



Knights Digest



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April 2014

Calendar of Events

April

April 1st..... Deadline for Pool Membership
 April 5th A Hand 4 Shan
 April 6th Breakfast with the Easter Bunny
 April 11th . Stations of the cross at St. Michael's Church
 April 12th Lenten Day of Reflection
 April 17th Family Dinner
 April 18th Good Friday - Council Closed
 April 26th-27th..... Intellectual Disability Drive

May

May 15th Family Dinner
 May 16th-18th..... State Convention
 May 22nd Intellectual Disabilities Drive
 May 24th Poolside Mass
 May 26th Memorial Day - Council Closed

June

June 1st..... Senior Social
 June 11th Second Degree
 June 13th Third Degree
 June 19th Family Dinner
 June 30th Grand Knight's Toast

June

July 12th..... Mets/Huey Lewis Concert

Nominating Committee for 2014-15 Council Officers

The Nominating Committee is looking for candidates for the Outside Guard position for the slate of Officers for 2014-15 Columbian year. Any Third Degree Brother Knight in good standing at Council 4504 that has an interest in this position or any other Council Officer's position should contact any of the members of the Nominating Committee, Andy Schopfer PGK, Chairman, Frank Stochlinski, Columbian Club representative, Joseph Harbison, Swim Club representative, and Steve Helmstetter and John Holmes Council representatives.

Drive for People with Intellectual Disabilities

We are going forward on our plans for the drive for those with Intellectual Disabilities and we will need assistance collecting out in front of the 7/11 on Stuyvesant Ave from 9-11, 11-1, and 1-3 along with the 7/11 in 5 points on Galloping Hill Road from the same times. We figure it will take about 70 members to put this Drive to the expectations we think this Council can collect.

Save the date May 22, 2014 from 6pm to 9pm we will have an Ice Fest at Rita's on Stuyvesant Ave. to help with our Drive. During these hours the store will give us 15% of all the proceeds. Those not interested in buying any ices could support this drive by giving a donation at the table we will have positioned there that night.

Any members interested in making a donation to this worthy cause can send donations to the Council at 1034 Jeanette Ave. Make checks payable to Union Council Knights of Columbus 4504 in the memo area please put IDD Intellectual Disabilities Drive attention Mike Peter Co Chairman.

Holy Spirit

Fr Bruce Janiga will be offering a Lenten Bible Study on the Gospel According to Matthew. Classes will take place on Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:30. The series runs from March 19-April 16 in the Parish Hall. This would be a good way to grow in your understanding of the Sunday gospel readings. All are welcome. Please bring a Bible and a friend.

Knights of Columbus Day of Recollection

Saturday, April 12, 2014 9 AM

Murphy Room at St. Michael's Church

Guest Speaker: Fr. Reilly who will speak on "The Signs and Symbols of Holy Week"

All Brothers are invited....Attendance is Free
Snacks will be provided.

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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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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
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Outside Guard..... Thomas Lamotta
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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,

Easter like Spring is time for renewal. Every year Easter is the same because every spring we celebrate that great event that turned our lives around before we were born. God raised Jesus from the dead. Jesus had taken our sins on his shoulders and died for us so that we would not have to experience—and suffer from—the separation that sin causes. Every Spring the flowers and trees come back to life and show the signs of new life in their colorful blooms and green leaves giving way to the gray of Winter.

Each year Easter is different since each year we are a little different. We are each a year older, maybe a little wiser, and certainly more experienced. Because of this, each Lent is a chance for us to look back at our year and see where we are in our relationship with God, family, friends, our self and all of creation. Every Easter, we can renew our commitments to what we think is important in our lives. Each Spring is also different, giving way to brighter and warmer weather especially after all the snow and cold we had this year.

This year make the most of this renewal and get more involved with your Church and Parish, with your Family and Friends, and with the Knights of Columbus and your Council.

May you and your Family have a Blessed and Happy Easter.

