



# Knight Digest



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December 2013

## Calendar of Events

### December

December 3rd .....Nativity Blessing  
December 7th ..... Bus Trip to NYC  
December 8th ..... Camp Fatima Christmas Party  
December 9th .....Council Christmas Dinner  
December 20th .....Annual Bring-A-Dish  
December 22nd ..... Breakfast with Santa

### January

January 12th .....Blood Drive  
January 16th ..... Family Dinner  
January 25th ..... Chili Cook-Off

### February

February 2nd ..... Super Bowl  
February 8th ..... Camp Fatima Valentine Dance  
February 20th ..... Family Dinner

### March

March 20th ..... Family Dinner

### April

April 6th .....Breakfast with the Easter Bunny  
April 17th ..... Family Dinner  
April 18th ..... Good Friday - Council Closed

### May

May 15th ..... Family Dinner  
May 16th-18th .....State Convention  
May 24th ..... Poolside Mass  
May 26th ..... Memorial Day - Council Closed

### June

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

**Christmas Bus Trip to New York City**

On Saturday, December 7, 2013, the Council and Columbian Club will sponsor a bus trip into New York City to partake of the Christmas Season in the City.

The bus would depart from the Council at 12 noon and travel to Little Italy for a lunch (on your own) or Canal Street shopping. Bus will pick up at approximately 3 PM for a ride to Bryant Park for approximately 1 hour top over (there are a lot of kiosk shopping). Bus will pick us up at approximately 4:30 PM and got to the tree for an hour or so and leave NYC at approximately 6 PM to return to the Council.

For reservations and more details contact John Peters at JEP103@verizon.net or (908) 296-1638.

Cost: \$25.00 per person.

## **Annual Bring-A-Dish**

Friday night **December 20<sup>th</sup>** will be our annual "Bring-A-Dish" in our Lounge. All members are encouraged to bring a dish of something appetizing (wings, cheese and crackers or anything you and others will enjoy) and spend a relaxing evening with your fellow Knights. Come out for some good food and good cheer. The evening begins at 7 P.M.



## Knights Digest

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or via email to: [tomdudek@outlook.com](mailto: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

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*Deputy Grand Knight* ..... Ed McCormick  
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*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

To my Brother Knights and their families,

On behalf of myself, my family and Union Council 4504 I want to wish everyone a very Blessed, Joyous, and Merry Christmas, and an happy New Year.

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2:14

Let's make 2014 a great year at the Union Knights of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus,  
Steve

## Annual Christmas Dinner

This year's Christmas dinner meeting will be held on **December 9, 2013**. The business portion of the meeting will take place at 7:00 PM followed by a dinner, beer, wine and soda. Cost of the dinner is \$10.00. Charitable raffle drawing will also take place.

## Nativity Blessing

On **Tuesday, December 3, 2013** we will assemble at town hall at 7:15 PM for the Blessing and lighting of the Nativity. After we will return to the Council for the Blessing and lighting there. It is important that you come out and support the Nativity at town hall while we are still fortunate that Union Township allows us to setup on township property. There are many towns that do not allow any type of Religious symbols on public property.



## Swim Club News

Annual Swim Club Meeting will be held on Friday, January 17, 2014 at 7:30 pm. Directors positions will be available for nominations and will be voted on. If you have an interest in one of the positions please see either Jim Feehan or Joe Harbison. Light refreshments will be served at the end of the meeting.

The annual swim club renewals will be mailed out in early January. Please keep an look out for the announcement in the digest as well as in the mail. Last year, we welcomed 10 new families, keep spreading the word so that membership keeps increasing.



## CHILI COOK OFF



Cook-off date: Saturday, January 25, 2014

Come on all you closet chefs dust off your best chili recipes, make a batch and bring it to our annual chili cook off.



Entries will be judged and first place will not be a trip for two to Tahiti. Council bragging rights are at stake.

So make your best stuff and bring it or just stop by for a taste and a few laughs. More details to follow.

There will be a sign up sheet with the bartender. For more information see Tom Walsh or call him at 908-591-1279.

## 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.



**December 25, 2013**

January 26, 2014

March 2, 2014

April 6, 2014

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

December 2013



### Sr. Knight Frank Stochlinski



The Knight of the month for December 2013 is a gentleman who always steps up and says yes when the council has a need. Frank Stochlinski said yes this past summer when men were needed to renovate the bar. He spent the better of the whole summer working to give us what we have in there today. When a director for the Columbian Club was needed Frank said yes. When a Treasurer for the Columbian Club was needed a few months ago he again said yes and dove right into the job.

Frank has been a member of this council for many years but got really active a few years ago when he reached a point in life where he could give back. He has giving back in a big way; devoting countless hours to Council 4504. He has even begun tending bar recently. Frank grew up in Roselle Park and has lived there or in Union his entire life. He and his wife Pat currently reside in Union and are parishioners of The Church of the Assumption in Roselle Park. Frank and his son Steve took their fourth degree together in 2012.

Frank Stochlinski exemplifies what it means to be a Knight of Columbus. For that we are proud to name Sir Knight Frank Stochlinski the Knight of the month of December, 2013.

