



# Knights Digest



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September 2020

## Calendar of Events

September 3rd.....Mass for Our Country  
 September 12th..... Family Picnic  
 September 14th.....Council Meeting 8:10pm  
 September 17th.....Knight’s Family Dinner  
 September 28th.....Council Meeting 8:10pm  
 October 10th ..... Past Grand Knight’s Dinner  
 April 17th.....Tricky Tray  
 TBD..... Western Night

Dates are subject to change based on the status of the social distancing rules in effect.



The Union Columbiette 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.

## CELL PHONES FOR SOLDIERS

Cell Phone Recycling Program

OUR MISSION:  
HELP OUR TROOPS  
CALL HOME



We will be collecting old used cell phones for Cell Phones for the Soldiers which is a non profit organization that provides cost free communications and emergency funding to active and military veterans.

Please save your used cell phones and place them in our collection box at the Council Hall. Thank you . Please contact Steve Nagy or Len Komar for any questions.

## Knights of Columbus Council #4504

### Annual Family BBQ

**Saturday, September 12, 2020  
12:00pm till 6:00pm**

Food by Killa Seasoning & Steady Smoke BBQ

- Hot Dogs
- Hamburgers
- BBQ Chicken
- Brisket
- Mac & Cheese
- Cole Slaw
- Potato Salad
- Baked Beans
- Corn on the Cob
- Watermelon and so Much More

### Ticket Costs:

Family (2 adults & 2 children under 12) / \$50  
 Additional Children Under 12 / \$10  
 Adults and Children Over 12 / \$20

### For Tickets:

Email [columbianclub4504@gmail.com](mailto:columbianclub4504@gmail.com)



## Knigh Digest

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or preferably via email to: [tomdudek@outlook.com](mailto: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. Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu  
*District Deputy* ..... Michael Willemse, PGK  
*Grand Knight* ..... Len Komar, PFN  
*Deputy Grand Knight* ..... Philip Cababe  
*Chancellor*..... Gerry Aponte  
*Warden*..... Anthony Ibida  
*Recorder*..... Robert Pynckels  
*Treasurer*..... Chuck Cababe  
*Fin. Secretary*..... Luke Sangiamo  
*Inside Guard* ..... Allen Pascullo, PFN  
*Outside Guard*..... Vacant  
*Membership Director* ..... Gerry Aponte  
*Program Director*..... Vacant  
*Lecturer* ..... Raymond Gora  
*Advocate*..... Stephen F. Hehl  
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*2nd Yr. Trustee* ..... Robert Wozniak, PGK  
*1st Yr. Trustee* ..... David Wozniak, PGK  
*4th Degree Faithful*  
*Navigator* ..... Steve Nagy III, PGK  
*Columbian Club President* ..... Alex Rivera  
*Swim Club President* ..... Andy Schopfer, PGK  
*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

Brothers All,



To say 2020 has been an interesting year would be an understatement. When Tropical Storm Isaiiah was heading towards New Jersey we were notified of the storm and had time to prepare ourselves. Having survived other tropical storms, we knew what to expect and the steps to take to protect ourselves and our homes. However, Covid-19 is an entirely different experience, this is a storm we haven't weathered before, and we aren't quite sure what to expect. It seems like everyday guidelines and rules are changing. Things we have often taken for granted have been restricted or closed altogether. Masks have quickly become an essential requirement when leaving the house. Fist bumps and waving hello have replaced handshakes and hugs. But through all the craziness and constant changes, we have been learning to adapt. It is said, a strong tree breaks in a strong wind, but a flexible tree survives the storm. We both as individuals and as a council are that flexible tree.

Through the worst of it, we put our technological skills to the test by learning how to hold Zoom meetings and online fundraisers. Once restrictions started to lift, we held in person meetings, work parties, and ceremonies while working within the occupancy limits and maintaining our social distance. This shows that even though we have been forced to adapt to the environment, we still hold fast to our core values. We can always adapt to continue to help charities and each other.

Slowly but surely, we are working towards regaining some normalcy in our lives. The Snack Shack, Tiki Bar, and Grove are open for members and their families to enjoy. This is all due to the efforts and support from Brother Knights, Columbiettes, and their families. The Family Dinner will be back but with a twist. On Thursday, September 17th, the dinner will be available for "take out." You will be able to come down and pick it up to take it home or if the weather is nice, bring your dinner in the back and enjoy it on the patio or in the Grove. Please see the Family Dinner article in this digest for details.

