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## Degree Ceremonies Scheduled

Anyone who has yet to make their 2nd and/or 3rd Degree we have one of each coming in November.

**November 12th** will be the 2nd and **November 14th** the 3rd, all times are at 7:30pm.

If you have not been notified please contact Nick Belmonte at 908-447-1869 or via email NicksNabs@Verizon.net to confirm your attendance.

## Nativity Setup and Blessing



Brothers, it is getting close to that time of the year again. We will set up the Nativity at town hall on Morris Ave. on **Saturday December 1, 2012**. We will meet at 9:00 AM at the Council to transport the figures to town hall, and after the Nativity is setup there we will return to the Council to setup the Nativity there. Any and all help will be appreciated.

On **Tuesday December 4, 2012** we will assemble at town hall at 7:30 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.



## Annual Mass for Deceased Brother Knights



Union Knights of Columbus will hold their annual Mass offered for the Repose of the Souls of our deceased Brother Knights on **Sunday, November 4, 2012 at 9:00 AM** at St. Michael's Church.

An area of the Church will be reserved for us to sit as a group. Fourth Degree members should contact Andy Schopfer PGK Faithful Navigator JFK Assembly about Fourth Degree participation.

Following the Mass at approximately 10:30 AM we will sponsor a brunch in the cafeteria of St. Michael's School featuring various breakfast choices. Prices are \$9 for adults, \$7 for Seniors and children 6 - 12, and children under 6 are free.

In Memory of Our Deceased Brother Knights who passed since our last Memorial Mass November 2011.

Frederick L. Bittner	11/24/11	VET
Bernard J. Higgins	11/27/11	WWII
Andrew J. Mayer Sr.	12/04/11	WWII
Thomas A. Koscica	12/11/11	
Leonard J. Zehnbauer	01/22/12	
John M. LeCompte	01/29/12	
Peter J. Martin	02/01/12	
Edward Smith	02/12/12	
Joseph J. Busalucchi	02/24/12	
Clement E. McKeon	03/16/12	
William F. Fitzgerald	03/27/12	VET
Martin J. Farrell	04/10/12	
Walter J. Golda	04/12/12	
Frank J. Novak	04/12/12	
Nicolas A. Oriolo	06/28/12	
Michael Kirk	07/02/12	
Stanley "Steve" Wayne	07/10/12	WWII
Charles J. Pulcine Jr.	08/29/12	
Frederick J. Bittner	10/15/12	
World War II Veteran		WWII
Veteran		VET

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## Council Officers

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*Columbian Club President* ..... Mike Loguidice  
*Swim Club President* ..... Allen Pascullo  
*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

Well, the calendar year is drawing to a close. This is our November Digest and I would be remiss in my duties if I didn't write an article about giving Thanks.

This November we have ALL SAINTS DAY, ALL SOUL'S DAY, ELECTION DAY, VETERAN'S DAY, and of course THANKSGIVING DAY. With All Saints Day we can be thankful for those who have attained the beatific vision in Heaven. With All Soul's Day we can be thankful for those who have passed on in God's grace. I will refrain from jokes about Election Day but I will be thankful for all those who do their civil duty and get out and vote! Do I even need to expound upon the importance of this day? How can a day go by where we shouldn't be thankful for our veterans, those fallen and those still with us. And the grand-daddy of them all, Thanksgiving. A day we use to celebrate ALL we are thankful for.

I feel many of us have our lives filled with blessing after blessing even if it may not seem so at times. We are all still around to read this article. We live in the greatest country in the world. We live in the Great State of New Jersey and we have a Council that could not be replicated today.

Be thankful for your health. Be thankful for your family and enjoy them as much as possible, for one day we will only be able to be thankful for their memories or them for your memory. Be thankful to the men and women of our armed forces for they allow us to live in this country as we do and enjoy the freedoms that we have. Be thankful for our council, a place that has allowed neighbors to become friends and friends to become family. A place that have seen your families grow and a place that has seen your children grow up and a place that will allow the next generation to enjoy the same.

