



# Knights Digest



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Summer 2016

## Calendar of Events

### July

July 30th..... Lobster Festival

### August

August 13th..... Baseball & Concert

August 21st..... Installation of Officers

### September

September 10th .....Family Picnic

## *Your Help is Needed*

Brothers:

We are extending an invitation to ALL brother Knights who would like to be involved in council activities during this coming year either as an activity chair-person or just a member of a group running council programs:

Programs include: Church Activities; The Family picnic; The basketball Free Throw contest; The Food Drive (Chuck Cababe has volunteered to be chairman;) but we need others to assist; Eyes for the Needy; The Intellectual Disabilities Drive and other programs that we will endeavor to run this coming year.

No help will be rejected...no matter how small, it all adds up.

Please reach out to Grand Knight Giftus John; Deputy Grand Knight Mike Willemse and Program/Activities Director Mike Peter.

We look forward to your participation.

Thank You  
Giftus R. John  
Grand Knight

## *Baseball and Concert*

Anyone interested going to Citi Field on **August 13, 2016** to see the Mets play a late Saturday afternoon game then a concert featuring the band *Styx* afterwards cost would tentatively be \$100.00. Includes bus trip to game. Proceeds would be going to our People with Developmental Disabilities. Please contact Mike Peter at mikepeter4275@gmail or call 908 759 3588.

## *Senior Social*

The Senior Social, formerly referred to as the *Nuns and Widows Dinner* was held on Sunday the 12th of June at the Council Hall. More than twenty-five wives of deceased brothers, and their guests, as well as brothers who have lost their spouses, attended the event which was chaired by then Deputy Grand Knight, Giftus John.

After mingling and catching up on all that had happened since they last gathered together, those present enjoyed dinner prepared by our own "in-house master chef," Frank Santangelo, followed by dessert and some more mingling, and enjoying a few beverages served by our special bartender, Joe Harbison.

Those present were very pleased to have been invited and thanked the Council for organizing the event and allowing them the opportunity to meet. Grand Knight-elect Giftus John thanked all those who attended as well as those who had assisted him in making the event an enjoyable one especially Frank, Joe, Deputy Grand Knight-elect Mike Willemse who will chair next year's event, as well as his wife Theresa.

Giftus also took the opportunity to thank out-going Grand Knight, Greg Henn who had chaired the event for the past four years.

## *Dues Increase*

A decision has been proposed and voted upon that the Annual Council membership dues will be increased to \$48.00 effective 2017. The last council dues increase was in 2004. The increasing cost of the council's insurance premiums has been one of the reasons for increasing the dues.

## Knight Digest

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or preferably via email to: [tomdudek@outlook.com](mailto: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. Bob Wolfee  
*District Deputy*.....Alex Costa, PGK  
*Grand Knight* ..... Giftus John  
*Deputy Grand Knight*..... Michael Willemse  
*Chancellor*..... Rob Genovese  
*Warden* ..... David Wozniak  
*Recorder*..... Vacant  
*Treasurer*..... Luke Sangiamo  
*Fin. Secretary*.....Ed McCormick, PGK  
*Inside Guard*..... Vacant  
*Outside Guard*.....Anthony Ibanoa  
*Membership Director*.....Greg Chaves  
*Program Director*.....Mike Peter, PGK  
*Advocate*.....Stephen F. Hehl  
*3rd. Yr. Trustee* ..... Greg Henn, PGK  
*2nd Yr. Trustee* ..... Mike Peter, PGK  
*1st Yr. Trustee* ..... Andy Schopfer PGK  
*4th Degree Faithful*  
*Navigator*.....Alex Costa, PGK  
*Columbian Club*  
*President* ..... John Bashaw  
*Swim Club President*.....Joe Marateo, PGK  
*Columbiette President*.....Fran Corcione

## Monthly Meetings

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

## MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

### Brother Knights,

It is with a great amount of humility and appreciation that I write my first article as a Grand Knight in this distinguished organization and specifically as the Grand Knight of Council 4504 of Union. I am indeed thankful to all those who have rallied around me in my journey along the various stages as an officer of the Council. I pray that I can, during this year, continue what all the others who have gone before me, have been able to do as they led this Council.

I know that there is much to be accomplished. I am in no way planning to "reinvent the wheel." I just want to use it to accomplish great things for this Council, together with my fellow officers and members.

I want to express my thanks to the outgoing Grand Knight, Greg Henn; Trustee Joe Burlew and Treasurer Steve Nagy for their contributions to the Council during this past year. We are thankful for your services to the Council this past year and the many years that you have served in your various capacities. I also want to express my congratulations to the fellow officers who were elected to serve on the Committee for this upcoming year. You have made that commitment to serve and I look forward to working with each of you to achieve our goals and objectives this new fraternal year.

