



# Knight Digest



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## “ANNUAL RETARDED CITIZENS DRIVE”

Once again brothers we're seeking your assistance to help us support our mentally handicapped citizens. All we ask is for an hour or more of your time during the weekend of April 24th - 26th to help us collect donations from motorists throughout town and at designated retail locations. It's easy to do and for a relatively small investment of your time you'll be doing something terrific to help others get more out of life.

So don't sit back and let the other guys go out and get all the satisfaction that comes with participating in this effort. Give us a call to say you'll help and pick a time that's convenient for your schedule.

Co-Chairmen: Bob Jarman.....688-7169  
Ernie Santorelli.....687-2268

## COMMUNION SUPPER

On May 1, 1992 our Council and the Catholic Daughters will hold a Communion Supper. For more information or tickets, call

Bob Gaitens-688-2760 or  
Barney Capriglione-964-3143.

## WORLD LECTURER

Dr. Howard Didsbury, Jr. will give a short lecture on the, "Significance of 1492," at our April 27th council meeting.

## ★ ★ ★ SERVICE AWARDS ★ ★ ★



### SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Grand Knight, Don Pfarr presents a plaque to this years Senior Citizen of the Year, Mary Stroehlein. Also present are Rev. James Roberts and the Supervisor of Senior Citizen Activities, Annette Bayer.



### EMERGENCY CARE SERVICE AWARD

Susan Chaballa accepts the award for Emergency Care Services form Grand Knight Don Pfarr. Jim Kiernan, the Director of Callmen's Emergency Unit No. 1, was also present at the awards ceremony.

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## COUNCIL OFFICERS

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Swim Club Pres.....John Peters

## MONTHLY MEETINGS

1st Mon. .... Council Officers  
2nd & 4th Mon. .... Regular Meetings  
3rd Mon. .... Swim Club  
1st Wed. .... 4th Degree Officers  
2nd Thurs. .... 4th Degree Color Corps  
3rd Wed. .... 4th Degree Regular  
4th Wed. .... Council Committees  
4th Thurs. .... Columbian Club

## COUNCILS BLOOD DRIVE

On Feb. 16th, personnel from The North Jersey Blood Center were on hand to conduct our semi-annual blood donors drive. on that day we had **36 DONORS REGISTERED, 33 DONORS ACCEPTED 3 DONORS POSTPONED** of the 36 registered, 8 were wives or friends of brother knights.

Many thanks to Mike Malloy and Rich Santangelo for preparing the delicious hot roast beef sandwiches, coffee and cake served to all, and to the Columbian Swim Club for the passes given to all donors.

A special thanks to those who took a **Few Minutes** of their time to give blood, for someone else this might mean a **Life-time**.  
Fraternally

DOM CLEMENTONI PGK  
Blood Bank Chairman

## KNIGHT of THE MONTH April, 1992



**John Huetz**

Our Knight of the Month for April, 1992 is John Huetz. John and his wife, Maggie, are residents of maplewood, where they have lived for 22 years. They are communicants of St. Joseph's parish, where he lends his talents as a member of the parish choir. John and Maggie are also the proud parents of six children; John Jr., Tom, Mike, Joe, Chris and Ruth.

Although John has been a Knight for only a short period of time, he has shown a true sense of volunteerism. Being a professional painter/decorator, John donated his talents and time to the re-decorating of the foyer and front hall of our council home.

Outside the council, John sings tenor with the Rahway Valley Jerseyaires Barbershop Chorus, where he has served two terms as their President. In turn, the group honored him as "Barbershopper of the Year" for 1984. In addition to the Jerseyaires, John sings with a combined Barbershop Ecumenical Choir that performs at different churches during the summer. John has also sung with and has served as President to the Maplewood Glee Club.

Being the craftsman that he is, John is a member of the Nation Guild of Professional Paperhangers, and shares his talent by teaching paperhangers at the Maplewood Adult School.

It is with great pleasure that we honor John T. Huetz as Union Council's Knight of the Month of April, 1992.

## CONVENTION 1992

May 15 -17, 1992

Wildwood Crest, NJ

For reservations contact

Jim O'Connell - 201-762-1035

## Grand Knight's Column

Don Pfarr



The 39th State Bowling Tournament is now history as I write this article and overall I believe it was a big success. This is certainly a credit to the hard work and planing of the Tournament Committee and **everyone** who helped out either at the bowling alleys or back at the Council. While it's always nice to be successful in the activities we run it's also great to see that so many of you were willing to give of your free time to support us in this effort and for that I thank you.

In a like manner it's that time of year again when we prepare to hold what is in fact our biggest fundraiser — the Annual Retarded Citizens Drive scheduled for April 24th - 26th. This year's Co-Chairmen Ernie Santorelli and Bob Jarman will surely be looking for you to help us throughout that weekend as we collect donations out on the streets of Union. We have fortunately been able to increase the amount raised each of the last few years and are hopeful of surpassing the \$13,000+ from last year. But we can't do it without **your** help and a little cooperation from mother nature. So be sure to rest up and please come out to give us an hour of your time or whatever you can spare that weekend. You can be certain it will be time well spent.

