



# Knights Digest



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September 2023



## Calendar of Events

### 2023-2024

- September 11th.....Council Meeting 8:10 PM
- September 14th..... Assembly Officer Install. 6:30 PM
- September 16th.....Holy Spirit Raffle
- September 17th..... Blue Mass at Holy Spirit 12 Noon
- September 17th..... Family Barbecue (12PM to 5PM)
- September 23-24th..... IDD Drive (St. Michael's)
- September 24th.....Dining to Donate
- September 27th..... Assembly Meetings resume
- October 9th.....Council Meeting 8:10 PM
- October 11th.....Pride in Priests Dinner
- October 14th..... Killa Seasoning Sponsored BBQ
- October 14-15th.....IDD Drive (Holy Spirit)
- October 14-15th..... IDD Drive (St. Michael's)
- October 21st.....Octoberfest
- October 27th.....Halloween Costume Party
- October 29th.....Football Tailgate Party
- November 5th..... Mass for Deceased Members
- November 11-12th.....IDD Drive (Holy Spirit)
- November 13th.....Council Meeting 8:10 PM
- December 11th.....Council Meeting 8:10 PM
- December 15th..... Columbian Club Christmas Party
- December 16th.....Wreaths Across America Day
- December 17th..... Breakfast with Santa
- December 31st..... New Year's Eve Party (Bring-a-dish)
- January 8th.....Council Meeting 8:10 PM
- February 12th.....Council Meeting 8:10 PM
- March 11th.....Council Meeting 8:10 PM
- April 8th.....Council Meeting 8:10 PM
- April 14th.....4th Degree Exemplification
- May 13th.....Council Meeting 8:10 PM
- June 10th.....Council Meeting 8:10 PM

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

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

## THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 4504



**TICKETS**

**\$50.00 FOR A FAMILY OF 4**  
**\$20.00 FOR INDIVIDUALS**  
**CHILDREN 5 AND UNDER ARE FREE**

**Lunch**  
 Included with entry.  
 ● Hamburgers  
 ● Hotdogs  
 ● Chicken  
 ● Salad

### FOR THE KIDS

- Bounce House
- Inflatable Slide
- Boardwalk Games

A cash bar will be available.

Tickets can be purchased at the Columbian Club in Union.

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

12PM TO 5PM  
 THE COLUMBIAN CLUB  
 1034 JEANETTE AVE, UNION, NJ 07083  
 (908) 212-1593

## Intellectual Disabilities Drive

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting for our Intellectual Disabilities Drive on Saturday, September 23rd following the 5:30pm Mass at St Michael's.

We will also be at St Michael's on Sunday, September 24th at the 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am and 12noon masses. We ask that you arrive prior to the Mass to tell the Celebrant that we will be there.

Anyone available should reach out to Michael Peter at 908-357-5673 or emailmikepeter4275@gmail.com.



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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:

**Tom Dudek**  
**Knights Digest Editor**  
**549 Robinson Ter.**  
**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  
*District Deputy*..... Michael Willemse, PGK  
*Grand Knight* .....Gerry Aponte  
*Deputy Grand Knight* ..... Vacant  
*Chancellor*..... Anthony Spina  
*Warden*..... Angel Rengifo  
*Recorder*.....Mike Harms  
*Treasurer* ..... Greg Jones  
*Fin. Secretary*..... Steve Nagy PGK PFN  
*Inside Guard* .....Romeo Puertollono  
*Outside Guard*..... Dennis Mann  
*Membership Director* .....Mike Peter, DD, PGK  
*Program Director*.....Mike Peter, DD, PGK  
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*2nd Yr. Trustee* ..... Phillip Cababe, PGK  
*1st Yr. Trustee* ..... Giftus John, PGK  
*Insurance Agent* .. Joseph Donlon (908-403-1688)  
*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,

It is incredible how quickly the summer months have gone by. I appreciate that the Office of Grand Knight requires much of me and my time. Yes, it is a voluntary position. However, I will make every possible effort to attend events undertaken by the Columbian Club, the Council, and the Columbiettes, where and when applicable. Through continued collaborative efforts, I aim to foster further and strengthen the ties among the officers and brother knights. Let us extend our appreciation and thanks to Gregg Jones, John Bashaw, Greg Henn, and all those who assisted them in an outstanding Lobster Fest event.