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 of the Month***

***November 2012***



**Airman First Class Ryan O'Grady - US Air Force**  
**Airman Daniel Tatge - US Air Force**  
**Commander Harold Laroche - US Navy**

One of the four core principles of the Knights of Columbus is Patriotism and at the Union Knights we have the utmost respect for all those who serve our Country in our Military. Those who serve do so unselfishly and all of us receive the benefit of their service to our Country. Every year on the 11th of November we honor all our Veterans on Veteran's Day. Veteran's Day was originally called Armistice Day and was intended to remember the end of World War I which officially ended at the eleventh hour, of the eleventh day, of the eleventh month of 1918. After World War II the name of the holiday was changed to Veteran's Day in the United States to honor all Veterans of our Armed Forces. And so in the Spirit of Veteran's Day we are naming our Brother Knights at Union Council 4504 who are presently serving actively in our Armed Forces.

### **Airman First Class Ryan O'Grady - US Air Force**



Ryan O'Grady was born in Livingston, NJ and attended the Union School system until high school when he attended and graduated from St. Peter's Preparatory School in Jersey City, NJ. He then attended Ramapo College. He was an avid and skilled baseball player throughout his high school and college years.

Ryan made his decision to join the United States Air Force and graduated at the top of his class from Basic Training (Boot Camp) at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas in June 2011. After Boot camp he attended school in Texas for his specialty of Power Production, which is a division of Civil Engineering. He is currently a Power Production Journeyman and is stationed at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland.

Ryan made his First Degree in 2009, but he grew up at the Union Council. His father Dennis is a long time member of our Council, and along with his mother Adele and his sister Erin, Ryan attended various family events at our Council over the years, and spent summers at our Swim Club. Ryan along with his family are Parishioners at Holy Spirit Church in Union, NJ.

### **Airman Daniel Tatge - US Air Force**



Daniel Tatge, known as Dan around the Council was born in Escondido, CA where he attended and graduated from Mission Hills High Scholl and Palomar College, both in San Marcos, CA. He then moved east to Union, NJ to live with his Aunt Nancy and Uncle Joe Harbison in order to attend the Union County College Fire Fighter and EMT Program. While living with them, his Uncle Joe sponsored him into the Knights of Columbus where Joe is a long time member.

Before deciding to join the United States Air Force, Dan became a certified EMT and Volunteer Fire Fighter. He just graduated in the top of his class from Basic Training (Boot Camp) at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas this past September, and he is currently training at Goodfellows Air Force Base in San Angelo, TX for his specialty in Fire Protection.

Dan made his First Degree in 2011. Before leaving for the Air Force, Dan was always helping out at our Council working at Swim Club work parties, Tricky Tray runner, and server at our Annual Nuns and Widows Dinner. He also was a member of our Council's Softball team. Besides his Aunt Nancy and Uncle Joe, Dan's family includes his parents, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles and 22 first cousins.

### **Commander Harold Laroche - US Navy**



Commander Harold I. Laroche, MD was born on May 29, 1956 and is the eldest of five children. He was raised in a Catholic household with parents who stressed education.

Harold attended NYU as a Biology/Chemistry major and upon graduation continued on to medical school at the University of Pennsylvania. Upon graduation he fulfilled his National Health commitment as the Medical Director of an HIV clinic in Ponce, Puerto Rico. While living in PR, Harold earned his MBA from the Catholic University in Ponce.

At this time Harold began his military career in the US Naval Reserves following the lead of his brother who was actively serving in the US Air Force.

After seven years of service in PR, Harold returned to NJ to complete his medical specialty, Family Medicine, as Chief Resident at JFK Hospital completion of his residency he enlisted as an active member of the US Navy. Presently, Harold is deployed on the USS Kearsage and his tour of duty will be completed in 2013.

Harold is married to his wife Sharon of 30 years and, they have four children. Rachelle, Phillip, Alex, and Marcus. Harold and his family reside in Union, NJ and are parishioners at St. Michael's Church.

Harold made his Degrees in 1998, and is committed to his family, the care of others, Catholic values, and service his country.

Union Knights of Columbus are proud to name Ryan O'Grady, Daniel Tatge, and Harold Laroche as our Knights of the Month for November 2012.





## *Council Blood Drive*

Sunday, January 13, 2013

8:00 am to 2:00 pm.



*Much Appreciated!*



Our Thanks to Brother Ron Giameo for continuing with his labor of love. That labor is helping maintain the statue of the blessed Mary in front of our council. Ron just finished trimming the rose bushes that adorn our statue and planted some mums at the feet of the statue. The area has a small bench where you are invited to pray or simply sit and reflect.

