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September 2016

Calendar of Events

September

September 10thFamily Picnic & Raffle
September 15th Red Cadillac
September 18th Pancake Breakfast

October

October 8th Past Grand Knight's Dinner
October 30th Halloween Party

November

November 20th4th Degree

BOWLING ANYONE?

Are you a bowling enthusiast? Some of our members bowl in a league that resumes bowling the Thursday after Labor Day and runs to the middle of May 2017. We begin at 6:30pm at Linden Lanes on Stiles Street in Linden.

Anyone interested in joining us should contact Michael Peter at mikepeter4275@gmail.com.



UNION COUNCIL #4504 FAMILY PICNIC TICKETS

SEPTEMBER 10, 2016
12:00 TILL 6:00 pm

FOOD, DRINKS, ACTIVITIES, AND GOOD OLD COMARADERIE!

ADVANCE PURCHASE TICKET COSTS:
FAMILY (2 ADULTS & 2 CHILDREN)--\$45.00
ADDITIONAL CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OLD-- \$10.00
ADULTS--\$20.00

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT ALL COUNCIL MEETINGS,
SWIMCLUB GATE HOUSE(CHECKS OR EXACT CHANGE)
OR CONTACT:

BUDDY COTTER @ 973.722.5655 OR Ed McCORMICK @
973.650.7643 OR MIKE WILLEMSE @ 908.447.7009
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**ADVANCE SALE OF TICKETS WILL END 9/3/16
LIMITED TICKETS DAY OF, AT THE GATE THEY WILL
BE AN ADDITIONAL \$5.00 PER TICKET**

Pancake Breakfasts

Council 4504 has planned to have a pancake breakfast every 3rd Sunday of the month beginning in September. One of these will be following the Mass for deceased members. The Mass this year will be at St Michael's Church at 9:00am on Sunday November 20th. We are looking for someone to chair this event. Greg Henn, PGK and Frank Santangelo will be the 'chefs' in control during the breakfasts.

More information on the pancake breakfasts will follow in future issues of the Digest.



NEW INITIATIVES COMING

At the next Council meeting we will be announcing some new initiatives the Council and the Columbian Club, will be implementing. We hope these will help inspire our brothers to be more involved and see themselves as part of this Council. Stay tuned!

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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.

Council Officers

Chaplain.....Rev. Bob Wolfee
District Deputy.....Alex Costa, PGK
Grand Knight Giftus John
Deputy Grand Knight..... Michael Willemse
Chancellor..... Rob Genovese
Warden David Wozniak
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Treasurer..... Luke Sangiamo
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Program Director.....Mike Peter, PGK
Advocate.....Stephen F. Hehl
3rd. Yr. Trustee Greg Henn, PGK
2nd Yr. Trustee Mike Peter, PGK
1st Yr. Trustee Andy Schopfer PGK
4th Degree Faithful
Navigator.....Alex Costa, PGK
Columbian Club
President John Bashaw
Swim Club President..... Joe Marateo, PGK
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 first month of my term as Grand Knight of Council 4504 is behind me now. No, I am not counting down how many months and weeks and days I have left. Rather, I am giving thanks for the opportunity to be able to lead this council and hopefully I can do just that with the same spirit of determination, enthusiasm and expectations and a willingness to serve as I had the first day. I am not “dumb” to believe that everything will go as planned or expected, but we have to move on with the belief that we will accomplish what we set out to do or otherwise never begin at all.

In my first message as Grand Knight I stated: “There is a lot to achieve and there is a lot that can be achieved together. I make a special call to ALL brother knights to rally together. Attend meetings; be present at degrees and support new brothers; assist with programs run by the Council and the Columbian Club and also those undertaken by the Columbiettes. Let your voices be heard.” This remains true this month and will remain true for the duration of my term as Grand knight. All I need is the full support and cooperation of everyone involved. Your car will work but you will get nowhere far if your tire is flat. In the same way, EACH of us is important and plays a vital role in the success of this Council.

I have started to appreciate that the Office of Grand Knight requires a lot of me and my time. Yes, it is a voluntary position but I don’t want to be the “absent or no-show Grand Knight,” and I will make every possible effort to be at events undertaken by the Columbian club, the Council and the Columbiettes, where and when practical. This is not to keep tabs on others, but just to get to help foster and strengthen the ties among the officers and brother knights.

Last week, I had the opportunity to attend the wake service for one who served our Council in various capacities most notably, as Grand Knight and President of the Columbian Club, brother Warren Bernard Hehl, PGK. Many of the brothers have had glowing words for our late brother and the sacrifices that he and others made to ensure that we have the Council that we have today and to enjoy the amenities that we have. His passing is a great loss to his family and our Council, but all we can do is to always remind ourselves of what he meant to his family, Council 4504 and the Township of Union. My sincerest condolences to his entire family especially his son, and fellow brother Knight, Stephen. I know we all will miss him. May he rest in peace.

