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Calendar of Events

March

March 4thFish Fry
 March 12th St. Patrick's Parade
 March 18th Stations of the Cross



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, March 18, 2016 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.



DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES FISH FRY

On March 4, 2016 at 6pm the Knights of Columbus Council will have the 3rd annual Fish Fry to benefit our People with Developmental Disabilities. The cost will be \$12.00 for fish and chips with Cole slaw and macaroni and cheese There will also be soda coffee and dessert. Cash bar available. No door sales. We will be serving between 630-7pm. For tickets please contact Mike Peter at mikepeter4275@gmail or phone number 908 759 3588. Thank you.

Donations would also be deeply appreciated. We will sell tickets till the end of February.

We are the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus. We take PRIDE in our Order. We take PRIDE in our country. And it is for these reasons and others I ask you to join your Brother Knights, join your fellow Sir Knights and let us march as a PROUD and HONORABLE unit in our hometown's St. Patrick's Day Parade.

The parade will be on March 12th, 2016. We will meet at the council around 11/11:30am.

I understand that some are involved in other duties to make the events at the Council run smoothly, but all who can march are asked to march. Don't be shy. The marching order is traditionally as follows:

- Sir Knights in Regalia will lead.
- Sir Knights in Tuxedos to follow.
- Council Officers.
- Council Members & family/friends.
- We are the Knights of Columbus.
- We are Sir Knights.

We are family, friends and members of this community. Let us show our support to all the hard working people who put this parade together that they have our support, our friendship, our caring and our heartfelt Thanks.

Fraternally,
SK Alex Costa PGK, DD
Faithful Navigator
JFK Assembly #0666

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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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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,

We are already in the Lenten season as I am writing this March newsletter, spring is almost here and Easter is just a few weeks away.

On March 17th we celebrate St. Patrick's Day. St. Patrick, patron saint of Ireland, was a humble, pious and gentle man whose love, devotion, and trust in the Lord should be an example to us all. He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity and many converted to Christianity after hearing his message. St. Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for forty years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God. After years of living in poverty, preaching, traveling and suffering he died on March 17, 461.

Now that the clocks will be springing ahead in a couple of weeks we will be ready to start sprucing up our grounds around the council. Many hands make for light work. I encourage everyone who can spare even an hour or two to come out and give a hand when the work parties start.

Several dates to remember: On Friday, March 4th will be our annual fish fry to benefit our people with developmental disabilities. On Saturday March 12th we will be participating in the annual St. Patrick's Day parade and the Columbian Club will be hosting its annual party throughout the day. Breakfast with the Easter Bunny is on Sunday, March 20th

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday and culminates with Easter Sunday. It is the week we reflect on Jesus' journey into Jerusalem, the Last Supper, his crucifixion and resurrection. Remember this is our holiest week of the year. Try to attend one of the Holy Week services for prayer and reflection.

In closing, I would like to wish you and your families a happy and joyous Easter.

Vivat Jesus
Greg



CHURCH COMMUNITY YOUTH RITE TO LIFE

Gentlemen this Columbian Year is half over but we somewhat getting ready for our next Columbian Year. That will start in July 2016. We were wondering if any members would be interested in assisting us with our Church Community Youth Rite to Life and Council events. Please contact Mike Peter at mikepeter4275@gmail.com.

FAMILY DINNERS

The Family dinners take place every month on the third Thursday of the month from September to June.

It a great opportunity to not only enjoy a great home-cooked meal, but also to get together with family and friends and enjoy a night out without having to cook.

A family of 4 costs \$30.00

Adults are \$10.00

Children (under 8) & Seniors are \$8.00

There is a Cash Bar Available and as always a chance to win the 50/50.

Please keep in mind that due to the increase of people coming to the family dinners we are now taking reservations. If you plan on attending, please call Pat Wittek at 908-964-3989. If you don't make a reservation we can't guarantee you a plate for dinner.

Thank you for making this event extremely successful.

Dinner is served from 6:30 to 8:30 PM.

Also, please keep in mind that the April dinner date has been changed from April 21st to April 14th due to the "Taste of Union".

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

MARCH 2016

Len Komar



According to his son Leonard Raymond, Leonard Joseph Komar is a very charitable man. According to his son, Len's character and integrity are just two traits that define him. Upon meeting Leonard J Komar one will realize a couple distinctions between him and everyone else;

the first being his selflessness and the second, his passion.

Len's son says that his Dad loves to see achievement in progress, even if it's not his own success. He'll do anything he can to make someone else's dream become a reality and he takes a lot of pride seeing people happy.

We here at Council 4504 can testify to these words as we have seen Len volunteer and participate in a wide range of activities at the Council. He is not a person who is noticed because of his mouth, but because of his actions which he does without any fanfare.

In his personal time Len volunteers at multiple non-profit organizations. In each one he applies his passion and skills to take the impossible a reality. He always throws everything he has into his work even if it means doing late night research on a work night. Leonard Joseph Komar also assists many nonprofits organizations of which he is not a member, one of those being the Army Ground Forces Association. Len devotes his time and efforts just to make sure their events work out as expected. To achieve his goals usually involves him taking vacation days and driving long distances.

Len is the father of Leonard Joseph Komar who is presently a cadet at the Police Training Academy. He is very proud of his Dad and speaks highly of him.

We at Union 4504, are also proud and honored to have a brother of such caliber in our midst exemplary, respectful, self-motivated and unselfish and therefore, we have the utmost pleasure in acknowledging Leonard Joseph Komar, as Knight of the Month, March 2016.

Congratulations Len well deserved!

As we are in the Lenten Season we were asking our members to please bring nonperishable foods to help with our 40 cans in 40 days.

In another way of showing your caring is sharing if every member could donate \$1.00 to our People with Developmental Disabilities. Please send to Council to the attention of the Program Director Mike Peter. Thank you!

Swim Club

Please remember to mail in your Swim Club dues to Jim Ford, 1488 Burnet Avenue, NJ 07083. Renewal and New Application is available on our council website. www.kofc4504.org/swimclub.html

Thank you, Jim Ford

Any member that could volunteer an hour or two the weekend of April 22-23-24 to assist us with our People with Developmental Disabilities Please contact Mike Peter at mikepeter4275@gmail.com.

Our goal is to collect that one dollar more then last year. Our goal is \$7000 we are one third of the way there. For those that might want to donate to this worthy event may send donation to Council to the attention of the Program Director Mike Peter.

Thank you

Brother Knights of the 3rd Degree, The next 4th Degree Exemplification is Sunday April 17, 2016. Let me know if you are interested in taking the next step to becoming a 4th Degree Sir Knight. It will be held at the Sheraton Parsippany Hotel 199 Smith Road Parsippany, New Jersey 07054 (Note: this is a new location) \$70.00 per Candidate \$60.00 per guest.. All checks for the dinner are to be made out to JFK Assembly #0666.

Fraternally, SK Alex Costa PGK, DD Faithful Navigator JFK Assembly # 0666 305-898-1570 cell

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny



Where: Columbian Club of Union

When: Sunday, March 20, 2016

Time: 10:00am –12:30pm

Tickets: Family of Four \$25.00

Additional Tickets: Children: \$5.00

Senior \$6.00

Adults: \$8.00

For Reservations Please Call or Email

John Bashaw (908) 591-4338

Joe Marateo (908) 400-2806

columbianclub4504@gmail.com

Columbian Club of Union, 2034 Jeanette Avenue, Union, New Jersey 07083

There will be an Extra Fee for Tickets Sold at the Door



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