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## Calendar of Events

### June

June 1st..... Senior Social  
 June 9th ..... Council & Columbian Club Elections  
 June 11th ..... Second Degree  
 June 13th ..... Third Degree  
 June 15th ..... Runnells Hospital  
 June 19th ..... Family Dinner  
 June 30th ..... Grand Knight's Toast

### July

July 12th..... Mets/Huey Lewis Concert  
 July 19th..... Monmouth Park Picnic  
 July 20th..... Installation of Officers

### September

September 13th..... Family Picnic

## *2014-15 Council Elections*

Presented is the list offices and nominees for the 2014-2015 Columbian Year. Elections will take place on June 9, 2014.

Grand Knight ..... Ed McCormick  
 Deputy Grand Knight..... Greg Henn  
 Chancellor ..... Giftus John  
 Warden ..... Mike Willemse  
 Recorder..... Kevin Gongob  
 Treasurer ..... Frank Santangelo  
 Advocate..... Steven Hehl  
 Inside Guard ..... Paul Willemse  
 Outside Guard ..... Rob Genovese  
 Vacant Trustee Position ..... Steve Nagy

## *Second and Third Degrees*

Union Council 4504 will host a Second Degree on Wednesday June 11, 2014 and a Third Degree on Friday June 13, 2014 at our Council.

Any Brothers who have not yet received the Honors in the Second and Third Degrees should contact:

Grand Knight Steve Nagy  
 Email: toys4504@aol.com  
 Phone: (908) 967-9060

Deputy Grand Knight Ed McCormick  
 Email: edmcormick01@gmail.com  
 Phone: (973) 650-7643

Membership Director Nick Belmonte  
 Email: nicksnabs@verizon.net  
 Phone: (908) 447-1869

To sign up so they can make their Degrees.

## *Senior Social*

The annual Senior Social will be held this year on Sunday, June 1, 2014. Invitations will be sent out in the next two weeks. Looking forward to seeing all of you there. Come out and have a good time with your friends and fellow Knights members as well.

Gregory Henn - Chairman

## *2014-2015 Columbian Club Elections*

President..... Allen Pascullo  
 First Vice-President..... John Bashaw  
 Second Vice-President ..... Jose Santiago  
 Directors, 3-year term ..... Mike Campanelli  
 Steven Stochlinski

**Elections to be held on June 9, 2014**

## *SAVE THE DATE*

**Monmouth Park Picnic - July 19th  
 Details to Follow.**

## Knights Digest

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or via email to: [tomdudek@outlook.com](mailto: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  
*Inside Guard*..... Kevin Gongob  
*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

### My Brother Knights at the Union Knights of Columbus,

It has been a long and interesting year, but within a few short days my term as Grand Knight will be over.

There were many challenges and much hard work, but there were also many good and joyous times too.

I would like to thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to serve you and our Council as Grand Knight for this past Columbian year.

I would like to thank all my Council Officers for their hard work and support throughout this past year. And I would like to wish next year's and all future Officers much success because their success will our Council's success.

I would like to thank our Columbian Club and Swim Club Officers and board members for all their hard work in maintaining and improving our Council facilities. We definitely have a Council home to be proud of.

I would like to thank the ladies of our Columbiettes for all that they do for us.

I want to thank our Financial Secretary Tom Hornig for his help and guidance, not just this past year, but throughout my years of coming through the chairs. He was always there for me to offer advise and suggestions.

And I also want to thank Tom's wife Ann for opening her kitchen table (also known as Tom's Fin Sec Office) to me so Tom and I could get our work done.

Finally, I would like to thank my wife Carol and children Rachel and Stephen for all their help and support and their understanding for my time away doing Knight's stuff.

Again thank you all for allowing me the Honor and Privilege to serve you and Union Knights of Columbus as Grand Knight this past year.

