



# Knights Digest



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## Calendar of Events

### April

April 7th ..... Fish Fry  
 April 9th ..... Breakfast with the Easter Bunny  
 April 22nd ..... Tricky Tray  
 April 24th ..... Social Event - Family Night

### May

May 2nd ..... Pride in Our Priests Dinner  
 May 18th ..... Family Dinner  
 May 18th-21st ..... Wildwood Convention  
 May 22nd ..... Council Elections  
 May 24th ..... Second Degree

### June

June 11th ..... Senior Social  
 June 16th ..... Third Degree  
 June 26th ..... Shield Awards  
 June 30th ..... Grand Knight Toast

## Council Nominations and Elections

All brothers who are desirous of being officers for the upcoming Columbian year are notified that interviews for interested individuals will be conducted by the nominating committee on Tuesday **April 18th, 2017** at 7:00p.m in the Council's conference room. Please contact Joe Burtlew, Sr, chairman of the Nominating Committee as soon as possible and make your intentions known to him.

Nomination of prospective officers will be held at the first regular meeting on **May 8th**, and elections during the second meeting on **May 22nd, 2017**.

## Pancake Breakfasts

Due to the breakfast with the Easter Bunny on April 9th, there will be no pancake breakfast on April 16th.

The pancake breakfasts will resume on **May 21st**.

## Intellectual Disabilities Drive

Gentlemen, it is that time of the year again. We are starting to plan our Intellectual Disabilities Drive. The dates are **Friday, April 28th Saturday, April 29th and Sunday April 30th**. Times are 9am-11am, 11am-1pm and 1pm-3pm. We have four different intersections to man for the weekend. Those that are unable to assist and would like to send donations can send them to the Council care of Intellectual Disabilities Chairman. We raised over \$7500 last year. It would be nice to raise \$1.00 this year.

Email [mikepeter4275@gmail.com](mailto:mikepeter4275@gmail.com) if able to help out. Thank you.

*"Together we are an enormous force for good in a world that so obviously needs the love of God and love of neighbor, which must be reflected in our work." - Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight*

## Union Council 4504-Anniversary Circle... A celebration of 25 and 50 years married

Are you celebrating or have you celebrated your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary this year? If you have, or will be, please send your names to the Grand Knight, Giftus John or call him at 908-370-7760 with the details. We will present Certificates of Commendation from Supreme to all our brothers and their wives who have reached one of these milestones. Hoping to hear from you. Congratulations!!!

## Knigh Digest

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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. Bob Wolfee  
*District Deputy*.....Alex Costa, PGK  
*Grand Knight* ..... Giftus John  
*Deputy Grand Knight*..... Michael Willemse  
*Chancellor*..... Rob Genovese  
*Warden* ..... David Wozniak  
*Recorder*..... Nick Belmonte  
*Treasurer*..... Luke Sangiamo  
*Fin. Secretary*.....Ed McCormick, PGK  
*Inside Guard*..... Anthony Ibida  
*Outside Guard*.....Eric Hernandez  
*Membership Director*.....Greg Chaves  
*Program Director*.....Mike Peter, PGK  
*Advocate*.....Stephen F. Hehl  
*3rd. Yr. Trustee* ..... Greg Henn, PGK  
*2nd Yr. Trustee* ..... Mike Peter, PGK  
*1st Yr. Trustee* ..... Andy Schopfer PGK  
*4th Degree Faithful*  
*Navigator*.....Alex Costa, PGK  
*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

### Give and You Will Receive in Return

Many of us have heard people decry those who always want but never give. There are many who always ask for help in various ways but are never willing to assist others. There are those who cry that others don't help but they themselves turn a blind eye or look the other way. There are many who cry about people going hungry and starving yet do nothing or very little to help ease the plight of the less fortunate.

We live in a society or at a time where, regardless of how much we think there is in terms of food and clothing, there are many unfortunate people, who, through no fault of theirs, are hungry, starving, wearing tattered clothing or having to make decisions as to whether to eat or pay the rent or become homeless, especially during the cold winter months.

We are called to be our brothers keepers; to help the less fortunate; to tend to the sick, the hungry and impoverished but it is hurtful to see and hear the horror stories that some people have to live through on a daily basis and these days, even those who once had it all going for them, end up in similar situations. It is sad.

As we observe the season of Lent, we are all called to look inwards and have a new perspective, not only of what is around us, or what directly affects us, but also at those around us who are calling out for help. Sometimes the help they need are not shouted from the rooftops but a painful whimper in, lonely rooms. In damp, cold bedrooms where children sleep without heat; in houses where a mother is scared at what tomorrow will bring and whether she will be able to feed her children. Yet, we hear stories of food being dumped or thrown away; we see abandoned houses littering the landscape while a homeless, hungry man sleeps outside in the cold.

