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Calendar of Events

December

- December 1stNativity Lighting
- December 5th Blood Drive
- December 12th Bus Trip to NYC
- December 14th .. Annual Christmas Dinner
- December 18th Ugly Sweater Night
- December 19th Basketball Freethrow
- December 20th Breakfast w/Santa
- December 31st New Year's Eve Party

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

On our first meeting of December (12/14/2015), we will have our annual Christmas dinner. Meeting with start at 7:30 PM with food from Mario's after the meeting. Cost will be \$20 per person. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION BRING-A-DISH AT THE BAR

9:00 PM to 1:00 AM

Bring Your Favorite Dish for All to Share



Cash Bar
Champagne Toast at Midnight



John McEvoy, 908-964-1842
jandkmce@verizon.net



Time to Party!



UGLY SWEATER NIGHT

Come join us in the Lounge on December 18th from 8pm to midnight for Ugly Sweater Night.

If you wear a sweater - entrance fee is \$5.00
If you don't wear a sweater - entrance fee is \$10.00
Fee includes Food, Music and 1 Free Drink



UGLY SWEATER PARTY

HELP GIVE THE GIFT OF SIGHT TO THOSE LESS FORTUNATE



The Union Knights of Columbus 4504 will be setting up a collection box for donations of used eyeglasses, and sunglasses to be taken to the New Eyes for the Needy in Millburn, NJ.

Since 1932, New Eyes for the Needy has provided clear vision to over 8 million people in the United States and throughout the world. New Eyes for the Needy was founded in 1932 by the late Julia Lawrence Terry of Short Hills, NJ. The idea originated with Mrs. Terry when she worked as a volunteer at a Red Cross food depot during the Depression. So many applicants had impaired vision that she collected discarded eyeglasses for distribution to those in need.

In 1958, New Eyes for the Needy was incorporated in New Jersey as a non-profit charitable organization. A new headquarters at 549 Millburn Avenue was purchased in 1961. Their Program distributes used glasses worldwide. They receive donations of used glasses from all across the country. Their specially trained volunteering teams test and sort the glasses into different categories. After which we distribute the glasses through international charitable organizations and small medical missions.

Don't let those old glasses take up space in your drawers when they can be put to good use.

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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.

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Columbiette President..... Fran Corcione

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,

The time is going so quickly. Thanksgiving is behind us and Christmas is rapidly approaching. We are all caught up in shopping, decorating, and planning holiday dinners and visits with family and friends. At the council we prepared as well. The Nativity was freshened up and set up at town hall for the annual Christmas tree lighting and the Council nativity is lit outside.

December 7th is National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. This is observed to honor and remember the 2,403 victims of the early morning surprise attack on Pearl Harbor. This attack by the Imperial Japanese Navy against the United States Naval Base at Pearl Harbor led the United States entry into World War II.

In doing some research for this December newsletter I came across the lyrics to Eddy Arnold's Christmas song. I've written part of them below.

C is for the Christ Child born upon this day
H is for Herald Angels in the night
R means our Redeemer
I means Israel
S is for the Star that shine so bright
T is for Three wise men who travelled far
M is for the Manager where he lay
A is for All he stands for
S means the Shepherds came

So in all the busy preparations let's remember to keep Christ in our Christmas celebrations.

On behalf of myself and the council officers I wish you all a very blessed and joyous holiday season.

Vivat Jesus
Greg



KNIGHTS FAMILY DINNER

There will be NO Knights Family Dinner for the Month of December.

Dinners will resume in January, weather permitting.



Enjoy the Christmas Season!



CELL PHONES FOR SOLDIERS

Union Knights of Columbus 4504 Supports Cell Phones for Soldiers

If you have any old cell phones that you no longer use, please consider donating them and the accessories to Cell Phones for Soldiers. Regardless of the phone's condition, the Union Knights of Columbus will be collecting used cell phones to donate to soldiers.

There will be a drop box in the Lounge and will be accepting old cell phones and accessories to be sent for recycling.

Donations for calling cards can be sent to the Council Attn: Grand Knight. Make checks payable to Cell Phones for Soldiers or payable Union KofC 4504 and write Cell Phones for Soldiers on the memo line of the check.

A \$5 donation warrants 2.5 hours of talk time; a \$100 gives 50 hours or 3,000 minutes of talk time for active duty military members to connect with their families.

Cell Phones for Soldiers Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to providing cost-free communication services to active-duty military members and veterans.

Since 2004, Cell Phones for Soldiers...

- Have provided more than 216 million minutes of free talk time
- Mails approximately 1,500 calling cards each week

Recycled more than 11.7 million cell phones, reducing the impact on landfills.

Sir Knights',

You once took a step towards being a better man, husband, father, son and/or Catholic; you became a Knight of Columbus!

Something inside you said I want to do more, be more, honor those that deserve honor. You wanted to show your Patriotism, You wanted to be "the best of the best" and you joined the 4th Degree and became a SIR KNIGHT!

