



# Knights Digest



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December 2023



## Calendar of Events 2023-2024

- December 5th ..... Nativity Blessing
- 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
- January 14th ..... Tricky Tray (Holy Spirit)
- 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>



### Intellectual Disabilities Drive

We had two very successful collections for our Intellectual Disabilities Drive ( People with Special Needs).

We would like to let you know that we will be distributing these contributions in June. With these contributions, 10% will be donated on our behalf to the Special Olympics in South Jersey when they take place in August. The remainder of the contributions will be distributed to four worthy recipients who are involved with those with Special Needs; Community Access, ARC, Camp Fatima, and Inroads Opportunities. To date, we have close to \$3000.00, and it looks like we will surpass our total for last year.

We are planning possibly to do more drives in the future. You can also assist by donating directly. Please send your contribution to:

**Intellectual Disabilities Drive Chairman**  
1034 Jeanette Ave.  
Union, NJ 07083

*Thank you and God Bless*

### Tricky Tray

Holy Spirit Church will be hosting a Tricky Tray on **Sunday, January 14, 2024.**

Please see the letter & flyer on pages 5, 6, & 7 for further details. The time of the event is To Be Determined.



## Knigh Digest

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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**  
**Knigh 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  
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*Program Director*.....Mike Peter, DD, PGK  
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*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 8pm  
 2nd Mon.----- Council Mtgs. 8:10pm  
 2nd Thu. ----- Columbiettes 7pm  
 4th Wed. ----- 4th Degree Assembly 8pm  
 4rd Thur. ----- Columbian Club Officers 8pm

## MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT



Brother Knights,

As we recently gathered with gratitude to thank our families during the warmth of Thanksgiving, the festive season of Christmas now beckons, inviting us to joyfully celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, on the blessed day of Christmas. As we stand on the threshold of a new year, let us take a moment to reflect on the shared bonds of brotherhood that unite us.

In the spirit of the approaching Christmas Season, I extend my best wishes to you and your families. Beyond the season's joy, let us embrace the true essence of Christmas—a time to extend love, goodwill towards all, and peace on earth. It is an opportune moment to reconnect with long-lost relatives, express acts of charity and generosity, and bask in the warmth of reflection.

As we embark on December, our Council's Keep Christ in Christmas campaign comes to life. The Nativity, a symbol of the divine, graced our Town Hall on December 6th; we will gather for the Nativity Blessing. Join us in the festivities as St. Michael's FAC provides hot chocolate, and we come together in harmony to sing Christmas carols, spreading the season's joy.

Mark your calendars for December 17th, when our Columbian Club hosts the much-anticipated annual Breakfast with Santa. Witness the sheer delight in children's eyes as they receive gifts from Santa himself—it's an experience that fills hearts with joy. I wholeheartedly encourage all to attend this heart-warming event, cherishing the season's magic.

Amidst the hustle and bustle, let us not lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas. Take a moment to reflect on the profound significance of this holiday. Consider contributing a small donation to our Council, ensuring that the spirit of giving extends beyond our immediate circles. Your Christmas donation will support our noble causes, including IDD, Food for Families, and Coats for Kids, as we actively participate in and support all church masses.

Union Council is thriving, and witnessing the positive momentum we have built together is heartening. Stay engaged with our meetings and events, contributing to the collective success of our endeavors.

In closing, my dear brothers, I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year. May the season's spirit fill your homes with warmth, love, and countless blessings.

Lastly, 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



## Christmas Nativity

Saturday November 18th, Council 4504 continued our council tradition in keeping Christ in Christmas. Brothers assembled the Council Nativity at Union Town Hall and the nativity at the Columbian Club.

Save the date, December 5th, for the nativity lighting and blessing. St. Michael's FAC committee will provide hot chocolate and Christmas carols song sheets.



## Knight of the Month

December 2023



## Jeffrey Ziemieski



Knight of the Month for December 2023 is Jeffrey Ziemieski. Jeff has been a Knight since 1987. Jeff is originally from Newark, NJ, and moved to Union in 1976. Jeff graduated from Union High School in 1981. Jeff and his wife Cindy have been married for 24 years and have one son, Jeffrey Jr. Jeff worked for the Labors Union Local #472 for 35 years before retiring in 2016.

One can always find Jeff working around the Columbian Club and council activities, always willing to share what he has and lend a hand to anyone needing assistance, such as helping seniors in the community with landscaping, groceries, and medical transportation.

We are pleased to honor Jeffrey Ziemieski as the Knight of the Month.





# OUR OFFICIAL FACEBOOK ACCOUNTS

- K of C Council #4504
- Columbiettes #4504
- Columbian Club #4504
- 4th Degree Assembly  
0666 NJ
- Union County NJ Federation  
Knights of Columbus

## Social Media

Social Media has become an important part of our lives. Keeping in touch with each other, promoting our events and sharing photos. It's important to know of our official pages.

