



# Knights Digest



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## Upcoming Events

- April 1st..... Easter Monday
- April 6th .....Work Party 8AM
- April 13th .....Work Party 8AM  
Fishing Derby
- April 16th ..... SC Fundraiser at Wendy's
- April 17th ..... Dining to Donate at Applebee's
- April 18th .....Knights Family Dinner
- April 20th .....Work Party 8AM
- April 20th ..... Camp Fatima Spring Fling
- April 25th .....A Taste of Union
- April 27th .....Work Party 8AM  
Columbian Club Appreciation Night
- April 28th .....Runnells Hospital
- May 1st.....Pride in Priest Dinner
- May 9th .....NY State Special Olympics Fundraiser
- May 16th - 19th .....State Convention
- May 25th .....Blood Drive

## Council Blood Drive

Next blood drive is scheduled for **May 25, 2013** from 9:00am-3:00pm. We are again working with NJ Blood Services and their scholarship program. If any member has a son or daughter that is looking for a college scholarship and would like to help us recruit donors, let me know. The scholarship is can be \$250 or up to \$500 depending on the number of donors at the drive. Contact Michael Gasser, PGK at 908-578-4071 for more details.

## Nominating Committee

All Members that are 3rd Degree in good standing and are interested in becoming Council Officers can reach out to Mike Peter PGK at either 908 759-3588 or email mikepeter46@yahoo.com. The Offices consist of Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Recorder, Treasurer, Warden, and Guards.

## Time - Talent - & Treasure

Brothers, your Council needs you!

### We need your TIME:

- Attend meetings, functions, events.
- Help out at work parties.
- Be an active Brother Knight in your Church, Council, Order, and Community.
- Help collect at SCD and Food Drives.

### We need your TALENTS:

- Offer whatever special talents or skills you have to help fix up, clean up, support, and promote our Council and the Knights.

### We need your TREASURE:

- Pay your dues!
- Donate to our charitable drives (like SCD and Food Drives)
- And if you can make a special donation, do so!



## Dining To Donate - at Applebee's

Enjoy a meal that's filling and fulfilling.



Dine at Applebee's and  
10% of your bill will be donated to the  
Knights of Columbus - Union Council # 4504

Present flyer (on page 8)  
to your server on:  
**April 17<sup>th</sup> 2013** between 11am-9pm  
at Applebee's at 1721 Morris Ave. Union, NJ 07083

Donation percentage excludes tax, tip and alcohol sales.  
Valid at participating restaurant during specified hours.  
Must present flyer in order for organization to  
receive credit for purchase.

If ordering *To Go*, please mention this fundraiser.

## Knight Digest

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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@att.net](mailto:tomdudek@att.net). 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

Chaplin ..... Rev. Ranulfo D. Docabo  
District Deputy ..... John Scioscia, PGK  
Grand Knight ..... Alex Costa  
Deputy Grand Knight ..... Steve Nagy  
Chancellor ..... Ed McCormick  
Warden ..... Greg Henn  
Recorder ..... Giftus John  
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4th Degree Faithful  
Navigator ..... Andy Schopfer, PGK  
Columbian Club  
President ..... Rob Salvatore, PGK  
Swim Club President ..... Joe Marateo  
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, we made it into April. The year is winding down but we have so much yet to come and do. The Columbiettes' Tricky Tray, Knight's Family Dinner, Special Citizens Drives, Sister Ann's Rescheduled Dinner, A Taste of Union, Runnell's Hospital and Work Parties! The council really needs your help and participation.

With the Work Parties, we want to make sure the backyard is open and open on time. A few hours of your week can make the difference. We will have work parties every Saturday from 8am-noon. Please, come by and do all you can do.

Speaking of doing things, the men who are your Columbian Club officers have really been outdoing themselves. The Meatless Friday Happy Hours during Lent were a great success. We now have lights! The perimeter lights in our council hall are operational again. It has been years since they were. We thought it was going to be a major electrical overhaul but it just turned out to be burnt out bulbs. That is right, 50 burnt out bulbs! So having cracked this conundrum we can now start with the jokes. How many Columbian Club officers does it take to screw in a light bulb? (Insert answer here because none of the answers I have are suitable for this publication).

And of course we had a super St Patrick's Day parade. Regardless of the SNOW, we had a near record day for the parade. We also renegotiated our garbage contract with Waste Management and got our monthly expense cut in HALF!

All it took was two phone calls and a 15 minute meeting. None of this would have been possible without everyone pulling together as a true team.

