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Calendar of Events

June

June 10th & 11thIDD Drive
 June 12thCouncil Elections
 June 16th Third Degree
 June 26th Shield Awards
 June 30th Grand Knight Toast

July

July 2nd Senior Social
 July 16thPig Roast

Grand Knight's Toast

We will say Thank You to Grand Knight Giftus John and welcome Grand Knight-elect, Mike Willemse at the annual Grand Knight's Toast on June 30th at 10:00p.m. We will say thanks to Giftus for his service to the Council this past Columbian year and pledge our support to Mike Willemse-Dr. Mike-and wish him all the best as he takes up the mantle of leading Council 4504 during the next year.

We look forward to as many brothers as possible joining us as we uphold this tradition. Our thanks to Giftus for leading this council during the past year.

IDD Drive

Council 4504 will be conducting the Intellectual Disabilities Drive at Holy Spirit Church and St Michael's Church before and after all masses on the weekend of June 10th and 11th. We are seeking help from brothers for the Saturday evening masses and also for all masses on Sunday.

Any brother willing to assist should contact:
 Program Director Mike Peter PGK.
 Mikepeter4275@gmail.com or call him at 908-759-3588.

2017-2018 Election of Officers

Election of officers to serve during the 2017-18 Columbian Year will be held on Monday, 12th June, 2017 during the final general meeting of the Columbian Year 2016-17.

The following members have been nominated to the positions that are being vacated. They are:

Grand Knight	Michael Willemse
Deputy Grand Knight	Robert Genovese
Chancellor	Dave Wozniak
Warden	Eric Hernandez
Inside Guard	Anthony Ibida
Outside Guard	vacant
Recorder	Luke Sangiamo
Treasurer	Michael Willemse
Trustee 3	Giftus John

The following officers will complete the Council, but are not due for elections. Mike Peter and Greg Henn, 1 and 2 year Trustee respectively and Ed McCormick, Financial Secretary.

We would like to thank Joseph Burlew Sr. and the other members of the Nominating Committee for their effort in interviewing prospective officers and overseeing the election process.

**HAPPY
 FATHER'S
 DAY!**

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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
Recorder..... Nick Belmonte
Treasurer..... Luke Sangiamo
Fin. Secretary.....Ed McCormick, PGK
Inside Guard..... Anthony Ibida
Outside Guard.....Eric Hernandez
Membership Director..... Greg Chaves
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
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3rd Mon. ----- Swim Club
4th Wed.----- 4th Degree Assembly
4th Thu. ----- Columbian Club

MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

I have had to deal with the loss of people I know these past few weeks and wonder if the same situation that I had to deal with in 2015 was repeating itself. However, we have to have faith in God and believe that he will take care of things for us. I recently lost a cousin in a motorcycle accident. A week later, I attended the memorial service for the daughter of a family friend from Dominica and now have to deal with the loss of one of our brothers, Jeff Alino. Jeff was a very close friend of DGK Mike Willemse and was one of the pilots killed in the crash at Teterboro just a few days ago.

Every day, we are reminded that those that we love will someday leave us. But what usually compounds it is the way that those dear ones leave us, unexpectedly. We do not get the opportunities to say "See You," or "Later." We see our loved ones lying in the casket and we are heartbroken. We ask ourselves questions trying to give some meaning to why they had to leave us so soon.

Jeff was a relatively new member at 4504 but he touched the hearts of many in that space of time. He had just completed his first degree and we were hoping that he would be part of the 2nd degree exemplification but he did not live to see it.

We have lost many brothers at 4504 but I am not sure if anyone has had to see the way that Jeff left us. For those of us who saw the videos it will continue to haunt us for a long time.

None of us knows the hour when we shall be called to stand before the throne, and that is why, as brother knights, we must strive to leave a just life; a happy life and one filled with brotherly love. The friendships and relations that we build throughout our years as "knights," should not be taken lightly. We should always be thankful that we have an opportunity to share our blessings with others. That we can help other brothers who need the help of someone just to listen to them or just like we did this past weekend in Wildwood, to share our friendship; to participate in activities that help strengthen the bond that keeps us alive, well and kicking.

