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COUNCIL PRESENTS SHIELD AWARD

1982 Shield Award

Union Council's recipient of the 1982 Shield Award is Officer Nelson T. Hall of the Union Township Police Department.

Throughout his nearly 19 year career with the Township of Union Police Department, Officer Nelson T. Hall has consistently reflected the type of police work, which does not merely stop at that which is required. Officer Hall has on many occasions displayed outstanding initiative and resourcefulness in the performance of his duties as a police officer.

In November, 1981, Officer Hall, while on routine patrol of his post, initiated a check on an occupied vehicle parked at a service station, based on a description of a vehicle thought to be involved in business robberies within Union County. This information had been presented at roll call over a month prior to this incident. Through Officer Hall's alertness and initiative, the suspect was apprehended and stolen property was recovered.

In October, 1981, Officer Hall responded to a leaving the scene accident with serious injuries. After gathering the necessary information, Officer Hall notified Headquarters, which detailed an Accident Investigation Unit to the scene. Without being detailed by his superior Officers, Officer Hall proceeded to check nearby factory areas and their parking lots, on the belief that the individual might have been on his way to work. Through his diligent efforts, Officer Hall observed a vehicle answering the description of that vehicle involved in the accident, parked up against a building to conceal damage, with the license plates removed. Subsequently, due primarily to Officer Hall's actions, the subject was arrested, and charged with no driver's license, no registration, no insurance, fictitious plates, leaving the scene and failure to report.

Again, Officer Hall acted on his own, without direction, giving that little extra bit of himself to his job, and yielding outstanding results.

In addition, Officer Hall has been the recipient of the 200 Club's Valor Award for his performance in an extremely dangerous situation, involving a violent mental patient who was attempting to choke and inflict serious harm on members of the patient's own family. Officer Hall, disarming himself, to prevent any injuries to individuals at the scene, managed to subdue the patient and render aid to the injured victims.

These are only a few examples of instances in which Officer Hall has continuously displayed attentiveness to duty, caution, assertiveness and initiative and used same in the best interests of the Department, his fellow officers, and the community which he serves.

It is obvious that Officer Hall has consistently displayed the level of police work and concern for his job and his community which we believe qualify him for this coveted honor.



Officer Hall receives shield award from Grand Knight Roger Schur

Roger F. Schur
Grand Knight



Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Ed Swierzbinski

At this time of year the Church asks us to review our moral lives. What is our ethical position? How close are we to the moral character that fits the message of Jesus Christ? Prior and during World War II families would speak of the ethic of 'Self-Denial'. Since the 60's we hear more of the ethic of 'Self-Satisfaction.' What should be our response during the Lent and Easter of '82.

1. An ethic of Self-Denial? This was clearly what our parents felt Jesus Christ wanted of them. After all Jesus said, "Deny yourself, take up your cross and follow me." Economic problems like the great depression instilled fear and caution in our parents and ourselves. Discipline and self sacrifice were needed to survive.

How did a self-denier speak; "I work hard. I swallow my frustrations. I suppress my impulse to do what I like and do what is expected of me instead. I am a giver. But what I receive from my family, home, and work is worth it.

2. An ethic of Self-Satisfaction? The children of the self-deniers have too often become self-satisfiers. The self-denying parents said, "We want our children to have everything we missed." Their discipline and diligence produced abundance for their children. Again, too often, they passed on their abundance, but not their values of sacrifice and self-denial.

The new self-satisfiers speak this way. "I have a duty to myself. I must satisfy my needs. I must learn how to assert myself." The difference, however, is that the self-deniers were able to speak of deep personal satisfaction. But self satisfiers more an more complain about deep disappointment. The self-satisfaction ethic is not working. Why? In justifying all desire, the self-satisfier has no way of telling the difference between those that make one happy and those that destroy us. In failing to see the difference between good and evil, they do not know how to balance the good of the person with the good of society. In abandoning standards of morality the self-satisfier has no basis for facing the challenges of economic and social crisis.

