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November 7th..... Runnells Hospital  
 November 7th..... Ribbon Cutting 12:30 p.m.  
 November 8th..... 1st Degree  
 November 10th..... 2nd Degree  
 November 12th..... 3rd Degree  
 November 18th..... Family Dinner Night - 6:30 p.m.  
 November 21st..... Mass for Deceased Members - 9:00 a.m.  
 December 7th..... Nativity Lighting - 7:00 p.m.  
 December 8th..... Runnells Hospital  
 December 25th..... Runnells Hospital

## **Memorial Mass for the Deceased Members of Union Council**

We are having our Annual Memorial Mass for the Deceased Members of Union Knights of Columbus on Sunday November 21, 2010 at the 9:00 AM Mass at Holy Spirit Church on Morris Ave. Union, NJ. As we have in the past, we Brother Knights come together at this Mass in memory of our Brothers that have not only passed away during the past year, but for all those Brothers who have passed and have been Members of Union Council # 4504. Since last year's Mass we have lost many Brothers who had special importance to the Council through their presence and hard works at the Union Knights, so please plan on attending this Mass in their and all passed Brother's memory. And please plan on attending the tradition Brunch at the Council home following the Mass.

## **Memorial Mass Brunch**

The Union Knights of Columbus will hold their Annual Memorial Mass Brunch following Memorial Mass for the Deceased Members on Sunday November 21st at at the Council home on Jeanette Ave. at 10:15 AM following the Memorial Mass at Holy Spirit Church. A variety of breakfast items will be served. Prices are \$8.00 for adults, and \$6.00 for Seniors and children under 12. Please plan on joining us for breakfast after attending the Memorial Mass.

## **Volunteer Needed at Runnells**

Brothers, every 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Council 4504 visits Runnells Specialized Hospital in Berkley Heights to comfort the patients and assist those who wish to attend Mass.

Due to greater attendance, the Mass has now been moved from the 1<sup>st</sup> floor Chapel to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor and help is always needed. If you wish to lend us about 2 hours of your time on Sunday mornings, please call Nick Belmonte at 908-447-1869.

Our next scheduled dates for the remainder of the 2010 Calendar Year are: November 7<sup>th</sup>, December 8<sup>th</sup> and December 25<sup>th</sup>.

## **In Memory of Our Deceased Brother Knights**

### **Who Passed Since our Last Memorial Mass 2009**

James F. Ford Sr.	10/28/09	KV
Paul Gamcsik Jr.	11/16/09	
Robert Maier	12/05/09	
Charles R. Leeman	12/28/09	
Joseph E Urbaniak	12/30/09	WWII
Arthur J Reinhard	01/05/10	WWII
Raymond A. Bischoff	01/07/10	
Homer F. Dukes	01/25/10	WWII
Michael V. Hrifko	03/12/10	
Raymond A. Menoni	03/13/10	
Harry J. Lupo PGK	03/23/10	
Paul K. Zurka	04/02/10	WWII
Bernard Hinrichs	04/22/10	WWII
Edward L. Shea	04/28/10	WWII
Joseph D. Hanlon Jr.	06/20/10	WWII
John J. Dzuna	07/18/10	WWII
Frederick Brinton	07/19/10	
Michael Casiero	07/30/10	WWII
Michael R. Gutowski	08/14/10	
Jerome J. La Motta	08/18/10	WWII
John A. Beisler III	08/18/10	WWII
John W. McGeown	08/24/10	
Nicolas J. Genovese	09/16/10	KV
James R. Confroy PGK, PDD	10/01/10	CM
Rev. Thomas G. Arminio	10/15/10	CM, WWII
World War II Veteran	WWII	
Korean War Veteran	KV	
Charter Member	CM	

## **Veterans Day**

On Monday November 8, 2010, there will be a program at Connecticut Farms School in Union. Veterans of all years are invited to attend this first program prepared by Connecticut Farms School. This is the very site where veterans of the American Revolution fought for out independence. Help this program to be a success by attending and bring a buddy veteran. No reservations are necessary, just show up. Uniforms are optional. For more information, call Dan Ryan (908) 688-4841.

