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HAPPY NEW YEAR

January 6th..... Runnells Hospital
 January 13th..... Council Blood Drive
 January 17th..... Knight Family Dinner
 January 18th..... Swim Club Membership Meeting
 January 19th..... Free Throw Contest
 February 3rd..... Super Bowl
 February 15th..... Pro Wrestling at the Knights

Swim Club News

The annual Swim Club general membership meeting will be held on **Friday, January 18, 2013** at 7:30pm in the Council hall. In addition to elections for Swim Club Board positions there will be a reading and vote of proposed changes to the Swim Club Bylaws. Coffee and dessert will be served after the meeting.

Allen Pascullo - Swim Club President



Council Blood Drive



On January 13th, the Council is running a blood drive from 8:00am-2:00pm. We are working with NJ Blood Services. They offer a scholarship program .

Adrianna Belmonte, Nick Belmonte's daughter, will be helping us with the drive. She would be eligible to receive a scholarship of up to \$500 if we have 50 or more donors. So come on out and donate and you will be helping to save lives and helping a council member's daughter receive a scholarship.

To schedule an appointment contact Michael Gasser PGK at 908-578-4071.

Thanks in advance for your support!!!!



Welcome New Brother Knights

On December 12, 2012 Union Council held a First degree and two new Brother Knights joined our Council.

Please join us in welcoming them to the Knights of Columbus and Union Council 4504. Ken Spassione Jr. (left) and Kevin Gongob (right).

I would like to take the opportunity to say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all my brother Knights. May it be a healthy and prosperous one for all brother Knights and their families. I would like to thank all the men that helped out this year and for all of the hard work you have put into the Knights. The team I (we) have working for us is one of the best. I would also like to thank the tailgate committee for the great job done as well as a special thanks to my board for doing a great job working and planning it with me. The upcoming events will be posted – so jump on board and have some fun.

Columbian Club
 Mike Loguidice

Thank You



Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest



When: Saturday, January 19th - 10am
 (Makeup date Saturday, January 26th)

Where: Livingston School on Midland Blvd.

Who can participate: any child who is a Union resident between the ages of 10-14.

All can register at the Recreation Center on Commerce Ave behind Hannah Caldwell School, any questions please contact PGK Mike Peter at 908-759-3588.

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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.

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Columbiette President Eileen Lettier

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 and Friends of Union Council 4504

Happy New Year! I guess if you are reading this the Mayans were wrong. So I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and is enjoying the start to a Happy & Healthy New Year. Can you believe it is 2013? A new year, a new beginning and a chance to start anew.

So the first question is how are you going to approach this year? Are you going to try to be an even better Catholic this year? How about a better Grandfather, Father, Son and/or husband? Of course I will ask if you will set your goals to be an even better Knight this year. There is always room for improvement and we all know the council needs you.

By the time you read this we will have already have had our "Breakfast with Santa" and it looked like a great success. It is always heartwarming to do something for the kids. Our initial estimates were that we had near 160 people who attended. So many Brother Knights pitched in to make this another successful event. The best part of course is seeing the kids with Santa and Mrs. Clause but also seeing brother Knights work together for a good cause. And for those who don't know, the good cause are the children at the Deron School.

So we had a good time with a bus trip to NYC to see the Christmas Tree, we followed up with a strong event "Breakfast with Santa" now let us keep the unity, fraternity and charity going strong well into this new year. We have lots of events coming up that need both your help and participation. We have a blood drive, we have a free throw contest for the kids, we have our special citizens fund raisers and we have a spring food drive for the needy just to name a few.

Also I know it is a bit early but please start thinking about work parties. This year was very tough on the council building and grounds. It is not always enough to pay your dues or your membership fees; we need your support and your backs as well.

Please, remember, THE COUNCIL NEEDS YOU MORE NOW THEN EVER BEFORE! For over 50 years Union Council has been here for you and your families. You, your fathers and/or your grandfathers built this council, help their vision last another 50 years and more.

PARTICIPATE! GET INVOLVED!

