



# Knight Digest



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October 2018



## Calendar of Events



- October 8th..... Council Meeting 8:15PM
- October 11th..... 1st Degree (Columbiettes)
- October 18th..... Knights Family Dinner
- October 20th..... Intellectual Disabilities Drive
- October 21st..... Intellectual Disabilities Drive
- October 22nd..... Council Meeting 8:15PM
- October 27th..... Intellectual Disabilities Drive
- October 28th..... Intellectual Disabilities Drive
- November 4th..... Tailgate Party
- November 7th..... 2nd Degree (tentative)
- November 9th..... 3rd Degree (tentative)
- November 11th..... Annual Memorial Mass & Breakfast
- November 12th..... Council Meeting 8:15PM
- November 18th..... Swinging on a Sunday
- November 26th..... Council Meeting 8:15PM

### Intellectual Disabilities Drive

The Union Knights of Columbus 4504 will be stationed outside of church at the following dates and locations:

**Saturday October 20th - St Michael's Church**

**Sunday October 21st - St Michael's Church**

**Saturday, October 27th - Holy Spirit Church**

**Sunday, October 28th - Holy Spirit Church**

#### Mass Times:

**Saturday - 5:30PM**

**Sunday - 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 and 12 noon**

We need volunteers at each of these masses, prior to and following each mass to collect for our People with Special Needs, also known as Intellectual Disabilities Drive.

These donations will go to charities of those that are known as Challenges. If you would like to send in any donations to help this great charity, you can address your donations to our council home at 1034 Jeanette Ave. Union, NJ to the attention of the Chairman of Intellectual Disabilities.

If you would like to volunteer your time for this great cause, please contact Mike Peter at [mikepeter4275@gmail.com](mailto:mikepeter4275@gmail.com) or by phone 908-759-3587. This drive continues through to March 2019.



### Annual Memorial Mass



On November 11th at 9am the Union Knights of Columbus will have their Deceased Members Mass. The mass this year will be celebrated at St Michael's Church, Kelly St. and Vauxhall Rd. Union, New Jersey.

There will be a breakfast following mass at the council hall. There will be a fair cost for this meal.

Please contact Mike Peter at [mikepeter4275@gmail.com](mailto:mikepeter4275@gmail.com) or by phone 908-759-3588 if you are planning on attending the meal.

We would like to have a nice turnout for this gathering.

### Knights Family Dinners

This month's family dinner will be on October 18th. The cost has been increased to \$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.

## Knight 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

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*4th Degree Faithful*  
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*Columbian Club*  
*President* ..... Alex Costa, PGK  
*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  
3rd Tues. ----- Columbiettes  
4th Wed. ----- 4th Degree Assembly  
4th Thu. ----- Columbian Club

## MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Brothers All,

The summer months have passed, and we start to close the pool and outside grounds for the winter. Work parties have begun, and it is our hope that anyone who has a spare hour on Saturday morning will come and lend a hand. As we enter the last quarter of our year, I want to thank all who have worked so hard for our council. Council 4504 hosted some amazing summer events this year: the Pig Roast, the Lobster Fest and our annual Family Picnic. I would especially like to give special thank you to the picnic committee, our cooks, and everyone who helped to make the event a success.

The month of October is relatively quiet this Columbian Year. The new changes in the program criteria to the Columbian Award have made our Council refocus on some of our activities. Please keep an eye out for them as we put them together.

Our Annual Memorial Mass will be in November. This Memorial Mass is an excellent opportunity to remember those brother knights who have passed away. Each one of these members contributed to our Council in one way or another and it is important that we recognize those who led the way for what we have today.

Our Formation (2nd) and Knighthood Degrees (3rd) are tentatively scheduled for 11/07 and 11/09 pending Supreme approval. Any Brother Knight who wishes to advance yourself in the Order should contact the Grand Knight and request your attendance.

Now that Autumn has arrived, Mike Peter PGK will be launching our annual collection for the Intellectual Disabilities Drive. This fundraiser is an active one in the sense that we need manpower for it to be successful. I am counting on every brother to help stand for this collection, even if it is just for two hours.

Thank you all for the hard work and time you donate to the success of this Council.

Vivat Jesus!  
Michael P. Willemse, PGK  
Grand Knight; Union 4504



## Brothers in Business

Are you a brother who has his own business? Council 4504 has decided to spotlight, on a monthly basis, in the Digest and on the Council's website, a brother who has his own business. That business may be in or out of Union.

