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April 2015

Calendar of Events

April

April 9th Knights Family Dinner
 April 11th Uncle Floyd
 April 12th Blood Drive at Holy Spirit
 April 17th Clothing Drive Ends
 April 24, 25, 26 . Intellectual Disabilities Drive
 April 27th Ed Lucas

May

May 14th—17 State Convention

INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES DRIVE

We are beginning to plan our INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES DRIVE for April 24th, 25th and 26th so please members, we would like to make this drive very successful. If you could volunteer some of your time to assist in this worldwide event, it would be greatly appreciated.

For anyone interested, please reach out to Mike Peter at (908)759-3588 or email mikepeter46@yahoo.com. You can also help by sending a donation to the Council to the attention of PGK Mike Peter Program Director.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2015-16 COUNCIL OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee is looking for candidates for various Council Officer positions for the slate of Officers for 2015-16 Columbian year. Any Third Degree Brother Knight in good standing at Council 4504 that has an interest in being considered for Council Officer's positions should contact Steve Nagy PGK Chairman of the Nominating Committee at (908) 967-9060 or toys4504@aol.com, Grand Knight Ed McCormick, or Trustees Andy Schopfer PGK and Joe Burlew PGK.

STATE CONVENTION

The annual Knights of Columbus state convention will be from May 14th to May 17th in Wildwood NJ. We will be staying at the Adventurer Hotel in Wildwood Crest NJ. The prices for rooms are as follows:

- 2 night stay \$370.00
- 3 night stay \$490.00
- Larger suites cost extra.

Prices include the hospitality suite. If you are interested in going contact DGK Gregory Henn at 908-721-2094 or at clutch964@verizon.net.



UNCLE FLOYD April 11, 2015

Guaranteed sellout!
 Buffet, live music and
 Uncle Floyd.

Parties of 8 or 10 people, get a reserved table.

Other seating, first come,
 first serve

No tickets sold at the door.

Adults only

See Flyer on page 7



We are in Lenten Season, and we have been having difficulty getting the stores to allow us to collect. When any member is coming to the Council could you please bring can goods or non perishable foods

to establish our 40 cans for 40 days. There is a box right inside the front door where in can be placed. Any information please contact PGK Mike Peter at mikepeter46@yahoo.com or call (908)759-3588.

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RULES FOR SUBMISSION: Submissions for consideration are due in writing by the 15th of the month for the following month. Please mail or drop off submission, with contact information to:

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Knight Digest Editor
1034 Jeanette Avenue
Union, NJ 07083

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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Chaplain..... Rev. Ranulfo D. Docabo
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Navigator..... Andy Schopfer, PGK
Columbian Club
President Allen Pascullo
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

My Brother Knights at the Union Knights of Columbus,

Spring has finally arrived as has our religion's holiest season, Easter. While this article will not be seen until after Easter it is still important to remember that Christ our Savior died for us on Good Friday. The Easter season is the time for us all to reflect on that fact and remind ourselves that we are created in God's image. We should all strive to be the best Catholics that we can be. We as brother knights should remember the principles of our order, Charity, Unity and Fraternity and practice them to the best of our abilities.

With the coming of Spring also comes the beginning of outdoor activities at the Council. The pool opens on Memorial Day weekend so it's time to renew your membership if you have not already do so. There is a lot of work that needs to be done around the grounds in order for you to enjoy the facilities. Work parties have started so if you can spare a few hours on a Saturday to help out please do. Your help is appreciated and needed. Many hands make the job easier.

The nominating committee for the next Columbian year has begun the work of finding officers to lead Union Council in 2015 – 2016. If you have interest in serving as an officer please let the committee know. The coming year is one in which there are several positions to fill due to the retirement of some long time officers. If you've been on the fence about stepping up now is the time to get off the fence and lend your Council a hand.

I will mention one more time that on Monday April 27 at 8:15 PM we will forego a second business meeting and have a social meeting open to all. We will have a guest speaker, Ed Lucas. Ed is a legendary New York baseball writer who has interviewed everyone from Joe DiMaggio to Mayor Giuliani in his 55 year career. He has accomplished all of this despite being blind. Ed Lucas is a motivational speaker who has a very interesting and powerful message to deliver. I would encourage you to come out and hear his message.

Union Council is going strong but needs the support of all of you. Please come out and support our events and get involved.

Vivat Jesus
Ed McCormick



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Greg Chaves (732) 492-3049 or
gregory.chaves@kofc.org

COLUMBIAN SWIM CLUB NEWS

The Columbian Swim Club pool renewals have been mailed out, please return with your payment. New Membership forms are available at the council or see any of the Swim Club directors.

Please do not mail your council dues in with your pool dues and remember as always, you will need to show your paid up 2015 dues card to receive your pool badges.

We hope you can spend a few hours with us when our work parties begin to help open the pool for this coming season.

