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Calendar of Events



January

January 12th Blood Drive
 January 16th Family Dinner
 January 17th Annual Swim Club Meeting
 January 18th A Winter's Night Out
 January 25th Chili Cook-Off
 January 26th Runnells' Hospital

February

February 2nd Super Bowl
 February 8th Camp Fatima Valentine Dance
 February 20th Family Dinner

March

March 20th Family Dinner

April

April 6th Breakfast with the Easter Bunny
 April 17th Family Dinner
 April 18th Good Friday - Council Closed

May

May 15th Family Dinner
 May 16th-18th State Convention
 May 24th Poolside Mass
 May 26th Memorial Day - Council Closed

June

June 11th Second Degree
 June 13th Third Degree
 June 19th Family Dinner
 June 30th Grand Knight's Toast

Nominating Committee for 2014-15 Council Officers

As prescribed by our Council By-Laws, the annual election of Council Officers shall take place at a regular meeting held between May 15 to and including June 15. Not less than three months before the annual election of Council Officers, the Grand Knight shall appoint a Nominating Committee of an odd number of members with representatives from the Council membership, and one representative from the Columbian Club Board and one representative from the Swim Club Board. The Chairman of the Committee shall be one of the Trustees. For the elections for Council Officers for Columbian Year 2014-15 the Nominating Committee shall be. Andy Schopfer PGK, Chairman, Frank Stochlinski, Columbian Club representative, Joseph Harbison, Swim Club representative, and Steve Helmstetter and John Holmes Council representatives. Any Third Degree Brother Knight in good standing at Council 4504 that wishes to be considered for a position as an officer, please contact Andy Schopfer PKG.

Sister Ann's Pantry

As many of you know the Union Knights of Columbus have assisted David Sideway at St. Michael's Parish to keep the Food Pantry going over the past year. Besides donations of non-perishable foods and monetary donations, Sister Ann's Pantry needs volunteers to help with the sorting of the food, packing the bags for distribution, and the actual distribution of the food to those who receive it.

Sorting and packing are done at various times during the month and can be done when ever volunteers are available. The distribution is done on the third Wednesday each month from 9:30 Am to 3:00 PM at St. Michael's Parish Center.

If you are interested in helping this good cause please contact Grand Knight Steve Nagy at:

toys4504@aol.com or (908) 967-9060.

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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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Knight Digest Editor
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Union, NJ 07083

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

Chaplain..... Rev. Ranulfo D. Docabo
District Deputy..... Alex Costa, PGK
Grand Knight Steve Nagy
Deputy Grand Knight..... Ed McCormick
Chancellor..... Greg Henn
Warden Giftus John
Recorder..... Michael Willemse
Treasurer..... Frank Santangelo
Fin. Secretary..... Thomas Hornig, PGK
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Outside Guard..... Thomas Lamotta
Membership Director..... Nick Belemonte
Program Director..... Mike Peter, PGK
Advocate..... Stephen F. Hehl
3rd. Yr. Trustee Joseph Burlew, PGK
2nd Yr. Trustee Andy Schopfer PGK
1st Yr. Trustee Michael Gasser PGK
4th Degree Faithful
Navigator..... Andy Schopfer, PGK
Columbian Club
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,

I would like to wish you and your families a very Happy New Year, and hope that 2014 will be a great year for you and your families. It is hard to believe that we are halfway through this Columbian year already.

As we start the second half of this Columbian Year I would like all of us to focus on getting involved at the Council. While we should always be looking to recruit new Brother Knights from our families, friends, and fellow Parishioners at St. Michael's and Holy Spirit Churches, we should also concentrate on getting back involved if you have been away from the Knights. New membership will help the Order to grow, but existing members who have been inactive will help the Council to grow by coming back and getting involved.

If you have not been to a meeting, helped out at charitable function, attended a social event, or even just stopped by the Council to spend some time with old friends, 2014 would be a great time to come back and get involved. As we continue this year we will need more Brother Knights to help us run functions to help promote our Catholic Faith, support of our Parishes, support our Charitable commitment to our Community, and enjoy Fraternal and Social events with our Brother Knights.

The Union Knights of Columbus has been very fortunate to have had very active and committed Brother Knights as past members who besides growing the Union Council to the largest Council in New Jersey, they built one of the best Council facilities too. We are very fortunate to have these facilities for us to use and enjoy, but we do need to maintain them, and this is also where you can get involved by helping out around the Council and supporting our Columbian Club as they work to maintain our building and facilities.

It is always said that you the only way to get something from the Knights is by giving something in. You cannot get anything from the Knights and our Council by not attending meetings, working on committees, helping out with functions and events, and just coming around. For the Union Knights of Columbus to be active in our Parishes, and Community we need all our Brother Knights to get involved, so we can make a difference in the lives of others, and also in our lives and the lives of our families.

Vivat Jesus,
Steve



Swim Club News

Annual Swim Club Meeting will be held on Friday, January 17, 2014 at 7:30 pm. Directors positions will be available for nominations and will be voted on. If you have an interest in one of the positions please see either Jim Feehan or Joe Harbison. Light refreshments will be served at the end of the meeting.

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.



CHILI COOK OFF



Cook-off date: Saturday, January 25, 2014

Come on all you closet chefs dust off your best chili recipes, make a batch and bring it to our annual chili cook off.



Entries will be judged and first place will not be a trip for two to Tahiti. Council bragging rights are at stake.

So make your best stuff and bring it or just stop by for a taste and a few laughs. More details to follow.

There will be a sign up sheet with the bartender. For more information see Tom Walsh or call him at 908-591-1279.

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.