On a related item I'm pleased to inform you that Union Council has recently become the sponsor of a team in the Challenger Division of the Union Little League. This is a new division that has been established to provide mentally and physically handicapped youngsters with similar athletic experiences that most other children are able to enjoy. Our sponsorship of this team serves as just one small example of the ways in which our charitable efforts can pay off.

Finally as you read this digest you will read that Fr. Ed will no longer be our Chaplain. We will surely miss him in that capacity as he has given us much over the past four years but I know we have not lost a friend. Fr. Ed on behalf of Union Council we wish you well in the future and want to thank you for all you have done for our Council. May God Bless you.

## *In Memorium*

Daniel J. LaMotta, Sr. - February 25, 1992



**Chaplain's  
Column**  
Rev. Edward Gedrich

For nearly four years it has been my privilege to be the chaplain of this Council, the largest and finest in the State of New Jersey. As chaplain, each month I have written a column to occupy this space, to share reflections on my own journey with the hope that what was offered here might be helpful to you on your journey. While our journeys continue, this will be my last column.

Last month, at my request, Archbishop McCarrick granted me a leave of absence from the active ministry. This decision on my part was the fruit of much deliberation, consultation, and prayer — and struggle too. It was the hardest decision I've had to make in my life. Yet the decision, once made, has led me to a profound sense of its rightness, a deep feeling of peace.

I am grateful. To God, who had called me in my weakness to love Him and serve Him, and who calls me now in new ways to love and serve Him still. To the officers of this Council, especially the Grand Knights I have been blessed to work with and count as friends, as talented and generous a group of men as you'll find anywhere. And of course to the brothers of this Council and their families, for letting me be priest to you, brother to you, friend to you, for being my family, my friends.

Our life's journey is a pilgrimage of faith. We never really know with certainty where our next step will lead us. One thing only is certain — our next step, our every step taken with integrity, will lead us deeper into the Lord's keeping, will bring us closer to His kingdom.

Pray for me on my journey. Know that I will always pray for you. Thank you for everything.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- April 3 First Friday
- April 11 Children's Easter Egg Hunt
- April 12 Easter Egg Hunt rain date
- April 24-26 Retarded Citizens Drive
- May 1 First Friday Communion Supper
- May 14-17 State Convention - Wildwood

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Union Council 4504 Knights of Columbus  
Union, New Jersey  
will sponsor a pancake breakfast  
Sunday, May 3, 1992, 9AM to 12 Noon  
to benefit  
the Make-A-Wish Foundation of New Jersey

The breakfast will be held at  
Union Hospital  
1000 Galloping Hill Road, Union  
in the hospital cafeteria.

The donation is \$5.00  
for tickets call  
Michael V. Hrifko  
on (908) 688-2863.

All funds raised by Union Council  
will be contributed to the  
Make-A-Wish Foundation of New Jersey  
to help them fulfill  
those special dreams and wishes  
that New Jersey children  
with life-threatening illnesses have.

"We hope that you will support us  
as you have done in the past  
and enjoy a sumptuous breakfast as well"

**WHY DO YOU NEED LIFE  
INSURANCE**

- 1). Your Retirement - Life insurance can provide you with the funds you will need to make those years comfortable and worry free.
- 2). Mortgage Protection - If you are like most people, your home is your most valuable possession. Life insurance can provide mortgage protection and guarantee that this investment will pay off for those you leave behind.
- 3). Educational Funds - Did you know Life Insurance is an excellent means of funding Education?
- 4). Emergency Funds - Cash - every lifetime has events that require it. A properly planned life insurance plan can supply them.
- 5). Final Expenses - Everyone knows that the last thing you do in life is create a debt, so life insurance is important to help pay your final expenses.

**FIELD ADVISORS**  
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**PRO LIFE/ANTI-ABORTION  
BILLBOARD**

Our Supreme Chaplain Bishop Thomas V. Daily has said "Abortion is the ultimate child abuse practiced against the smallest, most innocent and defenseless members of our society.

K of C Council #4504 would like to show our support for the Pro Life Campaign by sponsoring a billboard in Union starting this spring. The cost is approximately 1600.00 dollars and is not a budgeted item this year. Brothers, we are looking for contributions of 15.00 dollars - but whatever you can send will be greatly appreciated. Contributions should be made out to Knights of Columbus #4504 and mailed to the Union Council c/o Pro Life Bill Board Campaign. Remember if we can save one child or change one mothers mind your contribution will have been well spent. Also if you are interested in becoming more involved in the Pro Life Campaign please note it with your contribution.

Thank You  
The Committee

**Youth Activities**

**April 11 Easter Egg Hunt - for the  
children of Council members  
at the Council picnic area,  
2:00 PM Rain date: Apr. 12.**

The winners of our "See America Through the Eyes of An Explorer" poster art contest are Leida Melendez and Ann Wisniewski both of Burnet Middle School. Their posters will be entered into the District level competition.

The winner of our spelling bee held on February 22, was Joshua Bechtel.

For details, contact Ray Pruszkowski (908) 688-0559.

**SWIM CLUB NEWS**

Registration for all children, 21 and over, living in the same household as a member, will take place on the following nights between 7 and 9 PM.

- Monday, April 13th**
- Tuesday, April 21st**
- Monday, April 27th**
- Monday, May 11th**
- Monday, May 25th**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Anyone who does not register, will not be issued a badge. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU

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