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Happy St. Patrick's Day

Special Citizen's Drive

We are beginning to put together a committee for this year's Special Citizen's Drive which will be held on April 20, 2012. Letter will be sent letters out shortly to Businesses in town to get approval of where we can solicit. Over the years we had collected a fair amount of money for distribution to people with disabilities, so I'm asking all council members to get involved in this worthy cause in order to make this year a little better then past years.

Thank you,
 Mike Peter PGK Chairman



4th Degree

Exemplification is April 22, 2012 at the Parsippany Hilton.

Motorcycle Ministry

The Motorcycle Ministry has a NEW Web Site.

www.njkofcmm.com

Union Council will be hosting their March meeting on the 3rd Monday, March 19th. If you have any questions please contact Alex Costa.



Nominating Committee Election of 2012-2013 Officers

The Nominating Committee will be interviewing anyone interested in becoming a Council Officer of Knights of Columbus Council 4504. If you are interested in serving as a Council Officer, please contact me at 908-507-4875 or joedisp@aol.com.

We will begin interviews in March and the slate of new officers will be read at the Council meetings on April 9, and April 23, 2012. The elections will take place at the May 14, 2012 Council meeting.

Thank you,
 Joe Burlew, PGK



Father Nol named Chaplain



Late in February, Grand Knight Andy Schopfer received confirmation from the office of the Archbishop of Newark, the Most Reverend John J Myers, that Father Ranulfo Docabo of Saint Michael's has been appointed as the Chaplain for Union Council 4504.

Father Nol first expressed interest in serving as our Chaplain last fall, and had subsequently been our guest at meetings and events in November and December. Finally, in late January, we were able to confirm with Father Chuck, the pastor of St. Michael's, that he would support our request to the Archbishop.

As the Council has been without a chaplain for several years now, we are certainly pleased to welcome Father Nol to the Council, and look forward to working with him on a regular basis.

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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.

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Columbian Club President.....Mike Panella
Swim Club President.....Allen Pascullo
Columbiette President..... Gina Zangari

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 and Friends of the Knights

I am absolutely thrilled to be able to finally announce that our Council once again has a chaplain. Please join me in welcoming Father Ranulfo D.Docabo (Fr. Nol) to our Council. It has been many years since the Council had a Chaplain, and many of us who have been involved for many years had almost given up of finding a local priest with the time and willingness to serve in the role for us. Fortunately, when Father Nol was assigned to St.

Michael's last fall, we quickly found out that he was already a Knight, and are grateful that he has agreed to work with us. Please join with me in welcoming Fr. Nol to Union Council, and be prepared to work closely with him over the next several months. I know that he is also excited at the opportunity to work with us, and am confident that we will have a successful transition with him on board.

When I created my article for the February Digest, I had not realized that by the time February ended, we would already have begun the Lenten Season. However, now that it is upon us, I would be remiss if I again overlooked the most solemn period of the Catholic calendar.

For many of us, Lent is a time of reflection and sacrifice as we remember the teachings of Jesus, and of the ultimate sacrifice that he made for all of humanity through his Passion and Resurrection. Whether that means giving up chocolate, ice cream, coffee, or other items that generally bring simple pleasures to our lives, or attending Church services more frequently throughout this period, we are all encouraged to use this time to how our faith fits into our everyday lives. Remembering that first and foremost, the Knights is a Catholic fraternal organization, I would hope that we will all take time during this season to consider our faith, and how we can each find some ways to better demonstrate it in our daily lives.

In addition to Lent, March also brings about the imminent arrival of spring, and that of course means that we will again be conducting our weekly work parties to prepare the picnic grove and the pool for their Memorial Day weekend re-opening. As usual, there is plenty of work to be done in both areas, and all are encouraged to lend a hand every Saturday after St. Patrick's Day.

As we look forward to Easter, remember that we will once again have Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Palm Sunday, April 1. Updates will be available on the website and through blast emails. Come join us!

Vivat Jesus!

Andy Schopfer,
Grand Knight, Union Council 4504



Happy St. Patrick's Day



Swim Club

Reminder, pool dues are due by March 15th and a late fee of \$25.00 will be assessed after April 1. Please use the envelope provided and mail them and please do not leave them at the council.

