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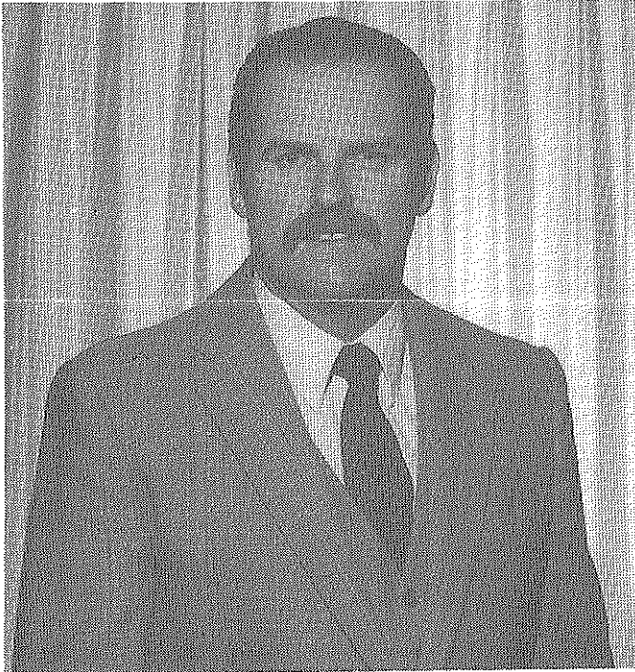
Union Council 4504

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THOMAS J. McGARVEY INSTALLED AS GRAND KNIGHT



29th Grand Knight of Council 4504

I am extremely proud to assume the position of Grand Knight of Union Council 4504 and to serve this membership along with the fine group of Council Officers who were installed tonight. I'm confident in their individual ability and feel we have a team at Union Council to meet the challenges which lie ahead and to carry on successfully the works of this proud order, the Knights of Columbus.

I also look forward to working with the newly elected directors of the Columbian and Swim Clubs to keep Union Council moving forward with a unified effort. No organization, however, can have any measure of continued success unless it earns and receives the support of its membership.

I, therefore, enlist the support of my Brother Knights and their families and I pledge that Union Council will earn its position as the best in the state of New Jersey and a Council which any Knight of Columbus would be proud to say that he is a member.

I want to thank those brother Knights, families and friends who have supported me over the years and ask for their prayers that God will give us the patience to listen, the humility to admit our mistakes, the wisdom to choose what is right and the strength to move forward with our convictions.

Finally, I thank my wife and children for the love and encouragement they have given me over the years. Without their continued support this day would not be possible. I thank God for my family and for giving me this opportunity to serve him through the Knights of Columbus. God bless you all.

Thomas J. McGarvey
Grand Knight — Union Council 4504

REV. ROBERT J. FUHRMAN APPOINTED AS CHAPLAIN

Council 4504 welcomes as its Chaplain and Spiritual Leader, Father Robert J. Fuhrman.

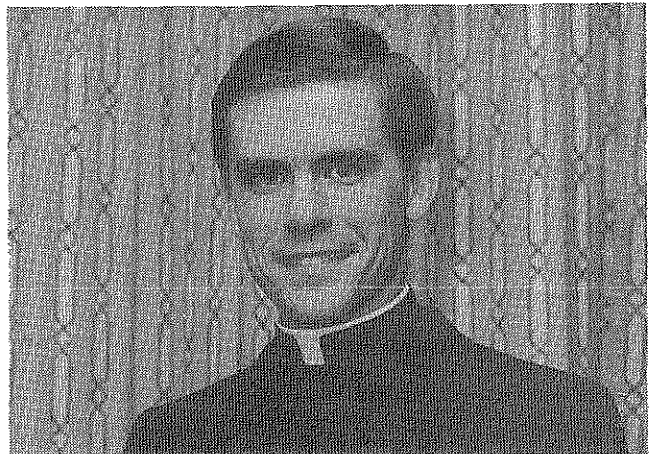
Father Bob attended the college seminary and graduated from Seton Hall University in 1977, with the B.A. degree, majoring in both Philosophy and Religious Studies.

Earned the degree Master of Divinity in Pastoral Ministry from Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington, where he served as president of his class.

His Deacon Internship year was spent at St. Teresa's Church in Summit.