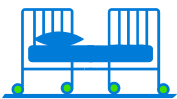
January 26, 2014

March 2, 2014

April 6, 2014

May 11, 2014

June 15, 2014



You help is greatly appreciated!

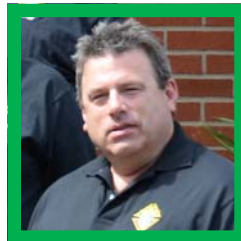
Charlie Cunningham at 908-419-2310 or

Nick Belmonte at 908-447-1869

Knight of the Month

January 2014

Joe Marateo, PGK



The Knight of the month for January 2014 has been a fixture around Union Council for quite some time even though he transferred in from Kenilworth Council just about a year ago. Joe Marateo has been a member of the swim club for a number of years and became President of that organization in January 2013. His involvement with this council certainly does not end with the swim club. Joe has jumped in with both feet since joining 4504. He was one of the workers who helped renovate the bar this past summer, spending just about every day at the hall. Joe works as an IT professional and has used his talents to install and maintain the flat screen message board that scrolls 24/7 in the inside bar.

Joe, his wife Vickie and son Christopher can be seen around the pool or hall just about every day. Joe is a Past Grand Knight from the Kenilworth council. He seems to be involved in everything going on around this council. He devotes countless hours to Union council. Joe, Vickie and Chris reside in Union and are parishioners of St. Theresa's Parish in Kenilworth.

Joe demonstrates what it is to be a Knight of Columbus. For all that he does we are proud to name Joe Marateo, PGK the Knight of the month of January, 2014

Congratulations Joe



Support the Boy Scouts of America Troop 68 Firewood Fundraiser



Split by Union Troop 68 Scouts and Priced to Sell

½ Cord \$110 plus delivery
Whole Cord \$210 plus delivery
Two Cords \$400 plus delivery

If interested please contact Union 4504 Brother Knights
Juan Diaz 917 921-2107 or Alex Rivera 908 410-2704.

**Knights of Columbus Columbian Club
Operation Six PACK**

**Are you impressed with the new Council Bar?
Have you seen the new Conference room enhancements?
Did you enjoy the improvements to the picnic grove area?**

We hope you did.

OUR Banquet Hall is in need of some Tender Loving care. The Columbian Club has put together a plan to up-grade OUR Banquet Hall.

Our plan is as follows:

Phase 1 In-side bar up-date approximate cost \$200.00

- a. Walls Tile and add Mirrors
- b. Floor re-placed with new tiles
- c. Paint other areas of the bar

Phase 2: Ceiling approximate cost \$4,000.00

- a. Ceiling tile replacements
- b. Paint ceiling grid
- c. Repairing of recessed lights
- d. New projector screen
- e. Replace mirror ball

Phase 3: Walls approximate cost \$ 750.00

- a. Removal of wall paper
- b. Re-pairing of walls
- c. Painting

Phase 4: Floor approximate cost \$7,000.00

- a. Install industrial carpeting
- b. Install a wooden dance floor

The council is asking for your support to help us rebuild our hall.

Please join Operation SIX PACK.

**Your donation of \$5.00
Will put you in the SIX PACK CLUB**

**Your donation of \$10.00
Will put you in the HALF CASE CLUB**

**Your donation of \$20.00
Will put you in the FULL CASE CLUB**

All donors will be published in a future newsletter

Please see Jamie Zappulla or Joe Marateo for further details



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 4054



ANNUAL SUPER BOWL EXTRAVAGANZA

Event

Sunday, February 2, 2014

3:00 PM - End of Game

High-Definition TV Screens

Last Man Standing

Super 50/50 Tickets

\$20.00 per Ticket

Limited Sale of 100 Tickets

Guaranteed Prize: \$1,000.00



Menu

Pre-Snacks & Hors d'oeuvres

Cheese & Crackers, Cocktail

Franks, Chicken Wings,

Stuffed Pepperoni Bread,

Hot Dogs & Kraut, Pastry Puffs,

Cold Cut Platters and Salads

Buffet Dinner

Baked Ziti, Sausage & Peppers,

Meatballs, Kielbasa,

Chicken Murphy,

Roast Beef & Gravy,

Roasted Potatoes, Caesar Salad,

Deserts



Costs

\$15.00 Per Person



"A Winter's Night Out"

Featuring live music by "The Hammers"

With Culinary Delights by
Greg Henn & Steven Stochlinski

When: January 18, 2014

7:00 PM to 11:00 PM

Where: Union Knights of Columbus, Council #4504

1034 Jeanette Avenue

Union, NJ 07083

Cost: \$20 per person, and \$35 per couple.

Cash bar available.

RSVP by January 14, 2014, with limited tickets

available at the door.

Steven Stochlinski 908-477-7133

Frank Stochlinski 908-337-6198

Make checks payable to:

Columbian Club, Union Council 4504

Includes: Three course
dinner with dessert.
Choice of two entrees
(Pork Tenderloin or
Chicken Marsala)

*Please advise choice of en-
trée at the time of purchase.*





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**Give Blood and Join the
World's Biggest
Huddle!**

**Union Knights of Columbus blood drive
Sunday, January 12th, 8:00-2:00
Union Knights of Columbus Hall,
1034 Jeanette Ave., Union**

All donors must be at least 16 years old (with signed NJBS parental consent form) or older, meet weight criteria, be in good health and bring photo/signature ID. Please eat and drink before donating!

Be part of the

Super Community Blood Drive

All presenting donors entered into a sweepstakes for a pair of tickets to SUPER BOWL XLVIII and will also receive the Super Community wristbands.



For donor eligibility questions, please call 1-800-933-2566

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