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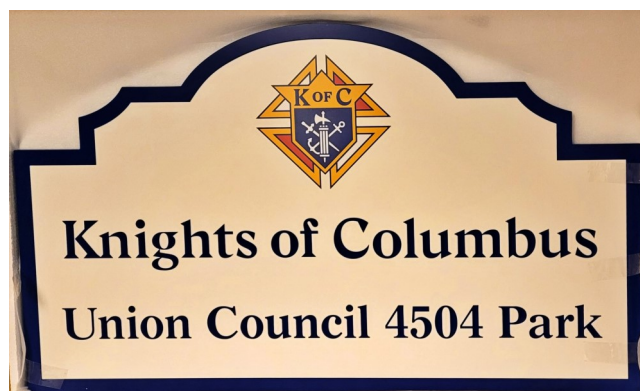
February 2021

Calendar of Events

February 4th.....Mass for our Country
February 7th..... Super Bowl Party
February 8th..... Council Meeting 8:10 PM
February 12..... Swim Club Mtg. 7:30
March 13th..... St. Patrick's Day Parade
March 26th.....Fish Fry
March 28th..... Model Train Show
April 17th.....Tricky Tray
June 26th..... Baseball Game

New Mini-Park Sign

Our new mini Park sign has been delivered. This sign is a replacement for the original sign installed November 1977. This spring we will install it at the Knights of Columbus Mini Park at Stretcher and Winslow. If interested in helping, please contact any council officer.




Council Fish Fry
Friday March 26th
5-8pm

Menu
Fish (Baked or Fried)
Fries
Coleslaw
Chicken Fingers for kids

\$15 Dollars per person

Dine In or Take Out

Tickets are available at the bar.

To RSVP or for more information please contact:

SK Greg Henn PGK

(908)721-2094

SK Mike Peter DD, PGK

(908) 357-5673

Swim Club

The 2021 Membership meeting will be held on Friday February 12th at 7:30pm in the Columbian Club Hall. We will be introducing the 2021 Board of Directors and discuss our plans to open the pool for the 2021 season. Please make every effort to attend.

Covid Meeting Preparedness

"Brothers in preparation for upcoming winter weather and maybe more Covid restrictions, the Council is preparing to hold virtual council meetings.

If you wish to be included , please send your email address to:

finsec4504@gmail.com AND grandknight4504@gmail.com. please include your membership number.

We will continue to hold Council meetings at the hall for now. Thank you. Len Komar Jr. GK

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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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1st Yr. Trustee David Wozniak, PGK
4th Degree Faithful
Navigator Tony Oliviero
Columbian Club President Alex Rivera
Swim Club President Mike Harms
Columbiette President Fran Corcione

Monthly Meetings

1st. Mon.-----Council Officers
 2nd & 4th Mon. -----Council Mtgs.
 2nd Thu. -----Columbiettes
 4th Wed. ----- 4th Degree Assembly
 4rd Thur.-----Columbian Club

MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Council 4504,



We've made it to the second month of 2021, and we all know February 14th is Valentine's Day. St. Valentine is known for ministering to persecuted Christians in the Roman Empire. What better way to celebrate the Feast of St. Valentine this month and every month than to help minister to our parish communities. One way to do this is through our Roses for Life program. Knights attend the monthly baptisms at either Holy Spirit or St. Michael's church and present a rose to the mother of the baptized child. Why? It is our way to honor the parents as we welcome and celebrate the newest members of our parish community. Baptisms take place one Sunday a month, and it will only take about 30 minutes of your time. If you are interested in helping, please contact SK Chuck Cababe or myself.

Another way to minister to our communities is through donations. This past year was challenging for everyone, and our churches were no exception. Understandably contributions were down in 2020, so in the spirit of giving, Council 4504 will be donating \$500 both to Holy Spirit and St. Michael's. If you have the means, please consider making your own donation.

As with last year, we continue to live, learn, and adapt to changes. I recently attended a webinar that had to do with making changes to the meeting agenda. Points of the meeting that were deemed as unnecessary have been removed, and as a result, meetings have been streamlined. We will hold two meetings a month; the Officers Meetings on the first Monday, which any Knight in good standing may attend, and the Council Meeting, which is held on the second Monday of the month. Last month our Deputy Grand Knight, Phillip Cababe, held our first meeting with the new agenda and received an overwhelmingly positive response afterward. If you haven't attended a meeting in a while, I encourage you to attend this month's meetings. I think you will find the new meeting agendas both fast and informative.

A few dates to keep in mind:

On **February 4th** at 7 pm at Holy Spirit Church, there will be a Mass for our Country. No registration is needed.

On **February 7th**, the Columbian Club will host a Super Bowl Party. Doors will open at 4 pm, and entry is \$20 per person. Please contact SK John Bashaw and SK Greg Henn PGK for details.

In March, as it currently stands, the St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on **March 13th**. **March 26th**, there will be a Fish Fry at the Council curbside pickup will be available. More details to follow as we get closer to the date.

Let us continue to pray for our family and friends who are sick with Covid. Let us also pray for the ones we have lost and give thanks for those who have recovered.



Leonard J. Komar Jr. GK KofC 4504



Coat Drive



Council 4504 made a second donation to St. Joseph Social Service Center on Thursday January 21st. Our total coat donation for this drive is 332 lbs. St. Joseph Social Service Center will distribute the coats to the needy. Sincere thanks for all who were able to donate to this cause.

Len Komar Jr. GK.

John. 3:17-18 But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but indeed and in truth.



