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## 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.

## Welcome Home

This past February we welcomed home Sgt. Paul LeCompte Jr. and Sgt. Erik Santiago from their year long deployments in Afghanistan.

Accompanied by their families, they came to the Council for a welcome home ceremony and to cut their Yellow Ribbons off the tree.

We were also joined by Veterans from the American Legion Connecticut Farms Post 35 and Michael A. Kelly Post No. 2433 Veterans of Foreign Wars from Union, NJ. Photo slides shows and videos of each ceremony can be found at:

[www.kofc4504.org/videos.html](http://www.kofc4504.org/videos.html)

## 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



## Knigh 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

*District Deputy*.....Michael W. Gasser, PGK  
*Grand Knight*.....Andy Schopfer, PGK  
*Deputy Grand Knight*..... Alex Costa  
*Chancellor* ..... Open  
*Warden*.....Steve Nagy  
*Recorder* ..... Open  
*Treasurer* ..... Frank Santangelo  
*Fin. Secretary*..... Thomas Hornig, PGK  
*Inside Guard*.....Gregory Henn  
*Outside Guard*.....Giftus John  
*Membership Director*..... Rich Fuentes  
*Program Director* .....Nick Belmonte  
*Advocate* ..... Stephen F. Hehl  
*3rd. Yr. Trustee* ..... Joe Burlew, PGK  
*2nd Yr. Trustee*..... Rob Salvatore, PGK  
*1st Yr. Trustee*.....Mike Peter, PGK  
*4th Degree Faithful Navigator*.Allen Pascullo  
*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 Union Council 4504



With the end of a winter season that was very moderate and caused minimal disruption to our daily lives, our thoughts now turn toward spring, the season of rebirth and re-growth. Already, thanks to the mild weather of the past few weeks, many of the trees are in bloom, and the birds are chirping more



each day. I've also noticed that many more industrious than I have also begun the work of planting seeds, and even cutting the lawn. It is a wonderful time of year, focused on the prospects of opening up our hearts and minds to the warmth and the sunshine, and the banishment of the cold and dismal weeks of winter.

For Catholics, spring also means the celebration of the end of Lent, the remembrances of Holy Week, and of course the Passion and the Resurrection of Christ on Easter Sunday. I recall that when growing up and attending Catholic schools, Holy Week and Easter Sunday were always spent at Church- attending all of the services on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday. Easter Sunday itself was a day to wear our new spring clothes, and share in Easter Baskets that were full of chocolate bunnies and other candy. Of course, we also had the added bonus of looking forward to having the entire next week off from school, so it was really a time to celebrate.

Although my participation at Church services waxed and waned over the years, Holy Week has always drawn me back to remember the teachings of the Church, and on how fortunate I was to have been raised in the Catholic faith. Over the past two years in particular, I realize more than ever that my upbringing prepared me well for the difficulties that life inevitably brings. This year, I am again looking forward to all of the celebrations of Holy Week, and the height of spring – Easter Sunday. Hopefully, you will as well.

As you will see in the articles throughout this Digest, April and May will be very busy at the Council, with events scheduled nearly every weekend by the Council, Columbian Club, Columbiettes and the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. Please pay particular attention to our annual RCD Drive where we are again collecting funds for the developmentally challenged. The funds that we raise in this drive go directly to our charities that we select, and a portion also goes to charities that the State Council also supports. If you have the time, please spend just a few hours to assist us outside of local stores or at street corners in town.

Finally, don't forget the work parties that are held each week to prepare the pool and grove for the upcoming season. We can use all the help that we can get!

Vivat Jesus!

HAPPY EASTER



Andy Schopfer  
Grand Knight 2011-2012

## Columbian Swim Club

The work parties began on Saturday, March 24th at 8am and will continue each Saturday until mid-May. Please come and help out so the pool can open on time.

The pool dues were due on March 15th, if you did not send in your dues yet please be sure to include the \$25.00 late fee after April 1. Use the envelope provided and mail them. Please do not leave them at the council.

The pool badges will be available over the Memorial Day Weekend 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 and see you at the work parties.

Columbian Swim Club

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, **April 8th** 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, April 19, 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

April 2012

**Anthony Sibilgia &  
Walter Guthreau**



You know that Spring is near when you start seeing the flowers popping up, trees budding, the Council hosting the festivities for the Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade, and Tony and Walter running the Saturday Work Parties. So for this never ending dedication to making sure that our Council grounds are ready for all our summer enjoyment we are Honoring Tony and Walter as Knights of the Month for April 2012. These two gentlemen truly represent all four Principles of the Knights of Columbus, Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. They are excellent examples of why their generation is referred to as The Greatest Generation. Together they have almost 100 years of combined service to the Knights of Columbus and our Council.



