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Calendar of Events

May

May 2nd Pride in Our Priests Dinner
 May 14th Mother's Day Brunch
 May 18th Knight's Family Dinner
 May 18th-21st Wildwood Convention
 May 22nd Council Elections
 May 24th Second Degree
 May 27th Pool Opening Mass
 May 29th Memorial Day Parade

June

June 16th Third Degree
 June 18th Father's Day BBQ
 June 26th Shield Awards
 June 30th Grand Knight Toast

Memorial Day Parade

On **Monday, May 29th**, Union Township is holding its annual Memorial Day Parade and we have been asked to participate. The parade will start at 10a.m. sharp. The Committee has asked us to assemble by Long Terrace and Stuyvesant Ave. around 9a.m. This is between the 7-11 and Glendale Pizza. There will be a short presentation at Memorial Park by Connecticut Farms School at the end of the parade. The Union Knights of Columbus normally participates in the presentation of wreaths placed on Honor Roll Hill.

Work Parties

The annual work parties conducted by the Columbian club, the Swim club and the council, to get the pool and the grounds ready for the summer, have started in earnest. Inclement weather has hampered our progress but some brothers have been giving up their time to ensure that we do not disappoint the many people who use the pool and the grounds, during the

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Council Nominations and Elections

Nomination of prospective officers will be held at the first regular meeting on **May 8th**, and elections during the second meeting on **May 22nd**, 2017.

Pool Opening Mass



On **Saturday, May 27th** at 11a.m. the Union Knights of Columbus will be having their annual poolside mass. Fr. Bob Wolfee will be celebrant for this blessed occasion. Following the mass Fr. Wolfee will bless the pool. Light refreshments will be served following the service.

Council Officers 2017-2018



Interviews for brother knights desirous of being council officers during the 2017-18 Columbian year, were conducted on Tuesday, 18th at the Council offices. All present council officers, with the exception of one, have expressed their desire to move up the chairs and serve as officers.

A full slate will be presented to the council at the first meeting on **May 8th, 2017**.

Union Council 4504-Anniversary Circle... A celebration of 25 and 50 years married

Are you celebrating or have you celebrated your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary this year? If you have, or will be, please send your names to the Grand Knight, Giftus John or call him at 908-370-7760 with the details. We will present Certificates of Commendation from Supreme to all our brothers and their wives who have reached one of these milestones. Hoping to hear from you. Congratulations!!!

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

MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Wow...this is May...spring is here; the Knights annual convention at Wildwood is around the corner, and my term as Grand Knight, which once seemed far away, is but just a few months before it ends. Time really breezes along and we just have to cooperate and go along with it because no matter what we do, we cannot make it go any faster or slow it down.

As one individual who honestly does not love "the cold," or winter, I always look forward to the warmer days of spring. It is a time when I get the opportunity to do much of what I love doing outdoors-planting my garden, most of all. However, it also brings out the beauty that surrounds us all...the beautiful flowers that line our streets, grow in our yards and along the roads we travel every day. Yes, I know that those of us who suffer from allergies see it in a different light, but as the old adage goes..."Nothing comes without a price." What was dead rises and gives us hope for the future, just as we experienced during the Easter season. Christ died for our sins but he arose on Easter Sunday to give us hope.

As I mentioned previously, the annual convention will be held in Wildwood from the 19th-20th at the Wildwood Convention center. I have been with council 4504 almost every year at the Adventurer Hotel for the three days of fun, fellowship and relaxation, but as Grand Knight, I will have the privilege of representing the council at the business meeting for the first time. I am honored to be our council's representative, together with PGK, Gregory Henn, and to be counted among the many other brothers of Council 4504 and the many other brothers from other councils, who will meet to conduct business on behalf of our councils.

To all who have signed up to be at Wildwood, I hope we have another wonderful time and make the best of the opportunity given to us to gather in a relaxed and friendly situation.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank the Columbiettes who worked so tirelessly towards making the Tricky Tray a reality. They spent long days and nights, working on baskets, boxes, gifts...everything that they could put together to make this a reality.

It is usually not the best thing to single out individuals but I hope that every one of you will allow me this once to recognize Chris Burlew, Gina Zangari, Dianne Lupo, Mary Kate Pascullo, Fran Carcione and the other ladies who worked together; volunteering their time and talents for our good. My sincerest thanks ladies and all the sisters of the Columbiettes...(Gift baby!!!!!!)

Blessings to all and let us continue to keep working together for the betterment of all our members and our community as a whole...because we will always be...Those Men They Call Knights...ready to help our less fortunate and be of service to our church and our community.

Thank You,
Giftus John - Grand Knight.

Happy
Mother's
Day



The Hail Mary



The first prayer most Catholic children learn is the Hail Mary. It is the most beloved prayer to Our Lady, and the prayer Catholics say most often. No one can count how many millions of Hail Marys rise up to Heaven every day. Yet in spite of its popularity, it took centuries for this much-loved prayer to develop.

“Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,” is the Archangel Gabriel’s greeting to Mary at the Annunciation (Luke 1:28).

“Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,” is St. Elizabeth’s exclamation of joy when Mary came to visit her (Luke 1:42). These two sentences said together were the whole Hail Mary for over one thousand years.

Sometime in the 13th century it became to the custom to add the Holy Name of Jesus to the phrase, “and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.” By the 15th century Catholics had added the last half of the prayer, “Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.” Pope St. Pius V formally approved the complete Hail Mary in 1566, and Catholics have been reciting it this way ever since.