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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  
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*Outside Guard*..... Steve Stochlinski  
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*Program Director* ..... Andy Schopfer, PGK  
*Advocate* ..... Stephen F. Hehl  
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*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



Brother Knights,

As November approaches, we need to keep in the forefront of our mind our families and friends; this is the month that we celebrate "Thanksgiving". "Thanksgiving" is all about, the first "Harvest Festival" as it was originally known, was held to thank the local natives for saving the Pilgrims. There is no way to separate the spiritual celebration from "Thanksgiving". The pilgrims came to America for one reason; they desired a community in which they could worship God, as they so desired. When they arrived in the New World there was no one familiar to greet them, many Pilgrims left love ones behind, they had to build their own shelters, grow their own food and learn to survive in this new place.

They, like us today value our religious freedoms, as members of the Knights of Columbus we value our Christianity. As Knights, we are the caretakers of these beliefs. When you sit down this "Thanksgiving", take a minute and think would you risk everything for God?

In today's world; Church, Christianity and in particular the morals fibers that made up this county are under attack. We are challenged each day to stand-up and make our voices heard. As Knight's, and Catholics speak up, make your concerns known, and hold our lawmakers accountable for the value's of human life and the honorable character that this great country was founded on.

Our Founding Fathers saw the importance of God in our lives, as they assembled the Declaration of Independence. Our Pledge of Allegiance says it all "One Nation under God", without God in our world, what morals do we have.

Regardless of all the hardship we endure, God is still here to help us.

Happy Thanksgiving

Vivat Jesus!

Joe Burlew Sr., GK



## Knights of Columbus Convention 2011

Make sure to save the dates of May 12<sup>th</sup> to May 15<sup>th</sup> 2011 to attend the Knights of Columbus Convention in Wildwood. Letters will be mailed out and information will be posted on the Council's website. Please direct any questions to Eugenio Gonzalez, DGK via email at [ginosteelers@yahoo.com](mailto:ginosteelers@yahoo.com).

## "NFL SUNDAYS"

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## *K of C Pride*

I know I am going to hear from some of you who love to break chops, but I wanted to share this story with you. It happened a few weeks ago. I started writing about it then got sidetracked and forgot about it. As I was involved in some other activities I came across it and decided to finish so I could share with you, my family, my friends and my Brother Knights & Sir Knights.

A few weeks ago I went on a motorcycle run. It was The Annual 9-11 Memorial Run organized by Tramontin H-D in Hope, NJ. The run ran from Hope, NJ to Brooklyn, NY. So I met my friend Kurt there and we partook in the ride. Sure, we gave our time, our money (proceeds went to Operation Care Package & the Billy Lake Cancer Fund) and had fun riding our motorcycles.

The ride was well run and well organized. The public, the participants and the spectators were all great. Fire Departments hung flags from their ladders for us, entire towns came out to wave at us as we rode by, and it was like "small town America" on the 4th of July but on a much larger scale. It certainly made you proud to be an American although the reason of remembrance was a somber one. Somewhere along the ride, something else happened, something that I wasn't expecting.

We are riding in formation, it was police escorted so we really had most of the road to ourselves, the occasional car would crowd you from time to time but most people were understanding and supportive (did I mention there were reportedly 1,500 bikers riding?).

As the cars past or were past by us, people would honk (usually in support) or wave or give you the "thumbs up" but there was this one car. They came up on me slowly and kept pace with me. There was what seemed like a Grandma & Grandpa in the car, a mom and two young kids.

I looked over at them and gave them a nod to thank them for supporting us. Just as I said, the Grandpa gave me a "thumbs up" and was honking the horn, the ladies were clapping and applauding and smiling ear to ear and the kids were going nuts in the back. I remember thinking to myself, wow; these people are really into this. I kept riding as they slowly pulled father ahead.