The self-deniers knew there was some value in restraining passions and desire. they may have overdone it and lost some joy in the efforts. The self-satisfiers know there is a value in expressing one's passions and desires, but they may have overdone it and are threatened with the

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Children's Easter Egg Hunt

On Sunday, April 4th, the annual children's easter egg hunt will be held at the council grounds starting at 1:00 P.M. Bring your children and grandchildren. Prizes will be awarded.

Rain Date: Saturday, April 10th at 1:00 P.M.

I would like to thank Bill Heady for running the annual spelling bee for 8th graders. His time and effort was directly responsible for its success.

Tom McGarvey
Youth Activities

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

Athletic News and Events

We are currently planning a fishing trip for the spring. Much interest has been expressed in such an outing and we are gathering all of the exact details. Contact Jack Kelly at 925-1539 for further information.

There is also going to be a trip to Yankee Stadium this June. Baseball games have always been a very popular athletic event and ticket sales usually go extremely fast. Again, check with Jack Kelly or Wayne Williams and refer to the council bulletin board for all information.

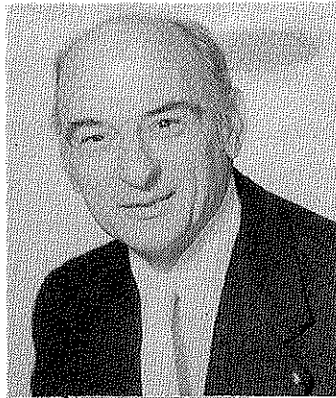
On February 28th we had our trip to Atlantic City and it was a huge success. A special note of thanks is to be extended to Bill Heady for helping us plan the trip and also to all brothers who assisted with the buses and other arrangements. Without the assistance of Bill and the other brothers, the trip would not have been as successful as it was.

Jack Kelly & Wayne Williams
Athletic Chairmen

TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

If you want to go the the convention please contact Henry Mey 687-1249. One night's room deposit plus Hospitality room fee is required by convention deadline date — April 12, 1982.

Knight of the Month April, 1982



Ted Rogowski

The honor of Knight of the Month for April is awarded to Ted Rogowski. A member of our council for many years, Ted has dedicated his time and talents behind the scenes. Ted has given many hours of his time at swim club work parties, Columbian Club work parties, performing internal building maintenance and carpentry work. He is a bartender — winter inside, and summer outside.

Ted and his wife Victoria reside in Union and have a married daughter Lynn, and a daughter Karen, a son Richard, and two lovely grandchildren. Ted and Victoria are communicants of St. Michael's Church. He is retired from East Orange Veteran's Hospital.

Our council is proud to present the honor of Knight of the Month for April to Ted.

K of C BINGO

Saturday, April 24th, 1982
Boys and Girls Club of Union

Come out for a night of fun and help support your council's charitable endeavors. **BINGO WORKERS NEEDED.** Please contact Dom Clementoni PGK — 688-3618

Personality Profile Charles Poppe - Treasurer

Charles and his wife, Carol, are the parents of three children, Suzanne (12), Tim (10) and Matthew (7). Our treasurer works as a marketing manager for the computer Sciences Corporation of Bloomfield, New Jersey. He has worked for them for two years, but has been in this type of business for 15 years. Charlie's leisure time pursuits are of a sports nature. He is a coach for the Union Little League, the Rams Football Team and the Union Recreation Basketball Team. He is also a jogging enthusiast. He jogs before work (6AM) on a daily basis, except in the winter. A member of the Holy Spirit Church, Charlie serves as a Eucharist Minister and as a member of the Social Concerns Committee of the Parish Council. A neighbor and Past Grand Knight got Charlie interested in joining the knights. When asked what satisfaction he received from being active in the council, our treasurer gave a one sentence answer — "I'm deeply impressed how the knights act as a positive force in assisting those in need."

