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**COME CELEBRATE NEW YEARS EVE AT 4504
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**Grand Knight's
Column**
Michael Carr



**Chaplain's
Corner**

Rev. Edward Gedrich

The first three columns came easy to me, However, November's has been tough, I think I suffered from what they call writers block. But a few threatening phone calls from Digest Editor John Peters unblocked me real fast.

The thought I would like to express this month, aside from the traditional Thanksgiving message, is really realizing the full impact of what it is to be a Grand Knight. For me it means accepting the fact that you cannot be hap-hazard, disorganized or forgetful. I have learned that if you are, you can embarrass yourself very easily. Your focus has to be on the activities and life of Union Council. It is easy to get distracted by other things you might like to do and let council business slide. The challenge is to stay on top of things. If I can follow my own advice the remainder of this term will go smoothly and be rewarding.

The council unfortunately will be losing one of our officers. Recorder Bill Coonan has begun a new career in Philadelphia and will be living down there. Bill has been a fine officer the past 3 1/2 years and we'll miss him. I wish him the best and I'm sure he'll be around to see us from time to time. I would also like to extend the Council's best wishes to Inside Guard Ed Waluk and his bride Karen on their recent wedding.

Finally I would like to wish all my Brother Knights a happy and healthy Thanksgiving.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- November 14 Council Meeting - First Degree 8:00 P.M.
- 17 Columbian Club Meeting 8:00 P.M.
- 21 Second Degree - Swim Club Meeting 8:00 P.M.
- 23 Third Degree 8:00 P.M.
- 26 BINGO (see article)
- 28 Council Meeting - Lecturers Program 8:00 P.M.
- December 2 First Friday 7:30 P.M.
- 3 Night at the Races (see article)
- 5 Officers Meeting 8:00 P.M.
- 11 Camp Fatima Christmas Party
- 12 Council Dinner Meeting 6:00 P.M.
- 18 Children's Christmas Party (see article)
- 19 Swim Club Meeting 8:00 P.M.
- 22 Columbian Club Meeting 8:00 P.M.
- 31 New Year's Eve Party (see article)

CAN YOU PLEASE HELP?

My name is Stephen Toth, my Dad, Stephen, is a Brother Knight. I'm with Boy Scout Troop #68 in Union and I'm working on my Eagle Scout Project which is to help "Project Protect" located in Elizabeth, New Jersey. This organization helps women and children who have been brutally forced out of their homes. It gives them a place to eat and sleep without fear. They are in need of towels, sheets, blankets, pots and pans, dishes, glasses, small household appliances, baby items, and children's and women's clothing.

If you can help in any way, please call 688-6466 (ask for Stephen), or drop items off at 1387 Isabella Avenue, Union, New Jersey.

Donations will be accepted through December 20.

As the great American holiday of Thanksgiving nears, we might do well to review the ways in which we celebrate this special day. It is, for most of us, a day of football and feasting, family gathering and grace at table, a day to remember with gratitude the goodness of God to ourselves and to those we love.

What words might sum up the meaning of Thanksgiving? Perhaps: "give thanks and remember" - remember what God has done, and respond with gratitude. As Catholics, what better way is there for us to give thanks and to remember than to join in the celebration of the Eucharist (a word which actually means "Thanksgiving!"), to attend Mass on Thanksgiving Day.

The prayers of the Mass often express what a blessing it is to even be given the opportunity to give thanks: "Our desire to thank you is itself your gift"; and again: "from all you have given us we bring you these gifts, and in return, you give us yourself". How good God is! He blesses us with all we have and are, and from the pittance we return to Him He blesses us with His very Presence! How good God is!

In these final days before Thanksgiving, let us all look back over this past year and see there the signs of God's loving care, the many ways in which He has so richly blessed each one of us. Then, on Thanksgiving Day, let us all make a special effort to join in the celebration of Mass in our parish church, to give thanks and to remember.

"HALLOWEEN PARTY WAS FUN FOR ALL"



Hi Ho! Hi Ho! Off To Work They Go



Who Pulled The Rabbit Out Of The Hat



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

November, 1988

Frank Leo

Frank Leo has been with the Knights of Columbus for eight years. Frank, his wife Jo Ann, of 19 years, and their three children belong to St. Michael's Parish. His children are Joe, who attends Kean College, Frank, who goes to Union High School and Alyssa, who goes to Central Six School.

