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Calendar of Events

October 12th Past Grand Knight Dinner
November 6th 2nd Degree (tentative)
November 8th 3rd Degree (tentative)



Exemplification of the Fourth Degree

The First New Jersey District will hold an Exemplification of the Fourth Degree / Military Ball on Sunday November 17, 2019 at La Neve's Restaurant in Haldon, NJ.

Any current Knighthood (Third) Degree Brother Knight that as an interest in advancing to the Fourth Degree should contact Faithful Navigator Steve Nagy at toys4504@aol.com or Faithful Admiral Len Komar at ljkomar@gmail.com to express their interest and to learn more about our Order's Fourth Degree.

Novena for Life

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

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.

We will be having a Prayer for Life at every Council meeting throughout the summer.

Remember, Honor and Teach

Brothers, The Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree is the Patriotic Degree. One way the JFK Assembly honors our veterans is through Wreaths Across America. A nationwide program where wreaths are placed on Veterans' graves, on the 2nd Saturday every December.

The JFK Assembly cosponsors a local cemetery with the Elizabeth Garden Club. The First Presbyterian Church Cemetery at 42 Broad Street, was built in 1783 and was placed on the National Register of Historical Places in 1977. The cemetery dates back to 1687 with just over 2000 graves. 169 veteran's graves from the American Revolutionary War to War of 1812. "The Fighting Parson of the Revolution", Reverend James Parson, Quartermaster in the Continental Army is interned there with his family.

Saturday morning December 7th, Sir Knights, Brothers, family and friends will meet at the cemetery to locate and mark the veteran's grave. The following Saturday Dec 14th, will be the official Wreath Ceremony at 12:00 noon. If you can volunteer your time or can make a monetary donation, Please contact Len Komar PFN or Steve Nagy FN. Thank you.

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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.

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Columbiette President Fran Corcione

Monthly Meetings

1st. Mon. ----- Council Officers
2nd & 4th Mon. ----- Council Mtgs.
2nd Thu. ----- Columbiettes
3rd Mon. ----- Swim Club
4th Wed. ----- 4th Degree Assembly
4rd Thur. ----- Columbian Club

MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Brothers all,

The summer months have passed, and we start to close the pool and outside grounds for the winter. Work parties have begun, and it is our hope that anyone who has a spare hour on Saturday morning will come and lend a hand. As we enter the last quarter of our year, I want to thank all who have worked so hard for our council. Council 4504 hosted some amazing summer events this year, most recently the family picnic. I would especially like to give special thank you to the picnic committee, our cooks, and everyone who helped to make the event such a success.

Through all of the events and activities run at the council I am constantly reminded of how important having volunteers really is to the Knights of Columbus as an organization. Sometimes I wonder though, what does it really mean when one "volunteers" to do something.

By definition, a volunteer, is one who enters into or offers himself for a service of his own free will, own choice, own consent, unconstrained by interference, with spontaneous choice or action and without external compulsion.

It is quite interesting to note that this definition does not cover prerequisites, expectations, responsibilities, and recognition for either the volunteer or the receiver of voluntarism. As Knights of Columbus, our guide to voluntarism is our Catholic faith and our main principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Our desire to exemplify these teachings is our main focus and motivation for each and every service we offer as individuals to our council and collectively for, "the good of the Order." Let us try to remember this and appreciate all contributions without expectation of material gratification for services rendered. Let us also encourage each other to give as much of ourselves as we are able to offer with, "no strings attached."

October is a fairly quiet month for the council. However I would like to remind everyone to attend our **PGK dinner on October 12th** in honor of our 2 term PGK Michael Willemse. Our Formation (2nd) and Knighthood Degrees (3rd) are tentatively scheduled for 11/06 and 11/08 pending Supreme approval. Any Brother Knight who wishes to advance himself in the Order should contact the Grand Knight and request his attendance.

Once again, a huge thank you to everyone volunteering their hard work, and time to make 4504 such an amazing Council!

Vivat Jesus!
David Wozniak
Grand Knight; Union 4504



Knights Family Dinners

The next scheduled Family Dinner is **October 17, 2019**, weather permitting.

Reservations are required by calling Pat Wittek at 908-964-3989 by Monday before the third Thursday of month.

2019 Schedule

November 21, 2019

December 1, 2019

Dates are subject to change!

25/30 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. We will also make special presentations to the brothers and their wives who celebrate incremental five-year anniversaries after 25 years.

