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## ***KofC 4504 Council Officer Special Election***

There will be a special election held on February 14, 2010 at our regular business meeting for the vacant office of Deputy Grand Knight. This election will fill the Deputy Grand Knight vacant position from February 14, through the remainder of this Columbian Year.



### ***Super Bowl Party***



**Sunday, February 6th, 2011  
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 and Salads.

Buffet Dinner

Baked Ziti, Sausage & Peppers, Meatballs, Kielbasa, Chicken Murphy, Roast Beef & Gravy, Roasted Potatoes, Caesar Salad  
\$15.00 PP includes Food & Two (2) Drink Tickets

See Mike Scanlon for more information.

### ***Valentine's Dinner Dance***

When: **Saturday, February 12, 2011**

Where: Knights of Columbus - Union, NJ

Time: **7:00 PM to 12 Mid-night**

Dinner includes: appetizers, 3 course dinner, salad, soda, beer, coffee and dessert

Music provided by Eddie GWiz

Tickets: \$70.00 per couple or \$35.00 per person

Make checks payable to: Camp Fatima or Sr. Ann Dominic or Knights of Columbus

PROCEEDS WILL GO TO CAMP FATIMA

For Tickets Contact Tom Conte at 908-687-4898

Presented Jointly by the Knights of Columbus & Columbiettes  
Of Union Council 4504

### ***"Knights Family Dinners"***

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of Each Month from  
September - April

Serving from 6:30 -8:30 pm  
Council Hall



Family of 4 \$25.00

\$8.00 Adults

\$6.00 Seniors & Kids under 12



#### Includes:

Dinner, Salad, Bread & Soda  
Coffee & Dessert



**All Money Raised will be Donated to Charity!**

Advance Tickets Available Contact:  
Frank Santangelo - franksanta1@yahoo.com

### ***Congratulations New Brother Knights***

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Name	Sponsor
Thomas F. Mahoney	George Clark
Ryan P. Ruhl	Steve Ruhl
Sergio P. Panunzio	Mike Scanlon Sr.
Daniel Tatge	Joe Harbison
Kenneth Gambella	Robert Genovese
Frank A. Santangelo III	Frank Santangelo Jr.
Domenick A. Garbiras	Frank Santangelo Jr.
Brain J. Cwiakala	Frank Santangelo Jr.
James Fell	Steve Nagy
James Fell Jr.	Steve Nagy

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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*.....Joe Burlew  
*Deputy Grand Knight* .....Gino Gonzalez  
*Chancellor* .....Kyle Wiklanski  
*Warden*.....Alex Costa  
*Recorder* ..... Steve Nagy  
*Treasurer* ..... Frank Santangelo  
*Fin. Secretary* .....Thomas Hornig, PGK  
*Inside Guard*..... Pedro Bexiga  
*Outside Guard* ..... Steve Stochlinski  
*Membership Director*.....Kyle Wiklanski  
*Program Director* .....Andy Schopfer, PGK  
*Advocate* ..... Stephen F. Hehl  
*3rd. Yr. Trustee* ..... Rob Salvatore, PGK  
*2nd Yr. Trustee*..... Mike Peter, PGK  
*1st Yr. Trustee*.....Tom Conte  
*4th Degree Faithful Navigator* ... Allen Pascullo  
*Columbian Club President*.....Mike Scanlon  
*Swim Club President*..... Allen Pascullo  
*Columbiette President* ..... Christine Burlew

### 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



Brothers Knights,

**Every catholic man should become a member of the Knight of Columbus, because the Knights of Columbus help a man become a better catholic.**

February is membership month, twice a year the Knights of Columbus Councils go out into our parishes and recruit catholic men to join our fraternal organization. During February, we here at Union Council 4504 will do the same. As you know this takes a lot of commitment from our fellow brothers and your help is greatly needed.

Nevertheless, what do we do the other ten months out of the year? We should be recruiting new members to join our ranks **“Yes, Every Day!”**

The Knights of Columbus, you, me and all our brothers need to reach out to every catholic man we know and just ask, “Have you ever thought about joining the Knights of Columbus?” Take a few minutes to tell them about all the great work we do here at our Council 4504 and what is done worldwide by the Knights of Columbus, hand them a “Form 100”, help them fill it out, be their mentor, encourage them to join and get involved. **Help them become a better Catholic.**

Vivat Jesus!

Joe Burlew Sr., GK



## *Those were the Days and Knights*

### Sister Ann's Valentine's Day Dinner/Dance

For over 30 years, every Valentine's Day weekend the Union Council has supported the Charitable Efforts of Sister Ann Dominic, and her legion of helpers, with her annual Valentine's Day Dinner/Dance to benefit Camp Fatima. While she has a different theme each year the end results are the same, a very enjoyable night for those who attend and a successful fund raiser for her favorite charity, Camp Fatima. Over the years Sister Ann Dominic has put together a strong group of volunteers to help her with the Dinner/Dance, and while there is a lot of work that goes into it, everyone seems to enjoy working on it as much as attending it.

