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Calendar of Events

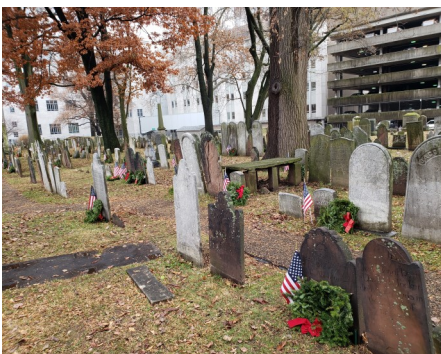
January 11th..... Pasta Night
January 14th..... Council Meeting
January 26th..... Murder Mystery Dinner
January 28th..... Council Meeting
February 3rd..... Super Bowl Party
February 10th..... Columbiettes 10 Yr. Anniversary
April 5th..... Annual Fish Fry

Knights Family Dinners

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

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.

Sir Knights of the JFK Assembly attended the Wreath Across America ceremony at the First Presbyterian Church Cemetary on December 15th. JFK Assembly cosponsors this event with the Elizabeth Garden Club. Our fourth year and the attendance keeps growing with community groups such as the Union Historical Association, Union Girl Scouts 40024, Civil Air Patrol Bud Jackson (Edison) and Cub Scouts Pack 25, Boy Scouts Troops 25. Ceremony started at 12 noon and the Elizabeth Police Honor Guard provided a 21 gun salute and taps. Following wreaths were placed on the veterans graves that dated back to the Revolutionary War . FN Leonard J Komar Jr



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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.

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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.
2nd Thu. ----- Columbiettes
3rd Mon. ----- Swim Club
4th Wed. ----- 4th Degree Assembly
4rd Thur. ----- Columbian Club

MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Brothers All,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas, and I want to extend to you a Happy New Year. The year of 2018 has ended, and now we move forward to 2019. Our Nativity setting was well attended and was blessed by our Chaplin, Fr. Anselm. Our food drive has been performing extremely well, and I would like gentlemen such as Mike Eger and Chuck Cababe as well as everyone who has assisted with this program for their efforts in keeping this campaign moving. The Breakfast with Santa was also a success this year, and I would like to thank all the members who assisted with it.

New Years is a time of change, which takes the form of New Year's resolutions. Many examples of resolutions are to eat healthier, exercise more, save money, focus more on you, read more books, be more social and learn a new skill. As fraternal brothers and Catholic gentlemen, we should unite in being eternally grateful to our founding members and their successors for the wonderful organization and marvelous facilities they have passed on to us. As we embark on a new year we must remember that while there may be changes from time to time in our organization and operations, we trust that the basic underlying principles upon which we were founded will continue to endure.

The Council will be hosting the Murder Mystery Dinner on Saturday, January 26th 2019. This dinner has continued to have an overwhelming success, and we look forward to hosting this again. Our Kitchen Manager, Goose, will be cooking up some amazing food and we hope to see everyone there from last year.

The Columbian Year is half way over, but that does not mean we should rest. Let's continue to work hard through the next few months and continue to make this year a success for our Council.

Vivat Jesus!

Michael P. Willemse, PGK
Grand Knight; Union KofC 4504



Council Nominating Committee

Brothers All,

The New Year is among us, and with that comes the process for the changing of the guard. This year, the Council Nominating Committee will be chaired by senior trustee and the phenomenal Greg Henn, PGK. Greg will start putting together a committee shortly and interviews for positions will occur afterwards.

If anyone wishes to be a part of the committee or has an interest in becoming an officer of the Council, feel free to inform Greg of your intentions.

Brothers,

I will be stepping down as co-editor of the Digest with Tom Dudek, effective December 31st. I want to thank Tom for his dedication to the Council as Digest Editor and web-master of Council's website.

I have worked with Tom from the beginning of my term as Grand Knight up to this day and Tom has proven to be one of our council's unsung heroes working tirelessly to ensure that the website is up to date and the Digest is compiled and printed. Thanks Tom.

I also want to thank all brothers who submitted articles and made suggestions towards the publications. I also want to thank the brothers who assisted monthly with preparing the Digest for mailing during our "Digest Parties." Blessings all.

Mike Peter-PGK and Steve Nagy-PGK, will replace me as co-editors with Tom.

As of January 1st please submit all articles for the Digest to Tom, Mike and Steve.

Happy New Year, brothers.

Giftus John, PGK

SUPER BOWL PARTY!



FEBRUARY 03, 2018
PARTY STARTS AT 3:00pm
KICK-OFF: 6:30pm



\$25.00 Includes...
Buffet & one drink ticket.

The scheduled menu is:
Jalapeno Poppers, Mac and Cheese, Ziti, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs,
Sausage & Peppers, Pulled Pork and more.

50/50 & LAST MAN STANDING
Come one, Come all!

Columbian Club of Union
1034 Jeanette Ave., Union, NJ 07083

908-646-4504 ph

Brothers in Business

Are you a brother who has his own business? 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.



