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Calendar of Events

February 15th Knights Family Dinner
 February 23rd Lenten Fish Fry
 March 9th Wrestling Event
 March 10th St. Patrick's Day Parade
 March 18th Breakfast with the Easter Bunny
 March 24th Casino Knight
 April 14th Swim Club Tricky Tray
 April 22nd 4th Degree Exemplification
 May 20th - 22nd Wildwood Convention

Nominating Committee

Ask not what your council can do for you but what you can do for your council. And what better way to support your council and get the most out of being a Knight then being an officer. Please, contact Alex Costa PGK (nominating committee chairman) if you are interested in stepping up to the challenge.

Regards, Alex C
 305-898-1570

Casino Knight



Break out your Tux
 Get your James Bond on
 And join us for...



Casino Knight at the Knights!

Craps, Poker, Black Jack, Texas Hold 'Em and more!

Open Play
 Tournament Play
 (Trophies to the Winners)

50/50s and Raffles

Vodka Martinis, Shaken, Not Stirred

When: **Saturday March 24th 2018**

7pm until 11pm

Where: 1034 Jeanette Ave.,
 Union, NJ 07083

Cost: \$40 per person
 \$55 per couple



Includes: \$100 in play money (additional play money available for purchase)

\$125 in play money if you are in a Tux

\$135 in play money if you are in a Tux & wearing your 4th Degree Social Baldric

Hors D'oeuvres

One Drink Ticket (Cash Bar is available)

Contact Alex Costa PGK at 305-898-1570 for tickets Proceeds to benefit Union Council 4504 & the NJ Special Olympics via the NJ Knights of Columbus Motorcycle Ministry

Exemplification for the Fourth Degree

The 1st NJ District Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus will hold it's Spring 2018 Exemplification on Sunday April 22, 2018.

Contact Len Komar FN JFK Assembly #0666 or any Assembly Officer for more information about the Fourth Degree and what we do.

There will be more details to follow.



We are planning our annual Lenten Fish Fry. The date is Friday **February 23, 2018** at 6pm-8pm.

The menu will be broiled or fried fish, macaroni and cheese, french fries, cole slaw, desert and coffee. Soda will be provided as well. There will be a cash bar. Proceeds will be going to Charity. The price will be \$12.00 Per person.

Tickets will be available by contacting Michael Peter by phone 908-759-3588 or email mikepeter4275@gmail.com

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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.

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Chaplain..... Rev. Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu
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2nd Yr. Trustee Greg Henn, PGK
1st Yr. Trustee Mike Peter, PGK
4th Degree Faithful
Navigator..... Len Komar
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

Brothers All,

During the month of January, I had the pleasure of attending the Mid-Term Grand Knight meeting, hosted by our very own Columbian Club. The State Officers put together a full docket of speeches in order to motivate the Grand Knights and District Deputies of our Archdiocese. The message for this meeting was very clear, "We must change with the times." There are multiple and even radical changes the Knights of Columbus will be transitioning to. Some of these changes are immediate, whereas some will be implemented in the next few years. Personally, I have mixed feelings from this meeting. The changes that State and Supreme Council are required, and thus we must comply with their agenda. However, as a business owner, I know how important change is for a business to survive. These changes will take some getting used to, but I am certain it is being done for the Good of the Order.

One of the topics discussed was membership. As the largest council in our archdiocese, we were set on a pedestal and served as an example to other councils. As the largest council, our requirement for the Father McGivney Award for membership is the highest, and we were able to do what so many other smaller councils have not been able to accomplish. We were able to bring in 26 new members this first half of the Columbian year, and we are just 8 new members short of achieving the Father McGivney award for membership. That's right, brothers, just 8 members shy of this award. The program director, membership director and I are putting together what we need for another first degree. If anyone has friends, family or loved one who you feel would be great additions to this council, now is the time!

We have a few large events happening over the next few months at our Council. February 23rd is our annual Fish Fry to benefit the Intellectual Disabilities Drive. This has always been a very successful event for our council, and we help to set the standard for donations to this great cause. Last year, we were able to donate \$4,200 toward this drive. This year, as Mike Peter likes to say, we hope to make \$1 more than last year. March 24th will be our newly created "Casino Knight." This event is a three way effort between the Columbian Club, Union Council and the NJ Motorcycle Ministry in order to benefit the NJ Special Olympics. Finally, our Columbettes are hosting a Tricky Tray on April 14th. I ask you all to mark these date on your calendars. It goes without saying that we need everyone's help with these events, whether it be asking for donations or inviting your friends and family to these events. In addition, we will be having our annual Wildwood Convention for the dates of May 20th through May 22nd. We will be collecting deposits over the next few weeks, so please find myself or our Financial Secretary, Luke Sangiamo for your deposits. I always enjoyed this event because it's a great time to relax with our fellow brothers away from the council. I hope to see everyone there.

