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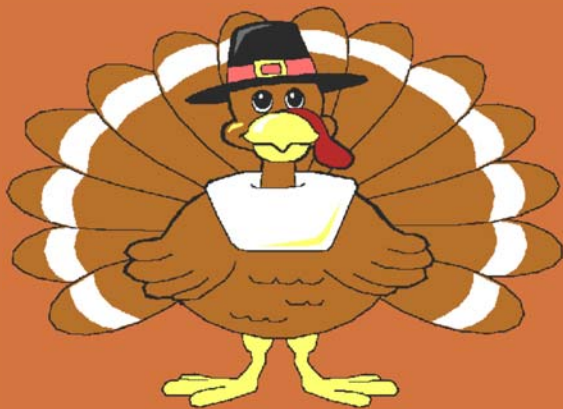
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November 2015

## Calendar of Events

### November

November 10th ..... 2nd Degree (Hillside)  
 November 11th ..... Veteran's Day Service  
 November 14th ..... Food Drive  
 November 20th ..... 3rd Degree (Union)  
 November 22nd ..... Deceased Mbrs. Mass



### **CONGRATULATIONS**

In October, Michael Cavallo PGK and his twenty-five classmates in the diaconate program were admitted to "Candidacy". This signifies that Archbishop Myers has officially recognized their intention to go forward to be ordained next June.

Union Knights of Columbus 4504 would like to congratulate Michael as he celebrates this important step in his journey towards his Ordination as a Permanent Deacon. At the same time, it is important for us to remember our responsibility to pray that many more people will hear and answer God's call to lives of service as Priests, Deacons, or Religious Brothers or Sisters.

Congratulations Mike and Best Wishes on your journey to Deacon.

### **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

### **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.

## Knigh Digest

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or preferably 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

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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,

Thanksgiving is what we all think of when we hear the word November. Our daily schedules are so busy with work, errands, email, text messages, etc. we forget to take a moment to be thankful for what we have. Thanksgiving gives us a day to reconnect with family and friends. Please remember as you sit down to enjoy your Thanksgiving dinner don't forget to reflect and be thankful for all of life's blessings that you have received.

Besides Thanksgiving we remember All Saint's Day, All Soul's Day, Election Day and Veteran's Day. We celebrate Veteran's Day on Wednesday, November 11th honoring all who have served in the Armed Forces. Originally called Armistice Day legislation was passed in 1938 making Armistice Day a legal holiday honoring World War I veterans. In 1954, after having been through World War II and the Korean War, Congress changed Armistice Day to Veterans Day to honor American Veterans of all wars.

We will be hosting a 3rd Degree on Friday, November 20th. On Sunday, November 22nd we will be remembering all our deceased Brother Knights at the 9 AM Mass at Holy Spirit Church. Following the Mass we will have a brunch at the Council Hall. Please come and join us as we gather and remember all our Brother Knights who have left us.

**Happy Thanksgiving!**

Vivat Jesus  
Greg



## ***FOOD DRIVE***



We are in the planning stages of doing our Food Drive on **October 23** and **November 14** at Seabras Supermarket in 5 points Union. In October the times would be between 10am-2pm and. In November the time would be 10am-3pm. For information contact PGK Michael Peter - 908- 759-3588 or e-mail [mikepeter4275@gmail.com](mailto:mikepeter4275@gmail.com).

## ***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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at Union Council # 4504 and be THAT Brother Knights again.



## **DECEASED MEMBERS MASS**

There will be the annual mass for deceased members on **November 22nd**. A light breakfast will follow at the council.

October 20, 2015..... Edmund Bierdrzycki  
September 8, 2015 ..... Joseph M Kmetz  
July 7, 2015.....Stephen Mandzak  
June 23, 2015 .....Richard Bottelli  
June 14, 2015 .....Eddie Sanchez  
May 1, 2015 ..... Wilbur "Bill" Moyer  
April 25, 2015 .....Salvatore J Guarino  
April 11, 2015 ..... Anthony "Pat" Patricco  
April 3, 2015 .....Otto J Hornlein  
March 7, 2015 .....Carmine "Carl" Lardieri  
January 26, 2015 ..... William P Grote Jr  
January 7, 2015 ..... Anthony "Tony" Sibia  
January 4, 2015 .....Donald Hibbard  
November 1, 2014..... Rev John A Palastis  
October 26, 2014.....Orlando Mainerio  
October 1, 2014..... Michael T Monticello.

## **Veteran's Day Service**

There will be a service for Veteran's Day at 11am for the American Legion on Bond Drive on November 11th starting at 11am. All that would like to attend, please show up at 10:30am. Light refreshments to follow.



## **Blood Drive**



There will be a blood drive on **December 5<sup>th</sup>** 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 is having a Bone Marrow transplant on Wednesday Nov 4<sup>th</sup> and will need blood to replenish hers. There will also be a chance for people to give platelets that day as well.

## **Save the Date December 12, 2015**

Annual bus trip to New York. Details to follow. See John Peters if interested.

## **Nativity set up and lighting**

On **November 28th** we will be setting up the nativity at town hall and council. The lighting of both will be on **Tuesday, December 2nd**. Anyone who can attend would greatly be appreciated thank you.

Greg

## **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](mailto:mikepeter4275@gmail.com) or call Michael Peter PGK Program Director 908-759-3588.

## **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.

# NEW EYES



glasses for those in need

**Help New Eyes turn your clutter  
into clearer vision and renewed hope!**

Drop off your old eyeglasses,  
and sunglasses so the  
*Union Knights of Columbus*  
can give them to the New Eyes  
for the Needy to help make  
a difference in other's lives.



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8	9 Council Mtg. 8:10pm	10 2nd Degree (Hillside)	11 Veteran's Day Service	12	13	14 FOOD DRIVE	
15	16 Swim Club Mtg.	17	18	19	20 3rd Degree (Union)	21	
22 Mass for Deceased Members	23 Council Mtg. 8:10pm	24	25 4th Degree Assembly	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28 Set up Nativity at Town Hall	
29	30	December 2nd - Nativity Lighting December 5th - Blood Drive December 12th - Bus trip to NYC December 19th - Basketball Free Throw December 20th - Breakfast with Santa					