



Knight Digest



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Calendar of Events

January 26th..... Chili Cook-Off Contest
February 2nd..... Annual Super Bowl Event
February 20th..... Knights Family Dinner
February 23rd Cornhole Tournament
February 29th..... Township Fundraiser
March 14th..... St. Patrick's Day Parade
July 18th Baseball Game Trip



Baseball Anyone?

On July 18th Saturday evening the New York Mets will be playing the Seattle Mariners. This is a 7pm start time. The tickets are 43 dollars each the seats are in the Coke Porch Picnic area.



There will be a 20 percent deposit to secure the tickets as soon as possible. We will also taking a bus which will be 20 dollars a person. We will also have a deposit for that too. The first 50 people to sign up with the deposit will be on the list. Balance will be paid 60 days prior to the game. Those that are on the initial list will then submit the balance by the first week of May.

Any questions contact Mike Peter
mikepeter4275@gmail.com

Thank you!

**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

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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.

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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,

As we reflect on our life experiences over the last year, we notice that the emotional book- marks are placed with those events which represent the extremes of our feelings or stress. We remember the happiest or saddest of times during the year. The day-to-day occurrences just seem to disappear into the past. The, “Good mornings!” or “How are you?” or other friendly chats with family members and friends become insignificant whispers into the wind. That is, until the person or persons are no longer there to chat with. Then we feel remorse over the desire to have one more last interaction with those who are no longer with us.

Wouldn't it be great if we knew in advance that our next conversation or experience with a friend or loved one was going to be the last? We could plan all the things we want to say or do with the person and make sure that our last time together clearly communicates our love and concern for each other.

Unfortunately, only God knows just how many more opportunities we have to enjoy each other's company. However, as we head into a new decade and usher in the roaring 20's let us embrace one another with love and compassion! Why not tell each other just how great it feels to be in each other's company and let each other know just how much we care about the time we spend together. Let us give each other, Compliments instead of complaints, Smiles to replace smirks, Hugs rather than hits, Kisses over kicks - Keep Brotherly Love Alive in 2020!

Vivat Jesus!

David Wozniak

Grand Knight; Union 4504



Columbian Club News

As we start 2020 the Union Columbian Club #4504 would like to wish everyone a very Happy and Prosperous New Year and hope to see everyone enjoying themselves at our Club Room in 2020.

Club Room hours

**Monday, Tuesday, and 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.

For January the Columbian Club will hold their Annual Chili Contest on Sunday January 26, 2020 (*see page 7*) so besides coming out to either enter your best Chili to be judged, or just tasting everyone's entries, you can also watch the 2020 Pro Bowl with your Brother Knights and friends.

To start off February the Columbian Club will again hold their Annual Super Bowl event on Sunday February 2, 2020.

Details for both events will be on our Facebook page, blast emails, other social media outlets, and flyers in the Club Room.

For 2020 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.



Knight of the Month



January 2020

Colum O'Hara



Colum is a graduate of Elizabeth High School and Rutgers University. He has been employed Ryerson Steel for three years as the Northeast Employee Safety Coordinator; his territory covers Philadelphia, Delaware, Buffalo, and Boston.

Colum is a parishioner of Saint Michael's Church and made his First Degree in 2000.

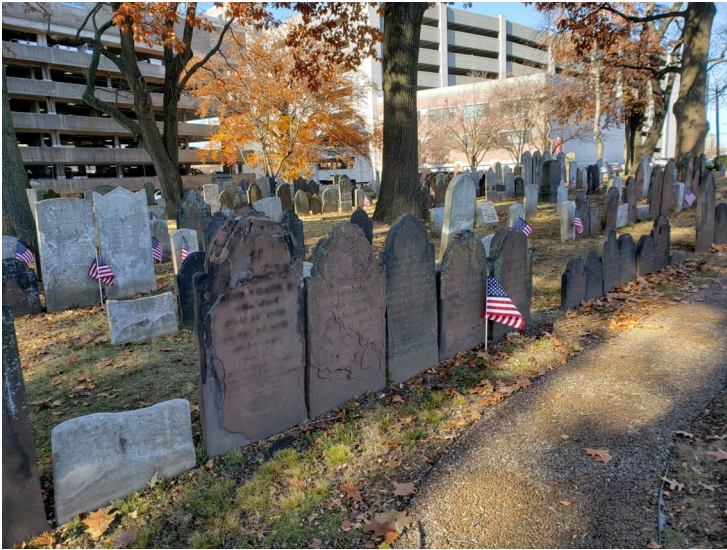
Quiet people sometimes get overlooked, so it is our pleasure to recognize Colum who is always there to help and lend a hand with both the Council and the Columbian Club.

Earlier this year, Colum cleaned the entire playground area, shifting through the old mulch to remove debris from the area, and then helping to put down the new mulch. This helped to ensure that the playground was safe, clean, and ready for playing during the 2019 summer season.

