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October 2013

Upcoming Events

October

October 5th..... Past Grand Knights Dinner
 October 5-6th..... Food Drive
 October 5-6th..... Membership Drive
 October 12-13th..... Food Drive
 October 12-13th..... Membership Drive
 October 17th..... Family Dinner
 October 25th..... Kids Halloween Party
 October 27th..... Tailgate Party

November

November 1st All You Can Eat Beef Steak Dinner
 November 17th..... Memorial Mass and Brunch

Raffle Winner

At the conclusion of the recent Family Picnic, we pulled the winning tickets for the charitable raffle. Congratulations to Edward Ortiz of Elizabeth who won the first prize of \$1408.00. The four runners up, Anthony D'Elia, Genevieve Raudonis, Josephine Dukes, and Tom Conte each won payments of \$88.00. Thanks to all who bought tickets, as these periodic drawings are a significant source of revenue to support the Council's charitable endeavors.

The next drawing will be held on **Monday, December 9th**, at the Council's Christmas Dinner meeting. If you are not currently receiving tickets through the mail, but would like to do so, please contact Past Grand Knight Andy Schopfer at Aschopfer@verizon.net or by calling (908) 265-7895.

Holy Spirit Raffle

Holy Spirit Church is conducting a Super 50/50 to celebrate its 50th anniversary. Tickets are \$10.00 a piece and the total prize will be determined on November 1 when the lucky winning ticket will be pulled.

Contact PGK Andy Schopfer (908) 265-7895 if you are interested in purchasing tickets.

Soccer Challenge Results

Union Council held the first ever soccer challenge on Saturday September 14th, 2013 over at Conlon Field. There were 24 entrants with 5 medal winners advancing to the states in October.

Congratulations go to the following:

- 12 year old girls – Gisella Kalil
- 11 year old girls – Kimberly Hamlin
- 11 year old boys – Gabriel Suarez
- 10 year old boys – Pedro Vale
- 10 year old girls - Natalie Aguiar



We'd also like to thank the following for their help in making this possible, Steve Haggerty, Kevin Gongobob, Juan Diaz, Mike Peter, George Gaydos, John Esposito, Andy Schopfer as well as Union Soccer for the use of the field.

Fun Fact



There is one brother who has held every officer position except Inside Guard in Union Council.
 Hint: He's been our Financial Secretary for the last 17 years.

Past Grand Knights Dinner



On **Saturday October 5th** we will be holding our annual Past Grand Knight's Dinner for Alex Costa. The evening will begin at 7 P.M. with a Cocktail Hour featuring a delectable assortment of hors d'oeuvres, followed by presentations to our Past Grand Knight, dinner, dancing and an open bar. Tickets for the evening's festivities are only \$25.00 per person (\$50.00 a couple). Reservation must be made by Wednesday, October 2nd so that we may properly order food. Please call Buddy Cotter, PGK at 908-447-3378 or Ed McCormick 973-650-7643 for reservations.

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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.

Council Officers

Chaplain..... Rev. Ranulfo D. Docabo
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Deputy Grand Knight..... Ed McCormick
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Warden Giftus John
Recorder..... Michael Willemse
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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

Brother Knights at Union Council 4504,

It is hard to believe how quickly this Columbian year is going by. We started our new Columbian year in July and it seems as if it was just yesterday. As we are now entering October and are a quarter through the year, I would like to start off by thanking everyone who has worked so hard around our Council. Thank you to the Committee for our Family Picnic, our cooks, and everyone who worked to make the Picnic a great success again this year. Special thanks to everyone who worked so hard all summer to redo the inside bar, card room and ladies room, the end results of your hard work and talents are really impressive. Thanks to those who helped to keep Sister Ann's September Blood Drive going, and to all those who donated blood. Thanks to the Brothers who ran our first Soccer Challenge. As you can see there was a lot happening around our Council.

As we enter into October we continue to have a lot going on, and we need everyone to pitch in and help out. Over the first two weekends we are holding Membership Drives and Food Drives that we need Brother Knights to come out and help to make them successful. On October 5th, please join us at the past Grand Knight's Dinner honoring our Immediate Past Grand Knight Alex Costa. Come and enjoy the Columbian Club's Tailgate Party on Sunday October 27th, and eat all the Beefsteak that you can on Friday November 1st. Help is still needed to pack and distribute the food packages for Sister Ann's Pantry.

Remember that you only get from the Knights of Columbus and our Council what you put into them. Please attend our monthly Council meetings and actively participate in them. Not only attend our events and activities, but help in planning and running them. We need everyone to get involved and make Union Council the best it can be.

Vivat Jesus,
Steve Nagy
Grand Knight 2013-14



Columbian Club Tailgate party



Date: Sunday October 27, 2013

Cost: \$25.00 per person

Giants bus and Jets Hurst will be there. Beer, Hot Dogs, Burgers, Chili and Sausage and Peppers. Bring your own huggie. Contact Jamie Zappulla for details 908-380-9155.



We will be collected outside of Shop Rite in Union on October 5th, 6th, 12th and 13th. Collection times are 9am - 11 am, 11am - 1pm, 1pm - 3pm. Please contact Gregory Henn 908-721-2094 for info or to volunteer to collect food or make a donation.

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.

October 13, 2013

November 17, 2013

December 25, 2013

January 26, 2014

March 2, 2014

April 6, 2014

May 11, 2014

June 15, 2014



You help is greatly appreciated!

Contact:

Charlie Cunningham at 908-419-2310 or

Nick Belmonte at 908-447-1869

Upcoming Degrees

Monday - October 28, 2013 - First Degree

Wednesday - November 13, 2013 - Second Degree

Friday - November 22, 2013 - Third Degree

Sign in for all Degrees at 7:30 PM.

