company

Admission: \$40, **\$30 (non-smokers)**

Scotch Tasting Table: \$8.00

Doors Open 2 P.M.

It Includes:

Hot appetizers, dinner

(filet mignon, potato, garlic bread),

Beer, Wine, Soda

Plus 2 "hand rolled cigars"

Call : Jamie Zappulla at 908-380-9155

Event to be held on Back Patio

(Weather Permitting)

All You Can Eat Beefsteak Dinner

Sponsored by Union Council #4504



Catered by
THE BROWNSTONE
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**Friday, November 1, 2013
7:00 PM**

Includes:

Brownstone Unlimited Sliced Beef Tenderloin
Italian Cold Antipasto
Penne Rigati Tomato Sauce & Mostaccioli Rigati
Golden Beefsteak French Fries

New York Cheese Cake
Soda, Coffee & Tea

Tickets are \$42.00 Per Person

Cash Bar Available

Overnight Camp-Out

Brothers,

We would like to hold an overnight Camp-out for our members with their children in September. The date for the Overnight Camp-out has been tentatively set for Saturday September 20, 2013, and we need to know if there is any interest in attending it.

We are looking for Brothers with children to help run this event, so please contact Steve Nagy at toys4504@aol.com or (908) 967-9060 if you would like to help out.

Set up camp on Friday evening September 20, 2013 between 4:00 - 5:00 PM, and break camp and clean up on Saturday morning 9:00 - 10:00 AM.



Father McGivney Guild Membership

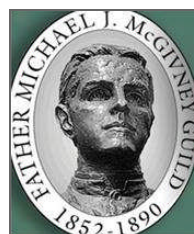
The Order of the Knights of Columbus has established The Father McGivney Guild to promote the cause for canonization of our founder, The Venerable Michael J. McGivney. The goal of the Guild is to spread the good word about his holiness of life, to encourage devotion to his memory, and to seek his intercession before the throne of God. The Guild serves as a clearinghouse for information about Father McGivney, his life and works, and any favors attributed to his intercession. Father McGivney is a unique model for today's Catholic and today's Catholic priest because of his attention to the social ills and injustices of his day and his collaboration with the laity. He was zealous for the life of union with God through prayer and the sacraments, and he would have been right at home in today's world. He was then and would be today an eager apostle for the Gospel of life, and a determined foe of the culture of death.

Membership in the Guild is open to anyone who wishes to share in this mission of making known the life and work of Father McGivney and of encouraging devotion to his memory. All one needs to do is fill out the application and mail it in to become enrolled. There is no charge to enroll, but donations are accepted.

The Guild is anxious to receive reports of favors received through Father McGivney's intercession. It is not only miracles that are required to move the cause forward, but witnesses to the power of the servant of God's prayers before the throne of God.

As a member of the Guild you will receive a newsletter and periodic updates on the progress of cause for canonization. Welcome to the Guild. We ask your prayerful support that God's will be done and that the Spirit guide us at each step along the way.

If you wish to enroll in the Guild and to receive the newsletter, download and complete the form found at www.kofc4504.org/about.html or call the council to request a copy.



**HONOR
OUR
FOUNDER**

St. Michael's Parish FAC

If you are a member of St. Michael's Parish and are looking for a way to become more involved with our Parish and school? Do you want to meet other Parish or school families? Then come join the Family Activities Committee!

The Family Activities Committee strives to engage St. Michael's Parish and School families in getting to know and care for each other, and grow in faith within our community and others in need, by organizing events that promote fellowship and forge a commitment to helping others in need outside of our immediate community.

For more details please contact Christine Spassione at tinya123@yahoo.com, or contact the Parish Center at St. Michael's. Next planning meeting to take place in mid-September.

Tailgate party

Save the date - **Sunday October 27, 2013** for the Columbian Club Tailgate party. An afternoon of Football, good food and good friends. Details to be posted on our web site and in the October Knight Digest.



Soccer Challenge **Saturday, September 14, 2013**



Boys and Girls ages 10 – 14 can register by going to www.kofc4504.org.

Entries will be limited and on a first come first serve basis.

Proof of age will be required and must fall within these ages as of September 1st 2013.

The competition sign in (Post Registration) will take place at 8 AM in Conlon Field, 88 Stahuber Ave, Union, NJ (Between Union HS and Union Little League Fields).

For any questions please contact Nick Belmonte at nicksnabs@verizon.net.



New KofC Insurance Agent

As most of you may have heard Rich Fuentes has moved up to general agent after twenty plus year with the Knights of Columbus. I am writing to introduce myself, my name is Gregory Chaves. I will be taking the roll of financial benefits coordinator in our council 4504. After a successful career in finance on wall St. I am privileged to serve the families of our council. My wife Kim and I have been married for eighteen years, and we are blessed with four sons. We look forward to seeing you around the council.

As of September 1,2013 any new policies will include at no cost a Chronic Illness & Terminal Illness Rider. These riders will provide an acceleration of living benefits in the event you need Long Term Care. Our order will now let you access your death benefit as a living benefit for your care (new policies only starting at \$50,000).

Sincerely and Fraternaly Yours, Greg

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The Principles of the Knights of Columbus

All the good works we do are informed by our four core principles:

Charity - Our Catholic faith teaches us to "Love thy neighbor as thyself." Members of the Knights of Columbus show love for their neighbors by conducting food drives and donating the food to local soup kitchens and food pantries, by volunteering at Special Olympics, and by supporting, both spiritually and materialy, mothers who choose life for their babies. Knights recognize that our mission, and our faith in God, compels us to action. There is no better way to experience love and compassion than by helping those in need, a call we answer every day.

Unity – None of us is as good as all of us. Members of the Knights of Columbus all know that – together – we can accomplish far more than any of us could individually. So we stick together...we support one another. That doesn't mean that we always agree or that there is never a difference of opinion. It does mean that – as a Knight of Columbus – you can count on the support and encouragement of your brother Knights as you work to make life better in your parish and community.

Fraternity – The Venerable Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, in large part, to provide assistance to the widows and children left behind when the family breadwinner died – often prematurely. The Order's top-rated insurance program continues to do this today, as do individual Knights, who last year gave more than 10 million hours of their time to assist sick and/or disabled members and their families. In the Knights of Columbus, we watch out for and take care of one another.

Patriotism – Members of the Knights of Columbus, be they Americans, Canadians, Mexicans, Cubans, Filipinos, Poles, or Dominicans, are patriotic citizens. We are proud of our devotion to God and country, and believe in standing up for both. Whether it's in public or private, the Knights remind the world that Catholics support their nations and are amongst the greatest citizens.

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22	23 Council Mtg. 8:10p	24	25 4th Degree Assembly Mtg.	26 Columbian Club Mtg.	27	28
29 	30	"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples." - Mother Teresa				