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## Upcoming Events

- March 2nd..... Diocesan Men’s Conference
- March 9th ..... Lenten Day of Recollection
- March 9th-10th .....Special Citizens Drive
- March 10th ..... 50/50 Sales at St. Michael’s
- March 11th .....2nd Degree (Elizabeth Council)
- March 15th .....Swim Club Dues are Due  
Meatless Friday - Council Lounge  
3rd Degree (Westfield Council)
- March 16th .....50/50 Sales at St. Michael’s  
St. Patrick’s Day Parade and Events at the Council
- March 17th .....50/50 Sales at St. Michael’s  
St. Patrick’s Day
- March 21st..... Knights Family Dinner
- March 22nd..... Stations of the Cross - St. Michael’s  
Meatless Friday - Council Lounge
- March 23rd ..... 50/50 Sales at St. Michael’s  
Work Parties Start
- March 24th .....Breakfast with the Easter Bunny  
Runnell’s Hospital  
Palm Sunday  
50/50 Sales at St. Michael’s
- March 26th ..... March for Marriage (Washington, DC)
- March 29th ..... Good Friday  
KofC was established in 1882
- March 30th ..... Holy Saturday
- March 31st..... Easter Sunday (Council & Lounge closed)

## 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 in previous years, members of our Council have volunteered to participate at this event at St. Michael’s Church during which we will conduct the readings and also carry the Cross from Station to Station.

We are currently scheduled for Friday, March 22, 2013. If you are interested in participating in this event, please contact Steve Nagy at [toys4504@aol.com](mailto:toys4504@aol.com) or (908) 688-6783 to advise him of your interest. We do plan to send a blast email that week as a reminder to all.

## Nominating Committee

All Members that are 3rd Degree in good standing and are interested in becoming Council Officers can reach out to Mike Peter PGK at either 908 759-3588 or email [mikepeter46@yahoo.com](mailto:mikepeter46@yahoo.com). The Offices consist of Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Recorder, Treasurer, Warden, and Guards.

## Lenten Day of Recollection

A day long Lenten Day of Recollection will be held on Saturday March 9, 2012 at St. Michael’s Church from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. At 9:30 a.m., the program will begin with talks from visiting Priests. After the talk, there will be a moment of sharing and reflection. Then, after lunch, at around 1:30, participants will be given the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Confession. We end the day with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 2:30 p.m.

This program is being sponsored by Father Nol and the Union Knights of Columbus and will focus on the Knights life and Apostolate. Please contact Steve Nagy at (908) 688-6783 or [toys4504@aol.com](mailto:toys4504@aol.com) if you plan to attend so we can make arrangements for those who will attend.



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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

*Chaplin* ..... Rev. Ranulfo D. Docabo  
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*Program Director*.....Mike Peter, PGK  
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*1st Yr. Trustee*.....Mike Peter, PGK  
*4th Degree Faithful*  
*Navigator*..... Andy Schopfer, PGK  
*Columbian Club*  
*President*..... Rob Salvatore, PGK  
*Swim Club President* .....Joe Marateo  
*Columbiette President* ..... Eileen Lettier

## Monthly Meetings

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

## MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

### Brother Knights and Friends of Union Council 4504

Well this has been one heck of a month? Yes I am sure all of you want to know more details about the White Elephant in the room but discretion is the better part of valor.

I do need to start this months' article with a myriad of Thank you(s). First I have to Thank Tom Dudek (web master extraordinaire and digest editor) for putting up with my constant submissions past his required deadlines. I also need to Thank Deputy Grand Knight Steve Nagy for his tireless efforts and constant diligence; without him the digest would be the size of a postage stamp.

I have to Thank ALL the brother Knights who stood up and filled the vacant positions on the Columbian Club. These brother Knights did not see an "us" or "them" they just saw "Knights".

In one short month we have been able to fix the safety issue at the Banquet Hall Guest Entrance, we got our expired Board of Health certificate renewed, we also passed our Board of Health inspection with flying colors, we took care of our liquor license which wasn't filled in properly, we had the building inspected to make sure all was up to code, we had successful event after event. All enjoyed our Super Bowl Party, the Pro Wrestling was another success and the brothers are working hard on the St Patrick's Day parade as we speak. We had a wonderful turnout for our Valentine's Day Invite (so nice to see so many couples at the Lounge); we have had great success with our "Meatless Friday Happy Hour" every Friday during Lent. Our Hall has been on a roll with rentals, the Lounge revenue has been up and we got some of our costs down. Oh and we got the felled big tree in the grove taken care of, we had a successful Free Throw Contest for the kids, we are contributing to an Eagle Scout Project and we have a Day of Reconciliation (we are Catholics after all) with Father Nol. The Columbiettes had a Major Degree and added another 5 members to their growing numbers. I mean we have over 35 noteworthy items on this month's calendar – that is more than one a day! This is where I would complain about being tired but I can't. The Knights is not a one man show, the Knights are about UNITY and FRATERNITY amongst other things. None of the above would be possible without teamwork.

All of these wonderful things I have been able to mention feel like a rebirth at the council. And what better way to Segway into Easter then with a rebirth metaphor? Just like the council is not about the bar, Easter is not about Bunnies or Baby Chicks or Eggs. It is about Jesus' sacrifice for us, His atonement for our sins. So when you are out and about during this Holy time, think about the real meaning and the sacrifices made. I'll leave the rest of the sermon for the priests.

**Vivat Jesus!**  
**Alex Costa**  
**Grand Knight 2012-2013**



## *Knights' Family Dinner*

The next dinner is scheduled for

**Thursday, March 21, 2013  
6:30 - 8:30 PM**



Family of 4 - \$25.00  
Adults \$8.00  
Children and Seniors \$6.00



Cash Bar Available & 50/50s

## *2012-2013 Runnells Hospital Schedule*

Below is Council 4504's schedule for volunteering at Runnells Hospital. Take a moment to add these dates to your calendar and make a commitment to yourself to volunteer to help.

