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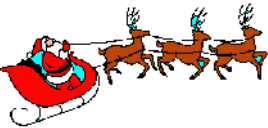
December 5th ..... Flag Raising for Pearl Harbor 1:00p  
 December 7th ..... Nativity Lighting - 7:00p  
 December 8th ..... Runnells Hospital  
 December 17th ..... Bring-A-Dish Party 7:00p  
 December 25th ..... Runnells Hospital  
 December 31st ..... New Year's Eve Party 8:00p  
 July 14th - 17th ..... Yankee Trip to Toronto  
 January 21st ..... Annual Swim Club Meeting 7:30p

## *Nativity Lighting*

We will hold our Annual Nativity Lighting in front of Union Town Hall on **Tuesday, December 7th at 7:00 PM**. We are very fortunate that Union Township still allows us to set up the Nativity in front of Town Hall, since many towns do not allow this type of Religious symbolism on Town property. One way that we can work to make sure that this Tradition is not stopped is by having a large showing of people come out and support the Nativity lighting.

Following the lighting at Town hall we will light the Nativity outside the Council home following the Town hall lighting.

## *Christmas at the Deron School*



The Knights of Columbus are once again seeking donations to purchase Christmas gifts for the students of the Deron School. This is the 5th year for this charitable endeavor. Deron School is located in Union and provides education for mentally and physically challenged students in the early to mid-teen age group. The children write their own letters to Santa which are then sent to the Union Knights of Columbus. Mr. & Mrs. Santa (Jamie Zappulla and Kelly Scanlon) arrive at the school Christmas week to distribute the gifts to the children. It is wonderful to see the joy on their faces when Santa arrives.

Please donate whatever amount you can to this worthwhile cause by contacting Buddy Cotter at 908-447-3378 or sending your donation in care of the Knights of Columbus Council 4504.

Thank You & Merry Christmas

## *Remembering Pearl Harbor*

Many of us at the Union Knights of Columbus have come to know our neighbor on Jeanette Ave, Tom Mahoney over the past year as he joined us in Honoring our World War II Veterans.

Tom was serving on the USS Curtis in Pearl Harbor Hawaii on the morning of December 7th 1941 when the Japanese attacked us, and then served on the USS O'Bannon for the rest of the war, including when the crew of the O'Bannon sunk a Japanese submarine with potatoes, and it escorted the USS Missouri into Tokyo Bay to sign the Surrender.

Because of his experiences during the war, Tom has spent much of his life educating everyone about his and his fellow World War II Veterans experiences during the war.

This year Tom has requested that the Union Knights of Columbus fly his "Pearl Harbor Survivors Association" flag below the American Flag outside our Council for the week of December 5th to remember those who were at Pearl Harbor on December 7th 1941.

The "Pearl Harbor Survivors Association" once numbered over 500 members in New Jersey alone, but are now down to less than 10 in New Jersey.

We will gladly honor Tom's request and will have him raise his Flag on Sunday December 5th and fly it all week.

Please join us at 1:00 PM on Sunday December 5th as we raise this Flag with Tom.

## *Officer Interviews*

The Council will be holding interviews for prospective candidates for an opening for a Council Officer position. Interested 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree candidates in good standing should contact Mike Peter, PGK at 908-759-3588 or email [mikepeter46@yahoo.com](mailto:mikepeter46@yahoo.com) to arrange an interview. The Nominating committee consists of Chairman: Mike Peter PGK, Council representative: Rob Salvatore PGK, Council representative: Steve Helmstetter, Columbian Club representative: Frank Santamauro and Swim Club representative: Len Komar. Please have a short biography prepared for submission to Committee.