Degrees start at 8:00 PM

Please contact Membership Director Nick Belmonte or Grand Knight Steve Nagy if you know of candidates for the First Degree, or if you need to make your Second or Third Degrees.

Knight of the Month



October 2013

Greg Jones



The Knight of the month for October 2013 is a true behind the scenes worker. Greg Jones is a local CPA who handles accounting duties for all three organizations housed within Union Council. He is the Swim Club Treasurer; he writes all the checks for the Columbian Club and prepares tax returns for the Swim Club, Columbian Club and Council. Greg quietly performs his yeoman tasks with no fanfare. He has also been known to help in the kitchen and sponsor various food oriented events.

Greg is a partner in the firm of Hopler & Jones here in Union. He attended Rutgers University and has been a CPA for several years. He and his wife Luisa and daughter Allison reside in Elizabeth and are parishioners of St. Theresa's Church in Kenilworth.

Greg truly exemplifies what a Knight of Columbus is supposed to be. For all that he does we are proud to name Greg Jones Knight of the month of October, 2013.

Congratulations Greg



International Dinner at St. Michael's Parish

On **Saturday October 26, 2013** after the 5:30 PM Mass, St. Michael's Parish will, once again, celebrate their unity as a parish by bringing and sharing various multicultural dishes.

Please reserve this date and join them in this annual gathering of St. Michael parishioners.

Volunteer-members are needed for various committees to help plan and prepare this celebration.

Kindly contact Frs. Nol or Luke to have your name be counted and listed.

All You Can Eat Beefsteak Dinner

Sponsored by Union Council #4504



Catered by
THE BROWNSTONE
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Friday, November 1, 2013
7:00 PM

Includes:

Brownstone Unlimited Sliced Beef Tenderloin
Italian Cold Antipasto
Penne Rigati Tomato Sauce & Mostaccioli Rigati
Golden Beefsteak French Fries

New York Cheese Cake
Soda, Coffee & Tea

Tickets are \$42.00 Per Person

Cash Bar Available

Fund Raising with TD Bank

Union Council 4504 has joined TD Bank's Affinity program. The Affinity program is a great opportunity for all of us at Union Council to raise money for our charitable fund simply by linking accounts at TD Bank to Union Council. TD Bank will contribute \$10 to our council for every existing checking account which is linked to 4504 and \$50 for each new account linked to 4504.

There is no cost to any of us for linking our accounts and your banking information is completely private. Our council will have no access to anyone's banking information nor will we even have a list of what accounts are linked. TD Bank will simply send us a report at the end of each year telling us how many accounts are linked and accompany that report with a check from TD Bank for the calculated amount. The check will be deposited in to Union Council 4504's charitable fund, enabling us to help more of our brothers and neighbors in need.

This program is applicable to personal and business accounts and is not limited to just brother knights. It is applicable to anyone willing to link their accounts to Knights of Columbus 4504. All you need to do is visit any TD Bank branch and ask any officer to link your account to Knights of Columbus 4504 or code number AF442.

This is a great opportunity for all of us to help raise funds.

Motown The Musical

The Township of Union Veteran's Alliance is running a bus trip to Motown The Musical on **Friday, October 25, 2013** as a Fundraiser for the Township Memorial Day Parade. Tickets are \$160 per person which includes tickets and bus transportation from the Township of Union Senior Center. For tickets and more information please contact Phyllis at (908) 851-5291.

Event Photos

CHEESE!



There are many events that take place at the council and we can't always be there for every one of them. So, it's great when someone takes the time to share their photos of the event with everyone else.

I'd like to thank James Bayer for his constant devotion to capturing the memories at many of the events.

All posted photos can be viewed by going to our website (www.kofc4504.org) and clicking on the Photos tab. You also have the option of registering as a member so that you will be notified automatically if any new photos are posted. Check it out!

Come Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Holy Spirit Parish



*We will be gathering at
The Westwood in Garwood*

On Friday, November 1, 2013

The Gala Evening commences at 7:00 p.m.



Dinner, Dancing

Open Bar



All for the price of \$65.00 per person

Music provided by: "Blue Sky Swing Band"

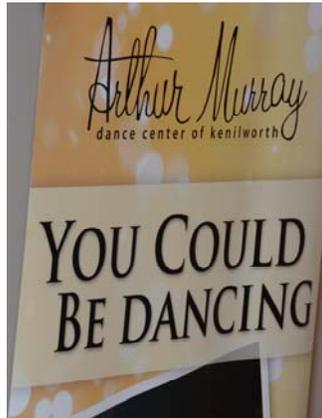
*Tickets can be purchased after all the
Masses or at the Holy Spirit Parish Office*

Seating requests will be taken

Holy Spirit 50/50 Drawing during the event

Dancing with the Knights

Thanks to Kennedy and Valerie from Arthur Murray Dance Studio in Kenilworth for getting us started with a few dance moves and showing us their impressive dance skills. All participants were given vouchers for a free private lesson. See you on the dance floor.



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		1	2	3	4	5 Past Grand Knights Dinner - 7PM Food Drive Membership Drive
6 Food Drive Membership Drive	7 Council Officers Meeting	8	9	10	11	12 Food Drive Membership Drive
13 Runnells Hospital Food Drive Membership Drive	14 Council Meeting 8:10 PM	15	16	17 Family Dinner 6:30 - 8:30 PM	18	19
20	21 Swim Club Mtg.	22	23 4th Degree Assembly Mtg.	24 Columbian Club Meeting	25 Kids Halloween Party	26 International Dinner at St. Michael's Parish (after 5:30 Mass)
27 Tailgate Party	28 Council Meeting 8:10 PM First Degree	29	30	31 		