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PAST GRAND KNIGHT DINNER

Serving as Grand Knight was an experience that I will probably never forget and will always cherish. It was a year in which I feel I grew as a person, which is really a hard feeling to explain unless you experience it.

I was fortunate to have many good things happen this year. We had a very successful Rose Sale for our Pro-Life in Trenton. We had Congressman Matt Rinaldo speak, at one of our First Friday Programs, about the problems of drug abuse in our country. For the first time in our Council's history, at this past State Convention we had one of our Past Grand Knights, Jack Winters, elected to the highest position in the State Council, that of State Deputy. I had the honor and privilege to second the nomination. Also that Friday evening, of the Convention, we put on a party for Jack that I think everyone in the State will remember for a long, long time. Finally, the thing that I will probably be most proud of is the over \$11,000 that we collected for the Retarded Citizens Drive, the highest amount we ever collected. Of course these are just a few of the activities that we ran. At my installation speech I said that no matter how worthwhile I thought an activity may be it would just fizzle without your support. I am pleased to say that we got more support than I ever dreamed of, which I would like to thank you for. Also I would like to once again thank all of my chairman who did such an outstanding job in implementing the programs.

I would also like to thank the Columbian Club Officers and Board of Directors. particularly 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents, Bob Sugzda and Ed Rocco. And of course Presi-

dent Tony Maffie. I think it's safe to say that we may not have always seen eye to eye, but I think we worked together to do what we thought would be best for the club.

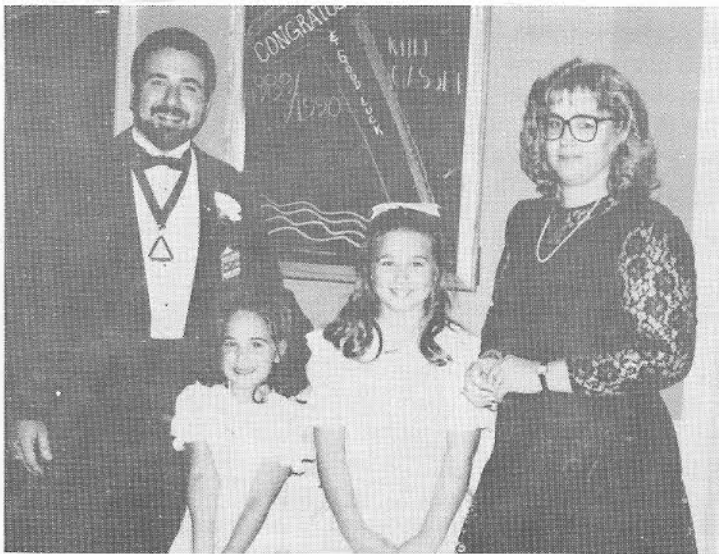
I would like to extend my appreciation to the Swim Club Officers and Directors for all of their help during the year and congratulate them for another successful and safe season.

My sincere thanks to the Council Officers who performed their duties admirably. Particularly, our Worthy Grand Knight, Bob Pfarr who served as my Deputy Grand Knight. If ever I needed anything or if I couldn't attend something all I had to do was call Bob and he would be there to cover for me.

Now that I have made it through the year, I can really thank my sponsor, John Salvatore. He was the one who really got me going and active in the council.

I have been fortunate to make many good friends here in the Council. Many of them were, also, always here to help me. I really do not want to mention names for fear of leaving someone out. But there are a couple that I would like to point out. Past Grand Knights Mike Carr, who was also always there if I needed anything and he would also offer little tips to try to make things a little bit easier for me and Barney Capriglione, the chairman for this dinner. I don't know how many times during the year I would call Barney at his office and say would you do this for me and he would

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PGK Michael Gasser with his family Jillian, Kristin and Debbie at the PGK Dinner.



PGK Dinner chairman, Barney Capriglione, presents a Past Grand Knights Album to Mike Gasser.

