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February 2019

Calendar of Events

February 3rd Super Bowl Party
 February 4th 1st Battalion Masters Meeting
 February 10th Columbiettes 10 Yr. Anniversary
 February 11th Council Meeting 8:15 PM
 February 21st Knights Family Dinner
 February 22nd Pasta Night
 February 25th Council Meeting 8:15 PM
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 March 23rd Work Parties Begin
 April 5th Annual Fish Fry
 April 12, 13, 14 Intellectual Disabilities Drive
 April 28th 4th Degree Exemplification
 May 16-19 Annual Convention

PASTA NIGHT

February 22, 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

Knights Family Dinners

The next scheduled Family Dinner is **February 21, 2019**, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM ,weather permitting.

Cost: \$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.

2019 Schedule

March 21, 2019	September 19, 2019
April 18, 2019	October 17, 2019
May 16, 2019	November 21, 2019
June 20, 2019	December 19, 2019

NJ First Battalion Masters Meeting

The JFK Assembly will be hosting the New Jersey First Battalion Masters Meeting on **February 4th** at the Union Council.

Meeting will start at **8pm**, all 4th Degree Knights are invited to attend. Any Questions please contact FN Len Komar.

Council Nominating Committee

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.

Knights Digest

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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:

Tom Dudek
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..... Andy Schopfer PGK
Grand Knight Michael Willemse, PGK
Deputy Grand Knight David Wozniak
Chancellor..... Kris Cancellieri
Warden..... Chuck Cababe
Recorder..... Phillip Cababe
Treasurer Paul Willemse
Fin. Secretary..... Luke Sangiamo
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Program Director..... Michael Willemse, PGK
Advocate..... Stephen F. Hehl
3rd. Yr. Trustee Bob Wozniak, PGK
2nd Yr. Trustee Giftus John, PGK
1st Yr. Trustee Greg Henn, PGK
4th Degree Faithful
Navigator Len Komar
Columbian Club
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,

I cannot believe that it's February. The months seem to be flying by. I would like to thank everyone who came out for the New Year's Eve party as well as those who attended the Murder Mystery Dinner this year. It's always such a wonderful event, and a great time for everyone to get together and have a night out. Additionally, I would like to extend a thank you to our Financial Secretary, Luke Sangiamo. Luke has taken over as chairman for the Murder Mystery Dinner and he also was responsible for bringing Rutgers's Newark Chapter Sigma Lambda Beta to our Council Home, and performed some much needed work in our back grove.

We have a few events happening over the next few months at our Council. Our Columbian Club Super Bowl Party will be on Sunday, February 3rd. This year will be a face-off between the New England Patriots vs. the Los Angeles Rams. Whichever team you are cheering for, come out to the Club and have some great food and drink. February 22nd will be our Pasta Night. This event's proceeds will directly benefit both St. Michael's Church as well as Holy Spirit equally. I highly recommend attendance of this event, and to come out and support our churches. April 5th is our annual Fish Fry to benefit the Intellectual Disabilities Drive. This has always been a very successful event for our council, and we help to set the standard for donations to this great cause. Last year, we were able to donate \$4,200 toward this drive. This year, as Mike Peter likes to say, we hope to make \$1 more than last year. In addition, we will be having our annual Wildwood Convention for the dates of May 16th through May 19th. We will be collecting deposits over the next few weeks, so please find Giftus John, PGK or our Financial Secretary, Luke Sangiamo for your deposits. I always enjoyed this event because it's a great time to relax with our fellow brothers away from the council. I hope to see everyone there.

I cannot stress enough, the importance of volunteers in everything we do as Knights. We continually have affairs and fundraisers scheduled in the coming year and we need to support each other in making these events successful. If you are currently volunteering, thank you and please continue. I know that we all have very busy lives and schedules, but I would like to ask that each Brother Knight that reads this message make an effort to try and attend more meetings and events and help the Union Council to grow, not just in number of members, but grow as a Council through good works and actions in our Parishes and community.

Vivat Jesus!

