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September 2011

September 3rd-10thClothing Drive
 Labor Day Weekend..... Sunday & Monday Activities
 September 10th..... Council Picnic
 September 11th..... Blood Drive - St. Michael's
 September 11th..... Football Season begins
 September 11th..... Runnell's Hospital
 October 2nd2nd Annual Tailgate Party
 October 8th..... Grand Knights Dinner
 October 16th..... Runnell's Hospital
 October 23rd..... Memorial Mass for Deceased Brothers

Council Hall's 50th Birthday

Our Council Hall at 1034 Jeanette Avenue was formally dedicated 50 years ago in early September. To commemorate this Golden Anniversary of our building and the Columbian Club, we will be holding special events during the Council picnic on Saturday, September 10th, at approximately 1:00 PM.

Although we were not successful in unearthing the original time capsule, we did unearth the original cornerstone of the building. We will also be presenting the items that we will be placing in a new time capsule in the hopes that future members will want gain a glimpse of items that we currently value.

As part of the day's events, we will unveil that modified stone, and will hold a rededication ceremony. Township and county officials will be invited, as have local bag pipers.

After the rededication, we will then proceed to commemorate the 10 year anniversary of the World Trade Center attack with a reading of the names of the citizens from Union who passed away that day. We hope to have a Color Guard from the Township on hand to present the colors of the flag.

Please save this date on your calendars, as it is certain to be a memorable event. Ticket prices will be the same as last year: \$15.00 per person, \$30.00 per couple, and \$40.00 per family.

Happy Birthday in advance to the Columbian Club!

4504 Service Directory

During these tough economic times we all need a little help, and we need to help each other out. We would like to put together a directory of businesses and services that Brother Knights are involved in so that Brother Knights can help each other out. If you have a business or a service that you would like to list please contact Tom Dudek at tomdudek@att.net . Why use a stranger when a Brother Knight can do the job?



Sister Ann Dominick from St. Michaels Parish in Union, NJ (right), and Andy Schopfer Grand Knight of Union Knights of Columbus #4504 (center) present a check for \$7,300 to Chris Summer Camp Fatima New Jersey (left) for their Summer 2011 programs.

For over 40 years, Camp Fatima's Summer Camp has provided a special place for children 5 -19 with developmental disabilities . Campers are offered the chance to pick from one of the week-long sleep away sessions in August. There is no charge for campers to attend Camp Fatima, and all staff members are volunteers. Additionally, adults with disabilities are treated to a similar experience at 4 Camp Fatima Adult Weekends.

For more information about Camp Fatima, or how to make a donation to them, please go to www.campfatimanj.org .

St. Michael's Blood Drive



On Sunday, Sept. 11th Sister Ann will be holding a Blood Drive at St. Michael's School Cafeteria from 7:15 AM to 3:00 PM. We are not only asking for Blood Donors, but for Brother Knights to help out setting up and working at the Drive.

If you can help please contact Steve Nagy at (908) 967-9060 or toys4504@aol.com . To donate blood please know your social security # and bring a signed picture ID. Breakfast will be served to all donors.

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Newsletter



Keep informed of all the happenings at Union Knights of Columbus by receiving the monthly Knight Digest. To receive the Digest by email please click on the link on the home page of our web site www.kofc4504.org or go directly to www.kofc4504.org/digest.html. To receive the Digest by US Postal Mail please mail a

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or via email to: tomdudek@att.net. 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

District Deputy.....Michael W. Gasser, PGK
Grand Knight.....Andy Schopfer, PGK
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Chancellor.....Alex Costa
Warden.....Steve Nagy
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Membership Director.....Rich Fuentes
Program Director.....Nick Belmonte
Advocate.....Stephen F. Hehl
3rd. Yr. Trustee.....Joe Burlew, PGK
2nd Yr. Trustee.....Rob Salvatore, PGK
1st Yr. Trustee.....Mike Peter, PGK
4th Degree Faithful Navigator.Allen Pascullo
Columbian Club President.....Mike Scanlon
Swim Club President.....Allen Pascullo
Columbiette President.....Gina Zangari

Monthly Meetings

1st. Mon. -----Council Officers
2nd & 4th Mon.----- Council
3rd Mon.----- Swim Club
4th Wed. -----4th Degree Assembly
4th Thu.----- Columbian Club

MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT



Brother Knights and Fiends of Union Council 4504

Thanks to all of you who were able to witness the installation of our Council officers on July 27th, and also to Father Armand for his hospitality and for saying the mass at Holy Spirit Church. As I said in my presentation that evening, we are now official, and I can't be more excited about leading our Council in this Columbian year.

