



# Knights Digest



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## Calendar of Events

### February

February 5th ..... Super Bowl Party  
 February 14th ..... Uncle Floyd  
 February 16th ..... Family Dinner  
 February 19th ..... Pancake Breakfast

### March

March 11th..... St. Patrick's Parade

### April

April 7th ..... Fish Fry

### May

May 18th-21st..... Wildwood Convention

### 2017 MEN'S AND WOMEN'S COMMISSION

Catholic Men's Conference: Saturday, March 4, 2017, at Seton Hall University. This year's theme is "Be Not Afraid: Becoming Missionary Disciples!" Speakers for the English track will be Cardinal Sean Patrick O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston, and Joe Lombardi, Jr., quarterback coach for the New Orleans Saints. Spanish track speakers will be Cardinal Sean Patrick O'Malley, Pepe Alonso from EWTN, and Mario J. Paredes. The day runs from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, with the doors opening at 8:00 AM.

\*\*Mass will be celebrated by His Eminence Joseph W. Cardinal Tobin, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of Newark.

Registration is \$25. Priests & religious are free. The day includes continental breakfast and lunch. For registration, please visit our website at NJCatholicMen.org (MEN), or contact Chuck Cababe at 908-687-3809.

### Intellectual Disabilities Drive

Gentlemen, it is that time of the year again. We are starting to plan our Intellectual Disabilities Drive. The dates are Friday, April 28th Saturday, April 29th and Sunday April 30th. Times are 9am-11am, 11am-1pm and 1pm-3pm. We have four different intersections to man for the weekend. Those that are unable to assist and would like to send donations can send them to the Council care of Intellectual Disabilities Chairman. We raised over \$7500 last year. It would be nice to raise \$1.00 this year.

Email [mikepeter4275@gmail.com](mailto:mikepeter4275@gmail.com) if able to help out. Thank you.

### St Patrick's Day Parade

Union County St Patrick's Day Parade is starting to get organized. If any brothers are interested in marching in the parade with the Council, please note that we will have a sign-up sheet at our meetings leading up to the parade week.

The next couple of meetings there will be a sign up sheet. The parade starts off at 1:00pm at the intersection of Morris Ave by Jeanette Ave.

### Pancake Breakfasts

The pancake breakfasts conducted by the Council will continue throughout this year and be held on the 3rd Sunday of every month except if the event coincides with another activity. The next breakfast is scheduled for the 19th of this month. We look forward to your support as we attempt to raise funds for our charitable activities as well as providing an avenue for brother knights, family and friends to interact.

### Union Council 4504-Anniversary Circle... A celebration of 25 and 50 years married.

Are you celebrating or have you celebrated your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary this year? If you have, or will be, please send your names to the Grand Knight, Giftus John or call him at 908-370-7760 with the details. We will present Certificates of Commendation from Supreme to all our brothers and their wives who have reached one of these milestones. Hoping to hear from you. Congratulations!!!

## Knigh Digest

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## Council Officers

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*Columbian Club*  
*President* ..... John Bashaw  
*Swim Club President*..... Joe Marateo, PGK  
*Columbiette President*.....Fran Corcione

## 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

During the past few days I have been wondering what I should say in my GK message for this month's Digest. I have thought of a number of things that I could touch on but I have finally decided to just reiterate what makes each of us as a member of this fraternal organization, a special person, so to speak.

As brothers, we are called to service, both to our brothers and our communities, no matter in what form. There are many ways that we can assist the less fortunate, the sick, the hungry, the homeless and even families, and embracing those opportunities to serve does not only help the one whom the service is rendered to but also to the one who renders that service. It is something that we feel good about and I daresay, take pride in since we are giving off ourselves to help our fellow citizens.

In the past (and we still continue) we have undertaken a number of activities-food drives, Coat drives, IDD drives, family picnics, family dinners, pancake breakfasts, not to fill our bank accounts or boast of what we've done, but rather, to help us raise needed money to assist those who are less fortunate than we are. We also create avenues where fellow brothers are able to use their time and talent for the betterment of their brother knights and fellow citizens, and for that we all have to feel extremely honored to be able to do such an activity

Many people out there are still unaware of what we as knights are all about. Some see us as only a bunch of guys who like to "hang out" and have a good time, but we have to act in such a way that they see us as more than that. See us as men who assist as ushers at our churches; men who assist with baptisms at our churches; men who rally behind the families of our deceased brothers; men who stand in the sun and rain shaking cans to raise funds to help the less fortunate in our various communities and most of all see us as Catholic gentlemen. It is our responsibility therefore to reach out to our other catholic brothers and let them know of the good we do and invite them to become part of this great organization where they, too, will and can, have the opportunity to be of service.

I am honored to be a member of this organization and honored more to be the Grand Knight at Council 4504, but I do not take this lightly. I count myself very fortunate and blessed to be one of the few from many who has been able to attain that rank and I seek your full support and cooperation as I enter the second half of my term. It is indeed my honor and privilege to be one of "Those Men They Call Knights!!!"

Blessings brothers.

Vivat Jesus!

Giftus John, Grand Knight



**SWIM CLUB NEWS!**

The Columbian Swim Club has an opening for a part-time person to work and manage the gate to the pool.

Duties include: inspecting members' access badge to swim club, distributing members badges, managing daily guest access and guest fees, create new members' access badges and collecting membership fees. Gate house is an air conditioned environment.