## Knight 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:

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or via email to: [tomdudek@att.net](mailto:tomdudek@att.net). 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

*District Deputy*..... Lawrence Killmer, PGK  
*Grand Knight* ..... Joe Burlew  
*Deputy Grand Knight*..... Gino Gonzalez  
*Chancellor* ..... Kyle Wiklanski  
*Warden*..... Alex Costa  
*Recorder* ..... Steve Nagy  
*Treasurer* ..... Frank Santangelo  
*Fin. Secretary*..... Thomas Hornig, PGK  
*Inside Guard* ..... Pedro Bexiga  
*Outside Guard*..... Steve Stochlinski  
*Membership Director*..... Kyle Wiklanski  
*Program Director* ..... Andy Schopfer, PGK  
*Advocate* ..... Stephen F. Hehl  
*3rd. Yr. Trustee* ..... Rob Salvatore, PGK  
*2nd Yr. Trustee* ..... Mike Peter, PGK  
*1st Yr. Trustee* ..... Tom Conte  
*4th Degree Faithful Navigator*. Allen Pascullo  
*Columbian Club President*..... Mike Scanlon  
*Swim Club President*..... Allen Pascullo  
*Columbiette President*..... Christine Burlew

## Monthly Meetings

1st. Mon. ----- Council Officers  
2nd & 4th Mon. ----- Council  
3rd Mon. ----- Swim Club  
4th Wed. ----- 4th Degree Assembly  
4th Thu. ----- Columbian Club

## MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT



Brother Knights,

As December arrives, with it comes Christmas Day; Christmas literally means the Mass of Christ. "Christ" is a Greek word and title, meaning, "anointed" or one set apart by God for a special purpose. Christmas is celebrated around the world in many ways; in England, they enjoy beautiful Christmas music, decorate Christmas Trees and hang evergreen branches while they await Father Christmas. Christmas in Ireland lasts from Christmas Eve to the feast of the epiphany on January 6, which is known as Little Christmas. In Italy, the Christmas season lasts three weeks, starting eight days before Christmas, known as the Novena, during this time children go from house to house reciting Christmas poems and singing.

Here at home, Santa Claus was created in United States in the 1860's. Santa Claus or St. Nicholas was born of wealthy parents, who raised him to be a devout Christian of Obeying Jesus' words to "sell what you own and give the money to the poor." Nicholas used his whole inheritance to assist the needy, the sick, and the suffering. He dedicated his life to serving God and those in need. Bishop Nicholas was known throughout the land for his generosity also, for his love of children and his concerns for sailors and ships.

Christmas is now celebration in a variety of ways within the regions of the United States, because of the diversity of nationalities, which have settled here.

In any Christmas celebration, Christ is included in Christmas; during this holiday season please remember to keep Christ in Christmas. Reach out to someone in need just as Christ did for the world. Christ is Christmas and Christ is in our hearts

Merry Christmas and have a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Vivat Jesus!  
Joe Burlew Sr., GK



## Memorial Mass and Brunch

This year's Mass and brunch were well attended by our Brothers and their families. We would like to thank all the Brothers and their Families that attended the Memorial Mass for our Deceased Brothers and the Fourth Degree for providing the Honor Guard.

And we would like to thank the Brothers who helped with the Brunch after the Mass, Steve Nagy, Buddy Cotter, PGK, Mike Loguidice, John Murphy, and especially the cooks Rich Liput, Gerry Seubert, and Mike Campanelli, for the great brunch they prepared.

## "NFL SUNDAYS"

ENJOY ALL THE NFL ACTION WITH  
DIRECTV'S NFL SUNDAY TICKET

5 BIG SCREEN TV'S  
COMPLIMENTARY FOOD  
WEEKLY DRINK SPECIALS



## Those were the Days and Knights

### The Christmas Lounge Elves of 4504

This month's tale only goes back a few short years ago, but the good deed started by them continues until today. About five years ago as the Lounge Elves were sitting at the Council eagerly awaiting the upcoming Christmas season, the Grand Elf was going through his mail and found a large manila envelope from the Deron School in Union. The Deron School is a school for children with special learning needs. As the Grand Elf opened this manila envelope he found envelopes addressed to Santa Claus, and a letter from the teacher at the school. In his letter the teacher explained how in the past his students had sent their letters to Santa Claus and never received any response, not even from the Operation Santa Claus sponsored by the town. Knowing about the good works for Special Needs children that the Knights of Columbus are known for, he decided to send their letters to our Council as last chance for these children to have their letters answered.

