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May 7th-8th.....Food Drive
 May 12 to May 15 Convention
 May 19th Knights Family Dinner
 May 28th Pool-side Mass
 June 3rd Summer Concert - The Wrecks
 July 14th-17th..... Yankee Road Trip to Toronto

ATTENTION

May is "SHOW YOUR CARD" Month. All members must present a valid membership card upon entering the premises.

Members without a valid card must sign the guest book.

Thank you for your support

Special Citizens Drive

Brothers,

I would like to thank all those that helped for the Special Citizens Drive, just to name a few; John Murphy, Andy Schopfer, Steve Nagy, Co-Chair Steve Stochlinski, and to all those that helped stuff envelopes, mail, or ran around town on the streets or supermarkets. It is a lot of work and wouldn't go as smooth without your help.

Thank you to all
Rob Salvatore, PGK

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Memorial Day Weekend Mass

Every year we celebrate a Mass poolside at our Council to thank the Lord for all that He has given us, and to ask that we have a safe summer at our Council. Last year the Mass was well attended as we Honored our members that served in our Armed Forces during World War II. Besides the large attendance at the Mass, we were fortunate that Mark Di Ionno wrote about it for his Sunday article in the Star Ledger. Mark's article made it clear that the true meaning of Memorial Day is to Honor and Remember all those who have died in the Service of our Country, not just the beginning of summer.

With this thought in mind we are continuing to Honor those who served by Honoring our Knights of Columbus members who served in the Armed Forces during the Korean War. We would also like to remember any relative of our members who may have died in the service to our Country, which is the true meaning of Memorial Day.

If any of our members would like to have a relative that died in the service remembered at the Mass, please contact the Council with the name, rank, branch of service and when their relative was killed, and we will remember them at the Mass this Memorial Day weekend.

Officer Nominations

The Nominating Committee would like to present the slate of Officers for the incoming year of 2011-2012 which consists of:

Grand Knight Andy Schopfer PGK
 Deputy Grand Knight Kyle Wiklanski
 Chancellor Alex Costa
 Warden Steve Nagy
 Recorder Steve Stochlinski
 Lecturer Open
 Advocate Steve Hehl
 Guard Greg Henn
 Guard Terrence Duffy
 Financial Secretary Tom Hornig, PGK
 Treasure Frank Santangelo
 Trustee 1st Year Joseph Burlew PGK
 Trustee 2nd Year Robert Salvatore PGK
 Trustee 3rd Year Michael Peter PGK

This slate of officers was read at the April 25th Council meeting and elections will take place on May 9, 2011

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or via email to: 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.... Andy Schopfer, PGK
Chancellor Kyle Wiklanski
Warden..... Alex Costa
Recorder Steve Nagy
Treasurer Frank Santangelo
Fin. Secretary..... Thomas Hornig, PGK
Inside Guard Steve Stochlinski
Outside Guard..... Gregory Henn
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



Brothers Knights,

Wow! April is over and May is here; only two months left in this Columbian year.

I trust that everyone had a wonderful Easter Holiday; we had a very successful breakfast with the Easter Bunny here at the council. I would like to thank Tony Quinones and all who helped for making this a very special time for our children.

In April we held our annual Special Citizens drive, again this year your help has paid off, the council once again will be able to provide needed donations to our charities; a portion of which helps the NJ Council of the Knights of Columbus support the Special Olympics here in New Jersey. Our thanks go out to Rob Salvatore PGK & Steve Stochlinski for coordinating these efforts and all of you who assisted.

May is a busy month for our council; we have our annual Food Drive on May 7th and 8th. We are in need of volunteers, if you are willing to give a couple of hours to help please contact Steve Stochlinski at 908-477-7133.

Our NJ State Council Convention in Wildwood is May 12th-14th; it is not too late to join us this year. If you are still interested, please contact Andy Schopfer PGK at 908-265-7895.

This Memorial Day weekend will be filled with many events here at the Council so please plan to join us.

Our annual poolside Mass is on May 28th, this year we will be honoring our Korean War Veterans in a special ceremony.

In addition, on Memorial Day, please join us in honoring those who gave their lives in the defense of this country by marching with us in the Township of Union Memorial Day Parade.

