



Knights Digest



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April 2019

Calendar of Events

April 5th Fish Fry
 April 8th Council Meeting 8:15 PM
 April 12, 13, 14..... Intellectual Disabilities Drive
 April 22nd..... Council Meeting 8:15 PM
 April 28th 4th Degree Exemplification
 May 16-19 Annual Convention

. Swim Club

The Annual Swim Club Renewal form is available online at www.kofc4504.org/swim-club.

Payments are due by **April 15, 2019**. Late fees will be assessed at \$25.00 starting April 16, 2019.

Fish Fry

The Union Knights of Columbus will be having their annual Fish Fry. The menu will consist of soup, salad, choice of broiled fish or fried fish with French fries and coleslaw. There will also be soda, water, coffee and dessert. A cash bar will be available for your pleasure.

The date will be **April 5, 2019** from **6:00 PM to 8:30 PM**. The cost will be \$12.00 per person and all proceeds will be going to charity. For tickets and further information please contact PGK Mike Peter at 908-759-3588 or email mikepeter4275@gmail.com.



Knights Family Dinners

The next Family Dinner is scheduled for **April 25, 2019**, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM.

Note: April's family dinner is being held on the 4th Thursday of the month due to a scheduling conflict.

2019 Schedule

May 16, 2019	October 17, 2019
June 20, 2019	November 21, 2019
September 19, 2019	December 19, 2019

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.

Work Parties

Remember that the Work Parties to get the outside facilities ready for the summer start on **Saturday March 23, 2019**, and continue every Saturday morning until opening on May 25, 2019.

It takes a lot of work to get everything ready but "Many hands lighten the load". So please plan on joining your Brother Knights and help us out.



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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.

Council Officers

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1st Yr. Trustee Greg Henn, PGK
4th Degree Faithful
Navigator Len Komar
Columbian Club
President Alex Costa, PGK
Swim Club President Andy Schopfer, 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,

The Council is always on the move. We are currently moving toward the voting and hopeful approval of the Terms of Use Agreement and Charitable Distribution Agreement. These documents are required by Supreme Council, and the vote for approval will occur at the first business meeting on April 8th 2019.

If you are interested in becoming a Council Officer for 2019-2020, please contact Greg Henn, PGK or a member of the nominating committee. Interviews have already started, and elections will occur on June 10th 2019.

Now that the spring is officially on us, this means our street collections for the IDD drive will occur during this month as well. Additionally, our annual Fish Fry is scheduled for April 5th 2019 to benefit our Citizens with Intellectual Disabilities drive.

Work parties for the Swim Club started a couple weeks ago. We had the first of our first Swim Club work parties, and it was wonderfully attended. I do highly encourage continued participation in the same. If you can give a few hours of your time to help in this effort it would be appreciated. We have a few weeks to clean up the grounds, get the pool ready, and prepare for our summer activities at the council.

Keep up the excellent work, Brothers.

Vivat Jesus!

Michael P. Willemse, PGK
Grand Knight; Union 4504





4th Degree Exemplification

Any 3rd Degree Brother Knights looking to advance to the 4th Degree. Now is your chance. The next 4th Degree Exemplification will be held **Sunday April 28** at Sheraton Tara Hotel, 199 Smith Road Parsippany. Candidates cost remains at \$70.

Registration is at 11:15 AM with the Degree starting at 1:00 PM. All candidates must have a valid 3rd degree card. Please contact me for details and a Form 4. Please note our deadline is April 1st.

FN Leonard J Komar Jr. ph# 908-436-8143.

Swim Club Work Parties in Full Swing

Andy Schopfer, PGK

Swim Club work parties began the week after the St. Patrick's Day Parade, and are now in full swing. There has been good turnout thus far, and while much has been accomplished, there is still much work to be done. Anyone who can spare time on Saturday mornings between 8:00 and noon, is more than welcome. We do keep a running tally of volunteer hours worked, and every 4 hours logged earns the volunteer one pool pass to be used this summer.

Even if you may think that you don't have the skills needed to help, there are a lot of tasks that just involve elbow grease and motivation, so don't be afraid to stop by! We have a good crew of experienced workers ready to show any newcomer the ropes, and can

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Knight of the Month

April 2019

Robert Wozniak



The Knight of the Month for April 2019 is one of the three "Father/Son Duo" that holds Council Office this year. Robert (Bob) Wozniak married his wife, Elaine, in September 8th 1979. Bob possess a Master's in Electrical Engineering as well as a Master's in Management from NJIT. He moved to Union in 1984, and gave birth to his son, David, in 1991. Bob also worked for Bell Labs for 35 years.

Bob's service to the Knights of Columbus throughout the years has been extensive. He became a Grand Knight of 4504 for the 1994-1995 Columbian Year, and then was promoted to District Deputy. While a District Deputy, he earned Star District, this means that every council under his supervision received the honor of Star Council under his watch. This is an incredibly difficult goal to achieve, but through his leadership, he was able to do what most could never dream of doing. Bob was also the State Chairman for the Blood Drive as well as the Food Drive.

Bob is currently serving as 3rd Year Trustee on the Council. His stories, past experiences and expertise have allowed the GK and the officers to understand the roots of the KofC and where we have come from since the genesis of Father McGivney's dream. His experience and especially his passion for the Good of the Order has earned him this title.

Thank you, Bob, for everything you have done and continue to do for Council and for the Order.

Congratulations.

Street Collections for the IDD Drive

The Union Knights of Columbus have received permission from Union Township for Street Collections for our Annual IDD Drive on the weekend of **Friday April 12th, Saturday April 13th, and Sunday April 14th**. Members of the Union Knights of Columbus will be on the Streets of Union Township at five various intersections between the hours of 9 AM to 3 PM. Collection shifts of 2 hours will be 9 AM to 11 AM, 11 AM to 1 PM, and 1PM to 3 PM. Last year we collected close to \$4000.00 for People with Intellectual Disabilities and we are hoping to exceed that amount this year. Please let us make this a banner year.

