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March 6th.....	Yellow Ribbon Ceremony - 2PM
March 12th.....	St. Patrick's Day Parade
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## "Knights Family Dinners"

Knights Family Dinners which normally occur on the third Thursday of each month will be cancelled in March due to St. Patrick's Day (see page 7). The next dinner event will take place on **April 21st**. To purchase advance tickets, see Frank Santangelo: franksantal@yahoo.com.

## Life Insurance

### Affordable Term Life Insurance:

- \* Provides funds to pay off mortgage in the event of your premature death.
- \* Guarantees your family can remain in their home, provided premiums are paid.
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### Example Monthly Premiums

Age	\$250K	\$500K	\$1 Million
35	\$27.00	\$49.50	\$94.50
40	\$46.76	\$85.26	\$140.07
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50	\$97.22	\$180.53	\$300.15
55	\$140.72	\$260.57	\$449.80

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## Yellow Ribbon Ceremony



Please join us at the Council home on Sunday, **March 6, 2011** at 2:00 PM as we tie two yellow Ribbons around our tree for two of our Knights Family who are deployed in Afghanistan.

Sgt. Erik Santiago, Jose Santiago's son and PV2 Michael Zagorski, Len Komar's nephew are presently deployed with the U.S. Army in Afghanistan and this is our way of honoring their service to our Country by asking everyone to keep them in their prayers and thoughts until their safe return home.

Essex County Law Enforcement and Firefighter Annual Kickoff to St. Paddy's Day Event benefiting the Police Unity Tour "Newark Riders". This year one of the Honorees is our own Newark Police Officer **John Murphy** Member of KofC 4504. Please come out and support one of our own. It will be held at the Kilkenny Ale House Central Ave & Halsey Street Newark, New Jersey on Friday, March 4, 2011 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Donations \$25.00 For tickets Contact Dave Wood 973-789-6328 or John Meludy 908-247-8810.

## Swim Club Reminder

A reminder to Swim Club Members: please mail renewals to Jim Ford 1488 Burnet Ave, Union, NJ 07083. Do not leave them at the council. If you are interested in or did not receive your renewal in the mail please email Jim at [jford1488@comcast.net](mailto:jford1488@comcast.net).



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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  
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*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,

March 9th begins the Holy Season of "Lent" it is a time of spiritual awakening for all Catholics; it is a time for reflection and of sacrifice. "Lent" is a time of giving and service to others.

The first principle of this Catholic order is Charity, our on-going mission to aid and assist those in need. This will be no truer than ever in the upcoming months. We need your help to carry out that mission, we are asking for your participation, cooperation and support of our charitable raffle, the special citizens' drive and various fund raising events. Help us to help those in need. Remember "Lent" is a time of giving.

I would also like to take a minute and encourage our Brothers to attend the council meetings, we have more than 1,600 members in Union Council 4504 but only hand full of members attend the meetings.

We need your help! There is always something that needs be done, get involved please join us on March 14 at 8:15 p.m.

Vivat Jesus!  
Joe Burlew Sr., GK



## Tricky Tray

On **April 9, 2011**, the Columbiettes of Union Council 4504 will be sponsoring a "Tricky Tray". We have organized and accomplished many successful Trick Tray's previously under the Knights of Columbus, but this year, will be the first since our institution in February 2009.

The money that we have raised in the past has helped our community and many children's charities such as; Autism Awareness, Children's Specialized Hospital and St. Jude Children's Hospital and many others. The Columbiettes of Union will continue with this honest and devoted tradition. We will focus on our principles of Faith, Hope and Charity. We wish to make this year's Tricky Tray better than ever, we can only achieve that with your help!

We realize that difficult economic times have affected everyone, but we are hoping that you can find a way to help us, to help others. Any donation that you can make will make a difference. We are also hoping to help you; we will recognize your business on all our promotional material and in our event program, encouraging everyone to support you, as have helped support us.

If you should have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me anytime at 908-577-6606.

Once again thanks for your time.

Diane Lupo  
Union Columbiettes 4504  
Committee Chair

## Those were the Days and Knights

### Work Parties

We all grew up with tales from our parents about how much harder their lives were than ours, like I had to walk 5 miles to school in the snow uphill both ways. While they may have exaggerated their early lives as compared to ours the work parties of their years were a lot more work and less party. They usually involved backhoes borrowed from some highway road project, clearing trees, digging trenches for sewer or drainage lines, and constructing buildings. Yes, constructing buildings. The work parties under the direction of Bill Renner did a lot of major projects, including building the garage on the left side as you enter the patio area. This garage most recently served as a game room for the kids, but when it was first built it was the outside bar.

