



# Knight Digest



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February 2020

## Calendar of Events



February 2nd .....Annual Super Bowl Event  
 February 9th .....Blood Drive  
 February 14th .....Valentine's Day  
 February 15th .....Charitable Raffle  
 February 20th .....Knights Family Dinner  
 February 23rd .....Cornhole Tournament  
 February 29th .....Murder Mystery Dinner  
 February 29th .....Township Fundraiser  
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 April 18th .....Pocketbook Bingo/Tricky Tray  
 April 19th .....4th Degree Exemplification  
 July 18th .....Baseball Game Trip

### The COLUMBIAN CLUB of Union

1034 Jeanette Avenue  
 Union, NJ 07083

MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup> 2020  
 7PM-11PM

### DINNER AND "THE SHOW"

\$50 per Couple / \$25 per Individual

Italian Buffet Dinner

+ 1 drink ticket

Dessert & Coffee

Cash Bar

FEATURING: THE SHOW



A TOPS

R & B

Live  
 Entertainment

Motown

Tina  
 Turner

Oldies but  
 Goodies

SAM  
 COOK

Lionel  
 Richie

Bravo  
 Move

Live  
 Entertainment

**INAUGURAL  
 CORNHOLE  
 TOURNAMENT**

Sunday, February 23, 2020  
 1:00pm - 6:00pm

Columbian Club of Union, 1034 Jeanette Ave., Union, NJ  
 Benefitting American Cancer Society Relay for Life  
 in Memory of  
**Luisa M. Gonzalez**

32 Teams (prizes for 1st & 2nd place)  
 \$30 donation / team of 2  
 (includes play and buffet)

Buffet only \$20 pp / \$10 children under 15

For Tickets Contact Greg Jones @ 908-803-1961



**BUFFET MENU**

SAUSAGE & PEPPERS  
 ROAST BEEF  
 MASHED POTATOES  
 TURKEY & STUFFING  
 PENNE & VODKA SAUCE  
 WINGS  
 SWEDISH MEATBALLS  
 LASAGNA  
 CHICKEN FRANCESE  
 KEILBASA / SAURKRAUT

## Knights Digest

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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* .....David Wozniak  
*Deputy Grand Knight* ..... Len Komar, PFN  
*Chancellor*..... Philip Cababe  
*Warden*.....Robert Pynckels  
*Recorder*.....Dan Walsh  
*Treasurer* ..... Chuck Cababe  
*Fin. Secretary*.....Luke Sangiamo  
*Inside Guard* .....Anthony Ibida  
*Outside Guard*.....Gregory Aponte  
*Membership Director* ..... Vacant  
*Program Director*.....Michael Willemse, PGK  
*Lecturer*..... Raymond Gora  
*Advocate*..... Stephen F. Hehl  
*3rd. Yr. Trustee* .....Michael P. Willemse, PGK  
*2nd Yr. Trustee* .....Robert Wozniak, PGK  
*1st Yr. Trustee* ..... Vacant  
*4th Degree Faithful*  
*Navigator* .....Steve Nagy III, PGK  
*Columbian Club President* ..... Alex Rivera  
*Swim Club President* ..... Andy Schopfer, PGK  
*Columbiette President* ..... Fran Corcione

## Monthly Meetings

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

## MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Brothers All,

During the month of February, we take time to identify and remember three heroes in humanity, Abraham Lincoln, Saint Valentine and George Washington. Both presidents Lincoln and Washington are associated with their outstanding credibility, i.e., "Honest Abe," and the famous words of young George, who said, "I cannot tell a lie." We also acknowledge the obvious generosity of Saint Valentine who sent notes of kindness and communication to his friends and followers while he was captive.

Both the traits of honesty and generosity appear at first glance as a basic human characteristic. Yet, I wonder if these men would stand out as heroes or legends if they lived among us today and openly exhibited these characteristics especially in a public setting. The heroes and legends of today are seen by our youth as super humans, who can mow down entire cities by themselves. They use technology and super powers, know how to bypass all the systems - government, law and high finance. Additionally they all seem to have access to unlimited funds and any supplies needed at the blink of an eye. Just take a look at any Marvel or DC comic's movie over the past few years for an example.

