



# Knights Digest



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## Upcoming Events

February 5th ..... National Wrestling Superstars  
 February 7th ..... Annual Super Bowl Extravaganza  
 February 13th ..... Fatima Valentine's Dinner/Dance  
 February 27th ..... Yankee Stadium Tour & Tricky Tray  
 May 13-16th ..... Annual Convention

### Pasta Dinner - February 18<sup>th</sup>

Council Hall

Time: 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Cost:

Adults.....\$10.00

Children.....\$6.00

Senior Citizens.....\$6.00

Cash Bar Available

50/50 Drawing

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus and the Columbiettes.



Pasta Dinner



### Camp Fatima Valentine's Dinner/Dance

Dinner, Dancing, Raffles, etc.... Fun for All  
 February 13th 7 PM to Midnight Hawaiian Theme  
 \$70.00 per couple

Contact: Sr. Ann Dominic at 908-686-5271 or  
 Tom Conte at 908-687-4898

### Welcome New Members

The follow new members received their First Degree on Monday, January 18th: Antonio Branca, Luis Matos, Michael Kinkidakes, Howard Anderson and Phil Vitale.

### Knights of Columbus Annual Convention

Mark your calendars May 13th to May 16th is the annual Knights of Columbus Convention in Wildwood. Letters will be going out shortly and additional information will be available on the web site. If you have any questions, please contact Joe Burlew DGK via e-mail at joedisp@aol.com.

## Union Council Supports Our Troops

Thanks you to everyone that donated to our "Support Our Troops" drive.

The items that were donated and items purchased from the monetary donations will be sent to Sarah Kramer and her unit deployed in Afghanistan and Erik Santiago stationed in Portugal after his two deployments in Iraq. Sarah is the daughter of Mike Kramer and granddaughter of Tom Kramer, and Erik is the son of Jose Santiago.

### Swim Club Dues Reminder

Renewal applications for the 2010 Season have been mailed out. Please return with payment by March 15th. If you did not receive it, please email Jim Ford at jford1488@comcast.net.

### National Wrestling Superstars

National Wrestling Superstars invades our Council on Feb. 5th for a night of Pro Wrestling with an appearance by "Hacksaw" Jim Duggan. Please contact Mike Scanlon, 908-578-8766 or Rob Salvatore, 732-522-0240 for details. Tickets are on Sale now. Adults: \$18, Children under 12: \$16.

### Annual Super Bowl Extravaganza



Sunday, February 7, 2010  
 3:00 PM - End of Game

#### PRE-SNACKS & HORS D'OEUVRES

Cheese & Crackers, Cocktail Franks, Chicken Wings, Stuffed Pepperoni Bread, Hot Dogs & Kraut, Pastry Puffs, Cold Cut Platter, Salads

#### BUFFET DINNER

Baked Ziti, Sausage & Peppers, Meatballs, Kielbasa, Chicken Murphy, Roast Beef & Gravy, Roasted Potatoes, Caesar Salad

\$15.00 PER PERSON INCLUDES:  
 FOOD & TWO (2) DRINK TICKETS  
 Last Man Standing Super 50/50 Tickets  
 \$20.00 per Ticket - Limited Sale of 100 Tickets  
 GUARANTEED PRIZE: \$1,000.00  
 FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
 MIKE SCANLON (908) 578-8768

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**RULES FOR SUBMISSION:** Submissions for consideration are due in writing by the 15th of the month for the following month. Please mail or drop off submission, with contact information to:

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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* .....Rob Salvatore  
*Deputy Grand Knight* ..... Joe Burlew  
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*Recorder*.....Steve Nagy  
*Treasurer*..... Frank Santangelo  
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*Columbian Club President* ..... Bob Calderone  
*Swim Club President* .....Steve Ruhl  
*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

Gentlemen and Friends:



I cant believe that I have been Grand Knight now for over half a year, and that my term is over in 5 short months!! Besides that fact, there is still a lot of work to do, and a lot still going on here at Council..

This month brings to us: NWS wrestling on Feb 5th, and Super Bowl Sunday on Feb 7th. As of this writing, these events have yet to take place, along with a concert on Jan 23rd by VOR, for two worthwhile charities, but I'm sure they will be successful, and a report will be done for next month.

Our annual Tricky Tray is to be held on Feb 27th. This event normally packs them in, raises much needed funds, and the Tricky Tray girls always put together a great event with their hard work and dedication. Feb 27th is also a Council pilgrimage to the new Yankee Stadium.

Events we already had since the last Digest were:

I forgot to mention last month, that our Nativity lighting ceremonies were also attended by the Mayor, Mr. Terrezza and his lovely wife.