Let us continue to work together and having a great last half of the Columbian Year.

Vivat Jesus!
Michael P. Willemse
Grand Knight 2017-2018



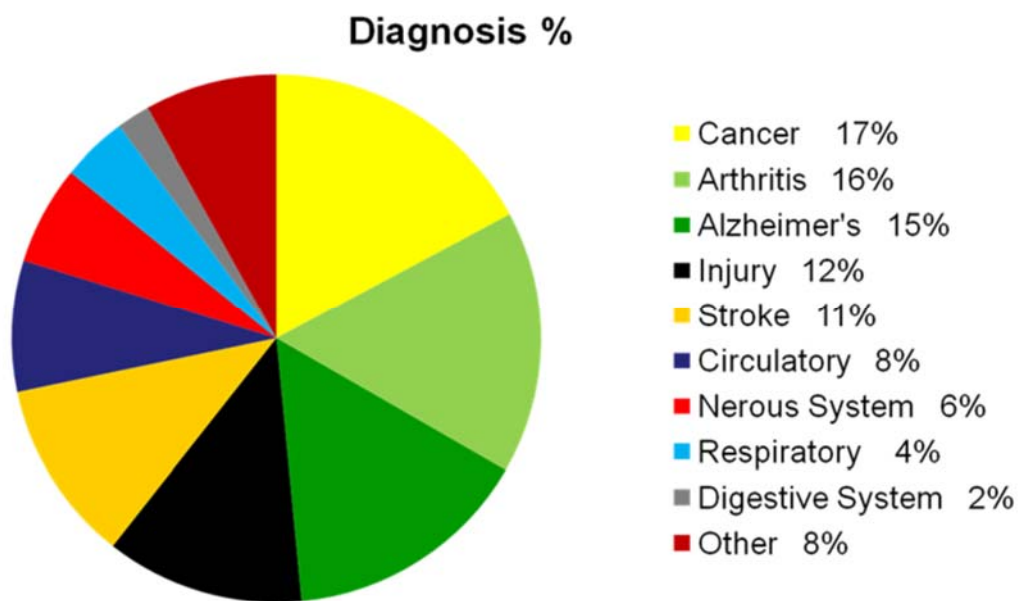
Long Term Care Facts & Figures

Most financial advisors say that Americans are woefully unprepared to provide Long Term Care for either themselves or a loved one, even those with incomes of more than \$100,000. Most people wait 10 years longer than they should to even begin planning for Long Term Care.

The ideal time to plan for long term care is when you are 50. Yet most people wait until they are in their 60's. Procrastination is a big reason, while underestimating the cost and/or overestimating the sufficiency of assets are other reasons.

Yet the number one reason for individual's unwillingness to think about the issue of Long Term Care...is the thought that "it won't happen to me."

II. Home Health Care Claims by Diagnosis



Good News: 49 % of Home Health care Claims end in RECOVERY

III. 2012 Costs of Alzheimer's

Today, 5.4 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease. By 2050, up to 16 million will have the disease.

- Americans aged 65 and over, **1 in 8 has Alzheimer's.**
- Another American develops Alzheimer's disease **every 68 seconds.** In 2050, an American will develop the disease **every 33 seconds.**

IV. Medicare does not pay for most LTC

Medicare pays only for medically necessary skilled nursing facility or home health care. You must meet certain conditions for Medicare to pay for these types of care when you get out of the hospital. Most long-term care is to assist people with support services such as dressing, bathing, and using the bathroom. *Medicare doesn't pay for this type of care, which is often called "custodial care".*

Custodial care is care that helps you with activities of daily living. It may also include care that most

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people do for themselves.

Medicare is:

- ◆ Not intended for long term ---"BUT" for acute only.
- ◆ 72 Hours hospital stay
- ◆ Days 1-20 all costs 100%
- ◆ Days 21-100 after \$157.50 a day deductible
- ◆ Days 100 + "Zero"

V. Expenses

Long term care costs are substantial, and can seriously erode your estate, quickly undermining the most well-crafted asset protection plan. For those who wish to preserve their estates, reliance on government programs for long term care expenses is not an option.

How does the Knights of Columbus plan start? The Benefit Triggers result when you Can Not perform 2 of the 6 Activities of Daily Living (ADL's), which include:

1. Eating
2. Continence
3. Transferring
4. Toileting
5. Dressing
6. Bathing

Will your Gambling without Long Term Care put you in the "RED"??