Michael P. Willemse, PGK

Grand Knight; Union KofC 4504



2019 St. Patrick's Day Parade

This year's Union County Saint Patrick's Day Parade in Union Township will step off on **Saturday, March 16, 2019 at 1:00 PM** on Morris Avenue. This year's Grand Marshal will be Sister Percy Heart, Principal of Union Catholic High School. The Union Knights of Columbus will once again be marching in the parade this year and we invite all Brother Knights and their families to march with us.

This year's parade is being dedicated to Coaches and Volunteers in sports, and it would be really nice to see all members who coach the various sports youth teams joining us in the parade this year. Any Union Catholic alumni who would like to put an ad in the parade ad journal please contact Mike Peter PGK and he will get you an application to do so.

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

February 2019

Luke Sangiamo



The Knight of the Month for February 2019 is a now familiar face at this council. Luke joined Council 4504 just three years ago and eagerly volunteered to assist in as many activities as he could. Luke began as Council Treasurer immediately after receiving his 3rd degree, and served in the position for his first year. Then, Luke moved to the position of Recorder before being elected to take on the role of Financial Secretary for the council.

Luke was born and raised in Linden, NJ and attended Union Catholic High School, graduating in 2002. He furthered his education and earned a Bachelor's Degree at Rutgers University. Luke became a first time homeowner, moving to Rahway, NJ and is married to his wife, Sarah.

Luke continues to step up to the plate this year with his duties as our Financial Secretary and has successfully run the Murder Mystery Dinner, and will be assisting Giftus with running the Annual Knights Convention in Wildwood. Due to his excellent charitable service, selflessness and dedication to our Order, it is my honor to award Luke Sangiamo the Knight of the Month for February 2019.

Congratulations, Luke

Annual 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.

Intellectual Disabilities Drive

Gentlemen,

We have sent our letter for permission to do our collection on the Streets for the Intellectual Disabilities Drive. We are looking to stage members at four or five locations. The date will be **Friday April 12th from 9am to 11am, 11am to 1pm and 1pm to 3pm**. Any member that would like to volunteer after those hours we might be able to stretch the Friday evening shift. The other shifts will be **Saturday April 13th and Sunday April 14th from 9am to 11am, 11am to 1pm and 1pm to 3pm**.

With the support we had last year with the streets and church collections we had about \$4000 which is far from what we have collected in the past. The committee would appreciate about 30 members to volunteer to make this a success. These funds have gone to organizations of people with Intellectual Disabilities. This drive is formally known as Retarded Citizen Drive or People with Special Needs. A little knowledge of these collections is that of the funds that are collected 10% is supplemented to the Knights of Columbus State Council to go to the Special Olympics that is held in Trenton.

Those that are not able to volunteer and would like to donate to this great cause can send donations to the Council.

Knights of Columbus Council 4504
1034 Jeanette Ave
Union NJ 07083
Attention IDD Chairman

Anyone who would like to volunteer to assist with the streets collection can contact Mike Peter, PGK at 908-759-3588
Or e-mail mikepeter4275@gmail.com.

St. Patrick's Parade and Mass - JFK Participation

Sir Knights, JFK assembly will be participating in both the St. Patrick's Mass and Parade on **Saturday March 16th**. All Sir Knights are invited to attend both. The 9:00 AM Mass will be held at St. Patrick's in Elizabeth. Color Corp will muster at 8:30 AM. Attending corpsmen can meet at the council at 7:00 AM to carpool to St. Patrick's.

ALL 4th Degree Sir Knights are invited to march in the

parade. We will assembly at the Union Council at 12:00 PM. Parade starts at 1:00 PM. Color Corp dress code Regalia or new uniform. For the parade, a tux is preferred, but not required.

FN Leonard J Komar Jr.

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



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.

Pleased 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!!!

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

(The Duty to Forgive Continues)

To forgive is the only way to acknowledge that we are also sinners and not free from having hurt others and God. In 2 Samuel 12:1-9, we read the story of King David who in his lust for Beersheba, the wife of Uriah had killed Uriah to hide the fact that he had gotten Beersheba pregnant. Then Nathan the prophet confronted David with the story of a man who had taken and killed the only sheep his neighbor, a poor man, had to entertain his guest in spite of the fact that he had many more himself than the poor man. King David immediately declared that the man who had done this must be put to death. Then, Nathan told him, "You are the man". We must never forget that when judging others, "you are [also] the man".