The garage was built by a crew of 12 Brothers over about 3 weeks, with Henry Smith as mason and Walter Guthreau as carpenter. During the week Henry laid the blocks while Walter built the framing and rafters, and on the weekends the other Brothers would erect the building like an Amish barn raising. And if you look closely at the peak of the building there is the number 12, not for the 12 Disciples, but for the 12 who helped build the garage.

While projects like that were going on, other Brothers worked to get the pool and grounds ready for all our Brothers and their families to enjoy during the summer.

The current work parties now do not include major construction projects, just minor repairs, painting, clean up and setting up of the pool, bar and patio areas, but they are still a necessary rite of spring here at the Union Knights of Columbus so that the grounds are ready for our summer enjoyment. Over the years there have been many different Brothers who have been in charge of the work parties, but two youngsters, Tony Sibilia (91) and Walter Guthreau (90) will be out there come the first Saturday after the Union St. Patrick's day parade to give direction to us younger Brothers as to what has to be done and how to do it. Please come out on Saturday mornings to help get the grounds ready for summer. Many hands help make the work go easier and quicker, and it is a good way to get to know your Brother Knights at the Union Council better. Work parties start at 8:00 AM and go to around 12:00 – 1:00 PM, with coffee break and lunch served. Look forward to seeing everyone out there.



**"Brother can you spare some time"**

Work Parties begin on Saturday morning March 19, 2011 and Wednesday evening March 23, 2011. Please come out and lend a hand.



## Knight of the Month March 2011

### Len Komar



We are pleased to name Len Komar Knight of the Month for March 2011. Len was born and raised in the Elizabeth, NJ where he attended Edison Vocational Technical High School. He is employed at Siemens Hearing Instruments in Piscataway, NJ where he has moved from repair technician to pricing specialist during his 29 years there.

Len has two children, his daughter Kelly and his son Lenny, who are his main focus in life outside of work and the Knights of Columbus. One main interest that he shares with them is his interest in the history of World War II, which goes back to his childhood at his family home in Pennsylvania and his Uncle Joe, a Veteran of World War II. The three of them enjoy attending the annual World War II air show and reenactment weekend each June in Reading, PA. Len, Kelly and Lenny are also members of the Army Air Force Historical Association, which is dedicated to preserving the memory of those Veterans who served in the Army Air Force and teaching others about their legacy. Len is also involved with his son's Civil Air Patrol group that meets at Teterboro Airport.

Len and his Family attend Holy Spirit Church in Union, where he is an usher at the 9:00 Mass.

Len was introduced to the Knights of Columbus and the Union Council by his Father-in-law Raymond T. Moore who was a member of our Council and Len's Sponsor.

Presently Len is on the Swim Club Board, and on the Council Officer's Nominating Committee. He is always ready, willing and able to help out for the good of the Order and the Council. Len is a regular participant at the work parties, helping at events, collecting for the Food Drives and the Special Citizens Drive, working with our Veterans programs, and helping out at the Thursday Family Dinners.

Congratulations to Len Komar for being named Knight of the Month for March 2011.







## *Columbiettes*

The Columbiettes of Union 4504 will be inducting new members on **March 27, 2011**. The Columbiettes are a unified body of Catholic women who work side – by – side with the Knights of Columbus. The Columbiettes are ordinary women who are proud of reaching out and helping those less fortunate by meeting the needs of the people in our community and around the world. They are also committed to the preservation of family life.

The benefits of membership are many – spiritual, moral, educational and social. As a Columbiette, you can allocate your time as your schedule permits. Everyone in the Organization can participate at whatever level of commitment makes her comfortable.

Columbiettes can be single women and do not need to be married to a Knight of Columbus. However, you have to be Catholic. Another benefit to joining our Columbiette Council is becoming eligible to join the Columbian Swim Club.

Columbiettes receive two degrees, First and Major. Our initiation fee is \$13.00 and our annual dues are \$25.00. Meetings are conducted on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm in the Knights of Columbus Hall.

This Organization can make a difference in so many ways, by touching hearts and changing lives. Show your care and share your talents with us; social activities are a necessary part of life. We can make enjoyable and lasting friendships as well as providing the financial and material support for the programs and projects we undertake.

If you are interested and need further information please feel free to contact Gina Zangari 908-230-2295 or Christine Burlew at 908-403-1590.

