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May 2014

Calendar of Events

May

May 11th Runnells Hospital
 May 12th Council Meeting
 May 15th Family Dinner
 May 16th-18th..... State Convention
 May 22nd Intellectual Disabilities Drive
 May 24th Poolside Mass
 May 24th Blood Drive
 May 26th Memorial Day
 May 27th Council Meeting

June

June 1st..... Senior Social
 June 11th Second Degree
 June 13th Third Degree
 June 19th Family Dinner
 June 30th Grand Knight's Toast

July

July 12th..... Mets/Huey Lewis Concert

Senior Social

The annual Senior Social will be held this year on Sunday, June 1, 2014. Invitations will be sent out in the next two weeks. Looking forward to seeing all of you there. Come out and have a good time with your friends and fellow Knights members as well.

Gregory Henn - Chairman

Columbian Club Nom. Committee

Frank Stochlinski C.C. Rep
 Joe Harbison Swim Club Rep.
 Pete Ceilia General Mem. Rep
 Ed McCormick Council Rep
 Jim Feehan General Mem. Rep

Nominating Committee for 2014-15 Council Officers

The Nominating Committee is looking for candidates for the Outside Guard position for the slate of Officers for 2014-15 Columbian year. Any Third Degree Brother Knight in good standing at Council 4504 that has an interest in this position or any other Council Officer's position should contact any of the members of the Nominating Committee, Andy Schopfer PGK, Chairman, Frank Stochlinski, Columbian Club representative, Joseph Harbison, Swim Club representative, and Steve Helmstetter and John Holmes Council representatives.

Second and Third Degrees

Union Council 4504 will host a Second Degree on Wednesday June 11, 2014 and a Third Degree on Friday June 13, 2014 at our Council.

Any Brothers who have not yet received the Honors in the Second and Third Degrees should contact:

Grand Knight Steve Nagy
 Email: toys4504@aol.com
 Phone: (908) 967-9060

Deputy Grand Knight Ed McCormick
 Email: edmccormick01@gmail.com
 Phone: (973) 650-7643

Membership Director Nick Belmonte
 Email: nicksnabs@verizon.net
 Phone: (908) 447-1869

To sign up so they can make their Degrees.

Council Meeting Tuesday May 27, 2014

Due to the Memorial Day Holiday on Monday May 26, 2014 the second Council meeting in May we be rescheduled for Tuesday May 27, 2014 at 8:15 PM.

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RULES FOR SUBMISSION: Submissions for consideration are due in writing by the 15th of the month for the following month. Please mail or drop off submission, with contact information to:

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Knights Digest Editor
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Union, NJ 07083

or 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. Ranulfo D. Docabo
District Deputy..... Alex Costa, PGK
Grand Knight Steve Nagy
Deputy Grand Knight..... Ed McCormick
Chancellor..... Greg Henn
Warden Giftus John
Recorder..... Michael Willemse
Treasurer..... Frank Santangelo
Fin. Secretary..... Thomas Hornig, PGK
Inside Guard..... Kevin Gongob
Outside Guard..... Thomas Lamotta
Membership Director..... Nick Belemonte
Program Director..... Mike Peter, PGK
Advocate..... Stephen F. Hehl
3rd. Yr. Trustee Joseph Burlew, PGK
2nd Yr. Trustee Andy Schopfer PGK
1st Yr. Trustee Michael Gasser PGK
4th Degree Faithful
Navigator..... Andy Schopfer, PGK
Columbian Club
President Jamie Zappulla
Swim Club President..... Joe Marateo, PGK
Columbiette President..... Bernadette Watson

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 at Union Council 4504,

Change is the only constant in life" - Heraclitus.

Over the past ten months there has been many changes at the Union Council. Some changes are physical in the building and can be easily seen upon entering it. Some changes are in the Brothers who are taking more active roles in the Council and its sub groups. Some changes are in what we do and how we do it as a Knights of Columbus Council.

As with anything some changes are looked upon by some as good and beneficial while others view the same changes as not so good and not beneficial. Just as every coin has two sides, change can be viewed differently by everyone.

The Union Knights of Columbus is a dynamic organization not a static organization, and because of this it will constantly be changing. So to paraphrase Heraclitus, **The only constant at the Union Knights of Columbus is and will be change.**

The unfortunate reality at the Union Council is that the changes are generally put into place by the small minority of Brother Knights who chose to attend and participate in meetings, those Brother Knights who volunteer to serve on committees and serve as officers and on boards, and by those Brother Knights who are around the Council and get involved.