Fr. Fuhrman was ordained to the priesthood at Sacred Heart Cathedral in May of 1981 and assigned to St. Michael's in Union. There, in addition to other parish duties, he teaches 8th grade religion in the School, is spiritual advisor to the Youth Group, and maintains an active hospital apostolate.

He is currently pursuing a degree in Biblical Theology at the seminary, and is a regular contributor to clergy periodicals.



MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY COUNCIL PICNIC P.G.K. DINNER/DANCE

SATURDAY—SEPTEMBER 13, 1986 1:00 p.m. till dusk
RAIN DATE — Sunday, Sept. 14

- Hamburgers
- Hot Dogs
- Clam Chowder
- Ice Cream
- Corn on Cob
- Soda and Beer
- Mystery Dish
- Watermelon
- Games
- Prizes
- Pony Rides

\$20/family — at Door \$22
\$9/adult — \$10 at Door

\$4/children (ages 5 thru 12) — at Door \$5

FOR TICKETS SEE OR CALL:

MIKE HRIFKO 688-2863 OR JOHN PETERS 964-6869

HONORING
P.G.K. MICHAEL WARD

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1986

Cocktails at 7:00 p.m. Dinner at 8:00 p.m.
Good Food, Dancing, Band \$20.00 per person

FOR TICKETS SEE OR CALL

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

5	First Friday Mass 7:30
8	Council Meeting 8:15
13	Council Picnic 1 p.m.
14	Picnic Raindate
19	Kitchen Mgr's Fri Night Special 7-9 p.m.
22	Council Meeting
24	Program Directors Meeting 8 p.m.
25	Columbian Club Bd. of Directors Meeting 8 p.m.
27	Past Grand Knight's Dinner 7 p.m.

2nd Meeting of Month Lecture Series

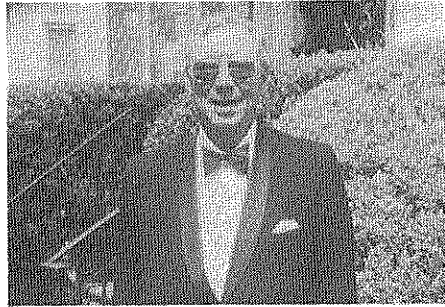
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Sept. 22	Slide Show
Oct. 27	Special Olympics Speaker
Jan. 26	P.S.E.&G. Speaker
Feb. 23	N.J. Bell Speaker
April 13	Elizabethtown Gas Speaker

Retreat at Saint Alphonso's

Union Council's Annual Retreat will start on Friday evening, October 10 and continue to 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 12, 1986. Brothers, if you are looking for a time to refresh yourself, a time to discover yourself and a time for meaningful prayer, then make your reservations early. Contact Julius Kiss PGK at 851-3780 (before 4:00 p.m.) or 687-5173 (after 5:00 p.m.)

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH September 1986 Paul E. Roden, Jr.



Paul and his wife, Amelia reside in Union and are communicants of St. Michael's Church. They are the parents of three children; Paul III, Neal and Karl. Paul III is married to Dale.

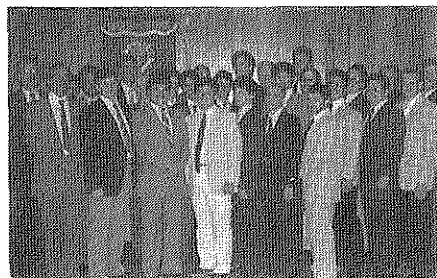
Paul attended West Side High School, was a U.S. Navy Storekeeper (1944-1946) and graduated Pace University. He became a Certified Public Accountant in 1960 and started his own accounting firm of Paul E. Roden Jr. CPA. Paul has been involved in many organizations, Treas. of Conn. Farms Church, Cub Scouts, Pres. of Better Business Bureau, Union Lions Club, American Legion, Union Board of Ed. and Board of Director of Memorial General Hospital. He is also a member of the Columbian Swim Club.

Paul's proud moment came in May 1986 when he became a Fourth Degree Knight. He has helped around the council and also the Mentally Retarded Drive.

Paul E. Roden Jr. is a Brother Knight who gives of himself to benefit the Knights of Columbus and Union Council is proud to honor him as Knight of the Month for September 1986.