Knight of the Month

January 2019

Giftus John



Our Knight of the Month has been a brother Knight since 2000 when he was recruited by a member of 4504 at St. Michael's church, during a membership drive. Since then, he proceeded to be a fourth degree Knight.

Born in the island of Dominica in the West Indies, he saw his dad involved in the Holy Name Society, an organization similar to the Knights, but he never had the opportunity to become a member since the group disbanded. He saw joining the Knights as the opportunity to keep his dad's legacy of being involved in his church alive, by becoming a Knight.

He graduated from the St. Mary's Academy-an all-boys Catholic high school and then the Sixth Form College in Roseau, the capital city in Dominica, where he studied Arts. Following his graduation, he worked as a teacher for five years at his Alma Mater and then left to work as a Youth Officer on the West Coast villages for another five years before leaving to join his wife Theresa in the US in 1986.

As a Knight and now Past Grand Knight, he has been involved with, and chaired, numerous council activities: Food Drives, IDD Drives, Convention Weekends, Membership Drives and the co-editor of the Digest. Besides being involved in council activities, our Knight of the Month is an artist: photographer, painter and author, who can be seen with his camera photographing members and participants or, displaying his art at many Council sponsored events.

Our Knight of the Month and his wife just recently celebrated their 34th Wedding Anniversary. They are the proud parents of Jamal, a civil engineer who works in New York City and daughter Mandisa who works as an educator in Philadelphia. Brothers, we are proud to name Giftus John-PGK as the Knight of the Month for January 2019.

Congratulations, Giftus

Annual Fish Fry

April 5, 2019
6:30 to 9:00 PM

Save the Date

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More details to follow
With menu and prices!



You are cordially invited to a
10th Anniversary Celebration
with the

UNION COLUMBIETTES #4504

Sunday, February 10, 2019

MASS CELEBRATION – 12:00 P.M.

St. Michael the Archangel Church
1212 Kelly Street
Union, New Jersey

DINNER & DANCING – 2:00 P.M.

Costa del Sol
2443 Vauxhall Road
Union, New Jersey

\$45.00 per person

*T*he favor of a reply is requested by: January 28, 2019

Please make checks payable to: Union Columbiettes #4504

Mail all responses with payment to:

Fran Corcione, President
140 North 24th Street
Kenilworth, NJ 07053

Corner of Inspiration—Rev. Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu, Ph.D

Special New Year Message

As we celebrate Christmas and enter into the blessings of the New Year, I would like to break the sequence of the topics I have been reflecting upon in this column in order to present a special New Year message. The sequence of our reflection will continue in the next edition.

My dear fellow Soldiers of the Cross, as we celebrate Christmas and enter into the blessings of the New Year, I just want to share with you this simple reflection about the mystery of life. The thoughts came to me while I was watching the beautiful fireworks displayed by the township of union this past July 4th independence Day celebration. We were all seating in the parking lot of the church and you could hear the shots go off, then the fireworks rising and shinning, and finally blasting into the air scattering its beautiful colors. For a few seconds, it looked awesomely beautiful and then suddenly it faded out into the thin air with no imprints left. After a few minutes, it dawned on me that life could just be exactly like that—a beam of light, so present today but that can suddenly fade out and die.

I then thought to myself, if this is how life could be, we should then be in the business of using every single opportunity we have to live it out and loud; to make the best use of it while it lasts; to commit to life—to commit not just to belong but to participate; not just to care but to stretch out our hands and help; not just to believe but to practice; not just to be fair but to be just, not just to give but to be generous; not just to forgive but to forget; not just to dream but to act. Many a time, we are too focused on yesterday and on tomorrow that we forget to live out today. Yet, yesterday is gone forever and we do not know what tomorrow will bring. Today is all that we have. Bottom line, we are perishable items and life needs to be lived accordingly.

Therefore, as this New Year dawns upon us, let's not waste time worrying, otherwise you will be using your imagination to magnify the negative and create unwarranted nightmares. Let's not waste time being angry, otherwise you will only be adding more wrinkles to your face instead of dimples. Let's not waste time harboring grudges and unforgiveness, for you do not want God to remember all your sins in detail. Let's not waste time being envious of others, for you cannot attract what you attack! Let's not spend time cursing and reviling, for you will only be telling others how low you have gotten. Let's not waste time hurting people in word and deed, for whatever you bring into existence will eventually come back to you as experience. Let's not waste time gossiping and sowing seeds of discord, for what goes around comes around. Let's not waste time sitting around with scoffers and detractors, for one day your name will be on their list. Let's not waste time worrying that we will one day die, for then you will never begin to live life anyway. Let's not waste time in regrets and reliving yesterday's problems, for you are simply ruining today's joy. Let's not waste time procrastinating, for you are simply using the future to escape the task at hand. Let's not waste time living in fear, for you will only be frustrating the energy needed for good living. Let's not waste time waiting upon destiny and good luck, for you will only be hoping for things to happen to you instead of making them happen for you. Let's not waste time looking for people's approval, for you will only be living your life for others and not for yourself and your God. Let's not waste time living in misery, for misery loves miserable company. Let's not waste time in hate and bigotry, for you will only be draining joy and peace out of your life. Let's not waste time being lonely, for loneliness is not lack of company but lack of purpose.