Jesus Christ made the ultimate sacrifice for us. He became the sacrificial lamb for us. But before he did all that he exhorted us, through his teachings, to do good to each other; to take care of each other; to respect each other; to love each other and to live in communion with each other.

Fr Michael J McGivney, the founder of our organization, realized the need to help the poor and destitute families of his congregation and he devoted his life to ensuring that when things turned for the worse, the families of all the brothers would be taken care of. He learnt, or as we say colloquially, he took a page from Jesus' book.

We are called, as brother Knights, to continue being Christ-like in our attitudes towards our fellow human beings; to take care of each other and to pray because by praying we submit ourselves to God. Fr. McGivney set in place a system whereby, we, as brother knights, can continue to bear witness to the great teachings of the Church by taking care of our less fortunate: Doing the food drives, the Disability Drives; supporting our priests; helping the homeless and hungry and being examples to those within our communities.

May we use this Lenten Season to continue being good Christians; good Catholics; good Knights, but, most of all, great human beings. We may not get to change the world but we can at best help change at least one person; one brother knight, or change the misfortune of one person or one family in our community and ease the pain, hunger or insecurity that once stared them in the face.

The old adage still stays true... "Do unto others as you would like them to do unto you," and what better time to give up ourselves; renew ourselves and resolve within ourselves to being part of that resolution. Tomorrow, we may well be the one who cries out for help.

Blessing brothers and may the light of Easter shine upon each of you and your families.

Vivat Jesus!  
Giftus John, Grand Knight

**FISH FRY**  
**APRIL 7, 2017 (Friday)**



Fried Fish  
 Broiled Fish  
 Fries  
 Mac and Cheese  
 Cole Slaw  
 Soda  
 Coffee  
 Dessert



\$15 per Person  
 \$10 per Senior  
 \$25 per Couple  
 \$6 per Child



Contact Mike Peter  
 For tickets 908 759 3588  
 Mikepeter4275@gmail.com

Cut off is March 31, 2017

**FORTY CANS FOR LENT**



Hunger exists in every parish and community and it is not confined to any season. During Lent, we, as brothers and catholic

gentlemen, are asked to help alleviate the misfortune of others. We are asked to be part of 40 Cans for Lent program established by Supreme and help bring the joy of the Resurrection to those in need.

There is container at the Council where brother knights and their families, of Council 4504, are asked to contribute to this campaign. If all brothers can contribute just one can, we can make this an overwhelming success. All donations will be given to Sister Ann's Pantry at St. Michael's for distribution to the less fortunate in our community.

Please help support this worthy initiative.

**Knight of the Month**  
**April 2017**  
**James Bayer**



The Knight of the Month for April 2017 is James "Jimmy" Bayer. Jimmy was born April 17th, 1938 in North Arlington, NJ. In 1956, he graduated from Queen of Peace High School and then graduated from Villanova University in 1960 with a mechanical engineering degree. Right after graduating, he went on to work for Western Electric where he worked until 1997.

Jimmy, who has two children; Patrick and Kenneth, as well as numerous nieces and cousins, has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for over 30 years, and was officer of the Knights of Columbus Bowling League.

Throughout all these years, Jimmy has remained a very active face at this council. He was always around photographing council events and spending time with his buddy, Tom Hornig, in the council lounge sipping on their preferred beverages. Though he is unable to drive, Jimmy still attends our business meetings, the family dinners and other council events and you can catch him having a nightcap at the bar with his "chauffeurs," Bill Peter, Gary Hornig and Ed Stonach.

Last year, Jimmy's health took a turn, and it was touch and go for a while. Through his own self determination and a lot of prayer, he made a full recovery and will be celebrating his 79th birthday on April 17th. During a discussion with Grand Knight Giftus John, Jimmy asked that we of council 4504 pray for another brother who is ill stating that he, Jimmy, believed that our prayers was what helped get him back among us. A great testament of Jimmy's belief.

It is my honor to award James Bayer our Knight of the Month for April 2017. Happy Birthday Jimmy and congratulations, from all of your brothers at 4504.

## Union Federation Memorial Service and Communion Breakfast

On Sunday **March, 19th** , Grand Knight Giftus John, DPG Mike Willemse and Program Director, Mike Peter were among brother knights of the Union County Federation who participated in the annual Federation Memorial Mass and Communion breakfast.

The service which was celebrated at St. Michael Catholic Church in Cranford was officiated by Fr. Tom (Quinn) the Federation's Chaplain and a pastor at St. Michael.

Following the service brother knights gathered at the Rahway Council for breakfast and were addressed by Fr. Quinn, Federation President Jim Pekarofski, DD and State Secretary Robert Hatler. During breakfast, the names of deceased brothers from last year were read out following which a moment of silence was observed in their memory.