Some of our brothers may depart soon, but we have to cherish the memories. As I love to say, "Memories are Forever." The memories of a brother's good deed; the memories of a brother listening to another troubled brother and helping him through the storm; the memories of all the sacrifices that we all have made through the years to maintain the image of the Knights and to live by the motto. Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism and the memories of those who have touched our lives in one way or the other either through a good deed; their concern for our well-being; for their smile and confidence, like Jeff and my cousin, Sheldon, the one who died in a horrific motorcycle accident earlier this month.

Yes, we may cry. We may feel cheated. We may feel empty. We may even get angry. However, we have no control over life and death and all we, as catholic gentlemen; as members of one of the greatest groups of men throughout the world, can do, is to "have each other's back."

Rest in peace brothers.
Giftus John - Grand Knight



Senior Social

The Senior Social, previously referred to as the Nuns' and Widows' Dinner, will be held on Sunday, July 2nd commencing at 3:00p.m. The event is usually held in June but has to be pushed back in order to facilitate staging other events.

All seniors-widows and widowers-are invited to be guests of Council 4504 and to share some time with other friends who have lost their loved ones.

Any senior who would like to participate in the dinner, is asked to contact Grand Knight Giftus John or, Deputy Grand Knight, Mike Willemse, who will chair the event. It is a free event so all you need to do is call Giftus at 908-370-7760 or Mike at 908-447-7009 to let us know that you plan to attend. More information will follow as we draw nearer to the date of the event.

Farewell, Jeff Alino

contributed by Dr. Mike Willemese

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of one of our newest members, Jeffrey Alino. A Union resident his whole life, Jeff was born on January 23rd, 1984, and graduated from Union High School in 2002. Jeff's dream was to take to the skies and be a commercial pilot. He decided to pursue his dream job and studied Aviation Studies. He successfully earned his private pilot license and instrument rating by 2010, and received his multi-engine commercial and ATP pilot license by 2012. He flew for multiple companies including Delta, Hawaiian and Trans-Pacific Jet.

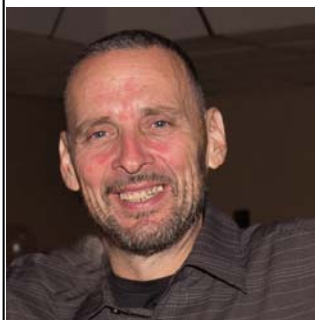
Jeff joined our council three months ago. Although he was a member for a short time, he always came to the council with a smile and shared his amazing stories and experiences as a pilot. Unfortunately, Jeff was the co-pilot who lost his life in the recent Teterboro Airport crash on Monday, 15th May.

Jeff was a true family man who loved his mother and his two sisters. He often spoke of how he wanted to buy his mother a retirement home in Texas. Jeff was also a community man helping elderly neighbors maintaining their lawns and cleaning their houses whenever he had time off. His family and friends will miss him dearly.

Knight of the Month

June 2017

Jack Schulz



Our Knight of the Month for June is the rather unassuming, easy going, John "Jack" Schulz. Jack, formerly of Irvington, presently resides in Union with his beautiful wife, Michelle, and their six children-Michael,

Dominick, Jacqueline, Jonathan, Amanda and Brandon. Jack also has a grandson, Samuel.

Jack's family is well known at the Knights as they are always around, helping or, working on or helping with activities and helping, Jack's mom, Antoinette, fondly referred to as "Nonna," (granny) by her grand-children, who runs the outside snack bar.

After graduating Irvington High, jack started his own business enterprise, J&S Towing, which he ran for twenty-five years. Presently Jack works with Union County as the Supervisor of Park Maintenance Services. Besides all this though, Jack is involved in conducting his food truck business and can sometimes be seen working at township events.