As you all should know, September marks the 50th anniversary of the dedication of our Council home. In preparation for this event, several Council members have spent time in excavating the original cornerstone of the building. Rumor had it that a time capsule had been buried underneath it at the original dedication on September 10, 1961, and we wanted to locate it prior to the actual anniversary. We spent two very hot weekend days in July on the project, using personal and borrowed tools. While we were not successful in locating any buried treasure, the work did reinforce for me the benefits of being a member of our particular council. What started out as Steve Nagy's and my interest in connecting to our Council's history ended up becoming an opportunity to share the talents, knowledge, tools and brawn of a number of fellow Knights. In addition, as we got closer to our goal of being able to lift up that original stone, the young son of one of our members became an active participant. In fact, we were able to credit him for breaking away the last mortar holding the stone in place. The look on his face, and the excitement in his voice, when we took his picture holding that block was something I will remember for a very long time. So, even if we didn't actually find the items left behind for us, we still brought together several generations of Knights, and quite likely set the stage for a new member who is probably 10 years away from making his own first degree. Thanks to all who helped, especially Nick Quinones!

As the calendar is now moving toward the end of summer, we want to point out that we have several events planned for the fall. For one, be sure to join us at the Council picnic on September 10 when we will be re-dedicating the building, as well as remembering the 10th anniversary of September 11, 2001. Later on in September we will be resuming our monthly family dinners on the third Thursday of each month. On October 8, we will honor my predecessor, Joe Burlew at the Past Grand Knight's Dinner, and on October 23 we will have our Memorial Mass for our deceased Brothers at Holy Spirit, with a communion breakfast to follow.

We've also included a preliminary calendar of events for the Columbian year. Please try to attend as many events as possible, and if there are any you would like to add, please let me or any of the officers know.

Vivat Jesus!
Andy Schopfer
Grand Knight 2011-2012



Second and Third Degrees

If you are a First Degree Knight and need to take your Second and Third Degrees or a Second Degree Knight and need to take your Third Degree, please contact

Rich Fuentes: 908-922-7551
Email: RichKofC@aol.com or
Nick Belmonte: 908 - 447-1869
Email: nicksnabs@verizon.net

or send them a note at the Council home at 1034 Jeanette Ave. Union, NJ 07083. The next Second and Third Degrees at our Council will be in November.

DONATIONS NEEDED

Unfortunately, Due to a house fire that gutted the house, A Brother Knight, and his family are without a home, and the fire destroyed all their possessions. They escaped ,but with only the clothes on their back.

Charlie Cunningham is a brother, friend, and member in good standing and now is the time for Brother Knights and Friends to help out. They are in need of everything, Gift Cards, Toiletries, Restaurant/Grocery Gift Cards, and Clothing in the following Sizes:

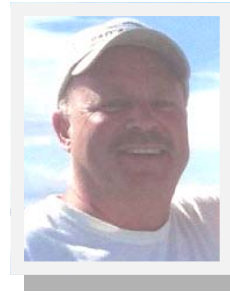
Ladies pants sizes 5-7, Small ladies shirts, Ladies shoes 6-7, Men's pants 36w 34 Length, Men's xl shirts, Men's shoes size 14, or would care to make a monetary donation instead, It would be greatly appreciated.

To donate or for more Information, Please contact:

Tony Quinones 908-265-3757 or,
Rob Salvatore 908-499-0743 or,
Nick Belmonte 908-447-1869



Knight of the Month September 2011 Christopher Saros



Hardworking, dedicated, a man of integrity - these are just a few of the ways to describe our Knight of the Month for September, Christopher Saros.