Kitchen Managers' Friday Night Special

We are going to bring back a popular attraction in September — an inexpensive dinner. On Friday, September 19, from 7 to 9 p.m. we will serve a PRIME RIB DINNER (with fresh garden salad, fruit cup, and dessert) in our lounge and council hall. Tickets are \$8 each. There will be a limited number of tickets sold. See Tony Maffie or Joe Tortora for tickets. So, treat your wife or girlfriend (or both) to a prime rib dinner at affordable prices.



On July 11, 1986 a Knighthood Degree was held in memory of Past Grand Knight William E. Taylor. Congratulations to the new members of Union Council. Our council is proud to have you Brother Knights and look forward to your support. You are the future of Union Council 4504.

Grand Knight's Column

Thomas J. McGarvey



On behalf of the Union Council Officers and their families I want to thank all the Brother Knights, their families and friends who attended the recent installation or who couldn't attend but had us in their thoughts and prayers. A special thanks to Barney Capriglione whose hard work and attention to details made it a day which I'll always be proud of and look back on with fond memories.

I congratulate Bingo Chairman John Mc Evoy and his committee whose diligent efforts on August 2 at the Union Boys' Club produced \$1100 for our Scholarship Fund. Thanks to those Brother Knights and their wives who continue to support this worthy cause with their work efforts and thanks to the players who make it possible.

As summer comes to a close we have an opportunity to come together as one family and enjoy a day of festivities. I'm referring to our annual picnic which this year will be held on September 13, 1986. Mark it on your calendar and see the notice in this digest for further information.

Our First Friday Celebration will resume under our recently appointed Chaplain Rev. Robert Fuhrman on September 5 with a mass at 7:30 p.m. followed by our guest speaker Rev. Salvatore Malanga. Father Malanga will discuss "Ministry To People On The Move." Please join me in supporting this worthwhile program which Union Council continues to be very proud of.

On September 25, the annual Past Grand Knight's Dinner will be held honoring Mike Ward. Mike's hard work and dedication to Union Council throughout the years and especially as Grand Knight last year was most evident. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you there.

Thomas J. McGarvey
Grand Knight

SICK OR IN DISTRESS

If any Brother knows of a Brother Knight or member of his family who is sick or in distress please contact me so the proper action can be taken by the council.

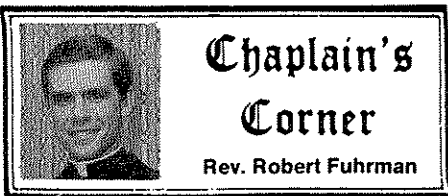
Please reach me at 925-1539.

Fraternal Activities Chairman
Jack Kelly

Special Olympics?

"When will the Special Olympics be held this year?" Is a phrase which I often hear. Some individuals look at Special Olympics as a one time event not as a year round program to benefit Mentally Retarded Citizens. If you have been guilty of the one-shot concept or know of others who share this belief. I would like to invite you to attend one of our Special Olympic Events. Perhaps with your commitment I will soon be hearing a new phrase. "How is your Special Olympics Program Progressing This Year?"

Michael V. Hrifko
Special Olympics Chairman



Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Robert Fuhrman

Vocations to the Priesthood

One of the most alarming crises facing the Catholic Church in America and many parts of the world is the plummeting number of priests. This topic is deserving of all the attention we can give it because we are bound to feel the effects of the shortage quite soon. Indeed, many parishes and Catholic institutions already have!

Did you know that the average age of priests in the U.S. today is about 55? That is very high for an average. By Church law, bishops and priests who live long enough normally retired from administrative positions at age 75. In recent years in the Newark Archdiocese, perhaps five or six men would be ordained to the priesthood per year. In the 1950s and 60s, that number would have been around 30-40 per year. One result of this decline has been the loss of our beautiful seminary in Darlington, which was built to hold 300 seminarians. Now, the seminary is at Seton Hall University, a far cry from the solitude and reflective calm that was Darlington. Have you noticed how few young priests there are? (There are even fewer young religious brothers or nuns).

