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Calendar of Events 2024

January 6th.....Take Down Nativity Displays
 January 7th.....Blood Drive (Holy Spirit)
 January 8th.....Council Meeting 8:10 PM
 January 13th.....Wreath Retirement
 January 14th.....Tricky Tray (Holy Spirit)
 January 27th.....Dining to Donate
 February 9th.....Medieval Times
 February 12th.....Council Meeting 8:10 PM
 March 11th.....Council Meeting 8:10 PM
 April 8th.....Council Meeting 8:10 PM
 April 14th.....4th Degree Exemplification
 May 13th.....Council Meeting 8:10 PM
 June 10th.....Council Meeting 8:10 PM

Dates are subject to change. Refer to our website for the latest information:

<https://www.kofc4504.org/events>

January “Dining to Donate”

The Union Knights of Columbus will hold a “Dining to Donate” event on **Saturday January 27, 2024** from 7:00 AM until 2:00 PM at

Cozy Corner Deli & Caterers
558 Rahway Avenue
Union, NJ 07083

Here is an easy way for you to come out and enjoy a good meal with your family and friends and help the Knights raise funds for our Charitable Account to help our Parishes and Community. Help us help our Parishes and Community.

Cozy Corner Deli & Caterers will donate a percentage of your bill to the Union Knights of Columbus.

All you have to do is bring the flyer on **page 3** to Cozy Corner Deli & Caterers on Saturday January 27, 2024, and give it to your server before ordering. Order and enjoy your meal.

Thank you for your support.



Tricky Tray

Holy Spirit Church will be hosting a Tricky Tray on **Sunday, January 14, 2024.**

Please see the flyer on page 5 for further details. Doors open at 2:00 PM

GREAT NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION IDEAS

- * Get Fit and Healthy
- * Lose Weight
- * Drink More Water
- * Quit Smoking
- * Spend Less Money
- * Be More Positive
- * Pay Off Debts
- * Get Organized
- * Have more Patience
- * Go on a Vacation
- * Spend less time on the Phone
- * Drink Less Soda
- * Eat Less Fast Food
- * Get More Sleep
- * **Volunteer More**
- * Get a Hobby
- * Advance Career
- * Quit Procrastinating
- * Watch Less TV
- * Keep New Year's Resolution

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Union, NJ 07083

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.

Council Officers

Chaplain..... Rev. Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu
District Deputy..... Michael Willemse, PGK
Grand KnightGerry Aponte
Deputy Grand Knight Vacant
Chancellor..... Anthony Spina
Warden..... Angel Rengifo
Recorder.....Mike Harms
Treasurer Greg Jones
Fin. Secretary..... Steve Nagy PGK PFN
Inside GuardRomeo Puertollono
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Program Director.....Mike Peter, DD, PGK
Lecturer..... Raymond Gora
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Swim Club PresidentMike Harms
Columbiette President Fran Corcione

Monthly Meetings

1st. Mon. ----- Council Officers 8pm
2nd Mon.----- Council Mtgs. 8:10pm
2nd Thu. ----- Columbiettes 7pm
4th Wed. ----- 4th Degree Assembly 8pm
4rd Thur. -----Columbian Club Officers 8pm

MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT



Greetings Esteemed Brothers,

As we usher in the new year, I am honored to extend my heartfelt wishes for a prosperous, healthy, and successful 2024 to each of you and your families. As the Grand Knight of Council 4504, I find great joy in leading this esteemed council and am eager to share my vision for the upcoming year.

While the tradition of setting resolutions at the beginning of the year is well-known, I would like to emphasize that the pursuit of personal and collective improvement is not confined to a specific date. Let us approach each day as an opportunity for growth, positive change, and the fulfillment of our shared objectives.

Looking ahead to the events and activities planned for 2024, there is a wealth of opportunities for us to strengthen our bonds and contribute meaningfully to our community. From the annual State Convention in Wildwood to work parties preparing our grounds for the summer months, membership drives, monthly family dinners, and the cherished pancake breakfasts – each occasion presents a chance for us to unite, share ideas, and collectively work towards the continued success of Council 4504 and the principles of the Knights of Columbus.