While the Dinner/Dances go back to 1976 when it was started during the Columbian year of Andy Popp PGK, Camp Fatima goes back to 1969, when the New Jersey Chapter, was started by Sister Ann Dominic. In 1969 when Sister Ann was assigned to St. Michael's Parish she took the charge to establish this Charitable endeavor. Camp Fatima is a no cost, quality one-to-one recreational camp for children with severe disabilities where they believe that all children have the right to experience play in their lives, as well as offering the families of these children involved an opportunity to have time for other siblings. They commit to provide a safe and healthy camp experience where no person's disability is too great a challenge.

While the camp has many dedicated volunteers to work with the campers, it takes a lot of Financial Support to operate it, and that is where Sister Ann and her ability to raise the funds needed through affairs such as the Valentine's Day Dinner/Dance come into play.

If you have attended one in the past you know that it is a very enjoyable night filled with good food and fun. If you have not yet experienced it, please do come out this year and have a great night out, while knowing that you are helping to provide a special week at Camp Fatima for some very deserving children.



## *Knights of the Month* *February 2011* **Joseph Pesany**



We are pleased to name Joe Pesany Knight of the Month for February 2011. Joe was born in the Bay Ridge section of Brooklyn, NY and raised in Garretsen Beach Brooklyn where he was a member of the Knights of Columbus Squires. He attended New York College of Technology where he received a Degree in Electrical Engineering. He moved to Old Bridge, NJ in 1985 where he joined

the Knights of Columbus St. Thomas the Apostle Council # 4815, there he was active in many council activities, and was on their bowling and softball teams.

Joe has been employed at Merck for the past 11 years as a Lead Global Systems Architect. He has two children Joseph Jr. and Kaitlyn, and the latest addition, Pixie. Joe transferred to the Union Council when he moved to Union in 2002, and has been a familiar face around the Council with his better half Donna. Joe attends St. Michael's Church in Union.

Joe is known as the iPod man and was named "King of the Summer iPods" last Memorial Day weekend. But he is best known for his passion for his New York J.E.T.S. , Jets Jets, Jets. He also enjoys watching his two favorite baseball teams the New York Yankees and Kansas City Royals.

He is always ready, willing and able to help out for the good of the Order and the Council, whether it is helping at the work parties, helping at events, working the booth at the Italian Feast, working the grill at the Summer Slam, or collecting for the Food Drives and the Special Citizens Drive. His two most recent achievements were co-chairing the Giants Tailgate Party and chairing the 80's themed New Years Eve party.

Joe can usually be found relaxing at the club with his good friends Richie, Mike & Mike, Murphy, Bobby, Tim and a cast of other characters.

Congratulations to Joe for being named Knight of the Month for February 2011.



## *Special First Degree*

On Monday January 24, 2011 we held a Special First Degree at our Council. This Degree was special for many reasons. First, we had 10 new Brothers join the Knights and our Council, and many of them have family ties to our Council by being Sons and Grandsons of Council members. Second, Tom Mahoney, World War II Veteran and Pearl Harbor Attack Survivor made his First Degree at the age of 89. And third, because Tom was making his First Degree, State Deputy Herb Meyer, PSD Tom Ciborski Supreme Membership Program Consultant and Bob Hatler State Program Director attended the Degree to honor Tom on his desire to join the Knights of Columbus. Tom made the decision to join the Knights and our Council in particular because of our including him in our programs honoring our World War II Veterans this past year. This past December when we raised Tom's Pearl Harbor Survivor Association Flag in front of the Council, Tom expressed his interest to join us, and the Degree was planned. Once the date was set, everyone went to work to make sure that this special First Degree went the best it could, and it was just perfect. Everyone did their best, the Brothers who set up, and prepared everything, and the Degree Team put together a first class First Degree that our Council can be and should be proud of. And we showed our visiting State and Supreme visitors that Union Council #4504 is a Council that they should be proud of.



## *In Our Parishes...*



### **St. Michael's Church**

The 2011 Confirmation Celebration will be held on Thursday May 12th at 7 PM and our Confirming Bishop will be The Most Reverend Dominic A. Marconi, DD

### **Holy Spirit Church**

Alaskan Cruise-Going Fast!

Anyone interested in joining us this July for this wonderful trip of a lifetime is asked to send in their reservation form immediately. Space on the ship is filling very quickly and we want to be able to accommodate as many of our people as possible. Brochures are still available, please stop in and pick one up at the parish office. We are offering a 14 day cruise on Holland-America Line, visiting both the most popular places in Alaska as well as many off the beaten patch towns as well. For further information please contact Fr. Armand.

