



# Knights Digest



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## Upcoming Events

April 16, 17, 18 .....Special Citizen's Drive  
 April 17th 7:30 to 11:30 PM ..... Comedy Night  
 April 18th .....Membership Drive  
 May 13-16th ..... Annual Convention

## Pasta Dinner - April 15<sup>th</sup>



**Council Hall**

**Time: 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM**

**Cost:**

**Adults.....\$10.00**

**Children.....\$6.00**

**Senior Citizens.....\$6.00**

**Cash Bar Available**

**50/50 Drawing**



Hosted by the Knights of Columbus and the Columbiettes.

## Knights of Columbus Nominating Committee For Election of 2010-2011 Officers

Hello my name is Mike Peter (PGK) and this year along with Mike Gasser (PGK), Nick Belmonte, Joe Harbison and Lenny Schneider will be members of the Nominating Committee interviewing anyone interested in getting involved in the Council as officers. Results will be announced at the Council meetings on May 10th and May 24th. Voting will take place on May 24th.

Thank you,  
Mike Peter (PGK)

## 2010 Knights of Columbus State Convention in Wildwood NJ

The state convention is May 13th through May 16th 2010; the room rates at the Adventurer for the 2010 state convention are;

A three, night stay with tax is \$443.10

A two, night stay with tax is \$333.96

This price includes the cost of the hospitality room.

We are still accepting reevaluation for this years convention. The full balance of which will be due on May 1st. Please act quickly as a room count must be submitted by April 5th. Please contact Joe Burlew Sr. DGK at 908-507-4875 or e-mail joedis@aol.com to make your reservations.

Thank you, we are looking forward to see all of you there and having another great year!

Joe Burlew Sr., DGK  
Convention Chairman

## Swim Club News

Don't forget to send in your 2010 pool dues. The pool will open on Saturday, May 29th, Memorial Day weekend, after the pool-side mass. A paid-up 2010 Knight of Columbus membership card must be presented to receive your pool badges. If you have any questions, please email Jim Ford at jford1488@comcast.net.

## Spring Food Drive

It's that time of year where our local Food Pantry is in need of our support.

In 2009 we were able to collect over 5,000 pounds and we could not have done it without your Help!

If anyone has any non-perishable goods and would like to donate during these spring months please drop them off at the Council.



Once again, we Thank You for your support!

For more details contact:

Nick Belmonte  
(908)-447-1869  
nicksnabs@verizon.net

OR

Charlie Cunningham  
(908)419-2310  
CC49rfn@aol.com

## KOFC INTEREST PROGRAM (Annuity)

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1) Where else can you open an account with as little as \$300.00 and get 3.00% interest? (.25% bonus over 10,000)

2) Where else can you get a program rated AAA by Standard & Poors and A++ by AM BEST, and IMSA ? Less than 3 companies out of 1,900 in the world have earned these lofty ratings. The Knights of Columbus is one of those companies.

3) Our certificates are great alternatives to Certificates of Deposits (CD's). The can also be used as IRA's, SEP's, 401k's, Pensions and retirement programs. If you have an IRA in force, we can roll transfer the money for you with NO tax consequence. (even if you are over 70 1/2)

4) Banks are currently paying .5% to 1.5% on CD's, IRAs and Money Markets.

WHY NOT LOOK INTO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOR YOUR INVESTMENT NEEDS??

I know you're curious after reading all this! Please contact me!

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Knights of Columbus  
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# 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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**Knight Digest Editor**  
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**Union, NJ 07083**

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* .....Rob Salvatore
- Deputy Grand Knight* ..... Joe Burlew
- Chancellor*..... Gino Gonzalez
- Warden*..... Kyle Wiklanski
- Recorder*.....Steve Nagy
- Treasurer*..... Frank Santangelo
- Fin. Secretary*..... Thomas Hornig, PGK
- Inside Guard*..... Alex Costa
- Outside Guard*.....Mike Campanella
- Membership Director* .....Nick Belmonte
- Program Director*.....Harry Lupo, PGK
- Advocate*..... Stephen F. Hehl
- 3rd. Yr. Trustee* .....Mike Peter, PGK
- 2nd Yr. Trustee* ..... Tom Conte
- 1st Yr. Trustee* .....Buddy Cotter, PGK
- 4th Degree Faithful Navigator* .....Allen Pascullo
- Columbian Club President* ..... Bob Calderone
- Swim Club President* ..... Allen Pascullo
- Columbiette President* .....Christine Burlew