We therefore are asking all brothers who own your own businesses, to submit your names, business name and services offered to GK Michael Willemse or PGK Giftus John. We will then randomly pick a business to highlight. All businesses submitted will be highlighted, and submissions will be on an ongoing basis. No deadlines!

We are hoping that this initiative will work at building stronger ties between our business brothers and our general membership who have need for their services, hopefully at a special rate.

What better way to watch the games with some libations and good friends?

With free food or course!



Come on down to watch the games and have a good time.

DATE	WHO'S COOKING	FOOD
September 23, 2018	GREGORY HENN PGK	GRILLED CHICKEN
September 30, 2018	BIG G	SAUSAGE & PEPPERS
October 7, 2018	COLUMBIAN CLUB	PIZZA
October 14, 2018	GINA ZANGARI	SHE'LL DECIDE THAT DAY
October 21, 2018	ALEX COSTA/JOE HARBISON	BURGERS, DOGS & SOME KINDA FISH
October 28, 2018	RONNIE GIAMBO SR.	ITALIAN/PORTUGUESE CUISINE
November 4, 2018	TAILGATE PARTY	Giants Bye Week
November 11, 2018	JOE BURLEW	SLIDDERS
November 18, 2018	NO FOOD/FUENTES FUNDRAISER	Jets Bye Week
November 25, 2018	GINO & RICK GONZALES	LASANGA AND STUFF
December 2, 2018		
December 9, 2018		
December 16, 2018		
December 23, 2018		
December 30, 2018		
January 5, 2019		NFL Wild Card Game
January 6, 2019		NFL Wild Card Game
January 12, 2019		NFL Divisional Game
January 13, 2019		NFL Divisional Game
January 20, 2019		NFL Conference Championships
January 27, 2019	CHILL CONTEST	Pro Bowl
February 3, 2019	SUPERBOWL PARTY	SUPERBOWL PARTY

All food should be ready by halftime of the early game. Club kicks in \$50 for expenses.

For the 6th year running, I will be chairing our annual

### Coat & Clothing Drive

As per both our local churches, all donations benefit the ELIZABETH COALITION TO HOUSE THE HOMELESS.

There will be a collection bin in the front entrance & you can contact me at 305-898-1570.

Thank you.  
Alex Costa, FDD  
President  
Columbian Club of Union



## Knight of the Month



### October 2018

### Gregory Jones



The Knight of the Month for October 2018 is a brother who is very involved in community activities at Council 4504. Whenever the Council, or the Columbian Club, is in need of help in various ways, he always gives his best and is willing to help without any hesitation.

His involvement with Council 4504, as well as the Columbian Club, has allowed us to benefit tremendously and we cannot be more thankful. He has been able, during the past years, to provide donated items that he negotiated for on behalf of the Council for events such as the Pig Roast, the Family Picnic and the Lobster fest.

Our Knight of the Month is a graduate of Rutgers University and has been an accountant for almost thirty years. He is the one the council calls upon whenever we need help and direction re accounting and tax matters. He is a parishioner of St. Theresa's in Kenilworth where he is also very active. He is a family man and is the husband of his dear wife Luisa and dad of a very artistic daughter, Allison.

It is our great pleasure and honor to name Gregory "Greg" Jones as Knight of the Month, October, 2018; a recognition well deserved. Congratulations, Greg.



# SWINGING ON A SUNDAY

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## Corner of Inspiration: Rev. Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu, Ph.D

The Bible enjoins us **to owe nothing to anyone except the duty of care** (Ref Roman 13:8). That is to say, no matter the nature of the relationship we have with people, there are certain things we owe them as a matter of divine obligation; not personal decisions of privilege. Last month, we reflected on the Duty of Edification. In this edition, we will focus on the Duty of Prayer.

### **The Duty to Pray for Others**

We may not be immediately conscious of the fact that where we are today in life is not just the product of our efforts and talents. Included in this mix is many unseen forces—prayers offered on our behalf by our parents, siblings, relatives, co-workers, friends, neighbors, acquaintances—all of which have played a tremendous part in co-creating who we are.

Generally, our human tendency when we pray is to focus on our needs, situations, blessings and needed favors—no doubt, essential parts of our duty to the self. But beyond this self-care is the robust obligation to help others deal with their situations, reach their goals, overcome their tribulations, have breakthroughs in life, and reach their God-given destinies. While this may not seat so well with many of us, it remains true that there are many people who may not reach their destiny in life without your prayers. James tells us to pray for one another. The Bible is full of stories where people brought someone to Jesus for healing, who otherwise never would have been healed. Isn't this what prayer is all about? Bringing someone to Jesus for healing and restoration!

