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Calendar of Events

December

December 8th Council Christmas Dinner
December 9th Nativity Lighting
December 13th Bus Trip to NYC
December 14th Camp Fatima Christmas
December 18th Family Dinner
December 21st Breakfast with Santa

January

January 24th Free Throw Contest

February

February 1st Super Bowl Party
February 14th Valentine's Day
February 21st Winter's Night Out

FREE THROW BASKETBALL CONTEST



On **January 24, 2015**, Saturday morning from 8:30am to noon the Knights of Columbus will be conducting our annual free throw basketball competition. The location for this event will be at Connecticut Farms Elementary School. The gym entrance is towards the back of the school near there basketball area.

The competition is open to any boy or girl that will be the age of 9 or 14 prior to January 1, 2015. For further instructions please contact Mike Peter, Knights of Columbus Program Director at 908-759-3588 or email mikepeter46@yahoo.com.



GOAT DRIVE



Clean out your closets, Help the less fortunate, It's gonna be a cold winter this year. Union Council 4504 is doing a coat drive! We have a collection box just inside the council. All gently used coats are appreciated. Men's, women's, boys and girls. Every coat will help.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE UP-COMING EVENTS



New Year's Eve
Super Bowl Party
Valentine's Day
A Winter's Night Out - Part Two

See Page 4 for further details!

NATIVITY LIGHTING



The Township Committee of Union is continuing the tradition of allowing the Knights of Columbus to erect a Nativity in front of Town Hall on Morris.

We will hold our annual Nativity lighting on the evening of **Tuesday, December 9th** before the Township Committee meeting. The lighting will be accompanied by a brief prayer service. Please take a few minutes out of your evening and come over to Town Hall to show your appreciation to the Township Committee.

Only by a show of strength in numbers can we defeat the forces which are working to secularize or eliminate the celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

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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.

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Swim Club President..... Joe Marateo, PGK
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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

My Brother Knights at the Union Knights of Columbus,

As we celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ on Christmas Day this seems like a good time to remind you, my brother knights, of the first three principles of our order; Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

Charity means not merely the giving of funds but being charitable with your time and assistance toward your families, your church, your community and those in need. The Christmas season is a wonderful time to be charitable.

Unity is the joining together of we brothers. If you think of us as strands of thread one of us can be easily broken but if we join together as in a rope nothing and no one can break us. There are forces at work in the world trying to marginalize or eliminate our faith and the expression of it. If we unite we can defeat those forces and continue to follow our traditions as we have for generations.

Fraternity is giving your brothers the benefit of the doubt and giving your brothers preference over others all things being equal. Do not be hasty in judging brothers. Walk around in their shoes before you render judgment. We are a community of Catholic men supporting each other.

Union Council ran very successful 2nd and 3rd degrees on November 19th and 21st. Seven men from Union Council became 3rd degree members along with nine from other councils. We received many compliments from the State team who ran the third degree about how well organized we were and how great the hall looked and how good the food was. We have a good thing going on at Union Council. Please come out to our meetings, degrees and events and keep the momentum going.

Lastly, I want to wish my brothers and their families a Blessed and Merry Christmas.

Vivat Jesus
Ed McCormick





Knights of Columbus #4504
Cordially Invites You to Our

Breakfast with Santa

December 21
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

1034 Jeanette Ave.
Union, NJ 07083

*Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Pancakes, Home Fries, Omelet Station, Coffee, Tea,
Hot Chocolate, Juice*

*Advanced Tickets: \$25 for Family of 4 (2 adults/2 children)
 \$8 adults
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Mike Willemse & Kevin Gongob at
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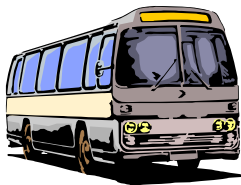
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CHRISTMAS BUS TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY



On **Saturday, December 13, 2014** the Council and Columbian Club will sponsor a bus trip to New York City to partake of the Christmas Season.

The bus will depart from the Council at 11 AM sharp and travel to Little Italy for 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 stop over (there is a lot of kiosk shopping).

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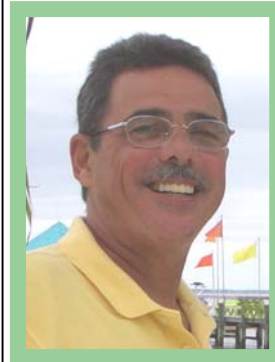
Profits will be shared by KOC Council 4504 and Columbian Club. For reservations and more details contact John Peters at JEPI03@verizon.net or (908) 296-1638.

Cost \$30.00 per person

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH
DECEMBER 2014



Mike Eger



Mike Eger has been a member of our council for 26 years. Mike lives in East Hanover with Nancy, his wife of 38 years. Their daughter Emily and son-in-law Kevin are the parents of Mike's grandson Luke.

Mike is no stranger to Union. He lived in Union and is a retired employee of the Township of Union. In his spare time Mike enjoys spending time with his grandson and playing a round of golf. He is also a Master Gardener.

In his years at the council Mike has been Digest Editor and has helped on many RCD drives, golf outings, and work party clean ups.

Mike is currently running Sister Ann's food pantry at St Michaels Parish. He has been a friend of Sister Ann for many years. Over the years, Mike has moved countless numbers of refrigerators and freezers in and out of the convent, trimmed shrubs on the parish grounds and helped transport food, for the needy all over town. Mike's willingness to take over the food pantry and continue Sister Ann's good work is what being a Knight of Columbus is all about.