Jack was very instrumental in helping with the last Fish Fry undertaken by the Council in April. He donated his fryer, free of cost, to the Council to help expedite the preparation of the food. It is not only about work, though. Jack is also a Board Member of the Columbian Club as well as a Board Member of the Italian/American Police Society of Union.

But, according to his second son, Dominick, who, when asked by Grand Knight Giftus John, what was the favorite thing that his Dad loves to do, said, "Hanging out with his children." No better testament for a brother knight or any father for that matter, by your child. All who know Jack can attest to that sentiment since we see him here accompanied by his family and helping out "Nonna," in the kitchen or "hanging out" with John Bashaw and other close friends. This is one brother of whom we can say, "family matters."

It this gives us great pleasure then, to award the title of "Knight of the Month, June 2017," to John "Jack" Schulz. Congratulations, Jack.



Council 4504 and Our Youth

Council 4504 recently made presentations to two young people in our town as we continue to help in the development of our youth. On Saturday May 11th, DGK Mike Willemse, presented a Certificate of congratulations to young Jason Rivera, son of brother Alex Rivera, and a member of Scout Troop 68, who attained the rank of Eagle Scout during a ceremony held at the Connecticut Farms Presbyterian Church.

On Monday 22nd, Grand Knight Giftus John, presented a check of \$500.00 on behalf of Council 4504, to graduating senior of UHS, Frank Volturo who will be attending Seton Hall University in September. The annual scholarship award is for any student who meets the academic criteria by the council but who has also been accepted at a Catholic University to do his/her studies.

Congratulations ...Jason and Frank...keep up the good work!

2016-2017 Shield Awards

The 2016-2017 Shield Awards will be held on Monday June 26th at the council hall. The Council will present the 2016-2017 service awards to the Emergency Medical Technician, Police Officer, Fireman, Senior, and the Parochial School Teacher and CCD Teacher at both St. Michaels and Holy Spirit.

We will also present awards to The Knight of the Year and the Columbian of the Year. The event is scheduled to begin at 7:30p.m. We look forward to full participation by officers and members of 4504.

Congratulations to all those who have been nominated and we look forward to seeing you on June 11th.

Below is the list of Knights of the Month this past Columbian Year:

September	Gregory Jones
October	Pete Celia
November	George Gaydos
December	Frank Santangelo
January	Kris Cancelleri
February	Mike Willemse
March	Ron Salzano
April	James Bayer
May	Tom Dudek
June	Jack Schulz

One of these brothers will be the Knight of the Year 2016-17.

Knights Family Dinners

The next family dinner is scheduled for **June 15th**.

Due to the increase in the number 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.

Our Lady of Fatima, May 13, 1917



Last month we celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Fatima with special solemnity, as we marked the 100th anniversary of her first apparition to three shepherd children in a small town in Portugal.

Over the course of Mary's six monthly apparitions in 1917, she instructed Lucia, Jacinta, and Francisco to pray the Rosary daily for peace, and to make sacrifices for sinners, saying that "many souls go to hell, because there are none to sacrifice themselves and pray for them." They took her advice seriously, finding many ways to offer sacrifices out of love for Our Lord and for all of His people. Today, during his visit to Fatima, Pope Francis will recognize their heroic virtue by canonizing Jacinta and Francisco. (Their cousin Lucia's cause for beatification was recently opened.)

We ourselves may not be able to travel to Fatima during this momentous year, but we can listen to Our Lady's requests. Saint John Paul II tells us that "the message of Fatima is, in its basic nucleus, a call to conversion and repentance as in the Gospel." This call is an expression of Mary's deep love for all of us, her children. As our mother, she desires that all of us should draw close to her Son, and she asks us to pray her own prayer, the Rosary, to obtain this grace. Only in this way will we be able to obtain the peace so needed by our world.

Let us imitate Jacinta, Francisco, and Lucia, the three shepherd children of Fatima, and accept all of our own sufferings out of love. We pray for all sinners, including ourselves, as we say the prayer Our Lady of Fatima asked to be added after each mystery of the Rosary: "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fire of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those who are most in need of Thy mercy." - Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist.