**Vivat Jesus,**  
**Steve Nagy (soon to have PGK here)**



## Convention 2014

**C**ouncil 4504's brothers and their families gathered at the Adventurer Oceanfront Inn in Wildwood Crest for the Knights of Columbus State Convention on the weekend of May 15 -18. While the weather on Friday was monsoon-like a good time was had anyway thanks to the newly renovated hospitality room at the Adventurer where we able to gather. Plenty of food was cooked by our Executive Chef Frank Santangelo. There was a fully stocked bar and plenty of snacks.

On Saturday the weather cleared and the 60 brothers and family members in attendance enjoyed the pool, beach, boardwalk and all the other things Wildwood has to offer.

The owners and staff of The Adventurer Oceanfront Inn could not have been nicer or more accommodating and I want to thank them here for that. As a token of their appreciation for our business, J.R. the co-owner of the Adventurer has offered a \$10 per night discount to any member of Union Council who books a room there this year.

This year's convention was described to me by many in attendance as the best in years. My thanks go out to all the brothers who helped make it the success that it was.

Ed McCormick

## 2013-2014 Runnells Hospital Schedule

**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

June 2014

Greg Henn



The Knight of the month for June 2014 is a gentleman who has been laboring away somewhat anonymously in the kitchen for many events this past year. Greg Henn assisted in the breakfast with Santa Claus and breakfast with the Easter Bunny. He was also one of the trained chefs who produced the culinary delights at the Winter's

Night Out. Greg jumped in and cooked the family dinners for a few months while our regular kitchen crew took a well needed rest. He also tends bar as needed. Greg is also running this month's Senior Social and assisted in running the convention weekend. He has shown a true commitment to the Knights of Columbus.

Greg has been a member of this council for many years and has really grown as a result of his involvement. He has served as a Council officer for some years, holding several positions along the way and is currently serving as Chancellor. Greg grew up and still resides in Union. He is a graduate of Union High School and holds a B.A. in Culinary Arts from Johnson and Wales University. He is employed as a corporate chef. Greg is a parishioner at St. Michael's Church.

Greg Henn exemplifies what it means to be a Knight of Columbus. For that we are proud to name Greg Henn the Knight of the month of June 2014.

Congratulations Greg

### *Do You like Baseball, Rock N Roll, the Mets?*

Choose two or three of the above and you will be sure to enjoy our trip to Citi Field on July 12th. In addition to the Mets playing Miami at 4:00 pm, you will also see a great concert by HUEY LEWIS and The NEWS immediately following the game.

We will be sitting in Field Level Box Seats and the cost of the trip is \$95 per person including bus transportation from the Knights.

Seats are extremely limited, so please call Steve Helmstetter at 908-688-5039 A.S.A.P. to reserve your seat.

## *Yellow Ribbon Tree*

There is a tree in front of our Council that over the past few years has been used for a special purpose, to help us remember our members and their family members who are serving in the Military and are deployed overseas.

We started this tradition almost five years ago and we have tied "Yellow Ribbons" for these Servicemen and women since then at the start of their deployments.

Sarah Kramer U.S. Army - Oct. 2009  
Erik Santiago U.S. Army - March 2011  
Paul LeCompte U.S. Army - March 2011  
Michael Zagorski U.S. Army - March 2011  
Brian Schopfer U.S. Army - July 2012  
Dan Tatge U.S. Air Force - April 2013

The "Yellow Ribbons" served as a reminder to all of us to keep them in our thoughts and Prayers until their safe return home when they came to the Council to cut their ribbon off.

Thankfully all have returned home safe and sound, so our Prayers were answered.

Our tree will once again be dressed in a "Yellow Ribbon" for Sgt. Erik Santiago when he will be deployed again to Afghanistan for another Tour of Duty there. Please remember to keep him in your thoughts and Prayers for his safe return home to his loved ones.

Hopefully as the US involvement over there comes to an end soon, Erik's "Yellow Ribbon" will be the last one our tree will wear.



## *Swim Club News*

### **The pool is open!**

We had a wonderful Memorial Day weekend mass celebrated by Fr. Nol of Saint Michael's. We are also celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Columbian Swim Club.

