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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.

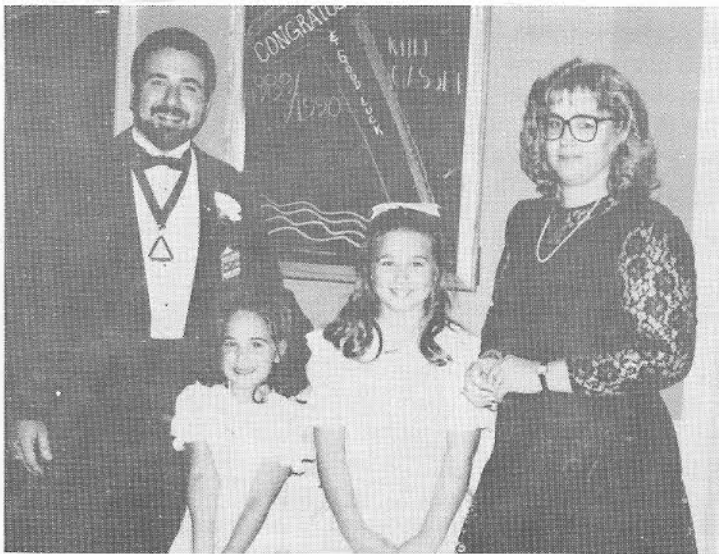
I would like to extend my appreciation to the Swim Club Officers and Directors for all of their help during the year and congratulate them for another successful and safe season.

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.

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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
4th Thurs. Columbian Club

AUTUMN

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov. 2 First Friday
Nov. 11 Annual Memorial Mass & Breakfast
Nov. 12 1st Degree
Nov. 14 2nd Degree
Nov. 17 Bingo
Nov. 21 3rd Degree
Nov. 22 Thanksgiving
Dec. 7 First Friday
Dec. 9 Camp Fatima Christmas Party
Dec. 10 Annual Christmas Dinner Meeting

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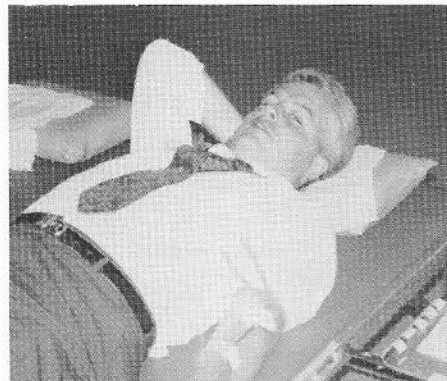
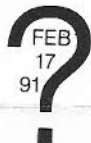


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COME OUT TO OUR LAST BINGO OF THE YEAR

Saturday, November 17, 1990 will be the last scheduled BINGO for 1990. Come out and enjoy yourself. Remember the proceeds are used to defray the expenses incurred in running our SCHOLARSHIP FUND. We help in a very important way and we could not do it without our BINGO supporters.



Deputy Grand Knight Don Pfarr was one of only a few donors at our Sept. Blood Drive

Grand Knight's Column

Bob Pfarr

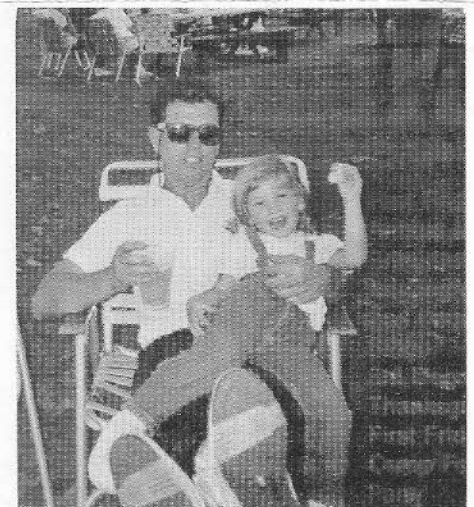


November is the month when we as Americans traditionally set aside one day to give thanks for all we have. November is also the month when we as a council set aside one day in memory of our deceased Brother Knights. This year's memorial mass will be offered on November 11 in St. Michael's Church at 9:00 A.M. Following the mass there will be a Communion breakfast back at the council. I encourage everyone who can possibly make it to join us. Information regarding the breakfast will be found under a separate heading in this issue of the digest.