At first this rough and ready bunch of Lounge Elves were not sure what to do, since they were in Union, NJ, not the North Pole, and there was no Santa Claus here. Then one of the wiser Elves spoke up and asked "So what do these kids want?" After the Grand Elf read a few of the letters, the wise Elf opened his wallet, put some cash on the table and advised the other Elves to do the same in helping to make these kids dreams come true. As each of the other Elves remembered what it was like to be a kid at Christmas waiting for Santa to bring him what he had asked for they added cash to the amount put up by the wise Elf. Now with the donated money, the Grand Elf and some of the other Lounge Elves headed off to purchase the gifts requested by the kids, and to make sure that their Christmas wishes came true this year.

Like the Magi, the Elves returned with the gifts that they had purchased and with some money to spare. This pleased the other Lounge Elves, but they were not sure what to do with the left over money, so the wise Elf responded that they should buy the kids some Happy Meals with it. So it was arranged to wrap the gifts, buy the Happy Meals, and to take them to the classroom for the kids, but it did not seem right just to take them over to the school. Then one of the other Lounge Elves decided to dress up as Santa Claus to deliver the gifts to the kids. The students were so surprised when Santa Claus made an early special visit to them at their classroom, and were thrilled with their gifts and Happy Meals. This truly made their Christmas special.

This special act of kindness has been repeated every year since, and even one of the Elfettes dresses up as Mrs. Claus to accompany Santa when he delivers the gifts. Because of this unselfish act of kindness the Union Council was awarded an Award for Youth Activities Program - Christmas at Deron School 2009 - 2010 at the Annual State Knights of Columbus Convention this year. Congratulations to our Lounge Elves for helping us rediscover the true meaning of Christmas.

*Merry Christmas*



## Knights of the Month

December 2010



### Steve Stochlinski



At the annual State convention last May, Union Council 4504 was recognized by the State as having the most successful food drive in the Archdiocese of Newark. This fall, we have again maintained our strong support for Sr. Ann Domenic's food pantry at St. Michael's church by again collecting over 3,000 pounds of food in our most recent food drive. The credit for this year's drive belongs to the new Food Drive Chairman, Steve Stochlinski. For his outstanding efforts, Steve has earned the distinction of being our Knight of the Month for December.

Steve is a graduate of Union High School who then went on to graduate from the Restaurant School at Walnut Hill College in 2002. He is a parishioner at St. Mary's Church of the Assumption in Roselle Park. In his free time, Steve enjoys a good movie, and dining at fine restaurants, as well as spending time with Katie, his girlfriend of two years. In addition to serving as the food drive chairman, Steve is also a Council officer, currently serving as the Outside Guard. He is also a Sir Knight, having made his Fourth Degree at the Exemplification this past April.

To his credit, Steve is not resting on his laurels. He has already agreed to serve as the Food Drive Chairman for the spring, and has a number of new ideas that he hopes will lead to even more successful drives in the future. For his efforts and dedication, we are pleased to honor Steve as our newest Knight of the Month. Congratulations, Steve!

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Presented Jointly by the Knights of Columbus & Columbiettes  
Of Union Council 4504

### "Knights Family Dinners"

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of Each Month from

September - April

Serving from 6:30 -8:30 pm

Council Hall



Check the Website for the Menu --- [www.kofc4504.org](http://www.kofc4504.org)

\$10.00 Adults     \$6.00 Seniors & Kids under 12

Includes:

Dinner, Salad, Bread & Soda

Coffee & Dessert



**All Money Raised will be Donated to Charity!**

Advance Tickets Available Contact:

Chris Burlew 908-403-1590 or [Chrissi714@aol.com](mailto:Chrissi714@aol.com)

Joe Burlew 908-507-4875 or [joedisp@aol.com](mailto:joedisp@aol.com)

***A MESSAGE FROM THE  
COLUMBIAN CLUB PRESIDENT***

***In Our Parishes...***

**St. Michael's Church**



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Dear Brothers,

I hope all Brothers and their families enjoyed a wonderful "Turkey Day". On Saturday, November 6, 2010, the Columbian Club sponsored "Casino Day" at Mount Airy Lodge which turned out to be a good time for all who attended. Unfortunately, no one on the trip "Broke the Bank".