Our Council has over 1,300 members, but only 25 to 40 members regularly attend and participate in meetings. It is easy to sit back and criticize what goes on. It is harder to get involved and try to enact changes. Before you complain about what is wrong with the Council, stop and think about what you are doing to get involved and make our Council a better Council.

If you are content to sit back and let changes happen that you may not like, that is fine. if you are not content to sit back, get involved and be part of the change, not the person who sits back and complains about the changes.

Vivat Jesus,
Steve



Fund Raising with TD Bank

Union Council 4504 has joined TD Bank's Affinity program. The Affinity program is a great opportunity for all of us at Union Council to raise money for our charitable fund simply by linking accounts at TD Bank to Union Council. TD Bank will contribute \$10 to our council for every existing checking account which is linked to 4504 and \$50 for each new account linked to 4504. There is no cost to any of us for linking our accounts and your banking information is completely private.

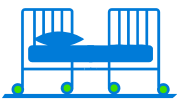
Our council will have no access to anyone's banking information nor will we even have a list of what accounts are linked. TD Bank will simply send us a report at the end of each year telling us how many accounts are linked and accompany that report with a check from TD Bank for the calculated amount. The check will be deposited in to Union Council 4504's charitable fund, enabling us to help more of our brothers and neighbors in need.

This program is applicable to personal and business accounts and is not limited to just brother knights. It is applicable to anyone willing to link their accounts to Knights of Columbus 4504. All you need to do is visit any TD Bank branch and ask any officer to link your account to Knights of Columbus 4504 or code number AF442.

This is a great opportunity for all of us to help raise funds. I urge you to read the following brochure from TD Bank and stop in to link your accounts.

2013-2014 Runnells Hospital Schedule

Below is Council 4504's schedule for volunteering at Runnells Hospital. Take a moment to add these dates to your calendar and make a commitment to yourself to volunteer to help.



May 11, 2014
June 15, 2014



You help is greatly appreciated!

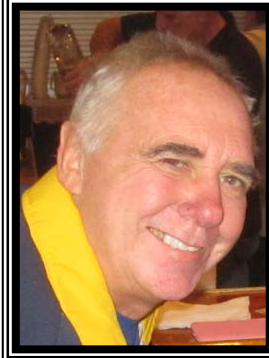
Charlie Cunningham at 908-419-2310 or
Nick Belmonte at 908-447-1869

Knight of the Month

May 2014



Sir Knight George Gaydos



The Knight of the month for May 2014 is a gentleman who is very involved in youth activities for the council. George Gaydos has been involved with the basketball free throw contest and soccer free kick contest held for the local children and sponsored by the council. George has been coaching the challenger league here in Union

for some years. He has three children of his own, Rachel, Renee and Steve. George can be seen around the council frequently throughout the year supporting the bar and events.

George grew up in Kearny and is a graduate of Kearny High School. He works at Paper Mart full-time and drives for DeFrano limousine weekends when he's not involved in any of the youth activities. George took his fourth degree in April, 2013 and is a parishioner of St. Michael's church.

George's commitment to the youth activities supported by this council make him deserving of recognition as Knight of the month. We are proud to name Sir Knight George Gaydos the Knight of the month of May, 2014.

Congratulations George.

Do You like Baseball, Rock N Roll, the Mets?

Choose two or three of the above and you will be sure to enjoy our trip to Citi Field on July 12th. In addition to the Mets playing Miami at 4:00 pm, you will also see a great concert by HUEY LEWIS and The NEWS immediately following the game.

We will be sitting in Field Level Box Seats and the cost of the trip is \$95 per person including bus transportation from the Knights.

Seats are extremely limited, so please call Steve Helmstetter at 908-688-5039 A.S.A.P. to reserve your seat.

Yellow Ribbon Tree

There is a tree in front of our Council that over the past few years has been used for a special purpose, to help us remember our members and their family members who are serving in the Military and are deployed overseas.

We started this tradition almost five years ago and we have tied "Yellow Ribbons" for these Servicemen and women since then at the start of their deployments.

Sarah Kramer U.S. Army - Oct. 2009
Erik Santiago U.S. Army - March 2011
Paul LeCompte U.S. Army - March 2011
Michael Zagorski U.S. Army - March 2011
Brian Schopfer U.S. Army - July 2012
Dan Tatge U.S. Air Force - April 2013

The "Yellow Ribbons" served as a reminder to all of us to keep them in our thoughts and Prayers until their safe return home when they came to the Council to cut their ribbon off.

Thankfully all have returned home safe and sound, so our Prayers were answered.

Our tree will once again be dressed in a "Yellow Ribbon" for Sgt. Erik Santiago when he will be deployed again to Afghanistan for another Tour of Duty there. Please remember to keep him in your thoughts and Prayers for his safe return home to his loved ones.

