



# Knight Digest



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## Calendar of Events

### September

September 13th..... Family Picnic  
 September 13th..... Charitable Raffle Drawing  
 September 17th..... Intellectual Disabilities Fundraiser  
 September 27th..... Soccer Kick Challenge

### October

October 11th..... Past Grand Knight Dinner  
 October 19th..... 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification

### November

November 1st ..... Halloween Party

**Save  
the  
Date**



### November 1, 2014

Save the date for the  
Council Halloween  
Party.

Details on page 3.

### *Family Picnic Sat. Sept. 13, 2014*

**12:00 PM till 6:00 PM  
Food, Drinks, Music**

**A Great Time For All!**

**Advance Purchase Ticket Cost:  
Family (2 Adults & 2 Children) - \$40.00  
Additional Children over 6 Yrs. - \$10.00  
Adults - \$15.00**

**Tickets available at all council meeting and at the  
swim club gatehouse.  
(Checks or exact change please)**

**Advance Sales will end on 9-8-2014  
Limited tickets the day of the event. At the gate  
there will be an additional charge of \$5.00 to the  
above prices**

**Greg Chaves (732) 492-3049 or  
Gregory.chaves@kofc.org**



### *Raffle Tickets on Sale*

Tickets for Union Council 4504's charitable raffle have been mailed to those Brothers and Friends of the Council who are on our mailing list. If you are not on our mailing list, but would like to be, please contact the Raffle Chairman, Past Grand Knight Andy Schopfer at (908) 265-7895. The drawing will be held at 6:00 pm on Saturday, September 13 at the conclusion of the Council Picnic.

This raffle, is the second of three, to be held this year, and funds a number of our Council's charitable efforts, including support for our parishes, and other local charities. Tickets are \$10.00, and the grand prize winner will receive 40% of the proceeds raised, with 4 other winners splitting 10% of the that sum. The first raffle of the year, which was held on Memorial Day weekend, generated \$2800.00 in sales.

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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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**Knight Digest Editor**  
**1034 Jeanette Avenue**  
**Union, NJ 07083**

or 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. Ranulfo D. Docabo  
*District Deputy*..... Alex Costa, PGK  
*Grand Knight* ..... Ed McCormick  
*Deputy Grand Knight*..... Greg Henn  
*Chancellor*..... Giftus John  
*Warden* ..... Michael Willemse  
*Recorder*..... Kevin Gongob  
*Treasurer*..... Frank Santangelo  
*Fin. Secretary*..... Thomas Hornig, PGK  
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*Program Director*..... Mike Peter, PGK  
*Advocate*..... Stephen F. Hehl  
*3rd. Yr. Trustee* ..... Steve Nagy, PGK  
*2nd Yr. Trustee* ..... Joseph Burlew, PGK  
*1st Yr. Trustee* ..... Andy Schopfer PGK  
*4th Degree Faithful*  
*Navigator*..... Andy Schopfer, PGK  
*Columbian Club*  
*President* ..... Allen Pascullo  
*Swim Club President*..... Joe Marateo, PGK  
*Columbiette President*..... Bernadette Watson

## 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

### My Brother Knights at the Union Knights of Columbus,

It's difficult to believe that the summer season is already over. Time sure flies when you're having fun. And much fun was had by all over the last two months. There were many successful and well attended events held. A first time lobster fest sold out the 150 tickets available and got rave reviews. A trip to Citifield also sold out. Two splash parties were held and were very well attended. A fishing trip and two trips to Monmouth Park were also conducted. Sangria nights were held twice and also were well attended. Pool membership was up to 205 members. Our members took over the operation of the snack stand and it too did very well. The weather was very good most of the summer. Bottom line ... things are going well at Union Council and I take this opportunity to thank all those who worked to make these events the successes that they were. This goes to show what can be accomplished when we come together with our focus being on the good of the council and it's members and their families.

The ceiling tile replacement project in the hall was completed over the summer. Come to one of our meetings on the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month and check out our brothers' hard work. Thanks again to the brothers who put in countless hours accomplishing this task.

The next two major events are our annual family picnic on Saturday, September 13 and the annual Past Grand Knight's dinner on Saturday October 11 to honor PGK Steve Nagy. I urge all of you to come out and support these events. Details on them are elsewhere in the digest. Please come on out and keep the momentum going. There are other events and physical improvements in the planning stages.

I am thrilled to be Grand Knight during this very positive period of time. Please help us keep the positive momentum going by helping at events or at a minimum coming to events and meetings. This is a great time to be a member of Union Council. Come on out and join the fun.

