



# Knights Digest



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June 2010

June 22nd ..... 11th Annual Golf Classic  
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## *Support our Troops*

Over this past Memorial Day weekend the Union Knights of Columbus raised donations to be sent to the USO to help them in their services to our Troops.

All donations collected will be sent to the USO office in Washington DC. If you would like to make a donation you can send a check to the Council at 1034 Jeanette Ave Attn: USO.

Checks can be made out to either Knights of Columbus #4504 with USO in the Memo box, or directly to the USO.

## *11th Annual Golf Classic*

*Featuring "Joseph Higgins Memorial Golf Trophies"*

On Tuesday, June 22, 2010 the Irish American Society of Union will host their 11th Annual Golf Classic at Beaver Brook Country Club in Annandale, New Jersey. This event will bring together golfers from our own community and surrounding areas for our many charitable causes. Among the organizations to which we have donated funds are the National Night Out Against Crime, Make A Wish Foundation, Leukemia Society of America-North Jersey Chapter, Toys for Tots, Santa in Blue and others.

Golf reservations can be made for \$145.00 per golfer. The fee includes green fees, cart, three (3) drink tickets, hotdogs, hamburgers and beverages at the turn. Immediately following will be a buffet dinner, including appetizers and three hour open bar, at the Knights of Columbus-Union Council 4504, 1034 Jeanette Ave., Union, New Jersey. Prizes and awards will be presented at this time.

We would appreciate you and/or your organization/company sponsoring a hole at a cost of \$100.00. A personalized sign will be made in your honor and posted on the tee box with your message. We will also have giveaways and prizes for the participants, therefore if you would prefer to donate prizes or make a monetary contribution it is also appreciated.

This Golf classic is dedicated to the memory of Joe Higgins who resided in the Union/Elizabeth area and was an avid golfer and supporter of Irish American Organizations throughout New Jersey.

Should you have any questions, please contact myself or Mike Scanlon. Thank you for your past and anticipated future support.

John Peters - President, Co-Chair (908) 296-1638  
Mike Scanlon, Co-Chair (908) 578-8768

## *SPRING 2010 FOOD DRIVE*

Brothers, we would like to thank the following for helping us make the Spring Food Drive a success, while the sorting is still a work in progress we are likely to surpass at least equal or perhaps last winter's drive.

A special thanks to the following: Buddy Cotter, Pedro Bexiga, Antonio Branca, Jamie Zappulla, Joe Harbison, Kyle and Jackie Wiklanski, Tom Leddy, Bobby Calderone and Noel, John Peters, Mike Kramer, Mike LoGudice, Gino Gonzalez, Steve and Frank Stolinski, Andy Schopfer, Rob Salvatore, Vito Abbaticola, Mike Campanelli and Gerry Suebert, Job Well Done!!

Nick Belmonte and Charlie Cunningham

## *World War II Veterans Activities*

**Saturday August 14 - 11:00 AM** Mass at St. Michael's Church to commemorate the 65th Anniversary of V-J Day, the end of World War II.

## *ANNUAL FLUKE FISHING TRIP*



"THE MISTY MORN"

THURSDAY JULY 15, 2010

ALL FARES \$50.00 PER PERSON

BOAT LEAVES FROM MORGAN

CREEK 7:00 AM SHARP

RETURNS 2:30 PM



FARE INCLUDES BEER, SODA, WATER,

ROD AND REEL IF NEEDED

CONTACT BOB CALDERONE AT (908) 337-2504

MEMBERS ONLY AT THIS TIME



## 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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*Swim Club President*..... Allen Pascullo  
*Columbiette President*..... Christine Burlew

## Monthly Meetings

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

## MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT



Brothers,

“Regrets, I’ve had a few, but then again, to few to mention”  
- F. Sinatra

As of this writing, we are all preparing for our upcoming “Flag Raising Ceremony” and Memorial day weekend Blow-out. The final touches are being done at the work parties, and we are good to go. There will be a report on our Memorial day festivities next digest. With Memorial Day behind us, as you read this, I’m sure we all took the time to say “Thank You” to the men and women who sacrificed what they had so that we can have what we have.

I started my first digest article with a quote from Sinatra, so I am going to end it the same way. Folks, it has been an honor to be the Grand Knight for the past year. To also quote the Grateful Dead, “What a long, strange trip it’s been.” We have done a lot in the past year, and also have been thru a lot as a Council. I can reflect on the good times of the past year and smile. I’ve made new friends, and unfortunately, I’ve also lost a few.

We have seen changes, but most of all, we stood UNITED when push came to shove. Through it all, the good, and the bad, the highs and very few lows, I want to say:

Thank You!!

Thank You to those who gave me advice on Council matters, to those that gave me advice in general, to those that helped me when I thought I was losing it, anybody that ran an event, a drive, cooks, work party, or anyone who does anything for the betterment of our grounds, hall, or the Council as a whole.

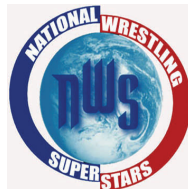
Thank You to the Columbiettes , Swim club, Columbian Club and Council Officers, for putting up with me this past year, and for helping make my life easier.

