



# Knight Digest



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Council #4504  
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October 2022



## Calendar of Events

October 1st.....Cornhole (Outside)  
October 6th ..... Red Cadillac Fund Raiser  
October 10th .....Council Meeting 8:10 PM  
October 14th ..... Past Grand Knight Dinner (7 pm)  
October 22nd .....Octoberfest  
October 28th ..... Children's Halloween Party (5-7 pm)  
October 28th ..... Adult's Halloween Party(8-12 am)  
November 13th ..... Deceased Members' Mass  
November 14th .....Council Meeting 8:10 PM  
November 18th ..... Night at the Races  
December 12th.....Council Meeting 8:10 PM  
December 16th..... Columbian Club Christmas Party  
December 17th..... Wreaths Across America  
December 18th..... Breakfast with Santa  
December 31st..... Bring-A-Dish  
January 9th.....Council Meeting 8:10 PM  
February 13th.....Council Meeting 8:10 PM  
March 13th.....Council Meeting 8:10 PM  
April 10th.....Council Meeting 8:10 PM  
May 8th.....Council Meeting 8:10 PM  
June 12th.....Council Meeting 8:10 PM  
May 19, 20 & 21..... Annual Convention in Wildwood

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

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

## Mass for our Deceased Members



The Union Knights of Columbus will respect the Souls of our Departed Brothers and the Sisters of the Columbiettes. There will be a Mass for our Deceased Members on Sunday, November 13th, 2022, at the 9 am Mass at St. Michaels. Please plan on attending this Mass to have a good showing for our departed.



On behalf of the Program Director, there is a league that meets every Thursday from September 8th to May 18th. at Linden Lanes with 6 pm Practice, and bowls three games of 3 man teams or women or mixed. At the moment we have 13 teams. It would be great to have a 14th. The League is a 90% Handicap. 36-week season, \$25 dollars a week.

The prize money will be distributed at the end of the season which is half of the money collected, Please contact Michael Peter if interested in joining [Dd18kofcmwp@gmail.com](mailto:Dd18kofcmwp@gmail.com)



## UNION KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 4504 PAST GRAND KNIGHT DINNER

OCTOBER 14TH 7PM

This dinner will held in recognition to our  
2021-2022 Grand Knight

**PHILLIP CABABE**

for all his hard work and dedication to our  
Council during his tenure.

The evening will begin at 7 PM with a Cocktail Hour followed by presentations to our Past Grand Knight, dinner, music, and a cash bar. Reservations are requested.

Tickets for the evening's festivities are \$60.00 a couple and \$30.00 for a single person. Deadline for tickets is October 10th. Please come out, enjoy, and help make this a memorable night in the Council history.

For more information contact

Gerry Aponte GK at [gerryapontekoc@gmail.com](mailto:gerryapontekoc@gmail.com)  
or

Mike Peter, DD, PGK at [dd18kofcmwp@gmail.com](mailto:dd18kofcmwp@gmail.com)

## Knights 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**  
**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* ..... Tony Oliviero  
*Chancellor*..... Vacant  
*Warden*.....Anthony Ibida  
*Recorder*.....Robert Pynckels  
*Treasurer* ..... Chuck Cababe  
*Fin. Secretary*.....Luke Sangiamo  
*Inside Guard* ..... Angel Rengifo  
*Outside Guard*..... Romeo Puertollano  
*Membership Director* .....Gerry Aponte  
*Program Director*..... Mike Peter, PGK  
*Lecturer*..... Raymond Gora  
*Advocate*..... Stephen F. Hehl  
*3rd. Yr. Trustee* ..... Phillip Cababe  
*2nd Yr. Trustee* ..... Leonard Komar Jr., PGK  
*1st Yr. Trustee* .....Joe Burlew Sr., PGK  
*Insurance Agent* .... Tom Brennen (908-637-4603)  
*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,

We are saying goodbye to summer as we enter autumn quickly and say goodbye to the Summer vacations; children have returned to school, days are getting short and cooler; Summer Sports change to Winter Sports, and we start to get ready for the fall activities at the council. It was a sad day that our Family Picnic was canceled to a lack of ticket sales, and Truly Covid has changed our atmosphere.