**Vivat Jesus!**  
**Alex Costa**  
**Grand Knight 2012-2013**



## YOU'RE OUTTA HERE!

We need to say this to the BBQs in the grove. Brothers, please remove or claim your BBQs that were left over the winter in the grove. Many are damaged from the storms of this winter and we need to have them claimed, removed or **THEY WILL BE THROWN OUT!**



## DUES

Brothers, you have had over three months to send in your dues. You are "past due" as of March 31<sup>st</sup> 2013 Any Brother Knights who has not paid by this date WILL have their name published in May's Digest. If you are having difficulties (Medical or Financial) then simply reach out to us so we can help. Travel Cards WILL be checked at the Council Lounge as of April 1<sup>st</sup> 2013. Let's avoid any embarrassment.

## *Knights Family Dinner*

The next dinner is scheduled for

**Thursday, April 18, 2013  
6:30 - 8:30 PM**



Family of 4 - \$25.00  
Adults \$8.00  
Children and Seniors \$6.00



Cash Bar Available & 50/50s

## *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.

**April 28, 2013**

June 2, 2013

July 7, 2013

August 11, 2013



Your help is greatly appreciated!

Contact Charlie Cunningham at 908-419-2310.

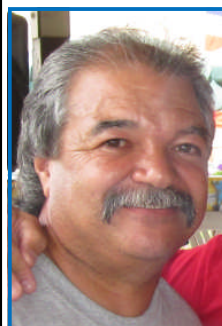


## *Knights of the Month*

*April 2013*



### **Jose Santiago**



So I came across this Bible verse and immediately thought of our April Knight of the Month. "And to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one". - 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12 ESV

Brother Jose Santiago is truly one of our council's quietest members, which also makes him one of our smartest. Jose has been volunteering and helping out at the council for years.

Jose has skills in plumbing, electrical and heating and volunteers those skills at the council whenever we are in need. This Libra bartends at the council lounge and has been a Knight since 2005, he was a resident of **Roselle Park** and now resides in Union. Jose is employed by the Union Board of Education.

Jose is the proud parent of three children Jose, Luz and Erik. He is especially proud of Erik who is currently serving in the United States military. In addition, Jose has been blessed with enough grandchildren to field his own baseball team.

Please join us in congratulating Brother Jose Santiago for his selection as Knight of the Month for April!

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**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
In Service to One. In Service to All.  
Council # 4504 - Union, NJ



Wendy's gives something back!

Our friends at Wendy's care and at Wendy's they are committed to supporting communities with a focus on children. That's why Wendy's support programs throughout the year that help kids in our communities.

So on **April 16<sup>th</sup> 2013** from 5pm – 8pm

Wendy's at 410 Route 22 (center island) will donate 15% of receipts for meals bought for IN RESTAURANT dining to the Knights of Columbus # 4504 so we can help the Special Needs Children of Camp Fatima & People with Disabilities. Please present flyer, available on our website.

So be a sport: Enjoy some great food. Spend some time with your kids, and know you are helping those who need your help.

Thank you, The Knights of Columbus #4504





## Swim Club

Thank you to all who have submitted their pool renewal dues. The deadline was March 15<sup>th</sup> and a late fee of \$25.00 will be applied April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Reminder that if you did not receive your renewal please email Jim Ford at jford1488@comcast.net and it will be emailed to you.

Children 25 years of age and older are not included in family membership due to a by-law change passed in January. Please encourage them to become Knights or Columbiettes.

## Special Citizen's Drive

We are quickly approaching our Special Citizens drive. As you know this is done every year, and every year we are almost begging for help...Lets not "Beg" this year. We all know this is a staple for the Knights and is a major charitable event. We need your help, so please step up. Here is our schedule of events for the drive:

Collecting in front of stores and on streets are 2 hour blocks..

**April 5<sup>th</sup>** - Shop Rite- 10am-2pm

**April 16<sup>th</sup>** - Wendy's- Rte. 22- for every purchase between 5pm and 8 pm a portion will be donated back to the drive...If we can get a group of us to go,,

**April 17<sup>th</sup>** - Applebees Morris Ave- 11am-9pm- Dining to Donate- 10% of your bill will be donated back to our drive. If we can get a group.

**April 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>** - Collecting on the streets in Union center, 7-11 ( Morris, Stuyvesant)

Please let one of know, if you can make it, or there are sign up sheets at the bar. Thanking you in advance for the help

Rob Salvatore, PGK, SCD Chair  
Mike Peter, PGK, SCD Co-Chair



## Hey Soft ballers!

The Knights are looking for a few good men. If you are interested in playing for the Knight's Softball Team this year, please contact Brother Jamie Zappulla at 908-380-9155 cell.

## Hall Rentals

Many of you know we have a new Banquet Manager So if you have rented the hall or are interested in renting the hall Please, contact Mike Ibbitson or GK Alex Costa to CONFIRM your date(s)! The sooner, the better.

You can contact Mike at 908-686-4504 council or you can contact Alex at 305-898-1570 cell. If we do not have a deposit or a contract the date you want is not considered reserved for you.