## Monthly Meetings

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

# MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT



Brothers,

“The only way to have a friend, is to be one” -Ralph Waldo Emerson

As I write my article this month, it is one that no Grand Knight, nor anyone for that matter, would want to write. We have lost a couple of brothers in the past few weeks. They were certainly well-known around the Council, but, just learning a few minutes ago, as I write this, about the passing of Past Grand Knight Harry Lupo makes this even harder.

Mike Hrifko was an important part of our Council. Everybody knew “Make a wish Mike” for his tireless efforts for a worthy cause. Ray Minoni was also a well liked and hard worker at our Council. They will be missed.

Harry was Harry. We all knew and loved Harry for whatever he brought into each one of our lives, and to the Council in general.

The above quote means more now than ever. We all need to put petty squabbles and bickering aside. I’m not saying that is happening, just trying to make a point, that we all may not love each other, but let’s all enjoy our friendships, be they old, new, or make some better. For we have recently seen, first hand, that our time can come at a blink of an eye. Lets enjoy what we have. Our quality of life is not measured in what we can spend or what we have, it is measured by the quality time we share with family and friends.

We are starting a “Service Manual” for lack of a better term. We are asking all brothers to please list their name and occupation/trade with Tom Dudek to put in our directory. I’m sure we would rather hire a brother Knight than someone else if we can help it for any of our needs.

For those that have been asking, the Columbiette By-laws will be read at the last meeting in April. (April 26th). If you would like to hear them, please attend that meeting so this issue can be put to rest.

Special Citizens Drive is April 16-18th. We will be “shaking the can“ around town. I am chairing it again this year and I am starting to look for volunteers. Two hour shifts at local supermarkets and hopefully in the center.. Please see me if you can donate the time. We are going to need it.

Work Parties have started. It takes a lot to get the back ready for a fun filled summer!! If you have the time, come on down on Saturday mornings for 2-3 hours.

Remember, our meetings are the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. For whatever reason, attendance seems to be dwindling. Is there something new that needs to be done? Come down to a meeting, we need some fresh blood, and share your ideas.

We are bringing back an old idea. In looking at the old Digests that Tom Dudek and Steve Nagy are posting on the website, I saw that there used to be a lecture series. Well, I am pleased to announce that the last meeting in May, May 24th we are returning to the “Lecture Series”. This first one will be about, tentatively, investments, both long and short term, retirement accounts, 401k, and the like. Please go to the website for further updates as this draws closer.

By the time you get this, The Breakfast with the Easter Bunny would have come and gone, as well as Easter Sunday. We will have a report on the Breakfast next month, and I hope everyone had a blessed Easter.

For our brothers that are gone but not forgotten, that we have lost either recently, or the not too distant past:

“May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed thru the mercy of God, Rest in Peace--- Amen”

For information on more of the Councils activities or news, please visit our website [www.kofc4504.org](http://www.kofc4504.org).



Thank you

Robert Salvatore,  
Grand Knight

## *Columbian Club News*

Brothers,

Just a few updates from the Columbian Club. First I would like to remind everyone that our work parties will start March 20th at 8:00 AM. Any help is greatly appreciated. Our "Comedy Night" will be held April 17th, 7:30 to 11:30. The cost is \$25.00 per person with open bar all night, DJ Eddie G Wiz will provide the music and everyone is invited to bring their own food or snack trays. There will be two comedians performing very funny routines. I have also booked our annual fluke fishing trip for Thursday, July 15, 2010. The trip is open to Knights of Columbus members and their families. The fare will be \$50.00 per person and will be on a first come first serve basis with a maximum of 45 people. Please sign up early so you do not get left out. I'm counting the days till warm weather and hope all have a safe, enjoyable and blessed summer.

God Bless You,  
Bob Calderone  
Columbian Club President

### *Advertise Your Services*

Brothers, we are compiling a directory of member's trade occupations which will be available to all members of the council. When members are in need of an electrician, plumber, painter, carpenter, auto mechanic, etc., it would be ideal to use the services of one of our members. After all, it's nice to hire someone you can trust and count on for great service.

