



Knights Digest



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October 2023



Calendar of Events 2023-2024

- October 7-8th.....IDD Drive (Holy Spirit)
- October 9th.....Council Meeting 8:10 PM
- October 10th.....Dining to Donate (see page 6)
- October 11th.....Pride in Priests Dinner
- October 14th.....Killa Seasoning Sponsored BBQ
- October 14-15th.....IDD Drive (St. Michael's)
- October 21st.....Oktoberfest
- October 28th.....Adult Halloween Costume Party
- October 28th.....Childrens 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:

Memorial Mass for Deceased Members

Family and Friends please let us not forget our members that passed away either this year or throughout our History. We will be recognizing our Deceased members at a Memorial Mass on **November 5th at 12 noon**. After mass, light refreshments will be served in the parish hall courtesy of Council 4504. All are welcome to attend.

“Dining to Donate”

The Union Knights of Columbus will hold a “Dining to Donate” event on Tuesday evening October 10, 2023, from 5:00 PM until 9:00 PM at The Garden Restaurant - 943 Magie Avenue Union, NJ 07083

Here is an easy way for you to come out and enjoy a good meal with your family and friends and help the Knights raise funds for our Charitable Account to help our Parishes and Community. Help us help our Parishes and Communities. The Garden Restaurant will donate a percentage of your bill to the Union Knights of Columbus.

All you have to do is bring this article to The Garden Restaurant on **Tuesday, October 10, 2023**, and give it to your server before ordering. Order and enjoy your meal.

Thank you for your support.
See the flyer on page 6.

Knights Digest

As mentioned in the Grand Knight's article, we will no longer be printing/ mailing the Knight Digest. The Digest will continue to be accessible on our website along with all past digests at www.kofc4504.org.

Submit your email address to receive a monthly email with a link to the Knight Digest by going to www.kofc4504.org/eblast.

Information about our events is updated constantly at www.kofc4504.org/events, so be sure to go there for the latest news.

Intellectual Disabilities Drive

We recently had an Intellectual Disabilities Drive in September at St. Michael's. We will be at Holy Spirit on the weekend of **October 7th** following the 5:00 p.m. mass, and **October 8th** following all the Masses on Sunday. We will be at both St. Mike's and Holy Spirit on **November 11th & 12th**.

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
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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Columbian Club President Joe Marateo
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 8pm
4rd Thur. -----Columbian Club Officers 8pm

MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT



Brother Knights,

Autumn is upon us, and as we transition from summer to winter, we, as Knights, must also embrace a season of transformation. The political spectrum and our cultures are constantly changing, but if we remain united and believe in our faith in God, there's nothing we can't overcome. Remember, Jesus gave His life to help us understand the meaning of Loving one another, Forgiveness, and Charity. Unity is our Strength. Father McGivney envisioned the men who would follow him into Catholic Knighthood, and we are also called to do the same.

Brothers, on September 17, we enjoyed our annual Family Picnic after stopping for the past few years due to COVID-19 and insufficient ticket sales last year. By the glory of God, we had beautiful weather for the day in which we had over 120 family members from the Knights of Columbus and our worthy priest from St. Michael's and the Holy Spirit.

The Family Picnic was chaired by Brother Knights Michael Harms and John Bashaw, who organized the food, including salad, corn, baked potatoes, chicken, hamburgers, and hot dogs. Brother Greg Jones donated fresh produce from one of his clients. Brother Knight Jamie Zapulla provided the desserts with homemade zeppoles and fried Oreos, which produced a lovely end to a beautiful meal. Brother Eddie Astone donated the bounce house and dunk tank. Thank you, Brothers, for your commitment and dedication to our family fun.

We had children in the bounce house and on the basketball court while the KOC family enjoyed the community and weather.

This event was a success with the help of other Brother Knights who volunteered to help set up the grounds, cook, serve, and clean up. There are too many to mention here, but you know who you are, and we appreciate everything you did for our members and their families and friends.

Our Financial Secretary, Steve Nagy, and I volunteered to be dunked in the dunk tank (by hitting the bullseye ring), raising additional money for our council and local churches.

As we grow as a brotherhood and engage with the community, we look forward to future events like the Family Picnic. We will do everything in our power to build on the positives of the day while changing some aspects to make the events even better in the future.

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Several of our guests have stated that they have seen a change in the unity and teamwork shown by the Knights and Columbus Club. We look forward to continuing to work with the Columbian Club on future events.

Lastly, we thank Fran Bashaw and Marisol Harms, who worked the bar and provided our families with the beverages needed to enjoy the day even more.

If you did not make the Family Picnic, you were missed, and we hope to see you at our future events, as our success depends upon the community and support of our members.

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.

Our monthly digest can already be viewed at www.kofc4504.org.

Lastly, if you would like to be added to our Council Email Blast/Columbian Club List, please don't hesitate to contact Michael Harms at Knights4504recorder@gmail.com so we can keep you updated on announcements and events. . Our Halloween Custom Party is scheduled for October 28, 2023. All tickets can be purchased at the 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 contact me at

grandknight4504@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you and working alongside you all.

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



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 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 fundraising 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.



Family Picnic 2023



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL # 4504
PRESENTS**

OUR 4TH ANNUAL



October 21, 2023

OKTOBERFEST

2:00PM - 6:00PM

**German Beer
Bratwurst & Baurenwurst
Potato Pancakes
Knockwurst
German Potato Salad**

\$25.00 per person

For Tickets Contact:

Mike Peter, PCK @ 908-357-5673

**** No tickets will be sold at the door ****

1034 Jeanette Avenue



Union, N.J. 07083

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL 4504
PROUDLY PRESENTS



**DINING
TO
DONATE**

**TUESDAY
OCTOBER 10, 2023
5-9PM**

**Come join us for our October Dining to Donate event at the
Garden Restaurant in Union.**

**Please bring this article or flyer with you to the restaurant
and give it to your server before ordering your meal. A
percentage of 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!

**GARDEN RESTAURANT
943 MAGIE AVE.
UNION, NJ 07083**

GIVE THE GIFT OF WARMTH!

COAT DRIVE



The Columbian Club of Union will be collecting coats for St. Joseph Social Service Center. Gently used coats can be placed in the marked collection box at the Columbian Club.

DROP OFF LOCATION




1034 Jeanette Ave.
Union, NJ



COLLECTING

- * hoodies
- * jackets
- * pullovers ...





**THE COLUMBIETTES &
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 4504**

**INVITE YOU TO
JOIN THEM FOR SOME**

TRICKS AND TREATS



**AT
THEIR ANNUAL
CHILDREN'S**

HALLOWEEN PARTY!




**CHILDREN WILL BE ABLE TO TRICK
OR TREAT IN THE GROVE, MAKE
ARTS AND CRAFTS, PLAY GAMES,
AND HAVE HOTDOGS AND SNACKS.**

ENTRY FEE IS \$1.00 PER PERSON


**WE KINDLY REQUEST GUESTS
DONATE CANNED GOODS.**

**PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO
ST. MICHAEL'S FOOD PANTRY**

**OCT 28
3-6PM**



**THE UNION COLUMBIAN CLUB
1034 JEANETTE AVE,
UNION, NJ 07083**



The Knights of Columbus Council 4504
invites you to their

HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY

FOOD

MUSIC

October 28th 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!

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29 Football Tailgate Party 	30	31 <i>Halloween</i> 				