



# Knights Digest



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May 2023



## Calendar of Events

May 4th..... Tricky Tray  
 May 5th..... Cinco De Mayo  
 May 8th..... Council Meeting 8:10 PM  
 May 13th..... Family Fitness Fundraiser  
 May 14th..... Mother's Day  
 May 18th..... The Moving Wall 6:30 PM  
 May 18th..... Ascension Thursday  
 May 18, 19 & 20..... Annual Convention in Wildwood  
 May 20th..... Armed Forces Day  
 May 28th..... Pentecost Sunday  
 May 29th..... Memorial Day  
 June 12th..... Council Meeting 8:10 PM  
 November 5th..... Mass for Deceased Members

Dates are subject to change. Refer to our website for the latest information:

<https://www.kofc4504.org/events>

## Mother's Day - May 14, 2023

Remember when the Peace Corps adopted the slogan "The toughest job you'll ever love"? No offense, Peace Corps, but that adage is more appropriate for motherhood — a job that is ever-changing and frequently exasperating. Moms don't get days off, nor do they receive handsome salaries or generous pensions. Instead, their rewards come in the form of sticky kisses, necklaces made of elbow macaroni, and the satisfaction of seeing their children grow up to be happy, healthy adults. That's probably not adequate compensation — so give Mom an extra hug or a special gift on Mother's Day, the second Sunday in May, just in case.



## Memorial Day Parade

The Council and 4th Degree will be participating in the Memorial Day Parade in Union at 9am. Last year there was a poor showing for the Parade. At our next meeting we will have a sign up sheet.



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AGENCY DEPARTMENT  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Call, Text or email.

## Knight Digest

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**Knight Digest Editor**  
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**Union, NJ 07083**

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. Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu  
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*Chancellor*..... Vacant  
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*Recorder*.....Robert Pyncnels  
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*4th Degree Faithful*  
*Navigator* ..... Tony Oliviero  
*Columbian Club President* ..... Joe Marateo  
*Swim Club President* .....Mike Harms  
*Columbiette President* ..... Fran Corcione

## Monthly Meetings

1st. Mon. ----- Council Officers  
2nd Mon.----- Council Mtgs.  
2nd Thu. ----- Columbiettes  
4th Wed. ----- 4th Degree Assembly  
4rd Thur. ----- Columbian Club

## MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT



Brother Knights,

During May, we honor our Queen of Heaven, the mother of Jesus, our mothers, and our children's mothers. It is fitting that we take this time to acknowledge all the women who have supported and continue supporting their Knights of Columbus. Through the compassion and understanding of these women, we can attend long meetings, continue to collect food, solicit contributions, march in parades, and run successful events. Big hugs and thank you to all the Mothers in our lives.

As I mentioned in April's digest, our annual convention will be held in Wildwood from the 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> of May at the Wildwood Convention Center. I have been with Council 4504 almost every year at the Adventurer Hotel for three days of fun, fellowship, and relaxation. I am honored to be our council's representative and to be counted among the many other brothers of Council 4504 and the many other brothers from different councils who will meet to conduct business on behalf of our councils. To all who have signed up to be at Wildwood, I hope we have a wonderful time and enjoy the opportunity to gather in a relaxed and friendly environment. Blessings to all, and let us keep working together for the betterment of all our members and our community as a whole because we will always be Knights, ready to help our less fortunate and be of service to our church and our community.

On May 18, 2023, at approximately 6:30 pm, our council will participate in the Union Moving Vietnam Memorial Wall ceremony with other organizations. All are welcome to attend.  
Location: Biertuempfel Park, 1300 Winslow Ave, Union.

Brothers, it is time that the council digest goes paperless as we move towards a more cost-effective and efficient way to reach our members. Therefore, I request we move towards electronic newsletters in the coming meetings.

The Nominating Committee would like to present the slate of Officers for the incoming year of 2023-2024, which consists of the following:

**Nominating Committee Chairman:** Phillip Cababe PGK

**Committee Members:** John Bashaw, Bill Young, Luke Sangiamo, and Buddy Cotter

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## The Moving Wall

### Vietnam Veterans Memorial

The Union Knights of Columbus 4504 and the JFK Assembly 0666 have been asked by the Union Township Department of Economic Development to participate and assist the Township with hosting “The Moving Wall – Vietnam Veterans Memorial” initiative this May 17<sup>th</sup> through May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Help is needed on May 17<sup>th</sup> with Wall Assembly and on May 22<sup>nd</sup> with Wall Disassembly.