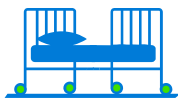
March 24, 2013

April 28, 2013

June 2, 2013

July 7, 2013

August 11, 2013



You help is greatly appreciated!

Contact Charlie Cunningham at 908-419-2310.

## *50/50 Sales at St. Michael's Church*

The Union Knights of Columbus have been asked to help St. Michael's Church with the ticket sales for their monthly 50/50 raffle. Each month St. Michael's Church holds a 50/50 raffle and they ask various groups to help them with the ticket sales before and after each Mass. We are asking for Brother Knights to volunteer a little of their time before and after the Masses during the month of March to sell the tickets in the Church vestibule. Please contact Deputy Grand Knight Steve Nagy at [toys4504@aol.com](mailto:toys4504@aol.com) or (908) 688-6783 if you can help out.

## *State Convention*

The annual Knights of Columbus State Convention will be held in Wildwood, NJ from May 16th through the 19th. We will again stay at the Adventurer Motel in Wildwood Crest, NJ.

Prices for the standard rooms are:

A TWO Night stay is \$350.00

A THREE night stay is \$460.00

Prices include the hospitality suite. Larger suites extra.

A \$200.00 deposit is required by March 4th.

Contact Deputy Grand Knight Steve Nagy at  
[toys4504@aol.com](mailto:toys4504@aol.com) (908) 688-6783  
to reserve your rooms.



Photos of Brother Knight Tom Mahoney receiving his Distinguished Service Medal.



## *Swim Club*

Swim Club renewals have all been mailed out and full payment is due on March 15th. If you did not receive your renewal in the mail please send an email to Jim Ford at JFord1488@comcast.net.

If you or know of someone who is interested in joining the pool applications at available at the Knights of Columbus or send an email to Jim Ford at the email listed above.

At our annual Swim Club meeting in January a by-law change was introduced and voted upon, family memberships do not include children over the age of 25.

## *Thank You*

Just want to say a big THANK YOU to those that came out to support the wrestling and to help, before, during and after the event. It was a good, successful night, and a good turnout of guys and we were able to clean the hall and set up for the next event...again. Thank You!

Rob Salvatore, PGK

## *Special Citizen's Drive*

We are quickly approaching our Special Citizens drive. As you know this is done every year, and every year we are almost begging for help...Lets not "Beg" this year. We all know this is a staple for the Knights and is a major charitable event. We need your help, so please step up. Here is our schedule of events for the drive:

Collecting in front of stores and on streets are 2 hour blocks..

March 9th and 10th- Stop n Shop—collecting in front of the store.. 9-3 Sat, 9-2 Sun

April 5th- Shop Rite- 10am-2pm

April 16th- Wendy's- Rte. 22- for every purchase between 5pm and 8 pm a portion will be donated back to the drive...If we can get a group of us to go,.

April 17th-Applebees Morris Ave- 11am-9pm- Dining to Donate- 10% of your bill will be donated back to our drive. If we can get a group..

April 19th-21st- Collecting on the streets in Union center, 7-11 ( Morris, Stuyvesant)

Please let one of know, if you can make it, or there are sign up sheets at the bar. Thanking you in advance for the help

Rob Salvatore, PGK, SCD Chair  
Mike Peter, PGK, SCD Co-Chair

## *Death With Dignity Act - A3328 / S2259*

*From former Supreme Director & Current Religious and Civil Rights Chairman Jim White.*

Brothers, Please OPPOSE the "DEATH WITH DIGNITY" ACT - A3328 / S2259.

This would give a patient diagnosed with a terminal illness and given a prognosis of less than six months to live, the ability to request a lethal prescription to end his/her life.

If passed physician-assisted suicide would become legal under New Jersey law.

## *Work Parties*

As most of you know, Our council has been hit by a lot, This past season has not been kind to a lot of people, including us...With that being said, work parties are starting and we need all the help we can get, The tree that fell is getting removed, but the rest of the back needs a lot of work...The roof on the Tiki bar needs to be done as well as a lot of the grounds and pool side....This takes a lot of time and commitment, Please , if you can, come out and help on a Sat morning, or if need be a Wed night...We all enjoy "the back" during the summer, but it doesn't magically get like that.. it is with all our help and work that we then can reap the benefits of spending time with our families and enjoy the summer in our club..

Thank -You,  
Rob Salvatore,PGK  
Interim CC President

## *The Power of One*

More Knights of Columbus equals more good works. More Knights will result in more charitable programs, more support for parishes, more help for the needy, the disabled, the hungry and the homeless, and more financial protection for Catholic families.

"It's more than just about numbers and quotas," he said. "Membership is about the changed lives of the men we recruit and the financial protection we can provide for their families. Membership is what these men will do for their communities and their parishes. Membership is about renewing the Church through support of our priests and bishops. Membership is about transforming society through Catholic solidarity, through everyone being able to say, I am my brother's keeper." - Supreme Knight Carl Anderson.

### **"One Member, Per Council, Per Month."**

Each of the 15,000 local councils is asked to recruit at least one member each month. If this plan were carried out, with each council bringing in 12 new members, the 1.8 million Knights would grow by 180,000 in the next year.

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 March 24, 2013

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 required, Limited Non-Reserved seating.**

**Please contact**

**Mike Peter PGK: Mikepeter46@yahoo.com (908) 759-3588 or  
Mike Ibbotson: mtibbotson@verizon.net (973) 647-0206**

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



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