



# Knights Digest



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## RIGHT TO LIFE



On January 22, 1986, the annual "Right To Life" march on Washington, D.C., was held. In the midst of a wintery season, the 70 degree shirt-sleeve weather charged up the spirits and enthusiasm of the marchers. Representatives from Union Council in attendance were (from left to right in above photo); Mrs. Mary Sandy, Karen Scarlotto, Paul Wisiak, Chancellor Paul Sandy, Deputy Grand Knight Tom Mc Garvey, Chaplain Reverend Methodious Kushko, and two members of St. Anthony's Church in Elizabeth. Let us hope and pray that some day that this becomes unnecessary and that our congressional leaders see fit to change the laws to **protect the unborn.**

Tom Mc Garvey

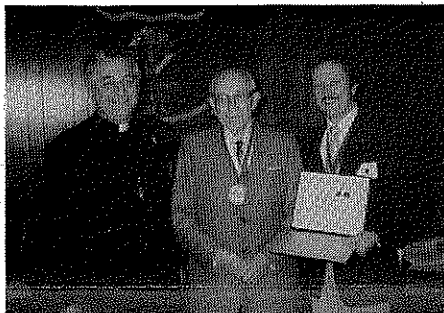
## ROSE SUNDAY

### Right To Life

The money that was raised on Rose Sunday at St. Michael's Church and Holy Spirit Church was donated this year to three different organizations. Since Union Council did not have a bus this year, the money that was collected was donated to St. Anthony Church (Union Council members went on this bus), Union County — Right To Life and New Jersey Right To Life. Thanking all of you for supporting Rose Sunday.

Paul J. Sandy

## SPECIAL AWARD



At a recent meeting Grand Knight Michael Ward presented a special award to brother knight Mr. Rudy Steiner of Union. In November, Mr. Steiner received the cavaris award from Bishop Gerrity at a special Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral. This prestigious award is the first in the archdiocese and it is presented to a layman who has exemplified loyalty and dedication to Holy Mother Church. The Bishop has presented Rudy with a medallion which we know he will wear with pride and dignity.



Senior Citizen of the Year Award — Union Council No. 4504 has honored Mrs. Aima Roberts as their Senior Citizen of the Year. Pictured with Mrs. Roberts is Robert Alves and GK Mike Ward.

## DINNER DANCE

Our next dinner dance is planned for Saturday, April 19. Please keep that date open.

## SUNDAY FAMILY DINNERS

Now is the time to make reservations for our next Sunday family dinner. On Sunday, March 23, between 3 and 5 p.m., you will have a choice between a chicken or fish fry dinner prepared by Thistles. In addition to your dinner, we are offering beer and soda, dessert and entertainment. Cost is \$6.50 a person. Please make reservations before March 20 in order to give us enough time to notify Thistles. (call Joe Tortora 688-1422)



A few of the happy faces at our recent open house.

## JFK ASSEMBLY — FOURTH DEGREE ANNUAL COMMUNION BREAKFAST

The John F. Kennedy Assembly — Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus will hold their Annual Communion Breakfast on Sunday, March 16th at the Springfield Council Home, located on Shunpike Road, Springfield, immediately following a 9:00 a.m. Mass at the St. James Church in Springfield.

The principle speaker at the Communion Breakfast will be the Rev. George O'Gorman who recently retired as the Pastor of Our Lady of Fatima Church in North Bergen — a parish he founded. Additionally, Father O'Gorman had been affiliated with the National Guard for over thirty years. Following the activation of his Unit in 1941, Father spent six years in the South Pacific participating in three famous invasions in that theater of operations: Leyte, Phillipines and Okinawa. Father retired from the National Guard in 1970 with the rank of full Colonel.

Members of the Fourth Degree extend a cordial invitation to the members of the Council to attend their Communion Breakfast. The price of tickets is \$4.00 for adults, and half-price for children under 12 years of age. Please contact Drew Nadzan, III at 686-4116, or Joseph Michalik at 354-1040 for tickets.

## TELEPHONE

The John Fitzgerald Kennedy General Assembly, Fourth Degree has inaugurated a telephone chain similar to the one now in operation for the Council. Inasmuch as many of the Sir Knights are members of the council, we have had to devise a system to eliminate duplicate calls to Council brothers if the deceased is a member of 4504. We do not claim perfection so if you do receive a duplicate call, please be understanding. If it proves to be too annoying, let us know and we will take the necessary steps to rectify the situation.