On Sunday, November 7, 2010, we held our first ever "Tail Gate Party". It was an overwhelming success. I must offer "Kudos" to Joe Pesany, Mike Panella, Frank Santamauro, Donna Cappuccio, Kelly Scanlon and the set-up & clean-up crew. Special thanks to Richie Lopez for providing us with the "BIG BLUE GIANTS BUS".

We are still enjoying Sunday football in our lounge and invite members and their guests to join us for fun, laughs, and cocktails and of course the two free meals that are served during the 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM game.

On Friday, December 17, 2010, we will be having our annual Bring a Dish party beginning at 7:00 PM. Christmas music, raffles and giveaways will be in store for the evening.

On Friday, December 31, 2010, we will be holding a New Year's Eve Blowout Bash with an 80's theme. (Please check the digest and website for details).

In closing, on behalf of the Columbian Club Officers and Directors, I would like to wish you and your families a very joyous Christmas season and a Healthy, Happy New Year.

In Brotherhood and Unity,  
Michael J. Scanlon, Sr.  
Columbian Club President

***Union County Police & Fire Pipes & Drums  
presents: CASINO DAY***

**When:** Saturday, January 8, 2011

**Where:** Mount Airy Lodge & Casino, PA

**Cost:** \$40.00 Per Person

Includes: Luxury bus transportation, canned beer & water on bus, \$35 Slot Play, Pizza back at the Knights Lounge. Bus departs at 10:30a sharp from the Council Hall. Limited Seating - Reservations by December 29th. Contact John Peters at 908-296-1638.

**The 2011 Mass Book is now open.**

You may come to the Parish Center to arrange for Masses on Monday to Friday from 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

**50/50 Raffle**

Tickets are on sale after all Masses for the December 50/50 that will be drawn on the last Sunday of every month at 1:30 PM in the Lower Church.

**Christmas Wreaths**

St. Michael's / Holy Spirit CYO will be selling Christmas Wreaths after all Masses at St. Michael's Church on November 27-27 & December 4-5.

**Flea Market / Rummage Sale**

On Saturday December 4th from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the school gym to benefit the Religious Education Program & Adult Faith Formation.

**St. Michael's Boy Scout Troop Fundraiser**

Troop 69 is selling 2011 Entertainment Books. Call Joe or Kathleen Mulligan at (908) 964-1355 for books.

**Lead Rhythm Guitarist needed**

Lead rhythm guitarist needed to perform in the Christmas Rock-n-Roll sing Along on Sunday December 12th. Please contact Fran at (908) 272-4798 for more details and an audition.

**Holy Spirit Church**

**Giving Tree**

Out Giving Tree is now set up in the back of the church. Please take a tag and purchase a gift listed for a poor person and return it to church by December 13th, so they can be sorted, delivered and packed for distribution by Christmas. For questions call Joanne at 908-964-7533.

***Yankee Road Trip to Toronto***

We are scheduling our third pilgrimage to Canada from Thursday July 14th thru Sunday July 17th. In addition to seeing the Yankees play, you will be able to go to Niagara Falls to see the sites or to try your luck at the casinos.

The cost is approximately \$1,100 for 2 people, \$1,375 for three and \$1,650 for 4 people in a room. We will be staying at the world famous Renaissance Toronto Hotel which is attached to the stadium and we will be feasting at a scrumptious buffet on game day. In addition we will enjoy a luxurious motor coach ride to Toronto and Niagara Falls. Toronto is a fun city with many fantastic restaurants, the Hockey Hall of Fame as well as a great theater district.

There are a limited number of tickets available, so please call Steve Helmstetter at 908-688-5039 or email at helmstetter2@verizon.net A.S.A.P. to reserve your seat.

## *Forth Degree Assembly*

Newly elected officers were installed in their positions on November 17, 2010 - Congratulations!!!

