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Columbian Club Officers Elected for 2012-2013

The Columbian Club of Council 4504 held their elections for the Columbian year 2012-2013 at the June 11, 2012 Council meeting.

Elected to their Board of Directors for a 3 year term were Michael Andriola, Albert "Buddy" Cotter, Michael Campanelli, and Frank Santomauro.

Officers elected were, Treasurer John Murphy, Recorder Anthony "TQ" Quinones, 2nd Vice President Eugene Sully, 1st Vice President Richard Arnold, and President Michael Loguidice.

Congratulations to these Brother Knights and best wishes for a prosperous and successful 2012-2013 Columbian year.

Pictured left to right; Michael Campanelli, Albert Cotter, John Murphy, Anthony Quinones, Eugene Sully, Richard Arnold, and Michael Loguidice.



Upcoming Summer Events



- **Annual Horseshoe Tournament** on August 11th. Contact Mike Scanlon at 908-578-8768 or Blgiants@aol.com
- **Annual Bocce Ball Tournament** on August 25th. Contact Mike Scanlon at 908-578-8768 or Blgiants@aol.com

For more information contact the Event Chairman or Entertainment Director, Mike Scanlon

Family Picnic



Mark your calendars for September 8, 2012 - Rain date September 9th. More information will be coming via blast emails throughout the summer and fliers posted.

Tickets will be available at the Swim Club gatehouse starting July 16th. Advance tickets prices will be: Family of 4: \$40.00 (2 adults and 2 children); Additional children ages 6 & up \$10.00 and adults \$15.00.

If you can, and are able to be part of the committee or help, please contact: Rich Fuentes at 908-922-7551 , Tom Conte at 908-334-8672 or John Esposito at 201-538-8414.

E mails: richkofc@aol.com or tconte4466@aol.com

Thanks in advance for your anticipated involvement, it will only be as successful as "we all" make it.

THANKS

Thank you to everyone that made a Donation at the poolside Mass and Memorial Day Ceremony for the USO and Wounded Warrior Project. The donations totaled \$210 and the Council donated another \$40 so we were able to send \$125 to both the USO and the Wounded Warrior Project to help in their support of our Troops and those returning suffering from the wounds received during their tours of duty.

Knight Digest

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or via email to: 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.

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1st Yr. Trustee Rob Salvatore, PGK
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Navigator Andy Schopfer, PGK
Columbian Club President Mike Loguidice
Swim Club President Allen Pascullo
Columbiette President Eileen Lettier

Monthly Meetings

1st. Mon. ----- Council Officers
2nd & 4th Mon. ----- Council Mtgs.
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

So this is my first "Grand Knight Article" for our digest. It is not the first I had written, this is actually the second. The first one was a nice, humble "thank you" and "well wishes" for a good year. But I had a conversation recently that made me want to rewrite this. A few days ago I had a "conversation" with a near 30 year member of the Knights, for this article; let's call him "Dick". Dick had posed the question to me "why should I want to be a Knight?" The question itself is sad. If you have to ask yourself this question then you have already lost. I did stumble over my answer to Dick. I told him my personal reasons for being a Knight were because I am proud to be a Catholic and I enjoy the fact I can "do good" for the community with the Knights and have some fun at the same time. Seems "win-win" to me. But I had a few days to think about it and I feel my response to Dick was inadequate. So my article now becomes a rhetorical question to you, why are you a Knight?

The Knights have been around since 1882, so you have to think they are doing something right. We are struggling after 50 years, so maybe we need to look at what we are doing. Supreme says Knights have "embodied the selflessness of man as it has helped overcome the problems of the world...", "We are men of faith", "Guided not only by our belief in God and the Catholic Church, but by our belief in each other, and in ourselves", "Believing that a man is defined by his actions as a follower of God, and as a leader in his community. Believing that a man is more than simply a man, when he bears the title of "Knight".

Are you being "a selfless man"? Are you "helping overcome the problems"? And how can you be a man of faith if you haven't seen the inside of a church in a lustrum or a decade or more? How do you have belief in one another when it seems some can't even treat their brother Knights or their families with the basic civility expected by any respectable man?