### *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.

#### **December 9, 2012**

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.

### *Communion Weekends*

Brothers all, as you know a council's good works and charitable activities are a key to its success. The more events or wider outreach a council has each year in its parish and community, the more lives it touches, the more members it keeps engaged, and the more prospective members it attracts.

For generations, Knights of Columbus have served their communities. The efforts of council members united in charity and fraternity are a testament to our Catholic faith. This is how charity evangelizes, which is our mission and way of life.

Keeping that in mind, I would like to remind one and all about November's COMMUNION WEEKENDS.

**November 25th:** Order Wide Corporate Communion Weekends:

**I would like to invite ALL council members (and their families) to attend Mass and receive Communion as a group during the Solemnity of Christ the King.**

I would like to suggest all Brothers and their families who attend **HOLY SPIRIT** make a concerted effort to **attend the 9:00am Mass**

I would like to suggest all Brothers and their families who attend **ST. MICHAEL'S** make the same effort to **attend the 9:00am Mass**

I think this would be a great way to show our churches, our priests and our fellow parishioners that the Knights are more than a lounge or a BBQ but we have not forgotten our Catholic roots.

### *Welcome New Brother Knights*

Union Knights of Columbus 4504 would like to welcome our new Brother Knights who made their First Degree on October 22, 2012.

**Left to Right:** Jason Jannicelli, Charles Eluwa, Matt Prano, Steven Bracciodieta, and Peter Amalu.



### *Feast of St. Lorenzo Ruiz*

Alex Costa - GK, Father Nol - Chaplin and Brother Ron Salamat at the Feast of St. Lorenzo Ruiz (The First Filipino Martyr/Saint who was killed for refusing to leave Japan and renounce his Roman Catholic beliefs during the persecution of Japanese Christians under the Tokugawa Shogunate in the 17th century) on Sunday September 23, 2012 at St. Michael's Church. There was a nice fellowship social right after the Mass. Nick Belmonte was also in attendance and gave an invitational speech to those in attendance.

### *All 4504 Veterans Thanks for your Service*

The Union Council would like to invite all our Brother Knights at 4504 who served in our Military to join us on **Sunday November 11, 2012 at 2:00 PM**, to celebrate Veterans' Day and to honor your Service to our Country.

All members of 4504 who served in any branch of Service, including Reserves and National Guard at any period are invited to attend, along with their families. To help us better plan refreshments, please contact Deputy Grand Knight Steve Nagy care of Union Knights of Columbus 4504 1034 Jeanette Ave. Union, NJ 07083, email him at [toys4504@aol.com](mailto:toys4504@aol.com) or call (908) 688-6783.

All Council members are also invited to join us in thanking our Veterans for their Service to our Country.



**Left to Right:** GK Alex Costa, DGK Steve Nagy, Diana Vrettos and John Olivio from Burnet Middle School Special Education Dept.



### *Checks from SCD Drive*

Union Knights of Columbus 4504 presented checks from the proceeds of our SCD Drive last spring to representatives of the Burnet Middle School Special Education Dept. for their Christmas party for their students in December, and Camp Fatima for their summer camp for their special campers.