Anthony Sibilgia, known to all as Tony was a self employed painter and decorator by trade, and it was easy to tell by his wardrobe of Newark Paint Store shirts. He is the proud father of three daughters, Donna, Barbara Ann, and Deborah, and his son Wayne, and a proud Grandfather too. He presently lives in Clark, but prior to that he lived in Union and is a Parishioner at St. Michael's Church. He joined the Union Knights of Columbus when he made his First Degree at 4504 on

May 4, 1964. Tony currently is a Fourth Degree Sir Knight with the John F. Kennedy Assembly. Tony is known and liked by all, even when he may take some time while bartending. Tony is a proud Army World War II Veteran, and as most of us know an alumni of the CCC during the Depression. Tony was named Knight of the Month for September 1966 and Columbian of the Year for 1991-92 Columbian year.



Walter Guthreau worked as a carpenter out of the Essex County Carpenters Union Local 1209, where he served as an officer in the capacity of Recording Secretary. Walter and his wife Helen live in Union and are Parishioners at St. Joseph's Church in Maplewood. They have two children Gary and Janice, and four grandchildren. He joined the Union Knights of Columbus when he made his First Degree at 4504 on July 20, 1964. Walter currently is a Fourth Degree Sir Knight with the John F. Kenne-

dy Assembly. Walter is a proud Marine Corps. Veteran of World War II, and Purple Heart Recipient. Walter is loved by all, especially when he is calling them in for the coffee break or lunch at the work parties. Walter was named Knight of the Month for May 1970.

Union Knights of Columbus are very proud to have both these men as Brother Knights and very appreciative for everything that they have done for our Council over the years, and continue to do. It is an extreme pleasure to name them Knights of the Month for April 2012.



## *Council Softball*

Fellow Knights.

It's that time of year were the Council Softball team prepares for the upcoming season.

Any member interested in playing should contact Jamie Zappula at 908-380-9155.

Games are played between 6pm and 9pm various days during the week.

Come out and meet fellow Knights as we try to bring a Championship to our council #4504.

We will hold a couple of practices (mandatory) prior to opening day near the end of April.



Thanks

## *Columbian Club Nominating Committee*

The Nominating Committee will be interviewing anyone interested in becoming a Columbian Club Officer or Director of the Knights of Columbus Council 4504. The available positions are as follows:

President

1st Vice President

2nd Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

3-Year Director (4 positions)

If you are interested in serving on the Columbian Club Board, please contact the Nominating Committee Chairman, Jamie Zappula at 908-380-9155 or [jkbc87@verizon.net](mailto:jkbc87@verizon.net)

Interviews will begin the week of April 9th and the slate of new officers will be read at the Council meeting on April 23rd. The elections will take place at the May 14, 2012 Council meeting.

Thank you  
Columbian Club President  
Michael Panella

## *Help Support the Union Memorial Day Parade*

To raise funds to support the Union Township Memorial Day Parade, the Veterans Alliance of Union is holding two fund raisers in April.

On Sunday April 15th they are running a bus trip to the Showboat in Atlantic City. They will leave at 9:00 AM from the Union Senior Center. Please contact Phylis Mon-guso at (908) 851-5290 for reservations or more details.

On Saturday April 21st they are sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast at Applebees on Morris Ave from 8AM to 10 AM. Price is \$10.00. Please contact Nancy Terrezza at (908) 687-8979 for reservations or more details.

Funds raised by these events help them to cover the costs of the Union Township Memorial Day Parade on May 28, 2012 in Union Center. Also please come out on May 28th to the Parade and Wreath Laying Ceremony in Honor of all those who have giving their lives in the Service to our Country.



## *Welcome New Brother Knights*

Union Knights of Columbus 4504 would like to welcome our new Brother Knights.

Pictured left to right are:

Juan Diaz

Robert Prazeres

Clemente Sivo

Wilson Avila

Vincenzo DiSalvo

Congratulations and welcome to the Knights of Columbus and Union Council 4504.

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8 Easter Sunday	9 Council Meeting	10	11	12	13	14
15 Veteran's Trip To Atlantic City	16 Swim Club	17	18	19	20 Special Citizen's Drive	21 Veteran's Pancake Breakfast
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