I am confident that our dedication, shared values, and commitment to excellence will make 2024 a remarkable year for Council 4504. Let us continue to uphold the principles of our order with grace and dignity.

May the Almighty guide and bless us all as we embark on this new year, fulfilling our resolutions and pursuing the goals we have set forth.

Vivat Jesus!

Gerry Aponte

Grand Knight, Council 4504



Join the Union
Knights of Columbus for

DINING TO DONATE

at **COZY**
corner
deli & caterers

Help us to help our parishes
and community.

All you have to do is bring this
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Caterers on Saturday
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and hand it in while placing
your ordering. Cozy Corner
will donate a percentage of
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of Columbus.

Come out, enjoy a good meal,
and help the Knights help our
parishes and community.



7 AM - 2 PM

27

JANUARY

**COZY
CORNER**

558 RAHWAY AVENUE,
UNION NJ, 07083

Dear Respected Council Members,

As we stand on the threshold of an election year, it is with great enthusiasm and anticipation that we extend a heartfelt invitation to all individuals who harbor the ambition to assume significant roles within our esteemed council. Your commitment to leadership and service is not only valued but is integral to the sustained prosperity and expansion of our community.

Nomination Process: A Step Toward Leadership

For those eager to participate in this pivotal process, we encourage you to engage with Chairman Lenard Komar, PGK, PFN. Chairman Komar is available to provide guidance, answer queries, and facilitate the nomination process, ensuring a seamless and inclusive experience for all interested candidates.

Elected Positions: An Array of Opportunities for Leadership Excellence

Grand Knight: Steering the helm with strategic acumen and mentoring future leaders. The Grand Knight is the council's chief executive officer. He is responsible for setting council goals and ensuring that all officers fulfill their duties in reaching these objectives. He presides over all meetings, appoints program and committee directors as needed, fills officer roles in the event of vacancies, countersigns checks and orders for payment, and oversees the council's degree team. Ideally, the Grand Knight should be a junior so that, as a senior, he can mentor the next Grand Knight. The grand knight must complete the Safe Environment training.

Deputy Grand Knight: A crucial right-hand role, stepping into leadership when the Grand Knight is absent. Some Deputy Grand Knights serve as their council's program director. Ultimately, he assists the Grand Knight in leading and reaching council objectives. In some councils, the deputy grand knight role might be used to groom a possible Grand Knight candidate for the following year. Finally, the Deputy Grand Knight may serve as a liaison between the council and other groups that share similar interests (i.e., Newman Club, pro-life club, etc.).

Chancellor: Strengthening our membership and embodying the core values of the Knights of Columbus. Responsible for recruiting and retaining members, and to this end, he should set up events that display the values and principles of the Knights of Columbus. The Chancellor should participate in the council's degree team and serve on the Admission and Retention committees.

Treasurer: Precision in managing council finances, ensuring fiscal responsibility. He receives money from the financial secretary and deposits funds into council accounts. He is also responsible for paying all council expenses. He also balances and verifies the ledger and keeps the updated budget approved by the council.

Advocate: Guardian of parliamentary procedures, seeking legal counsel when necessary. The advocate acts as a council parliamentarian. He should know Robert's Rules of Order and Methods of Conducting a Council Meeting (#1937). The advocate should be able to take on additional responsibilities as the council deems necessary.

Recorder: A meticulous documentarian, ensuring transparency in communication. He should
Family Director

The Grand Knight appoints the family director and reports to the program director. Responsible for all family-based council programs. The required Safe Environment training and background check must be completed.

Community Director: The Grand Knight appoints the community director and reports to the program director. Responsible for all community-based council programs. He directs programs that support and encourage service to the community that fight poverty, aid the individual, promote athletic events, and sponsor more extensive programs and campaigns. He should be comfortable contacting and coordinating with organizations that align in crucial areas of community assistance. The required Safe Environment training and background check must be completed.