Further thanks to Leonard and Kelly Komar, Allen P., and Alex R. for the JFK Assembly #0666 Horseshoe Tournament. Once again, Brothers, I look forward to continuing serving you as Grand Knight. I pray that the Almighty will grant us all we ask for during this Columbian year. I offer you my services, and I look forward to your collaboration and support as I travel this road because I know we can achieve and do great things together—God's richest blessings to all of you and your families.

I want to remind all our members of our Monthly Knights Digest: as stated in the past, it is time that the council digest goes paperless as we move towards a more cost-effective and efficient way to reach our Council families. The mail newsletters will be discontinued OCTOBER 2023. If there's anyone who needs to receive the digest via postal service, please get in touch with Michael Peter as soon as possible at [dd18kofcmwp@gmail.com](mailto:dd18kofcmwp@gmail.com). Our monthly digest can already be viewed at [www.kofc4504.org](http://www.kofc4504.org).

Lastly, anyone wishing to be added to our Council Email Blast/Columbian Club List, don't hesitate to contact Michael Harms at [Knights4504recorder@gmail.com](mailto:Knights4504recorder@gmail.com). So we can keep you updated on announcements and events. Please remember that our Family BBQ, scheduled for September 17, 2023, is open to everyone. However, it should be noted the last day to buy tickets is September 10, 2023; for accountability. Our Halloween Custom Party scheduled for October 28, 2023. All tickets can be purchased at Columbian Club Bar.

If you have an idea for a program, are interested in volunteering with us, or have a family member who is interested in volunteering with us, please get in touch with me at [grandknight4504@gmail.com](mailto:grandknight4504@gmail.com). I look forward to hearing from you and working alongside you all. God Bless.

Please ensure that Rev. Msgr. Dr. Anselm Nwaorgul and Rev. Dr. Krzysztof K. Maslowski are in your prayers; as we appreciate their exceptional work with our Parishes.

Vivat Jesus!  
Gerry Aponte, Grand Knight



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

DOOR PRIZES

*Holy Spirit Church Presents*

50/50 RAFFLE



## "Spirit 500" Raffle

September 16, 2023



**\$10,000 GRAND PRIZE !**

**PLUS 2 CONSOLATION PRIZES \$1,250 ea.**

(Based on the sale of 500 tickets)

**COMPLIMENTARY  
PASTA DINNER  
& BEVERAGES**

TRICKY TRAY

\*\*\*THIS IS A N.J. STATE LEGALIZED 50/50 RAFFLE\*\*\*

GRAND PRIZE OF \$10,000.00 IS PREDICATED UPON SALE OF ALL TICKETS.

TICKETS ARE SOLD ON A "FIRST-COME" BASIS & WILL BE STRICTLY CUT OFF AT 500 PARTICIPANTS

### PRIZE DRAWINGS

WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2023 AT 9:00 PM

AT HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL CAFETERIA, 970 SUBURBAN RD., UNION, NJ (Doors Open at 6:30 PM)

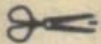
(WINNERS NEED NOT BE PRESENT)

*TICKET ENTITLES PARTICIPANT AND 1 GUEST ADMISSION TO "THE DRAWING PARTY"  
(ADULTS ONLY)*

*(INCLUDES PASTA BOLOGNESE DINNER, SALAD, BREAD AND BEVERAGES*

*ALSO FOR EVERY TICKET PURCHASED GET 10 FREE TICKETS TO ENTER FOR A CHANCE  
TO WIN DOOR PRIZES*

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE PARISH OFFICE, AFTER MASSES  
OR BY MAIL. PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW AND KINDLY RETURN VIA SUNDAY  
COLLECTION BASKET OR MAIL/DROP OFF TO THE PARISH OFFICE



ONE TICKET

TWO TICKETS

NUMBER OF TICKETS NEEDED \_\_\_\_\_

### "SPIRIT 500 APPLICATION"

SEPTEMBER 16, 2023

Save me a ticket! Here's my "\$50 donation" to the Church.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Kindly return via Sunday Collection Basket or  
mail/drop off to the Parish Office at:

*Holy Spirit Parish Office  
"Spirit 500"*

984 Suburban Rd.—Union, NJ 07083



TICKET # \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_

(FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)

## “Dining to Donate”

Brothers, family members and friends in an effort to help raise funds for our Council’s Charitable Fund we hope to sponsor a monthly “Dining to Donate” event.