While few of us may have noticed, a strong summer storm recently knocked down several large branches of one of our trees in the back grove. When they fell, they took with them the wires that supply the electricity for the lights near the bocce

courts. On his own time, and resources, Chris was able to reconstruct those wires and keep the courts lit with minimal interruption. For those efforts, and for his untiring generosity to our Club, we are pleased to honor him as Knight of the month.

Chris has 38 years of experience as an electrical contractor. He is the proud owner/operator of Saros Electrical Contractors on Chestnut Street in Union.

Chris was born and raised in Elizabeth. He moved to Union in 1996 when he met his wife Faith, and her daughter Lisa. Chris and Faith have been happily married for 9 years. His four children, Jill, Chris, Rob and Lisa round out his immediate family, and his sister Patty resides in Florida.

Chris has been a member of Union Council 4504 for 4 years. He is also an active member of the Elks for 33 years, and was Elk of the Year in 1993-1994. He is known for volunteering his time selflessly.

In addition to being a wonderful husband and father, Chris is a friend to all and takes pleasure in helping everyone. When he is not at work or with his family, Chris can be found on his boat, fishing out of the Atlantic Highlands. He is also fond of tailgating with his close friends, and watching the Giants win.

New Membership Team

Rich Fuentes.....	Membership Director.....	Richkofc@aol.com.....	908-922-7551
Nick Belmonte.....	Co-Membership Director.....	Nicksnabs@verizon.net.....	908-447-1869
Tom Conte.....	Membership Mentor.....	tconte4466@aol.com.....	908-334-8672
Kyle Wiklanski.....	DGK Membership Committee Man.....	kwik79@verizon.net.....	732-310-3265
Kermit Thompson.....	Membership Committee Man (2nd yr).....	thompsonkct@aol.com.....	908-451-2110
Steve Nagy.....	Membership Committee Man (social director).....	snagy52@aol.com.....	908-967-9060
Mike Peter.....	Membership Committee Man.....	mikepeter46@yayoo.com.....	908-759-3588
Tom Leddy.....	Welcome wagon Brother Knight		

As you can see Brothers we have an elite team for membership this year. We have new and exciting programs for membership. We will be offering some very nice membership incentives, bringing back our new member social and have new members being assigned a buddy officer to make them feel welcome. Tom Leddy will be contacting all new brother knights to be the welcome wagon at our council. Much more to come.

Any Brother who wants to sponsor a new brother please call me or e-mail or reach out for any of the team.

Sincerely and Fraternaly, Rich Fuentes

PS. Any Brother who receives points from Supreme Council and would like to donate back to the council for needed supplies please see me at a Business meeting.

4th Degree News



The 4th of Degree Knights of Columbus is the visible arm of the Knights. This is the Patriotic Degree. When the Knights of Columbus are mentioned, usually people think about the men in the funny hats, cape, gloves and sword, formally known as Regalia. Our John F. Kennedy (JFK) Assembly is doing well, but, as with many other organizations, we could use more men. This Assembly is comprised of the following Knights of Columbus Councils: Union; Springfield; Kenilworth; Hillside; Roselle Park. This year there was great participation at our April Exemplification; I had the great pleasure and distinct honor of witnessing 10 men who chose to make a personal difference in their lives and become a 4th Degree Sir Knight - we even had a three-generation family make their degree together. In keeping with past years' tradition there will be another Exemplification in October, on the 23rd; I have one candidate ready and eager to make his 4th Degree and I am hoping to be able to get more men to make a decision. If you have heard me speak about the 4th Degree in the past, you know I am passionate about saying what needs and deserves to be said, so here I go again: When you decide to become a 4th Degree Knight and join only about 18% of all Knights of Columbus world-wide who are 4th Degree, you become the "Best of the Best", there I said it.