**Vivat Jesus**  
**Ed McCormick**



### *Fourth Degree Exemplification*

On Sunday, October 19, there will be a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification at La Neve's restaurant in Paterson New Jersey. Any current 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knight interested in learning more about joining the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, which is the Patriotic Degree of our order, should contact the Faithful Navigator of John F Kennedy Assembly 0666, Andy Schopfer for specifics on this Exemplification and to obtain an application.

The Exemplification begins with registration at 11:00 and concludes with a gala banquet at 5:00 pm. By joining the 4<sup>th</sup> degree, candidates become worthy of the title Sir Knight, and are also afforded the opportunity to join the Color Corp, which has been referred to as the Visible arm of our Order.

Applications must be returned to the Faithful Navigator by the first weekend of October in order to ensure that our candidate's names are submitted to the Worthy Master. Andy can be reached at (908) 265- 7895.

### *Intellectual Disabilities Fundraiser*

On September 17th Wednesday night from 6pm to 9pm we will be at Red Cadillac on Morris Ave in Union. On that evening the restaurant will give us a percentage of proceeds. To go towards our Intellectual Disabilities Drive for us to receive credit we must submit coupon at time of purchase . We are also planning more of these events in October and November more details to follow.

Contact Mike Peter, PGK, Program Director:  
908-759-3588  
mikepeter46@Yahoo.com

### *Soccer kick challenge*

Soccer kick challenge will be on September 27 at Conlon Field near Union High School from 9am to 12 noon for children of members of the Knights of Columbus along with their friends.

Any questions please contact Mike Peter, PGK at:  
908-759-3588  
mikepeter46@yahoo.com

### *Knight of the Month*

*September 2014*



Mike Peter



The Knight of the month doesn't need any introduction. Mike Peter has been a Knight for the past 33 years. He started out at the South Orange council and has served for the past 15 years at the Union council. Mike has been an officer of the council for the past 10 years, as well as serving as Program Director for the past three years and chairman of the RCD Drive.

Mike's father, Bill, a member of our council is also a PGK of the South Orange council. Mike and his wife Joyce reside in Union. He works for Union Township and at the Suburban Country Club.

Mike is the ideal man of what a Knight should be and is our Knight of the Month for September.

### *Council Halloween Party*

On November 1, 2014, the Columbian Club will be bringing back our renowned Annual Halloween Party Adult-only event. There will be food, beverages, entertainment and costume judging for an assortment of prizes in our tastefully decorated, newly renovated Banquet Hall. We are still in the planning stages so the menu, prizes and type of entertainment has not been finalized. This is sure to be a well-attended event so mark your calendar and reserve this date. Next month's Digest will include the specific details. Get out and get your costume now!!! (Costumes are not required, so don't let that stop you from attending, but why not join the fun and get dressed up).

## ***THANK YOU!***



Thank you to all who donated to the NJ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MOTORCYCLE MINISTRIES SPECIAL OLYMPICS RUN.

It is through the generosity & charity of your hearts that made this year our best year yet. We are looking at making a \$13,000 donation to the Special Olympics. It will go a long way to helping these special children.

If you pledged but haven't gotten your donation in yet, please, do so ASAP. If you haven't pledged but would like to contribute, there is still time!

Mail your check to:

**NJ Knights of Columbus Motorcycle Ministry  
(NJ KofC MM for short)  
P.O. Box 23  
Belford, New Jersey 07718**

Or go to our website: [http://njkofcmm.com/paypal\\_donation\\_page.html](http://njkofcmm.com/paypal_donation_page.html) and you can make a donation through PayPal.

We don't make our donation until October so you have all of September to contribute and help enrich the life of a special child.

SK Alex Costa PGK, DD  
JFK Assembly 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Faithful Pilot  
NJ K of C Motorcycle Ministry Trustee

## ***DINNER SCHEDULED TO HONOR OUR NEWEST PAST GRAND KNIGHT STEVE NAGY***

On Saturday October 11th, 2014 we will be holding our annual Past Grand Knight's Dinner. The evening will begin at 7 P.M. with a Cocktail Hour featuring a delectable assortment of hors d'oeuvres, followed by presentations to our Past Grand Knight, dinner, dancing and an open bar. Tickets for the evening's festivities are only \$25.00 per person (\$50.00 a couple).

Please make every effort to come out and help honor and support Steve. Reservation must be made by Wed. October 8th so that we may properly order food.