Then it hit me, I realized why their reactions were so strong. Grandpa had a personalized license plate, it was the state issued Knights of Columbus license plate. Out of 1,500 bikers, I was the only one wearing Knights of Columbus Motorcycle Ministry vest with our "colors" emblazoned on my back.

They may have been excited about the motorcycles, they may have been personally touched by the cause the run supported but I KNOW they were thrilled to see a Brother Knight in a light they may have not seen before. I can't express the pride I felt at that moment.

So next time you are at the council, remember, being a Knight is not about the bar, it is not about raffles or such. Being a Knight is about like minded Catholic gentlemen (and their families) "In service to one, In service to all". So ask yourself, what have you done lately to make the Knights proud to have you as one of their very own?

Alex Costa  
Council Warden  
4th Degree Faithful Pilot  
NJ KofC Motorcycle Ministry Member

## *Knights of Columbus Insurance Receives Highest Ratings*

Two top rating firms have reaffirmed giving their highest ratings for the Knights of Columbus insurance program. Both AM. Best and Standard & Poor's concluded this week that the 127-year-old Catholic fraternal order's financial strength and stability remains strong despite a slumping economy.

This marks the 34th consecutive year in which the Knights of Columbus has earned AM. Best's A++ (Superior) rating, and the 17th successive year the Order has earned the AAA (Extremely Strong) rating from S&P.

Supreme Knight Carl A Anderson declared that renewal of the Order's top ratings is especially significant in the current economic environment. "Our history of careful management and our conservative investment practices made all the difference when last year's severe downturn punished virtually every financial services company. The wisdom of that approach is now affirmed by the decision by A.M Best and Standard & Poor's to reaffirm their highest ratings for us. Our mission, to provide financial security for our members and their families with top-quality insurance products, remains our number one priority."

Over the past decade, the amount of Knights of Columbus insurance in force has more than doubled, to \$73 billion. The Knights of Columbus is also certified by the Insurance Marketplace Standards Association (IMSA) for ethical and honest business practices. It is one of only four U.S. insurers with both IMSA certification and top ratings from S&P and AM. Best, and the only insurance company in Canada to do so. Additionally, the Knights of Columbus has donated more than \$1.325 billion to charity, and provided nearly 626 million hours of volunteer service in support of charitable initiatives worldwide.

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Presented Jointly by the Knights of Columbus & Columbiettes  
Of Union Council 4504

### *"Knights Family Dinners"*

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of Each Month from

September - April

Serving from 6:30 -8:30 pm  
Council Hall



Check the Website for the Menu --- [www.kofc4504.org](http://www.kofc4504.org)

\$10.00 Adults      \$6.00 Seniors & Kids under 12

Includes:

Dinner, Salad, Bread & Soda  
Coffee & Dessert



**All Money Raised will be Donated to Charity!**

Advance Tickets Available Contact:

Chris Burlew 908-403-1590 or [Chrissi714@aol.com](mailto:Chrissi714@aol.com)

Joe Burlew 908-507-4875 or [joedisp@aol.com](mailto:joedisp@aol.com)



## Welcome Home Sarah



Please join us on Sunday November 7, 2010 at 12:30 PM as we welcome Sarah Kramer back home from her Army Deployment in Afghanistan. With her deployment complete Sarah will come by the Council to cut off the Yellow Ribbon that we tied around the tree out front last October when she started her deployment to Afghanistan. This ribbon has weathered the winter cold, and summer heat over the past year as a reminder to everyone as they enter the Council that one of our Knights Family was proudly serving our Country in Afghanistan. While this ribbon may appear worn it remained tied around the tree, waiting for the day when Sarah was home to cut it off. Join us as we welcome her home and thank the Lord for watching over her and protecting her during her deployment.