Vivat Jesus!
Alex Costa
Grand Knight 2012-2013



Knights Family Dinner

The next dinner is scheduled for

**Thursday, January 17, 2013
6:30 - 8:30 PM**



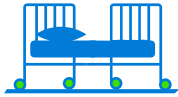
Family of 4 - \$25.00
Adults \$8.00
Children and Seniors \$6.00



Cash Bar Available & 50/50s

2012-2013 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.



January 6, 2013
February 17, 2013
March 24, 2013
April 28, 2013
June 2, 2013
July 7, 2013
August 11, 2013



You help is greatly appreciated!
Contact Charlie Cunningham at 908-419-2310.

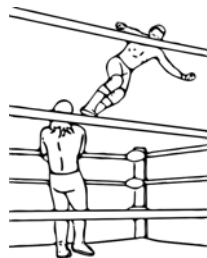
PRO WRESTLING RETURNING TO THE KNIGHTS IN FEBRUARY!!

Yes everyone, you read that right, wrestling is coming back to Union Council. We had a great turnout the last time we ran it in the hall so we are trying it again. The date will be February 15th, and we will need help at the door, bar, kitchen, etc. If you are interested in helping out, or want tickets, please let myself or Mike Scanlon know.

Thank You!

Rob Salvatore, PGK 908-499-0743

Mike Scanlon, 908-578-8768



Deck the "Halls"

Special thanks to our Council Hall decorators. Be sure to stop by and see the trees at our Council. The tree in the lounge was acquired by Ron Giameo and decorated by George and Debbie. The tree in the Council Hall was decorated by Carol Nagy, Ed Varga, Rob Salvatore and Robbie Salvatore.

Knight of the Month

January 2013



Allen M. Pascullo



It has been a few years since Allen was named Knight of the Month back in November 2004, and Allen has not slowed down any around our Council. Back then Allen has just finished going through the chairs of our Columbian Club, and was Columbian Club President for 2003-2004. During that time he found himself without a bar manager, so he willingly took on

that role himself until a replacement could be found. In addition, he would also attend work parties and was always willing to help out in the kitchen and bar whenever needed. In short, Allen gave up a lot of time away from his family to help out our Council.

Fast forward 8 years and things have not changed much. Allen took over the office of Faithful Navigator for our JFK Assembly of the Fourth Degree in the fall of 2009 and held that office until last July of this year. In February of 2010 Allen was elected to President of our Columbian Swim Club, an office that he currently holds. If it was not enough to hold two top officer positions with the Knights, Allen is always ready and willing to cook in our kitchen for events such our Council Family Picnic, Past Grand Knight Dinner, Christmas Dinner meeting, Sister Ann's Valentines Day Dinner Dance, Breakfast with Santa or when ever asked to cook. Allen manages to help out bartending at our Council too. And if this is not enough to tire someone out just watch Allen come alive when Eddie G-Wiz puts "The Boys are Back in Town" on and he dances to his own beat.

Allen has been married to his wife Mary Kay for 29 years, and they have four children, Timothy, Kevin, Ryan, and Erin, who we have watched grow up here at the Council and Swim Club. And even though his children are grown, Allen spends much of his "spare time" with them and they are regulars on our summer Fluke Fishing trip. The family are Parishioners at Holy Spirit Church in Union. Allen was born in Queens, NY and is employed by the New York Power Authority.

Allen's commitment to his family, Church, Council and to the Knights of Columbus are emblematic of what it means to be a Knight, and the Union Knights of Columbus are fortunate to have him as a Brother Knight in our Council, and Proud to name him Knight of the Month for January 2013.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May all of your troubles last as long as your New Year's resolutions!		1 	2	3	4	5
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13 Blood Drive 8:00a	14 Council Mtg. 8:10p	15	16	17 Knights Family Dinner 6:30p	18 Swim Club Mtg. 7:30p	19 Free Throw Contest 10:00a
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27	28 Council Mtg. 8:10p	29	30	31		