Knight of the Month



Ray Gora

February 2021



Knight of the Month for February 2021 is Ray Gora. Ray has been very active and involved member of our council over the years. He spent four years as a missionary in Bolivia where he met and married his wife Liliana. In 2007 he began work as a Program Development Specialist with Union County's Department of Human Services helping the homeless disabled. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of Hudson Hospice, Inc. for 15 years.

Ray has a Bachelor's degree from Seton Hall University in Languages and Philosophy. He also has the equivalent of a Master's degree in Theology. He is a United States Marine Corps veteran with a Navy Commendation citation. He is also a Notary Public. He worked as a Patient Representative at a Level II Trauma Center where he won numerous awards for Five- Star customer service. Ray also became a Fellow in the Society for Healthcare Consumer Advocacy of the American Hospital Association.

Besides all this, Ray serves at Saint Adalbert's Church in Elizabeth as a lector and religious education teacher for the students preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation and RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). Ray has three children, Monica, Daniel, and Eric, a policeman in the City of Elizabeth, who was recently promoted to Sergeant. He also does photography and has had photographs published in six books. Ray, along with his father, has been a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 4504 since 1976. He is a Fourth Degree Knight and commander of the Color Corps. He tries to attend the wakes of fellow Knights, participates in the fund raising efforts for citizens with intellectual disabilities, and distributes food to union county residents.

In February 2020 he went on a trip to the holy land and was invited to do a reading. While there he also renewed his wedding vows on the same trip. We as Council 4504, are proud to honor brother Ray Gora as the Knight of the Month for February 2021.

Congratulations Ray!

Wreaths Across America

Wreaths Across America ceremony was held on Dec 19th at the First Presbyterian Church Cemetery. Honoring our veterans from the Revolutionary War, Civil War, Mexican War and War of 1812. JFK Assembly is honored to be co-sponsoring this event with the Elizabeth Garden Club for seven years. The community gathered together to place wreaths on the veterans graves. A heartwarming sight to see on a cold day. Thank you all you donated to make this event a success.



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Tickets Contact:

Greg Henn @ 908.721.2094

John Bashaw @ 908.591.4338



Sir Knights of the 4th Degree, JFK Assembly retired the wreaths at the First Presbyterian Church Cemetery Saturday January 16th in accordance with the national Wreaths Across America guidelines. The weather was perfect. Rain stopped, the sun came out with no noticeable wind. All wreaths were collected in a hour. Save December 18th 2021 in your calendar for this year's ceremony



Saint Patrick Parade

The Parade is scheduled for **March 13th 2021**. There are activities at the Grandstand at Stuyvesant Ave and Morris at Noon. There is an opening Mass at St Patrick's Church which has limited seating due to the Covid Mass is at 9am. The Parade steps off at 1pm on Morris Ave near Jeanette Ave then proceeds east towards Stuyvesant Ave where they turn by Grandstand. Hope we can have a nice turnout to Support our Council and Grand Knight by Marching down the Avenue. At this moment the Committee is planning to have their 25th Annual Parade.

If anything would change there will be an updated article for February.



Baseball Trip Update

At this moment it looks like there will be a full schedule for Major League Baseball. The contact has sent me a disclaimer to submit to them. If the season is to begin and Social Distance is required we will get first preference to attend. If the disclaimer is not submitted we might not be able to attend our scheduled game. Hope all are still interested in attending the Met game on **June 26th 2021**. We will soon need the final deposit to mail soon to have the tickets back to us prior to the game. We still have seats available on the second bus. Those interested please send deposit of \$30.00 to the Knights of Columbus care of Met Chairman.

Any questions please contact Mike Peter on his phone 908-357-5673 or email mikepeter4275@gmail.com



TRICKY TRAY



The Union Columbiettes will host a Tricky Tray at the Council Hall on Saturday April 17, 2021. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Limited tickets are available please contact Diana Lupo at 908-577-6606. Donations accepted.

Intellectual Disabilities

Ladies and Gentlemen the collections for our Intellectual Disabilities has not been going well. With this covid virus it has been difficult to collect at Churches or Stores and also our largest collection being on the Streets. These funds go to up Charities with those that have Disabilities with their facilities. Normally the State has collected close to \$500,000 to \$600,000. To date 19 Councils have submitted for the Columbian year of 2019-2020 was only \$50,000.

Over the years we have made some fairly nice distribution of funds to four Charitable Organizations. At the moment we would be fortunate to help one Organization.

We had contributed \$2,800 last year that the four Organizations received a \$700 donation.

An ID collection box is placed at the Council for your convenience or if you would like to mail a contribution to the Council care of Intellectual Disabilities Chairman you may do so.

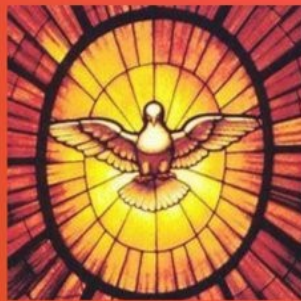
7:00 PM
PATRIOTIC ROSARY
7:30 PM
HOLY MASS

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FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS AND
MERCY FOR OUR COUNTRY

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7 Super Bowl Party 	8 Council Meeting 8:10 PM	9	10	11	12 Swim Club Mtg. 7:30 PM	13
14	15	16	17 Ash Wednesday	18	19	20
21 First Sunday of Lent	22	23	24 4th Degree Assembly	25 Columbian Club	26	27
28 Second Sunday of Lent	Upcoming Events: March 13th - St. Patrick's Day Parade March 28th - Model Train Show April 17th - Tricky Tray June 26th - Baseball Game					