Salzano and Willemse State Knights of the Month

Knight of the Month, March 2017, Ron Salzano, and Knight of the Month, February, 2017 Mike Willemse, were recognized as Knight of the respective months by the State Council during the just concluded State Convention held in Wildwood. Grand Knight, Giftus John, Council 4504's delegate to the convention, received the certificates on behalf of Ron and Mike. Ron led a team to organize "Caribbean Night," just a few months after becoming a Knight, while Mike almost singlehandedly, ran a very successful "Murder Mystery Dinner." Our congratulations to Ron and Mike. Well done, guys!

Council 4504 was also presented with a Certificate of Merit for our participation in the 2016 IDD Drive and contributing over \$7,000.00 to the cause.

Grand Knight, Giftus John, was also presented with a plaque for having placed third in the State Photo Contest-Council Activity category - with his entry "Brothers Wearing Pink," which shows members of 4504 wearing pink T-shirts in support of breast cancer awareness during the 2016 Family Picnic.

John Esposito and I would like to thank the members that volunteered on the weekend of April 28-29-30. Those brothers who are devoted to the brotherhood of the Knights of Columbus.

Thank you all.
Mike Peter, Co-Chairman
People with Intellectual Disabilities

Thank You!



2017 Pride in Our Priests Dinner

The 12th annual Archdiocesan Pride in Our Priests Dinner was held on Tuesday 2nd May at The Terrace in Paramus. Frs. Wolfee, Myles and Emmanuel of St. Michael's Church, were the honored guests of Council 4504. Accompanying them were Grand Knight Giftus John and Financial Secretary Ed Mc Cormick. The pastor of Holy Spirit was not able to attend.

It was a wonderful evening and very special for our priests who were able to meet some of their friends from other parishes. The knights continued the fine tradition of honoring our bishops and priests for their selfless dedication to our spiritual needs and for their tireless efforts on behalf of the Church community. Cardinal Tobin of the Newark Diocese was the featured speaker. Over four hundred priests, brother knights, family and friends attended the dinner.

We at Council 4504, extend our thanks to Frs. Wolfee, Myles and Emmanuel for their participation in the dinner and also, for their support of Council 4504 during this past Columbian year.

Quarterly Raffle

The Quarterly Raffle was drawn on Monday, Memorial Day. Below is the list of winners and their winnings. Congratulations to all our winners.

- First prize: Elizabeth Williamson. \$1056.00
- Second prize: Anthony D'Elia. \$66.00
- Third Prize: Robert Pynckels \$66.00
- Fourth prize: Helen Bilicska. \$66.00
- Fifth prize: John O'Shea. \$66.00

We thank all those who participated and look toward your continued support.

Brother Knight and PGK Ordained as Deacon

Past Grand Knight and former District Deputy, Michael Cavallo, was ordained as a Permanent Deacon in the Newark Archdiocese, together with eight others, on Sunday 21st May, at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark.

Mike is one of the very few Grand Knights who have served successive terms at Council 4504 where one year, as Grand Knight, is the norm. Deacon Michael, who has been assigned to St. Michael's Church, will celebrate his first Mass of Thanksgiving at 2:00p.m. on Sunday June, 4th .

Council 4504 extends sincerest congratulations to brother knight, Deacon Cavallo, and wish him success in his new ministry at St. Michael's.

Council 4504 Marches in Memorial Day Parade



Council 4504 participated in the Union Township Memorial Day Parade on Monday, 29th. Due to the weather conditions, members of the Fourth Degree Color Guard were unable to wear their regalia but nonetheless they wore their tuxedos, umbrellas and all, as we marched along Stuyvesant Avenue in memory of all those who died defending our

freedoms and liberties on the battlefields. Following right behind on their motorcycles, were DD Alex Costa and two other members of the Knights of Columbus Motorcycle Ministry.