Help is also needed from May 18<sup>th</sup> through May 21<sup>st</sup> manning the Information Table, Assisting Visitors in locating names, and assisting visitors getting to the wall/sitting area.

Any Brother and Sir Knight and family members and friends that are interested in helping can contact:

Michael harms at (908) 370-4126 or  
MikeMarisolAM@yahoo.com

Steve Nagy at (908) 967-9060 or  
toys4504@aol.com

More details will be in our May Knight Digest, on our Facebook page, and in Blast emails.

Please consider helping out with this great Honor for Union Township to host The Moving Wall.

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It should be noted that any 3rd-degree members looking to run off the floor are eligible.

Vivat Jesus!  
Gerry Aponte, Grand Knight

### Memorial Day - May 29, 2023

Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Memorial Day 2023 will occur on Monday, May 29.

Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War when the nation suffered more than 620,000 military deaths, roughly 2 percent of the total population at the time. and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, it marks the beginning of the summer season.

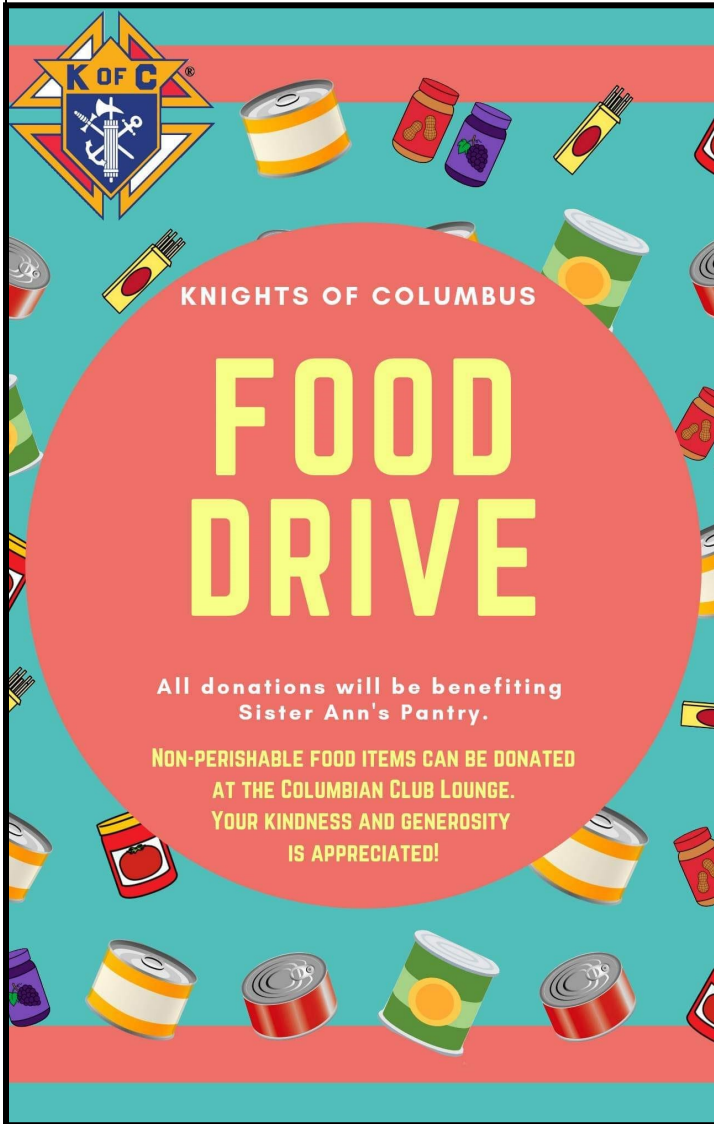
Memorial Day is now designated as an annual day of remembrance to honor all those who have died in service to the United States during peace and war. Veterans Day, November 11, celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans.





## Food Drive

Council 4504 food drive continues. We are accepting non perishable food at the Union Columbian Club. Thank all in advance.

A colorful poster for a food drive. At the top left is the Knights of Columbus (K of C) logo. The background is light blue with various food items like cans, jars, and boxes scattered around. In the center, a large red circle contains the text "KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS" in white, "FOOD DRIVE" in large yellow letters, and "All donations will be benefiting Sister Ann's Pantry." in white. Below this, it says "NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS CAN BE DONATED AT THE COLUMBIAN CLUB LOUNGE. YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY IS APPRECIATED!" in yellow and white.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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## Cell Phones for Soldiers

The Union Knights of Columbus 4504 is a registered drop-off site for Cell Phones for Soldiers. We are located at 1034 Jeanette Ave. Union.