So, "as I step up to the plate," so to speak, I am not sure what to expect but I can guarantee you that I'll give it my best swing and if I get a hit, I'll be happy. But, I am swinging for the fences and hopefully get one over that fence and allow all of us the opportunity to celebrate our success together as a TEAM.

There is a lot to achieve and there is a lot that can be achieved together. I make a special call to ALL brother knights to rally together. Attend meetings; be present at degrees and support new brothers; assist with programs run by the Council and the Columbian Club and also those undertaken by the Columbiettes. Let your voices be heard. Brothers, TOGETHER, let us achieve great things for Council 4504. There is something that each one can be part of; something that each one of us can do, no matter how small it may seem, it all adds up and makes your contribution worthwhile.

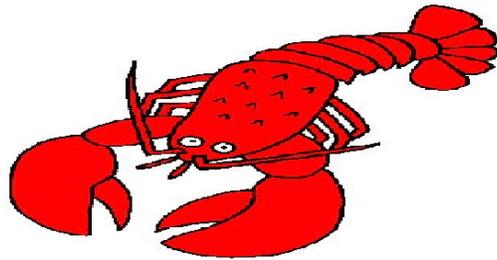
Brothers, I look forward to serving you as Grand Knight. I pray that the Almighty will grant us all that we pray for during this year for you, the council and your families. I offer you my services and I look forward to your cooperation and support as I take up this challenge, because I know that together we can achieve and do great things.

God's richest blessings.  
Vivat Jesus!!

Giftus John, GK



*3<sup>rd</sup> Annual  
Lobster Festival  
∞ On The Patio ∞*



**RAIN OR SHINE**

**Saturday July 30, 2016**

**2-6 pm**

**Admission \$25 per person includes:**

**Whole Lobster/Salad & Bread**

**Corn on the Cob/Baked Potato**

**Choice of**

**Clams & Linguine or Shrimp & Linguine**

**Italian Ice & Watermelon**

**Tickets Must Be Purchased By**

**Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Only 300 tickets will be sold**

**Please See Greg Jones for Tickets - Starting June 15, 2016**

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### **GRAND KNIGHT MAKES DONATION**

Grand Knight-elect, Giftus John, has made a donation of pieces of his artwork to the Columbian Club. Those pieces are now on display in the lounge at the council building. The donation followed a two month period during which time Giftus exhibited some of his oil paintings and photographs as a means of advertising his work.

At the end of the exhibition period Giftus made a contribution to the *Individuals with Disabilities Drive* donating a percentage of the sale of some of the pieces that were on display. He then informed the Columbian Club of his decision to donate some of his work as a form of gratitude as well as helping to bring some 'flavor' to the walls of the lounge.

Giftus is an author, oil painter and photographer and usually photographs Council events such as Breakfast with Santa, Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and other Council/Columbian club events.

### **GRAND KNIGHT-ELECT MEETS WITH FR. WOLFEE**

Grand Knight-elect Giftus John, visited with Fr. Bob Wolfee of St. Michael's Church, to talk about their various individual and collective roles as Grand knight and Chaplain of Council 4504 in the new Columbian Year.

During the meeting the two spoke of ways the Council could make its programs more visible to the congregants at St. Michael's Church by using the church bulletin to share news of the council activities. The Grand Knight elect informed Fr. Wolfee of his hope that together they can foster better and stronger ties with St. Michael's and continue some of the ongoing programs.

The opportunity was also taken to firm the date for the installation of the new Council officers which is set for Sunday August 21<sup>st</sup> at St. Michael's following the noon mass.

### **4TH DEGREE**

There are no regular monthly meetings of the JFK Assembly in July or August. The next monthly meeting for the 4th Degree will be Wednesday September 28th 2016.

### **COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, the new Council Committee will assume duties for the 2016-2017 Columbian Year. At the business meeting on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, the following brothers were elected to serve.

Grand Knight-Giftus John  
Deputy Grand knight-Mike Willemse  
Chancellor-Robert Genovese  
Warden-David Wozniak  
Treasurer-Luke Sangiamo  
Outside Guard-Anthony Ibanoa

There are still vacancies for the Recorder and Inside Guard. Any brother interested in filling these positions should reach out to Mike Peter of the nominating committee or Grand Knight-Giftus John

The following brothers will serve as Trustees:

One Year Trustee- Andrew Schoeffler  
Two year Trustee-Mike Peter  
Three Year Trustee-Greg Henn

We wish the new officers all the best during the coming year and look forward to a successful year in office.