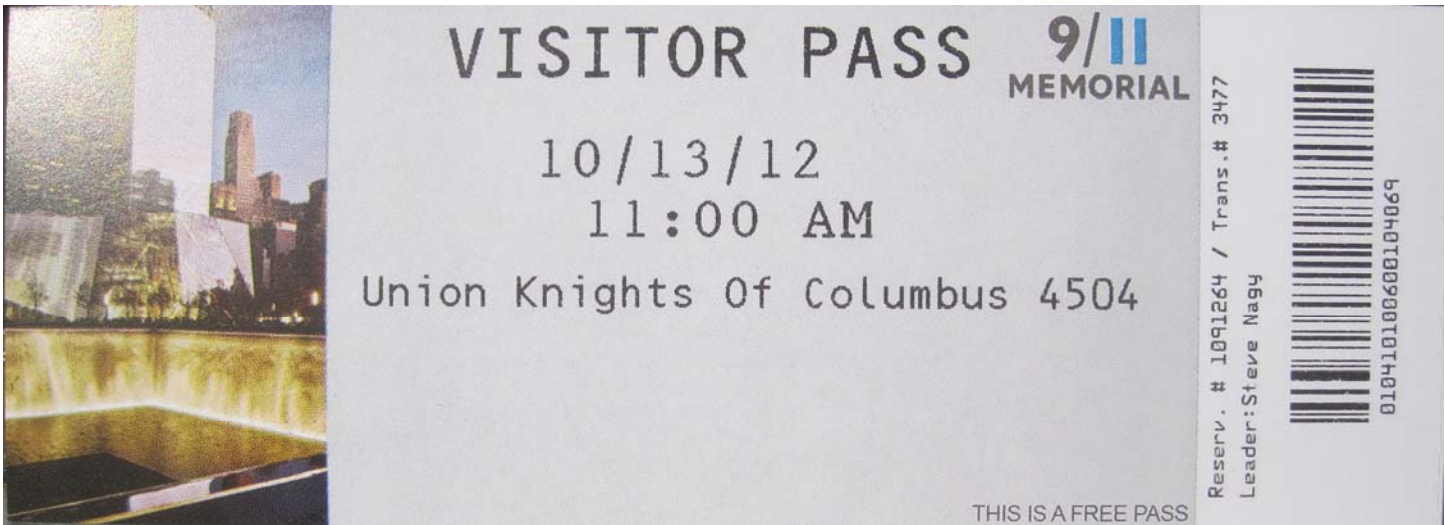


**Left to Right:** - GK Alex Costa, Mike Peter PGK, DGK Steve Nagy, and representing Camp Fatima Sister Ann Dominic, Christopher Stummer, Paul Murphy, and William Mallone.









On Saturday October 13, 2012 a group of from Union Knights of Columbus visited the National 9/11 Memorial in New York, NY. Prior to going to the 9/11 Memorial they also toured St. Paul's Church, which is adjacent to the World Trade Center site, and it served as a place of rest and refuse for the recovery workers at the WTC site after the 9/11 attack. The 9/11 Memorial is a place of remembrance and quiet reflection about the attack on the WTC on September 11, 2001.

**One and all, I came across this and wanted to submit a paraphrased version because I think it is worth a reminder.**

### ***ALL I REALLY NEED TO KNOW I LEARNED IN KINDERGARTEN***

All I really need to know about how to live and what to do and how to be I learned in kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate school mountain, but there in the sand pile at school.

These are the things I learned:

- ☒ Share everything.
- ☒ Play fair.
- ☒ Don't hit people.
- ☒ Put things back where you found them.
- ☒ Clean up your own mess.
- ☒ Don't take things that aren't yours.
- ☒ Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody.
- ☒ Flush.
- ☒ Live a balanced life.

Everything you need to know is in there somewhere. The Golden Rule and love and basic sanitation. Ecology and politics and equality and sane living.

Take any one of those items and extrapolate it into sophisticated adult terms and apply it to your family life or your work or government or your world and it holds true and clear and firm. Think what a better world it would be if we all - the whole world - If we all lived life a little more like this. Or if all governments had as a basic policy to always put things back where they found them and to clean up their own mess.

### ***GUESTS MUST SIGN IN!***

Folks, remember we as a council need to abide by the rules of the A.B.C. and the A.B.C. states:

The only other group that may be sold or served alcohol by the licensee are guests of bona fide members. Each club member is permitted nine guests on the premises at any one time. These guests must be invited to the club licensed premises by an individual bona fide member of the club and sponsored by and personally attended by the member at the premises.

So if you are not a card carrying member of the Knights then you must sign in.

Your "host" must be on the premises and if your host leaves then his guest must leave.

Please, help us stay compliant and make sure you sign in and sign in correctly when you visit our lounge. Thank you.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>"Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our thanksgiving." - W.T. Purkiser</i>				1 ALL SAINTS DAY	2 ALL SOULS DAY	3
4 Annual Mass for Deceased Brothers	5 Officer's Mtg.	6	7	8	9	10
11 Veteran's Day Celebration	12 2nd Degree Council Mtg.	13	14 3rd Degree	15 Knights Family Dinner	16	17
18	19 Swim Club Mtg.	20	21	22 Thanksgiving Day 	23	24
25	26 Council Mtg.	27	28 4th Degree Assembly	29	30	<b>December 1</b>  Nativity Setup at Town Hall and Council - 9am Any assistance would be welcomed!