Thank you

Jim Ford - Membership
jford1488@comcast.net



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

APRIL 2015

Greg Chaves



The Knight of the month Of April, 2015 is a relatively new face in Union Council having. Greg Chaves became Union Council's fraternal benefits consultant a few years ago. Greg did not settle for just serving this Council's fraternal benefits needs though. He has become a leader in the Council. In this fraternal year he took on the role of Membership Director and has given his all to the job. As if that was not enough Greg was the co-ordinator of last September's very successful family picnic. Greg can be seen around the council several days a week and has become a familiar face.

Greg grew up on Staten Island and attended St. Peter's High School there before moving on to SUNY – Stony Brook. Greg worked for about 20 years on the New York Mercantile Exchange before becoming Union Council's Fraternal Benefits representative. Greg, his wife Kim and their 4 sons live in Monroe.

Greg plans on taking his 4th degree this month. He represents what a Knight of Columbus should be. He is involved in the church, the council and the community. For all he has done for us we are proud to name Gregory Chaves the Knight of the month of April, 2015.

Celebrate the
resurrection of
our Lord!

Happy
EASTER



COLUMBIAN CLUB NEWS

Work Parties have begun and take place every Saturday morning from 8:00am-to-12:00pm. Breakfast and lunch is served. Please come out and help us prepare for Opening Day by helping to clean up the back patio, grove, Tiki bar and snack stand. It takes many weeks of effort, and the more help, the less work for each and the sooner it gets done. We need and appreciate any time that you can give to help YOUR CLUB - a couple hours, a couple days, whatever you can spare and share.

Elections are coming up. Columbian Club Officer and Board member positions will be voted on. The Columbian Club Slate of officers to be voted on will be read on the floor of the first Council meeting in May. Elections will take place on the first Council meeting in June. There are a number of 3-year, 2-year and 1-year Board of Director open positions. There is a Nominating Committee in place to interview anyone that would like to be considered for any position. Please let me know if you have any intention to run for a position and I will forward the information to the Nominating Committee of which I am also a member. In order to be on a nominating committee all members must belong to Union Council #4504 and must not be up for election for any position on any Board or Council position. The Columbian Club Nominating Committee consists of two Columbian Club Board members, one Council Member, one Swim Club member and one general Council member. As of this writing, the following Union Council members are on the Columbian Club Nominating Committee: Allen Pascullo; Steve Stochlinski; Giftus John; Jim Feehan; general member to be determined.

Allen Pascullo
Columbian Club President

PRO-LIFE ACE AWARD

The Culture of Life Program wants to recognize Brother Knights who have shown an exemplary dedication to life by participating in at least five (5) Pro-Life activities during the current Colombian Year. Patterned after the Texas State Council's "Pro-Life ACE Wings Program," such individuals will be awarded with a set of "Wings for Life" at the Convention in May by State Deputy Andy Lipenta and Culture of Life Program Director Steve Richardson.

"Our Holy Father has called us to be Pro Life, from conception to natural death. The Pro Life movement needs witnesses to act through personal involvement and daily actions. We might call these Knights "Pro Life Warriors". A Pro Life Warrior participates in Pro Life Masses, 40 Days for Life, Pro Life Rosaries, Sidewalk Counseling, March for Life, Pro Life Walks, doing fund raisers for Ultrasound machines, volunteering at a Pregnancy Care Center or a Home for Mothers, etc. All of these activities and many more qualify for the Wings for Life Award. What better way to publically announce that you are Pro Life than to wear a set of Pro Life Wings?"

If you think that a member of your council is deserving of this award, please fill out the form at the LINK below and submit it to the State Council by April 15, 2015. We do not do what we do for recognition, but it sure is nice to receive it!

http://www.njkofc.org/fileadmin/user_upload/njkofc/pdf/programs/culture_of_life/Respect_Life_Programs/Wings_for_Life_Nomination_Form.pdf

GUEST SPEAKER

On Monday, April 27th at 8:15 PM, we will forego our regular business meeting for a social meeting where everyone is invited to attend. We will have a guest speaker, Ed Luca. He is a legendary New York baseball writer who has interviewed everyone from Joe DiMaggio to Mayor Giuliani in his 55 year career. He has accomplished all of this despite being blind. Ed Lucas is a motivational speaker who has a very interesting and powerful message to deliver. I would encourage you to come out and hear his message.

CLOTHING DRIVE

Union High School and the Union Township Senior Center Is hosting a Clothing Drive. We are looking for donations of new or gently used, clean clothing for all ages, genders, and sizes! We are also looking for toys and household items. Drop-off Dates: January 20, 2015 through April 17, 2015

Drop-off Location: There will be a new dumpster in the parking lot of the Senior Center, located at 968 Bonnell Court. Items can be placed inside the dumpster. For other accommodations, please see contact information below.

Proceeds from the clothing drive will benefit the Veterans' Alliance Memorial Day Parade. A selection of clothing will be sold as a fundraiser in the Spring for Union High School students.

For information, contact
Ms. Randi Moran, UHS Advisor
rmoran@twpunionschools.org

Ms. Misbah Bajwa, UHS Advisor
mbajwa@twpunionschools.org

Phyllis Monguso, Supervisor of Senior Citizen Activities senior@uniontownship.org 908-851-5290

\$\$ SAVE MONEY \$\$

The Columbian Swim Club is now offering you the ability to save \$50.00 off of your next year's family membership dues. If you refer a new family this year to the pool and they join, we will deduct \$50.00 off your 2016 swim club dues. This is a great incentive to save some money and share our facility with your friends.

