



# Knight Digest



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## Calendar of Events

### October

October 8th .... Past Grand Knight's Dinner  
 October 20th ..... Family Dinner Night  
 October 22nd ..... Children's Halloween  
 October 28th ..... Classic Comedy Night  
 October 30th ..... Halloween Party



### November

November 20th ..... 4th Degree

### *Brothers Presented with Gift Cards*

During the family picnic two of the young boys who we see at the council on a regular basis, Kami and Kiyon Bashaw, sons of brother knight and Columbian Club President, John Bashaw and his wife Farnia, a member of the Columbiettes, were each presented with a \$25.00 Toys R Us gift card by Grand Knight Giftus John and PGK, Greg Henn.

Grand Knight Giftus said that he has always been impressed with the way the brothers have tagged along with their dad as he carried out projects around the council and the times they helped as we prepared to open up the picnic grove and he wanted a way to show the family his appreciation. I guess they have great examples following and we wish them all the best as the new school year begins.

### *Pancake Breakfasts*

Council 4504 has planned to have a pancake breakfast every 3rd Sunday of the month beginning in September. One of these will be following the Mass for deceased members. The Mass this year will be at St Michael's Church at 9:00am on **Sunday November 20th**. We are looking for someone to chair this event. Greg Henn, PGK and Frank Santangelo will be the "chefs" in control during the breakfasts.

More information on the pancake breakfasts will follow in future issues of the Digest.

### **Center for Hope Hospice Annual Fashion Show**

Luncheon and Tricky Tray will be held on **Sunday, October 16, 2016** from 11:00a.m.- 4:00p.m. at the Pines Manor, 2085 Lincoln Hwy, Edison NJ. For tickets call Dot at 732-521-5362. Tickets are \$65 and include lunch. For raffle tickets, call Josephine at 908-925-8340.

### *PARKING SPOT*



Due to a joint initiative between the Columbian Club and the Council, the Knight of the Month now has his own parking spot. After discussions between DGK Mike Willemse and the Columbian Club President, John Bashaw, it was decided that it would be appropriate to give the parking spot to the Knight who had that distinction in appreciation of what the honoree had accomplished. The first recipient was last month's awardee, Greg Jones.

### *NEW INITIATIVES COMING*

At the next Council meeting we will be announcing some new initiatives the Council and the Columbian Club, will be implementing. We hope these will help inspire our brothers to be more involved and see themselves as part of this Council. Stay tuned!

## **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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*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**

### **Brother Knights,**

I turn around and it is already time to write another message for the Digest... wow...time is flashing past quickly. But I think I am up to it and there is much that I can say in regards to us as brother knights and family members of brother knights. But I will try to touch on a few things that have helped to make me cherish what being the Grand Knight is, first of all, and being a knight, most of all.

I have received some very positive feedback about the article written by Andy Schopfer about our deceased brother, Bernard Warren Hehl and also my mention of him in my message. It was good to hear brothers who were involved with the club at its inception and through the years say how nice it was that he was given that tribute. And yes, I was glad to listen and feel proud to have to get such a warm feeling about another brother knight.

During the family picnic we honored our fallen friends of 911 with a moment of silence; a reading of the 911 prayer as adopted by the Knights and read by my dear wife Theresa, a member of the Columbiettes; and stood at attention as DJ Faz played "God Bless America" on his sound system to a rousing round of applause by all. At the end of the picnic a brother Knight walked up to me, hugged me and thanked me for what we had done. I felt very moved. It meant a lot to that brother as I am sure it did to others and it is nice that we, as a council and as a nation, do not forget those who perished on 911. One of my former students, when I taught at a High School back in my island home of Dominica, Fitzroy St. Rose, was among those killed, so I understand the pain and empty feeling that many have on that day.

I have realized, in the three months since assuming this responsibility of Grand Knight, that there are the good and bad days; the great and extremely tough days, but what is most important to me is to make this council, in the short time that I have, one that we can continue to feel proud of; one that our members can feel proud to associate with; one that our family members will support when we have our events: the picnic, the pancake breakfasts; the 50/50s, the raffles...whatever it is, because they will believe that we are doing what is good and right.

So brothers, I exhort ALL of us to continue doing what we have been doing. Those who have been watching from the sidelines, get aboard. You are an integral part of this council and you need to come forward. We don't have to keep looking across to see what the other guy is doing to see how hard we must run- the only person who could do that and still win is Usain Bolt-but keep running as hard as YOU can and cross the finish line, because that is what matters. We all cannot be the first place winner, but we all can be winners. Council 4504 can be a winner and so too the Columbian Club and the Swim Club, but it takes us all to make it happen.

Vivat Jesus, my brothers.

Giftus



## **DISTRICT DEPUTY AND COAT DRIVES AT COUNCIL 4504**

The **Knights of Columbus** would like to extend our sincerest gratitude for your donation(s) over the years. Because of your generosity, we have been able to implement several programs, including our coat drive. **Union Council # 4504** is still the largest council in the state of New Jersey. This year we won the **McGivney Award** and the **Columbian Award** as well as making one of our larger donations to our **Special Citizens Campaign**. This is all thanks to the hard work by our members and people like you, because you cared enough to contribute your time, effort and money. Thank you for your commitment to helping our local community.

I are writing on behalf of a new need: this year's **Coat Drive**. While many of our programs have excelled thanks to contributions from people like you, this year's **Coat Drive** will prove to be even more challenging. We are undeterred in our endeavor to create an environment where *all* who are in need can have a coat to keep warm this fall/winter. We've seen how generous donations have made an impact on our previous programs, and I are confident the same will be true for this year's **Coat Drive**.