This seems to be an opportune time to say "thank you" to all 92 members of the council telephone committee who have been serving faithfully over the past many years. And of course, this article would not be complete if we did not continue to plead for more captains. We have 2 teams open at present and your offer to fill the vacancies will be greatly appreciated.

Art Weber  
688-7269

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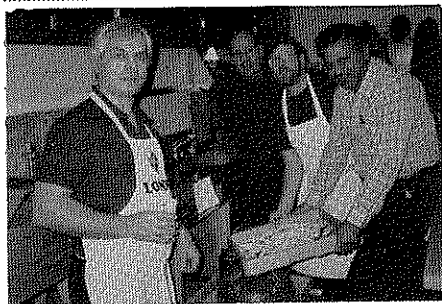
## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**March**

- 7 1st Friday 7:30 p.m.
- 8 Irish Pub Night 8 p.m.
- 22 Work Party 8:30 a.m.
- 23 Sunday Family Dinner 3 p.m.
- 29 Easter Egg Hunt 2 p.m.

**April**

- 4 1st Friday 7:30 p.m.
- 19 Dinner Dance



Some of the kitchen crew testing out the new dishwasher.

## SUPER BOWL XX

JAN. 22, 1986



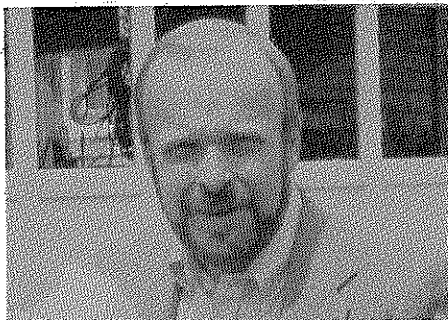
One hundred forty football fans attended this year's affair and although the game was the best, everyone in attendance still had a great time and plenty of good food to eat.

Pictured above are the helpers who ran the money pools; from left to right are PGK Lon Pannucci and his son Jimmie, Thomas Mc Garvey and his dad Tom, and PGK Tom Hornig.

A special thanks to Tony Maffee and his kitchen crew for great fixins and all the other Brother Knights, family and friends who helped out at or purchased tickets for the affair.

Tom Mc Garvey, DGK

## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH MARCH 1986 JOHN E. PETERS



John and his wife Kathi reside in Union and are the proud parents of a two year old daughter named Megan Kate. John and Kathi enjoy working together as a Pre-Cana team for Saint Michael's parish.

John is an insurance investigator who occupies his leisure time with golf, skiing, gardening and his 4½ year old husky, Nicole Northwest. He also enjoys traveling and photography.

John's Council activities are numerous. He serves as K of C Representative to the Union Township Committee, and Public Relations Co-Representative. He helped organize articles for the Knight Digest and assists in its mailing and delivery. Many of the pictures which are printed in the Digest have been taken by John. His dedication to this work has helped make the Digest its professional best this year.

John has helped out at various Council affairs such as the Council Picnic, the Council Golf Tournament, Bingo and others.

He is also active in the community and is presently a member of the Township Flag Committee.

John E. Peters is an enthusiastic Brother Knight with a lot of vitality and new ideas. Union Council is proud to honor him as Knight of the Month for March, 1986.

## Union UNICO Humanitarian Award



The Union Chapter of UNICO honored Brother Knight Peter J. Genova as their 1986 Humanitarian of The Year and receiving The Richard J. Galante Humanitarian Award.

This award was presented on Sunday Jan. 19th at our Council home. There were approximately 175 people present to pay honor to Brother Peter. The following brothers were present to make the presentation to Peter. From left to right are PGK Barney Capriglione, chairman and master of ceremonies of the event, DGK Tom Mc Garvey, Brother Peter J. Genova, GK Mike Ward and Chancellor Paul Sandy.

## Grand Knight's Column

MIKE WARD



## MARCH "1986"

Time is passing rapidly and there are still many upcoming events and affairs to be held in the coming months ahead.

The Valentine's Dance was a tremendous success. I must congratulate chairmen Bob McArdle and Al Mench for the excellent job they did in coordinating this beautiful evening. A special thanks to Bob Hillock for helping with the raffle ticket sales. The food again was excellent thanks to our illustrious kitchen crew. I thank all who helped that evening because success only comes from hard work and long hours put in by everyone who donates their time and effort so that everyone may enjoy it.