Please keep our very own brothers who have passed on in your prayers:

Joseph T. Kierman; William P. Mc Govern; Donald J. Tarantino; Joseph Burlew Jr; George Ondish; Alfio M.Foti; Bernard Warren Hehl-PGK; William Michael Heady; Joseph DeDeo; Anthony Magliacano, Sr; Jack Bruno; Carmelo Valentino; Thomas Butler, Sr and Martin Natale, Jr.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithfully departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen!

## Knights Family Dinners

The family dinner scheduled for April will not take place, so the next family dinner will be **May 18th**.

Due to the increase in the number of people coming to the family dinners we are now taking reservations for this event. If you plan on attending please call Pat Wittek at 908-964-3989.

If you don't make a reservation we can't guarantee you a plate for dinner. Thank you for making this event extremely successful.

## The Lord's Prayer

In his book Jesus of Nazareth, Pope Benedict XVI said that we need to pray from the heart, to present to him our specific needs, joys, sufferings, shame and gratitude. But, he said, we need prayers like the Our Father – prayers that “express in words the encounter with God experienced both by the Church as a whole and by individual members of the Church. For without these aids to prayer, our own praying and our image of God become subjective and end up reflecting ourselves more than the living God.” In other words, this prayer helps us stay in touch with God's will.

But the Our Father isn't just any prayer: It's a prayer using the very words of God himself. In teaching us the Our Father, Jesus grants us entry into his communion with the Father through the Holy Spirit.

Pope St John Paul II said, “Everything that can and must be said to the Father is contained in those seven requests which we all know by heart. There is such a simplicity in them that even a child can learn them, but at the same time such a depth that a whole life can be spent meditating on their meaning.”

The Gospel (Matthew 6:7-15) is of great moment, for in it the Son of God teaches us to pray. Our teacher is not just a guru, a spiritual sage, or a religious genius, but the Son of God. This is why the Our Father is the model of all prayer. A desire to pray is planted deep within us, the desire to speak to God and to listen to him. We can forget to pray, neglect to pray, become lazy in prayer, but we can never really lose the desire to pray.

And so let us attend carefully to the first words of Jesus' great prayer: "Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name." Our basic problem is getting our priorities mixed up. We seek all kinds of worldly things—money, pleasure, power, honor—all of which are unsatisfying.

What we should desire, first, is God. This is precisely what the prayer to hallow the name of God is all about. It's not that God's name isn't in fact hallowed, but we're praying that we might keep it that way, that we might honor God in all things. We're praying for a radical reorientation of our consciousness.

Bishop Robert Barron

# Tricky Tray

**Columbian club of Union**

1034 Jeanette Ave., Union, New Jersey 07083

**April 22, 2017**

Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

Calling begins at 7:30 p.m.

**Tickets: \$25**

(includes 1 sheet of 25 minor tickets / coffee & cake)

Cash Bar Available

\* No alcohol is to be brought on premises \*

**For Tickets Contact:**

Fran Corcione at 973.454.4145 / Christine Burlew at 908.403-1590

John Bashaw at 908.591.4338

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## Dr. Mike Willemse Conducts Medical Discussion



At our most recent social meeting, held on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March, we had our very own Deputy Grand Knight, Dr. Mike Willemse, address brothers, friends and family members. Dr. Willemse spoke about the different therapies for the treatment of pain. He specifically discussed the main differences between those little electrical

stimulation units (TENS) used by patients at their homes.

Dr. Willemse made it a point to discuss the different frequencies that are used as well as the different conditions they can be used for pain management, since, according to him, there are so many variations of (TENS) out in the market.

We would like to thank Dr. Mike for his great presentation and advice. We look forward to our next social meeting scheduled for **April 24<sup>th</sup>**.

## Wildwood Convention 2017

May 18-21

3 Nights: \$520 includes hospitality room

2 Nights: \$395 includes hospitality room

Upgrades to 3 room-suites additional  
\$35.00 per night

Upgrades to penthouse suites additional  
\$50.00 per night

If you plan on coming or have any questions, please contact

Mike Willemse, DGK  
as soon as possible.

**BREAKFAST WITH THE BUNNY**

Sunday  
April 9, 2017  
10:00 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.

Join us for an Easter Egg Hunt!

Tickets: Family of Four \$30.00  
(2 adults & 2 Kids under 12)  
Additional Tickets: Children: \$6.00  
Seniors: \$7.00  
Adults: \$10.00

For Reservations Contact John Bashaw @ 908-591-4338 or columbianclub4504@gmail.com

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9 Breakfast with the Easter Bunny	10 Council Mtg. 8PM	11	12	13	14	15
16 NO Pancake Breakfast today	17 Swim Club Mtg.	18	19	20	21	22 Tricky Tray - 5PM
23	24 Council Mtg. 8PM Social Event - Family Night	25	26 4th Degree Assembly	27 Columbian Club	28	29
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