Let us not forget May 19th Knights Family Dinner; Frank is looking forward to cooking for you. Please come out and join us.

Now we come to the most important day in May,

“Mother Day”

“God could not be everywhere and therefore He made mothers”.

Jewish
Proverb

Happy Mother’s Day!

Vivat Jesus!

Joe Burlew Sr., GK



Those were the Days and Knights

Memorial Day

Last year a new tradition was started here at our Council. While we have always held a Mass poolside on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, last year's Mass took on new meaning as summed up in this excerpt from the Star-Ledger.

Union Township stands out when it comes to honoring veterans – By Mark Di Iommo / Star-Ledger

"Maybe it started at the Battle of Springfield, when the boys from Connecticut Farms grabbed their flintlock muskets and ran the British out of their town.

Connecticut Farms was renamed Union about 50 year later, and in every war since, the men (and later the women) from the town have answered the call.

Michael LaMotta, a World War II veteran and local commander of the Disabled American Veterans, put it simply: "Union is a very patriotic town."

Not only the July 4th kind of patriotism of boisterous flag-waving, fireworks and John Philip Sousa. But the Memorial Day kind of patriotism of flags at half-staff, quiet remembrances and a single bugle blowing taps.

The Union Knights of Columbus Council held their annual Memorial Day Mass and flag ceremony today to honor the remaining World War II veterans. The council has 32, an extraordinary number, considering they range in age from 85 to 90. "

What started as a way to Honor our Brother Knights who served our Country during World War II, became a time for us to remember the true meaning of Memorial Day. Memorial Day is a Day of Remembrance not the start of summer.

Memorial Day is a United States federal holiday observed on the last Monday of May. Formerly known as Decoration Day, it commemorates U.S. Military personnel who died while in Military Service. It was first enacted to honor Union and Confederate soldiers following the Civil War. It was extended after World War I to honor all Americans who have died in all wars.

Decoration Day was first observed in 1868, but after World War II the name of the Holiday gradually changed to Memorial Day. In 1967 the name was officially changed to Memorial Day by Federal law. On June 28, 1968 the Congress passed the Uniform Holidays Bill in order to create a convenient three-day weekend every year and the date was changed from May 30 to the last Monday in May. The law took effect at the Federal level in 1971.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) advocate returning to the original May 30th date, although the significance of the date is tenuous. The VFW stated in a 2002 Memorial Day Address:

"Changing the date merely to create three-day weekends has undermined the very meaning of the day. No doubt, this has

contributed a lot to the general public's nonchalant observance of Memorial Day".

Last year's Mass helped us to remember the true meaning of Memorial Day, and this year's Mass will be offered in remembrance of all those who died in the Service to our Country, and we are also Honoring our members who served during the Korean War. Please take some time from your schedules to join us as we take the time to observe Memorial Day with our poolside Mass and ceremony to Honor our Korean War Veterans.

This article is dedicated to the Memory of all those who have died in the Service to our Country, especially;

Staff Sergeant Cinaco Genova U.S. Army Air Corps. Killed in Action October 2, 1944 on his return from his B-17's 19th mission over France.

Staff Sergeant Joseph Guthreau U.S. Army Air Corps. Killed in Action October 14, 1944 during a daylight mission over Yugoslavia

Airman First Class/Crash Rescue, Fire, Protection Specialist John S. Berg U.S. Air Force Killed in Action July 15, 1967 Da Nang Air Base South Vietnam.



Dear Brother Knight,

We need your help and support to achieve greater success in our charitable endeavors.

After a very long and cold winter, Spring is finally upon us along with our annual Special Needs Citizens Drive.

As you know, our order was founded on the principal of charity. The Special Needs Citizens Drive is one of those charities the Knights of Columbus is known for nationwide.

We are again trying to raise funds for groups such as, Camp Fatima, Burnett School, and various other organizations by holding a Charitable raffle so we can donate funds to this worthy cause. Each member should have received two tickets and the cost is \$10.00 per ticket. This Raffle is taking the place of the normal Charitable Raffle that occurs in June.

