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## Cigar Night

From Boulevard Cigars, Toms River

**October 13, 2012**

Featuring

Tony Santana Cigar Rolling Company

Admission: \$40



Doors Open 4 P.M

It Includes:

Hot appetizers, dinner  
 (filet mignon, potato, garlic bread),  
 Beer, Wine, Cash Bar  
 Plus 2 "hand rolled cigars"

Reserve seating and tables by October 8, 2012

Call : Jamie Zappulla at 908-380-9155 or  
 Rob Salvatore at 908-499-0743

Event to be held on Back Patio (Weather Permitting)



## Tail Gate Party



**Sunday, October 14, 2012**

11:30 Noon to 4:30 PM

\$20.00 - Includes Bottled Beer, Soda, Hotdogs, Home Made  
 Hamburgers, Sausage & Pepper Sandwiches,  
 Macaroni & Potato Salad

\$1.00 House Mixed Drinks

\$5.00 - Food Only!!!!

New York Jets vs. Indianapolis Colts - 1:00 PM

New York Giants vs. San Francisco - 4:25 PM

Come out and cheer for your favorite NFL team, check out the  
 New York Giants Bus & New York Jets vehicle, have some  
 good food, and hand out with great friends!!

For more information:

Mike Scanlon - 908-578-8768

Mike Panella - 201-978-8551

Joe Pesany - 732-233-6601

## New Lounge Hours

Attention: Effective as of **October 8th**, there will be new  
 lounge hours. The new hours are: Monday thru Friday 3:00  
 P.M TILL CLOSE. Saturday and Sunday remain the same.

Also, We request that ALL Guests please sign the book  
 upon entry, and they must be accompanied by a member in  
 good standing.

Thank You, Richie Arnold

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

**SUNDAY OCT 21st 2012**

**AT HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH**

Helping hands always welcome.

## 9/11 Memorial

Union Council will sponsor a group trip to the 9/11  
 Memorial in New York City on **Saturday October 13,  
 2012 at 11:00 AM** at the Memorial in New York.  
 Those attending will have to travel into New York by  
 themselves, but it is suggested that they travel via NJ  
 Transit and PATH to the 9/11 Memorial either indi-  
 vidualy or as a group.

After the visit to the Memorial, you will be free to ex-  
 plore New York City on your own or in small groups,  
 or return home. If you would like to attend please con-  
 tact Deputy Grand Knight Steve Nagy at (908) 688-  
 6783 or toys4504@aol.com. Cost to visit the Memorial  
 is free, but we are limited to only 40 reservations, so  
 you need to reserve your spot now to insure a space.

## Knight 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

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*1st Yr. Trustee* ..... Rob Salvatore, PGK  
*4th Degree Faithful*  
*Navigator* ..... Andy Schopfer, PGK  
*Columbian Club President* ..... Mike Loguidice  
*Swim Club President* ..... Allen Pascullo  
*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

I can't believe as I am writing this we are entering October already. Time is flying by so fast. I had already picked a subject to write about for this month's Grand Knight's article but I decided to go another direction. Rather than this being an article about what you should be doing or what we need you to do as Brother Knights, this article is a genuine heart felt "thank you" to all the people who went above and beyond the call of duty and made this year's Family Picnic a phenomenal success.

For those that attended you know what I am talking about. For those who missed it, let me tell you, you missed one heck of an event! Firstly I have to say God was on our side, due to a scheduling conflict we did not have the Council Hall available to us in case of rain but the day was near picture perfect up until the last hour of the event. I like to think the presence of Father Nol and Sister Ann may have had something to do with it but let us not look a gift horse in the mouth.

Having these two at our event reminds you what the Knights are about first and foremost, we are the world's largest CATHOLIC fraternal service organization. So when you see them come out and enjoy themselves right alongside us it makes you feel that we haven't strayed too far off our path. And of course I have to thank Father Nol for saying a few words and leading us in a prayer and blessing for our brethren and the event.