Another of our annual activities is the sending of Christmas gifts to sons and daughters of our members who are in the military service of our country. This year it takes on added significance due to conditions in the Middle East, and the large numbers of American men and women who are now stationed there. If you have a son or daughter currently in the military, or if you know of a Brother Knight who is serving, please contact Jack Kelly at 925-1539. Give Jack the name and mailing address of the serviceman or woman, and he will see to it that a Christmas gift is mailed to them from the council.

In closing I would like to extend wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving to all our members and their families.

I look forward to seeing you on November 11.



Co-picnic chairman Mike Carr, takes a break with a friend (Kathryn Hornig) at the council picnic.



Chaplain's Column

Rev. Edward Gedrich

I'm sick of death.

In my years as a priest, and especially, it seems, in the past few months, I have presided at the Funeral Masses of too many people I love, and have shared in the grief and pain of too many people I love. If you're wondering, priests never get used to it.

I've been wondering... what's going on here? What could God be doing (or—maybe—why isn't God doing anything?) Maybe the problem is that the God I thought I believed in isn't really God after all. What I mean is: did I ever expect God would keep those I love here alive forever? Why did I ever presume to believe that I and those I love should be exempt from sorrow? Maybe it's my false image of God that's dying.

For God cannot preserve us from death forever. The wounds that life in this world inflicts, whether over decades of debilitating illness or like a thief in the night, are too great for our bodies to bear. Death inevitably stakes its awful claim. But as the Catholic wake service says, "for those who believe in your love death is not the end, nor does it destroy the bonds that you forge in our lives". It is the Lord who has forged the bonds that join us to those we love in this life: they are given to us as blessings by His love. If we believe in His love, in His power to bless with eternal life those we have loved and He has loved here, then we are joined in love forever: love is love whether from near or far away.

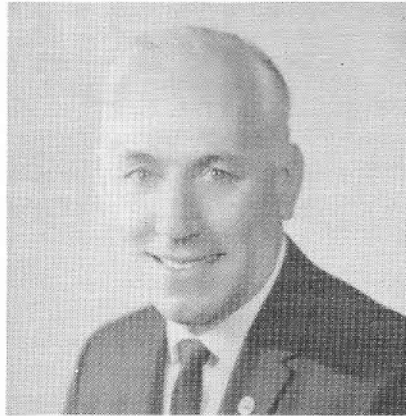
We pray for the coming of that day when the all-conquering love of Christ will destroy even death itself. But until the coming of that endless day let us comfort, let us pray for, let us love one another, all we can. For if there is one lesson that death has taught me it is that only love matters, that only love lives forever.

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always say no problem.

Finally to close I would like to thank my daughters, Kristin and Jillian, for their understanding during the year, especially on the nights I was rushing around getting ready for a meeting. And last but not least a very special thank you to my wife Debbie who has always been by my side not only for this past year but for the last 12.

Michael Gasser, PGK

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH November, 1990



Walter Wasowski

Our Knight for the Month of November, 1990 is brother Walter Wasowski. Walter and his wife Barbara are residents of Union and are communicants of St. Michael's parish. They have a daughter Nancy and a son Walter, who is also a brother Knight.

Walter is a Fourth Degree Knight and has been a member of Union Council for thirty-two years as well as a member of the Swim Club. His contributions to our council and the Order during this period of time are numerous. Walter is a Past Grand Knight, Former District Deputy and Past Columbian Club President. He also served as a major degree team member for thirteen years and coordinated the degree team schedules for a period of time.

In addition to these positions Walter has spent many hours around the council lending a helping hand. He has contributed his time at work parties, making electrical repairs both inside and out and sets up the hall for many of the affairs and activities held at the council. It is due to the efforts of brother Knights, such as Walter, who are working behind the scenes to help make our Council successful.

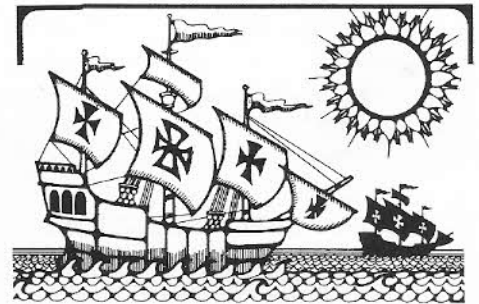
Union Council is pleased to honor Walter Wasowski as our Knight of the Month for November, 1990.

COMMUNION BREAKFAST

**Nov. 11, 1990 at the Council Home
Following the 9:00 Memorial Mass
at St. Michaels Church
\$4.50 per person
For Tickets
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or PGK Barney Capriglione
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