Jim Moran P.G.K.

Grand Knight's Column

Roger F. Schur



Easter is upon us, as we celebrate one of the happiest times during the church year, the resurrection of Our Lord into heaven. A time to be sorry for our sins and a time to rejoice for our forgiveness. We must show our love for one another as Jesus did by dying for us. We too can demonstrate a love for each other by participating in the annual retarded citizen fund drive to be held April 30th, May 1st and 2nd. This is truly a worthy cause and an opportunity for you to help your brother knights raise money for our mentally retarded citizens. Please join me on April 30th and let's see if we can reach a goal of \$5,000.00.

A special thanks is in order to Barney Capriglione, Centennial Chairman and Mike Herrighty, Council Activities Chairman for putting together an excellent Centennial dinner dance. What a fine way to celebrate the 100th anniversary of this great organization. Our next and last council social event for the Columbian year should be a winner; Italian night! Plans are in the works for this great evening to be held on April 17th. Contact me or Mike Herrighty for your reservations.

As Spring fast approaches, so does the month of May. What better time to remember the Blessed Mother than to spend a half hour of adoration at our Crowning of the Blessed Mother on May 2nd at 2 P.M. I'm sure your presence will bring sunshine and a smile from Our Lady.

On behalf of my wife Roseanne and daughter Danielle, we wish you all a Happy and holy Easter. God Bless you,
Roger F. Schur
GRAND KNIGHT

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prospect of being slaves to desire.

What is needed is an ethic of self-commitment. This involves two major values. One a deep personal and lasting relationship with someone. Secondly, the value of belonging to a community where common bonds are shared. The emphasis on the personal is what self-satisfiers are looking for. The emphasis on community is what the self-deniers would like to come back.

What we need then is commitment to one individual and commitment to our family and our Church. What is old is still new? The tradition of lasting marriages and active membership in the Church helps us balance our personal and community needs. It will help to read the Acts of the Apostles and the Gospels to see the integrity of the individual and the wholeness of mankind as modeled by Jesus and the Church He founded. Think and pray. We need each other. See you on the First Friday.

Once again we need your support for St. Rose's Church. Friends of St. Rose will hold a spring festival, Saturday, May 8, 1982 at Roselle Catholic High School. There will be a Chinese Auction with valuable prizes, buffet dinner dance and much more.

CENTENNIAL YEAR MEMBERSHIP

We would like to extend our best wishes to the following Brother Knights who have sponsored two "Family Members" for membership, and whose names have been submitted to the New Jersey State Council for competition for the Diocesan FAMILY MEMBERSHIP AWARD: ARTHUR J. Kastner, James J. O'Neill and Henry R. Weismantel. The winner of this award, his wife, the new members, and their wives will be the guests of the New Jersey State Council at the 1983 Centennial Convention Banquet.

Our current membership drive will terminate on June 30, 1982. Inasmuch as there will be only one more First Degree exemplification before that date, we are making what will probably be our last appeal to every member of the Council, to sponsor at least one new candidate for membership, to help us achieve the Council goal of 200 new members. We sincerely hope that every member will make one last effort, and invite the eligible members of his own family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to become members of the Knights of Columbus — the largest organization of Catholic men in the world.

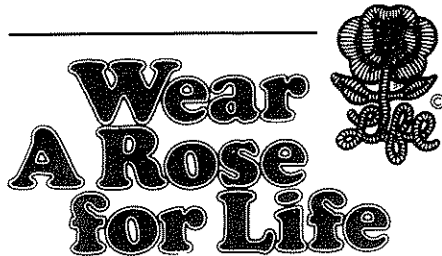
Completed applications should be returned to the Council Home as soon as possible for processing by the Admission Committee. Additional applications may be picked up at the Council Home, or by calling 964-0429.