Please call Greg Henn, DGK at 908-721-2094 or Buddy Cotter, PGK at 973-722-5655 for reservations.

## ***Annuities: More Flexible Than You Might Think***

Annuities are easily misunderstood, in part because of their name. When you "annuitize" the money in your annuity (the money you've paid in, plus the interest it has earned), you've chosen to receive monthly payments for life, or for a fixed period.

However, annuitizing this money isn't your only option. You may also treat an annuity like a Guaranteed Investment Certificate (GIC). That is, you can use the annuity as a way to accumulate savings and earn a steady interest rate. You can make withdrawals from the annuity for any reason, although you may then owe income tax on some, or all, of the withdrawal amount. And, if you do choose to annuitize, you also have several payout options.

The point is, these products are flexible enough to serve a variety of needs.

Contact me if you're interested in setting up an annuity as an RRSP, spousal RRSP, RRIF, a non-registered account, or a TFSA account.

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## ***Final SWIM DAY for 2014***

Normally the Columbia Swim Club pool closes right after Labor Day, but this year being our 50th Anniversary of the Swim club we have extended the pool closing. The Pool will be open on the following days: Tuesday September 2nd, Saturday September 6th and Sunday September 7th.

The Pool is open to ANY Union Council 4504 Member and family also all members of the Columbiettes and Family Members

A 2014 paid membership card must be shown at the gate. Your guests are always welcome. For entrance to the pool we are asking for a donation of \$5.00 worth of non-perishable food. Adults are \$11.00 and Children \$7.00

This food collection will be donated to the food bank at St. Michaels Church. The July food drive in collected over 800 pounds of food for the needy.

So come out cool off and enjoy a few last days of summer.

## ***Football and the Columbian Club Lounge - Perfect Together!***

As the seasons change and the weather gets cool, what time is it? FOOTBALL TIME!

What better way to watch some football and socialize with your Brother Knights (and Sister Columbiettes) then to come down to the Columbian Club Lounge at Union Council #4504. The recently renovated bar is still looking good. The prices are competitive with all the rest in town and possibly better than some.

The big-screen TVs provide excellent viewing from every seat and angle in the house. While there are no specific plans, as yet, regarding member-made food presentations on Sundays as in the past, it would not surprise me if, of a sudden, we have a list of whom will be cooking what on a particular "Sunday Football at the Club" event - it may be you. Looking to recreate a crowd favorite dish? Do you have some dish that you just can't wait to show off? I know you are out there so, as the season gets underway, come and see where the action is and hopefully you can get a spot in line.

\*\*\* Our annual Tailgate Party is set for October 19. We will be either/both in the Grove and/or in the Club driveway as in the past. Barbecue, hot dishes, sides, beverages... You get the idea. But the main "goal" (yes, pun intended) of this event is FUN and Fraternity! Outdoor TV screens. Wear your favorite player's Jersey (no pun). Good food. Did I mention the FUN part?

Pick one or all of these events. There is something here for everyone.

## ***Help Wanted - Fall Cleanup!!!***

In late September we will be getting ready for the Winter and we need your help to clean up the back grove and Pool.

If you came to hear a DJ this Summer, help us. If you came to one of the Sangria Nights, come on down. If you swam in the pool as a member or guest, we need you. If your children attended a Splash Party, we could use a hand. If you worked out in one of our Aquatic Aerobic classes, you now have the energy to donate a Saturday morning of your time ( this will proved additional Aerobic benefit ). If you enjoyed a barbecue in the grove as a member or a guest, help us. If you relaxed at the Tiki Bar with a beverage, time to get involved with us in another relaxing event. If the Snack Stand provided you with some food, well then, what are you waiting for?

We do not hire services to open and close the back grove and the Pool. The generosity and the hard work or our membership provides everything in order to contain the operating costs of our Council home.

Your time is as valuable as ours and we appreciate any that we can share and spend together for the greater common cause - Union Council #4504.

Thanks to all for a great Summer! I hope to see many returning members and some new faces during our cleanup events. You may have an opportunity to see some old acquaintances and possibly even make some new ones.

Allen Pascullo  
Columbian Club President

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7	8 Council Meeting 8:10 PM	9	10	11	12	13 Family Picnic Raffle Drawing
14	15 Swim Club Mtg.	16	17 Intellectual Disabilities Fundraiser	18	19	20
21	22 Council Meeting 8:10 PM	23	24 4th Degree Assembly	25 Columbian Club Meeting	26	27 Soccer Kick Challenge
28	29	30				