



# Knight Digest



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May 2019

## Calendar of Events

May 8th ..... Council Meeting 8:15PM  
May 16-19 ..... Annual Convention  
May 11th ..... Joy's MS Fundraiser  
May 16th ..... Knights Family Dinner  
May 27th ..... Memorial Day - No Council Mtg.  
June 10th ..... Council Meeting 8:15PM  
June 14th ..... Cigar Knight 2  
June 14th ..... Killa Seasoning Charity BBQ  
June 24th ..... Council Meeting 8:15PM

## 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  
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## Columbian Club 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 Columbian Club Nominating Committee will be chaired by Alex Costa, PGK.

Interviews for positions will occur shortly.

If anyone has an interest in becoming an officer of the Club, feel free to inform Alex of your intentions.

## Knights Family Dinners

The next scheduled Family Dinner is **May 16, 2019**, weather permitting.

Reservations are required by calling Pat Wittek at 908-964-3989 by Monday before the third Thursday of month.

## 2019 Schedule

June 20, 2019  
September 19, 2019  
October 17, 2019  
November 21, 2019  
December 1, 2019

Dates are subject to change!

## Work Zone Work Parties

Work Parties have started!

We need to get the outside facilities ready for the summer.

Every Wednesday evening from  
5:00 PM to 8:00 PM.  
&

Every Saturday morning from  
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM until opening.

It takes a lot of work to get everything ready but "Many hands lighten the load".

Please plan on joining your  
Brother Knights and help us out.



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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. 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  
*Inside Guard* ..... Anthony Ibida  
*Outside Guard*..... Robert Pynckels  
*Membership Director* ..... Brian Reilly  
*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 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  
3rd Mon. ----- Swim Club  
4th Wed. ----- 4th Degree Assembly  
4rd Thur. ----- Columbian Club

## MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Brothers All,

The month of May is here, and with this month, comes a collection of thoughts. My tenure as a second year Grand Knight is coming to a close. The two years I have served as a Grand Knight have been equally difficult, but for different reasons. The first year was adapting to changes that Supreme and State Councils were mandating. Some of these changes were met with confusion and other emotions. This was particularly the case regarding E-membership and the Regalia change. This year's struggles were more internal. Regardless, my focus has always been an attempt to weather the storm as best I could.

Normally, this is the month where the Grand Knight sits back and takes a breath. This is customarily the start of the transitional period between GK and GK elect. The light is at the end of the tunnel. I'm happy to announce that, so far, the light has not been a train. The Convention is right around the corner and after that, the General Council and Club elections. The Annual Columbian Club meeting is occurring during our first business meeting in May. During this meeting, we will be discussing the Proposed Columbian Club Bylaw Amendments and placing a vote. It was my understanding of the history of the Council and Club was that the Club bylaws were drawn out as very non-specific. The reason for this was that if there was a procedural debate that couldn't be rectified internally, we would yield to the District Deputy or State Advocate for procedural guidance. However, since Supreme Council has advocated a separation of KofC and Home Corporations, the use of the DD and State KofC is no longer an option for us. Due to this change, we must change along with them.

The Swim Club is well on its way with its work parties. Though the rain stopped us from having a productive work party last weekend, we are estimated to be 3 weeks ahead of schedule. I would like to thank the new Swim Club President, Andy, his board and all the volunteers who are coming out to support them and the Swim Club. The way things are going, it promises to be a great summer. Their work parties are scheduled for every Wednesday and Saturday until the pool opens. Please come out and help us out for a couple hours.

I look forward to working with you all these next couple months.

Vivat Jesus!

Michael P. Willemse, PGK

Grand Knight; Union 4504





## Council Elections

The Council Nominating Committee has met and interviewed candidates for the 2019-2020 Columbian Year.

The following is the current slate as of 04/30/2019:

Grand Knight – David Wozniak  
 Deputy Grand Knight – Vacant  
 Chancellor – Phillip Cababe  
 Warden – Pending  
 Treasurer – Chuck Cababe  
 Recorder – David Walsh  
 Inside Guard – Anthony Ibida  
 Outside Guard – Robert Pynckels  
 3rd Year Trustee – Michael Willemse, PGK

Elections are scheduled for June 10th 2019.



**May 27th** is Memorial Day, therefore the will not be a Council Meeting that night.

Thank You!

Michael P. Willemse, PGK



## Knight of the Month

May 2019

Andy Schopfer



The Knight of the Month is someone who we believe has unanimous support and respect at our Council. This gentleman has been a member of the Knights for the past 17 years. During his 17 years with the Knights he has served as a Grand Knight of Union Council not once, but twice. Andy made is 4th degree in April 2004 and is a Past Faithful Navigator of the 4th Degree.

For the past several years Andy has also run the charitable raffle. Andy is an active parishioner at Holy Spirit Church in Union, attending baptisms and Roses for Life along with his counterpart, Chuck Cababe, that take place at both Holy Spirit and St. Michael's Churches. Andy was born in Elizabeth and moved to Union in 1991.

His son, Brian, serves in the Army National Guard and returned from Afghanistan. He also has a step-daughter Liz. Andy has a Master's degree from Moravian College. He works for Prudential as a disability claims manager. Andy likes to play golf in his spare time and is an avid sport fan for the NY Giants, NY Yankees and NY Rangers. Congratulations to Andy for Knight of the Month of May 2019.

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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  
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## Intellectual Disabilities Drive News

The Union Knights of Columbus held their annual Fish Fry on April 5, 2019. Over 60 people attended and enjoyed a delicious fish dinner. Also in attendance was a group from Community Access Unlimited, one of the recipients of our funds from our Intellectual Disabilities Drive.

Proceeds from the Fish Fry go towards our Intellectual Disabilities Drive. Special thanks to our kitchen crew of Frank, Goose, Greg and Luke for doing an excellent job. All that attended the Fish Fry had great things to say about the Kitchen Crew.

We also held our annual "Shake-A-Can" for our Intellectual Disabilities Drive on the weekend of April 12th, 13th and 14th. It was successful, but could have been a greater success if more volunteers came out to help shake the cans. We are scheduled to collect again before and after the Masses at St. Michael's Church on Mother's Day weekend May 11th and 12th. And we are hoping to also collect at Holy Spirit Church in May when it can be arranged. So please plan on helping us help others by donating some time at our Churches before and after the Masses the weekends of the drive.

It is never too late to make a donation to our Intellectual Disabilities Drive. Just see Mike Peter at a Council meeting and give him either cash or a check made out to Union Knights of Columbus 4504 and write IDD donation on the memo line.

Our collections for our Intellectual Disabilities Drive will come to a close at the end of May. The purpose for this is for us to have a chance to discuss at our June meeting to which Charities to distribute the funds to.



**CIGAR KNIGHT 2**  
BACK FROM THE ASHES

## 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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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.

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

## Long-Term Care Facts

Brian E Reilly  
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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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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

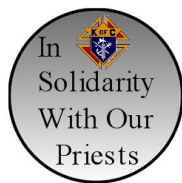


Yours fraternally,

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# May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6 Council Officers	7	8	9 Columbiettes	10	11 Joy's MS Fundraiser
12	13 Council Meeting	14	15	16 Annual Convention Knights Family Dinner	17 Annual Convention	18 Annual Convention
19 Annual Convention	20 Swim Club	21	22 4th Degree Assembly	23 Columbian Club	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day No Council Meeting	28	29	30	31	