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Golden Knights Drum Corps

TAKING IT TO THE STREETS

Blessed Sacrament Golden Knights World Champion Drum and Bugle Corps have marched for the first time in nearly 20 years in Union on Memorial Day. In the spring of 1973, the Corps disbanded, following 21 straight seasons of competition, the celebrated Junior Corps was among the most successful Corps of its era. Among more than 240 first place finishes are six American Legion and three VFW national championships, 19 New Jersey State titles, the first World Open championship in 1963 and 11 Dream Contest victories in 14 appearances.

The Knights of Columbus, Council 4504, 1034 Jeanette Avenue in Union is the sponsor of the Corps and has given the Corps a home. Rehearsal is held at the Knights hall on the first Sunday of every month at 12:00 noon.

A small group of alumni, through their love of and pride in the Corps, have made a miracle happen - the championship Corps has risen from the dead. Tony Sepe of Westfield, the Director, said "The Golden Knights, once a Junior Corps, meaning that when a member reached 21 years of age had to leave the Corps. The members who marched as kids once will now have the opportunity to march and play music with their kids in the newly formed Corps. All are welcome both to march and submit ideas and help plan. the idea is to reorganize for excellence and fun."

Mr. Sepe would like to thank the Knights of Columbus for a home, Tom Kraeutler for the donation of a truck for hauling instruments, the instructors who have donated all of their time and all of the other alumni who helped make this dream come true.

The Golden Knights will be participating in the Elks Competition parade in Wildwood on June 8th and their annual picnic is scheduled for August 18th.

Anyone wishing information about the Corps can write to the Golden Knights, 224 East Broad Street, Westfield, NJ 07090, or call Mr. Sepe at 654-7846.



Regina Pfarr crowns our Blessed Mother at this years May Crowning.



Grand Knight, Robert Pfarr with Rose Milano, Grand Regent of the Catholic Daughters and Fr. Ed Gedrich at the Communion Supper.

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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

RANDOM THOUGHTS

There are three things which are real: God, human folly and laughter. The first two are beyond our comprehension so we must do what we can with the third... The government deficit is the difference between the amount of money the government spends and the amount it has the nerve to collect... Our tastes change as we mature. Little girls like painted dolls; Little boys like soldiers. When they grow up, girls like the soldiers and the boys go for the dolls... Prayer of the modern American: Dear God, I pray for patience, and I want it right away... Few things are more satisfying than seeing your children have teenagers of their own.. God wisely designed the human body so that we can neither pat our backs nor kick our selves too easily...

KNIGHT of THE MONTH June, 1991



John Relton

Our Knight of the Month for June, 1991 is John Relton. John and his wife Patti are residents of Clark and are communicants of St. Agnes parish. They are the parents of twin sons Christopher and Michael.

John has been a 3rd degree member of our council for nearly 14 years and has been involved in Council activities in a number of ways during this time. He has been a member of our softball team, a bartender and has helped out at work parties for the Columbian Club and Swim Club. He is currently contributing his time and energies as the Council's Youth Activities Chairmen as well as serving a two year term on the Columbian Club Board of Directors.

In between his activities at the Council and at NJ Transit, where he is employed as an engineer, John also manages to find time to coach Little League and Soccer in Clark.

Union Council is pleased to congratulate John Relton as our Knight of the Month for June, 1991.

Grand Knight's Column

Bob Pfarr



One of the things I've learned during my term as Grand Knight is not to wait until Thanksgiving to be thankful for what you have! My year has been very rewarding and the success of our Council and the programs we offer are the result of the dedication and support of our members, their families and friends. A case in point is our recent Retarded Citizens Drive. As I write this article I am very please to report that we have passed the \$12,000.00 mark, thus setting a new council record. My thanks go out to Chairmen Mike Kramer, Bill Smela, and John Boyle III for organizing the drive, and to all those who donated and came out to collect. A special thank you to the members of St. Michael's CYO who collected after each mass, and to those who were not deterred by the rainy weather on Sunday and brought in some \$1,600.00! A job well done by all who got involved!

My year as Grand Knight is quickly coming to a close. It has been na privelege and an honor to serve this great council and I would like to thank everyone for giving me the opportunity. I congratulate the newly elected officers and directors of the Columbian Club, and wish them well as they begin the new Columbian year. The Council officers will be elected June 10th, and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate them also. Both boards have big jobs ahead of them and they'll need the help and support of all our members. So don't be afraid to get involved and do your share!

In closing, I thank my officers and chairmen, and the officers and boards of the Columbian and Swim Clubs for the tremendous support they provided me during my term. And last but certainly not least, I thank my wife Regina and our children Pamela, Michael, and Lauren for their support, patience and understanding.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Friday evening

July 5th, 1991

Installation at St. Michaels at 7:30

Reception at the council home
immediatly after the installation.

Contact PGK Barney Capriglione
Chairman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 7	First Friday
June 9	Nuns and Widows
June 12	Second Degree
June 14	Third Degree
June 24	Awards Dinner Meeting
June 30	Incoming & Outgoing GK



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

Words have such power! By the words we choose to speak we can bear wondrous healing or inflict unimaginable pain: words can build up, and words can destroy. I have come to believe that perhaps the most destructive two words in the English language are "If only ...". "If only I hadn't married him/her!" "If only I'd taken that other job!" "If only we didn't have children!" "If only ...": destructive words so often used so thoughtlessly: destructive because they lead us away from the real world of our real lives into an unrealistic fantasy world of our own design where we are gods instead of letting God be God. For we are who we are and where we are by the mystery of His Providence, that miraculous dynamic interplay of our choices and His Grace. We are not self-made: we are other-made, with God as the carpenter, the sculptor, the artist. He is the potter: **today** is the clay.

When the "If only ..." refrain forms our lives we imprison ourselves in a past of our own regrets, of our own making, and deny God the opportunity to renew our past **today**, to turn the stones of sin, tragedy, misjudgement, and error into bread to feed and bless us. If our lives are indeed gifts from God then our yesterdays are meant to be steppingstones, not burdensome millstones to weigh us down.

So banish "If only ..." from your vocabulary. Live your life *today*, and let God heal your yesterdays. From your mother's womb He has formed you, through His love He has led you, by His grace He will heal you. Let him.

**AWARDS DINNER
MEETING
MONDAY
JUNE 24, 1991**

Dinner 6:30
Admission \$7.00
see
Ray Fluet or Mr. Capp

TELEPHONE

Judging from our previous experience, in looking for help on the telephone committee, the following will probably mean nothing to you. But we'll say it anyway.

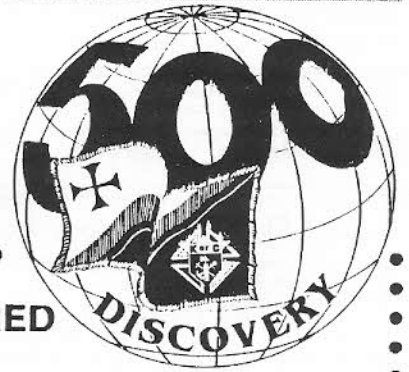
At present there are 103 members residing in Union who are not being called about the demise of a brother knight. That's because, for some unknown reason, we can't convince enough brothers to spend a few minutes on the 'phone to make a few calls when a brother passes away.

We've heard all the excuses why but only a few are really valid. Ten volunteers would be a perfect solution but, then, nothing is perfect. Will five brothers offer their assistance??? Half a loaf is better than none.

Art Weber
688-7269
24 hours a day



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