



Knights Digest



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September 2018

Calendar of Events

September 8th.....Knights Family Picnic
 September 10th.....Council Meeting 8:15 PM
 September 20th.....Knights Family Dinner
 September 24th.....Council Meeting 8:15 PM
 September 29th.....ALS Benefit for Rich Fuentes
 November 11th..... Annual Memorial Mass & Breakfast



Knights Family Dinners

Beginning September 20th, we will restart the monthly dinners. The cost has been increased to \$9.00 for seniors and \$11.00 for others. ***Reservations are required*** by calling Pat Wittek at 908-964-3989 by Monday before the third Thursday of month.

Annual Memorial Mass



Our Annual Memorial Mass for Deceased Members of Union Knights of Columbus Council will be on November 11, 2018 at the 9am Mass held at St. Michael's Church.

There will be a breakfast at the Council around 10:30am. More details to follow in the October Digest.

Anyone is interested in attending the Mass and or Breakfast please contact Michael Peter, PGK at 908-759-3588 or mikepeter4275@gmail.com.



UNION COUNCIL #4504 FAMILY PICNIC TICKETS

SEPTEMBER 8, 2018
12:00 TILL 6:00 pm

FOOD, DRINKS, ACTIVITIES, AND GOOD OLD COMARADERIE!

ADVANCE PURCHASE TICKET COSTS:
 FAMILY (2 ADULTS & 2 CHILDREN)--\$50.00
 ADDITIONAL CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OLD-- \$10.00
 ADULTS--\$20.00

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT ALL COUNCIL MEETINGS, OUTSIDE BAR, SWIMCLUB GATE HOUSE (CHECKS OR EXACT CHANGE)
OR CONTACT:

DAVE WOZNAK @ 908.930.0616
E EMAILS: 4504blast@gmail.com

**ADVANCE SALE OF TICKETS WILL END 9/3/18
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Union Council #4504

— THE COUNCIL CHARITABLE FUND RAFFLE —

1st Prize 40% GROSS SALES
2nd - 5th Prize2-1/2% GROSS SALES

Drawing to be held **SATURDAY, SEPT. 8, 2018 at 6:00 PM**
after the Council Picnic

No substitution of the offered prize. Winner need not be present

ID # 499-6-22063

DONATION: \$10.00

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The Charitable Fund Raffle tickets have been mailed out. The drawing is to be held at the annual picnic on September 8th at 6:00 PM. If you need additional tickets, please contact Andy Schopfer at aschopfer@verizon.net

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President Alex Costa, PGK
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,

I want to thank everyone who was able to attend our Installation of Officers ceremony. I also would like to extend my heartfelt thank you to St. Michael's Church for always being so accommodating to us. It's been very interesting summer this year. The weather has been somewhat bipolar; being unbearably hot one day and then heavy rainstorms the next.

We had some excellent events over this past summer. We were able to launch our newly reactivated Pig Roast, the 4th Annual Lobster Fest and our Annual Family Picnic will take place in just a few days. We are planning on having a few major fundraisers over the course of this Columbian Year, so please keep an eye out on the Digest for these events.

We will have many Service activities such as our Food Drive, Citizens with Intellectual Difficulties Drive, and Church activities such as our Nativity Blessing, Lenten Stations of the Cross and Community activities such as the Shield Awards. The Union Knights of Columbus should be a good example to our Parishes and community through our good works and deeds, and the only way we can do that is with your involvement in our Council.

I hope everyone will be able to come out to our events and enjoy.

Let's continue to have a fantastic year!

Vivat Jesus!

Michael P. Willemse
Grand Knight; Union 4504



**Corner of Inspiration:
Rev. Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu, Ph.D**

I am truly excited to offer reflections on our Knight of Columbus Monthly Digest and to use this medium to encourage our Knights, and all people of good faith, to be the hand of God for the salvation of all. I ask all of you to pray for me that the good Lord will grant me the inspiration for this purpose in all the articles to be published in this corner!

The Bible enjoins us to owe nothing to anyone except the duty of care (Ref Roman 13:8). Hmmm! "The Duty of Care"! That is to say, no matter the nature of the relationship we have with people, there are certain things we owe them as a matter of divine obligation, not personal decisions of privilege. That is interesting! And so, I would like to begin my reflections in this corner by shading some light, over the next few months, on these duties of care.

The Duty of Edification and Honor

As we go through the business of our lives, it is very easy to be so focused on the self, work, family, hobbies; to be so preoccupied with our own situations and tribulations that we lose any sense of regard to the presence of others, to what they are doing or feeling, or to what is going on in their lives. We may be tempted to focus on negativities and hurt feelings which only work to poison our minds and destroy relationships. It is easy to focus on other people's faults rather than on their richness and graces; to be so tied into competition and self-achievement that we miss opportunities to build others up, to invest in promoting their wellbeing, to be a source of grace and blessings unto their lives. More still, we may even think that showing honor and speaking blessings onto others is a privilege, a perk of compensation for those who do right by us.