The pool will open full time on June 21st, the pool hours are 12 noon until 8 pm during the month of July and 12 noon until 7 pm during the month of August (weather permitting).

Family Membership Applications and Renewals are available at the Gate House. For more information concerning membership contact Jim Ford at [jford1488@comcast.net](mailto:jford1488@comcast.net).

Please remember to pick up your pool badges at the house and be sure to show your paid up 2014 dues card for the Knights of Columbus or the Columbiettes.

Thank you and enjoy the summer! - Jim Ford

## *Message from Fr. Bruce Janiga*



There will be a Blood Drive at Holy Spirit on Sunday, June 22 from 8:15am until 1:15pm in the Parish Hall.

We need blood donors and volunteers to help with registration and the snack table.

For further information, people can contact Fr. Janiga at the parish.

## *Resolution for Donation for Hall*

On Monday June 9, 2014 at our regularly scheduled Council meeting there will be a vote by our membership to approve a donation from Union Knights of Columbus Council 4504 to the Columbian Club of the Union Knights of Columbus in the amount of \$1,000.00 for their hall renovation fund.

The main intent of this donation is to go towards the repair and or replacement of the current Public Address system in the hall so that it will be fully functioning for use during our Council meetings and events, and to add an increased rental benefit for the Columbian Club for the hall. Since the membership of the Council and the Columbian Club are one in the same, it is only fitting that the Council help support the Columbian Club in their current renovation project to improve our hall.

Any monies left over after the PA system has been upgraded and replacement microphones, and accessories have been taken care of, should be used by the Columbian Club to finish the ceiling tile replacement project.

# Knights of Columbus Annual Fluke Fishing Trip

*Date: Tuesday July 8th, 2014 Time: 7:30AM Sharp*

The Misty Morn is located on the southwestern shore of the Raritan Bay, close to the Turnpike and Parkway. A perfect choice when coming from northern New Jersey, saving over 50 miles of shore and beach traffic.

**For information and to reserve a spot  
contact Joe Harbison – Cell (908) 265-2947  
E-mail – Joehbison@aol.com**

<http://www.mistymornfishing.com/>



**\$65 Per Person**

\$50 for Kids (16 and under)

Price includes: Pole Rental,  
Bait, Mate Tip and  
Beer, Water, Soda while it lasts

### Directions

1. Garden State Parkway South 11.4Miles
2. Take exit 129 for US-9 toward Woodbridge/Perth Amboy .8 Miles
3. Continue toward U.S. 9 S .1Miles
4. Keep left at the fork, follow signs for US-9 S/NJ-440 S/I-287/The Amboys .5 Miles
5. Keep left at the fork, follow signs for US-9 S/NJ-440 W and merge onto U.S. 9 S 3.6 Miles
6. Continue onto Rte 35 S 1.8 Miles
7. Turn right onto Old Spye Rd .4 Miles
8. Destination will be on the left - Old Spye Rd South Amboy, NJ 08879

## THE MISTY MORN

### 62' FISHING CHARTER BOAT

13 OLD SPYE ROAD  
SOUTH AMBOY, NJ 08879  
732.721.2892



### *Pride in our Priests*

Proud to say that after many years of non-attendance at the Annual Pride in the Priests Dinner sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Councils in the Newark Archdiocese, the Union Knights attended this years Dinner. Thank you Father Nol and Father Luke for being our guests and all that you do for us. Hope the tradition continues.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Senior Social	2 Council Officer's Meeting	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Council Mtg. 8:10PM <b>ELECTIONS</b>	10	11 Second Degree	12	13 Third Degree	14
15 Runnells Hospital	16 Swim Club Mtg 8 PM	17	18	19 Family Dinner 6:30 - 8:30 PM	20	21
22 Holy Spirit Blood Drive	23 Council Mtg. 8:10PM	24	25 4th Degree Assembly 8PM	26 Columbian Club 7:30 PM	27	28
29	30 Grand Knight's Toast					