If you would like to be listed in this directory, please send your name, service provided and contact information to Tom Dudek c/o the Council or email the information to [tomdudek@att.net](mailto:tomdudek@att.net).

### *Membership Drive*

Spring is now among us and once again the Knight of Columbus along with the Ladies auxiliary, the Columbiettes, will be conducting their Spring Membership Drive.

On April 18th we will be at St Michaels and Holy Spirit, our two local parishes and would like your support.

That weekend our fellow Brothers will be out collecting donations on behalf of the Special Citizens Drive and we all know how important this cause is so much HELP will be needed.

If you would like to assist or know of a friend or relative interested in joining please have them contact Nick Belmonte, [NicksNabs@verizon.net](mailto:NicksNabs@verizon.net) or for the Columbiettes, Gina Zangari at [GinaZangari@comast.net](mailto:GinaZangari@comast.net)

We Thank You for your time and Invite your participation!!!!

### *Special Citizens Drive*

The time is coming near for this years Special Citizens Drive. It will be held a week earlier this year on the weekend of April 16-18th. I will be chairing it again this year, but I am looking for people to help out with logistics and we are starting to see who can volunteer to "Shake the Can" for 1 or both days at the local supermarkets. Two hour shifts each day. If you can help out in any way, please let me know.

Thank You  
Rob Salvatore, SCD Chair  
732-522-0240



## *Knight of the Month Pedro Sousa*



Pedro has been a member of Union Council 4504 for many years. He lives here in Union with his wife Gloria of 17 years and they are the proud parents of Christopher and Melissa. Pedro and his family are parishioners of St. Michael's Church.

Pedro is very active in our community; he is President of the Union Soccer League, a member of the Union Township Recreation Advisory Committee and coaches the Union Eagles Boys Soccer Team. When he is not coaching soccer, Pedro likes to get out to the golf course.

Pedro has supported affairs for Union Council, such as St. Patrick's Day, Sr. Ann's Camp Fatima, Anointing Mass and more, all from behind the scenes.

Pedro epitomizes the "Silent Knights" that help make Union Council what it is.

We are pleased to honor Pedro Sousa as the Knight of the Month for April.

### *Memorial Day Weekend Fun*

Plan on spending this Memorial Day Weekend with your family at the Council. We are planning a weekend of activities for all members of the family starting Friday night May 28th through Monday night May 31. Besides the pool opening and poolside mass on Saturday, followed by the raising of the World War II veterans flag, we are planning to have something happening almost every hour all weekend long. And plan to come out and march with us in the Union Township Memorial Day Parade. We are planning on having classic cars and vintage Military vehicles to drive our World War II veterans, and the NJ Knights of Columbus Motorcycle Ministry will ride in the Parade with us. Start the Endless Summer of 2010 by spending the Memorial Day weekend at the Council, and make the Council your "Staycation" destination this summer. More details will be posted on the web site and in the May Knights Digest.

### *World War II Veterans Update*

The next activities will be on Memorial Day Weekend. We are planning on holding the Flag Raising on Saturday May 29th after the 11:00 am Poolside Mass. And we would like the veterans to join us when we march in the Union Township Memorial Day Parade on Monday Memorial Day. We are working on arranging cars for Veterans to ride in. I am also please to announce that we are planning a special Mass at St. Michael's Church on Saturday August 14th at 11:00 AM to commemorate the 65th anniversary of V-J Day. We will be sending out letters with more details to the Veterans soon. And as an extra attraction, on Saturday May 22 the Meadowlands Military Insignia & Military Collectibles show will be held at the Union Boys & Girls Club on Jeanette Ave, next to our Council. This show features all types of military memorabilia from World War II and other periods for sale by dealers and if you would like to attend just show your Knights of Columbus traveling card at the door to get \$1.00 off admission. It may be an enjoyable afternoon to walk around and see what the dealers have that you wore on your uniform or carried in your pack. The \$1.00 off admission applies to all Brother Knights that would like to attend the show. As in the past, if you have any questions feel free to contact Steve Nagy at [toys4504@aol.com](mailto:toys4504@aol.com) or send a letter to him c/o the Council.

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