The bottom line here is "if you are not part of the solution then you are part of the problem"! The Knights say this is "the year of the volunteer", I am declaring this the year of ENOUGH! Enough of the nonsense, enough of the B.S., enough of the in-fighting, ENOUGH of the disrespect to one another.

I know a few people are going to be upset with my previous comments. We are never supposed to be negative and the world is made of lollipops and gumballs but this is reality. THE COUNCIL NEEDS YOU MORE NOW THEN EVER BEFORE! For over 50 years Union Council has been here for you and your families. You, your fathers and/or your grandfathers built this council, help their vision last another 50 years and more. PARTICIPATE! GET INVOLVED! LEND A HELPING HAND!

If you think the Knights, Union Council specifically is just a pool, you are wrong. Go join the town pool. If you think the Council is yours personally, you are wrong. Go start an organization of one. If you think the Council is just a cheap bar, you are wrong. I will drive you to your first AA meeting. But if you think the Knights is a Charitable Men's Organization that is based on the core principals of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism and is a place where family comes first, then I say welcome Brother.

I am sorry if I got a little preachy with this article, I will get better as the year goes on. I just think it is vitally important that we remember why we all became Knights and why we shouldn't lose sight of it like "Dick".

Vivat Jesus!
Alex Costa
Grand Knight 2012-2013



4th Degree

Please join in congratulating Past Grand Knight Andy Schopfer on his election to Faithful Navigator of the JFK Assembly. Andy previously served the JFK Assembly as Faithful Captain for the past few years and provided backup and support to the Faithful Navigator. Andy is well positioned to lead this Assembly and he has the full support and respect of the leadership under his guidance.

Most of the other existing officers were reelected to serve in their existing positions with a couple of exceptions/changes. Andy was elected in May and begins his new journey in the new Columbian Year starting July 1. Andy has decided to keep with the existing tradition of not having 4th Degree Assembly meetings during the months of July and August. The reason for the meeting hiatus during the summer is twofold: There are no Master of the District meetings during these months and thus nothing new to report; and July is usually very busy with vacations and August is also a vacation month along with getting ready for the children going back to schools.

Ceremonial installation of new officers will take place in late September or early October, but the the new officers are officially in their new positions effective July 1, 2012.

Allen Pascullo, Faithful Admiral, PFN

Yellow Ribbon Ceremony



On Sunday, July 8, Union Council 4504 continued its recent tradition of honoring servicemen of our Council family who have been called to serve overseas in combat zones. The honoree was Sgt. Brian Schopfer, son of past Grand Knight Andy Schopfer, whose National Guard unit will be deployed to Afghanistan later this month. During the ceremony, a yellow ribbon was tied around the large tree in front of our Council home, as a symbol for all Knights to remember his service and to pray for his safe return home, which is projected for the summer of 2014.

Sgt Schopfer, 27, has served in the Guard since March of 2001, enlisting prior to his high school graduation. On the day after his graduation, he reported to Ft Bragg in North Carolina, and then received additional training at Fort Knox in Kentucky. He was originally assigned to the Morristown Armory, but has since transferred to the Teacneck Armory where he is a Military Policeman.

During his enlistment, his unit has been deployed to patrol Newark Airport in the days following September 11, 2001, and his unit has also been utilized during floods and times of crisis as deemed by the Governor of New Jersey. In addition, he did a tour of duty for 18 months in Germany, where he served as an MP in an American Facility in Schweinfurt.

During his service, Brian has been able to take advantage of the Guard's tuition reimbursement programs, attaining his Associate's Degree from Union College, and his Bachelor's Degree from Rutgers Newark with a double major in criminal justice and psychology. He is currently enrolled in a Doctorate program in psychology at Kean University, and hopes to continue in that program by taking on line courses during his deployment.

Good luck, Sergeant, and to all of our dedicated service men and women. God bless you all, and bring you back safely!

Swim Club

By now we should be in full swing with the summer Pool season. The Columbian Swim Club hopes that you, your family and guests have a pleasant summer of fun and relaxation at the Knights of Columbus Council #4504.