In the near future I will be contacting the Grand Knights of our member Councils requesting that I attend one of their regular meetings. I am going to speak at Hillside, Springfield, Roselle Park and Kenilworth about the 4th Degree – to recruit new members and to bring existing members back to some level of participation and activity.

I need all JFK Assembly members to reach out to all existing 4th Degree Knights whom no longer participate in our meetings and ceremonials. This has already been discussed at our past monthly meetings, and I am going to make this one of our priorities and one of my recurring themes: Bring all Sir Knights, whom are not active in our ranks, back into our midst and encourage all to participate.

Additionally, the Color Corp will soon resume/start having drills. Some of us new Color Corp members need the practice; some of the existing members may need some refresher courses.

Gentlemen, you chose to make a difference by becoming a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus. Please make every effort to attend our once-a-month meetings which are held on the 4th Wednesday of every month at Union Council #4504.

Allen Pascullo  
Faithful Navigator - JFK Assembly

## *KofC 4504 Council Officer Special Election*

There will be a special election held on February 14, 2010 at our regular business meeting for the vacant office of Deputy Grand Knight. This election will fill the Deputy Grand Knight vacant position from February 14, through the remainder of this Columbian Year.

If you have any questions or would like to be considered, please contact Tom Conte.

## *Swim Club News*

The annual Columbian Swim Club meeting has been scheduled for Friday, January 21, 2011 at 7:30pm. The meeting will take place in the Union Knights of Columbus Council #4504 Hall.

The following topics will be discussed: Pool Rules and Regulations & Membership Fees. There will also be an Election of Officers for Board of Directors positions whose three-year terms have been completed.

Allen Pascullo, Swim Club President

## *Save the Date - New Year's Eve*

**December 31st, 2010 80's Party**  
Dress in your 80's best!

DJ and  
Open Bar 8p.m. 'til 1a.m.

Admission: \$25.00 Per Person  
21 years and over

Bring your own platters

For Ticket Info:

Contact: Joe Pesany at 732-233-6601 (jpesany2@yahoo.com )  
Contact: Mike Scanlon at 908-578-8768 (blgiants@aol.com)



## *Past Grand Knights Dinner honoring Rob Salvatore*

Rob Salvatore was honored on Saturday October 30th with a dinner in his honor at the Council for his Service to our Council as Grand Knight 2009 - 2010.

Besides being presented with a plaque, PGK ring, photo album and copies of the Knights Digest from his year as Grand Knight, he was also presented with a Proclamation from Union Township by Mayor Anthony Terrezza honoring Rob's year as Grand Knight.

After the presentation we were entertained to the music of Frank Sinatra by Eric Delauro, and enjoyed dinner and deserts.

Rob was joined by other Past Grand Knights to honor him for having the double Honor of being the 50th Grand Knight of Council # 4504.

Thanks to the committee Buddy Cotter PGK, Steve Nagy, Mike Peter PGK, Andy Schopfer PGK, and Tom Conte for running the event.

And special thanks to Frank Santangelo, Allen Pascullo, and Angelo Zuena for preparing and cooking all the great food.

# DECEMBER 2010



*Merry Christmas*

**Sun                  Mon                  Tue                  Wed                  Thu                  Fri                  Sat**

<i>"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are." – Theodore Roosevelt</i>		1	2	3	4	
5 Runnells Hospital Pearl Harbor Flag Raising 1:00p	6 Officers Mtg. 8p	7 Nativity Lighting 7:00p	8	9	10	11
12 Camp Fatima Christmas Dinner Dance	13 Council Christmas Dinner Meeting 6:15p	14 Columbiettes Mtg. 7:30p	15	16 Family Dinner Night	17 Bring-A-Dish Party 7:00p	18
19 Breakfast with Santa	20 Swim Club Meeting 7:30p	21	22	23 Columbian Club Mtg. 7:30p	24	25 Christmas Runnells Hospital
26	27	28	29 4th Degree JFK Assembly Mtg. 7:30p	30	31 New Year's Eve Party	

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