Once again brothers, as I said in my first message, I look forward to continue serving you as Grand Knight. I pray that the Almighty will grant us all that we ask for during this Columbian year. I offer you my services and I look forward to your full cooperation and support as I travel this road, because I know, that together, we can achieve and do great things.

God’s richest blessings to each and every one of you and your families.

Giftus
Vivat Jesus!!



**COUNCIL 4504 RECEIVES
FR. Mc. GIVNEY AND
COLUMBIAN AWARDS**

Congratulations to Council 4504 on being awarded the Fr. McGivney and Colombian awards this past year. This is a clear example that there is nothing we can't accomplish if we work together. We congratulate all who helped us achieve these awards and we look forward to being able to do so on a regular basis.

The McGivney Award is given to a council that reaches its membership quota (recruiting and retaining) during the Columbian Year while the Columbian Award is for the programs that the council undertakes during the Columbian Year. All this though, is dependent on councils submitting paperwork and info stating what projects were undertaken.

Congratulations again.

Greg Henn...PGK

OFFICERS INSTALLED

The installation of Council officers of Council 4504, for the Columbian Year 2016-17, took place on Sunday 21st August at St. Michael's Church following the mid-day mass. The installation was conducted by District Deputy Alex Costa while Fr. Bob Wolfec presided in his capacity as Chaplain.

The installation was witnessed by family, friends and well-wishers of the officers. Many of those present expressed their appreciation of the manner in which the ceremony was conducted. Following the ceremony there was a reception at the council hall.

We extend congratulations to Grand Knight Giftus John and his fellow officers and look forward to great things during this Columbian Year.

4TH DEGREE

There are no regular monthly meetings of the JFK Assembly in July or August. The next monthly meeting for the 4th Degree will be Wednesday September 28th 2016.



**KNIGHT OF THE MONTH
SEPTEMBER 2016
Gregory Jones**



The Knight of the Month for September 2016 is a gentleman who is very involved in community activities here at Council 4504. Whenever the Council or Columbian Club need help with any activities, he is always seen putting in his best effort, and willing to help almost anyone. His involvement with Council 4504, as well as our Columbian club, has allowed this organization to prosper, and we all cannot be more thankful. This brother graduated from Rutgers University and has been an accountant for more than 27 years. He is a parishioner of St. Theresa's in Kenilworth, and, not surprisingly, he is also actively involved at that parish.

This man has put together one of the most success events of this year thus far: the lobsterfest. He also did a memorial football Sunday for Nicholas J. Genovese, Sr. He has a wonderful wife named Luisa, and a beautiful daughter named Allison. He and his wife were very instrumental in power-washing the tiki bar and helping to paint the snack-bar thus making the outside surroundings ready for the summer.

It is therefore, my honor and pleasure to recognize and reward Gregory Jones, Knight of the Month of September, 2016. Congratulations, Greg.

4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

The next 4th Degree will be this Sunday, November 20, 2016 at 1pm. It will be in conjunction with The Military Ball. I am encouraging ALL with a military background to participate and become a 4th Degree Knight. It will be held at The Fiesta, 255 RT-17 Wood-Ridge, NJ 07075.

Fraternally,

SK Alex Costa PGK, DD

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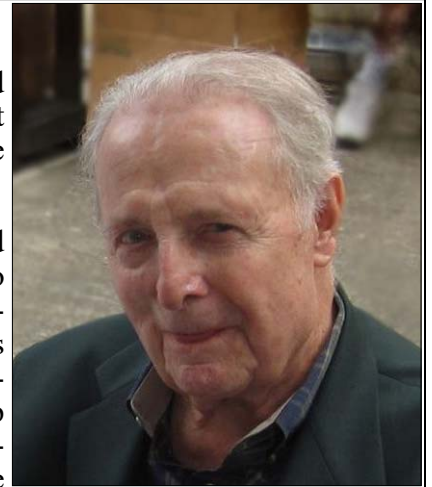
JFK Assembly



August 7, 2016

Union Council 4504 had a very momentous weekend, and it's given me a need to stop and think about the sacrifices that have been made in the past, and that still occur, to keep our Council, and even our nation the great place that the rest of us have to enjoy.

It started with the news that Past Grand Knight Bernard Warren Hehl passed away on August 2, 2016. Warren was not only a Past Grand Knight, but also served as the very first Columbian Club president. As some have already noted on Facebook, his passing represents an era that few of the current members may be aware of. He and several other members of our Council felt so strongly about the Knights of Columbus in Union that they were willing to put up their own homes as collateral in order to finance the construction of the building that all of us currently enjoy. Indeed, for many of us the grounds and the Council Hall serve as a focal point for our social gatherings, especially during the summer months, would not be here but for their vision and foresight.