## World War II Veterans

On Sunday November 7th at 1:00 PM we are having a get together at the Council hall for our World War II Veterans to show them their listing on the Council's web site, and to register them on the Registry of Veterans on the National World War II Memorial web site. This Registry is for any World War II Veteran to put his name and service record on to become a part of the World War II Memorial's historical record of those who served during World War II. Information to be listed is Name, Branch of Service, Rank and home town at time of discharge. You can also include a brief accounting of your service history including where served, major battles involved in and medals awarded. We will also discuss submitting their name to Honor Flights for their trip to the Memorial next June.

## Welcome New Brothers

Please join us in welcoming four new Brother Knights to Union Council # 4504. Pictured left to Right are Brian Heimbueher, Vincent Sepe, Terence Duffy, and Carlos Ezeta. These gentlemen made their First Degree at our Council on September 27, 2010.



## Trip to World War II Memorial in Washington, DC

If anyone has an interest in a bus trip to Washington, DC to visit the World War II Memorial and other Veterans sites, please contact Steve Nagy care of the Council or email him at toys4504@aol.com . If there is enough interest we can plan a trip in late October / early November. Also, any World War II Veteran that would like to go to the WW II Memorial next June with the Honor Flights group from South Jersey, please contact Steve Nagy.

## In Our Parishes...

### St. Michael's Church



St. Michael's Church will be running a monthly 50/50 Raffle each month. Drawings will be the last Sunday of every month at 1:30 PM in the lower Church. Cost of the tickets are \$5.00 and they will be sold after each Mass. Prizes are - 1st - 35% of proceeds, 2nd - 10% of proceeds, 3rd - 5% of proceeds. Winner need not be present.

Sister Ann will again be collecting donations of turkeys to be given out through the Food Pantry this Thanksgiving. Please help out those who are less fortunate than you as your way to give Thanks for all that you have. Drop off dates will be published in the St. Michael's Church Sunday bulletin in November. Donations of other non-perishable foods can be dropped off at St. Michael's after the Masses

The Music Ministry is looking for those who enjoy singing or can play an instrument. You are cordially invited to join the Music Ministry. Choir practices are on Thursdays at 7:30 in the Church.

## Holy Spirit Church

HELP THOSE IN NEED!

\*\*\* CLOTHING DRIVE \*\*\*

Technology Fund Raiser

Fri., Nov. 5th: 3PM - 5PM

Sat., Nov. 6th: 9AM - 1PM  
before & after 5:30 mass;

Sun., Nov. 7th before & after all masses  
But no later than 1PM.

Clothing, Shoes, Belts, Hats & Gloves, Curtains  
Blankets, Pocketbooks, & Stuffed Animals.

Ask your families, friends  
and co-workers, too!

## *Nativity Lighting*



It is getting to be that time of year when we start our preparations for the Christmas Season, and probably the most important tradition here at the Union Knights is the sponsoring of the Nativity scene at Union Town hall.

We are very fortunate that Union Township still allows us to set up the nativity in front of Town hall, since many towns do not allow this type of Religious symbolism on Town property. One way that we can work to make sure that this Tradition is not stopped is by having a large showing of people come out and support the Nativity lighting.

This year's Nativity Lighting will be held on Tuesday December 7th at 7:00 PM. And we will light the Nativity outside the Council home following the Town hall lighting. So please mark this date on your calendars now so you can plan on attending.

As in the past, help will be needed to transport the figures from the Council to Town hall and to set the Nativity up there. We will be meeting on Saturday November 27th at 9:00 AM. The set up goes quick if we have enough helpers, so please come out and give us a little of your time. We will also need some pickup trucks or SUV's to transport the figures from the Council to town hall.

## *New Baby Jesus*

Brother, Sisters, Friends and Family of the Union Council 4504 Knights of Columbus

As many of you know last Christmas season, the "Baby Jesus" was stolen from the nativity at town hall; the council has for many years provided this Catholic symbol of the real meaning of Christmas, the Celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

We are looking to our members and the community of Union to help us fund the purchase of a new "Baby Jesus" for the nativity. The cost to replace the Holy Child is \$475.00. We need your help!