Scripture says: "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who hear it. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another..." (Ephesians 4:29-32).

God has equipped all of us with an abundant supply of graces to honor and edify others. But many a time our choice is to be economical in our distribution of this most creative grace and to be selective in the process. Part of the reason why God put us on earth is that we might so edify others that they may be lifted up in the spir-

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Knight of the Month



September 2018

Robert Pynckels



Knight of the Month for September 2018, is Robert Pynckels. One of the most fun loving members of the Council, Pyncks has been one of the greatest assets to the Council and the Club. He serves as a Director for the Columbian Club as well as the Outside Guard for the

Council. He is also around helping others, volunteering his time to assist in charitable and club fundraisers and making amazing furniture for the outside Tiki lounge. Pyncks has been a very active member of the Council and Club. A lot of what officers and members do to keep the Club running is somewhat of a thankless job. However, Pyncks never does this hard work for a thank you. He does what he does because he truly cares for this club and its members.

It is my honor to award Robert Pynckels the Knight of the Month for September 2018. Congratulations, Pyncks and thank you so much for everything you do!

Bylaws Review and Vote

A bylaw committee was formed during the latter part of the 2017-2018 Columbian Year to look over the Council and Columbian Club bylaws, and suggest amendments. This committee was chaired and operated by Giftus John, PGK. The committee comprised exclusively of Past Grand Knights from 4504 met for a number of weeks and a finalized proposal was made.

These proposals are currently under legal review by our Advocate. Once approval has been received, a special meeting will be called for the purpose of voting on said proposed amendments.

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it, encouraged and supported to continue their growth and journey unto their God given destiny. In Luke 7:36ff, we read the story of an adulterous woman who heard that Christ was in the house of a Pharisee, and she went in there to honor him. Christ told the people, who were busy gossiping and complaining about her, that what the woman had done—honoring Him by pouring expensive oil on his feet and wiping it out with her hair—was to prepare His body for burial, and for that reason, what she has done will forever be remembered in memory of her. He then told her: “God home, your sins are forgiven”. What a blessing! God always finds a way to reward with abundant blessings all those who sow the seed of edification in other people’s lives. The honor you give to others will unfailingly come back to you as experience. Scripture says that the measure with which you give is the measure with which you will receive.

The grace to edify others is a divine gift to be distributed with generosity—a word of kindness towards others, a good recommendation, a good word of integrity behind someone’s back, a word of encouragement to a coworker, an uplifting comment about a family member, a supportive statement about someone’s effort and work, a confirming statement about someone’s achievement, the consoling and comforting words of how much you love those in your family—these kinds of out-pouring of edification are meant to be given away with generosity so that, God, in turn, may release His own gift of edification upon us. Holding unto to your God-given supply of the grace to edify others is to be like that lazy servant in Matthew 25 whose master gave a denarius and he chose to bury it in the ground, instead of investing it. As you know, he was not only called a wicked wretch, but he also lost, not just the denarius, but everything else that he had.

It is therefore a wonderful practice to wake up each morning, and after thanking God for the gift of the new day, ask: who can I edify, honor and celebrate today? How can I make someone feel special and blessed on this day? When we edify others, we not only create good feelings in them but we also create an environment filled with life-giving spirit. Honoring others not only produces joy and happiness in their lives, it also produces joy and happiness in our own inner spirit. We get rewarded more than the person we have edified. It is in making other people’s day that our day is made; it is in lifting others up that we are lifted up; it is in creating opportunities for others that my destiny is anointed and appointed.

In the light of this understanding, the question is: How do we respond? A few years back, researchers ran a study to compare the degree to which couples showed honor to their spouses as compared to strangers. Amazingly, it was found that couples were much more likely to edify strangers than their spouses. Quite interesting, isn’t it? That makes me think that a good place for many of us to start pouring out the grace of edification is with your spouse, your parents, children, siblings, coworkers, friends, fellow church members or fellow knights. You may think that there is not much value in being expressive with honoring and edifying others. The truth of the matter is; if you don’t express the gift of your honor, the grace of edifying others verbally, people will never come to experience that part of you. It makes a world of difference to hear your word that uplifts others, that encourages their work, supports their efforts, causes them to have a joyful spirit, appreciates what they do, impacts their positive feelings and provides a source of divine grace in their lives. Bottling up the gift of your edification in your mind produces no fruit and does no one any good. It is important to let God know that you are delighted with edifying others by being practical and expressive with it. It does not hurt to know that you care. It does not matter how many times you express your care; it is always a source of divine grace and blessing to others.