While we cannot predict the future, YOU could eventually need care on a long-term basis. The cost of receiving these services could jeopardize not only your lifestyle, but also the financial security you spent a lifetime establishing.

The Knights of Columbus are one of the few Major Insurers in the United States **who have NOT increased premiums on existing holders of our Long Term Care product.**

There is no more highly rated Insurer in North America than the Knights of Columbus!



Knight of the Month



February 2018

Luke Sangiamo



The Knight of the Month for February 2018 is a fairly fresh face at this council. Luke joined Council 4504 just two years ago and eagerly volunteered to assist in as many activities as he could. Luke began as Council Treasurer immediately after receiving his 3rd degree, and served in the position for his first year. Then, Luke moved to the position of Recorder before being elected to take on the role of Financial Secretary for the council.

Luke was born and raised in Linden, NJ and attended Union Catholic High School, graduating in 2002. He furthered his education and earned a Bachelor's Degree at Rutgers University. Luke became a first time homeowner, moving to Rahway, NJ and is a newlywed to his wife, Sarah. Luke is employed as a real estate agent with All Towne Realty in Clark, NJ and received the Bronze Seller's Award (A Million Dollars in sales) in the first year of his career.

Luke continues to step up to the plate this year and has successfully run the Murder Mystery Dinner, co-chaired the Annual Picnic, Pig Roast and will be running the Annual Knights Convention in Wildwood. Due to his excellent charitable service, selflessness and dedication to our Order, it is my honor to award Luke Sangiamo the Knight of the Month for February 2018.

Congratulations, Luke.

Congratulations!

One in Twelve Christians in the World are Persecuted

Agnès Pinard Legry

In 2017, out of the 2.48 billion Christians in the world, 215 million suffered a degree of persecution ranging from "strong to extreme."

“The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church.” If the year 2017 marks the military defeat of ISIS in the Middle East, it also reflects a return to strength of religious nationalism with a strong intolerance towards minorities. Today, 215 million Christians are severely persecuted around the world – one in twelve Christians – reports the NGO Open Doors in its worldwide index of Christian persecution published annually.

Among these 215 million Christians, Asia (including the Middle East) represents 113.31 million (53 percent), Africa 81.14 million (38 percent), Latin America a little more 20 million (9 percent) and the rest of the world (Europe, North America and Oceania) nearly 12,000 Christians (0.01 percent).

At least 3,066 Christians were killed for reasons related to their beliefs compared to 1,207 a year earlier. This represents an increase of 154 percent. “The relative truce seen in the 2017 index was due to the decline of Boko Haram activities in Nigeria,” said the NGO. However, assassinations have resumed in this country with waves of attacks by the heavily armed Fulani against the Christians of the Middle Belt of the country. Some reports speak of “ethnic cleansing” (on the basis of religious affiliation). In addition, at least 793 churches were targeted, compared to 1,329 the previous year, a decrease of 40 percent. Note that these figures relate only to facts that could be verified with certainty.

The three most violent countries for Christians are Pakistan, Nigeria and the Central African Republic, says the NGO. “In Pakistan, like last year, and without taking into account the attack on the church of

Quetta in December 2017 (which took place outside the study period), Pakistan remains in the first place of the ranking in the number of violent attacks, according to the index. This can be explained by the regular attacks of churches (fires, broken windows, electricity cuts), the 700 cases per year of kidnappings, rapes or forced marriages of Christian women and the frequency of riots following rumors of blasphemy.”

Wildwood 2018 – Are you going?

The annual Wildwood convention will be from May 17th 2018 through May 20th 2018. If you are planning on attending, we need to secure your room for that weekend. We will be collecting deposits of \$200 from now until the business meeting on February 12th 2018.

Please reach out to Luke Sangiamo at (908) 370-7525 if you will be joining us for this great weekend.



Knights Family Dinners

This month's Knights Family dinner is scheduled for **February 15th**. The dinners will be held on the 3rd Thursday of every month except when noted otherwise.

Anyone planning on attending must call Pat Wittek in advance at 908-964-3989.

LATIN NIGHT 2018

LAST YEAR IT WAS CARIBBEAN NIGHT
2018...it will be...LATIN NIGHT 2018!!

STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS.

In the meantime we are seeking volunteers to organize this activity. If you are interested, please inform PGK Giftus John or GK Mike Willemse.

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11	12 Council Meeting 8:10 PM	13	14 Valentine's Day Ash Wednesday	15 Knights Family Dinner 6:30p - 8:30p	16	17
18	19 President's Day Swim Club Mtg.	20	21	22 Columbian Club	23 Lenten Fish Fry	24
25	26 Council Meeting 8:10 PM	27	28 4th Degree Assembly Mtg.			