Swim club members are reminded to pick up their pool badges and as policy, please present a paid up 2012 dues card.

It is still not too late to join the Pool if you have not already done so. One trip down the shore with your family can cost as much, or more, than a family season membership at the Knights of Columbus Pool, plus you don't have to drive and sit in traffic.

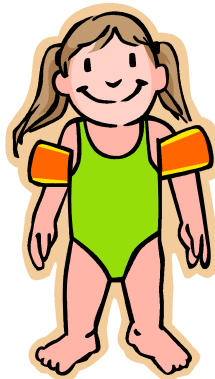
Additionally, our Council grove can provide shaded picnic and barbecue facilities and the Snack Bar can provide hot and tasty meals if you don't wish to cook it yourself or if you want to grab a quick bite to eat during your days at the Pool. The Snack Bar also usually has an ample supply and variety of assorted candy, ice cream, chips and soda for the children.

Council Day, Sunday, August 12th. All members in good standing, along with their immediate family swim at no charge. They may have guests and whom may pay the daily fee.

Allen Pascullo, Swim Club President

Splash Party

The Council will be hosting a splash party at the Columbian Swim Club pool on Saturday evening August 4th. Children 6 to 11 are invited to swim from 6:00 pm through 8:00, while children over 11 are will swim from 8:00 to 10:00 pm. Council members will be on hand to serve hot dogs and ice cream from 7:45 to 8:15. There will be music and games for all to enjoy! Please mark your calendars and come out to enjoy the fun!



Knights of Columbus Insurance

The Importance of Disability Income Coverage to Members

FACT: The ability to earn a living is the most important asset a worker has.

FACT: A 25-year-old worker who makes \$50,000 a year and suffers a permanent disability could lose \$3.8 million in future earnings. [http: www.lifehappens.org](http://www.lifehappens.org).

FACT: The LIFE Foundation conducted a study that found that 70 percent of working Americans couldn't make it one month before financial difficulties would set in. More than one in four Americans wouldn't t make it a week.

FACT: Nearly one in three women can expect to suffer a disability that keeps them out of work for 90 days or longer at some point during their working years. For men; the odds are about one in four.
One worker in seven can expect to be disabled for five or more years before retirement.

FACT: A disabling injury or illness could lead to medical bills, modifications to your car or home, or other unforeseen needs that can be quite expensive.

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Charitable Raffle

The next Charitable Raffle will take place at the family picnic to be held on September 8th.

Name Plates

The Columbian Club is offering members the chance to purchase name plates to be placed outside in the bar area. The cost for each name plate is \$25.00. Have your name at the Knights for years to come while supporting your organization.

Contact Jamie Zappulla at 908-380-9155



A special thank you goes out to Enzo Fiermonte for painting the American flag on the back outside wall of the council.

2012-2013 Runnells Hospital Schedule

Below is Council 4504's schedule for volunteering at Runnells Hospital. Take a moment to add these dates to your calendar and make a commitment to yourself to volunteer to help.

July 22, 2012
August 26, 2012
September 30, 2012
November 4, 2012
December 9, 2012
January 6, 2013
February 17, 2013
March 24, 2013
April 28, 2013
June 2, 2013
July 7, 2013
August 11, 2013

Your help is greatly appreciated!
Contact Charlie Cunningham at 908-419-2310.

Installation of Officers

There will be a Mass on Tuesday, August 21st at 7 PM at Holy Spirit Church in preparation for the installation of officers to take place shortly after Mass is over.

Special Elections

July 23rd we will vote to elect Martin Natale for the position of Chancellor.

Aug 13th we will vote to elect Michael Gasser for the position of 2nd year Trustee.

We are also looking for a candidate for the position of Warden.

Union Columbian Club

Jules Pruszkowski Memorial Bus Trip to
Monmouth Park

**I Bet
You'll
Love
it!!**



\$15.00 Per Person

Price Includes: Bus Ride,
Drinks

Light Finger Sandwiches.

August 4th 9am Sharp

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