Our Breakfast with Santa, this year, chaired by the Columbiettes, was a success as usual. Due to a snow storm the night before, Santa ran a few minutes behind, but the hall was crowded and the food was enjoyable that there wasn't a complaint about it. The children had a great time and we hope they got what they wanted.

The Semi-Annual Chili contest returned this year, and it was held on Jan 16th. There were a lot of good entries this year, from Best tasting to Hottest. Please see our website for details on this event.

This brings me to an event that took place on Jan 17th, here at the Council, that in my opinion, was long overdue. We had a ceremony here to honor the surviving Veterans of World War II. We had 26 of our Veterans there, along with Mr. Thomas Mahoney, who is one of the last remaining survivors of the attack on Pearl Harbor. This was a great day, as these gentlemen showed up, dressed proudly, had there families with them, and shared stories with us and each other. Some haven't had seen each other in a while.

We hosted them, and they proceeded to teach us about courage and respect, not by saying so, but just by being there, and by the memory of those who weren't there. This event was well attended by our Brothers, as even though there was a playoff game on, and some were interested in that, those that were there were greatly moved by the experience.

I would truly like to thank those that were involved in putting this day together. Especially, Steve Nagy, for coming up with the idea and running with it. For this and all his ideas and passion around here, I thank him, His wife Carol needs to be thanked for baking the cakes, taking all the phone messages, and helping where ever she could. Mike Kramer, for setting up and all around help, Frank and Joe for the top-notch service as usual, Lenny Komar and his daughter Kelly, who helped out and took the time to bring along all their Display Merchandise of hats, helmets, shells, canteens, and other items from the service. Along with putting together a special DVD that the gentlemen watched throughout the day. I also would like to thank the Columbian Club for the hospitality towards these gentlemen. Tom Dudek and Buddy Cotter should be acknowledged as well, as Buddy took the time to scan in all the photos, and Tom provided the Then and Now photos, and posted everything on the website ..and to My kids, Robbie and Eva Ann who walked around and made sure that every table had enough water throughout the day.

I know these Gentlemen, and Ladies, don't want to be called out and thanked, but it needed to be done, as this day was a great display of what we are all about.

Please check our web site [www.kofc4504.org](http://www.kofc4504.org) for updates and events.

Thank you and God Bless,

Robert Salvatore  
Grand Knight







### *Honoring World War II Veterans*

On Sunday January 17th the Council proudly hosted a reception for our Brother Knights who are World War II Veterans. In attendance were 21 World War II Veterans and their families, along with special guest of the Council, Mr. Thomas Mahoney, life long Union Township resident and Pearl Harbor Attack Survivor.

These great men were presented with their Flag that was flown in their Honor over the USS Arizona Memorial in Pearl Harbor Hawaii. They were thanked for their Military Service to our Country, and thanked for their starting and building of the Union Knights of Columbus Council # 4504 and its facilities that we are thankful and happy to have for ours and future generation's use.

It was truly a pleasure for all in attendance to see how proud these gentlemen are of their Military Service, and how proud their Families are of them. These Veterans and their Families were so Thankful to the Council for Honoring them.

And special thanks to everyone that help to make Sunday's event a success, and one that will be remembered by all that attended.

We are still asking that all living Veterans, or their Family members or friends contact us with their name, Branch of Military Service, rank, and any other details of their World War II Military service. This information will be added to the names already on Council #4504 Honor Roll of World War II Veterans. We would also like to reach out to any Brother Knight at Union Council #4504 to send us the name and Branch of Military Service of their parents who served during World War II but was not a Member of Union Council #4504 to be recognized on a "Honor Roll of Our Parents that Served in World War II".

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### *Tour Set For Saturday February 27th*

Come and take a tour of the Cathedral of baseball: YANKEE STADIUM. Our pilgrimage will be held on Saturday, February 27th. In addition to the tour, we will have lunch at the Hard Rock Café located in the stadium. Tickets are limited and are on a first come first serve basis. The entire cost is \$55 per person including tour of the stadium, bus transportation, and your meal!! Don't miss out on this unique opportunity.

Please call Steve Helmstetter at 908-688-5039 A.S.A.P.

### *Yankee Fans*

The Union Knights of Columbus is looking for Yankee fans for a road trip to Toronto to watch the New York Yankees vs. the Toronto Blue Jays in August. If you are interested in joining us please contact Steve Nagy at Toys4504@aol.com.

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	1	2	3	4	5 Wrestling Superstars	6
7 Super Bowl Party	8	9	10	11	12	13 Valentine's Dinner/Dance
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