Yes your hurt is real and it hurts so badly! Yes, you did nothing to deserve it; it was a wicked act, and the one who hurt you may not be able to make it right again. Yet, holding onto your hurt, living with a vindictive spirit—angry, bitter, vengeful—only poisons your life not the life of your enemy. You are the one who gets hurt physically, emotionally, spiritually and eternally. It is not worth it. Nobody is worth your eternal life (Ref: Sirarch 28:1-2; Matthew 18:22ff). Scripture says, "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good". Your salvation is worth more than your hurt. We are meant for heaven. Do not let unforgiveness deprive you of this blessing. No unforgiving spirit shall see God, says the word of God.

Let us consider some pathways to follow when it comes to forgiving others so as to avoid the dangerous pitfall that unforgiveness presents to our salvation.

1. We must find it in our heart to forgive in response to a humble and contrite heart; that is to say, when someone asks for our forgiveness you must forgive. Not to forgive in this case presents a very dangerous twist in our relationship with God (Ref Matt 18:21-35).

How about when people do not show contrition nor ask for forgiveness.

2. We must find it in our heart to forgive to show the depth of our love for God and our desire to be perfect as our heavenly father is perfect. The Bible says: "Love your enemies and do good to them, then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked (Luke 6:27-36).

3. If this is too hard for you to follow, then forgive for your own sake. The book of Sirarch 28:1-2 says: "The vengeful will face the Lord's vengeance; indeed he remembers their sins in detail. Forgive your neighbor the wrong done to you; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven." If the Lord were to remember all our sins in detail, none will fare well when it comes to eternal salvation. Nobody is worth your eternal destiny. No one should send you to hell. Scripture says: "Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven." (Luke 6:37)

4. Forgive because you are a sinner; "You are the man". No one is willing to cast the first stone. There is nothing that has been done to you that you have not, in some way or another, done to others or at least to God. The Bible says: "Can one refuse mercy to a sinner like oneself, yet seek pardon for one's own sins? (Sirarch 28:4). In Luke 6:32-33 we read: "You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?" Now throw him into jail, sell everything that he has, until he has paid the last penny".

My dear friends, unforgiveness is too heavy a burden to carry and too much of a risk for the salvation of our souls. No one is worth the loss of your soul. Moreover, without forgiveness, prayers are never heard by God (Ref Matthew 5:23-24). Without forgiveness, we are not forgiven as the Bible says: "If a mere mortal [like you] cherishes wrath, who will forgive his sins?" (Sirarch 28:5) and in Matthew 6:14-15 it says: But if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your own sins". It is not just that without forgiveness we are not forgiven, but also without forgiveness, previous forgiveness from the Lord is cancelled and taken away and held against us. We see this in the story of the unforgiving servant where the master withdrew his previous forgiveness and gave him the maximum punishment and Christ concludes: "This is exactly how my Father will deal with you if you each do not forgive one another" (Matthew 18:36).

In my opinion, the day to forgive is today for we neither know the day nor the hour the Lord may call us home. We don't want this matter to be too late; we don't want this matter to cause the loss of eternal salvation for that would be the greatest injustice to the self. We should never let anyone hurt us on earth and then make us hurt ourselves eternally. We need to stay away from the smoking section of eternity and the one way to do that is to forgive and to do so now. May the good Lord grant us the grace of a forgiving spirit for that is what He wants of us, Amen!

Charitable Raffles to Begin on Memorial Day

As 2019 begins, we are once again planning to offer Brother Knights of Union Council 4505 opportunities to participate in 3 raffles that will fund our charitable account through the year.

I would be remiss if I did not first thank all of those members and supporters of our Council who willingly return our mailings for each and every raffle. Your generosity and sense of charity are truly commendable, and make the role of running this raffle most gratifying.