I would also like to give a Special Thank You to my family, Denise , Jessie, Robbie, and Eva Ann. They put up with me not being around as often, and Denise put up with me thru our personal highs and lows that we are working on. Without them, I would be nothing.



Thank You, God Bless, Goodbye  
Robert Salvatore,  
Grand Knight

## 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.

## LAPTOPS FOR THE WOUNDED

Union Knights of Columbus is pleased to offer its support to the Laptops for the Wounded Organization.

Laptops for the Wounded is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that provides laptops with webcams to wounded troops in military hospitals. The laptops are then used by the troops to remain in contact with wives, husbands, families and loved ones, while recuperating from their combat wounds. The laptops will then remain at the hospitals to be used by other incoming wounded troops to contact, and remain in contact, with loved ones. For more information visit [www.laptopsforthewounded.com](http://www.laptopsforthewounded.com).

As part of our Memorial Day Weekend activities, we will accept donations of your used laptops to be sent to Laptops for the Wounded to be set up for use by our Service Men and Women as they recuperate at Military Hospitals.

You can drop off your old laptop at the Council over the Memorial Day weekend, or contact Steve Nagy at [toys4504@aol.com](mailto:toys4504@aol.com) to arrange a drop off. Thanks for your support of this program that helps our Wounded Service Men and Women.

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### ***Knights of Columbus Council 4504 Catholic High School Scholarship Applications***

Knights of Columbus; Union Council 4504 is accepting scholarship applications for the 2010-2011 school year.

#### ***Basic Requirements***

All applicants must be a child or grandchild of a member of the Knights of Columbus, Union Council 4504 in good standing to apply; in addition the child must be attending a catholic high school.

#### ***Additional Requirements***

Please submit the following documentation to the Scholarship Committee for consideration:

- ★ A letter of consideration to the Knights of Columbus Council 4504 Scholarship Committee.
- ★ Documentation (report card, transcripts etc.) that a you have maintained a minimum of a "C+" average for the past eight marking periods.
- ★ Documentation of acceptance/enrollment to a catholic high school .
- ★ A summarization of your individual and academic accomplishments in the past twelve months.
- ★ Three personal references; which should include references from an educator, clergy, and family (why you deserves this scholarship).
- ★ A one hundred word essay; "Why a catholic education is important to me".

All applications must be submitted by July 1, 2010.

Applicant's will be scheduled for an interview with the "Scholarship Committee" based on the merits of their applications.

Please address your completed paperwork to the Knights of Columbus Council 4504 Scholarship Committee at 1034 Jeannette Ave, Union, New Jersey C/O Gino Gonzalez.

If you have any question, please contact Gino Gonzalez, Committee Chairperson at 973-444-6899.



## ***June 2010 Knight of the Month James Feehan***



Jim is a first generation Irish American; he graduated from Sacred Heart High School in Elizabeth. He lives here in Union with his daughter Mary Ellen and they are parishioners of Saint Michael's Church were Jim serves as an Usher at the 9 a.m. Mass on Sundays.

Jim joined the United States Navy in 1966 and served aboard the flagship USS Josephus Daniels.

Jim is currently working for the United States Census Bureau, after retiring from Hadco Aluminum Company.

Jim has been involved in the Knight of Columbus for many years, serving in such positions as Guard, Recorder, Membership Chairman, and Program Director. He is also Past President of the Columbian Swim Club, and currently serves as a Trustee.

Jim is also very energetic in the Irish community where he has been an active member of the Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade since its inception in 1996. He has also served on the parade committee as both First Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Investiture Mass. Jim was the General Chairman of the 2004 St. Patrick's Day parade.

Jim is also an active member in a number of other groups, such as the American Legion, Nugent Association, Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick and the Cryan Association. Jim is currently serving as Vice President of the Irish American Society of Union.

Jim's favorite sports are baseball and football, you may find him at the council lounge cheering on his favorite teams or serving up drinks as a volunteer at the club. Either way, Jim is always there to help.

We are pleased to honor James Feehan as the Knight of the Month for June.

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## ***Columbiettes***

Dear Sisters,

I realized I have not written my monthly (sometimes bi-monthly) article. Therefore, as I tried to gather my thoughts, it struck me our Columbiette year is almost over, where did the time go. I started to wonder, could we have accomplished more? Was there anything we missed or something we could have done differently, did we meet our expectations?

So, I recapped our Columbiette year from September, 2009-June, 2010, we pulled off a great Halloween Party the kids had a fun time, a lot more people than we expected. We held a Major Degree in November; joining 20 new members, something a new Columbiette Council rarely accomplishes.

Then there was our "Breakfast with Santa" that brightened Christmas for two families and helped the Santa in Blue Program for kids in Union. February was the Tricky Tray that went off without a hitch and did great, along with our Monthly Pasta Knights. I almost forgot about marching in the St. Patrick's Day Parade and the April Baby Shower for Raphael's Life House they could not thank us enough, never to forget that unbelievable achievement of 40 new Sisters joining our ranks.

Well, after thinking back through this past year... I answered my own questions.

Christine Burlew  
Columbiette President

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