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Calendar of Events

May 13th Mother's Day/IDD Drive
 May 14th Council Meeting & Elections 8:15 PM
 May 17th Knights Family Dinner
 May 17th-20th Wildwood Convention
 June 11th Council Meeting 8:15 PM
 June 13th 2nd Degree
 June 15th 3rd Degree
 June 16th Casino Knight
 June 17th Father's Day Breakfast
 June 17th Renewal of Wedding Vows (25th & 50th)
 June 21st Knights Family Dinner
 June 25th Council Meeting 8:15 PM
 July 7th Pig Roast

Council Elections

The Council Nominating Committee has concluded its interviews, and the slate of officers has been chosen.

The following is the slate for the 2018-2019 Columbian Year:

- Grand Knight - Michael P. Willemse
- Deputy GK - David Wozniak
- Chancellor - Kris Cancellieri
- Warden - Joshua Merida
- Treasurer - Paul Willemse
- Recorder - Phillip Cababe
- Inside Guard - Anthony Ibida
- Outside Guard - Robert Pynkels
- Advocate - Stephen Hehl
- 3rd Year Trustee - Ed McCormick, PGK
- 2nd Year Trustee - Giftus John, PGK
- 1st Year Trustee - Greg Henn, PGK

Election for the Council Officers will take place on **May 14th 2018 at 8:15pm**. See you all then.



Thank you to those that volunteered for our Intellectual Disabilities Drive. We collected about \$2000.00 dollars for the weekend. We are well below our goal for this year.

We will be collecting at St Michael's church on Mother's Day. We will need volunteers following all Masses 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM 10:30 AM and 12 noon.

If anyone would like to make donations for this cause, you can send a check to the Council c/o Chairman of Intellectual Disabilities Drive.

Knights Family Dinner

The next Knights Family dinner is scheduled for **Thursday, May 17th**. The dinners are held on the 3rd Thursday of every month except when noted otherwise.

Anyone planning on attending must call Pat Wittek in advance at 908-964-3989.

PIG ROAST

**SAVE
The
DATE**



JULY 7, 2018

"Spring will come and so will happiness. Hold on. Life will get warmer." - Anita Krizzan



One of the Knights of Columbus' missions is to support our Domestic Church and strengthen our parish. At our March business meeting, Union Council 4504 donated religious literature to St. Michael's Church. This literature may be used for our Church's adult Faith Formation Group that meets every Tuesday.

Worthy Chaplin Anselm received this gift, and offers his sincere thank you for this donation.

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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
549 Robinson Ter.
Union, NJ 07083

or preferably via email to: 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..... Alex Costa, PGK
Grand Knight Michael Willemse
Deputy Grand Knight..... Ed McCormick, PGK
Chancellor..... David Wozniak
Warden..... Phillip Cababe
Recorder..... Joshua Merida
Treasurer..... Paul Willemse
Fin. Secretary..... Luke Sangiamo
Inside Guard..... Anthony Ibida
Outside Guard..... Robert Pynckels
Membership Director..... Greg Chaves
Program Director..... Mike Peter, PGK
Advocate..... Stephen F. Hehl
3rd. Yr. Trustee Giftus John, PGK
2nd Yr. Trustee Greg Henn, PGK
1st Yr. Trustee Mike Peter, PGK
4th Degree Faithful
Navigator..... Len Komar
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

Brothers All,

When I first started my tenure of GK, I was immediately thrown into worlds of drama, and it has been a wild ride since July 1st. I said to myself, “what kind of GK will I be?” “What is my agenda?”

I decided that my reign will be the following; Follow the rules set forth by our Brothers before us, do not tolerate any deviation from the same and act to unify the three organizations as one large cooperation...which enables us to fulfill two of our core principles...Unity and Fraternity. I have preached each meeting about the need for cooperation, have worked side by side with my Council, CC and Swim Club officers with all the new changes Supreme has established and I had hoped that this would allow us to move forward from the division that occurred at this establishment 8 years ago.

There are some Brother Knights who have come to me on the side, and made mention that I have had the roughest year out of the past several years of Grand Knights. Whenever they say this, I cannot help but smile. You may ask yourself, “Why would you smile at that statement?” A few months back, I was visiting my late best friend’s mother. She asked me how being a Grand Knight was going. Without going into too much detail and without breaking my vow of secrecy, I simply replied that there were a lot of changes going on my year, and it is difficult to adapt to them all. I specifically remember saying “Why me? Out of all the years, why did all these issues and changes occur during my tenure?” She looked at me, and held my hand saying, “It’s because God knew you could handle it.”

She was right, but I want to take what she said one step further. It’s not that I alone can handle it, but rather our Council can handle it. It’s not that I alone can handle it, but rather our Council can handle it. Our Council has recently had another challenge presented to us with the potential to divide. We are still currently in the midst of this issue, and I worried for my Brothers and our Council. However, after our last meeting on Monday, April 23rd 2018, my concern and worry disappeared. After the meeting, the Brothers were banded together in the truest display of Unity and Fraternity that I have witnessed in the eight years that I joined this Council. I am optimistic that we like the previous challenges, can rise above this newest one and turn out better than we were previously.