Thanking ALL the people involved would require two digests. You simply can not pull off an event like this without many many people putting in hours upon hours of hard work and advanced preparation. With that said, let me start by saying "Thank You" to our Picnic Committee Chairmen Tom Conte, John Esposito and Rich Fuentes. All gave so much of themselves, their time and their patience to organize this. Without these gentlemen stepping up to the plate this event might not even have happened. And let me not forget their wives. John Esposito's wife Dot tirelessly sold the 50/50 tickets all day long, Marianne Conte seemed all too happy to get rid of Tom night after night for the planning meetings and Lori Fuentes who is rumored to have allowed Rich back in the house. John also got "roped" into organizing a tug-o-war for the kids as well as the always popular and wet water balloon toss and he secured a face painter for the kids on short notice.

The food is one of the focal points of any of our events and this Family Picnic was no different. Frank Santangelo is our "chef-in-residence" and we can all be thankful for that. Frank loves to cook and cook he does. Frank planned the menu, shopped for the supplies and even took days off of work to start cooking all for us to enjoy. But just as Batman has Robin, Frank has our very own Allen Pascullo. Allen was working side by side with Frank every step of the way. Without these two gentlemen the dining experience would have been greatly different. Not to have any unsung heroes in the kitchen area, let me acknowledge the dark horse of this race, Mike Peter PGK. Mike struggled to roll up his sleeves over those mighty forearms and didn't let a job or title be beneath him. Mike acted as "kitchen runner" for most of the day ferrying food, trays, ice and whatever was needed back and forth from the kitchen to the serving area. Mike was kept so busy he actually wore a path in the concrete. Mike Campanielli (aka #1) was also one of those who gave his all in the kitchen, from cooking to cleaning and all that in between. Our Columbian Club President, Mike Loguidice made some of the best Chili for this event even though he had other obligations that day. Our recent Honorary Life Member Joe Wilmore stood in the sun and served food to GOP and Democrats alike. Plus a big thanks to all our first time clam shuckers. Our regular shuckers were unavailable and these men came forth and shucked over 500 clams and not one missing finger amongst the bunch. Least we not forget with just north of 300 people Jose and Jerry were worked hard at the bar. And what

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## *Knights' Family Dinners*

The next dinner is scheduled for  
**Thursday, October 18, 2012**  
**6:30 - 8:30 PM**

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

Cash Bar Available  
50/50s



## *Knights of Columbus Insurance*

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## *Welcome New Brother Knights*

Union Knights of Columbus 4504 would like to welcome our new Brother Knights who made their First Degree on August 20, 2012.



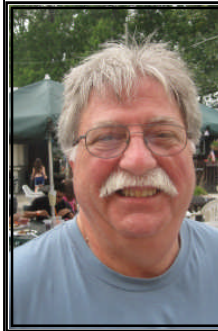
Left to Right: George Lodato, Michael Restaino, Virgilio Veloso, Benjamin Zakrzewski, James Holmes, Wiliam "Whitey" Kowalczyk, and Michael Ibbotson.



## *Knights of the Month* *October 2012*



**John Esposito**



Union Council 4504 is proud to name John Esposito as our October Knight of the Month. John made his Degrees in 1990 back when besides being a Knight at the Union Council, he and many of his Brother Knights and their families were involved with the many other Youth activities in Union Township such as the Y Indian Guides & Princesses, scouting, little league and softball. During these years John served our Council as Youth Activities Chairman, and co-Chaired the SCD Drives. He also ran a fund raising celebrity softball game between our Brother Knights and WNEW Radio staff and on-air personalities to benefit the SCD Drive.

More recently John has always helps out at our Annual Family Picnic, and this year he co-chaired it along with Tom Conte and Rich Fuentes. Last January John shared one of his old woodworking hobbies with us and built and donated a dollhouse to the Tricky tray. John also helps out with the set up and take down of our Nativity at town hall and at our Council.

John was born in Brooklyn, NY, and graduated from PACE University. He is employed by Ports America as their Corporate Safety Director. John and his wife Dottie have been married for 31 years and live in Union Township along with their daughter Roxane. Roxane is completing her studies in Early Education at Kean University. John and his family are parishioners at Holy Spirit Church.