We are acutely aware to the state of the economy; we are asking you if possible to help and donate what you can. Any amount will help!

If you are able to help, please contact Steve Ruhl at 908-380-2981 or Joe Burlaw at 908-507-4875.

If you have any questions, please contact Joe Burlaw, GK at 908-507-4875

Thanks you for your help and have a wonderful holiday season.

Joe Burlaw  
Grand Knight  
Union Council #4504



## *Save the Date - New Year's Eve*

**December 31st, 2010 80's Party**

Dress in your 80's best!



DJ and  
Open Bar 8p.m. 'til 1a.m.

Admission: \$25.00 Per Person  
21 years and over



Bring your own platters

For Ticket Info:

Contact: Joe Pesany at 732-233-6601 (jpesany2@yahoo.com)

Contact: Mike Scanlon at 908-578-8768 (blgiants@aol.com)

## *Honoring Korean War Veterans*

Union Council # 4504 would like to honor its Korean War Veterans for the Mass next year on Saturday of the Memorial Day weekend. To do this we would like all members of Council #4504 that served in the US Military during the Korean War, or their family members to please send us their names and Branch of Service to Len Komar care of the Council or email to nj6660@earthlink.net. The names of all Korean War Veterans will be posted on an Honor Roll on our Council's web site.

## *Those were the Days and Knights*

Any Brother over the age of 53 probably will always remember where he was on the afternoon of November 22, 1963 when he heard the news that President John F. Kennedy had been assassinated. Besides the initial news, the images over the next four days are also etched in their minds as this tragedy unfolded before our eyes on national television as our Nation mourned the loss of a much beloved President. While this was very sad news for our Country, it was even more for us since President Kennedy was one of us. Not only was he the first Roman Catholic President of the United States he was also A Brother Knight. In fact he was Sir Knight John F. Kennedy, a Fourth Degree Knight. And this is where the connection between him and Union Council # 4504 was formed as is told in this excerpt from a letter found in our archives written by Tom M. Crimmins PGK 1960-1961.

"During an Officers' Meeting one night, several of the members had observed and commented on the newspaper and television pictures of Candidate John Kennedy, going to and coming from Mass with his hands empty. We agree to send him, since he was a Brother Knight, a Mass Missal engraved with the Knight's insignia and our Council name and number. Brother Frank Murphy must have done an outstanding job because Union Council was invited to President Kennedy's Inauguration in Washington with a copy of his official Inaugural picture. The copy of the Invitation and the Picture hangs in our entrance hall."

To make this story even more interesting is the fact that it has long been believed that this Missal may also have been the same Missal that Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson was sworn in as President with.

The swearing-in ceremony administered by Judge Hughes in an Air Force One conference room represented the first time that a woman administered the Presidential Oath of Office as well as the only time it was conducted on an airplane. Instead of the usual Bible, Johnson was sworn in upon a Missal that was found on a side table in Kennedy's Air Force One bedroom.

# November 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Officer's Meeting 8:00 p.m.	2	3	4	5	6
7 Welcome Home Sarah Kramer 12:30pm Ribbon Cutting WWII Veterans	8 Council Meeting 8:15 p.m. 1st Degree  Veterans Program at Connecticut Farms School	9  Columbiettes Meeting 7:30 p.m.	10  2nd Degree	11  Veteran's Day	12  3rd Degree	13
14	15 Swim Club Mtg. 7:30 p.m.	16	17	18 Family Dinner Night	19	20
21 Memorial Mass for Deceased Members 9am Mass at Holy Spirit Church  Memorial Bruch 10:15am	22	23	24  4th Degree JFK Assembly Meeting 7:30 p.m.	25  Thanksgiving Day  Columbian Club Meeting 7:30 p.m.	26	27
28	29	30				

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