COUNCIL CHRISTMAS DINNER

On **Monday, December 8th**, we will be having our annual Christmas dinner meeting. It will be catered by Mario's and will be \$20.00 per person.



NEW YEAR'S EVE



At this point in time it is anticipated that the Council Lounge will be open on New Year's Eve night. Panning is currently underway to have New Years Eve Party in the Hall with a DJ and catered food. Look for fliers posted around the Council. This will be a **Pre-sale** ticket event - no walk-ins and the Bar will be closed. If this is something that you would enjoy then start getting a table together now.

If the attendance is lacking and the event gets cancelled due to lack of interest, than an alternate plan is to have the bar open. Light snacks will be provided and we would then encourage all to bring your favorite dish as well - chili, lasagna, meatballs, cheese and crackers - something to share and enjoy with the rest of the celebrating crowd. Champagne will be provided to ring in the new year. There might even be party hats and noise makers!

SUPER BOWL PARTY THE TRADITION CONTINUES!!!



As usual, the Columbian Club will be putting on another fantastic, phenomenal some may say, Super Bowl Party in the Council Lounge and Hall on **February 1, 2015**. More details will be provided in the January Digest so put this one on your calendar. As usual, there will be plenty of snacks, cold and hot dishes, Large screen TV's, etc. Start getting your tables together now.

VALENTINE'S DAY FEBRUARY 14, 2015



The Columbian Club is in the initial stages of planning a very special event for couples on Valentine's Day. This will be a fine dining and music event and all tickets must be purchased in advance so that plans for the special menu can be made. Entertainment will be provided and we are still considering what would be best in order to round out an evening of hors d'oeuvres, a special meal, deserts, wines (yes, beer and mixed drinks as well) and whatever else we can think of to ensure a very special and memorable event. More details will be provided in future Digests.

RETURN OF A WINTER'S NIGHT OUT PART TWO"

Based on the wild success this event enjoyed last year, there are rumblings, not quite a ground-swell yet, that we should do something very similar this year. **February 21, 2015** is the targeted date for this event. The Columbian Club already had this date scheduled for some type of an event, so you should pencil this date on your calendar whatever it turns out to be - it will turn out to be fun no matter what, and we would like for you to be part of this event. Those whom attended last year's Winter's Night Out will be able to tell you what you missed back then, so do not miss out this year.

COLUMBIAN CLUB NEWS

The back grove and Pool are all buttoned up for the Winter. It was a pretty darned good Summer and we hope that you enjoyed some or all of what was offered for you: Pool, Snack Stand, Tiki Bar; Picnic Grove, Playground, Barbeque Grills, Basketball Court, Bocce, Horse-shoes. Spring is really not all that far off and we will be asking for help to open up the grounds; The help has not been forthcoming and your help is really, really needed. One day, a couple hours, whatever you can give would be truly appreciated.

You should know that the Hall renovation is just about complete and it looks wonderful. Finishing touches are being completed on the newly painted walls and color scheme. The new ceiling was completed earlier in the Summer. Take a look the next time you are here either for a Council Meeting, a Degree, a party or a Columbian Club event (see below). We continue to make improvements at the Council for our members, in the Pool, Snack Stand, Hall, Playground, Grove, but you have to be here to enjoy them. Come to some, come to all of our events, but at least try to come to one and see what you have available.

CHARITABLE RAFFLE

The final charitable raffle for 2014 will be selected at the Christmas Dinner meeting on **Monday, December 8th** in the Council Hall. If you have not received a ticket in the mail, please contact Past Grand Knight Andy Schopfer at 973-548-7243. If you would like to be added to the mailing list, please send a note to the website, or to Andy at Aschopfer@verizon.net.

These raffles are a vital part of the Council's ability to continue its charitable efforts, and your continuing support is most appreciated.

Andy Schopfer, PGK
Raffle Coordinator

SWIM CLUB NEWS

The Columbian Swim Club annual meeting will be on Friday, **January 16th** at 7:30 pm. More information will be mailed out to the members in early January.

Swim Club renewals will also be mailed out in January, if you do not receive one please email Jim Ford at jford1488@comcast.net.



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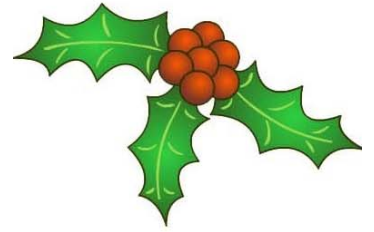
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The warmth of home, the love of family and
the company of good friends.

Have a blessed and meaningful Christmas!

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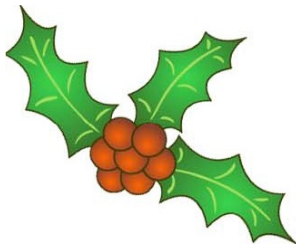
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	1 Council Officer's Meeting	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Council Christmas Dinner	9 Nativity Lighting	10	11	12	13 Christmas Bus Trip 11a - 6p 
14 Camp Fatima Christmas	15	16	17 Swim Club Meeting	18 Family Dinner 6:30p - 8:30p	19	20
21 Children's Christmas Breakfast 9a - 12p	22 Council Meeting 8:10p	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas 	26	27
28	29	30	31 New Years Eve 			