Union Knights of Columbus are proud to have John Esposito as a Brother Knight and member of our Council, and pleased to name him our Knight of the Month for October 2012.

## *Past Grand Knights Dinner*

On **Saturday October 27<sup>th</sup>** we will be holding our annual Past Grand Knight's Dinner for Andy Schopfer. The evening will begin at 7 P.M. with a Cocktail Hour featuring a delectable assortment of hors d'oeuvres, followed by presentations to our Past Grand Knight, dinner, dancing and an open bar. Tickets for the evening's festivities are only \$25.00 per person (\$50.00 a couple). Reservation must be made by Wednesday, October 24th so that we may properly order food.

Please call Buddy Cotter, PGK at 908-447-3378 or Steve Nagy at 908-688-6783 for reservations.

### ***4504 Veterans - Save the date***

The Union Council would like to invite all our Brother Knights at 4504 who served in our Military to join us on **Sunday, November 11, 2012**, to celebrate Veterans' Day and to honor your Service to our Country.

All members of 4504 who served in any branch of Service, including Reserves and National Guard at any period are invited to attend, along with their families.

More details will be on our web site and in the November Knight Digest, but to help us better plan refreshments, please contact Deputy Grand Knight Steve Nagy care of Union Knights of Columbus 1034 Jeanette Ave. Union, NJ 07083, email him at toys4504@aol.com or call (908) 688-6783. All Council members are also invited to join us in thanking our Veterans for their Service to our Country.

### ***Degree Ceremonies Scheduled***

Anyone who has yet to make their 2nd and/or 3rd Degree we have one of each coming in November.

**November 7th** will be the 2nd and **November 16th** the 3rd, all times are at 7:30p.

If you have not been notified please contact Nick Belmonte at 908-447-1869 or via email NicksNabs@Verizon.net to confirm your attendance.



### ***Annual Mass for Deceased Brother Knights***



Union Knights of Columbus will hold their annual Mass offered for the Repose of the Souls of our deceased Brother Knights on **Sunday, November 4, 2012** at **9:00 AM** at St. Michael's Church. An area of the Church will be reserved for us to sit as a group.

Fourth Degree members should contact Andy Schopfer, PGK, Faithful Navigator JFK Assembly, about Fourth Degree participation.

Following the Mass at approximately **10:30 AM** we will sponsor a brunch in the cafeteria of St. Michael's School featuring various breakfast choices. Prices are \$9 for adults, \$7 for Seniors and children 6 - 12, and children under 6 are free.

### ***Brother Knight Needs Help***

Brothers, one of our senior Brothers needs some help one afternoon each week to have someone stay with his wife at his house while he goes for a medical procedure each week.

If you can spare a few afternoon hours please contact Steve Nagy at toys4504@aol.com or (908) 688-6783.

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would this day have been like without the continued support from the Swim Club who opened the pool just for this event. So for that I say "Thank You one and all".

Some of the Brother Knights that I am about to mention were also indispensable in their participation. Tom Horning PGK worked the front table the entire event. Don Pfarr was getting people to help throughout the day. People like George Gaydos, Nick Belmonte and John Holmes help set up the night before and/or the day of the picnic. And Jimmy Bayer for taking pictures of all our events.

Mike Ibbotson (a new first degree member as of last month) worked the grill non-stop the entire event. Similar kudos could be offered to first year officer (Guard) Mike "Chiropractor Mike" Willemse who not only worked the grill but did it all in black just to copy Father Nol's look. I especially wanted to mention these two brothers because here they are with no long term ties to the council or many of the people at the council yet they were some of the first to volunteer and give their time to help with this event. THIS is the kind of fraternity we all need to strive for and if you lost yours, think back to when you first became a Knight. Maybe it will help.

While this list is far from done, I also need to thank John Peters, for arranging for the Union County Police & Fire Pipes & Drums to come out with new transfer Donny Kozlowski and a lovely young lady, Miss Jessica Marzocca (daughter of Brother Knight Gerard Marzocca from the Raritan Council).