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Thankfully the Council building or grounds did not see any significant damage during the tropical storm. There were many large downed branches in the grove, but luckily all the debris fell around decking and Grove tables. Special thanks to the Columbian Club President Alex Rivera, who organized a Saturday work party and to all the Brothers who came together and removed the branches to make the Grove safe. It is impressive to see the Council come together to help with the continued maintenance and updates to the grounds for our seasonal enjoyment. Our next project will be the playground. Please look for blast emails for the next work party.

Let us take a moment and give thanks that our members and their families that made it through Storm Isiah without any injuries or severe damage to their homes.

On Wednesday, August 5th, the Council held an Exemplification at our council hall with our new degree team. We welcomed 9 Brothers to the 3rd degree. State Warden Russell Petrocelli and First Battalion Commander Ed Wilkins were present. Many thanks to all who attended the ceremony and for their continued support to our Council.

Please keep Harold "Buster" Rapke, James Moran PGK and Brother Knight, Former Union Mayor Patrick J. Scanlon III, and their families in your prayers. May their souls and the souls of all our faithful departed brothers, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

I pray for our continued safety and flexible while weathering the storms before us.

Leonard J. Komar Jr. GK KofC 4504



## Knight of the Month



September 2020

### Sir Knight Jose Santiago



The Knight of the Month September 2020 is Sir Knight Jose Santiago.

Jose made his 1st Degree on October 24, 2005, and advanced to 4th Degree on April 21, 2013. Jose has been a resident of Union for 11 years. He is employed by the Union

Board of Education, where he utilizes his array of skills, including but not limited to plumbing, heating, and electrical. Jose is a proud parent of three children, Jose, Luz, and Erik, and he is very proud of all his grandchildren. Erik, his youngest son, is currently stateside in the United States Army and will be discharged shortly. We are thankful for both Erik's service and his upcoming discharge into civilian life.

All of Jose's skills he selflessly uses to help maintain and improve the Council in his time off. Recently Jose gathered and directed a team of Brothers to clean, strip, and wax the hall and lounge floors. The results were amazing; the floors shined and looked as if they were still wet long after they had dried. Then right before the opening of the pool, the old water heater failed. Jose was there to pick up and install the new heater so the pool could be inspected and opened. He is a wealth of knowledge, and his experience is very much appreciated. Jose truly enjoys being a Knight of Columbus and spending time with our members and supporting the Council activities.

Jose, thank you for all that you continue to do for our Council. It is because of Knights like you that we are able to continue to grow and serve our community.

Please join us in congratulating Sir Knight Jose Santiago as September 2020 Knight of the Month. Congratulations.



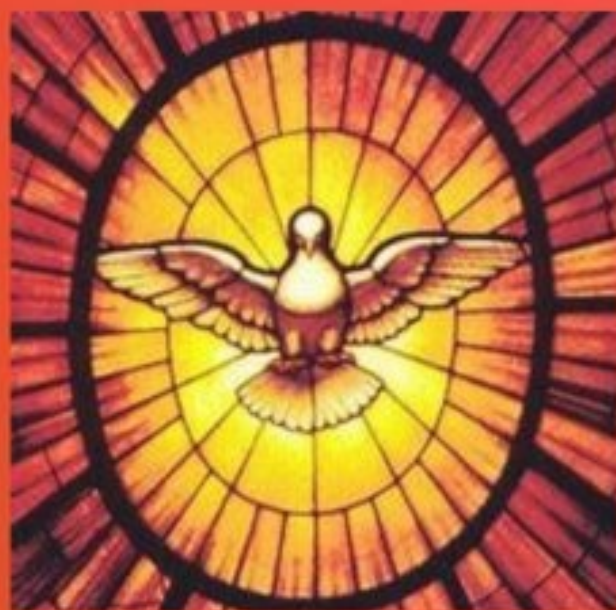
**7:00 PM**  
**PATRIOTIC ROSARY**  
**7:30 PM**  
**HOLY MASS**

COME TOGETHER TO PRAY  
FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS AND  
MERCY FOR OUR COUNTRY

ALL ARE WELCOME

**2020**  
**September 3**  
**October 1**  
**November 5**  
**December 3**

**2021**  
**January 7**  
**February 4**  
**March 4**  
**April 8**  
**May 6**  
**June 3**



# MASS FOR OUR COUNTRY

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FOR MORE DETAILS

## New 3rd Degree Knights

The Union Council 4504 wishes to congratulate the following Brothers who advance to the 3rd Degree. Special thanks to our Membership Director Gerry Aponte guiding these candidates to their exemplification and to our New Degree Team.