Life can truly be lonely and many people are hurting in this world. There are many people who are not able to pray for themselves; who are so dejected, abandoned, drugged, and hopeless that their only hope for grace from the Lord is through someone else's prayers. Many of the people whom we run into in life do not cross our path by chance. Many of these people cross our path because God intends to use us as conduits of His graces to them. As Scriptures says: "Bear one another's burden".

It is important to note that our petitions on behalf of others do bring heaven to a standstill. The Bible tells us in Rev 8:1-4 that there was silence for 30 minutes in heaven as an angel of the Lord brought up the petitions of God's people before the throne of God. This is to say, when we pray for others, heaven becomes silent and God listens. Look at Acts 12 where we read the story of the martyrdom of James. Herod had killed James and noticing how pleased the people were at this act, decided to kill Peter. The Bible says that the community of the faithful went into prayer for Peter, the consequence of which was that, at midnight, an angel of the Lord came to Peter, untied him, and led him out of prison, unseen. As you can see, our prayers for others make the Angels of God go to work. The question is: how many people have had the "Peter-Experience" because of your prayers. I always wonder if the fate of James would have been different if he had people praying for him? Turning the "James of this world" into "Peters in this passage" is our God-given mission as knights.

It is important to emphasize that our prayers and intercessions for others have the ability to unleash the powers of divine grace. It has the power to counter the forces of darkness that hold people down, to cause miracles to happen and to initiate divine restoration. While we may never see these things happen to our knowledge, let alone get the credit for them, let's be reassured that our prayers do make a tremendous difference in people's lives—that is why they got healed, why things got better in their lives, why they got a break in life, etc.

God is always in need of people willing to stand in faith with others; to stand in the breach for others. Ezekiel 22:30 tells us how God was looking for a man who will build the wall and stand in the gap before him and the people, so that he will not destroy them and found none. There are a lot of people who have broken walls and breaches in their lives. God is searching for those willing to stand in the breach, to lift others up in prayer and bring them before His all-powerful grace. We must always remember that many people whom we do not know have stood in the breach for us with their prayers and we are called to do so for others.

I remember the story of Joseph in the book of Genesis. It was because the Butler with whom Joseph

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was in jail and for whom Joseph interpreted a dream that came true, stood in the breach for Joseph when Pharaoh had a dream that got Joseph out of jail and brought him to his destiny. Also in the book of Exodus, we read about the crime of the people of Israel who abandoned God and began to worship a man-made calf. Moses went up the mountain and fasted for 40 days praying to God on behalf of the people Israel. The Bible says: God would have destroyed the people of Israel had it not been for the intercessions of Moses.

When we stand in the breach for others, we are sowing seeds of grace for ourselves; seeds that God uses to prepare people to stand in the gap for us in the time of our own need. The Bible said that Job prayed for his friends and his health was restored. As the saying goes, "Whatever you posit into existence will come back to you as experience". Praying for others is the surest way to have many others praying for you! Always remember that the greatest gift you can give to yourself is to pray for others. And yet to pray for others is a duty, not a privilege! May the good Lord grant us the grace to do so! Amen.

### **Want to become a Columbiette?**

We are hosting a 1st Degree!

**October 11, 2018 at 6:30pm**

1034 Jeanette Ave., Union, NJ 07083

You need to bring Proof of Parish and a check for \$35 made out to the Columbiettes.

Contact: President - Fran Corcione at 973-454-4145

We meet the 3rd Tuesday of each Month!

### **New Eyes for the Needy**

John Mc Evoy has been our champion of this noble cause for years. New Eyes provides a basic pair of single or lined bifocal lenses for individuals who have no other resources with which to obtain a basic pair of eyeglasses.

Please, look for the donation box on our inside lounge.

Thank you.



*The Grand Knight, Officers and Members of  
Union Knights of Columbus, Council 4504*

*Extend our Heartfelt Congratulations to  
Monsignor Anselm and Staff of St. Michael's  
Church on the observance of  
St. Michael's 90th Anniversary.*

*We also extend our congratulations to the  
90th Anniversary Honorees:  
Rev. Fr. Charles "Chuck" Mc. Dermott  
Joe and Carol Furnari-our supporters:  
and finally, but not least,  
to our Brother  
Roger Boetsch and his wife, Kathleen.  
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NOVEMBER 4TH 2018

12:30-5:00PM



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7	8 Council Mtg. 8:15PM	9	10	11 1st Degree Columbiettes	12	13
14	15 Swim Club Mtg.	16	17	18 Knights Family Dinner 6:30p - 8:30p	19	20 IDD St. Michael's
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