My dear friends, the New Year is a blessing and one more opportunity to live out our destiny with the unfailing recognition that life is too short and that we need to live it while we can. As we embrace the New Year therefore, let our eyes see the best; let our hearts forgive the worst; let our minds think good thoughts; let our souls never lose faith and let our spirits rejoice in the Lord God our Savior. Happy New Year!

"Swinging on a Sunday for a Good Cause" Benefit to help Rich Fuentes

In late November the Union Knights of Columbus held a fund raiser to help our Insurance General Agent and long time Brother Knight at the Union Council, Rich Fuentes. Earlier this year Rich was diagnosed with ALS - Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis and it is commonly referred to as Lou Gehrig's Disease and the Union Knights stepped up to show their support for Rich and his family in these trying times in their lives. Besides raising \$20,000.00 for Rich and his family to help with medical expenses that are not covered by his medical insurance, everyone came out to help raise their spirits and know that the Knights are their for him. The event was a fun filled afternoon with great food, Sinatra singing by Eric DeLauro, and dancers from the Arthur Murray Dance Studios. Here are some photos of the event.



PASTA NIGHT

January 11, 2019
6PM - 9PM

1034 Jeanette Ave.
Union, NJ

In honor of our clergy from St. Michaels &
Holy Spirit Parishes of Union

\$10.00 per person
Delicious Pasta Dinner
With meatballs, Garden Salad & Bread
50/50
Cash Bar

See your bartender or call
Kris (Big G) for tickets...908-868-7684

The Knights of Columbus Union Council #4504

PROUDLY PRESENT

MURDER MYSTERY

January 26, 2019

KNIGHT 2019

This 1950's prom is a doo wop disaster! When a death on the dance floor makes this prom night a party foul, it is up to you to figure out whodunit and get this dance back on track. Trade clues with your guests, gather information about the crime, and reveal the punk that made this prom nowhere'sville. This night of laughter and dancing is now too heavy to razz anyone's berries, so it's up to you to find the murderer!



Word from the bird is this is one show you will not want to miss. This night is shootin' to be swell despite the disaster. Ladies, bows and pins in your hair will go nicely with your puffy sleeved prom gowns. Gents, you will look sharp in white and black suits or tuxes. Get ready to put on your thinking caps; you'll need your wits about you to solve this crime.

Tickets: \$30 each or \$55 for two; See Council Officers to Purchase
Buffet featuring Classic 1950s Diner Theme
Photo Booth from 7-9PM

QUESTIONS? CALL/TEXT LUKE AT (908) 370-7525



Yes! It's that time of year again. Planning days for 2019 Knights of Columbus Convention in Wildwood.

May 16-19

Once again we will be at the **Adventurer Oceanfront Inn**. The rates will remain unchanged this year.

3 Nights: \$520.00 *which includes hospitality room.*

2 Nights: \$395.00 *which includes hospitality room.*

Upgrades to 3 room-suites will entail an additional \$35.00 per night.

Upgrades to penthouse suites will entail an additional \$50.00 per night.

We require a deposit of **\$350.00** if spending 3 nights and **\$275.00** if spending 2 nights.

All deposits must be in not later than February 19th to ensure that we have the rooms reserved. No exception. Please note: if any deposit is cancelled after April, 5th, money will NOT be returned.

Pls be advised accordingly.

If you intend on being part of this wonderful weekend, please register with Giftus John (908) 370-7760.

Looking forward to seeing you!!!

Long-Term Care Facts

Brian E Reilly
Knights of Columbus
973-738-4248

1. Close to half of all Americans, over the age of 65, will require long term care at some point in their lives.
2. With Americans living longer, they are increasingly experiencing chronic diseases such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's. These ailments eventually require partial and/or full-time care from professional caregivers.
3. Many Americans mistakenly believe that Medicare will cover the cost of long term care. Medicare typically covers nursing home costs for a brief period (typically 100 days) following a hospital stay to recuperate from a serious illness or injury.
4. To qualify for Medicaid, you must prove you've been reduced to the poverty level. Essentially, you are forced give everything away in order to bankrupt yourself.
5. The estimated annual cost of a stay at a full care facility in 2014 is \$79,000.
6. Long-term care costs have increased an average of 5.0% per year over the past 10 years.
6. A prolonged illness, requiring long term care, can have a profound and adverse financial impact, greatly reducing your quality of life.

***** So while an LTC Policy may appear expensive, it's pennies on the dollar, when compared to the actual costs of Long-Term Care. Please call me to discuss**

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