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Summer 2010

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## *Thank You for Your Support*

On June 30th of this year I stepped down as Membership Director. For the past six years it has been a privilege and an honor to serve Union Council #4504.

I would like to thank Rich Fuentes for initially affording me the confidence to do this job as well as all the officers and Grand Knights through the years who have supported me, including my team of Tom Leddy and Kyle Wiklanski not to mention Mike Peter who stepped up last year when I was ill.

Finally, I wanted to take a moment and thank my wife Maria for putting up with me during this time and to my children, Adriana and Nicholas for their continued patience.

It has been a long run and I trust that my fellow brothers will offer the next person the support they have given me during this time.

May God Bless you all..... Nick Belmonte

## *V-J Day Mass at St. Michael's Church*

On Saturday August 14, 2010 we will celebrate a Mass to commemorate the 65th Anniversary of V-J Day, the end of World War II. Besides our World War II Veterans and their families we are inviting other Knights of Columbus Councils, and local VFW, American Legion, and DAV Posts to remember the day when the Second World War ended. The Mass will be at 11:00 AM at St. Michael's Church in Union.

Please plan on attending this Mass to show a strong support from our Council and to show these Veterans your appreciation for all that they did for our Country and Council. Help is needed for Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, and transportation for some of our Veterans for this Mass, so if you would like to help please contact Steve Nagy at toys4504@aol.com.

These Veterans are a great group of men and without what they have done, we would not have what we have today, in our Country and our Council, so please come out and show them your support.

## *Congratulations to the New Officers*

Knights of Columbus  
Columbian Club and  
Columbiettes

## *Become a part of the Award Winning Knights Digest*

Our Knights Digest won the State Award last year for Best Council Bulletin, but we would like to make it bigger and better for this next Columbian Year. To do that we are asking anyone who has an interest in helping out to contact the Knights Digest Editor Tom Dudek at tomdudek@att.net or send a note to his attention at the Council Hall.

If you take a look at some of the archived Knights Digests from the past on our web site you will see a Digest that had more to it than just announcements of upcoming events. It does not matter what you would like to help in, writing articles about events, writing about our Council History, drawing cartoons that are relevant to our Council and the Knights of Columbus, getting information about upcoming events to be sure they are advertised in advance, write an "In Our Churches" column to highlight activities at our local Parishes, maybe adding fun to do pieces like crossword puzzles or word jumbles, or just writing general how to tips to help make life better and easier for all of us.

We can also use help in printing and mailing the Digest out each month. So join us this August as we start working on the 52nd Volume of the Knights Digest.

## 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*..... Nick Belmonte  
*Program Director* .....  
*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



As the new Columbian year begins, we are excited about the events that we have planned for you and your families, this year we have come together in the spirit of "Unity" (a condition of being one).

As one the Council, Columbian Club, Columbian Swim Club and the Columbiettes will be working together; to strengthen the organization and move forward to better service the community here in Union. "United" we can accomplish anything!

So please join me and the other officers to support this goal as we move forward during this upcoming year.

To start this year we will be holding the first of our "Kids Splash Parties" on July 17<sup>th</sup>, the Pig Roast will follow on July 24<sup>th</sup> hosted by the Colombian Club. The Columbiettes are hosting a "Kids Safety Night" on July 31<sup>st</sup>. Then we have already made it to August, and again we have a month packed with great events for the families.

On August 7<sup>th</sup> the Colombian Club will be sponsoring the annual "Summer Slam", this will be followed by our second "Kids Splash Parties" on August 14<sup>th</sup>, and on August 21<sup>st</sup> there will be a "WrestleMania Steel Cage Match" held in the Picnic Grove.

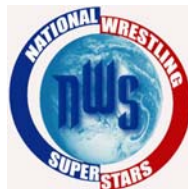
Also in August, we will celebrate Mass at St. Michaels Church on the 14<sup>th</sup> to commemorate the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of "V-J Day". On August 17<sup>th</sup>, we will be installing the new council officers at a mass at Holy Spirit Church. Please come and join us for both of these very special events.

Please remember to visit our council web site at [www.KofC4504.org](http://www.KofC4504.org) for information on council events and take a minute to register for the "Knights Digest" by e-mail at [www.kofc4504.org/digest.html](http://www.kofc4504.org/digest.html).

Please enjoy the summer and be safe. If time allows do not forget to stop by, enjoy some time with old friends, and make some new ones.

If you have and questions or suggestions for the upcoming Columbian year please drop me an e-mail at [joedis@aol.com](mailto:joedis@aol.com).

Thank you,  
Joe Burlew Sr., GK



## National Wrestling Superstars

On Saturday "Knight" August 21<sup>st</sup>, The Council is going to be enclosed in a cage, A "Steel Cage" ...The NWS invades the Knights of Columbus, following there successful debut here in Feb.

On that night we will have two steel cage matches in what promises to be a night of action "Under the stars".

Bell time will be 7:30, and our action will take place in the "Backyard". For more information or tickets. Please go to [nswrestling.com](http://nswrestling.com), [kofc4504.org](http://kofc4504.org), or call Mike Scanlon or Rob Salvatore.