*Thank You & May God Bless You.*

*Christine Burlew*  
Columbiette President

*Gina Zangari*  
Columbiette Vice President

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## *Volunteer Needed at Runnells*

Brothers, every 5th Sunday, Council 4504 visits Runnells Specialized Hospital in Berkley Heights to comfort the patients and assist those who wish to attend Mass.

Due to greater attendance, the Mass has now been moved from the 1st floor Chapel to the 3rd floor and help is always needed. If you wish to lend us about 2 hours of your time on Sunday mornings, please call Nick Belmonte at 908-447-1869.

## *Swim Club News*

Tired of the Cold and Snow?  
Tired of those ICE Mounds?

Want to start thinking about warmer weather and the sun drenched days of Summer?

With Spring just around the corner, please consider joining your fellow Knights and Columbiettes at the Union Council #4504 Swim Club “Start to Summer Cleanup” Work Party kick-off.

Each year we start preparing the Swim Club pool and facilities for opening day with our first of many Work Parties. This year we will be starting on **Saturday, March 19th**, from 8:00am-to-12:00 noon and on Wednesday evenings starting on **March 23rd** from approximately 5:00pm/6:00pm-to-8:00pm.

On Saturdays, coffee and rolls/donuts/bagels are served in the morning and lunch and beverages are served at 12:00 noon. On Wednesdays, pizza and beverages are served at 8:00pm.

If you can spare one hour or 3 hours, your efforts in helping us prepare the Swim Club grounds will go a long way in achieving our goal of making opening day a huge success. It takes a lot of time and effort to prepare the Swim Club for your summer enjoyment. Should you have any questions on how you can help, please contact any Swim Club Board Member, but it is as easy as just coming down – there is something for everyone to do. There is no job that is too small or too big. Many things and everything needs to be accomplished.

So, come on down and get some exercise and help us to get ready for the Summer. Join your fellow Knights and Columbiettes and you may just find that you enjoy the fraternity that this team activity inspires.

Joe Marateo  
Swim Club Board



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## *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 only a few tickets remaining**, so please call Steve Helmstetter at 908-688-5039 or email at helmstetter2@verizon.net A.S.A.P. to reserve your seat.



### ***The Only Thing Missing From The Convention Is YOU***

Plan on coming down with your family and enjoy the fun. This year's Convention is from Thursday **May 12th** through Sunday **May 15th** at the Adventurer Motel. Room costs for this years Convention including hospitality room are, \$325 for 2 nights stay, and \$435 for 3 nights stay. A \$100 deposit is needed with your reservation. Information will be posted on the Council's web site. Please contact Deputy Grand Knight Andy Schopfer with your reservation at 908-265-7895 or email him at [aschopfer@verizon.net](mailto:aschopfer@verizon.net).

### ***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 as many 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 in Wildwood.

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

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.

### ***COLUMBIAN CLUB ANNOUNCES NOMINATING COMMITTEE***

The Columbian Nominating Committee is a five (5) member committee consisting of Mike Scanlon (Chair), Mike Andriola, Joe Pesany, Andy Schopfer and Vinnie O'Donnell.

This year the following officer's positions are up: \* President, \* 1st Vice President, \* 2nd Vice President, \* Treasurer, \* Secretary, Board of Directors – Three (3) Year Term – Four (4) Seats open. If anyone is interested in interviewing they must contact Mike Scanlon at 908- 578-8768 or E-Mail [BLgiants@aol.com](mailto:BLgiants@aol.com) no later than **Friday, March 11, 2011**. Interviews will be held on **Friday, March 18, 2011** at 7:00 PM.

## *A Message from the Columbian Club President*

Brothers,

I hope all weathered the snow storms with as little difficulty as possible, but I'm sure your backs are "aching" as is mine.

I would like to thank all who supported our club by coming out and enjoying Sunday football. I also want to thank all who cooked as well as donated their time and provisions.

On **December 31, 2010**, we hosted our New Year's Eve Blowout with an 80's theme. With approximately 80 in attendance it was a huge hit with all. Thanks to Joe Pessany for chairing the event and also Donna Cappuccio and Kelly Scanlon on a job well done.

On **February 6, 2011**, we "scored a touchdown" with Super bowl Sunday with over 130 in attendance. Although I had a few "scheckles" on the wrong team, the day was a smashing success. Thanks to all who helped, specifically "cookie" Mike Loguidice who labored and toiled all day in the kitchen along with Diane DelDuca and Diane Loguidice. Also "kudos" to Richie Arnold who once again sold the most raffle tickets, 25 out of 100 sold.