## Work Parties

As most of you know, our council has been hit by a lot. This past season has not been kind to a lot of people, including us. With that being said, work parties are starting and we need all the help we can get. The tree that fell has been removed, but the rest of the back needs a lot of work. The roof on the Tiki bar needs to be done as well as a lot of the grounds and pool side. This takes a lot of time and commitment. Please, if you can, come out and help on Saturday mornings (now), or if need be Wednesday nights (starting in May). We all enjoy "the back" during the summer, but it doesn't magically get like that. It is with all our help and work that we then can reap the benefits of spending time with our families and enjoy the summer in our club.



Thank You,  
Rob Salvatore, PGK  
Interim CC President

## Fundraiser—NY State Special Olympics

The Knights of Columbus AND the Mets are holding a fundraiser again, and this year 30% of all tickets we sell are going to the **New York State Special Olympics**. Last year we raised over \$15,000 so we are trying to beat that goal this time.. We had a great turn out from the office last year (our Outerstuff group alone sent in a check for \$1,500!!!) and I'm sure this year will be even more fun. The Mets have planned to make a bigger ceremony then last year, so it will be great to see that you're support a great cause!

For those of you who aren't baseball fans, the Mets are looking great this year, so it should be a great game. And for those of you who are baseball fans, please no Mets jokes, at least the game is early in the season when we still win a few :)

So here's all the details!

**NY Mets vs. Pittsburgh Pirates at Citi Field  
Thursday, May 9, 2013 at 7:10pm**

(we can all head out straight from work and take over the train!)

Tickets are \$30 each, seats are in the Big Apple Section (the Mets have reserved the entire outfield for just this fundraiser, so the whole fundraiser will be seated together)

You can give me cash or checks made out to me. I will be collecting everyone from here and pooling it together in one large group with my family and my father's Knights of Columbus council, this way I can guarantee we all sit together.

If for some reason you hate baseball, but love children, they will also be accepting donations! So whether its your good deed for Easter, Passover, or just for the whole year, it always feels good helping out the kids who really need it!

## *Day of Recollection*

This past March Father Nol and the Council held our first Men's Lenten Day of Recollection, and it was very meaningful event for all those who attended it.

The highlight of the event was our guest speaker Father Larry Evans who spoke about what our true role as Knights of Columbus should be in sharing Jesus's message to other Catholic men.

Before Father Larry spoke, Father Nol had us reflect on our lives as Knights and what made us become Knights in the first place.

The discussions were interesting since there was a wide range of years that Degrees were taken. The oldest member made his Degrees in 1962, and the latest member made his in 2012. It was interesting to hear discussions that cover 50 years of Knight's and our Council's history.

Father Nol gave the following handout for each to read and reflect about, and then we discussed our answers. This handout is printed below for you to take some quiet time and read and reflect on your answers to each question. You will surprise yourself with how your answers will change your outlook on the Knights of Columbus and our Council.

### **What are your expectations on this day of recollection?**

What prompted you to become a Knight of Columbus member?

In your life as a Knight of Columbus, what memorable contributions have you shared to your fellow Knights, your family, Parish community, and the community at large?

Have these contributions enhanced your relationship with God? How?

How do the three basic principles (charity, unity, fraternity) embolden your life as a Christian? And, for those who received the Fourth Degree, how does the principle of Patriotism enhance your life as a citizen?

In our Council, what activities have you been actively involved with? Are these activities relevant for you, the Council, and the Church in general?

What activities or programs do you think need improvements, modifications, or total overhaul?

Do you think these activities or programs of our Council are in line with or promote the basic principles of the Knights of Columbus?

What other activities or programs do you suggest our Council should engage into?

Hopefully after you have taken the time to read, answer and reflect on these questions you will develop a new understanding of your role as a Knight of Columbus, and in our Council.

Vivat Jesus!

## *SLATE FOR COLUMBIAN CLUB OFFICERS 2013-2014*

President ..... Rob Salvatore PGK  
1st Vice President ..... Richie Liput  
2nd Vice president ..... Mike Campanelli  
Treasurer ..... Mike Ibbitson  
Recorder ..... Steve Stochlinski  
3 Year Trustee ..... Frank Stochlinski  
2 Year Trustee ..... Jamie Zapulla  
1 Year Trustee ..... Frank Santomauro  
1 Year Trustee ..... Jose Santiago

If anyone is interested in running for a position on the Columbian Club please see Rob Salvatore PGK or GK Alex Costa.

## *State Convention*

The annual Knights of Columbus State Convention will be held in Wildwood, NJ from May 16th through the 19th. We will again stay at the Adventurer Motel in Wildwood Crest, NJ.

