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Columbian Club Award and Knight of the Year Announced



The recipient of the Columbian Club Award for 2003 is Steve Ruhl. Steve is married to his lovely wife, Donna, and they have two wonderful children, Ryan and Amanda. He and his family reside in Union and are members of St. Michael's parish. The Hillside Fire Department employs Steve where he is a Fire Captain.

Steve has been a member of Union Council 4504 for the past xx years and has been an active member for the majority of these years. Steve's involvement started in 199X when he was appointed youth activities director, at which he did a fine job. He then went on to become a member of the board of directors of the Columbian Swim Club, which he still remains a part of today, as well as organizes the swim team. This year Steve was asked to be the chairman for the Retarded Citizen's Drive, which he accepted without any hesitation and performed exceptionally well. Besides taking on leadership roles, Steve always avails himself to other chairman to offer his assistance and support. Whether it is collecting food at a local supermarket, packing the food into boxes and delivering it to the food pantry, or helping out on the tricky tray committee and with many other events, Steve is always there. He can also always be found helping out at work parties, getting the pool and the grounds ready for our member's enjoyment.

Steve is an individual that seems to rarely have the word 'no' in his vocabulary. He will do whatever he can to help out his fellow brother knights. Steve is the type of person that every Grand Knight wishes they could have belonging to their council. That is why Steve Ruhl was selected as the recipient of this year's Columbian Club Award. Congratulations Steve and a sincere thank you for all you have done and continue to do for Union Council 4504. It is truly appreciated.



The Knight of the Year for 2003 is Larry Killmer. Larry has been a knight since 1982. Together with his wife, Diane, they have two beautiful daughters, Deanna and Leah. Larry and his family reside in Garwood, New Jersey and are parishioners of St. Anne's parish in Garwood.

Larry has been active with the Knights ever since he joined the council. His career with Knights began when he became a board member with the Columbian Swim Club in the early 80's. After serving his term with the swim club, Larry took a position with the Columbian Club as treasurer in the mid 80's. Larry's involvement escalated holding the positions of Recorder, Warden, Chancellor, Deputy Grand Knight and then Grand Knight in 1997. After serving as Grand Knight, Larry served his three-year term as trustee. One would now think that he would step down and lessen his involvement, since he put in his time, as one would say. Well not so! Not Larry Killmer. Larry then was appointed program director in 2001 and was reappointed by the current Grand Knight for the following year. As program director, Larry has done an outstanding job in putting together many quality events over the past few years, working closely with his chairmen. This year the council was having a hard time finding officers for the 2003 - 2004 Columbian year. One of the positions that was available was for first year trustee, a position Larry has held in the past. Seeing no one coming forward, Larry volunteered himself for that position, in addition to his recent reappointment as program director. In addition to being a Third Degree member, Larry is also a member of the Fourth Degree and is a member of the Fourth Degree Color Corp.

Larry Killmer is the type of member every council wishes all of their members to be like. He is a true Knight of Columbus in every sense of the word. He truly believes in what the Knights stand for and is truly dedicated to living out the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. It is for this reason that Larry Killmer has been selected as Knight of the Year for 2003. Congratulations Larry and thank you for all you do for Union Council 4504.

Officers Installation

Mass at Holy Spirit on August 22, 7pm

Reception following mass at council hall.

KNIGHT DIGEST

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<i>Swim Club President</i>	James Feehan

MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

GRAND KNIGHT'S COLUMN



Brothers, I hope that this article finds you and your families enjoying summer fun and good family times.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for having confidence in me, in electing me as your grand knight for a second term, a first in the history of Union Council 4504. I look forward to leading this council through another great year. Looking back, I would like to thank all of my officers and chairmen for all of your hard work and dedication this past year. A special thanks belongs to Jamie Zappulla who worked closely with me in helping to bring the tensions between the council and the Columbian Club to a near end. Thanks for your support, and congratulations on a job well done.

Looking forward, as we venture forth into this new Columbian year, I would also like to express my support and dedication for my new officers and chairmen; Allan Passcullo, the new president of the Columbian Club and his officers; and Jim Feehan, president of the swim club and his officers. Together we will work hard to achieve the expectations that Father McGivney set forth for the Knights of Columbus.

My number one priority this year will be to increase membership involvement. In my last digest article I asked all members to re-think why they joined the Knights of Columbus. We all may have joined for various reasons, but the one reason that we should all have in common is to support the many works of charity in our community and the world around us - working together as a brotherhood for this one purpose. This, my friends, has some how gotten lost, and it will be my challenge this year to recover and revive our membership.