In the real world, heroes are identified by material traits rather than humanity traits. The heroes and legends of Wall Street are all high paid executives who anticipate the upcoming changes in the tax laws and know in advance how to beat them for next year. They are acknowledged for relentless dedication to working 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on the maximization of profit through market analysis, and beating the competition at all costs. The heroes and legends of government successfully complete their term in office when no scandals occur to force them out prematurely.

Wouldn't it be nice to add a new holiday in February to honor a "real world" hero or legend who was remembered for his honesty, generosity, outstanding leadership and contribution to humanity! Remember brothers, not all heroes wear capes. Some wear suits, hardhats, dirty work boots and probably smell kind of bad, or even jeans and a t-shirt. You might be sitting right next to a hero right now and not even know it. I challenge everyone reading this to find someone in your life that you consider a hero, and thank them for everything they have done.

Vivat Jesus!  
 David Wozniak  
 Grand Knight; Union 4504



## Murder Mystery Dinner

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a murder mystery dinner on **February 29, 2020**. The price is \$30.00 per person or \$55.00 per couple. Tickets are being sold at the council meetings and at the bar.

## Columbian Club News

2020 is a Leap Year so not only will we have an extra day this February we will have five Saturdays too. So try and stop by our Club Room to enjoy some camaraderie with your Brother Knights.

Our Club Room will be opening the following hours.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday – 6:00 PM till Closing

Thursday and Friday – 4:00 PM till Closing

Saturday and Sunday – 12:00 PM till Closing

In the event of inclement weather the Columbian Club may choose not to open the Club Room in the interest for the safety of our members and bar tenders not to travel in hazardous conditions. If the Club Room will be closed it will be announced on our Facebook page “Columbian Club #4504” and other Social Media outlets.

We started off February with our Annual Super Bowl event on Sunday February 2, 2020.

The Union Columbian Club will hold its regular monthly board meeting on Thursday February 27, 2020 and this meeting will open to all members of the Union Knights of Columbus 4504.

And it is never too late to start planning to attend our Annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Sunday March 29, 2020.

Details for both events will be on our Council’s website, Facebook pages, blast emails, other social media outlets, as well as flyers in the Club Room.

The Columbian Club looks forward to seeing more Brother Knights, their spouses, and friends enjoying each other’s company and refreshments, but as always, please treat each other with respect and enjoy responsibly.

## Fourth Degree Exemplification

Any Brother in the 3rd degree and in Good standing that wishes to advance to the Fourth Degree, now is the time.

The Fourth Degree Exemplification will be held on April 19th at 1 PM at the Sheraton Tara Hotel, Parsippany. Cost to candidates still remains at \$70. Deadline is April 6th. Please see Faithful Navigator Steve Nagy or any Assembly Officers for details. Form 4 is at the Council Lounge.

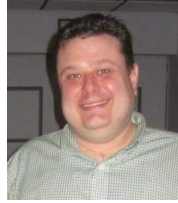


## Knight of the Month



February 2020

### Greg Henn, PGK



The Knight of the Month for Feb 2020 is SK Greg Henn PGK.

Greg grew up and currently lives in Union. A graduate of Union High School and holds a B.A. in Culinary Arts from Johnson and Wales University and is a parishioner of Saint Michael’s Church.

Greg made his First degree on 9/28/2009, advancing to the Fourth Degree on 10/19/2014. Greg has held many Officer Positions in our Council. Chancellor 2013-2014, Deputy Grand Knight 2014-2016, Grand Knight 2015-2016, Three Year Trustee 2016-2017, Two Year Trustee 2017-2018 and One-Year Trustee 2018-2019. Recruitment Committee 2017-2018, Community Director 2018.

For the JFK Assembly, Greg was Outer Sentinel 2015-2016 and Inner Sentinel 2018.

Greg has been using his culinary skills in the Council Kitchen. Cooking for the Club Football games, specialty days, dinner after the Council Business meetings, the Council Family Picnic and recently making his famous egg omelets at the Breakfast with Santa.

Thank you, Greg, for all that you continue to do for our Council. Congratulations on Knight of the Month.



## Charitable Raffle Tickets Are Available

In the fall of 2019, a motion was raised on the Council floor to reinstate a fourth charitable raffle again in 2020 with the funds raised being used to benefit the Columbian Swim Club. Tickets for that additional raffle are now available and have been mailed to local Council members. The drawing will be held on the evening of February 15th at the Council Hall. The Swim Club is currently facing significant financial challenges, and the money raised will be put to good use.

