



Knight Digest



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March 2019

Calendar of Events

March 11thCouncil Meeting 8:15PM
 March 16th St. Patrick's Day Parade
 March 21st..... Knights Family Dinner
 March 23rd Work Parties Begin
 March 25thSpecial Council Meeting 8:15 PM
 April 5thFish Fry
 April 8thCouncil Meeting 8:15 PM
 April 12, 13, 14..... Intellectual Disabilities Drive
 April 22nd.....Council Meeting 8:15 PM
 April 28th4th Degree Exemplification
 May 16-19 Annual Convention



Charitable Raffle

Reminder!!! As noted in the February Digest, if you are interested in being added to the list to receive Charitable Raffle tickets, please reach out to Andy Schopfer, PGK at Aschopfer@verizon.net or call him at (908) 265-7895.



Knights Family Dinners

The next scheduled Family Dinner is **March 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

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

Special Meeting

The second meeting in March be a special meeting to discuss the Terms of Use Agreement and the Charitable Distribution Agreement amendments.

The vote will be on the business meeting on April 8th?

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:

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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
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 Costa, PGK
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,

The month of February came and went in and it was fairly quiet on the Council side. There's so much that happens at this Council that it is refreshing to get these little breaks here and there. The Columbian Club will be hosting the St. Patrick's Day Parade in mid-March. There will be festivities at the hall, and our 4th degree will be marching in the parade. General members, other than the Color Corps, can march in the parade as well. I call upon any available Brother Knight to join me in this march. Let's show the pride of 4504 in force this year.

April 5th will be our annual Fish Fry, run by our very own Mike Peter, PGK. As always, this event benefits our Citizens with Intellectual Disabilities Drive. Shortly after the Fish Fry, the Council will start our street collections to benefit the Citizens with Intellectual Disabilities Drive. This weekend requires the most manpower out of all the events we do here at 4504. Signup sheets are in the bar as well as at the Council Meetings. If you got 2-3 hours to help out for this weekend, I will be personally very grateful.

Since 2012, Supreme has insisted that Home Corporations adopt a Terms of Use Agreement, Charitable Distribution Agreement and a legal relationship between the Council and the Home Corporation. This is mainly to reduce liability on the Council, and especially reduces the liability on Supreme. After negotiating with our Home Corporation, we have come to an agreement and the next step is to have a vote by the members for approval. Postcards will be arriving in the mail over the next couple weeks, and the vote is planned to occur on **April 8th 2019**. I encourage all members to attend this meeting. If there are any questions, let them be known at that meeting.

Vivat Jesus!

Michael P. Willemse, PGK
Grand Knight; Union 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.

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.

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 assemble 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.



Knight of the Month

March 2019

Chuck Cababe



When one thinks of the food drives and roses for life which have been held at the Union Knights of Columbus and our parishes during the past few years, the one name that comes to mind is that of Chuck Cababe. No brother has exhibited such a commitment and concern for helping with the council's food drives as Chuck.

According to Chuck's wife: Ask Chuck Cababe what he thinks is most important to him and he will tell you this: "For me to do the will of our Lord, Jesus, and to serve my family and community." She adds that Chuck is passionate about living out his faith with his family and in feeding the poor. Chuck's life shows that he does just that.

He became a lector at the age of 14 and continued that ministry as he earned his finance degree from Seton Hall University in 1983. He married his wife and faith partner, Joyce, in 1990. Together they served the Lord in teaching catechism and attending pro-marriage seminars. When they became parents in 1999, Chuck lead his family in faith with nightly prayer and music, (he plays the guitar) and helping at the food pantry at St. Mary's, Elizabeth. Chuck's son, Phillip, is a lifeguard with the swim club. Chuck became a Knight at Council 4504 in 2003. His passion for feeding the poor has led him to run several food drives from 2004-2007, and again in 2015 to present. Chuck's fervor in sharing the love of God with his brothers and community inspired him to become the spokesperson for the Catholic Men's Conference held each March.

At home, Chuck enjoys romantic getaways with his wife and outdoor trips with his son. He works hard as a comptroller for Patel Consultants Corp. He shows no signs of stopping his work in serving the Lord. We at Council 4504, are indeed pleased and honored to recognize Chuck Cababe, as the Knight of the Month.

