



# Knights Digest



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## Upcoming Events

- December 8th ..... Columbiettes Meeting
- December 12<sup>th</sup> ..... The Couples Game Show
- December 14<sup>th</sup> ..... Christmas Dinner Meeting/Raffle
- December 20<sup>th</sup> ..... Breakfast with Santa

## Union Council Supports Our Troops

The Union Knights of Columbus would like to show our support to U.S. Service Men and Women serving overseas by collecting Personal Care and Comfort items that will be sent to them.

These items are basic items that we take for granted, but for someone deployed to Afghanistan or Iraq where they are not readily available, receipt of a care package with these items is a much welcomed reminder that the folks back at home remember them and are thankful for the job that they are doing.

Our goal is to keep this program close to home by sending the items to any relatives of Members of the Union Council, so any members having relatives serving in the military should contact Steve Nagy at the Council or toys4504@aol.com with information on them so we can include them in the distribution of items.

A collection box will be set up in the bar at the Council with a list of suggested items to send to our troops.

A copy of this list is also posted on the Council Web site [www.kofc4504.org](http://www.kofc4504.org)

Monetary donations will also be accepted to purchase items and to help cover the shipping costs

Thank you in advance, and let's show our support to these great men and women for their service to our Nation.

Thursdays in  
2010


### Pasta Knights

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

**Council Hall**

Adults .....\$10.00  
Children.....\$6.00  
Senior Citizens .....\$6.00

Cash Bar Available  
50/50



*Pasta Dinner*

**Dates:** Jan 21, Feb. 18, Mar. 18, Apr. 15,  
Sep. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 11, Dec. 16.

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus and the Columbiettes.



The next raffle drawing will be on December 14, 2009 at 9 PM during the council meeting. If you need additional tickets, please see John Murphy.



## Past Grand Knight Dinner Honoring Mike Peter

Mike Peter was honored on Friday, November 13th with a dinner at the council hall for his dedicated service to the Knights of Columbus, as Grand Knight 2008-2009. Great job, Mike!

## Breakfast with Santa

This year's annual Breakfast with Santa will take place on Sunday, **December 20th** at the council hall beginning at 9:45am. Menu includes Our Famous Omelet station, Buffet of Eggs, Hash browns, Bacon, pancakes, bagels, coffee and juices!!!!

Price: \$25.00 for a family of 4 (2 adults, 2 children)  
\$8.00 each additional adult  
\$6.00 each additional child

Reservations Required. ...Please call:  
Mary Celletti (908) 687-1299  
Chrissy Burlew (908)403-1590

**\*\*PARENTS...Bring a Gift so Santa can give to your child. 5.00 max\*\***

**SAVE THE DATE: 1/31/10 - BLOOD DRIVE**

Columbian Club #4504 Presents:

**THE COUPLES GAME SHOW**  
(Based on The Newlywed Game)

**SEE HOW WELL THESE COUPLES KNOW EACH OTHER!**

Saturday, December 12, 2009  
Knights of Columbus Banquet Hall  
7:30 PM - 11:30 PM

Featuring  
Music & Dancing by Eddie G-Whiz  
Open Bar - Bring your own platters  
\$20/person

For table reservations &  
information by December 6th!:

Mike Scanlon 908-578-8768	Bob Calderone 908-337-2504	Mike Panella 201-978-8551
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# Knigh Digest

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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* .....Rob Salvatore  
*Deputy Grand Knight* ..... Joe Burlew  
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*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* .....Steve Ruhl  
*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

## KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS



Gentlemen and Friends:

With Veterans day just behind us, I hope everyone took the time to pay respects to all those who gave the supreme sacrifice, and to those who selflessly fought for the principles that make this country great, We Thank You!!

With the Christmas season upon us, there is a lot going on at the council. Its been said before, and it will be said again, if you are looking to help out at our Council, but don't know how to do it, now is the time. Just speak to an Officer or just volunteer. This month, and the New Year are looking to be eventful.

It will start with us setting up the Nativity. We will also do what was started last year with our lighting up of the Nativity Scene at town hall, followed by lighting ours here at the Council home. This will start as of December 1st.

We will also be having our Christmas Dinner meeting on December 14<sup>th</sup>, and Breakfast with Santa on December 20<sup>th</sup>.

The New Year will be bringing a host of events, from New Years Bowl Brunch, to Wrestling, to Concerts, our annual Super Bowl party, Tricky Tray, etc.. So you see, if you would like to get involved, this goes for all members old and new, now is the time.

Remember, be proud of our religion. It is to be called Christmas, not Happy Holidays, or XMAS, or some other generic term. As Catholics, we should always BE PROUD and refer to it as CHRISTMAS.

Lastly,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a wish that we all, for myself, all brothers, relatives and friends that we achieve Happiness, Health (both physical and mental), and Wealth (either with family, or financial) in the New Year.