The time is now upon us, the Knights and this country need men like you NOW more than ever. Find that spark again, find what made you take it to the 4th Degree, and get involved again.

If you are a member of the Color Corp, GREAT! But if you are not your participation at general meetings is always wanted and needed. If you can't participate in the Color Corp any longer for whatever reason, consider donating your regalia to the Assembly, we have a bumper crop of new Sir Knights joining every year and there is always someone who can use your help in taking up the charge and being the "Visible Arm" of the Knights of Columbus.

Come Sir Knights, come join us every 4th Wednesday of the month at Union Council # 4504 and be THAT Brother Knights again.



Coat Drive

Folks, as the weather turns cold and the Holiday Season is right around the corner, let us not forget those less fortunate. Clean out your closets and let's get some coats to those who need. There is a coat collection box at Union Council 4504 and if you won't be at the council, call/text me and I'll make arrangements to come and get your donation. Don't have any coats to donate? I am also going to purchase some coats if you'd rather make a monetary donation. Thank you.

SK Alex Costa PGK FN DD
305-898-1570 cell



Basketball Free Throw

Any child ages 9-14 interested in participating, please contact Mike Peter, PGK at 908-759-3588

The event is on **December 19th**. 3-6pm. We would like to have pre-registration.

Breakfast with Santa

We are planning our annual Children Christmas Breakfast with Santa and we are looking for a Chairman to support this fine event for our Children. The date will be **Sunday, December 20, 2015**. Email any questions you have to mikepeter4275@gmail.com or call Michael Peter PGK Program Director 908-759-3588.

Blood Drive

There will be a blood drive on **December 5th** at the Knights of Columbus between the hours of 9am and 2:30pm. The direct donation is for Jessica Piano Petti. Jessica is the daughter of Matty Piano and the sister of Matteo Piano (both members of our council) and wife of Mike Petti. She was a Union resident for many years and is battling Leukemia. Jessica is 30 years old and has a 3 year old son, Nico.

She had a Bone Marrow transplant on Wednesday Nov 4th and blood to replenish hers. There will also be a chance for people to give platelets that day as well.



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

DECEMBER 2015

Ray Gora



Born and raised in Elizabeth, Ray has been very active and involved over the years. He lived seven years in Essex County, worked twenty-seven years in Hudson County, spent four years as a missionary in Bolivia where he met and married his wife Liliana. In 2007 he began work as a Program Development Specialist with Union County's Department of Human Services helping the homeless disabled. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of Hudson Hospice, Inc. for 15 years.



Ray has a Bachelor's degree from Seton Hall University in Languages and Philosophy. He also has the equivalent of a Master's degree in Theology. He is a United States Marine Corps veteran with a Navy Commendation citation. He is a Notary Public. He worked as a Patient Representative at a Level II Trauma Center where he won numerous awards for Five-Star customer service. Ray also became a Fellow in the Society for Healthcare Consumer Advocacy of the American Hospital Association. Ray has Polish roots, but is fluent in Spanish. Ray was inducted into the Saint Patrick High School Hall of Fame for being a member of the 1961 State Championship Basketball Team. Besides all this, Ray serves at Saint Adalbert's Church as a lector and religious education teacher for the students preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation and RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults).

Additionally, Ray, who is a father of three, (Monica who just got married in October, Daniel, a truck driver and Eric, a policeman in the City of Elizabeth,) is a part-time realtor with Choice Realty in Iselin. He also does photography and has had photographs published in six books.

Ray has been a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 4504 since 1976. He is a Fourth Degree Knight and member of the Color Corps. He tries to attend the wakes of fellow Knights, and participates in the fund raising efforts for citizens with intellectual disabilities.

We at Union Knights, Council 4504, are proud to honor brother Ray Gora as the Knight of the Month for November, 2015. Congratulations Ray!



Christmas Bus trip to New York City

On Saturday, December 12, 2015 the Columbian Club will sponsor a bus trip to New York City to partake of the Christmas season.

The bus will depart from the Council at 11 AM sharp and travel to Little Italy for lunch (on your own) or Canal Street shopping. We will depart Little Italy at approximately 2:30 PM for a 1 ½ hour stop over at Chelsea Market. The bus will pick us up at 4:30 PM and head to Rockefeller Center. You will have an hour to see the tree, visit St. Patrick's Cathedral, etc. We will depart New York City at approximately 6:00 PM to return to the Council.

Cost is \$35.00 per person.

Profits benefit Columbian Club renovations.

For reservations or more information contact John Peters

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6	7 Council Officers Mtg.	8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9	10	11	12 Bus Trip to NYC 
13	14 Council Meeting & Christmas Dinner	15	16	17	18 Ugly Sweater Night 	19 Basketball Free Throw
20 Breakfast with Santa	21 Swim Club Meeting	22	23	24 Christmas Eve 	25 	26
27	28 Council Meeting	29	30	31 New Year's Eve Party 		