Open Weekdays: 6:00 PM

Open Weekends: 12:00 PM

The collection box is located inside the Columbian Club Lounge.

## 4504 Union COLUMBIETTES



The Union Columbiettes is a women's organization and we work for all kinds of charities. We meet on the second Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM.

If you know a Catholic woman that would to join our ranks of sister's hood, please contact me Fran Corcione President at [mrsc417@hotmail.com](mailto:mrsc417@hotmail.com) or call 973-454-4145.



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS UNION COUNCIL 4504

2023 WILDWOOD CONVENTION  
MAY 19TH & 20TH



## RATES

For 2 Guests  
FRIDAY & SATURDAY: \$298  
THURSDAY TO SATURDAY: \$405  
+1 GUEST \$15 PER NIGHT

3 ROOM SUITE (2 BEDROOMS) - \$368 FOR 2 NIGHTS

Hospitality Room Fee - \$60 per guest

## NOTE:

- DEPOSITS BY 3/24.
- DEPOSITS WILL NOT BE REFUNDED AFTER MONDAY 3/27.
- BALANCE DUE: 5/14 DURING THE MAY BUSINESS MEETING

## FOR RESERVATIONS CALL:



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(732) 599-4806

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LUNCH ON SATURDAY



### CONVENTION HOURS

5/19 10AM-1PM  
5/20 10AM-2PM



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 FOR THE BENEFIT OF TWO WASHINGTON SCHOOL STUDENTS BATTLING CANCER.

**LOCATION: UNION HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL FIELD**

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**Knights of Columbus  
 Please support two children in Union  
 who are battling cancer.**

Camy Dudek is a 2nd grader at Washington School. She was diagnosed with brain cancer when she was in kindergarten. Camy will need further treatment, which will require her parents to be away from her three other siblings. Her mother, Robynn said, “We just need to get an EKG and echocardiogram and we will be able to start chemo. We will still need to go for extensive testing of the heart, eyes, kidneys, brain, and spine every month to make sure all stays stable. We will also need to do bi-weekly blood work.”

Marciano Rosa is a 3rd grader at Washington School. He was recently diagnosed with T-cell leukemia and began his 2-3 year-long chemotherapy journey this past November. His mother says, “Marciano is a sweet, kind-hearted, smart, and funny boy who has a smile that can light up any room.”

The Rotary Club of Union, in conjunction with the Township of Union and the Board of Education, is hosting a Family Fun Fitness event on May 13th at the Union High School football field from 9-1. Bring your children or grandchildren! Events include activities for children, food trucks, a DJ, and fitness classes. Take one class or all the classes or just watch, enjoy the music and food.

All proceeds will be donated to the two families to help offset some of their medical bills as they travel with their children on the road to wellness.

**Union Little League Sponsor**

Grand Knight Gerry Aponte attending Opening day for Union Little League. Mayor Manny Figueiredo and Senator Joe Cryan. The Union Council 4504 are proud to continue to sponsor the challenger league Yankees.

Bob Johnsen and the VFW sponsor the Mets Challenge team.





The Union Columbiettes Annual

# TRICKY TRAY



**May 4, 2023**

**DOORS OPEN @ 5:00pm**

**CALLING WILL BEGIN @ 7:00pm**

**Tickets \$25**

**Includes Coffee, Tea and cake**

**\* Cash Bar Available \***

For more info contact Diane Lupo @ 908.577.6606

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## Knights of Columbus Mini-Park

A Sincere thank you to Father Kris for the Church's Easter flowers. The flowers were incorporated into our Knights of Columbus park flower bed with the Irises, Tiger Lilies, Asiatic Lily, Daffodils, and Lysimachia Ciliata and Yucca. It looks beautiful right now and will look even better next Easter.

Many thanks to Allen Pascullo, Alex Rivera, and Kelly Komar for maintaining the park during last year's difficult summer. The bed is very healthy with many earthworms.



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**2023**

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7	8 Council Mtg. (8:10 PM)	9	10	11 Columbiettes (7:00 PM)	12	13 Family Fitness Fundraiser
14 	15	16	17 The Moving Wall	18 (Convention) The Moving Wall Ascension Thursday	19 (Convention) The Moving Wall	20 (Convention) The Moving Wall Armed Forces Day
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