Vivat Jesus,
Steve



Happy
Easter

Fund Raising with TD Bank

Union Council 4504 has joined TD Bank's Affinity program. The Affinity program is a great opportunity for all of us at Union Council to raise money for our charitable fund simply by linking accounts at TD Bank to Union Council. TD Bank will contribute \$10 to our council for every existing checking account which is linked to 4504 and \$50 for each new account linked to 4504. There is no cost to any of us for linking our accounts and your banking information is completely private.

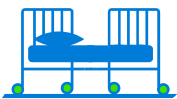
Our council will have no access to anyone's banking information nor will we even have a list of what accounts are linked. TD Bank will simply send us a report at the end of each year telling us how many accounts are linked and accompany that report with a check from TD Bank for the calculated amount. The check will be deposited in to Union Council 4504's charitable fund, enabling us to help more of our brothers and neighbors in need.

This program is applicable to personal and business accounts and is not limited to just brother knights. It is applicable to anyone willing to link their accounts to Knights of Columbus 4504. All you need to do is visit any TD Bank branch and ask any officer to link your account to Knights of Columbus 4504 or code number AF442.

This is a great opportunity for all of us to help raise funds. I urge you to read the following brochure from TD Bank and stop in to link your accounts.

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.



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

April 2014

Tom Hornig



The Knight of the month Of April, 2014 could more appropriately be called the Knight of the last three decades. What else can you call a gentleman who has served Union Council since the late 70's? Tom Hornig has held every council office except Inside Guard. He is currently in his 17th year as Financial Secretary of our Council. There is very little this gentleman hasn't done in this council during his many years as a member. He is present at virtually every meeting and degree and is a fixture around the council.

Tom was born and raised in "Down Neck" Newark and moved to Union in the 1950's. He and his wife Ann raised four children one of whom is brother knight Gary Hornig. They have 12 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Tom spends plenty of time these days with all three generations yet always seems to have time for his council duties. He has displayed a devotion to the Knights of Columbus which is rarely experienced. Tom and Ann are parishioners of Holy Spirit Church.

To name Tom Hornig Knight of the Month seems too little recognition for all he has done for this Council; but we'll do it anyway. Our thanks and congratulations go out to Tom Hornig, PGK

2014 Dues Payments

Brothers we have sent out the First and Second Notices for 2014 Dues. Hopefully you have received them and have already paid your dues, but in the case that you did not receive either notice we apologize for this. Our Dues for 2014 will remain the same at \$44 for the year and if you have not received any Dues Notices you can send a check for \$44 made out to Union Knights of Columbus 4504 mail to Union Knights of Columbus 4504 1034 Jeanette Ave Union, NJ 07083 ATTN: Dues. Please write 2014 Dues on the memo line of the check. Our Financial Secretary will send you a 2014 Traveling Card once he receives your payment. Please remember to sign and carry your current card with you at all times.

*Do You like Baseball?
Do You like Rock N Roll?
Do You like 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.

Stations of the Cross at St. Michael's Church

As we have done in previous years, members of our Council have volunteered to participate at this event at St. Michael's Church during which we will conduct the readings and also carry the Cross and candles from Station to Station.

We are currently scheduled for Friday, April 11, 2014 at 7:00 PM. If you are planning on participating in this event, please plan on arriving at St. Michael's Church around 6:50 PM so we can arrange everyone in positions.

Hall Fundraising Update

Thanks to all who have donated to our Hall Refurbish Fund. So far to date we have raised nearly \$3,000.00. We will start replacing tiles after St. Patrick's Day. Come down to the club in a few weeks and check out our progress.

Again, Thank You on behalf of the Columbian Club Board of Directors.

Jamie Zappulla. President



Blood Drive!

Saturday, May 24th
From 9 AM to 3 PM

Senior Social

Save the Date

This year's Senior Social will be on

Sunday June 1, 2014.

Details to be in the May Knight Digest.