Our plans are to hold a monthly event at various restaurants around Union that will donate 5% to 10 % of your bill back to our Council’s Charitable Fund.

Here is an easy way for you to come out and enjoy a good meal with your family and friends and Brother Knights and help our Council raise funds to help our Parishes and Community.

All you have to do is **bring this article or flyer on page 5** to the specified restaurant on the date posted and give it to your server before ordering. Order and enjoy your meal .

Our first “Dining to Donate” event will be on Sunday September 24, 2023 from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM at

**Vitoria Deli & Café**  
**1265 Stuyvesant Ave.**  
**Union, NJ 07083**

So come out after Sunday Mass on Sunday September 24, 2023 to enjoy Sunday Brunch at Vitoria Deli & Café.

Future dates and restaurants will be announced each month in our Knight Digest and in the Holy Spirit and St. Michael’s Sunday bulletins.

## 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.

## St. Michael’s Parish’s 2023 USAN Drive

Brothers, once again this year St. Michael’s Parish is holding their annual Union of Saints & Nations fund-raising drive. The USAN drive is held annually to help St. Michael’s Parish to help them take care of the needs of their Church.

The goal of the USAN is to have 50 groups raise \$2,000.00 from each group to help raise a total of \$100,000.00 for St. Michael’s. The Union Knights of Columbus would like to establish a group The Blessed Father Michael McGivney group for our members who are Parishioners at St. Michael’s to make a donation to St. Michael’s 2023 USAN. It is not limited to those who are Parishioners at St. Michel’s but to any Union Council member who would like to help St. Michael’s Parish.

Ideally, if we had twenty members donate \$100.00 each we would easily reach the \$2,000.00 goal. Any amount large or small we will greatly appreciate.

Donations are made directly to St. Michael’s Parish with reference to The Blessed Father Michael McGivney group. Or if it is easier to make your donation to the Union Knights of Columbus make sure to reference that it is for St. Michael’s 2023 USAN. So please consider making a donation to a worthy cause.

For questions, please contact:

Parish Office (908) 688-1232

Cynthia Grandeza (908) 591-1065

David Bernot (908) 472-8858

The Union Knights of Columbus and St. Michael’s Parish thank you in advance for your support.





*The Knights of Columbus  
Council 4504  
proudly presents*

# DINING TO DONATE

This is the first event of our Dining To Donate monthly series. Please join us as we support local establishments in Union and raise money for charitable causes at the same time.




**WHEN:  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2023  
9 AM - 3 PM**

**WHERE:  
VITORIA DELI & CAFÉ  
1265 STUYVESANT AVE.  
UNION, NJ 07083**

Come out on Sunday September 24, 2023 to enjoy Sunday Brunch at Vitoria Deli & Café. Please bring this article or flyer with you to Vitoria's and give it to your server before ordering your meal. A percentage from the cost of your meal will be donated back to the Knights of Columbus Charitable Account and used to help the many charities we support. Then all you have to do is eat and enjoy!





The Knights of Columbus Council 4504  
invites you to their

# HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY

FOOD

MUSIC

October 27th 7pm-11pm  
at the Columbian Club

1034 Jeanette Ave, Union, NJ 07083

Prizes will be awarded for the best costume.

\$20 Entry

All are welcome to attend!

SEE YOU THERE!



# Join Us in Our Mission

Remember ★ Honor ★ Teach



**December 16, 2023**



## National Wreaths Across America Day



Help the  
KofC JFK Assembly of Union  
and the Elizabeth Garden Club  
honor local heroes!

**Sponsor a wreath today to be placed  
on veteran's grave this December at the  
First Presbyterian Church of Elizabeth Cemetery.**

Scan the QR code to your right with your smart phone camera to  
make a donation online or visit  
[www.wreathscrossamerica.org/NJ0031](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/NJ0031)



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**SEPTEMBER**

**2023**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Council Officers Labor Day	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Council Mtg. (8:10 PM) Patriot Day	12	13	14 Columbiettes (7:00 PM) Assembly Officer Installation 6:30PM	15	16 Holy Spirit Raffle
17 Blue Mass at HS 12 Noon Family Barbecue 12pm-5PM	18 Swim Club	19	20	21	22	23 IDD Drive St. Michael's
24 IDD Drive St. Michael's	25	26	27 4th Degree Assembly	28 Columbian Club	29	30