



Knights Digest



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Calendar of Events 2024

March 9th St. Patrick's Day Parade
 March 11th Council Meeting 8:10 PM
 March 22nd Fish Fry 6:00 PM
 April 6th Comedy Night
 April 8th Council Meeting 8:10 PM
 April 13th IDD - Both Churches, All Masses
 April 14th IDD - Both Churches, All Masses
 April 14th 4th Degree Exemplification
 May 13th Council Meeting 8:10 PM
 May 17-19th Wildwood Convention
 June 8th IDD - Both Churches, All Masses
 June 9th IDD - Both Churches, All Masses
 June 10th Council Meeting 8:10 PM
 July 8th Council Meeting 8:10 PM
 August 12th Council Meeting 8:10 PM
 September 9th Council Meeting 8:10 PM
 October 14th Council Meeting 8:10 PM
 November 11th Council Meeting 8:10 PM
 December 9th Council Meeting 8:10 PM

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

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




Fish Fry FRIDAY

MARCH 22ND
TIME: 6:00 PM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL
1034 JEANETTE AVE.
UNION, NJ 07083

COST: \$17 PP

Intellectual Disabilities Drive



There are two scheduled weekend drives at both Holy Spirit and St. Michael's churches for all masses.

Saturday, April 13th
 Sunday, April 14th
 &
 Saturday, June 8th
 Sunday, June 9th

Volunteers are needed to help collect at each mass. Please add these dates to your calendar and contact Mike Peter at 908.357.5673 or email him at dd18kofcmwp@gmail.com if you can assist.

The Union Knights of Columbus is planning on having a fish fry on Friday, March 22nd at 6 p.m.

The menu will consist of Fried Fish or Baked Fish. When purchasing your ticket we would like to know your selection. The meal will also include French Fries and Cole slaw. There will be beverages of water, soda, coffee, and dessert. There will be a cash bar available.

The cost will be \$17.00 with proceeds will be distributed to charities. We will need a team of volunteers to set up, serve, and clean up afterward. In the past, this has been a success.



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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

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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Swim Club PresidentMike 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 7:30pm
4rd Thur. -----Columbian Club Officers 8pm

MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT



Brothers,

As we enter the month of March 2024, guided by our shared Catholic faith, we find ourselves at the onset of the revered Lenten season. Lent, spanning forty days until Easter, represents a significant period of spiritual reflection and preparation, leading us towards the joyous celebration of Christ's resurrection. It is a time when, like Jesus Christ, we embark on a journey of self-discovery and renewal, navigating through the challenges of fasting, prayer, and resisting temptation.

During this sacred time, individuals between 18 and 59 are encouraged to observe fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, partaking in one full meal and two smaller meals devoid of meat. Additionally, Fridays throughout Lent are designated as Days of Abstinence, fostering a collective commitment to refraining from meat consumption in remembrance of Christ's sacrifice and as an act of penance.

Yet, beyond the practices of fasting and abstinence, Lent invites us to delve deeper into our spiritual selves, prompting reflection on our lives, relinquishment of negative habits, and a wholehearted embrace of compassion and service towards others. It is a season of growth, transformation, and renewed dedication to our faith.

In the spirit of camaraderie and fellowship, I warmly invite all of you and your families to join us in the Saint Patrick's Day parade on March 09, 2024. The gathering point will be at our Council/Columbian Club, where we shall march together with pride and unity.

Furthermore, I invite you to mark your calendars for March 22, when we will host our Council's Fish Fry. This cherished tradition provides an excellent opportunity for us to come together as a community, share a meal, and strengthen the bonds of friendship. Tickets for both dine-in and takeout options are available at the Columbian Bar, and we kindly request volunteers to assist in ensuring the success of this event. Please get in touch with Chairman Mike Peter DD, PGK, or myself to confirm your attendance and offer your support.

Let us embrace this Lenten season as a time of spiritual rejuvenation, communal fellowship, and joyful anticipation of the Easter celebration ahead.

vivat Jesus

Gerry Aponte Grand Knight



FOR ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED DURING THE WAR in Ukraine

Blessed Michael McGivney, Conformed to Christ Crucified, pray for us.

No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. (John 15:13)

Intention: For those who have died during the war, the Lord will receive their souls into his loving arms.

Reflection: Billboards throughout Ukraine are filled with photos of the fallen: smiling faces of teachers, musicians, doctors, IT specialists, engineers, and others – husbands, fathers, sons – who sacrificed their lives for their homeland and their families. Then there are the civilians who died when war came to their city, their apartment building, and their neighborhood. Children killed by rockets and artillery, grandparents who died in their sleep in a drone attack. The Knights of Columbus members are among the fallen, along with their families. No one is untouched by loss.

Love compelled men and women to risk their lives for others – whether as soldiers, medics, aid workers, or in other capacities that placed them in harm's way. Love gives those left behind a reason to live. It helps us take courage and persevere when the trial seems unending. Ukrainians have a saying: "Heroes do not die!" This has a profound meaning for us as Christians. Our loved ones have passed from life to Life. This does not take away our grief and longing, but it reminds us to strive for Heaven and to pray for those who have died so that we may be reunited in God's Kingdom. It reminds us that we have all come from the arms of Love, and it is to that same merciful embrace that we entrust our loved ones who have died. May we trust in God's enveloping love around all who grieve and in his mercy for those who have fallen. May the Lord give them eternal memory in his kingdom of everlasting peace.