Please try and help out at one of our many work parties, which begin on Saturday, March 24th at 8am and continue each Saturday to mid-April, so that we may open the pool on time. As usual, pool badges can be picked up at the gate house at the conclusion of the pool side mass. As always, you will need to present a 2012 paid up Knights of Columbus Dues Card to receive your pool badges.

Thank you,
Jim Ford



Save
the
Date

State Convention

Wildwood, NJ

May 18th through the 20th

Prices for the rooms are:

A TWO Night stay is \$335.00

A THREE night stay is \$445.00

Runnells Hospital

The next chance to volunteer at Runnells Hospital is Sunday, **March 4th** from 9 AM to 11 AM. Your assistance is needed to bring patients to the chapel to attend Sunday Mass. Contact Nick Belmonte at 908-447-1869.

Knights' Family Dinners

The next dinner is scheduled for

Thursday, March 15, 2012

6:30 - 8:30 PM

Family of 4 \$25.00

Adults \$8.00

Children and Seniors \$6.00

Cash Bar Available

50/50s

Anyone wishing to be on the mailing list for the monthly dinners, please send your email address and name to Judy Amorosa at Judi421@aol.com We hope to be able to send out an e-vite with each month's menu. Please sign up if you are interested. Thanks!!!



Knights of the Month

March 2012

John Murphy



When Irish Eyes are smiling... they usually belong to our very own John Murphy. "Murph" as he is affectionately known by one and all is a fixture at our council. Rumor is if he can log in a few more hours he can pass for a stool. John is always there to help the council and its members without hesitation. John Murphy embodies all the good of a Brother Knight and this is why we are proud to honor him as the

Knights of the Month for February 2012.

John has been a member of Union Council since 1984. He was married to his late wife Marie for over 25 years and has 5 grandchildren. John was a Newark Police Officer for over 27 years and was honored by Project Children last year. Murph also enjoys cards, sporting events, Atlantic City and his chalice. He is also a favorite of Sister Ann.

John is currently serving as the Columbian Club's Banquet Manager which keeps him busy renting the hall and setting up for parties & events. John runs the councils charitable 50/50 raffle and can be seen behind the bar serving his Brother Knights from time to time. Hardly a day goes by that John doesn't contribute to the Council in one form or another.

Please join us in recognizing John Murphy as the Knight of the Month for March 2012.

Stations of the Cross



Now that Lent has begun, each of our two local parishes invites its parishioners to participate in the Stations of Cross each Friday evening beginning at 7:00 PM. As we did last year, members of our Council have volunteered to participate at this event at St. Michaels during

which we will conduct the readings and also carry the Cross from Station to Station.

We are currently scheduled for Friday, March 30th. If you are interested in participating in this event, please contact Steve Nagy to advise him of your interest. We do plan to send a blast email when the date is confirmed.



Please join us at 10:00am for

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

At The Knights of Columbus Union Council # 4504

Frank Dickerson Hall

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday April 1st 2012

Menu includes:

Our ever popular omelet station

Eggs, Sausage, Bacon, Pancakes, potatoes, bagels, Coffee and Juice.

An Easter egg hunt will conclude the festivities in the back grove.

Price: \$27.00 for a family of 4 (2adults 2 children)

\$8.00 each additional adult

\$6.00 each additional child (6 and older)

Reservations: Tony Quinones 908-265-3757

****Parents: Please bring a basket for the egg hunt.**



Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade

Saturday, March 10, 2012

Columbian Club # 4504



PARADE HEADQUARTERS

\$5.00 Admission

Doors Open at 10:00 AM



Irish Music beginning at 3:00 PM

Bagpipers & Irish Step Dancers

Pretzels - Hot Dogs - Corned Beef Sandwiches

ALL ARE WELCOME



Columbian Club # 4504

St. Patrick's Day Party

Saturday, March 17, 2012



Union Knights of Columbus

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM



Irish Music - Irish Step Dancers - Bagpipers

Hot Dogs - Corned Beef Sandwiches - Potato Salad - Pickles

Draft Beer - Wine - Soda



\$15 per Person - \$40 per Family of 4 (2 Adults & 2 Children)

Table Reservations and Information Contact:

Mike Scanlon: 908-578-8768 or BLGiants@aol.com

Mike Panella: 201-978-8551 or Panella610@verizon.net



Happy  St. Patrick's Day



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If you don't go after what you want, you'll never have it. If you don't ask, the answer is always no. If you don't step forward, you're always in the same place. – Nora Roberts				1	2	3
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