We have several events coming up in the next few weeks Cornhole on Oct 1, Oct 6, Red Cadillac (4th Degree), Oct 10th council meeting, October Fest 22nd, and Oct 28, and Halloween Party. Phillip Cababe will be honored at the Past Grand Knights dinner on October 14th. Please plan to attend as we honor Phil for his year of service as Grand Knight. Tickets are currently being sold at the Tiki Bar.

Volunteers are needed; as Knights of Columbus, our guide to voluntarism is our Catholic faith and our main principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Our desire to exemplify these teachings is our main focus and motivation for each service we offer as individuals to our council and collectively for "the good of the Order." Let us try to remember this and appreciate all contributions without the expectation of material gratification for services rendered. Let us encourage each other to give as much of ourselves as possible with "no strings attached."

We ALL need to pitch in where we can, help make a difference for the better, and carry ourselves like Catholic gentlemen. Remember that you only get from the Knights of Columbus and our Council what you put in. Please attend our monthly Council meetings and actively participate in them. Not only attend our events and activities but help in planning and running them. We need everyone to get involved and make Union Council the best it can be.

If you have any questions or suggestions for the upcoming Columbian year, please email me at [gerryapontekoc@gmail.com](mailto:gerryapontekoc@gmail.com).

Vivat Jesus  
Gerry Aponte, GK



## 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.

## Past Grand Knight Dinner



The Union Knights of Columbus Council # 4504 will be holding its Past Grand Knight's Dinner on Friday, October 14th, 2022, to Honor Phillip Cababe, Grand Knight for 2021 – 2022. This dinner will recognize Phillip's hard work and dedication to our Council during his tenure as Grand Knight.

The evening will begin at 7 P.M. with soft refreshments and Hors D' oeuvres followed by presentations to our Past Grand Knight, dinner, music, and a Cash Bar. Tickets for the evening's festivities are only \$60.00 a couple (\$30.00 for a single).

Come on out and enjoy the evening.

POC Gerry Aponte, GK [gerryapontekoc@gmail.com](mailto:gerryapontekoc@gmail.com)  
or Mike Peter, DD, PGK at 908-357-5673

Thank You (See flyer on Page 1)

## Knights Family Dinners

The Columbiette Family Dinner has been canceled until further notice.

## Intellectual Disabilities Drive

On behalf of Union Knights of Columbus, we would like to thank Fr Kris and Monsignor Anselm and the Parishioners of Holy Spirit and Saint Michael's for their gracious donations to our Intellectual Disabilities Drive.

The funds that were collected on September 17th and 18th 2022 will be going to four worthy organizations; Camp Fatima, Arc of Union County, Inroads to Opportunities and Community Access Unlimited. These Organizations care for those with Intellectual Disabilities. A percentage of the donations collected will also be used towards the Special Olympics of New Jersey. Heartfelt thanks.

We have planned to be at both Parishes again the weekend of November 19th Saturday Masses and November 20th Sunday Masses. If any member or family members would like to volunteer please contact the Chairman at [mikepeter4275@gmail.com](mailto:mikepeter4275@gmail.com) or call 908 357 5673.

If you would like to donate at any time between now and May 15th you can do so by sending your donation to:

Union Knights of Columbus  
C/O Program Chairman  
1034 Jeanette Avenue  
Union NJ 07083

Thank you



## New Flag Presented to Holy Spirit

Sunday, September 4th after 8 am mass, Father Kris was presented with a new US Flag from the Knights of Columbus, JFK Assembly to be flown on the church grounds.

Brian DePre a Navy veteran assisted Len Komar (Faithful Admiral) in raising the new 6x10 Flag.