For further details contact any of our swim club board members or contact Jim Ford at jford1488@comcast.net

KNIGHTS FAMILY DINNERS

Thursday, April 9, 2015

Council Hall: 1034 Jeanette Ave. Union, NJ
Time: 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

All monies raised will be donated to charity!

Family of 4: \$25.00

Adults: \$8.00

Children & Seniors: \$6.00

Cash Bar Available

50/50's

Advance Tickets Available

Contact Frank Santangelo: franksanta1@yahoo.com

PLEASE NOTE:

Due to a no-show of 20 people from the February dinner, we have started a new permanent list with those members in attendance at the March dinner. If you want to be on the list starting in April, call Pat Wittek at 908-964-3989 by the Monday prior to the dinner. Thank you for making this event extremely successful.



Holy Spirit Church
Sunday, April 12th
8:15 AM to 1:15 PM



Columbian Swim Club

UNION COUNCIL No. 4504

P.O Box 1206

Union, NJ 07083

January, 2015

Dear Swim Club Members,

The Columbian Swim Club Board hopes you and your families had a wonderful Christmas and that you will enjoy a healthy and happy 2015. Please mark your calendars for our annual Swim Club meeting which is scheduled for Friday, January 16, 2015. The meeting will be held at Union Council #4504, starting at 7:30 P.M. Director's positions are to be nominated and voted on; if you have an interest in one of these positions, and if you can be an active board member, contact Nominating Committee members Jim Feehan or Joe Harbison. Please join us, light refreshments will follow the meeting.

The 2014 Swim Club season was an excellent one. Looking back we had some great weather summer long and did not lose a single weekend. **We extended the swim season by an additional week, replaced the umbrellas around the pool, offered water aerobics classes and added more chairs for your comfort.** In 2014 the State of NJ had increased the State Minimal Wage and we had an increase in the pool chemical costs. With these additional chemical cost increases and the State increasing the Minimal Wage again in 2015 the Swim Club Board has made the decision to implement any small cost increase in dues for the upcoming 2015 season.

By virtue of the continuous efforts of the Swim Club Board to implement other various cost saving measures, the dues will be increased as listed below:

Family Membership dues will be increased to \$280.00
Single Membership will be increased to \$140.00 this season
Widows and widowers will remain \$220.00
Guest Rates will remain the same for 2015

Starting with the 2015 Swim Club season the Board has decided to accept Credit Cards as payment for membership. We will be accepting Visa, MasterCard and Debit Cards. If you pay with a check or cash we will deduct \$5.00 off the annual membership cost. A Family Membership would be \$275.00, Single Membership would be \$135.00 and Widows and Widowers with be \$215.00.

All payments are due by March 15, 2015. Late fees will be assessed at \$25.00 commencing April 1, 2015. For Membership Information please contact: Jim Ford @ jford1488@comcast.net

We understand the cost increases hit us every day, this is your club we strive each day to keep it clean, safe and affordable.

Please support the spring work parties in whatever capacity you can. Your help is needed to help maintain our costs. Work parties are every Saturday morning starting March 8th from 8:30 AM to 12PM. We have brought back by popular demand work party guest passes. If you attend and work at a Pool Work Party, the swim club will issue you One Guest Pass that can be used during the 2015 swim season. These guest passes will expire at the end of 2015. For each additional work party, you attend, you will be given one additional guest pass.

Opening and closing of the pool rests solely on the efforts of our volunteers. We use no outside contractors are hired to perform these functions. WE NEED YOUR HELP! This is the single biggest reason that we can contain the cost of membership, i.e., that we do not hire outside contractors to open and close the pool.

The 2015 Swim Club season will begin with a Mass at 11:00 AM on Saturday, May 24, 2014, Memorial Day weekend. Swim Club pool badges will be available at the gatehouse after the opening of the pool after Mass. Badges can only be picked up by the pool member or spouse, and only by presenting a paid up Council Membership card for the 2015 year. Council dues will not be accepted at this time.

Reminder: Pool members will have to produce a valid paid-up 2015 dues card to receive their pool badges.

Applications can be downloaded at: <http://www.kofc4504.org/swimclub.html>

The Columbian Club of Union Presents
A Night of Comedy & Music
with
Uncle Floyd



Music by Linda & Mike Padulo Duo

Date: Saturday, April 11, 2015

Time: 7:00p.m-11:00p.m.

Doors Open at 6:45 p.m.

Tickets: \$25.00 per person

(Includes: Pasta Dinner, Meatballs, Sausage, Salad, Coffee, Dessert
&

One Complimentary Glass of wine, Draft Beer or Soda)

Tickets can be purchased at the bar or by calling:

Steve Stochlinski @ 908-477-7133

Frank Stochlinski @ 908-337-6198

No Tickets will be sold at the door and must be purchased by April 5, 2015

Columbian Club of Union, 1034 Jeanette Avenue, Union, New Jersey 07083

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April 2015

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