Frederick Altenburg  
Anthony W. Baiardi  
Javier Gutierrez  
Jason P. Hamilton  
Gary Marshall  
Angel Rengifo  
Jeremy Rodriguez  
Gene Tavera  
Paul R. Vargas Sr.  
Miguel Urbas  
Junior St.Louis

Congratulation and continued blessings.

Brothers,

The Council business meetings have resumed every 2nd and 4th Monday of the Month at 8:10 PM. Your support is needed. Social distancing and masks are required.

## Baseball Trip Update



As everyone knows the Met game we had scheduled for 2020 was postponed to 2021. Our new date will be June 26th against the Phillies.

As of right now we have 50 people signed up. I spoke to the Bus company on Monday August 24th and they have a bus that holds 36 people. The contact for the Mets emailed me also on August 24th and had stated that he has at 30 more tickets for that game.

Please reply with a deposit of 30 dollars to Mike Peter. Whomever is interested please leave deposit at Knights of Columbus on Jeanette Ave to Mike Peter's attention.

Any questions please contact Mike Peter at cell 908-759-3588 or email [mikepeter4275@gmail.com](mailto:mikepeter4275@gmail.com).

## Knight's Family Dinner

Thursday September 17th we will have our first ever Family Dinner take out. \$9 a dinner and Reservations are requested. Please call Pat Whittek at 908-964-3989 to reserve your dinner.

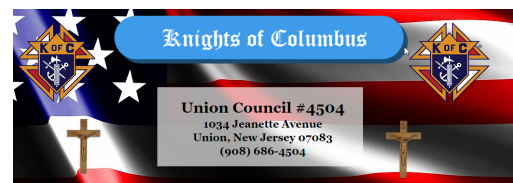
Dinners can be picked up at the kitchen door at 6:30 pm. If the weather is nice, bring your dinner into the patio area. Enjoy the dinner, company and conversations. Please social distancing is still required.

## Stay Informed

More than ever we need to stay up-to-date on the latest changes going on at the Council. Although the monthly Digest is a great way to learn about upcoming events, there are times when last minute events pop up and are not advertised in this Digest or left off due to limited space. Please be sure to check our website on a regular basis for the latest information. [www.kofc4504.org](http://www.kofc4504.org). Click on "Upcoming Events" from the home page.

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Thank you,  
Tom Dudek  
Knight Digest Editor and Webmaster



### Grand Knight Message



Lenny Komar  
Grand Knight

Brothers All,  
When I joined the Knights of Columbus Council 4504 back in 1992, I was impressed with all the charitable works the Council was involved in. As I attended more meetings, events, and work parties, I got to meet more Brother Knights and the Columbiettes and discover what an overwhelming pool of talent we have here at 4504. Educators, plumbers, electricians, engineers, artists, culinary chefs, computer technicians, mechanics, doctors, nurses, firefighters, EMTs, police officers, corrections officers, and veterans are just a few of the vocations of our members. We have members from all different walks of life, backgrounds, and experiences but are united by our religion and our philanthropy. As our Council history proves, there is nothing we can't do when we work together with God in mind. The physical formation of the Council from a vacant lot, to a Council Hall, to the Swim Club Pool, to the extensions on the Council building, to the updates to the patio it is a physical representation of how we adapt and grow together. We are continually making improvements not only to our location but also to other's lives of others as we raise money for various charities. We, as a Council constantly moving forward. Even now, when we face unprecedented challenges to ourselves, our families, our communities; I do not doubt that we will continue to advance. Although we face a global pandemic and social unrest, we must use our core principles as guidelines and stay united as Brothers and Sisters in Christ.  
Our three principles, Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

Upcoming  
Events

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Mass for Our Country - Holy Spirit Church 7:30 PM	4	5
6	7 - Labor Day Council Officer's Meeting	8	9	10	11	12 Family Picnic
13	14 Council Meeting 8:15 PM	15	16	17 Knight's Family Dinner 6:30 - 8:30 PM	18	19
20	21	22	23 4th Degree Assembly	24 Columbian Club Meeting	25	26
27	28 Council Meeting 8:15 PM	29	30	Mark your Calendars: October 10th - Past Grand Knight's Dinner		