## God of Second Chances

By Msgr. Anselm, Chaplain

God of second, third, and fiftieth chances, I have so much love for this chapter in Scriptures taken from 2 Corinthians 12:9. "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." On New Year's Day, 1929, Georgia Tech played University of California in the Rose Bowl. In that game a man named Roy Riegels recovered a fumble for California. Somehow, he became confused and started running in the wrong direction. One of his teammates, Benny Lom, overtook and downed him sixty-five yards away, just before he scored for the opposing team. When California attempted to punt, Tech blocked the kick and scored a safety, which was the ultimate margin of victory. When the first half ended, everybody wonder what Coach Nibbs Price will do with Roy Riegels in the second half? Back in the dressing room, everyone sat down on the benches and on the floor except Riegels who sat in the corner with his face in his hands, crying like a baby. Now coaches usually have a great deal to say to their teams during halftime, but on this day, coach Price was quiet. No doubt he was trying to decide what to do with Riegels. Then the timekeeper came in and announced "three minutes before playing time". Coach Price looked at the team and said simply, "Men, the same team that played the first half will start the second." The players got up and started out, except Riegels. The coach looked back and called to him. Still he didn't move. Coach Price went over to him and said, "Roy, didn't you hear me? The same team that played the first half will start the second." Roy looked up, eyes red and wet with tears and said to the coach, "I can't do it. I need to save my life. I've ruined you, the University of California, and myself. I can't face that crowd in the stadium for the sake of my life." Coach Price put his hand on Riegels' shoulder and said to him: "Roy, get up and go on back; the game is only half over." Roy looked at him, got up and went back. The guys from

Georgia Tech will tell you they have never seen a man play football as Roy Riegels did during the second half. My fellow knights that is grace at work. Many a time, we take the ball and run in the wrong direction. We stumble, fall and are so ashamed of ourselves that we never want to try again. We must always remember that the sufficiency of God's grace happens in the context of human inability, insufficiency, brokenness, weakness, feelings of abandonment, of betrayal, of neglect, of disappointment, of insecurity. It may be feelings of discouragement or hopelessness after tireless attempts to control our temper, unhealthy impulses, or bad thoughts. It could be struggles with physical, emotional or spiritual exhaustion. No matter what it is, just remember that "there is sufficient grace" for our situations and God is bending over and saying to us, "Get up and get going; the game is only half over."

## CYO is back!

Join us for our first general body meeting  
of the school year. Learn about our:

- service projects
- annual retreat
- topic nights
- other CYO events

...and so much more



September 13th at 7:00pm-8:30pm

Phil Matrale Hall (Lower Church)

1211 Orange Ave

Please use the entrance on Orange Ave

All high school teens are welcome! We can't wait to see you there





**The Columbiettes & Knights of Columbus  
Council 4504**

**Invites you to the 2022  
Annual Children's Halloween Party  
Come join us and celebrate a spooky  
night!**

**Date: Friday, October 28, 2022**

**Time: 5-7 pm**

**Location: Knights of Columbus  
1034 Jeanette Avenue, Union**

Trick or Treating at the Grove



Games



A FUN TIME FOR ALL AGES

Hot Dogs, Snacks & Drinks

We kindly request guests to donate canned goods

*A \$1 per person fee will be collected at door  
Proceeds will be donated to St. Michael's Food Pantry*



**COLUMBIAN CLUB OF UNION PRESENTS....**



**GERMAN NIGHT**

**OCTOBER 22<sup>TH</sup>, 2022**

**3PM UNTIL 7PM**

**\$25.00 PER PERSON**

**GERMAN STYLE FOOD**

**CASH BAR**

**GERMAN BEER AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE**

**CONTACT JAMIE ZAPPULLA FOR DETAILS (908)-380-9155**

*Join Us in Our Mission*

**Remember ★ Honor ★ Teach**



**★ December 17, 2022 ★**

**National Wreaths Across America Day**



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

Sponsor a \$15 wreath today to be placed  
on a veteran's grave this December at the  
First Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

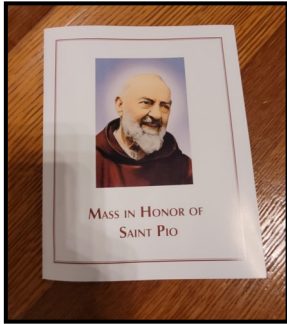
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Or visit: [www.wreathscrossamerica.org/NJ0031](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/NJ0031)



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## Battalion Mass to Honor Saint Pio



On September 13th members of the JFK Assembly Color Corp attended the Battalion Mass Call out to the Cathedral Basilica, Newark to honor Saint Pio.

Five first-class relics of him were present during the day for veneration prior to the Mass. Padre was born in 1887 in Pietrelcina, Italy, and adopted the name "Pare Pio" in 1903. He was ordained a priest in 1910 and received the stigmata on September 20, 1918, making him the first stigmatized priest in the history of the Catholic Church. He spent up to 14 hours a day hearing confessions.