Following the march that ended up at Memorial Park, Grand Knight Giftus John and Alex participated in the wreath laying ceremony, carrying a wreath to the Park on behalf of Council 4504.

Thank you to all the brothers who participated, enduring the cold and the raindrops, but to the cheers and applause of the appreciative crowds that lined Stuyvesant Ave.



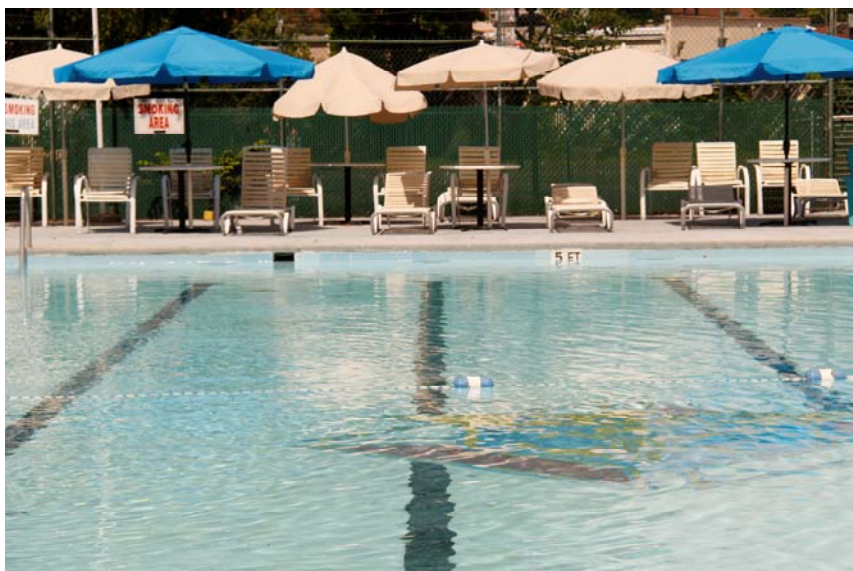
The Pool Opens with Annual Mass

The 2017 pool season officially got on the way with the annual poolside mass officiated by Fr. Bob Wolfee, Pastor of St. Michael's Church and Chaplain of Council 4504. Father Wolfee blessed the pool and the premises asking God's protection to all who will use the pool and the grounds during the season.

Swim Club president, Joe Marateo, thanked Fr. Wolfee for accepting to conduct the service. He also thanked all the members, wives and friends who had attended the mass. Joe also took the opportunity to present a gift to Fr. Wolfee in appreciation of his contribution towards opening day and the rest of the season.

Following the mass, those in attendance were treated to refreshments, while some of those who had registered to join the pool this year, stood in line to get their pool passes.

Great work by Joe and his crew to get the pool open on time considering the many obstacles that they encountered along the way. Thanks especially to Len Komar, Paul Marzocca, Joe Harbison, Jim Fein, Ray Pruszkowski and the others who worked untiringly to get us to the point we are at, today. Great job and Thank You, guys.



Second Degree Conducted at 4504

Seventeen brothers, including eleven from Council 4504, as well as Fr. Quinn of the St. Michael's Parish in Cranford, participated in the Formation Degree, and are now just one degree from becoming full-fledged Third Degree Knights. The Hillside Degree team conducted the ceremony that was held at the Council Hall on Wednesday 24th May, before fellow brothers who had sponsored the candidates, as well as by other brothers who had come to observe the proceedings and give their support to the candidates.

At the end of the ceremony, host Grand Knight, Giftus John, congratulated the candidates and encouraged them to work towards getting involved in their council activities and to work together as a team. He also took the opportunity to ask all present to observe a moment of silence for Jeffrey Alino, who was due to be a participant in the degree but perished in the plane crash at Teterboro Airport a few weeks ago. District Deputy, Joseph Kilroy, standing in for DD Alex Costa who was unable to be present, also addressed the gathering as well as asking the brothers to get involved in their council activities.

All present were then treated to dinner and refreshments, prepared by the kitchen staff of Union 4504.

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