On **March 12, 2011** we will be involved once again with the Annual Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade. The parade starts at 1:00 PM sharp. Anyone wishing to march with the Council please be at the club by 12:30 PM. After the parade we will have music, dancing, pipers, food and drinks which will be moderately priced.

Work parties will begin on **Saturday, March 19, 2011** and **Wednesday, March 23, 2011**. Please come out and help as it takes many "hands" to ensure that our patio and picnic grove are ready to go for Memorial Day Weekend.

On **April 16, 2011** we will have our annual Comedy Night featuring two (2) headline comics, DJ and dancing. Please see web site for details.

Also on **April 30, 2011** we along with the Swim Club will have appreciation night. All who volunteered their time the past year will be receiving invitations soon. Hope your name is on the list.

Lastly, I would like to inform brothers who may not know how the Columbian Club operates financially. We are a separate entity from the Council and Swim Club. We are responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of our Council Home and Grounds, along with the financial responsibility that goes with it. Please know that the Columbian Club DOES NOT receive any portions of your yearly Council Membership Dues. Probably, our largest expense is insurance (\$30,000.00 annually) which is split three (3) ways with the Council and Swim Club. Other than that the onus is on the Columbian Club to pay all of our utility bills, licenses, upkeep, etc.. You may be asking why I say

this. The answer is quite simple: involvement - to ensure that we keep our council a comfortable locale for our brothers and their families. Please become involved by supporting our events and functions throughout the course of the year. We are only as strong as our membership.

In Brotherhood and Unity,

Michael J. Scanlon, Sr.  
Columbian Club President

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### *50th Anniversary Tee Shirts*

We have a limited supply of navy blue tee shirts left that were made for the 50th Anniversary of our Council for sale at \$3.00 each, or 2 for \$5.00. Most sizes available. Contact Mike Peter for them.

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### *Special Citizens Drive & Food Drive*

Brothers,

It is that time of year where we put one of our most treasured principles to the test, Charity. As you know, one of our most known charitable drives, our Special Citizens Drive, along with our Food Drive, are right around the corner. I am again chairing the SCD, with Steve Stochlinski who volunteered to co-chair this mighty endeavor.

Once again we will be calling upon you, our fellow brothers, to try and help as much as you can, either stuffing raffle envelopes, or most importantly, standing outside one of the supermarkets that are letting us do it this year, as well as churches and streets. The drive this year is the weekend of **April 15-17th**. With Stop and Shop letting us do it the following weekend of the **22nd and 23rd**.

We are also having our Spring Food Drive, in the schools, and at the stores, the weekend of **May 7th-8th**. I know that is a busy weekend for some, but we need all the help we can get to stand in front of the stores and collect food. This is also a great endeavor and all help is greatly appreciated. There will be schedules for both drives to sign-up for at the Council meetings, and at the bar. Please come out and support us in these two endeavors.. Thank You!

Rob Salvatore, PGK  
Chair, Co-Chair, SCD, Food Drive  
908-499-0743

Steve Stochlinski  
Chair, Co-Chair, Food Drive, SCD  
908-477-7133

Special  
Citizens  
Drive







**ST. PATRICK'S DAY AT THE  
COLUMBIAN CLUB**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2011**

**COMPLIMENTARY CORNED BEEF SANDWICHES,  
POTATO SALAD AND PICKLES**

**(SERVED FROM 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM)**

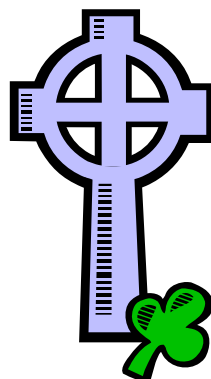
**IRISH MUSIC, GIVEAWAYS, RAFFLES,**

**AND A GOOD BIT O' BLARNEY!!!!!!**

**COME OUT AND ENJOY THE WEARIN' O' THE  
GREEN!!**


**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

**MIKE SCANLON: 908-578-8768**



# March 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6 Yellow Ribbon Ceremony 2p	7 Officer's Mtg. 8p	8	9 <b>Ash Wednesday</b>	10	11	12 St. Patrick's Day Parade
13 First Sunday of Lent Daylight Savings Time Begins	14 Council Mtg. 8:15p	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18	19
20 Spring Begins	21	22	23 4th Degree JFK Assembly Mtg. 7:30p	24 Columbian Club Mtg. 7:30p	25	26 State Bowling Tournament
27 State Bowling Tournament	28 <b>No Council Mtg.</b>	29	30	31	"Don't go where the path may lead, go in- stead where there is no path and leave a trail." – <i>Ralph Waldo Emerson</i>	

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