### **4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION**

The next 4th Degree will be this Sunday November 20th 2016 at 1pm. It will be in conjunction with The Military Ball. I am encouraging ALL with a military background to participate and become a 4th Degree Knight. It will be held at The Fiesta, 255 RT-17 Wood-Ridge, NJ 07075.

Fraternally,

SK Alex Costa PGK, DD

305-898-1570

Faithful Navigator

JFK Assembly



## *ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC*

As we start this coming Columbian Year of 2016-2017 the very first program on the calendar is our family picnic. We are presently seeking a chairman for the event. We will need support on serving, setting up, and breaking down. There will be more information in the Digest. The date is Saturday, September 10th from 12 noon to 6pm.

## *DINING OUT*

Our plans are in motion to start our People with Developmental Disabilities Drive. First there will be a dining out on September 15th from 6-9pm at Red Cadillac. We are sending letters out to the stores to ask if we can solicit on October 1 and 2 between 9am-3pm Saturday and Sunday. There will be a sign up sheet at the picnic for anyone interested in helping.

If any has any questions please contact Mike Peter at mikepeter4275@gmail or call 908 759-3588.

We are still asking for volunteers to either chair Church, Community, Family, Right to Life, Youth or Council activities.

## *SHIELD AWARDS*

The annual Shield Awards ceremony was held on Monday June 13th at the Council Hall. A very large and appreciative audience came out to support this year's honorees.

The Union Police Department was recognized as the Group of the Year.

Joe Burlew Jr. was posthumously honored as EMT of the Year

Mike Scanio as Firefighter of the Year

Paula Wojtczak as senior Citizen of the Year.

Also honored at the event were Chuck Cababe as the Knight of the Year and Robert Pynckels as Columbian of the Year.

We extend our sincerest congratulations to all the honorees.

## *KNIGHT DIGEST*

This is the last digest until September. If you want to subscribe or unsubscribe from email delivery, send an email to tomdudek@outlook.com and ask to be added or removed. Please include your name and email address. Enjoy the summer!



## *MEMORIAL DAY MASS*

The Fourth Degree Color Corps. of the JFK Assembly 0666 participated in the 9:00 AM Mass at St. Michael's Church in Remanence of Memorial Day. Sir Knights with Union Council 4504 Chaplain Fr. Bob Wolfee.

## *INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS*

The installation ceremony, of the officers who will serve for the 2016-2017 Columbian Year, will be held at St. Michael's Church on August 21, 2016 following the noonday mass. All brother knights, friends and well-wishers are invited to attend the ceremony. Fr. Bob Wolfee, Chaplain of the council, will officiate. Following the ceremony, the newly installed officers and well-wishers will meet for refreshments at the Council building.



Chris Burlew receiving on behalf of deceased brother Knight, her son, Joe Burlew Jr.



**Columbian of the Year**

**Robert Pynckels**

**Knight of the Year**

**Chuck Cababe**





Members of Union Council 4504 helped members of the VFW, American Legion and Boy Scouts place US Flags on the graves of Veterans in Graceland Cemetery for Memorial Day.

## *KNIGHT INSURANCE NOTES*

Knights of Columbus life insurance offers something precious few other financial products can – guarantees. As long as you pay your premiums, the policy proceeds will be there for your beneficiaries should something happen to you. That’s peace of mind, and that’s what we offer with every product in our portfolio.

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Our Order is among the highest rated life insurers in North America. AM Best has rated the Knights of Columbus “A++, Superior” for 40 consecutive years. It’s a testament to our track record for excellence and security.

I would suggest that a principal reason that we were able to achieve those accolades is because we remain steadfastly committed to the vision of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney by providing life insurance by brother Knights for brother Knights.

That commitment is an essential core value of the Knights of Columbus, and our core values permeate all levels of our organization. We pledge to serve our brother Knights, and their families, according to our Golden Rule: “In all my professional relationships, I pledge myself to the following rule of conduct: I shall, in light of all conditions surrounding those I serve, render that service which, under the same circumstances, I would apply to myself.”

Let’s talk soon to discuss how our products can bring that peace of mind to you and your family.

Greg Chaves

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## *MEMORIAL DAY*

### *WREATHS*

Even though the Union Township Memorial Day Parade was cancelled due to the threat of severe rain storms the Union Knights of Columbus 4504 was represented along with other organizations in Union Township with Wreaths placed on the hill of Veterans Remembrance Park overlooking West Chestnut Street.



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