Life Director: The Grand Knight appoints the life director and reports to the program director. Responsible for all life-based council programs. The individual appointed to this position should be comfortable discussing and planning efforts within the context of supporting and affirming life in all stages and all conditions. Notably, he strives to promote programs that support and encourage the advancement of the pro-life movement, people with intellectual disabilities and persecuted Christians.

Membership Director: The membership director serves as the head of the Admission Committee and works to grow the council's membership through new and transfer members. He should actively identify potential recruits, plan recruitment programs, host informational meetings, and encourage council members to seek candidates. In addition, the membership director should ensure that a council has access to frequent degree exemptions (whether its own or local councils) and should work that each member reaches at least the third degree in a timely manner.

Retention Chairman: The retention chairman works to keep the council's members active. Implement programs and practices that provide mentors for new members and regularly communicate with them to encourage their participation. When a council wishes to suspend members, they must have the retention chairman reach out to members and ask them to keep their membership or transfer to another council.

Vivat Jesus

Gerry Aponte
Grand Knight

**Holy Spirit
Roman Catholic
Church**

TRICKY TRAY

**WINTER
FESTIVAL**

SUNDAY JANUARY 14, 2024
971 SUBURBAN ROAD, UNION, NJ 07083

\$20.00 PER PERSON * DOORS OPEN AT 2:00 PM

BYOD * BYOF * BRING A BAG FILLED WITH NON PERISHABLE FOOD AND RECEIVE AN EXTRA SHEET 1ST LEVEL TICKETS *
BYOD & BYOF * TICKET BUNDLES AVAILABLE * COFFEE & CAKE INCLUDED * MUSIC
FOR TICKETS CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE 908-687-3327

WWW.HOLYSPIRITUNION.ORG

Blood Drive

Because of you, life doesn't stop.
VitalToLife

**Sponsored By:
Holy Spirit Church
Union**

Donor Guidelines:

- * Weigh at least 110 lbs
- * Bring ID
- * Eat a meal before donation
- * Drink plenty of water before and after donation

Sunday, January 7, 2024
8:00 am - 2:00 pm

School Gym
971 Suburban Road
Union, NJ 07083

Ann
BLOOD RECIPIENT:
"I wish I could tell my donor how grateful I am for your selfless act. You may have wondered what became of your donation well, it saved my life."

Appointments strongly recommended

You may also make an appointment using the link below or QR code:
https://donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/56387

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* Donors must be enrolled to participate.

WREATH RETIREMENT
JANUARY 13, 2024
9AM

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ELIZABETH CEMETERY

REMEMBER HONOR TEACH
WREATHS
 — across —
AMERICA

Hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas.

The JFK Assembly will Retire Wreaths, on **Saturday, January 13th at 9 am**. Brothers and Sir Knights are welcome to meet at the First Presbyterian Church Cemetery of Elizabeth (42 Broad Street) to collect the 172 grave wreaths. Many hands make the work light. All are welcome to help out. Advanced thanks.



**Nativity
 Take-Down**

Members will meet at Union Township Town Hall on **Saturday, January 6th** at 9:00 am to put the Nativity away until next year.

Afterwards we will then go to the Council Home to put that Nativity away too.



THE KNIGHTS ARE STORMING THE CASTLE

February 9, 2024
7PM



Please be sure to arrive one hour before
the start of the tournament.

Join the
Union Knights of Columbus Council 4504
at Medieval Times castle
149 Polito Ave, Lyndhurst, NJ 07071
For a night of fun and commraderiery.



PRICE:

\$60- Adult
\$40- Child

INCLUDES:

Two hour live tournament
Four-course medieval feast

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Leonard Komar
EMAIL: ljkjr4504@gmail.com

Horses will not be provided.
Please arrange your own travel to and from the castle.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						Epiphany Take down Nativity displays - 9am
Blood Drive Holy Spirit Church 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Council Mtg 8:10 PM					Wreath Retirement
	Martin Luther King Jr.					
			4th Degree Assembly Meeting 8:00 PM	Columbian Club Officer's Meeting		Dining to Donate 7 AM to 2 PM