I believe this crisis exists for many reasons, societal and religious. We all have our opinions but there are no simple answers. I have often said that the option of the priesthood is one of the best-kept secrets. So few young people even consider it, but it is a most fulfilling and joyful life. That fact must be proclaimed from the rooftops!

There is some good news to report. The issue of priestly vocations is foremost in the mind of our new Archbishop, Theodore McCarrick. He has just appointed a Diocesan Board of Vocations, made up of six priests, who will do all they can to encourage young men to discern whether the Lord is calling them. Upon his taking leadership of the archdiocese, Archbishop McCarrick spoke words of encouragement to his hard-working priests, and words of hope to seminarians. We do well to pray for this most important cause, to continue to support seminarians, and above all, to mention the possibility of the priesthood to our young. Take my word for it, you will be doing them a true favor.

In spite of all the human imperfections in every priest, where would nay of us be without them? Because God puts "treasure in earthen vessels," if we had no priests we would have no sacraments. We would not know Christ.

— Rev. Robert J. Fuhrman

**ATTEND
FIRST FRIDAY
SEPT. 5**

FAMILY OF THE MONTH July 1986

The Family of Julius Kiss, PGK

Julius and his wife Johonna reside with their four children Steven, Ellen, Barbara and Sharon at Morrison Ave., Union.

Julius has been a member of his church Parish Council and former president. He has been a member and past president of St. Michael's Board of Education. An active member of his parish he was one of the organizers of the church Bingo.

Both his wife Johonna and he have been scout leaders.

Julius also is active as a member of Union Township Welfare Board.

Johanna Kiss is very active in raising funds for Camp Fatima for Retarded Children and with Saint Rose of Lima's Church for underprivileged children.

Around the council Julius has held many chairmanships, offices including Grand Knight.

He is a committeeman for the Knights of Columbus National Bowling Tournament and is very active in supporting and running both state and national tournaments.

The officers and members of Union Council 4504 extend our best wishes to you and your family for being selected Family of the Month, July 1986.

KNIGHT CLUB WINNERS

July:

25 points to:

J. Pruszkowski Foster
Fraser Gelmi

10 points to:

Gabelman Walker C.
Cesearo Shans
Reddick Rubino Jr.
Holler Mueller
Fraser Motuzi
Lwythn Hornig T.
Olas Mongeau
Pollinger Walker M.

August:

25 points to:

Zimmerman J. Phillips
Gasser Murphy

10 points to:

De Feo Rhodes
St. Laurent Schwarz R.
Fort Sweeney
Soos M. Maus
Deo Walker M.
Fraser Schur
Arnold Bizon
Guidera Partly

Punt, Pass & Kick

The annual Punt, Pass & Kick competition will be held at Council Picnic Area on Saturday, October 4, 1986 at 10:00 a.m. Boys and girls 8-12 years of age. Refreshments will be served at the Council Home immediately after the competition. Please call Don Pfarr at 851-0018 to sign up and for more information. Rain Date: October 11, 1986.

COLUMBIAN CLUB CORNER

By Lonny Pannucci, PGK

The Columbian Club summer program is finally **starting** to wind down. Notice starting is bold. We refuse to let summer end and September's activities reflect that sentiment. A prime rib dinner will be held on September 19th. (notice elsewhere in digest). While the pool will be closed, the patio area will be open weather permitting on Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 6.

Pay attention to the various posters around the council. Don't be surprised if other activities may be planned. Despite Joe Tortora's opinion, the Giants are a good football team and we are trying to put together a Sunday and Monday football program. The only way to get in on limited seating will be to come to council meetings and frequent the two lounges.

The Columbian Club board would like to thank all who supported the various activities that have been run. In the past the revenue went towards badly needed renovations in our kitchen. We have just purchased a 46 inch T.V. and is cable ready with HBO and Showtime. Extensive refurbishing is also planned for the council hall. We can do NOTHING without your support and everything with it.

Take advantage of us; you can't go to any restaurant and receive the meals and entertainment that our dinners provide.

TELEPHONE

In case you are keeping score, once again we are down by 3 captains. So, if you are not getting a call it's because you are probably on one of the opening calling lists. If you want to be certain of receiving a call just volunteer to be a captain. All that is required is to make no more than 10 telephone calls whenever one of our brothers passes on. Hopefully, this will be a very infrequent occurrence.

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