Frank is a manager at Rogers Clothes, in Woodbridge Mall. He is also on the Board of Trustees of the U.F.C.W. Welfare and Retirement Fund Local 1049. He has been on the Wheel Chair Committee that covers Runnels Hospital for eight years.

Frank's hobbies are collecting coins and he likes to fish.

Union Council 4504 is proud to honor Frank as Knight of the month for November, 1988.

CONVENTION '89

The Knights of Columbus State Convention will be held May 18th to 21st. The convention will again be in Wildwood and we will be staying at the Pan American. For information and reservations contact DGK Michael Gasser at 486-3141.

TELEPHONE COMMITTEE

Unfortunately, we overlooked the awarding of Certificates of Appreciation to some of our Captains. We usually do this at the Awards Dinner meeting in June, but due to circumstances beyond our control, this was not possible this year. We are, however, working on the matter and hope to have the certificates available at a meeting in the near future.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks and appreciation to the Council officers and the members for their good wishes, cards and prayers during my recent difficulty. Also, my thanks to the Brother who found and returned my pen. Finally, we still need more captains.

Art Weber 688-7269

K of C BINGO

This is, traditionally, the biggest "\$\$\$" BINGO of the year and will be held on Saturday, November 26, at the Boys and Girls Club. Playing time begins at 7:00 P.M. Volunteers are welcomed at 6:00 P.M.

MANY THANKS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Lonny Panucci and Joe Tortora for chairing my Past Grand Knight's Dinner. They and their committee did an outstanding job, as usual. I appreciate all their hard work and effort. I would also like to thank everyone who attended. The large turnout made me, once again, feel very proud to have served this Council.

Paul Sandy, PGK

INSURANCE FUND RAISER NITE AT THE RACES

This is a night that promises to be fun filled and exciting and, rewarding! Watch and cheer for your favorite horse on our giant screen. Not only will you spend an entertaining evening, you will help to support the combined efforts of the Columbian Club, the Swim Club and the Council raise money for our enormous insurance bill.

The date is Saturday, December 3, 1988 at 7:30 PM. Refreshments will include Italian-style Hot Dogs, Snacks, Coffee and Dessert, Beer and Soda. All this for only \$3.00 a ticket!! See Joe Tortora (688-1422), Mike Carr (354-3186), or Frank Fabiano (964-3868) for tickets.

UPCOMING YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Christmas Party - December 18

ESSAY CONTEST: I would like to thank all the students who participated in this year's essay contest. The Winners will be notified by mail and their essays will be entered into district competition.

HALLOWEEN PARTY: The children's Halloween party was a howling success. All the children and the parents who attended has a very enjoyable afternoon.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: If you thought the Halloween party was a lot of fun, then don't miss our Children's Christmas Party. The party will be held on Sunday, December 18 at 2:00 PM in the Council Hall. Santa Claus will be there to bring presents for all the good little boys and girls. Refreshments and entertainment will be provided. (Parents, please bring wrapped, labeled gifts for Santa to give to your child(ren).

I would like to thank those people who helped out with the Halloween party and encourage others to help out at the Christmas party in order to make it another fun day. For further information about the upcoming events please consult the "Digest" or call me, Bill D'Alia, at 533-7939, or in the evening at 688-0391.





SWIM CLUB

Any Swim Club member interested in submitting your name for consideration as a member of the Board of Governors should contact any of the nominating committee, Jim Johnson, PGK, Paul Sandy, PGK, Wesley Czap or Mike Gasser DGK as soon as possible. There will be two vacancies, each for a term of three years. The election will be held at the annual Swim Club meeting on January 20, 1989.

The Swim Club is seeking bids from qualified Pool Managers for the 1989 summer season. If you know of anyone interested; have them contact President Frank Fabiano.

COUNCIL BLOOD BANK

Any Brother Knight or member of his immediate family who is in need of blood should contact Jack Kelly at 925-1539.

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