Wesley Czup
Membership Director

Our Country

O, Lord we love this land. We wish it were always a simple love and often it is; but life has become complicated. Good gets mixed up with evil, and mountains of laws and regulations and numbers and systems get in our way when we wish to make everything work as it should. When things go wrong, it becomes easy to give up, to blame other people and to do nothing.

O, Lord, give us the unashamed courage to believe in the highest and the best ideals of our country and enough passionate patience to make them come true.



News from Supreme

At a recent meeting for the state deputies, Supreme Knight Virgil C. Dechant announced that the Knights of Columbus was conducting research into the life of our founder, Father Michael McGivney. This program will look into the possibility of grounds for the canonization of Father McGivney.

Deputy Supreme Knight John M. Murphy presented to the state deputies a blueprint for implementation of the resolution adopted by the Supreme Council last August to raise the level of television, particularly in areas pertaining to the portrayal and glorification of violence, crime, disrespect for law, gratuitous sex, profanity and blasphemy. Murphy is chairman of the Board of Directors Committee on Action for Responsible Television (ART).

The chairmen of the Supreme Council Vocations Committee said the orders vocation program is becoming more important each day. One of the successful states where councils are assisting candidates for the priesthood or the religious life, is New Jersey. Father John McGuire, in charge of this committee, explained the importance of giving moral support as well as financial to the candidates. Moral support means at least a certain amount of correspondence between council members and the candidates or personal contact whereby the candidate visits the council periodically.

Jim Moran P.G.K.

Basketball Free-Throw

On Sunday, January 17th, the district free throw contest was held at St. Bart's Church in Scotch Plains. Union Council came up with six of the eight possible winners. Great shooting Gang!

I'd like to thank Dave Bernot for handling this contest.

REGIONAL

On Sunday, March 7th, the regional free-throw contest was held at St. Peter's College in Jersey City. Representing Union Council were:

Nancy Foster John Tortora
Dianne Bilicska Bill Malhosky
Maureen Penk Tom Hunt

These boys and girls completed 70% of their free-throws and conducted themselves like true champions. The council along with their parents should be very proud of them. We did come away with one winner. Congratulations to Nancy Foster (19 for 25 shooting) for winning her age group (12 year olds)

STATE

Nancy Foster will compete in the state championship to be held on April 4th at Christian Brothers Academy in Lincroft, N.J. — Good Luck Nancy.

Tom McGarvey
Youth Activities

Clean Up Bids Open
for Patio & Picnic Area
Must be in within 2 weeks
Send Bids to
Jim Gardner or Dan Raimondo
Columbian club

* IF you want a *
* new member *
* ASK HIM! *

Calendar of Events

April

- 2 1st Friday Program
- 4 Easter Egg Hunt (1 PM)
- 12 2nd Degree (Reg. Meeting)
- 17 Italian Night
- 24 K of C Bingo (Boy's Club)
- 26 Regular Meeting (Insurance program)
- 30 Retarded Citizens Drive

May

- 1&2 Retarded Citizens Drive
- 2 May Crowning of the Blessed Mother 2 PM
- 7 1st Friday Program
- 10 Regular Meeting
- 21-23 State Convention (Hyatt House, Cherry Hill)
- 24 Regular Meeting (election of Columbian Club officers)
- 29 Poolside Mass (1 PM) Swim Club opens

June

- 4 1st Friday Program
- 12 Union County Federation Dance
- 14 Regular Meeting (Election of Council officers)
- 18 Nuns and Widows Night
- 19 K of C Bingo (Boy's Club)
- 21 2nd Degree
- 25 Knighthood Degree
- 28 Awards Dinner meeting

Right to Life

Recently, Elizabeth General is performing abortions. Please write or call George Billington, the hospital's President, to express your shock and anger over this practice. Let him know that a hospital which is supposed to save lives should not be in the business of taking lives in this case. Please come out and support the picket which will take place in front of the hospital every Saturday from 2-3 P.M. Any questions, call Pat Giannotta at 964-3485.

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