Finally, (I bet you thought this would never end) the problem with an event like this and all the people who contributed to make it a success is that you are always worried you may have forgotten someone. Let me be the first to say, this event could not have happened without ALL who helped. If I forgot to mention you it is simply because the list was too great and my space here is too small. Trust me when I say I can not say "Thank You" enough to every single one of you who made this day a great success.

This event reminded me what the Knights can be and should be. Even with many of our regularly participating members obligated with another event, we still had over 300 people who not only believe in the Knights but by their attendance showed they want to be at the Knights and part of this council.

Vivat Jesus!  
Alex Costa  
Grand Knight 2012-2013

## *SR. ANN DOMINIC RECEIVES PEACE AWARD*



The Feast of the Sacred Heart provided an ideal occasion for the presentation of the 2012 Peace Award to Sr. Ann Dominic Vano. Established by the Committee for Global Initiatives, Caldwell's Peace Award is presented each year to an individual or group who contributes in a special way to an environment of peace.

In making the presentation Sr. de Montfort, chairperson of CGI, summarized Sr. Ann Dominic's lifelong activity in behalf of those in need. "After twenty-one years as a third grade teacher, Sr. Ann Dominic was asked to become the full-time Pastoral Associate for Social Concerns at St. Michael's Parish in Union. Father Kenneth Herbster, the pastor at the time, said 'We are looking forward to having this dynamo stirring up whirlwinds of service!'"

A large part of that "whirlwind" included twenty summers of cooking and caring about the challenged youth at Camp Fatima as well as organizing a special Christmas party each year for these same children. Greatly supported by the Knights of Columbus, Sister Ann has raised large amounts of money for numerous outreach services, including gathering and preparing food for the poor and homeless, service to soup kitchens and shelters, and distributing practical gifts to the Sisters and residents of St. Catherine Convent and Health Care Center.

Having served on the Board of Trustees of the Boys and Girls Club of Union, on the Advisory Committee for Senior Citizens of Union and the Board of Trustees of Link Community School in Newark, Sister Ann Dominic has quietly worked at building a peace-filled environment one person at a time. To a long list of well-deserved recognition Sister can now add the 2012 Peace Award bestowed by her own Sisters of St. Dominic on June 15.

### *Stay Connected*

In addition to the monthly Knight Digest which you are currently reading, we also post the same articles plus more recent articles on our web site at [www.kofc4504.org](http://www.kofc4504.org). Here you will find all the information you need to keep you up to date as to what is happening at the Union Council. Our new "Calendar of Events" will allow you see events scheduled months in advance so that you can plan accordingly. Get familiar with our "Programs" pages to learn about our events. Participation is always welcomed. The "Council History" section allows you to read ALL the past Digests going back over 50 years. Photos, Membership, Fourth Degree, Knight of the Month, Insurance, Officers, Swim Club, Past Grand Knights, WWII Veterans and more are available.

If you have any Council new-worthy items that you feel would benefit our members, please email them to [webmaster@kofc4504.org](mailto:webmaster@kofc4504.org) or mail them to the council at the address listed on page 2 of this Digest.

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|  | 1<br>Council Officers Mtg.        | 2   | 3  | 4  | 5   | 6  |
| 7  | 8<br>Council Mtg.<br>Columbus Day | 9   | 10   | 11   | 12  | 13<br>Cigar Night - 4p<br>9/11 Memorial Trip<br>11:00a |
| 14<br>Tail Gate Party<br>11:30a - 4:30p  | 15<br>Swim Club Mtg.              | 16  | 17   | 18<br>Knights Family Dinner<br>6:30p - 8:30p | 19  | 20   |
| 21<br>Membership Drive<br>at Holy Spirit | 22<br>Council Mtg.                | 23  | 24<br>4th Degree Assembly  | 25<br>Columbian Club                         | 26  | 27<br>Past Grand Knights Dinner -<br>7:00p             |
| 28                                       | 29                                | 30  | 31<br>Happy Halloween<br> |  |     |  |