Congratulations, Chuck

Street Collections for the IDD Drive

The Union Knights of Columbus have received permission from Union Township for Street Collections for our Annual IDD Drive on the weekend of **Friday April 12th, Saturday April 13th, and Sunday April 14th**. Members of the Union Knights of Columbus will be on the Streets of Union Township at five various intersections between the hours of 9 AM to 3 PM. Collection shifts of 2 hours will be 9 AM to 11 AM, 11 AM to 1 PM, and 1PM to 3 PM. Last year we collected close to \$4000.00 for People with Intellectual Disabilities and we are hoping to exceed that amount this year. Please let us make this a banner year.

We would like to get that one dollar more. Those who are not able to volunteer and would like to make a donation to this worthy program can do so by sending their donation to the Council care of IDD Chairman, make your check out to Union Knights of Columbus 4504 and write IDD Drive Donation on the Memo Line. There will be a sign-up sheet at all meetings or you can contact Mike Peter PGK about signing up for a shift and location.



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!!!

Swim Club Elects New Board Members

Andy Schopfer, PGK

On Sunday, February 24, the Columbian Swim Club held its annual meeting and announced that 5 individuals had agreed to serve on the Swim Club Board of Directors for the upcoming year:

Chris Burlew will continue to serve in her role as Membership Director, Ann Hart will assume the role of Secretary, Michelle Schultz had agreed to serve as the Treasurer, and Andy Schopfer, PGK and Phil Cababe had also agreed to serve on the Board. In addition, a reach out had also been made for Mike Harms to work with the Club as Comptroller.

After these nominations were accepted, it was then announced by the officers that Andy Schopfer had agreed to serve as the Pool Club President.

When the meeting reconvened, there was an open discussion with the members in regard to possible improvements to the pool for the upcoming year, and suggestions were made and the officers will discuss them as they become more familiar with their new roles. It was also agreed that if dues are not paid by April 15, the late fee will also be charged. There were no increases to dues this year, and the Board will consider alternatives types of arrangements to foster increased membership and revenue streams to allow the pool to meet its financial obligations.

Andy Schopfer admitted to the attendees that he understands that he does not have the technical knowledge of past Presidents, but that he shares a passion for the success of the Union Knights, and considers the success of the pool as an integral part of the Knights family here in Union.

There are still several slates open on the Board, and interested parties can reach out to any of the officers to discuss the roles and responsibilities that come with serving on the Board.

As a general reminder, Work parties do begin on March 23, and we will need a lot of volunteer efforts to be able to open the pool for the Memorial Day weekend.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Saturday, March 16, 2019

1:00 PM Sharp, The Parade begins.

UNION COUNTY ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

2019 General Chairwoman - Jessica Cunningham

2019 Grand Marshal - Sister Percylee Hart, RSM

The 2019 Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade is dedicated to all of the youth coaches who volunteer to mentor and lead our children.



Celebrate at the Columbian Club

(Home of the Union Knights of Columbus 4504)

Doors Open at **9:00am** / we're kicking you out at **7:00pm**

\$5.00 Admission

HOT DOGS - \$2.00

HOT PRETZEL - \$2.00

SODA - \$2.00

WATER - \$2.00

COFFEE - \$2.00

TEA - \$2.00

CORNER BEEF SANDWICH - \$6.00

CHILI - \$4.00.

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!

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Bereavement Ministry



The Bereavement Ministry of Holy Spirit Church will be starting its

Christ centered support group sessions on **March 6th** from 7:30 - 8:30 PM to help you cope with the loss of your loved one. It runs from eight (8) consecutive Wednesdays.

You are welcome to join the sessions.

Please register by calling the parish office at (908) 687-3327.

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.



MS Multiple Sclerosis Society

JOY'S MS FUNDRAISER

MAY 11th - 2-7 pm
Knights of Columbus, Columbian Club Hall
1034 Jeanette Avenue, Union, NJ 07083

COME ONE COME ALL

\$20 for adults and \$10 for kids
For more information and tickets, contact
Joy Greenhill at 973-886-3297 or
Robert Pynkels at 908-578-1206

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Donor and Joy Greenhill

Swim Club

The Annual Swim Club Renewal form is available online at www.kofc4504.org/swim-club. Payments are due by **April 15, 2019**. Late fees will be assessed at \$25.00 starting April 16, 2019.

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.





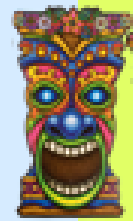
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