Submitted by Ray Gora

LUISA MARIA GONZALEZ-JONES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The attached application is for any Union High School student that is continuing their education in a Vocational School, College or University in the United States of America.

Proof of acceptance in a post-secondary school is required with the application. There is no fee for this application and any gender, race or religion shall be considered.

An essay should be included on the topic of “What does an education mean to me and how it can benefit yourself and others?”

The recipient of this award will be determined by members from the Union Council of the Knights of Columbus, the Columbian Club of Union, the Columbiettes of Union and Gregory Jones.

All applications will be admitted to these members anonymously and the recipient will be declared based on the essay presented.

The recipient will receive \$500.

Thank you all for your participation.

1.	Last Name:	First Name:
2.	Mailing Address:	
	Street:	
	City:	State: Zip:
3.	Daytime Telephone Number: ()	
	Email Address:	
4.	Date of Birth:	Month: Day: Year:
5.	Letter of Acceptance from post-secondary school:	
6.	Name and address of post-secondary school you are planning on attending:	
7.	Name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): (Include address if different than your own listed in Question 2.)	
	Name(s):	
	Street:	
	City:	State: Zip:
	Home phone of parents or legal guardians:	
	Work phone:	

8. On a separate sheet please provide a typed essay (500 words or less) answering the question below:

“What does a college education mean to me and how can it benefit yourself and others?”

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY FOR STUDENTS

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that if chosen as a scholarship winner my picture may be taken and used to promote the scholarship program. (Winner may waive photo due to unusual or compelling circumstances.)

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to the Knights of Columbus Scholarship Committee, I must be present at any potential awards ceremony, surprise, or reception to receive my scholarship award.

I hereby understand I will not submit this application without all required attachments and supporting information. Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet eligibility criteria will not be considered for this scholarship.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ Date: _____

Checklist

- Application
- Letter of Acceptance
- Essay

MAIL or EMAIL COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKAGE TO:

Knights of Columbus
Scholarship Committee
1131 Darby Lane
Union, New Jersey 07083

Kofc4504scholarship@gmail.com

REMINDER:

The deadline for this application to be received is:
July 12, 2024 NO EXCEPTIONS!

Winner will be notified by July 26, 2024 and will be presented with the Scholarship on August 3, 2024 at the Columbian Club of Union Annual Lobsterfest

(Winner will also receive 4 complimentary tickets to the Lobsterfest)



Comedy Night

APRIL 6, 2024

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM

SHOW STARTS AT 7:00 PM

Contact Fran Corcione for tickets:

973-454-4145

mrsc417@hotmail.com

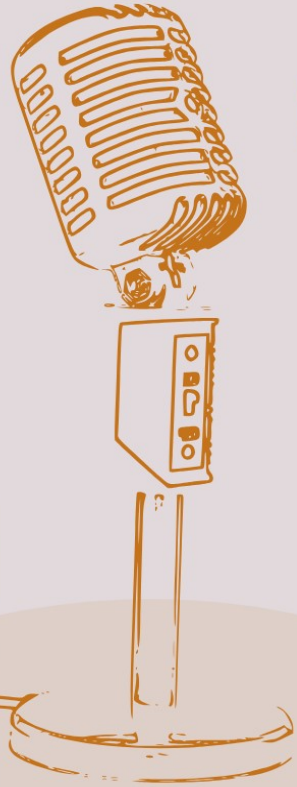


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1034 JEANETTE AVE., UNION, NJ

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COFFEE AND CAKE
BRING YOUR OWN FOOD

CASH BAR



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS UNION COUNCIL 4504

2024 WILDWOOD CONVENTION MAY 17-19, 2024



FREE PARKING
Free outdoor and garage parking available at the hotel. (One car per room.)



COMPLIMENTARY BREAKFAST
Free breakfast in the hotel restaurant for each guest.



PIZZA NIGHT
Pizza night Friday evening in the hospitality room.



CONVENTION HOURS
5/17 10AM-1PM
5/18 10AM-2PM

RATES:




For 2 Guests
4 nights (Wednesday - Sunday) \$610.00
3 nights (Thursday - Sunday) \$475.00
2 nights (Friday - Sunday) \$363.00

Hospitality Room Fee- \$75 per guest

ADDITIONAL GUESTS
\$15.00 per night

ROOM UPGRADES
 3 Room Suites: +35 per night
 4 Rooms Suites: +50 per night

Notes

-  Deposits needed by February 8th.
-  Deposits will not be refund after April 1st.
-  Full balance due by May 10, 2024.

For Reservations Contact:
 Gerry Aponte
 (732) 599-4806



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 Wildwood Crest, NJ 08260

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10 Daylight Savings Starts	11 Council Mtg. 8:10 PM	12	13	14	15	16
17 St. PATRICKS DAY	18	19	20	21	22 FRIDAY FISH FEY	23
24 Palm Sunday	25	26	27 4th Degree Assembly Meeting 7:30 PM	28 Columbian Club Officer's Meeting	29 FRIDAY	30
31 HAPPY EASTER						