Prices for the standard rooms are:

A TWO Night stay is \$350.00

A THREE night stay is \$460.00

Prices include the hospitality suite. Larger suites extra.

The balance of payment is required by our second Council meeting in April on Monday April 22, 2013.

We still may be able to get additional rooms if you have not yet reserved one.

Contact Deputy Grand Knight Steve Nagy at  
toys4504@aol.com (908) 688-6783  
to reserve your rooms.

## *HELP NEEDED FOR EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT*



My name is Mark Gallegos; I am a Boy Scout from Troop 68 and also a life-guard at the Union Knights of Columbus in which my dad is a Brother Knight. I am looking for help with my Eagle Scout project which is to create a memorial for the late Mrs. Caruso and a reading patio at Hannah Caldwell Elementary School.

My project includes an installation of a water fountain, planting flowers, wood staining and repairing benches. The dates for my project are March through April.

Anyone who can make a donation or assist in any way are asked to contact me at (908)-451-1281 or xxmarkwolfexx@gmail.com. Your anticipated assistance is appreciated.

*The Taste of Union Committee  
Presents the Sixth Annual  
Taste of Union*

*April 25, 2013*

*6:00 PM – 8:00 PM*

*Knights of Columbus  
1034 Jeanette Ave. Union, NJ*

*All proceeds to benefit Caitlin Goerlich*

*Sponsors*



*Lytwyn & Lytwyn Funeral Home  
Galante Funeral Home*

*Cost: \$25.00 in advance, \$30.00 at the door*

*Admission provides the opportunity to sample food and wine from a variety of local establishments.*

*Tickets may be purchased at the Clerk's Office (908) 851-8501 at the Municipal Building,  
1976 Morris Ave., Union, NJ.*

*For additional information you may contact  
Karen Caulfield at (908) 851-5472 or  
Phyllis Monguso (908) 851-5290 or  
Peggy Gehrig at (908) 686-1925*

# **CAMP FATIMA SPRING FLING DINNER / DANCE**



When : **Saturday, April 20 ,2013**  
Where : **Union Knights of Columbus**  
1034 Jeanette Ave., Union NJ, 07083  
Time: **7:00pm-12 mid-night**

Menu includes:

Appetizer, 3-Course Dinner, Salad, Soda, Beer, Coffee and Dessert



Music provided by: Eddie G Wiz



Ticket cost \$70/couple or \$35/individual



Checks payable to Sister Ann Dominic or  
Union Knights of Columbus #4504

Please write "Camp Fatima Dance" in the memo area.



This is a major fundraiser whose total proceeds go to  
Camp Fatima run for our special children, please support !  
Sister Ann will be in attendance and hopes to see you !



For Tickets Please Contact:  
Tom Conte (908)334-8672 OR Marianne Conte (908)451-7754  
E-MAIL—[tconte4466@aol.com](mailto:tconte4466@aol.com)



**Deadline for ticket sales is April 12, 2013**

Please provide your name and phone number, also a list of the names of people attending. Table seating is 8 or 10 per table.

*This is the valentine's dance that had to be cancelled. Please come out, support the cause and have a great evening. Book early as it is sure to be a successful turnout. Many great prizes this year!*



# DINING TO DONATE

Enjoy a meal that's filling and fulfilling.  
Eat in or try our Carside To Go™ service!

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Present this flyer to your server on

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You must bring this flyer for your donation to be counted. If ordering To Go, please mention this fundraiser.







# 32nd Annual Kids Fishing Derby

Sponsored by the Newark Bait and Fly Casting Club

All contestants must register by 2pm, April 13, 2013

Adults may enter for a \$7.00 entry fee.

The contest runs from 8:00am Saturday, April 13, 2013

Through Midnight, May 4, 2013

Echo Lake Park

Mountainside, NJ 07092

Free for all kids 16 years old and under.

Trout up to 5 lbs. stocked!!!



Prizes will be awarded.

Call Glenn Rosivack at 908-233-8251 if you have any questions.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 April Fool's Day Officer's Meeting	2	3	4	5 Special Citizen's Drive	6 Work Party 8am
7	8 Council Meeting	9	10	11	12	13 Work Party 8am Fishing Derby
14	15 Swim Club Meeting	16 Special Citizen's Drive Fundraiser at Wendy's	17 Special Citizen's Drive Dining to Donate at Applebees	18 Knight's Family Dinner 6:30p-8:30p	19 Special Citizen's Drive	20 Special Citizen's Drive Work Party 8am Spring Fling
21 Special Citizen's Drive	22 Council Meeting	23	24 4th Degree Assembly	25 Columbian Club	26 Arbor Day	27 Work Party 8am Columbian Club Appreciation Night
28 Runnell's Hospital	29	30 	<p><i>"The greater danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it." — Michelangelo</i></p>			