Please visit and like the following Facebook pages:

- K of C #4504 for Council events and activities
- 4th Degree Assembly 0666 NJ for our Assembly activities
- Wreaths Across America - The First Presbyterian Church of Elizabeth Cemetery for the JFK Assembly sponsored WAA location
- Columbian Club #4504 for club activities
- Columbiettes 4504 for our Columbiettes activities
- Union County NJ Federation Knights of Columbus page to see what's going on at local Council's.

Please note Knights of Columbus Council 4504 Members and Friends is NOT an approved page. No officers are admin to this public page which recently had pornographic photos posted on it. In the past, we asked the admin of the page to close it or at least change the name of it, and unfortunately this was met with refusal.

Please double check to make sure you're following our official accounts to keep up to date on events and activities.

FOLLOW US ON  
**facebook** 



## PLEASE NOTE

The Facebook page:

Knights of Columbus 4504  
Members and Friends

Is not an official  
Council 4504 page and is  
not affiliated with our  
Council.



## ***Holy Spirit Church***

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*Phone: 908-687-3327*

*Website: [holyspiritunion.org](http://holyspiritunion.org)*

**Dear friend,**

It is with great enthusiasm and dedication that I announce our upcoming Tricky Tray event, scheduled for Sunday, January 14, 2024. This event will become a beloved tradition in our parish and a significant source of funding for the essential repairs and renovations required to maintain our beautiful facilities. As we strive to ensure the safety and comfort of our congregation, these repairs have become increasingly necessary.

Holy Spirit Catholic Church is a non-profit charitable organization, recognized as a 501(c)(3) entity. Our mission revolves around serving the spiritual, emotional, and material needs of our community members, regardless of their background or circumstances. Our commitment to these ideals is unwavering, and we remain steadfast in our efforts to preserve our sacred space.

To make our Tricky Tray event a resounding success, we are seeking support from generous individuals and organizations like yours. Your contribution would be invaluable in helping us achieve our fundraising goal.

**Here's how you can help:**

**Gifts-in-Kind:** We welcome donations of goods or services that can be included in our Tricky Tray auction.

**Monetary Donation:** Your financial support in the form of a monetary donation would be greatly appreciated. Any amount, whether big or small, will contribute to the success of our event. To make a donation or inquire about sponsorship opportunities, please feel free to contact me at [parishoffice@holyspiritunion.org](mailto:parishoffice@holyspiritunion.org) or **908-687-3327**. We are also happy to arrange for the pickup of physical donations if needed.

We sincerely hope you can join us in this noble endeavor to support the Holy Spirit Catholic Church. Your generosity will not only help us maintain our beloved church but also strengthen the bonds within our community.

Thank you for considering our request. Together, we can ensure that the Holy Spirit Catholic Church remains a beacon of faith, hope, and love in our community for years to come.

Yours in faith,

*V. Rev. Krzysztof K. Maslowski, V.F.*

V. Rev. Dr. Krzysztof K. Maslowski, V.F.  
Pastor



**Holy Spirit  
Roman Catholic  
Church**

**TRICKY TRAY**

**WINTER  
FESTIVAL**

**SUNDAY JANUARY 14, 2024  
971 SUBURBAN ROAD, UNION, NJ 07083**

**\$20.00 PER PERSON \* DOORS OPEN AT 2:00 PM**

BYOD \* BYOF \* BRING A BAG FILLED WITH NON PERISHABLE FOOD AND RECEIVE AN EXTRA SHEET 1ST LEVEL TICKETS \*  
BYOD & BYOF \* TICKET BUNDLES AVAILABLE \* COFFEE & CAKE INCLUDED \* MUSIC  
FOR TICKETS CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE 908-687-3327

**[WWW.HOLYSPIRITUNION.ORG](http://WWW.HOLYSPIRITUNION.ORG)**

**Holy Spirit Church**  
**WINTER FESTIVAL**

**TRICKY TRAY**

**Gift Registry**  
**Suggestions**

**amazon**



**January 14, 2024**

**Knights of Columbus**  
**COUNCIL 4504**  
 1034 Jeanette Avenue  
 Union, NJ 07083



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**2023**

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3	Council Officer's Mtg. 8:00 PM	Nativity Prayer Service	6	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	8	9
10	Council Mtg. 8:10 PM		13	14	15 Columbian Club Christmas Party	16 Wreaths Across America
17 Breakfast with Santa	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 	25 	26	27 4th Degree Assembly Mtg. 8:00 PM	28 Columbian Club Officers	29	30 
31 Bring-A-Dish New Year's Eve						