The Annunciation heralds the beginning of our salvation. By Mary’s obedient FIAT (Let it Be), the earth has become heaven. “In Jesus, God has placed , in the midst of barren, despairing mankind, a new beginning which is not a product of human history but a gift from above” (Pope Benedict XVI). All that our heart cries out for become Flesh in Mary’s womb. When we repeat the words of the angel by praying the Hail Mary, the Word of God germinates in our soul. Christianity is this never-ending event of encounter with God made present in the maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. - *The Magnificat*

FORTY CANS FOR LENT

Council 4504 would like to thank all who contributed towards our 40 Cans for Lent campaign. We collected close to 100 pounds of food that will be donated to Sister Ann’s Pantry at St. Michael’s Church. We are appreciative of your care and concern for our less fortunate of our community and look forward to your continued support as we undertake future activities for our fellow brothers and sisters and continue something that Sr. Ann was very passionate about.

Thanks again, everyone.



Knight of the Month

May 2017

Tom Dudek



The Knight of the month for May 2017 is a real “behind the scenes” member. Tom Dudek has spent many hours a month for several years producing the “Knight Digest” which is our council’s news lifeline. Tom also created and maintains our council website. He devotes countless hours a year to keeping us all informed of council activities.

Tom grew up in Avenel and Clark where he attended St. John’s elementary school and Arthur L. Johnson High School. He then attended Kean University where he earned a Master’s Degree in Elementary Education/ Math and Science. Tom then attained certification as a Computer Programmer from the Cit-tone Institute. He is employed as a project manager at Emblem Health.

Tom and his wife of 36 years, Irene have four children, Jason, Jennifer, Matthew and Mark and two precious grandsons, Wesley and Charlie. Tom and Irene are parishioners of Holy Spirit Church in Union where Tom volunteers as an usher, and also created and maintains the parish website. In their free time, Tom and Irene enjoy ballroom dancing.

Tom Dudek has shown a true commitment to our council and his parish. For all that he does he is truly deserving of recognition as Knight of the Month. Congratulations Tom!

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summer months. Work is progressing, albeit slowly, but Joe Marateo and his dedicated team are pushing on, hoping to have everything ready by the Memorial Day weekend. However, we need more support from our brothers if we have to achieve the desired result by then and we call on all brothers to give at least an hour or two on Saturdays so we can achieve our goal.

We expect to have our annual pool mass to open the pool and we pray that you will join us. Our chaplain, Fr. Bob Wolfec will celebrate the mass.

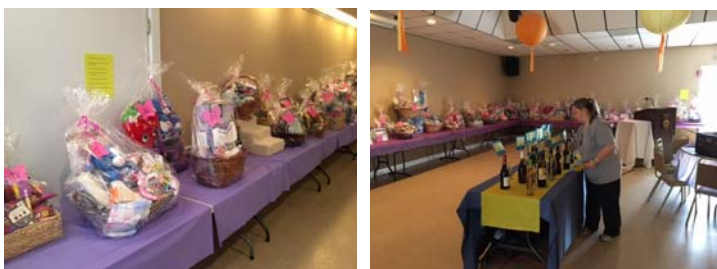


Successful Tricky Tray

A sold out crowd participated in the Columbian/Columbiettes Tricky Tray held on Saturday, April 22 at the Council hall. Excited and exuberant winners, including Grand Knight, Giftus John, walked away with over three hundred prizes, most of which were donated by businesses and individuals.

Dubbed, "Raise the Roof," the event was held in an effort to raise urgently needed funds to help replace the roof of the building that is in dire need of repairs. In a twist of irony, one table had to be repositioned when drops of water started dripping to the floor from the roof...I guess "drops of blessings!" The Columbiettes and members of the Columbian club worked feverishly the past few months and their hard work and dedication paid off.

A debt of gratitude to all the members of the Columbiettes, with Dianne Lupo at the helm, for taking the lead and making it the success that it turned out to be. Thank YOU each one of you. We sincerely appreciated your commitment to making the event the success that it turned out to be. It was a fun night and a great night, too. We also thank all our patrons for their participation and enthusiasm and their cooperation throughout the night, and thank all those who contributed in any way towards the success of the event. All in all, a great night, all around!



Sir Knights

Two brother knights, of Council 4504, have now earned the honor to be addressed as Sir Knights. Chris "Big G" Cancellieri and Robert "Sprinkles" Pynckels, together with knights from other councils, participated in the Fourth Degree exemplification that took place at the Sheraton Hotel in Parsippany on Sunday, 23 April. Grand Knight Giftus John and District Deputy Alex Costa, were present to welcome a beaming Chris and Pyncks, at the end of the ceremony.

Council 4504 congratulates Sir Knights Cancellieri and Pynckels on their achievement and we hope that other brother knights, who have not yet attained the rank of fourth degree, will follow the example of Chris and Robert.



Knights Family Dinners

The next family dinner is scheduled for **May 18th**.

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.

Swim Club News

Reminder, please mail your new pool or renewal applications to Jim Ford, 1488 Burnet Avenue, Union, NJ 07083.

The pool officially opens with a mass on Saturday, May 27th at 11am (poolside). You can pick up your pool badges over Memorial Day weekend at the Gatehouse.





MOTHERS

DAY

BRUNCH

MAY 14TH 2017

11:00 am to 1:00 pm

\$25 Adult / \$20 Senior

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14 Mother's Day Brunch - 11:00 AM	15 Swim Club Mtg.	16	17	18 Knight's Family Dinner 6:30 PM	19	20
WILDWOOD CONVENTION						
21	22 Council Mtg. 8:10 PM Council Elections	23 4th Degree Assembly	24 2nd Degree	25 Columbian Club	26	27 Pool Opening Mass - 11 AM
28	29 Memorial Day Parade	30	31	<p><i>"It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather we should thank God such men lived" — George S. Patton</i></p>		