Please check our web site [www.kofc4504.org](http://www.kofc4504.org) for updates and events.



Thank you and God Bless,

Robert Salvatore  
Grand Knight

## The Deron School

Once again we are providing the children at the Deron School with Christmas gifts from the Council. Any donations from members would be greatly appreciated. In the past 3 years we spent close to \$400 a year to make these children happy and we plan to continue this tradition thanks to everyone's charitable contributions. Please contact Buddy Cotter, PGK in care of the Council. Thank You and Merry Christmas.

Any Member who has a son, relative or knows of anyone available during the holiday break and is interested in joining we are considering conducting a 1st degree on their behalf, if so please contact Nick Belmonte at 908-447-1869.

## ***Columbian Swim Club***

There are three seats on the swim club board up for election at the annual meeting in January 2010. Anyone interested in a position on the board should contact Brother Knights John Perina (354-6659) or Steve Ruhl (380-2981) of the nominating committee.

You must be a member of the swim club in good standing to run for the board.

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## ***Columbiettes***

Dear Sisters,

Our help is need in "Giving the Gift of Warmth This Christmas", more people than ever are in need of warm hats, gloves and socks. We can help keep someone warm this Christmas Season by donating winter hats, gloves and socks.

The Columbiettes of Union Council 4504 and Sister Virginia Wilkinson of St. Michael's Religious Education (CCD) will be collecting from now until Christmas. Sister Virginia came to St. Michael's from New York; the donations collected will be distributed between the Catholic Charities in New York and St Joseph's in Elizabeth.

We are asking for warm, new or gently used hats and gloves in all sizes; however, we are asking for the socks to be new. Socks can be men's or children sizes but we are looking for them to be warm instead of fashionable.

A box will be set up in the Council Hall for anyone wishing to donate or you can bring them to our next meeting on December 8th. If you have, any questions please feel free to email me at Chrissi714@aol.com

May Peace be your gift at Christmas & your blessing all year through!

God Bless,  
Christine Burlew

*"Christmas is not as much about opening our presents as opening our hearts."* ~ Janice Maeditere

## ***Save These Dates***

**Jan 23rd:** Voice of Reason will be playing in the Council Hall to raise money for the Knights of Columbus charitable fund and for 2 Very Special Charities. Please see Harry Lupo for details.

**Feb 5th:** National Wrestling Superstars invades our Council for a night of Pro Wrestling with an appearance by Hacksaw' Jim Duggan. Please see Mike Scanlon or Rob Salvatore for details. Tickets are on Sale now. Adults \$18, Children under 12 \$16.

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(908) 437-0310 - richkofc@aol.com

## ***Knight of the Month Rich Liput***



Rich is a life member of the Knights of Columbus. He lives in Hillside with his wife Lynn of 45 years. They are the proud parents of three children (Rich Jr. is also a member of the Knight of Columbus) and seven grand children. Rich and his family are parishioners of Christ the King Church.

Rich was born in the Ironbound section of Newark; he served in the United States Army, (Army Signal Core) and while stationed in Germany served as a member of force security until his honorable discharge.

Rich has chaired numerous successful events, most recently he chaired the Memorial Brunch for the council's deceased members. He also assists the Columbian Club with financial responsibilities and serves as a volunteer bartender in the council lounge.

Rich is always happy to pitch-in and help out around the council where you'll find him cooking, or just lending a hand.

We are pleased to honor Rich Liput as the Knight of the Month for December.

## ***Honoring World War II Veterans***

On December 2nd 2009 a US Flag will be flown over the USS Arizona Memorial in Pearl Harbor Hawaii "In Honor and Memory of all the Members of Knights of Columbus, Union Council #4504 that served their Country during World War II."

This flag will then be sent to our Council to be flown at the Pool for the summer. We will have a short ceremony after the Mass for the Pool Opening to raise the flag at the pool.

To date we have received and researched information on 101 Brother Knights from Council #4504 that served in the Military during World War II.

Of the 101 Brothers, 19 are still alive and we hope to have a small get together of them sometime in January – February after we receive the flag. Details to follow on this get together.

We are still asking that all living Veterans, or their Family members or friends contact us with their name, Branch of Military Service, rank, and any other details of their Military service. This information will be put on a Council #4504 Honor Roll of World War II Veterans.

**Please mail all information to:**

Knights of Columbus  
Attn: Steve Nagy  
1034 Jeanette Ave.  
Union, NJ 07083

Or email to Toys4504@aol.com  
Please include an address and phone number so we can contact you with more details of this event. All information will be kept Confidential.

# December 2009

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Columbiettes Meeting	9	10	11	12 Couples Game Show
13	14 Christmas	15	16	17	18	19
20 Breakfast with Santa	21	22	23	24	25 	26
27	28	29	30	31	Merry Christmas &	

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