Swim Club News

Thank you to all swim club members who have been mailing in their renewals. If you send in your renewal after April 1, please include a \$25.00 late fee.

Please do not leave renewals at the council home and mail them to Jim Ford, 1488 Burnet Ave, Union, NJ 07083. If you need the renewal form, please email Jim at jford1488@comcast.net.

Remember to receive your badges you must provide a paid up dues card either for the Knights or Columbiettes.

Thank you
Jim

State Convention

The annual Knights of Columbus State Convention will be held in Wildwood, NJ from May 15th through the 18th. We will again stay at the Adventurer Motel in Wildwood Crest, NJ.

Prices for the standard rooms are:

A TWO Night stay is \$370.00

A THREE night stay is \$490.00

Prices include the hospitality suite. Larger suites extra.

A \$200.00 deposit is required by March 4th. Contact Deputy Grand Knight Ed McCormick at Edmccormick01@gmail.com (973) 650-7643 to reserve your rooms.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

Your Shield for Life

Only Having Insurance “Through Work” Doesn’t Work

Do you know anyone whose life or career has drastically changed during these years of economic downturn? It’s very likely that someone in your immediate or extended family or group of friends is facing financial uncertainty. Maybe there’s a possibility that you (or your spouse) could lose your job or change employers.

Too many people have often relied on group term life insurance as their only safety net. Often, this insurance is an employee benefit provided at low or no cost. The existence of this coverage might convince someone that personally-owned life insurance is not necessary.

But only having “through work” insurance can leave you and your family vulnerable. Most group life insurance policies are limited in amount, which may be tied to salary or some other benchmark. These numbers are often capped, and this cap may be dangerously low when compared to your family’s actual needs. In fact, a detailed needs analysis that evaluates your specific situation, will likely show that any employer-provided coverage falls short.

In addition, the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced, sometimes dramatically, when you retire. You could one day find yourself without coverage, and if your health has changed (which it will as you age), you might also find yourself unable to secure individual protection. At the very least, it will definitely be more expensive.

While group life insurance can help, it does not replace the need for individually owned life insurance. I’ll be happy to meet with you and provide a no-cost needs analysis, so you’ll know exactly where you stand.

GREG CHAVES (732) 492-3049 or Gregory.Chaves@KofC.org

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(Blues Band)

and

**The Union County
Pipe & Drum Corps
& *Special Guests***

Light Food Available

Cash Bar

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IN ADVANCE
\$15.00 AT THE
DOOR**



1034 Jeanette Avenue, Union, NJ

For Tickets, call

John Peters 908-296-1638

Don Erdman 908-229-0066

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

Sunday, April 6, 2014
9:30 A.M.

Items to be served:

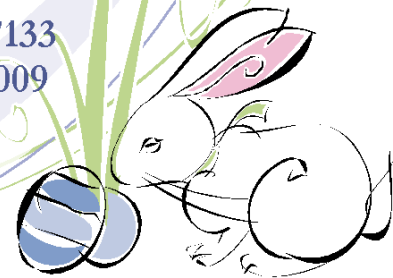
Pancakes, Omelets, Home Fries, Bacon, Sausage, Coffee, Tea,
Juice, and much more!

Tickets are \$25 for a family of 4. (2 adults/ 2 children)
\$8 for additional adult
\$6 additional child

Walk In Welcome at Additional Charge

***Reservations are required and seating is
limited!***

Call for reservations
Steve Stochlinski: (908) 477-7133
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13	14 Council Mtg. 8:10pm	15	16	17 Family Dinner 6:30 - 8:30 PM	18 GOOD FRIDAY	19
20 EASTER SUNDAY	21 Swim Club Mtg.	22	23 4th Degree Assembly	24 Columbian Club Meeting	25	26 Intellectual Disabilities Drive
27 Intellectual Disabilities Drive	28 Council Mtg. 8:10pm	29	30			