



# Knights Digest



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November 2016

## Calendar of Events

### November

November 16th ..... UFC  
 November 19th ..... Elvis  
 November 20th ..... 4th Degree  
 Mass for Deceased Members  
 Pancake Breakfast

### December

December 3th ..... Bus to NYC  
 December 12th ..... Charitable Raffle

### January

January 15th ..... Murder Mystery Dinner

### *Charitable Raffle*

Charitable Raffle Tickets will be mailed in early November. If you would like to receive two tickets for the final charitable raffle of the year, please contact Raffle Chairman Past Grand Knight Andy Schopfer to have your name added to the mailing list.

We will be selling tickets throughout November, and will pull the winning tickets at the Annual Christmas Dinner meeting to be held at the Council on Monday, December 12, 2016.

We would like to thank all of the Brothers and their families who support this raffle on an ongoing basis..

### *Mass for Deceased Members*

Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 20th. On that date, Union Council 4504 will be remembering our deceased members at the 9:00 mass at Saint Michael's Church in Union. Afterward, we will be returning to the Council Hall on Jeanette Avenue for a communion breakfast. Over the past year, our Council has seen a number of Brothers pass away, as has Sr. Ann Dominic, a key figure in our Council's history. It is only appropriate that we take time out one day a year to remember those members who have gone before us.

While this is an annual event, too often, we fail to turn out in significant numbers at the Mass to remember the legacy of our nearly 60 year old Council. Why not make this year different, and make an effort to attend the Mass, and then enjoy an inexpensive breakfast with your fellow Brothers and their families?

### *Pancake Breakfasts*

Council 4504 has planned to have a pancake breakfast every 3rd Sunday of the month beginning in September. One of these will be following the Mass for deceased members. The Mass this year will be at St Michael's Church at 9:00am on **Sunday November 20th**. We are looking for someone to chair this event. Greg Henn, PGK and Frank Santangelo will be the "chefs" in control during the breakfasts.

More information on the pancake breakfasts will follow in future issues of the Digest.

## Knigh Digest

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**Union, NJ 07083**

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

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*4th Degree Faithful*  
*Navigator*.....Alex Costa, PGK  
*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

### As the election nears, the Knights of Columbus is urging its members and other Catholic Americans to pray.

The prayer will be in the form of a novena — nine consecutive days of prayer — and will run from Oct. 30 to the eve of the election on Nov. 7.

The prayer is addressed to the Holy Trinity through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, under her title of the Immaculate Conception.

Individuals, families, councils and parishes are all invited to participate.

“The Church teaches that Catholics are called to form their consciences based on Church teaching and vote in accordance with that well-formed conscience,” said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. He added: “Pope Francis has said in reference to the U.S. election that we should ‘study the proposals well, pray and choose with your conscience,’ and this novena is designed to help Catholic Americans do that.”

The text of the novena reads:

Most Holy Trinity: Our Father in Heaven, who chose Mary as the fairest of your daughters; Holy Spirit, who chose Mary as your Spouse; God the Son, who chose Mary as your Mother, in union with Mary we adore your majesty and acknowledge your supreme, eternal dominion and authority.

Most Holy Trinity, we put the United States of America into the hands of Mary Immaculate in order that she may present the country to you. Through her we wish to thank you for the great resources of this land and for the freedom which has been its heritage.

Through the intercession of Mary, have mercy on the Catholic Church in America. Grant us peace. Have mercy on our president and on all the officers of our government. Grant us a fruitful economy, born of justice and charity. Have mercy on capital and industry and labor. Protect the family life of the nation. Guard the precious gift of many religious vocations. Through the intercession of our Mother, have mercy on the sick, the tempted, sinners – on all who are in need.

Mary, Immaculate Virgin, our Mother, Patroness of our land, we praise you and honor you and give ourselves to you. Protect us from every harm. Pray for us, that acting always according to your will and the will of your divine Son, we may live and die pleasing to God. Amen.



## DISTRICT DEPUTY AND COAT DRIVES AT COUNCIL 4504

The **Knights of Columbus** would like to extend our sincerest gratitude for your donation(s) over the years. Because of your generosity, we have been able to implement several programs, including our coat drive. **Union Council # 4504** is still the largest council in the state of New Jersey. This year we won the **McGivney Award** and the **Columbian Award** as well as making one of our larger donation to our **Special Citizens Campaign**. This is all thanks to the hard work by our members and people like you, because you cared enough to contribute your time, effort and money. Thank you for your commitment to helping our local community.

I am writing on behalf of a new need: this year's **Coat Drive**. While many of our programs have excelled thanks to contributions from people like you, this year's **Coat Drive** will prove to be even more challenging. We are undeterred in our endeavor to create an environment where *all* who are in need can have a coat to keep warm this fall/winter. We've seen how generous donations have made an impact on our previous programs, and I am confident the same will be true for this year's **Coat Drive**.

I would like to reach several benchmarks with our **Coat Drive** this year: increase coat distribution by 10%, increase the amount of coats purchased through the **Supreme Coat Program** 600%, provide an opportunity for to help distribute the coats and see those who we are helping, and promote a new committee for future **Coat Drives**.

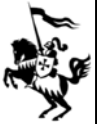
*It is our job to help those who are less fortunate* with whatever we have at our disposal and I am in the process of doing just that. But I/we need help from donors like you to fund the essential aspects of this initiative: clean your closets and donate your gently used coats, make a financial donation so we can purchase more coats through Supreme, host a fundraiser to generate monies for coats and ask your friends and neighbors for their coat and monetary donations. We will not be successful in our mission to increase the effectiveness of this program without your efforts and financial contributions.