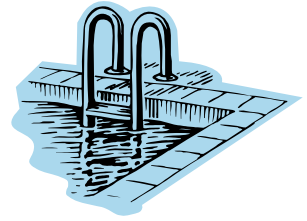
Once you become a 4th Degree Sir Knight, you are then eligible and welcome to join the Color Corps and dress in Regalia. During this year to-date, the JFK 4th Degree Assembly has marched in a few parades, participated in the Pool opening day Mass which was dedicated to all of our military service men and women (with us, gone on before us and looking down on us; wounded; active, inactive, reserve); participated in Hillside Christ the King Church's celebration of Pastor Venantius M. Fernando's 75th anniversary of being a priest - WOW - was that great, in the presence of Bishop Marconi. Gentlemen, when we put on our Regalia, and march in whatever we are asked to do, the experience and feeling is second to none, believe me.

If there is a man out there who is waiting to be asked to become a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus, I just asked you!

Thank you to the John F. Kennedy Assembly Officers

Allen Pascullo - Faithful Navigator

Swim Club News



We had a great summer of fun and relaxation at the pool this year. A good time was had by all, this 2011 season. The Main and Baby pools, the sun deck, the rest rooms and the rest of the facilities looked fabulous, as always, thanks to member Knights and Columbiettes who helped to get the grounds ready during our Spring Saturday morning and Wednesday evening Work Parties.

This year's activities included the following: Swim lessons; Swim Team practice and competition against other swim clubs; Two (2) weekend evening Splash Parties for the children of all ages (pool closed to all but the children - music, prizes, food, ice cream, etc.); Aquatic Aerobics; belly flop contest (ouch, that had to hurt)!

We have a number of membership options at different prices available to member Knights and Columbiettes as follows: Family; Single (never been married with no children); Widow/widower.

Please come out and support your Council by lending a hand during our end-of-season work parties. We can always use as much of your time and effort as you are willing to give us. It takes much work to open and close the grounds and there is always something to do, so please consider coming and helping out during the to-be-announced Saturday mornings. Breakfast and lunch are served on Saturdays. Pizza and beverages are served on Wednesdays.



See you next year.

Vietnam Era Veterans

Next Memorial Day weekend we will honor all Brother Knights from our Council who served in our Military during the Vietnam War Era with a Flag Ceremony after the poolside Mass. For this we are putting together an Honor Roll of our members that served during that era.

If you served in the Military on active duty for a period of more than 180 days, any part of which occurred between August 5, 1964 and May 7, 1975, and was discharged or released with other than a dishonorable discharge you are considered a Vietnam Era Veteran and will be included on our Honor Roll. If you served during this time, or if you are a relative of a member of the Union Council that served during this time, please send your name or their name and Branch of Service to Steve Nagy at the Council Home at 1034 Jeanette Ave. Union, NJ 07083 or email him at toys4504@aol.com.

Message from the Columbian Club President

It is a true honor to serve as the new President of the Columbian Club and I thank you all for electing me to the position. Thank you to Past President Mike Scanlon for his many years of service and dedication to the club and also for agreeing to take on the newly created position of Entertainment Director. I look forward to many successful and profitable events in the coming year.

Congratulations also to Grand Knight Andy Schopfer, Swim Club President; Allen Pascullo and Columbiette President, Gina Zangari. I look forward to working together toward a successful Columbian year.

By the time this digest hits your mailbox the summer will be just about over. As I'm writing this, I can say it's been a good season to date. The weather has been great and we've had a lot of fun times on the patio. Summer Slam was a blast with a great band, Stages. I hope you were a part of it. As has been said many times before, all Council members are Columbian Club members and we rely on, and appreciate, your support with our many events. To that end, we have a full slate of events scheduled through April 2012; such as our New Years Eve Party, Super Bowl Sunday Party, St. Patrick's Day Parade celebration and Comedy Night to name a few. Check out this page for a complete listing of events for the upcoming Columbian Year. ⇒

In closing, I once again thank you for your support and faith in me; I will do my best to ensure we have a successful year. Just remember, it takes more than one person or one board member to make a difference. I will be calling on all of you for help. My hope is that you will answer the call. God Bless.

Michael Panella
Columbian Club President

New Programs - Help Needed

In an effort to better support our Parish, Youth and Community were hoping to try some new activities this year, however manpower is needed so if anyone would like to get involved please see Nick Belmonte or Grand Knight Andy Schopfer to see how you can help.