Any brother who would like to be recognized should contact Giftus John, PGK, or Grand Knight Dave Wozniak as soon as is possible so that we may order the correct number of certificates.

Brothers in Business

Are you a brother who has his own business?

If so, please submit your name, business name and services offered to GK Dave Wozniak or PGK Michael Willemse. All entries will be listed on our website and randomly picked to highlight in our Knight Digest.

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.



Knight of the Month



October 2019

Allen Pascullo



Allen has been retired from New York Power Authority a little over a year. He enjoys cooking and keeps himself busy with home projects like working in his yard. (Ask him about his fig tree). Allen moved to Union from Queens and

has been married to Mary Kay for 36 years. They have four children. Timothy, Kevin, Ryan and Erin which he is very proud of. They are parishioners of Holy Spirit Church.

Allen made his First Degree in October 1989 and continued to advance to the Fourth Degree in May 1998. He is currently Faithful Captain of the JFK Assembly. His list of achievements are as follows. Past Faithful Navigator of JFK Assembly, Color Corp Commander (three times), Trustee, Past Columbian Club President, Kitchen Manager, Bar Manager, Swim Club Pool Board and currently bartends, so he is a wealth of knowledge and experience. Allen attends many Council / Assembly Meetings, Swim Club work parties, events and parades. Allen is a stronger supporter of the nationwide program, Wreaths Across America Program that the Assembly co-sponsors. He is always available to help, offer advice and enjoys seeing the Council continue to grow.

Allen truly enjoys being a Knight of Columbus helping the community. Thank you, Allen, for all that you continue to do for our Council. **Congratulations.**



Brothers,

The Union Knights of Columbus Council # 4504 will be holding its Past Grand Knight's Dinner on Saturday October 12, 2019 to Honor Michael Willemse, Grand Knight for 2017 – 2019. This dinner will be to recognize Michael for all his hard work and dedication to our Council during his tenure as Grand Knight.

The evening will begin at 7 P.M. with a Cocktail Hour followed by presentations to our Past Grand Knight, dinner, music and an open bar. Tickets for the evening's festivities are only \$60.00 a couple (\$30.00 for a single). Reservations are requested by October 2nd.

Come on out and enjoy the evening with your Brothers and their families

Call Len Komar, DGK @908-436-8143,
or David Wozinak, GK @908-930-0616
Please **RSVP** by Wednesday, October 2nd

Thank You

Cigar Knight 2

On Friday, September 06, 2019 Brothers Alex Costa PGK and Gino Gonzalez once again hosted a cigar night, Cigar Knight 2, along with invaluable committee members: Alex Rivera; Chris & Column O'Hara; Ron Salzano and Ric Gonzalez Esq.

We had over a hundred people in attendance in spite of the poor weather from Hurricane Dorian.

In the true meaning of the principles charity, unity and fraternity, we raised over \$4,000.

Donations went to the Knights of Columbus Motorcycle Ministry NJ Special Olympics Run, Camp Nejeda (a camp for kids with juvenile diabetes), we paid Union Council 4504 rent for a month and made a \$250 donation to the Columbian Club of Union for their children's playground.

Thank you one and all.

Tailgate Party

On Sunday, September 29, 2019 Brothers Robert "Pynks" Pynckels and Kris "Big G" Cancellari, once again hosted this year's Tailgate Party.

Brother Matt Permison of Killa Seasonings and Brothers Zack Morin & Tom O'Neil of Steady Smoke BBQ rounded out the committee and did an amazing job on the food.

The Giants won, the Jets didn't loose and the weather was near perfect as well as the food and a great time was had by all.

They even ran a 50/50 to help our beloved Swim Club.

Thank you guys.



Knights of Columbus Motorcycle Ministry



On Sunday, September 29, 2019 The New Jersey Knights of Columbus Motorcycle Ministry held its 10th annual Motorcycle Run which benefits the New Jersey Special Olympics.

We were happy to make another \$5,000 donation to the New Jersey Special Olympics. Chairman of the Special Olympics Run, Brother Ralph Kinnick thanked Cigar Knight 2 for making a \$1,500 donation.

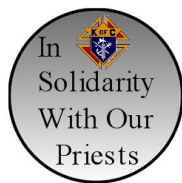


After 6 years of running our Coat Drive, Alex Costa PGK is stepping down.

If you are interested in taking up the cause. Please, contact GK Dave Wozniak or Alex Costa PGK.

Thank you.

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