He died in 1968, was beatified on May 2, 1999, and canonized by Pope John Paul II in 2002. He is the patron saint of Civil defense volunteers, adolescents, stress relief, and the January blues.





### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS JFK ASSEMBLY FUNDRAISER

*Thursday October 6th at*





**THE RED CADILLAC**  
2258 Morris Ave  
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908.349.8411



Show this flyer and a percentage of your meal will be donated to the JFK Assembly.



**GREAT FOOD FOR A GREAT CAUSE**

The JFK Assembly is an organization dedicated to supporting and promoting patriotic causes.

The Assembly raises funds to help support New Jersey Mission of Honor, Wreaths Across America, and our local V.F.W.

In order to give back to those who have served our country.






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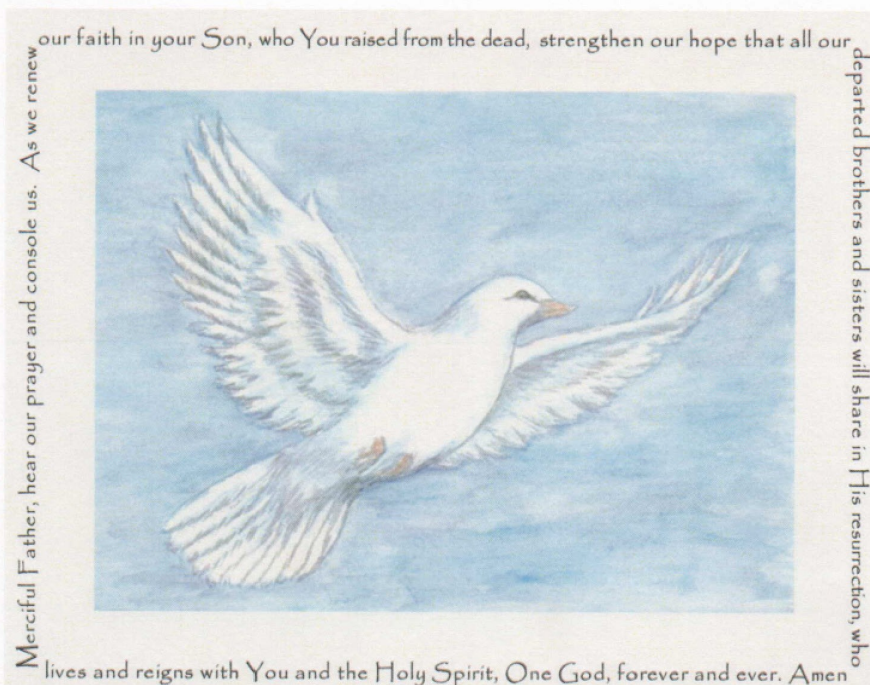
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The **Bereavement Ministry of Holy Spirit Church**  
will again offer its Christ centered support group session  
for those in need of help coping with the loss of a loved one.

The next session will begin Wednesday October 19th, 2022 and  
will meet for 8 weeks through Wednesday December 7th, 2022  
from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the corner of  
Morris Avenue & Suburban Road, Union, NJ.  
(Parish building to meet in will be determined.)  
(Wednesdays: Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>.)

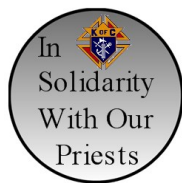
Participation is FREE, however, REGISTRATION is required.

Please contact the parish office at (908) 687-3327.

*Let us be your companions for the journey.*

God Bless You

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Cornhole
2	3 Council Officers Mtg.	4 Feast of St. Francis of Assisi	5	6 Red Cadillac Fund Raiser	7	8
9	10 Columbus Day Council Mtg. 8:10 PM	11	12 Pride in Priest Dinner	13 Columbiette Mtg.	14 Past Grand Knight Dinner - 7PM	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 German Night 3PM - 7PM
23	24	25	26 4th Degree Assembly Mtg.	27 Columbian Club Mtg.	28 Children's Halloween Party 5-7 pm Adult Party 8p-12a	29
30	31 <b>HAPPY HALLOWEEN</b>	Nov. 1 All Saints' Day	Nov. 2 All Souls' Day	Check our on-line calendar for additional events: <a href="https://www.kofc4504.org/calendar-of-events">https://www.kofc4504.org/calendar-of-events</a>		