Pasta Dinner Fundraiser

Don't cook dinner on Saturday, February 26th! Instead, come to our 7th Annual Pasta Dinner fundraiser sponsored by Holy Spirit School's Athletic Program! Join us from 7PM until 10PM in the Parish Hall for a FUN evening of music, dancing, games and raffles! Our pasta dinner includes spaghetti & meatballs, salad, bread, dessert and beverages. Tickets will be on sale during Catholic Schools Week! All proceeds benefit our sports teams here at Holy Spirit School. For tickets or more information, please call the school at (908) 687-8415.

## *Yankee Road Trip to Toronto*

We are scheduling our third pilgrimage to Canada from Thursday July 14th thru Sunday July 17th. In addition to seeing the Yankees play, you will be able to go to Niagara Falls to see the sites or to try your luck at the casinos.

The cost is approximately \$1,100 for 2 people, \$1,375 for three and \$1,650 for 4 people in a room. We will be staying at the world famous Renaissance Toronto Hotel which is attached to the stadium and we will be feasting at a scrumptious buffet on game day. In addition we will enjoy a luxurious motor coach ride to Toronto and Niagara Falls. Toronto is a fun city with many fantastic restaurants, the Hockey Hall of Fame as well as a great theater district.

There are a limited number of tickets available, so please call Steve Helmstetter at 908-688-5039 or email at helmstetter2@verizon.net A.S.A.P. to reserve your seat.



## ***THINGS ARE ALWAYS COOKING***

### ***AT THE CONVENTION***

We will throw something on the Barbie for you at the Convention. Come on down and enjoy the fun. This year's Convention is from Thursday May 12th through Sunday May 15th at the Adventurer Motel. Letters will be mailed out and information will be posted on the Council's web site, or contact Program Director Andy Schopfer at 908 265-7895 for more details or to make your reservation.



### ***New Jersey Knights of Columbus Photography Contest***

The annual "Photography Contest" has started; all entries must be submitted to the Grand Knight by April 1, 2011.



The rules are as follows, you must be a member of the Knights of Columbus or a immediate family member to enter, you may enter your photo in any many as the categories as you wish. Those categories are Council Activities, Nature, and General. The photos must be a minimum of 8"X10" and a maximum of 11"X14" in size; it is recommended that you mount them, no frames please. The winning photographs will be displayed at the State Council Convention in May at Wildwood.

### ***New Jersey Knights of Columbus Supports Opportunity Scholarship Act A2810***

On Thursday, February 3, the Assembly Commerce and Economic Development Committee will consider the Opportunity Scholarship Act A2810. This bill, if enacted, will provide scholarships from students from low income families in failing school districts; it will be funded by granting tax credits to businesses that donate to the scholarship fund.

Along with the Catholic Conference, the New Jersey Knights of Columbus are strong supporters of this bill. Our efforts, last week, to gain the approval of the Senate Budget Committee were successful; we need once again to show our grassroots support for this bill. Our enthusiastic support could make the difference between success and failure.

Accordingly, we are asking our members and their families to call or e-mail their legislators and ask them to support the bill.

### ***Knights of Columbus State Bowling Tournament***



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This year's State Bowling Tournament will be held on March 26, March 27 & April 2, 2011. Any member wishing to participate, please contact Mike Gasser, PGK via e-mail at [mwg.pgk@verizon.net](mailto:mwg.pgk@verizon.net) for additional information

### ***New Jersey Knights of Columbus Polar Bear Plunge***

Polar Bear Plunge, to raise money for the "Special Olympics", please join us! Last year the NJ Polar Bear Penguins raised almost \$16, 000.00 for the "Special Olympics" they are looking for more plungers and a much higher plunge pledge this year. Even if you cannot plunge, please come out and support them in Seaside Heights on February 26, 2011.

Registration	2/26/2011 9:00 am - 12:30 pm
Plunger Staging	2/26/2011 12:30 am - 12:55 am
PLUNGE	2/26/2011 1:00 pm - 1:15 pm
Lunch	2/26/2011 1:15 pm - 3:00 pm

Aztec Ocean Resort, Seaside Heights, NJ



# February 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7 Officer's Mtg. 8p	8	9	10	11	12 Valentine's Dinner Dance 7p - 12a
13	14 Council Mtg. 8p Special Elections	15	16	17 Knights Family Dinner	18	19
20	21	22	23 4th Degree JFK As- sembly Mtg. 7:30p	24 Columbian Club Mtg. 7:30p	25	26 Polar Bear Plunge
27	28 No Council Mtg.	"Experience is not what happens to a man, it is what a man does with what happens to him". – Aldous Leonard Huxley				

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