I did not know Mr. Hehl well, although I was fortunate that when I served my first term as Grand Knight, he made himself available to me for consultation and input. In doing so, he felt that it was important that I understood the role of the Grand Knight, and the important legacy that I was carrying on in Union Council. (I was Grand Knight in 2007, and at the time Warren was 81 years old, and still committed to the mission that he and others had started in 1957.)

Perhaps it is because I was fortunate enough to have served two terms as Grand Knight, both of which coincided with the 50 year anniversaries of the Council and the Columbian Club, that I feel compelled to note the passing of this patriarch of our Council. I think it is important for us as members of this Council to understand our history, and to reflect on the fact that many of our predecessors were so ready and willing to commit themselves, personally and financially, to ensure that Union Council not only continued to grow, but that it would be a beacon of success to the Knights of Columbus in New Jersey.

Warren was also a military veteran who served our nation with valor during World War 2. His efforts at that time should also not be forgotten, as he and those who served with him were part of a long legacy of individuals from our Council who have, and who continue to serve our nation. Indeed, on the day of his burial, we also recognized the return of Airman Dan Tatge, as he returned from serving overseas in Kuwait.

We have been fortunate (as I can personally attest) that a number of members or relatives of members have been serving our country in fields of combat in recent years, and all have returned to us safely. We certainly thank the Lord that our prayers on their behalf have been answered. At the same time, we recognize that these men and women have chosen to serve our nation during a very difficult time without question, despite any personal risk that they may be asked to endure.

My point in writing this is that our Council is now close to 60 years old, and I would not want us to forget or lose sight of our tremendous heritage. Whether it was in service to our country, or in service to our Council in any myriad of ways, we have a tremendous legacy of service. As we gather for our Family Picnic on September 10, we need to remember those who have laid the groundwork for our ability to do so on an annual basis.

We have members who have served selflessly and with integrity from 1957 forward. It is important that we remember that, and when we face issues today that seem exasperating, we should reflect on that history. While I am certain that as the first Columbian Club president, Warren faced a number of challenges, he and his brothers at the time worked diligently to resolve them **with the good of our Council in mind**. Let us continue to honor that memory and that passion, and use that precedent as we face today's challenges. Yes, the world is very different today, but we are still committed to the principles that Father McGivney laid down many years ago, and which men such as Warren Hehl so clearly embodied.

Vivat Jesus!

Andy



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October 30, 2016
 Columbian Club Halloween Party
 4PM to ?
 Food, Music, Prizes
 More Information next month
 Questions call Alex Rivera
 908-410-2704
 Help Needed



KNIGHTS FAMILY DINNERS

The favorite event of many is returning in September and will continue monthly on the 3rd Thursday of each month unless posed otherwise.

Due to the increase of people coming to the family dinners we are now taking reservations for this event. 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.

***PAST GRAND KNIGHT'S DINNER SCHEDULED
 FOR SATURDAY OCTOBER 8TH***

The Union Knights of Columbus Council # 4504 will be holding its annual Past Grand Knight's Dinner on Saturday October 8th, 2016 to Honor Greg Henn, Grand Knight for 2015 – 2016. This dinner will be to recognize Greg for all his hard work and dedication to our Council for the years leading up to and during his term as Grand Knight.

The evening will begin at 7 P.M. with a Cocktail Hour featuring a delectable assortment of hors d'oeuvres, followed by presentations to our Past Grand Knight, dinner, dancing and an open bar. Tickets for the evening's festivities are only \$60.00 a couple (\$30.00 for a single). Reservations are requested by Wednesday, October 5th.

Help us make this a memorable "K"night in Council History.

Call: Mike Willemse, DGK at 908-447-7009
 or Buddy Cotter, PGK at 973-722-5655

Please RSVP by Wednesday, October 5th.

Thank You



CATHOLIC MEN'S RETREAT

A few brothers of this council, have, for the past four or five years, participated in the Catholic Men's Commission Retreat held at Seton Hall University. It has been my wish that others brothers, besides Chuck Cababe, Andy Schopfer, Mike Cavallo, Ray Gora and myself, participate, but sadly, no one else has joined us.

It is my sincere wish that some more brothers participate next year and I will hopefully be able to convince YOU that it is a day well spent as a Catholic gentleman.

I have already received my first piece of correspondence inviting me to participate in next year's event which will be held on Saturday March, 4th and I am sharing the news with YOU so you can prepare, from now, to fellowship with over two thousand men for just a few hours. Breakfast and lunch are served and there is much to learn.

The theme for next year's event is: "Be Not Afraid."

Grand Knight

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11	12 Council Mtg. 8:10p	13	14	15 Red Cadillac	16	17
18 Pancake Breakfast	19 Swim Club Mtg.	20	21	22 Columbian Club	23	24
25	26 Council Mtg. 8:10p	27	28 4th Degree Assembly	29	30	