## The Columbian Year that was 2009-2010

By Steve Nagy

It all started on Tuesday June 30<sup>th</sup> with the passing of the gavel from Mike to Rob, and the ride begins. First up was the



Fourth of July weekend with all the activities for young and old alike, but the highlight was the dunk tank, where you could dunk your "Favorite" Knight. Even some of the ladies took a seat over the tank.

As everyone continued to enjoy the summer, at the council and the pool we had our Annual Fluke Fishing trip. Then the Summer Slam, with boardwalk style food, and the live music of "The Camoes" which was a great success on the patio under the summer stars. We enjoyed Sunday Brunch on the patio. And the summer fun continued, but soon the Labor Day weekend hit us like a "Pie in the Face" and once again our "Favorite" Knights and ladies took their place looking out as whipped cream pies came their way. Then there were the annual Horseshoe and Bocce Ball tournaments.



September brought us our Annual Family Picnic which will be remembered for a long time for the good times had by all, and the last one to have someone's special touch in running it. Sunday Football started, with all the Giants fans, and a few brave fans of the Jets, Eagles, Cowboys, and even

a Steelers Fan getting together at the bar to watch the games, cheer for their team, and enjoy some good food. And we had work parties to close down the outside bar, pool and picnic grove for the winter.

October saw a lot of activities. "A Charitable Evening" in Honor of our favorite Sister Ann Dominick was a great night to honor a very deserving individual for all her good works for our community. We followed this with "Festa Italiana" with great Italian food and drink, entertainment by Eddie G Wiz, and even "Ol' Blue Eyes" came by to croon us



with his standards. On a more solemn note, we joined together to "Tie a Yellow Ribbon" around the tree out front for one of our Knight's family, Mike's daughter and Tom's Granddaughter Sarah as she started her



Army deployment to Afghanistan. We had the long awaited Installation of Officers, with emphasis on "long". We collected food for Sister Ann's Food bank. And we gathered together at



Holy Spirit Church for a Memorial Mass for our deceased Brothers, and enjoyed a great brunch at the Council afterwards. The Columbiettes closed out the month with a "Haunted Hallow's Eve Knight" with the "Groveyard" and "Panic Alarm Patio" for the kids.

In November, we came together for Mike's Past Grand Knight Dinner. Football Sundays continued as the season was getting close to the playoffs and everyone still enjoyed cheering for their favorite team, even if their chances weren't good. And we were getting close to the Holiday Season.

December was a month of a variety of events. We were honored to have both Father Armand from Holy Spirit and Father Chuck from St. Michael's, join us at Town hall for our annual lighting of the Nativity. We brought a dish and decorated the Council's Christmas trees. We held our "Couples" Show, 4504's version of the Newlywed game, Bus trip to see the tree in NYC, Santa joined us and the kids for Breakfast with Santa. And oh those magical bar elves got together again to make the wishes for the kids at the Deron School come true.



January had a lot of activity as Mike won the annual Chili Contest; we held a reception for our World War II Veterans, which made the front page of the Suburban News. The Voice of Reason charity concert, the monthly Pasta Thursdays sponsored by the Council and the Columbiettes started, and we held a Blood Drive along with a Bone



Marrow drive for a local Marine, Nilton.

We packed a lot into the short month of February. The National Wrestling Super Stars invaded the Council banquet hall. Football came to an end with our annual Super Bowl Extravaganza and “You’re outa here” last man standing raffle. Sister Ann held her annual Valentines Dinner / Dance for Camp Fatima. And we closed the month with the busiest day of the year with the Tour of Yankee Stadium in the morning, “The Pacific” screening with our World War II Veterans in the afternoon, and the Tricky Tray at night.

March was a sad month at the Council with the passing of three well liked Brothers “Make-A-Wish” Mike, Harry Who, and Ray Menoni. The St. Patrick’s Day celebration lasted more than a



day, due to the postponement of the Union Parade, giving us another day to celebrate a week later. The annual “Rites of Spring” began with the work parties to get the pool, patio, picnic grove, and outside bar ready for the upcoming summer season. We had a trip to Mohegan Sun, and Breakfast with Ester the Easter Bunny.

In April, the work parties continued with the grounds looking better each week. We “Shaked our Cans” for the annual Special Citizens Drive. Enjoyed ourselves at the Comedy Night, and had our annual “Appreciation Night Dinner Dance” to thank everyone for their hard work around the Council.

In May, we once again collected food for Sister Ann’s Food Bank. And we attended the Annual State Knights of Columbus Convention in Wildwood, where we received three state awards, for Food Drives, Our Knights Digest, and for the work of our

Bar Elves with the Deron School. As always, the Convention was great fun for everyone, and they were amazed at how the moon shined that weekend. We finished up May in a great way on the Memorial Day Weekend with our Poolside Mass and Flag Raising Ceremony, which was highlighted in a Star Ledger article, marching in the Union Parade with the longest line of Knights of Columbus that included, Fourth Degree, Council, Columbiettes, KofC Motorcycle Ministry, and classic cars with our World War II Veterans, and a weekend of endless activities at the Council.