Please contact Raffle Chairman Andy Schopfer PGK (908) 265-7895 if you would like to purchase a ticket. The cost remains at \$10.00, and as usual, we will have a grand prize winner who takes home 40% of the money raised, and 4 smaller prizes of 2.5% of the money raised.

The dates for the 3 subsequent raffles will be Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, Saturday September 12, and Monday, December 8 (the traditional Christmas Dinner meeting).

## Swim Club Applications Are Available

The Columbian Swim Club is eagerly preparing for the 2020 summer season and is seeking new members to take advantage of the pool and grounds behind our building. Membership is open to Knights of Columbus members, to Columbiettes, and to practicing Catholics who can provide proof of parish membership. Various memberships are available to families as well as singles, and widows or widowers.

For more information, visit our Facebook page (Columbian Swim Club of Union), or reach out to any of the Club Officers. Applications are available at the Columbian Club, KofC website (kofc4504/swimclub) and will be available at upcoming events scheduled for the Council Hall.

Andy Schopfer, PGK  
Columbian Swim Club President



THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION VETERANS' ALLIANCE  
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE PRESENT

# E BORO BANDITS

ROUND UP YOUR BOOTS & GRAB YOUR PARTNERS FOR THIS  
FUNDRAISER TO HELP BENEFIT THE 2020 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE!

## SATURDAY NIGHT FEBRUARY 29 7:15PM

UNION SENIOR CENTER  
968 BONNEL COURT UNION, NJ 07083  
LIVE MUSIC • LINE DANCING

DOORS OPEN  
AT 6:30PM  
SHOW BEGINS  
AT 7:15PM

**\$40**  
TICKETS INCLUDED:  
BEER & WINE  
BRING YOUR OWN  
SODA & SNACKS!  
MUST BE 21 YEARS OR OLDER!

FOR MORE DETAILS & TICKETS  
CALL PHYLLIS MONGUSO 908.851.5290  
VISIT UNIONTOWNSHIP.COM  
FOLLOW ON @TWPUNIONNJ

## Knights Family Dinners

The next Family Dinner is scheduled for  
**February 20, 2020, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM.**

The cost is \$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.



**2020 Schedule**  
March 19, 2020  
April 16, 2020  
May 21, 2020  
June 18, 2020



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 Grand Knight Dave Wozniak as soon as is possible so that we may order the correct number of certificates.

## St. Patrick's Day Parade



The Union County St Patrick's is on March 14th. The Parade begins at 1:00 PM and steps off on Morris Ave and Jeanette Ave. The Union Knights of Columbus has participated in this Parade since it had started 22 years ago. The parade is a family-friendly parade and we would all like to have our members and their families march with us.

After the parade the Union Council Columbian Club will have refreshments for purchase with entertainment. The parade committee will stop by with the Grand Marshal to say a few words. The parade normally ends at 3:30pm. If you would like to make plans to either come by the Union Knights of Columbus at 1034 Jeanette Ave or have something with your families at a different location the option is available.

## Intellectual Disabilities Drive

Gentlemen it is that time of the year again for our Special Citizen Drive (IDD). The Chairman has sent the request to the Union Township Committee and Police Department. We are awaiting approval to collect on the township streets. The committee is looking for volunteers for the following time slots:

**April 17th, April 18th and April 19th  
9am to 11am, 11am to 1pm, and 1pm to 3pm.**

The following weekend we have a request into the churches to collect prior to and following all masses. Anyone who would like to make a donation can do so by sending them to the Council c/o the Special Citizens Drive.

## Annual Fish Fry

The Union Knights of Columbus is planning their annual Fish Fry for April 3, 2020. We are still in the planning stages of the menu and price. Most likely the cost will be about the same. More details to follow in the March Digest. Chairman Mike Peter: 908 759 3588 or [mikepeter4275@gmail.com](mailto:mikepeter4275@gmail.com)