I would like to reach several benchmarks with our **Coat Drive** this year: increase coat distribution by 10%, increase the amount of coats purchased through the **Supreme Coat Program** 600%, provide an opportunity for to help distribute the coats and see those who we are helping, and promote a new committee for future **Coat Drives**.

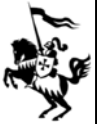
*It is our job to help those who are less fortunate* with whatever we have at our disposal and I am in the process of doing just that. But I/we need help from donors like you to fund the essential aspects of this initiative: clean your closets and donate your gently used coats, make a financial donation so we can purchase more coats through Supreme, host a fundraiser to generate monies for coats and ask your friends and neighbors for their coat and monetary donations. We will not be successful in our mission to increase the effectiveness of this program without your efforts and financial contributions.

Regardless of whether or not you are able to give at this time, we appreciate your impact on the less fortunate. We would not be helping all those we do help without your contributions and support. I encourage you to stop by any time you are in the area and drop off your donation(s); or call me and I will come pick up whatever you are giving. The people we are helping are better off because of your efforts. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
SK Alex Costa PGK, FN, DD  
305-898-1570



## **KNIGHT OF THE MONTH OCTOBER 2016 Pete Celia**



This Knight of the Month has been called "The Silent Hero" by some of us. This man is always willing to help the Council whenever it is needed.

A former student of Union High School and Kean University, this man went on to become a small business owner. A number of fellow knights visit his place of business on Rahway Avenue, and we have nothing but great things to say about it. Some may even call his place...cozy.

This man has helped the council with a number of activities including this past Family Picnic, both as a worker and as a sponsor. He has also assisted in running the Monmouth Race Track trip and donated a television to the Columbian Club's outside bar. He is the proud father of two beautiful girls, Amanda and Jen.

Due to his continued support of Council 4504, as well as his modesty, it is my honor to name Pete Celia as the Knight of the Month for October, 2016. Congratulations from all of us, Pete.

## **CLASSIC COMEDY NIGHT**

On **Friday, October 28th** from 6p.m -9p.m, we will have a Classic Comedy night. We will roast hot dogs and marshmallows over a fire pit and we will show some classic, slap stick comedy movies. Price: \$5 per person.

More to come later. Stay tuned.

## **4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION**

The next 4th Degree will be **Sunday, November 20, 2016 at 1:00p.m.** It will be in conjunction with The Military Ball. I am encouraging ALL with a military background to participate and become a 4th Degree Knight. It will be held at The Fiesta, 255 RT-17 Wood-Ridge, NJ 07075.

Fraternally,  
SK Alex Costa PGK, DD  
305-898-1570  
Faithful Navigator  
JFK Assembly







## Columbiettes 2016 Annual Children's Halloween Party

Come join us celebrate a spooky night

Date: October 22, 2016

Time: 6-9 pm

Location: Knights of Columbus

1034 Jeanette Ave., Union

Trick or treating at the grove



best costume contest

Games



Arts & Crafts



### SNACKS & HOTDOGS

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will be donated to the food pantry





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***SAVE THE DATE***

**October 30, 2016**  
 Columbian Club Halloween Party  
 6:00p.m to 11.00p.m.  
 Food, Music, Prizes  
 More Information next month  
 Questions call Alex Rivera  
 908-410-2704  
 Help Needed



***KNIGHTS FAMILY DINNERS***

This favorite event of many has returned and will continue monthly on the 3rd Thursday of each month unless posted otherwise.

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.

***PAST GRAND KNIGHT'S DINNER SCHEDULED  
 FOR SATURDAY OCTOBER 8TH***

The Union Knights of Columbus Council # 4504 will be holding its annual Past Grand Knight's Dinner on **Saturday October 8th, 2016** to Honor Greg Henn, Grand Knight for 2015 – 2016. This dinner will be to recognize Greg for all his hard work and dedication to our Council for the years leading up to and during his term as Grand Knight.

The evening will begin at 7:00p.m. with a Cocktail Hour featuring a delectable assortment of hors d'oeuvres, followed by presentations to our Past Grand Knight, dinner, dancing and an open bar. Tickets for the evening's festivities are only \$60.00 a couple (\$30.00 for a single). Reservations are requested by Wednesday, October 5th.

Help us make this a memorable "K"night in Council History.

Call: Mike Willemse, DGK at 908-447-7009  
 or Buddy Cotter, PGK at 973-722-5655

Please RSVP by Wednesday, October 5th.

Thank You

***THANK YOU***

I want to extend my sincerest thanks to all who assisted in making the 2016 Knights of Columbus family picnic, the wonderful event it turned out to be.

Special thank you to the kitchen crew led by Frank Santangelo; the Columbian Club-Joe Burlew and John Bashaw and their crews; the volunteers who manned the various food stations; the lifeguards; members of the township committee who graced us with their presence; those who participated in the raffles; members of the Columbiettes, especially Chris Burlew, Theresa Serrant-John and Gina Zangari; the brothers who manned the gates; the families who enjoyed being part of this great tradition; DJ Faz; George Gaydos, who spearheaded the effort to get the cancer awareness T-shirts, (*something I hope we can continue to do,*) Cozy Corner; all those who contributed in kind or cash to the festivities and anyone who played a role, no matter how small it was...it all added up; and to the Most High for giving us the opportunity to celebrate with each other...

Looking forward to doing it bigger and better next year.  
 Blessings all.

*THANK YOU EVERYONE*  
*GIFTUS JOHN*  
*GRAND KNIGHT COUNCIL 4504*

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