Regardless of whether or not you are able to give at this time, we appreciate your impact on the less fortunate. We would not be helping all those we do help without your contributions and support. I encourage you to stop by any time you are in the area and drop off your donation(s); or call me and I will come pick up whatever you are giving. The people we are helping are better off because of your efforts. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
SK Alex Costa PGK, FN, DD  
305-898-1570



## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH NOVEMBER 2016 George Gaydos

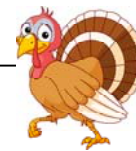


This Knight of the Month is a gentleman who has been involved in the council for many years, and especially our youth activities. In the past, he has assisted with the basketball free throw, soccer free kick, chess and the Challenger League.

He grew up in Kearny, graduated from Kearney High School, and is a parishioner of St. Michael's church. In April 2013, he made his 4<sup>th</sup> degree; earning him the title of Sir Knight. He is also the proud father of three children; Steve, Renee and Rachel.

He has always looked to help and give aid to, not only the council, but also to others in need. He came up with the idea to sell T-shirts with the K of C emblem and the Cure for cancer emblem at our Annual Family Picnic in order to benefit and give aide to Breast Cancer Research.

Even though he has dedicated his free time to the Knights, he never once asked for anything back. The mere idea of expectation and entitlement is foreign to him. For his continued efforts, it is my honor to award George Gaydos November's Knight of the Month.



## 4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

The next 4th Degree will be **Sunday, November 20, 2016 at 1:00p.m.** It will be in conjunction with The Military Ball. I am encouraging ALL with a military background to participate and become a 4th Degree Knight. It will be held at The Fiesta, 255 RT-17 Wood-Ridge, NJ 07075.

Fraternally,  
SK Alex Costa PGK, DD  
305-898-1570  
Faithful Navigator  
JFK Assembly



**The Columbian Club of Union  
presents**

**Jeff Krick**

**Elvis Tribute Artist & Vocalist**



*Elvis Presley*

**Date: November 19, 2016**

**Time: 6:30p.m to 10:30 p.m.**

**Where: 1034 Jeanette Ave., Union**

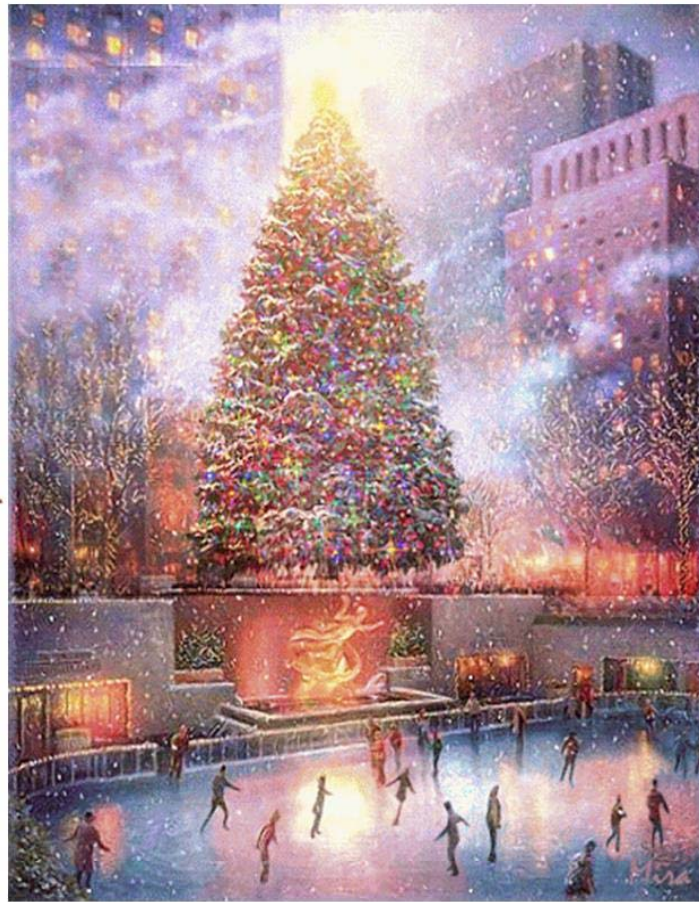
**Tickets: \$30 and Includes Buffet Dinner**

**For Tickets or Info Contact:**

**John Peters at 908-296-1638 or [jep103@verizon.net](mailto:jep103@verizon.net)**

**\*\* Tickets must be purchased in advance. No Tickets will be available at the door\*\***

# CHRISTMAS BUS TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY DECEMBER 3, 2016



Bus will depart from the Union Council at 12:00 p.m. and travel to Rockefeller Center to see the Christmas Tree for approximately an hour. The bus will depart Rockefeller Center at approximately 1:30 p.m. and go to Bryant Park for some shopping and holiday cheer. At 4:00 p.m., we will head to Little Italy for some shopping or an early dinner.

The bus will depart NYC at 6:00 p.m. and return to the Council.

Cost is \$35 per person

For reservations or information contact:

John Peters at 908-296-1638 or [jep@verizon.net](mailto:jep@verizon.net)



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# *Midnight at the Masquerade*

A murder mystery dinner experience

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Knights of Columbus  
1034 Jeanette Avenue  
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***KNIGHTS FAMILY DINNERS***

This favorite event of many has returned and will continue monthly on the 3rd Thursday of each month unless posted otherwise.

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.



**E A D L D V I A E R E Z**

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**205**

**C M C O N G R E G O R**

**\$10 Admission**  
**Time: 6:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.**  
**Doors open at 5:00 p.m.**  
**Includes Hot Dogs and Wings**

**Coors LIGHT**

**BUD LIGHT**

Columbian Club of Union, 1034 Jeanette Avenue, Union, NJ 07083

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