Throughout our lives we have each celebrated special events and accomplishments. For members of the Knights of Columbus, now is the time for all of us to continue our celebration and as Union Council Knights we are being called to celebrate, Family, Faith and Fraternity. Please consider taking an active part this Columbian Year and be part of the celebration. Don't miss the party!

Vivat Jesus!

Michael Cavallo
Grand Knight

In Memory Of...

In the June issue, William A. Musikevich, deceased November 29, 2002, should have been part of the 'In Memory Of...' column. Please accept our apologies for this omission. Our love and prayers are with him and his family.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Officers Installation & Mass at Holy Spirit on August 22nd at 7pm
Reception following mass at council hall.

First Friday Mass resumes on **September 5 at 7:30pm**

Council Family Picnic will be on **September 6** with a rain date of September 7. For more information please call Chairmen Sam Maffie or Frank Santamauro.

Knight's Family Sunday resumes **September 21**. Mass will be held at St. Michael's at 9am.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Past Grand Knight's Council Meeting September 25 at 7:30pm

Pasta Dinner
In Solidarity with Our Priests
September 28 at 7pm
Adults: \$7; Children: \$5

Adult Halloween Costume/ Comedy Extravaganza on October 18.

Look for more information on most of these events in the next Digest.

Stock market got you worried? Low rates got you down? Well...good news!

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For more information call Rich Fuentes at 908-437-0310 or reach out to him via email at RichKofC@AOL.com.

From the Columbian Club

As the Columbian Year comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who made my term as president a success. To all the people who have supported the many functions we offered and those that attended the work parties – thank you. Thanks to the bartenders and, of course, my board of directors.

When I became 2nd vice president three years ago, I thought the Union Council 4504 was the greatest place to meet some friends, bring your family and help your community. Three years later, I still think the same way. I think we owe it to ourselves to give ourselves a pat on the back for those great events throughout the year. From the Western Night, the night we roasted 5 members, the New Years Eve party, Italian Night, Dr. Chico Night, our bus trip to Atlantic City...well, the list goes on and on. It would have been nice to get more of a turnout at lots of these of events, but hopefully this next Columbian Year will be even more successful than the one before as we continue to grow as an organization for friends, family and community.

Columbian Club is always thinking of new ways to make this council the best in the state and if you look around the council hall, you will see many improvements. Among these are the refreshed and restored entranceway leading into the hall (Thanks to Vinnie Ianuzzi for this.), the new driveway, and the new men's bathroom in the outside grove area. Thanks to everyone who contributed in some way to the successful completion of these projects.

Finally, I would like to thank my 1st. vice president, Allen Pascullo, for helping me throughout the year. He has always been by my side and I wish him all the luck in the upcoming Columbian Year. I would like to thank my wife, Kathy, and my two children, Brian and Colleen, for always being there when I needed some advice. I've only been a member here in Union for 5 years, but I can see myself being here for the next 20 years.

Thanks again, and God bless all of you.

Jamie Zappulla
Columbian Club President

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BOWLING LEAGUE
2003 FINAL STANDINGS**

First Place — DEVILS

Andre Veilleux ❖ Chris Flory ❖ Mike Carr

Second Place — Tree Pops

Jeff Pogorzelski ❖ Andy Popp ❖ Hank Skarbek

Anyone interested in Knight's of Columbus Bowling League, regularly holding meets at Roselle Lanes on Tuesdays at 8pm, please call Jim Bayer, league secretary, at 908-687-8481.

**SPLISH-SPLASH
SWIM CLUB
NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We are in full swing at the swim club this season. Here is are some dates and information for all swim club members.

Non-swim club members: Be sure to read the final bullet point below!

❖ Don't forget that swim club passes that are earned from attending work parties may be used on Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays.

❖ Mark your calendars! Another Children's Splash Party is scheduled for Saturday, August 16. Look for more information on the bulletin board at the club.

❖ Guest fees will be \$5.00 for children and \$7.00 for adults.

❖ Swim club membership has not reached the allowable maximum. If you were thinking of joining the swim club, this year offers a great opportunity to splish-splash!

For more information about swim club membership or events call Jim Feehan at 908-964-8014 or Jim Ford at 908-686-1866.

SUCCESS IN SWIMMING

Dear All,

I would like to congratulate the Columbian Swim Team on their swimming season. At the half way mark, the team is 2-1, beating Westbrook and the Union Elks. We have over 50 members on this year's team, but we are always looking for more members. The Knights beat Westbrook by more than 80 points. The meets vs. the Elks and Clark were extremely close. Luckily, we were able to squeak by the Elks.

I would like to thank the swimmers who are dedicated and show up at the practices and meets. I would also like to thank the parents and assistant coaches. Congratulations again and I hope we end our season on the winning end.

*Kelly Ford
Head Coach*