The other day, a parishioner told me about the many good things a friend of mine had said about me, behind my back, about the work we are doing at St. Michaels Church. I can tell you that had a tremendous impact on me. It is a worthy effort to consider making it a habit to say good things about others behind their back. It is called positive gossip. It is a wonderful way to edify others. We are used to talking about negative things and trash behind others’ back. The good news is that we have the power to change this. Just as the bad things we say about others always get back to them, so also does the good testimony we give behind their back get back to them. As you may know, a reported complement is far more powerful than a direct complement. The good things that people hear you said about them but behind them carry much more weight than what you say in their presence.

In all, living with the grace of edifying others is not about saying things to people that we do not mean or saying things just to make them feel good. No! It is about focusing on what is good in others, what is commendable, what is honorable. It is a way of being genuine, of investing in others, of helping others grow, knowing that the more I build others up with honor, the more I am building myself up and disposing myself for God to build me up with His own honor and blessings.

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I have this friend. She is a wonderful person. She has a great family. They are synonymous with “4504”. And I was having a conversation with her at the council/club the other day. She was saying how she is disappointed how the organization is these days. How WE don’t support our own events like the Tricky Tray or the Family Picnics and how we don’t do anything for charity. Well, I would certainly like to see more attendance at events, especially ones that benefit the council and/or club but to say WE don’t do anything for charity?

- 2017 Shield Awards (community)
- Affirmation of Wedding Vows (community/membership)
- Breakfast with Santa (community)
- Breakfast with the Easter Bunny (community/membership)
- Breast Cancer Research Donations (charity)
- Cell Phones for Soldiers (charity)
- Charitable Fund Raffle (charity)
- Chili Contest (charity/fundraiser)
- Cigar Knight (charity)
- Deceased Members Mass (community/membership)
- Dominica Hurricane Relief Fund (charity)
- Eyes for the Needy (charity)
- I.D.D. Drive (charity)
- Knight’s Family Dinners (membership)
- Knights of Columbus Annual Coat & Clothing Drive (charity)
- Lenten Fish Fry (religion/membership)
- Lobster Festival (fundraiser)
- M.S. Foundation Donations (charity)
- Murder Mystery Dinner (fundraiser/charity)
- Pig Roast (charity/St Jude’s)
- Rides for Brothers (brotherhood)
- Senior Social (community)
- Splash Party (community/membership)
- St. Patrick’s Day Parade (community)
- Tricky Tray (fundraiser/charity)
- Union Council 4504 Anniversary Circle (membership)
- Union Council 4504 Family Picnic (fundraiser/charity)
- Wreaths across America (patriotism)
- Wrestling Event (community/membership)
- Yellow Ribbon Ceremony (community/patriotism)

There is always room for improvement, which goes without saying. On the whole, I think the membership is on the right course. If there is something you feel passionately about, contact the GK, contact the Club President, get your idea out there and let us see if WE can’t make it happen. – Alex Costa PGK

Rides for Brothers

If any Brother Knight in the Union Council that lives in the Union Township area that would like to attend our Council meetings on the second and fourth Mondays each month but are unable to attend due to transportation issues please contact Steve Nagy PGK at (908) 967-9060 or email him at toys4504@aol.com and he will try to find another Brother Knight to give you a ride.

We are also looking for Brother Knights that are willing and able to provide rides to contact Steve Nagy PGK and he will work with everyone to make arrangements for both parties. This is a great way to show your commitment to our Orders Principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

Novena for Life

One of the new criteria for our Columbian Award is a program called "Novena for Life." Its a program where Brother Knights announce and hopefully attend our parishes' Novenas.

Holy Spirit has their Novenas are on Monday (September—June) immediately after 8:30 Mass. St. Michael's Novenas are more sporadic.

A novena is a series of prayers that are said for nine straight days, usually as a prayer of petition but sometimes as a prayer of thanksgiving. The nine days recall the nine days that the Apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary spent in prayer between Ascension Thursday and Pentecost Sunday.



Want to become a Columbiette?

If any women of the Knights would like to be Columbiettes we are having a first degree on October 11th.

Please contact Fran Corcione at Mrs417@hotmail.com or 973-454-4145.

A.L.S. BENEFIT FOR GENERAL AGENT RICHARD FUENTES



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2018

4:00PM TO 8:00PM

**St. Cecelia's Knights of Columbus
571 Route 27, Iselin**

COST IS \$25.00 PER PERSON

INCLUDES ADMISSION, BUFFET & DJ (CASH BAR)

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