Breakfast  
with the

# EASTER BUNNY

**Sun, March 29th 2020**  
10:00 am to 1:00 pm

\$25 family (4) / \$10 Adults & \$5 kids under 12

Buffet Breakfast & Omelet Station

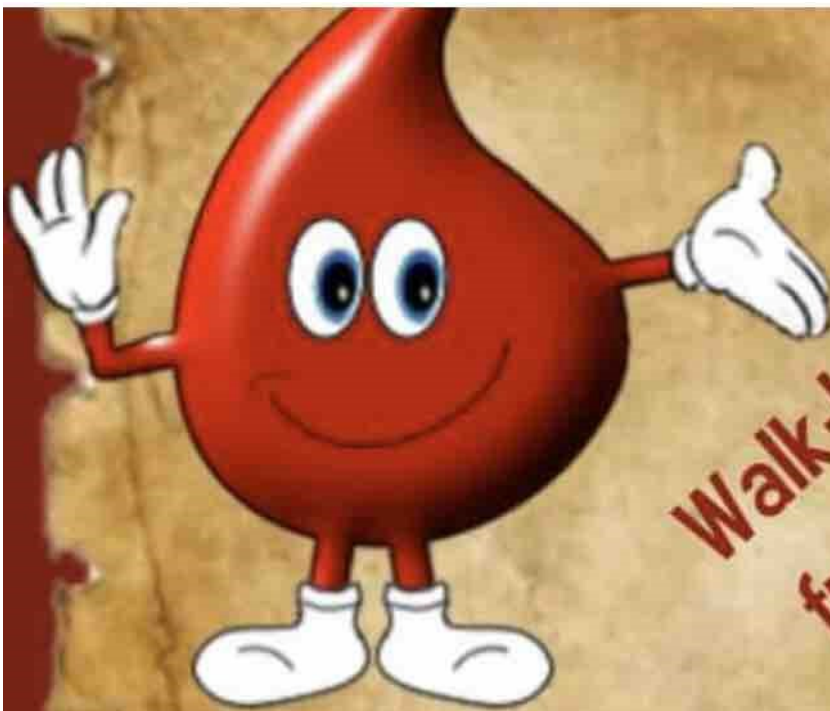
Pics with the Easter Bunny

Easter Egg Hunting

Get your Tickets early  
For more info, please call Mike at 908-370-4126







*Walk-Ins Welcome  
from 10am-4pm*

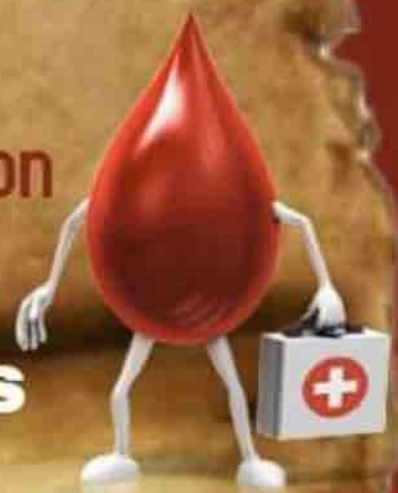
# **GIVE BLOOD SAVE A LIFE**

**Sunday Feb 09, 2020**

**1034 Jeanette Ave.,  
Union, NJ 07083**

**Sponsored by the  
Columbiettes of Union**

**to schedule an Appt  
at the above address  
call 800-933-BLOOD**





*Columbiettes of Union, Council 4504*  
*1034 Jeanette Avenue*  
*Union, New Jersey 07083*

January 15, 2020

Dear Sister Columbiettes,

On April 18, 2020, we will be having our major fundraiser - **Pocketbook Bingo/Tricky Tray**. In the past, we worked together and accomplished many successful Tricky Trays. We hope to make this year's **Pocketbook Bingo/Tricky Tray** better than ever!

**We need your help! This is our major fundraiser. There is much to be done and many hands are needed to make this a great event for our council. We ask that each family donate a basket valued at \$50. Gift cards and monetary donations will be greatly appreciated.**

**All monies raised will go to the many charities we support!** The money that our great organization have raised in the past has helped our community and many children's charities such as, NJ Sharing Network, New Jersey Veterans, St. Michaels/Holy Spirit CYO and many others, nationally and here within our community. We will continue with this honest and devoted tradition, we will maintain our principles of Faith, Hope, and Charity. We are all volunteers giving of our precious gift of time and we never ask for anything in return.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the number listed below. All checks can be made payable to the *Columbiettes of Union, Council 4504* and mailed to the address above.

We will have a Volunteer Sign-up Sheet at our General Meetings.

Thank you for your time and support!

Sincerely,

*Diane Lupo*

Pocketbook Bingo/Tricky Tray Chairperson

[Dlupo41@aol.com](mailto:Dlupo41@aol.com)

908-577-6606

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**February 2020**



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