Work days are flexible. The pool opens on Labor Day weekend through Memorial Day weekend-Tuesday through Saturday. Work hours are noon to 7:00p.m.

Hourly rate of \$9.00 per hour.

For more information or to apply please contact Past Grand Knight and current Swim Club President Joe Marateo at 908-400-2806.

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**In the Swim of Things!**

1. The Board of Directors of the Columbian Swim Club would like to thank Jim Feehan for his dedication and service to the swim club for 25 years of service. Jim will still help out at work parties and other events.

2. If you have not received your Swim Club renewal in the mail, you can visit [www.kofc4504.org](http://www.kofc4504.org) Click - other - swim club and the forms are there. You can also contact Jim Ford at [jford1488@comcast.net](mailto:jford1488@comcast.net).

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**FREE THROW CONTEST**

The Union Knights of Columbus has been doing the Council Free Throw for as many as the years I have been a member. I am asking some of the Fathers that are members of this Council if they could assist Program director Mike Peter in coordinating this event. This program is for boys and girls the ages of 9-14. I can be reached at [mikepeter4275@gmail.com](mailto:mikepeter4275@gmail.com) or 908-759-3588.

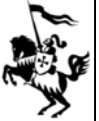
Thank you,  
Mike Peter



**KNIGHT OF THE MONTH**

**FEBRUARY 2017**

**Mike Willemse**



Our Knight of the Month for February, 2017, Michael P. Willemse, became a member of Council 4504 in 2011. The 32 year old has assisted with the IDD drive, Splash Party, Pancake Breakfasts, Roses for Life and Membership Drives and also bartends with the Columbian Club. He was the Chairman of Breakfast with Santa

and Easter Bunny in the past.

Last year, Mike chaired the Family Picnic, the PGK Dinner and this year, almost single-handedly undertook and ran the successful Murder Mystery Dinner. This year, like all DGKs, he will also chair the Wildwood Convention weekend and if it goes according to form, it too, should be another successful undertaking. Through his efforts, the Council has raised almost \$7,000.00 this Columbian year for its various programs.

Mike graduated from Kean University in 2007 with a Bachelors degree in Biology. He then attended and graduated from New York Chiropractic with a Doctorate in Chiropractic in 2010. He started his own chiropractic and massage business Advanced Healing in 2011 and many of us have benefitted from his "Chiropractor on the spot," services at the Council.

Doc, as I fondly call him, and "bud," most times, is the son of Paul (also a brother knight) and Lucille and brother to Valerie.

When I recommended that he should be the Knight of the Month, Mike was concerned as to how it would sound since he is the one who usually chooses the knight of the month but I decided that he deserved the recognition for his efforts and so, brothers, it gives me great pleasure to name Mike Willemse as the Knight of the Month for February, 2017. Congratulations, bud!!!

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# Happy Valentine's Day

### **KNIGHTS FAMILY DINNERS**

This favorite event of many has returned and will continue monthly on the 3rd Thursday of each month unless posted otherwise. Next dinner: February 16, 2017.

Due to the increase in the number of people coming to the family dinners we are now taking reservations for this event. If you plan on attending please call Pat Wittek at 908-964-3989.

If you don't make a reservation we can't guarantee you a plate for dinner. Thank you for making this event extremely successful.

## **OUR LADY OF GOOD HELP, PRAY FOR US**

### THE PRECEPTS

The Precepts of the Catholic Church are a description of the absolute minimum actions required of Catholics regarding the Church. The Church uses these precepts to remind us that Christian life requires a commitment to prayer and active participation in the liturgy and sacraments. If we fall below this bare-minimum level, then, practically speaking, we can hardly consider ourselves to be in full communion with the Catholic Church.

Out of love for Christ and a desire to advance in the spiritual life, you will normally "strive" to do far more than they require.

**First Precept:** "You shall attend Mass on Sunday and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor."

**Strive:** Attend Mass at least one more time a week. (Most Church parishes celebrate Mass every day of the year!)

**Second Precept:** "You shall confess your sins at least once a year."

**Strive:** Go to confession at least once a month, and immediately after falling to mortal sin. Also, find a regular confessor so he can give you better guidance.

**Third Precept:** "You shall humbly receive your Creator in Holy Communion at least during the Easter season."

**Strive:** Receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist at every Mass if you meet the guidelines for reception (are free from mortal sin, etc.).

**Fourth Precept:** "You shall observe the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence."

**Strive:** Make a habit of practicing penitential and charitable acts beyond those required by the precepts of the Catholic Church. Try to abstain from meat on Fridays throughout the year, for example.

**Fifth Precept:** "You shall provide for the material needs of the Church."

**Strive:** Contribute as much as possible to the material needs of the Church. Consider working toward biblical tithing: 10% of your gross income.

(Excerpt from [Church Militant Field Manual](#)).

Contributed by Ray Gora.

# Wildwood 2017

## May 18-21

### **ARE YOU COMING?**



**Rates are:**

3 Nights: \$520 *includes hospitality room*

2 Nights: \$395 *includes hospitality room*

**Upgrades** to 3 room-suites *additional \$35.00 per night.*

**Upgrades** to penthouse suites *additional \$50.00 per night.*

**We require a deposit of \$325.00, if spending 3 nights, and \$250.00, if spending 2 nights, not later than Friday, February 26th to ensure we have the rooms reserved.**

**Note:** If any room is cancelled after April 11th, the deposit won't be returned.

If you are coming, or interested in coming,  
please register with Mike Willemse, DGK  
ASAP.

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