Last year we collected a total of \$6,890.00 and were able to award \$3,445.00 in prizes for raffles that were drawn on Memorial Day in May, at the Council picnic in September, and at the Christmas dinner meeting in December. After deducting for the costs of mailing and licenses, we raised a total of \$2,164.00 that was placed in our Charitable account. We were also fortunate enough to have winners of the smaller prizes donate the winnings back to the Charitable account, and to those who did so, I offer my sincere thanks.

In 2019, we are again planning to run 3 raffles to be called on the same occasions as last year; Memorial Day at 6:00 pm, the Council picnic on the Saturday after Labor Day (also at 6:00 pm), and at the Council Christmas Dinner on the second Monday of December. That raffle will be pulled at the conclusion of the dinner.

If you are interested in receiving tickets through the mail, please send me an email (Aschopfer@verizon.net) or call me at (908) 265-7895. Tickets are also available approximately one month prior to each drawing.

In an effort to decrease our expenses, please be certain that the Council has your updated address so that your potential winning tickets are not returned to me by the Post Office as undeliverable. Unfortunately, this occurs far too frequently, and not only adds to our expenses, but also decreases the potential prizes available to all who do participate. Please, don't hesitate to contact me to ensure that we do have your correct mailing address!

Please expect your first set of tickets to arrive the first week of May.

Andy Schopfer

PGK and Charitable Raffle Chair

Help Us Locate Some Lost Brother Knights

Below is a list of Brother Knights whose dues notices were returned to us as Undeliverable. These Brother Knights could have moved and never sent us or Supreme updated addresses and we have lost contact with them. If anyone has current information on any of them please email the Financial Secretary at finsec4504@gmail.com or send a note to the Union Council at 1034 Jeanette Ave. Union, NJ 07083 Attn: Fin Sec. Please help us to keep in touch with our missing Brother Knights.

Ahlholm, Frederick W.
DePoto, Donald R.
Gajilan, Rafael F.
Goerke, Timothy
Gonzalez, Sigifredo
Knapp, William M
Mayer, Peter J.
Orlando, Gerard J.
Sivo, Clemente

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.



Stay Connected

Stay connected with our Council. Make sure that you receive the Knight Digest each month. And receive our Blast Emails to your email address as events happen throughout the month.

When you send in your Dues payment, please write on the dues bill that you would like to receive our monthly Knight Digest. Don't forget to include your email address if you have one, and indicate how you would like to have the Knight Digest sent to you each month, by email, by U.S. Postal Mail or both. You can get them sent to your email and mailed to your home for the same price "Free".

You can also have the Digest emailed to you each month by sending your email address to tom-dudek@outlook.com. Your email address will be added to the monthly distribution list.

If you do not have email and want to have the Digest mailed to you each month please send a note to the Council Attn: Knight Digest requesting us to mail you a copy each month.

Email addresses will only be used for Knight Digest distribution, Blast Emails, and for fraternal benefit notices.

Dear Brother Knight,

The below table is an illustration of the value of compounding afforded to you by a Knights of Columbus Annuity. When buying an Annuity, you purchase a lifetime stream of income along with the Financial Strength of the Knights of Columbus, rated AA + by the famed Standard & Poor's Rating Agency. I will reach out to you during the middle of next week to discuss.

Most Americans rely on only 2 sources of Income during their retirement years: Their Pension and Social Security. Be Prudent!! Invest in a Knights of Columbus IRA Annuity. The account can be structured in either a Traditional IRA or a Roth IRA. You can withdraw money at age 59 ½. It can be used for everyday expenses, travel plans or long-term care needs, in your later years. Please call me today to discuss.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Deposit</u>	<u>Cumulative Deposit</u>	<u>Investment Total</u>
1	40	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,171
10	50	\$6,000	\$60,000	\$70,257
20	60	\$6,000	\$120,000	\$163,310
25	65	\$6,000	\$150,000	\$220,611
30	70	\$0	\$150,000	\$253,892
35	75	\$0	\$150,000	\$292,193



Yours fraternally,

Brian E. Reilly, FIC, MBA
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