Congratulations Frank



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
Union Council #4504

— THE COUNCIL CHARITABLE FUND RAFFLE —

**1st Prize: ..... 40% GROSS SALES**  
**2nd - 5th Prize: .. 2-1/2% GROSS SALES**

**Drawing to be held DECEMBER 9th, 2013 – 9:00 P.M.**  
at the COUNCIL MEETING

*No substitution of the offered prize. Winner need not be present.*

**DONATION: \$10.00**

## ***COLUMBIAN CLUB NEWS***

What a year it has been!

We began in the spring with a massive cleanup of the destruction left behind by Super-storm Sandy. Fallen trees and a utility pole had to be removed, along with other debris and fallen electrical wires which were reinstalled underground.

The outside bar sustained roof damage that was repaired. We are now ready to begin normal spring cleanup out back. In addition to the roof repair, the outside bar received some TLC. The outside walls to the snack bar were painted, and the flower beds cleaned up. By Memorial Day, we were ready for the summer season.

Over the summer, the card room received a much needed facelift. The walls were painted and new ceiling tiles and carpeting were installed. We then tackled the inside bar. New ceiling tiles were installed, walls painted and a new floor installed. The green carpeting wrapped round the bar itself was replaced with ceramic tile. New bar stools are now in place, and three 60" TV's replaced the old sets we had.

With the help of the Columbiettes the ladies room by the front entrance received a makeover. The walls were painted, new ceiling tiles installed, and the ceramic tile floor was laid down. Come 2014, our focus will be the hall. Details to follow.



### ***Support the Boy Scouts of America Troop 68 Firewood Fundraiser***



Split by Union Troop 68 Scouts and Priced to Sell

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Two Cords \$400 plus delivery

If interested please contact Union 4504 Brother Knights  
Juan Diaz 917 921-2107 or Alex Rivera 908 410-2704.

## ***"A Winter's Night Out"***

**Featuring live music by "The Hammers"**

With Culinary Delights by  
Greg Henn & Steven Stochlinski

**When: January 18, 2014**

Where: Union Knights of Columbus, Council #4504  
1034 Jeanette Avenue  
Union, NJ 07083

Cost: \$20 per person, and \$35 per couple.  
Cash bar available.

RSVP by January 14, 2014, with limited tickets  
available at the door.

Steven Stochlinski @ 908-477-7133  
Frank Stochlinski @ 908-337-6198

## ***Applebees Breakfast with Santa Enjoy a Short Stack for a Tall Cause***

You are invited to an Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser  
to support the Township of Union  
Veteran's Alliance Memorial Day Parade Fund

Tickets are \$10.00  
Saturday, December 14, 2013  
8:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Applebees's of Union  
1721 Morris Avenue  
Union, NJ 07083

For tickets contact Peggy Gehrig 908-851-5291

Meals include: Pancake, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs  
and Beverage (Coffee, juice, soda or tea).

Ticket valid for pancake event only. Applebee's  
menu items are not included as part of purchase.



# Breakfast with Santa



Sunday, December 22, 2013  
10:30 AM

Knights of Columbus Union Council 4504  
1034 Jeanette Avenue  
Union, NJ



\$25 Reserved / \$30 Walk In - Family of 4 (2 Adults & 2 Children)

\$8 Reserved / \$10 Walk In each additional Adult

\$6 Reserved / \$8 Walk In each additional Child & Seniors

Bring a camera for pictures with Santa

Menu includes:

Eggs, Pancakes, Bacon, Sausage, Hash Browns, Bagels

Coffee & Juice

In addition: OUR FAMOUS OMELET STATION

Reservations Required / Limited Walk Ins

This Event Sells Out Quickly!



Please Call or Email:

Michael Willemse: 4504blast@gmail.com



Greg Henn: (908) 721-2094 clutch964@verizon.net,

\*\* Parents: Please bring a wrapped gift for Santa to give to your child (\$15.00 Max.) \*\*

**Knights of Columbus Columbian Club  
Operation Six PACK**

**Are you impressed with the new Council Bar?  
Have you seen the new Conference room enhancements?  
Did you enjoy the improvements to the picnic grove area?**

**We hope you did.**

**OUR Banquet Hall is in need of some Tender Loving care. The Columbian Club has put together a plan to up-grade OUR Banquet Hall.**

**Our plan is as follows:**

**Phase 1 In-side bar up-date approximate cost ..... \$200.00**

- a. Walls Tile and add Mirrors
- b. Floor re-placed with new tiles
- c. Paint other areas of the bar

**Phase 2: Ceiling approximate cost ..... \$4,000.00**

- a. Ceiling tile replacements
- b. Paint ceiling grid
- c. Repairing of recessed lights
- d. New projector screen
- e. Replace mirror ball

**Phase 3: Walls approximate cost ..... \$ 750.00**

- a. Removal of wall paper
- b. Re-pairing of walls
- c. Painting

**Phase 4: Floor approximate cost ..... \$7,000.00**

- a. Install industrial carpeting
- b. Install a wooden dance floor

**The council is asking for your support to help us rebuild our hall.**

**Please join Operation SIX PACK.**

**Your donation of \$5.00  
Will put you in the SIX PACK CLUB**

**Your donation of \$10.00  
Will put you in the HALF CASE CLUB**

**Your donation of \$20.00  
Will put you in the FULL CASE CLUB**

**All donors will be published in a future newsletter**

**Please see Jamie Zappulla or Joe Marateo for further details**

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