And then came June when we all sat back, took a breath, and started to enjoy the hard work from all the Spring Work Parties, held our Annual Shields Awards Dinner, named our Columbian and Knights of the Year, and it was time for Rob to pass the gavel to Joe, to start the next Columbian year.

### *St. Michael’s Parish Blood Drive*

**Date:** Sunday, September 12, 2010

**Time:** 7:15AM to 3:00 PM

**Place:** St. Michael’s School  
 “The Farrell Gym”  
 1212 Kelly Street

You must bring your social security card and one form of identification. Breakfast will be served to all that come to donate.

**Be a HERO - It’s in your Blood to save a life !!!**

Thank you.

Sister Ann Dominic, O.P.  
 and Social Concerns Committee  
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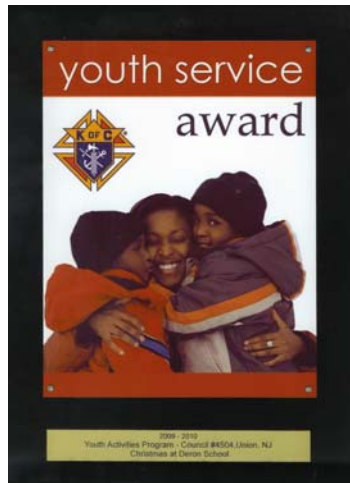
## Council Awards

Displayed are three of the awards that were presented to Council 4504 at the annual convention in Wild Wood.

Top Right - Community service award for the work performed at the Deron School.

Bottom Left - Council Newsletter

Bottom Right - Food Drive



## New Jersey Catholic Conference

The New Jersey Catholic Conference (NJCC) has invited us to sign up on their Cap Wiz system. Cap Wiz provides a very simple and effective means of contacting our legislators expeditiously. Also, by signing on to Cap Wiz, you are assured that you will receive the NJCC's legislative alerts.

During these difficult times, when our state and federal legislators are deciding on public issues of great moral significance, we need to let our feeling be known to them, and assure that authentic Catholic teaching is heard and considered.

You can join the Cap Wiz system by clicking here.

Another way to access the site is as follows: Google New Jersey Catholic Conference and click on Faith in Action, then click on Join our Action Network and sign up.

## Golf Outing to Benefit The Autism Speaks Foundation

Date: September 13, 2010

Time: 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Location: Galloping Hill Golf Course

Cost: \$ 125.00 per golfer

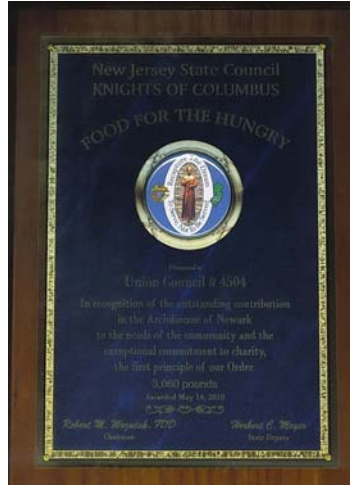
Includes: Round of Golf and Awards Dinner

Continental breakfast and refreshments on the course as well as lunch at the mid-way point.

We are in need of sponsors for this event. If you would like to sponsor a hole, the cost is \$100.00. Any monetary gift donation is appreciated.

If you would like to golf or help out in any way, let me know and I'll send the forms needed.

Thanks from,  
Glendale Pizza of Union & Novita of Metuchen,  
Tony Quinones



2009-2010 Knights of the Year

Nick Belmonte & Steve Nagy

Columbian of the Year: Mike Scanlon, Sr.

The Columbiettes of Union Council 4504

Wish to thank everyone for all the help & support this past year!

Congratulations to all the new Officer's of

**The Council, Columbian Club & Swim Club**

Sisters,

*You elected me for another year....And I Thank You for having Confidence, Faith and Trust to keep me on as your President. It has been an honor to serve as your President this past year and I pray for a better year to come.*

*Have a Happy & Safe Summer*

*Christine Burlew*

## Kids Safety Event

Saturday, July 31, 2010

3:00PM – 7:00PM

Knights of Columbus Patio & Grove

With Demo's & Information from:

Union Fire Department, Union Emergency Medical Unit  
Children's Specialized Hospital, New Jersey Poison Control  
Union County Bomb Squad, Union County K-9 Unit

Union County Police Fingerprinting Unit (Fingerprints On File)  
Union County Traffic Safety

F First Aid, CPR & AED, 911-Know When to Make the Call  
Also, learn about:

Bicycle & Helmet Safety, Car Seats,  
Pedestrian & Motorcycle Safety,  
Teenage Driving, Stranger Danger, Fire Prevention & Safety

Have your child fingerprinted for safekeeping!  
For more info contact Chris Burlew - chrissi714@aol.com

# August 2010

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Officer's Mtg.	3	4	5	6	7 Summer Slam
8	9 Council Mtg.	10	11	12	13	14 Splash Party VJ-Day Mass
15	16 Swim Club Mtg.	17 Mass at Holy Spirit for New	18	19	20	21 WrestleMania
22	23 No Council Mtg.	24	25 4th Degree Assembly	26 Columbian Club Mtg.	27	28
29	30	31				

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