These activities, to only name a few, will include a Free Throw and Essay contest for our youth, our Special Citizens Drive as well as our "Roses For Life" weekend which has escaped us these past few years.

So please take some time to see which program you would like to support as a little help can go a long way.

COLUMBIAN CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 3rd thru Sept. 10th

Clothing Drive

Labor Day Weekend

Sunday: Live DJ Music

Monday: Live DJ Music, Face Painting and Dunk Tank

September 11th

Start of our famous Sunday football season

Complimentary food provided during both 1:00 PM & 4 PM games

October 2nd

2nd Annual Tailgate Party!!!!!!

October 29th

Bring A Dish Halloween Party

November 23rd

Thanksgiving Eve in the Lounge

December 16th

Bring A Dish Christmas Party

December 31st

New Year's Eve Bash!!!!!!

February 5th

Annual Super Bowl Blow Out and Last Man Standing Raffle

February 18th

Open Mic Night - Try your hand at singing or comedy

March 10th

Annual Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade

March 17th

St. Patrick's Day Family Party ~ Irish Music, Pipers & Step Dancers

April 21st

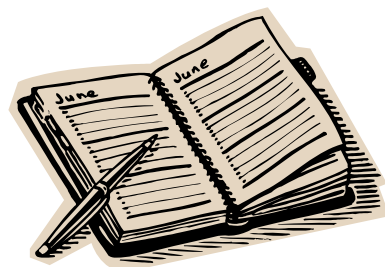
Annual Comedy Night ~ 2 Top Comedians - DJ Music & Dancing

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE UPCOMING
EVENTS CONTACT:**

MIKE PANELLA
President
201-978-8551

MIKE SCANLON
Director of Entertainment
908-578-8768



Knights of Columbus Calendar of Events

September

Clothing Drive	September 3 - 10
Officers Meeting	September 5
Council Picnic/50 th Anniversary of Columbian Club	September 10
Blood Drive St. Michaels.....	September 11
Council Meeting	September 12
Swim Club Meeting.....	September 17
Columbian Club Meeting.....	September 22
Council Meeting	September 26
4 th Degree Meeting	September 21

October

2 nd Annual Tailgate Party	October 2
Officers Meeting.....	October 3
Past Grand Knight's Dinner.....	October 8
Council Meeting	October 10
Swim Club Meeting.....	October 17
Mass/Breakfast for Deceased Members.....	October 23
Council Meeting (First Degree).....	October 24
4 th Degree Meeting	October 26
Columbian Club Meeting.....	October 27
Columbiette Halloween Event.....	October 28
Bring A Dish Halloween Party	October 29
Membership Drives at Churches	(Dates to be Confirmed)

November

Food Drive.....	November 5-6
Officers Meeting.....	November 7
Council Meeting	November 14
Second Degree	November 16
Third Degree.....	November 18
Swim Club Meeting.....	November 21
4 th Degree Meeting	November 23
Thanksgiving Eve in the Lounge.....	November 23
Columbian Club Meeting.....	November 24
Council Meeting	November 28

December

Officers Meeting.....	December 5
Council Meeting	December 12
Bring a Dish Christmas Party	December 16
Breakfast with Santa.....	December 18
Swim Club Meeting.....	December 19
4 th Degree.....	December 22
Columbian Club.....	December 28
New Year's Eve Bash.....	December 31

Tentative calendar and subject to change

NJ Knights of Columbus Motorcycle Ministry

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization. Read that again, The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization! That is a powerful statement not to mention an amazing accomplishment. How can this be? How can we have close to 2 million members worldwide and close to 65,000 members in New Jersey, and how do you get this many Catholic gentlemen to work together, share similar beliefs and principals? The answer can be found in the foundation of our order, Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism but it can be more simply be put into one word, Brotherhood, for we are Brother Knights.