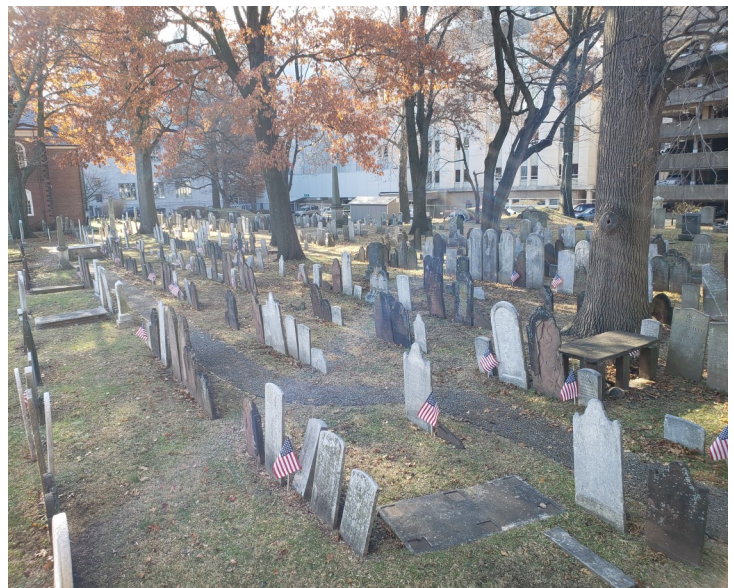
Colum was also one of the Brother Knights who volunteered to help serve food during the Family Picnic. He is also a big supporter of Columbian Club events attending both Cigar Night and the Halloween Party. When Colum is not volunteering, he likes to spend some time relaxing at the Council and enjoying a cigar while watching a game. He is an avid sports enthusiast especially when it comes to boxing.

Colum, thank you for all that you do for our Council and congratulations on being Knight of the Month.

Decorative flourish
Congratulations!
Decorative flourish



Sir Knights of the JFK Assembly met on December 7th at the First Presbyterian Church Cemetery. Sir Knights with families and the Union Historical Association located US Veteran graves and placed US Flags in preparation for next Saturday Wreath Across America Event. Len Komar DGK PFN



Wreaths Across America Honors GY SGT. Fred W. Stockham USMC

As part of their Wreaths Across America program every year the JFK Assembly also placed a wreath on the grave of GY SGT. Fred W. Stockham USMC grave in Hollywood Cemetery in Union, NJ.

GY Sgt. Stockham received the Medal of Honor for his heroism in World War I. GY Sgt. Stockham died as a result of his selfless aid to fellow wounded Marines.

The JFK Assembly Fourth Degree is proud to remember GY Sgt. Stockham every year in their Wreaths Across America program.



Above L-R: Joe Burlew, Andy Schopfer, Mike Peter and Steve Nagy at Hollywood Cemetery, Union, NJ.



**CLOTHING &
COAT DRIVE**

VISIT US TODAY AND JOIN OUR COMMUNITY

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 4504 &
THE COLUMBIAN CLUB OF UNION ARE
HOLDING THEIR YEARLY COAT & CLOTHING DRIVE

DROP OFF DAILY AFTER 4PM

Help us help our community!

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or contact Mike Harms at
908-370-4126

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
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Helping someone cross over:

The Knightly Duty

Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu, Ph.D.

I am reminded of a story a friend of mine once told me. It was rush hour on a hot-summer Friday afternoon, on a local road that fed into a major federal highway. Commuters were rushing hoping to beat the traffic headed down the shore. On a cross lane stood a blind man, who because he slept off in the bus, passed his usual stop. Now he was in an unfamiliar territory. He stood there and repetitiously called out: "please someone help me crossover". People were so tuned into their own needs that they either did not hear the plea of the blind man or they did not care about his call for help. When my friend saw what was going on, he said to the man "Yes, I will help you crossover". He went on to walk the blind man through the busy street as some motorists honked their horn, out of impatience, as though they couldn't see the need that was being fulfilled. It took them sometime to cross over to the other side. He then got into another bus with the blind man, and took him to the bus stop that he had missed and which he was familiar with. The blind man was now able to get on his way and continued his journey.

This story reminds me of what Christmas is all about; God coming down to us in human form to help us crossover; to help us crossover from darkness into light; from sin to redemption, from death to resurrection and from condemnation to salvation. The true spirit of Christmas, therefore, lies in helping someone crossover. I am reminded of the story of the man that Christ healed at the pool of Bethesda. For 38 years, this man tried to get to the pool first, so that he could be healed when the water was stirred up, but he never could get there first because of his condition as a cripple; and sadly no one reached out to help him overcome this challenge until Christ ran into him. Life is filled with moments when we need someone or someone needs us to crossover, to beat the odds, to get up and get going again, and to overcome the many challenges that we are forced to face in life. As the saying goes, it takes a village to raise a child. For someone in this world, someone out there, someone who needs to crossover, I am that village.

For decades, the Knights of Columbus have dedicated their time, talent and treasure to helping people crossover; to give hope that tomorrow indeed may be a better

day. This is a noble cause we undertake day in day out and we must never stop nor get tired in this effort. As Catholic gentlemen, we find holy moments, moments of grace in making this world a better place for all. Let's continue to help others crossover; to be that bridge between failure and success, between hopelessness and hopefulness, between despair and being an overcomer, between starvation and having something to eat, between disempowerment and mucho empowerment, etc. We must always bear in mind that the true spirit of Christmas is to be "Emmanuel—God with us" for someone out there. The grace to do this abounds in us and we must continue to call it forth into existence and keep it striving for ages unending. Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Knights Family Dinners

The next Family Dinner is scheduled for
January 16, 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

February 20, 2020

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.

Columbian Club



\$5.00 Donation

Think you can handle the heat?

Whether you'd like to cook, judge, or just indulge
then come on down on...

Sunday January 26th

1-4PM

½ tray entries must be at the club by 12:30



Prizes for 1st & 2nd Place



Please register by texting Robert Pynckels @ 908-578-1206

"Let's meet at the place where everyone knows your name"

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5	6 Council Officers	7	8	9 Columbiettes	10	11
12	13 Council Mtg. 8:15 PM	14	15 Articles due for next month's digest	16	17	18
19	20 Martin Luther King	21	22 4th Degree Assembly	23 Columbian Club	24	25
26 Chili Cook-Off Contest	27 Council Mtg. 8:15 PM	28	29	30	31	