Related news for our Council is that elections will take place on May 14th 2018 at our regular business meeting. This slate of officers is the most youthful slate that our Council has put up in a long time. I encourage everyone to come to the elections this year. Future exciting events will be the Wildwood Convention on May 18th – 20th, Casino Knight on June 16th, a Renewal of Wedding Vows Breakfast on Father’s Day, June 17th and the Pig Roast on July 7th. I encourage all to attend these great events.

Vivat Jesus!
Michael P. Willemse
Grand Knight; Union 4504



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April 9, 2018

Cell Phones For Soldiers
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Union Knights of Columbus 4504
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Union, NJ 07083

To whom this may concern,

On behalf of Cell Phones For Soldiers, thank you for your thoughtful donation of 30 cell phones. Each donated device allows Cell Phones for Soldiers to fulfill the mission of serving troops and veterans with free communication services and emergency funding.

We greatly appreciate all the support from Union Knights of Columbus 4504. With your donation, we can provide 525 Minutes that Matter to troops overseas. Donations also help provide emergency financial assistance to veterans.

Since 2004, Minutes That Matter, the charity's long-standing calling card program, has provided more than 300 million minutes of free talk time for troops and veterans. Since its July 2012 creation, Helping Heroes Home has assisted more than 4,500 veterans with one-time emergency needs such as communication services; paying for rent to avoid eviction; imperative car repairs; and more.

Due to the mobile phone recycling program, more than 15 million cell phones have been recycled since 2004, thus reducing the impact on landfills.

Again, we want to express our gratitude for your contribution. The success and growth of this program is directly impacted by your considerate support.

Many thanks,

Rob Bergquist
Founder

Why Do You Love Being Catholic? by Matthew Kelly

An empty tomb.

This isn't what they expected. Imagine the fear. Imagine the confusion. Jesus told them it would happen, but they still were not prepared for his resurrection. Mary Magdalene didn't even recognize Jesus when he stood right in front of her.

But he is risen!

Do you act like the disciples and Mary Magdalene? Or do you expect the extraordinary? Do you expect miracles? Jesus wants to do something extraordinary in your life. He wants to resurrect your life. What part of your life needs resurrection?

We all have an area of our lives that needs resurrection. What's happening in your life right now? What's not working in your life? What great question are you grappling with in your heart?

Whenever I get to a place in my life where things aren't making sense, it always seems that I need to rediscover Jesus and his Church. And whenever I intentionally try to rediscover Jesus and his Church, I am overwhelmed with how powerful our faith truly is.

I love the Church. I love the genius of Catholicism.



Knight of the Month

May 2018



Kris Cancellieri



This Knight of the Month goes to a gentleman who is always around at the Hall, whether it's helping out with events or pouring an awesome cocktail. Born in Clifton, NJ and a graduate of Clifton High

School, this gentleman has been active in major events for both the Council as well as the Columbian Club.

You can always see him at the bar, cheering for his NY Jets and NY Mets while having his favorite drink; Baccardi and Coke. He also works for Fette Ford/Kia as a parts driver.

Most recently, he assisted in the Columbian Club's Breakfast with Santa and helped cook hot dogs for the Council Movie Night. He makes a great Santa! His family consists of his father, Michael, his mother Lorraine, and his sister, Lisa.

It is my pleasure to award May's Knight of the Month to Kris Cancellieri.

Congratulations, Kris, and thank you for your hard work.

2018 Summer Pool Registration

The 2018 Columbian Club Pool Registration is now open. Applications can be downloaded from the Council's website at:

www.kofc4504.org/swimclub

We now offer multi tier level memberships with added benefits.

Any questions please contact:
Chris Burlew at chrissi714@aol.com or
Joe Marateo at marateoj@gmail.com

Brothers in Business

Are you a brother who has his own business? From a suggestion by Mike Ibbotson during one of our regular meetings, Council 4504 has decided to spotlight, on a monthly basis, in the Digest and on the Council's website, a brother who has his own business. That business may be in or out of Union.

We therefore are asking all brothers who own your own businesses, to submit your names, business name and services offered to GK Michael Willemse or PGK Giftus John. We will then randomly pick a business to highlight. All businesses submitted will be highlighted, and submissions will be on an ongoing basis. No deadlines!

We are hoping that this initiative will work at building stronger ties between our business brothers and our general membership who have need for their services, hopefully at a special rate.

Thanks Mike, for bringing the suggestion to the Council.