Hopefully as the US involvement over there comes to an end soon, Erik's "Yellow Ribbon" will be the last one our tree will wear.



Swim Club News

Thank you to all swim club members who have been mailing in their renewals. If you send in your renewal after April 1, please include a \$25.00 late fee.

Please do not leave renewals at the council home and mail them to Jim Ford, 1488 Burnet Ave, Union, NJ 07083. If you need the renewal form, please email Jim at jford1488@comcast.net.

Remember to receive your badges you must provide a paid up dues card either for the Knights or Columbiettes.

Thank you, Jim

Collection for the Intellectual Disabilities Drive

Would like to thank all that were involved with the Intellectual disabilities drive this past weekend of April 25th, April 26th and April 27th.

We don't have any numbers finalized as of yet but it looks like we are doing well. On May 22 Rita's Italian Ice factory will be assisting us with their support by giving us 15% of the proceeds between the hours of 6pm and 9pm. Please inform your family and friends to help us in this fund raising event.

Thank you in advance from co-chairman John Esposito and myself, Mike Peter, PGK.

Union Knights of Columbus 4504





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In short, if you have a job and don't have a way to protect that paycheck, you should seriously consider Income Armor today. I look forward to meeting with you.

GREG CHAVES (732) 492-3049 or Gregory.Chaves@KofC.org



New Sir Knights

(left to right)

Andy Schopfer, FN

Kevin Gongob

Emmanuelle Oputa

Juan Diaz





Union Knights of Columbus Spring Blood Drive

Please remember to bring ID and have plenty to eat and drink the day of the blood drive.

To give blood, you must be in generally good health and meet weight and age criteria.

To see Rafi's story, please visit:
<http://tinyurl.com/rafigivesthanks>



Rafaelo was diagnosed with leukemia at age 2. He received chemotherapy along with 36 transfusions of blood components.

Date: **Saturday, May 24th**

Time: **9:00am to 3:00pm**

Place: **Union Knights of Columbus Hall
1034 Jeanette Ave., Union**

For questions about eligibility please call 1-800-933-2566 or visit www.nybloodcenter.org

 **New Jersey Blood Services**
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St. Michael's Family Activity Committee presents a Community Service opportunity!

The Freedom Alliance "Gifts from Home" project provides those in harm's way with some luxuries of home and expresses our appreciation for their sacrifice. It is our hope that the items sent will make life spent thousands of miles from friends and loved ones a little easier to bear. Help support our troops by donating items from the list below. **Items in BOLD are the most requested items.** (Please package all liquids, including shampoo, mouthwash, etc., in zip-lock bags.)



- ★ **SNACK FOOD:** dry cereal, **beef jerky/Slim Jims**, pretzels/chips, cookies, gum and hard candy, **granola and power bars**, **protein bars**, small packs of Fig Newtons, Oreos, Cheez-its, trail mix or dried fruit, **salted sunflower seeds/pumpkin seeds**, **powdered drink mix (Gatorade, kool-aid, Crystal Light)**, condiments and spices, **tuna in pouches**, Rice Krispie treats, nuts, hot sauce, pudding cups, **peanut butter/jelly**, **coffee, tea, instant cappuccino and hot chocolate**
- ★ **Travel Size Toiletries:** Advil, Tylenol, cold/cough drops, sinus meds, antacids, **baby wipes**, **liquid hand sanitizer/cleaner**, breath mints, Listerine strips, **razors**, floss, shampoo, hair gel, **chapstick**, soap and deodorant, **Q-tips**, eye drops, mouthwash, tissues, **hand and body lotion**, **foot powder**, toothpaste and toothbrushes, nail clippers/files, feminine hygiene products, shoe insole cushions, vitamins
- ★ **Clothing, Entertainment, Misc.:** men's t-shirts and underwear (brown or green for the t-shirt if possible), **white cotton socks**, **black cotton or wool socks**, **batteries**, pens and pencils, **electronic gadgets or games**, mini board games such as **UNO**, **checkers**, **chess**, stationary/envelopes, playing cards, **magazines**, crossword puzzle books, **poker sets**, Nerf football, day planners/calendars, Frisbees, **DVDs**, water guns, zip lock bags, **phone cards**, duct tape

When is this happening???????

Bring your items to Church on May 31 and June 1.

A drop off table will be located at the church entrance during all Masses.

Items can also be dropped off at the Parish Center, Orange Ave.
Tues. May 27 - Fri. May 30 from 10 AM to 2:00 PM.

We will assemble donation boxes for the troops on June 8th
in the Lower Church after the 10:30 Mass. You can also create a greeting card for our troops. All are welcome to take part!

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