We would like to get that one dollar more. Those who are not able to volunteer and would like to make a donation to this worthy program can do so by sending their donation to the Council care of IDD Chairman, make your check out to Union Knights of Columbus 4504 and write IDD Drive Donation on the Memo Line. There will be a sign-up sheet at all meetings or you can contact Mike Peter PGK about signing up for a shift and location.



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. Pleas 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!!!

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 Mike Willemse as soon as is possible so that we may order the correct number of certificates.

Brothers:

Please be informed that the amendments to the Columbian Club By-Laws have been completed. These amendments have been approved by attorney review with our Council Advocate, Steve Hehl, Esq. In keeping with our current Columbian Club By-Laws. These amendments will be voted on at the Annual Columbian Club meeting dated May 13th 2019. Full discussion of the amendments and a vote will occur at that meeting.

Please make an effort to attend and participate in this very important Thank You.

Giftus John PGK Chairman of Committee

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always use more help.

When the weather warms up a bit, we will also be conducting work parties on Wednesday evenings from 5:00 to 8:00, so if your weekends are full, there is still a chance to help out.

Also, a reminder to all members that we have set a deadline of April 15, or a late fee may be imposed. Only a coincidence that the date coincides with the date taxes are due – at least sending a bill to the Swim Club gives you the opportunity for a fun filled summer of adventure on Jeanette Avenue!

There are still several slates open on the Board, and interested parties can reach out to any of the officers to discuss the roles and responsibilities that come with serving on the Board.

Finally, we are always looking for new members to join the pool. Various memberships are available, and we can certainly find one to fit the needs of families or individuals. Anyone interested in applying can stop by the bar, or see myself or Chris Burlew for an application. We look forward to meeting with all prospective members!



MEN'S RETREAT 2019

Carrying Your Cross with Faith, Courage, and Perseverance

“Happy is the person who remains faithful under trials.” James 1:12

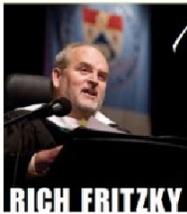
Saturday, April 13, 2019 from 8:30 A.M. (Registration and Coffee AND) until 2:30 P. M. **Lunch included**
Holy Spirit Parish Hall, 971 Suburban Road, Union, NJ 07083

Questions: Call Deacon Joe Carlo 908-964-9372 or Jim Sondey 908-451-0876

Complete the registration form below and drop off or mail to:

Holy Spirit Parish Office 984 Suburban Rd. Union, NJ 07083

Special guest speaker, Rich Fritzky



On October 4th of 2005 Rich was beset by a combination of renal, respiratory, and circulatory failure which placed him at death's door. In what he now describes as the defining moment of his life, Rich contracted Neisseria Meningitis, which kills 90% of those who fall ill to the disease and most within the first 24 hours.

For almost 4 months, he lay in a coma. This led his doctors to surmise that he would never again be able to utter a cognitive thought. Hope continued to dwindle as the disease took limb after limb, leaving Rich a quadruple amputee. But earlier and just before falling into coma, he had asked his family and friends to keep the faith and to pray and to believe, as he believed, that all would be well. Those words and his steadfast refusal to give up continue to inspire today. Listeners follow Rich on an “against all odds” journey from loss to victory, emphasizing the boundless potential of the human spirit. Rich tells a deeply personal story of the courage, faith, family, and community that saved his life. Audiences walk away with a renewed confidence in themselves and their ability to lead and to make a difference.

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Suggested Donation: \$15.00 (Make checks payable to Holy Spirit Church)
Please submit the information below with your payment by April 5, 2019. Thank you!

MEN'S RETREAT 2019

Name _____ E-mail _____

Phone _____ Parish _____



Dear Union Council 4504,

My wife, Lori, and our three daughters, Nicole, Ashley and Dana, would like to thank the committee and their families, for supporting us through their thoughts, prayers and donations in our time of need.

While this disease has affected my health and my family, if it were not for the generosity of my Brother Knights and the Columbiettes, and the support from the community, this illness would be harder to accept.

The assistance my family has received from this event is helping to alleviate many of the financial burdens that we have been dealt, and we thank you all for your generosity.

I'd like to extend a special "thank you" to the 4504 team, for their unrelenting efforts to bring this event to fruition.

Words cannot truly express our gratitude to the Union Council for all that you have done and continue to do.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

Rich Fuentes and Family

DISCOVER THE HISTORY OF LOCAL MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE SERVED OUR COUNTRY

- ◆ Tom Mahoney's Military Park is a partnership with the Veteran's Alliance Committee and the Township of Union as a war memorial befitting the bravery and valor of the our servicemen and women. This park will provide a place for quiet reflection and education as well as hosting patriotic events and holiday celebrations.
- ◆ The bricks purchased by families and friends to honor a special veteran in their life will be placed in the center of the park. There are three walkways leading up to the center of the park.
- ◆ Memorial Bricks will help fund many of the improvements to the grounds and are currently available for sale.



ORDER FORM:

Bricks for the Walkway.....	\$100
Flag Pole.....	\$1,000
Patron.....	\$5,000

Please print and detach form.

Name: _____
 Phone Number: _____

BRICK INFORMATION

Name: _____
(characters may be limited)
 Branch of Service: _____
 Rank: _____
 Years of Service: _____
(For Example: 1941-1945)

◆ To place an order for any of the park monuments, make check payable to:

Friends of Union Military Park

◆ Mail order form and check to:

VFW
 P.O. Box 331
 Union, NJ 07083

◆ For more information, call us: (908) 851-5235

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