Some take the next step to the 4th Degree and become Sir Knights but we are all still Brother Knights. So what is it that fosters brotherhood? Shared interests and passions? This is why we in New Jersey have formed the "New Jersey Knights of Columbus Motorcycle Ministry". That's right, we are your Brother Knights that Ride! We sponsor a Poker Run to benefit the NJ Special Olympics every year, we co-chaired a motorcycle run to help benefit paralyzed Rutgers Football Player Eric LeGrand, we support charitable runs organized by other motorcycle clubs and we have social runs to bond amongst ourselves. If you are a Brother Knight and interested in riding, feel free to contact Alex Costa at 305-898-1570 or at thumb_breaker@yahoo.com

Runnells Hospital 2011-2012 Calendar

9 AM to 11 AM

August 7, 2011	January 29, 2012
September 11, 2011	March 4, 2012
October 16, 2011	April 8, 2012
November 20, 2011	May 13, 2012
December 25, 2011	June 17, 2012

To volunteer, see Nick Belmonte

Charitable Raffle

The drawing for the next Council Charitable Fund Raffle will take place on September 10, 2011 at 6:00 PM at the Council Picnic.

1st Prize - 40% of Gross Sales
2nd - 5th Prizes - 2 1/2 % of Gross Sales

Tickets have been mailed to all council members. If you did not receive your tickets or would like additional tickets, please contact John Murphy at (908) 868-7040.

Retirement Planning More Than Just Saving and Investing

By Rich Fuentes, FIC,CSA,MDRT 908-437-0310 or e-mail Richkofc@aol.com

MENTION "RETIREMENT PLANNING" and most people think about their 401(k)s, IRAs or mutual funds. Keep saving, invest those savings wisely, get to age 65 or 67 and voila! You're set for retirement.

Maybe. But what if things don't work out exactly as you planned. "What if you die prematurely or become disabled? What will happen to those people in your life, especially your spouse, who may be depending on your retirement savings to help support them well into old age? "A retirement plan without insurance is just a savings and investment program that dies or becomes disabled when you do."

Below are four ways insurance can help you meet important planning objectives:

PREVENT YOUR RETIREMENT PLANS FROM DYING WHEN YOU DO

If you die before retirement, your survivors would miss out on both your salary for living expenses and the money you were setting aside for the future.

PROTECT YOUR ABILITY TO SAVE FOR RETIREMENT

If you are unable to work due to an illness or injury, disability insurance can help you meet daily living expenses-and more.

SUPPLEMENT YOUR RETIREMENT INCOME

Suppose your circumstances change and you no longer have anyone who would need the proceeds of a death benefit. With a permanent policy supplement your retirement income with the cash value account.

PRESERVE YOUR ESTATE ASSETS FOR YOUR SURVIVORS

If you've accumulated a large estate, life insurance can help foot the estate tax bill from Uncle Sam, preserving assets for your heirs.



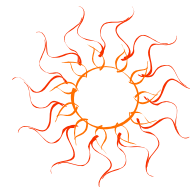
Installation of Officers for 2011-2012

Union County Fire Chief's September 11th Memorial

The Union County Fire Chief's 9-11 Memorial committee would like to thank the Union Knights of Columbus 4504, the 4504 Council Officers, JFK Assembly of the 4th Degree, Rich Fuentes and Tom Schreiner Knights of Columbus Insurance and Retirement, the Swim Club, and the Union Columbiettes for their very generous flag sponsorships for our September 11th Memorial.

The Columbiettes sponsored 9 American flags, 1 for each Union Township resident that perished on that tragic day ten years ago.

We invite you to drive by the Memorial during the weekend and view it or stop and spend a quite moment to reflect and offer a Prayer for the families of the 9-11 victims. The Memorial will be located in Echo Lake Park in Mountainside, NJ, just off Springfield Ave.



Summer Fun



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September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Labor Day Weekend Live DJ Music	5 Labor Day Weekend Live DJ Music Face Painting Dunk Tank	6	7	8	9	10 Council Picnic 
11 Blood Drive St. Michael's Runnell's Hospital	12 Council Mtg. 8:15p	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Columbian Club Mtg. 7:30p	23	24
25	26 Council Mtg. 8:15p	27	28 4th Degree JFK Assembly Mtg. 7:30p	29	30	