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Knights of Columbus Convention

May 17, 2018 to May 20, 2018

2 Days - \$395.00

For information call Ed McCormick, PGK
973.650.7643 ASAP

Brothers in Business—Luke Sangiamo

We would like to feature our first Brother in Business in this month's Digest, Luke Sangiamo. Brother Luke Sangiamo is the current Financial Secretary for Union Council #4504, and is a local Realtor who works with his wife Sarah at All Towne Realty, a local family-run office. Luke specializes in working with buyers and sellers of residential properties in Union, Essex, and Middlesex counties. While being a younger agent, he has already received recognition from the NJ Association of Realtors for his achievements. He has worked with many first time home buyers, as well as people looking to sell and find homes that better suit their needs. Having lived in and around Union County for 30 years and attending Rutgers University in Newark, Luke has a personal familiarity with many of the neighborhoods we all live and work in.

Finding the right home, or selling a home you have grown to love is one of the most important and difficult decisions to make. Luke approaches his career by getting to know his clients to relate to their perspective and understand their situation. He does not view his role as only a transaction, but an opportunity to help his clients understand the current market and assist them in making the best decision possible for them and their families. Luke can be reached anytime on his business line at (908) 370-8660, or at his email Luke@realtor.com. All Towne Realty is located at 30 Brant Avenue in Clark, NJ.

25/50 Year Wedding Anniversary Celebrations

Council 4504 will recognize brothers and their wives who have celebrated or will be celebrating their 25th and 50th Wedding Anniversary this year, at a Father's Day breakfast on the 17th of June. We will also make special presentation to the brothers and their wives who have celebrated incremental five year anniversaries after 25 years.

Any brother who would like to be recognized at the ceremony is asked to contact PGK Giftus John or GK Mike Willemse by June 10th so that Certificates can be ordered in time for the event.

We extend our sincerest congratulations to Mike and Nancy Ambriosa 50 years, Paul and Lucille Willemse 40years Joe and Nancy Harbison, 30 years; Steve and Carol Nagy 35 years.

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



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One of my favorite philosophers is Socrates, a Greek philosopher who held knowledge in very high esteem. There is this story, that one day, an acquaintance of his met with him and said, "Hi Socrates, Do you know what I just heard about your friend?"

"Hold on a minute," Socrates replied. "Before you talk to me about my friend, let me ask you: Are you absolutely sure that what you are about to tell me is true?"

The man said no and that he had actually just heard about it. Socrates nodded his head, noting, "'So you don't really know if it's true or not.'" "By the way", Socrates continued, "The thing you are about to tell me about my friend, is it something good?"

"Umm, no, on the contrary..." replied the acquaintance.

"So," Socrates continued, "you want to tell me something bad about my friend, but you're not certain it's true and it is not something good". "Okay let me also ask: What you want to tell me about my friend is it something that will be useful to me?"

"No, not really," came the response.

"Well," continued Socrates, "if what you want to tell me is neither **true**, nor **good**, nor even **useful**, why tell it to me at all?"

Dear brothers, the truth is that one telling of a gossip is news announced to the world. You cannot control the extent to which it can go. You cannot undo the damage done by it. People generally have a tendency to question all the good things they hear about someone but believe all the bad things they hear without a second thought.

Labelling others with self-righteous vindication is indeed a terrible disease that gets people to pull away from Christ, not run to Him. We must strive to shut down conversations that aim to tear others down. As Scripture says: Let every word that come from your mouth be such as to edify those who hear it" (Ephesians 4:29).

There is a beautiful life lesson we should always keep close to our hearts—that whatever we posit into existence will one day come back to us as experience. While the beautiful flowers of today usually become the trash of tomorrow, we may one day be the flower, and another day the trash. It is so important that we, as children of God strive always to uphold the dignity of every human being.



Faithful Captain Steve Nagy raised the new Colors at St Michael's School in Union NJ. The Flag was donated by the JFK Assembly to replace the torn and tattered flag.

The Assembly thanks Steve for finding the suitable replacement. Salute. FN Len Komar

The JFK Assembly would like to welcome SK Tom Hillas, SK Tony Oliviero, SK Bill Quartiet, SK Valentine Odoemene, SK Chuck and Phillip Cababe and SK Steven Woodruff.

Congratulations on your advancement to the Fourth Degree. FN Len Komar JFK Assembly





Casino Knight



Break out your Tux
Get your James Bond on
And join us for...

Casino Knight at the Knights!
Craps, Poker, Black Jack, Texas Hold 'Em and more!

Open Play
Tournament Play
(Trophies to the Winners)

50/50s and Raffles



Vodka Martinis, Shaken, Not Stirred

**When: Saturday June 16th 2018
7pm until 11pm**

**Where: 1034 Jeanette Ave.,
Union, NJ 07083**

Cost: \$40 per person
\$55 per couple

Includes: \$100 in play money (additional play money available for purchase)
\$125 in play money if you are in a Tux

\$135 in play money if you are in a Tux & wearing your 4th Degree Social Baldric
Hors D'oeuvres

One Drink Ticket (Cash Bar is available)

Contact Alex Costa PGK at 305-898-1570 for tickets.

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