If you can sell additional tickets to friends, family, and co-workers, please call me, Rob Salvatore at 908-325-6437, or Steve Stochlinski Co-Chair at 908-477-7133.

Swim Club

Thank you to all who have already sent in their pool renewal dues for this year. If you haven't, please include a \$25.00 late fee. If you didn't receive the renewal form or know someone who wants to join the pool please email Jim Ford at jford1488@comcast.net

Pool badges will be issued after mass and the blessing of the pool Memorial Day weekend.

Knights Family Dinner

The next Knights Family Dinner will be held on May 19th from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM in the Council Hall.

Family of 4 - \$25.00

Adults - \$8.00

Children & Seniors - \$6.00

Cash Bar Available

50/50's

All money raised will be donated to charity!

Advance Tickets Available

Contact Frank Santangelo - franksanta1@yahoo.com

Come Out and "Party like a Wreckstar" as the Knights of Columbus present "The Wrecks" in concert!

Date: Fri, June 3rd

Place: Council Grove

Time: 8pm-

Price: \$10 cover includes 1 Drink Ticket



The back will be open only to those who buy a ticket for the show.. The inside bar will be open for everyone else .



For more Information, Please contact :
Rob Salvatore, PGK at (908) 499-0743,
Or please visit www.Thewrecks.com

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Knights of the Month May 2011



Kermit Thompson



Although Kermit Thompson may not be seen on a regular basis at our Council home, he has played a significant role in enhancing the reputation of the Knights at Saint Michaels's Church.

For his efforts on our behalf, we are pleased to recognize Kermit as the Knight of the Month for May, 2011.

Kermit was raised in the Bronx, New York, where he went to St. Lucy's parish and attended Cardinal Spellman H.S. and Iona College. His family and friends describe him as a gentlemen, very loyal, dependable and always willing to lend a hand or ear to listen.

He married his wife Cheryl 19 years ago, and moved to Union in 1996. Kermit is the proud and loving godfather of six. As noted, he is very active in St Michaels church where he is part of the baptism team, a Eucharistic minister, and a member of the pre-cana team. Kermit is an active member of the union Knights of Columbus where he helps on food drives and serves on the membership committee. Most recently helped run the membership drive outside St. Michaels church this past January, represented the Knights at the parish Ministry Fair in March, and was one of 3 Knights to serve as team which carried the cross and candles during a Stations of the Cross recitation during this past Lent.

Kermit is a long time Yankees fan and an old time Knicks fan. In addition, he enjoys all types of music and old black and white movies.

We are pleased to honor Kermit as May's Knight of the Month.

Knights of Columbus tops \$80 billion of life insurance in force

(NEW HAVEN, Conn.) — The Knights of Columbus insurance program passed a major milestone today when total insurance in force exceeded \$80 billion. The amount of life insurance in force has doubled in just over a decade, from \$40 billion in 2000.

The organization was established in 1882 as a fraternal benefit society, with one of its primary aims to enable members to protect their families with life insurance. Today, the K of C has more than 1.8 million members in the United States, Canada, Mexico and Central America, the Caribbean, Philippines and Poland.

The Knights of Columbus has more than \$17 billion in assets and ranks in the Fortune 1000 list of America's largest companies. It is one of only five insurers in North America to receive the highest possible rating for financial stability from both Standard & Poor's (AAA) and A.M. Best (A++).

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, who assumed the role of CEO in 2000, cites the record sales growth as resulting from the organization's philosophy of sustainable investment and ethical business practices.

"Despite the difficult economic conditions in the United States, the Knights of Columbus has maintained its strength, and has improved its standing relative to the insurance industry as a whole," Anderson said. "There is no higher rated insurer than the Knights of Columbus, and we have every confidence in our continued success because we have a fundamentally solid business model, which continues to serve us well."

One of the most active charitable groups in the United States, Knights of Columbus members last year set records despite the weak economy by providing nearly 69 million hours of charitable service and more than \$151 million in donations to charitable causes. Cumulative figures show that, during the past decade, the Knights of Columbus has donated more than \$1.36 billion to charity, and provided nearly 640 million hours of volunteer service in support of charitable initiatives.

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