I thank everyone who attended. As is the case of every event run by our council, success comes only because of the participation of our membership. The number of people attending all of the events this year so far has been overwhelming. On behalf of all our chairmen and directors, we cannot thank you enough and ask that you keep up the good work in attending all the upcoming events.

Please note on your calendar a very special and important weekend for Union Council. It is the last weekend in April. April 25th, 26th and 27th to be exact. It is the Friday, Saturday and Sunday that our annual retarded citizens drive is to be held. Inside Guard Mike Gasser and Outside Guard Bill Coonan are this year's chairman. The success of this weekend drive can only come about with the help of all from our council. The chairman I know will do their job to promote this very important drive, but without the people power, their efforts will be fruitless. I ask everyone to please make every effort to donate a small part of their time so that Union Council can again help the "Special Children and Adults" and put into practice what we preach. Let us show that we do believe in charity, that we do believe in helping others and that the high standard of excellence our council is known for will again prevail.



Knight of Columbus Shield Award — Union Police Officer Michael Kovacs (3rd from left) receives the KofC Shield award for his actions above and beyond the normal call of duty. Others pictured are (from left to right) Robert Alves, Union Deputy Chief of Police Truhe, and Grand Knight Mike Ward of Union Council 4504.



## Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Methodius Kushko

### Right to Lie — Continued

A variety of special interest groups disguise their goals as rights. Thus, homosexuals contend not only for tolerance but for "gay rights." While it is wrong to discriminate, it would also be wrong to confer special civil rights for those engaging in immoral behavior.

If there is one inalienable right, it is the right to life; but note how cleverly pro-abortion forces have stolen the terminology with their claim of a woman's right to control her own body!

The lie is everywhere. It is as if by simply labelling something something as a right, one is relieved of the moral consequences of one's actions.

The rebuttal, of course, should come from the church. The balance of rights with responsibilities is firmly rooted in Scripture. In ancient Israel, the right to harvest private crops carried with it a responsibility to leave gleanings for the poor. God's blessings were always coupled with commandments to care for others less fortunate; Jesus affirmed that to whom much is given, much is required.

But can we Christians expose this lie, or are we riddled with it ourselves?

Much of our TV preaching and literature proclaims only the rights of being God's children: health, happiness, success, prosperity. The focus is on blessings rather than sacrifice, the rights of the kingdom without reference to our responsibilities to Christ the King.

As Catholics enjoying freedoms known to few other places in the world, we have a special call to speak a sobering word: Rights divorced from responsibilities are the seeds of destruction. Maybe the lowa "right to lie" case, preposterous though it seems, will serve a worthy purpose if it jars us awake.

Edmund Burke, the 18th century British statesman, summed it up well: "Liberty without wisdom or responsibility --[is]--- the greatest of all possible evils."

Rev. Methodius Kushko

### FIRST FRIDAYS

Friday — March 7, 1986 Mass 7:30

Speaker:

Rev. Armand Mantia brother knight newly ordained 1985.

Friday — April 4, 1986 Mass 7:30

Speaker:

Pat Giannotta, Brother Knight to speak on the life and canonization of Blessed Margaret of Costello.

### 317 WINNERS

On Saturday, February 1 we had our Night at the Races. As usual, our kitchen crew outdid themselves. Every person who attended was a "winner". Some had more money in their pockets when they left but ALL enjoyed the food, drinks, dessert and the excitement and fun of the races with their friends. All profits will be used to renovate the main hall. Again, thank you for your support.

## KNIGHT SPOTLIGHT

Christmas is a special time of the year filled with the spirit of friendship and giving. It is a time when most of us give gifts and receive gifts from others. Due to the special efforts of one of our brother knights, it is also a special time of year for a few men and women who serve in the armed forces, both abroad and in the U.S. This month's KNIGHT SPOTLIGHT shines on brother Mike LaMotta and the work done by the Military Service Committee of our council.

Mike has been involved for the past 13 years in making Christmas time a special time for the sons and daughters of our brother knights who are serving in the armed forces. During this time period, Mike has been responsible for selecting, purchasing, and shipping appropriate Christmas gifts to these young men and women.

Over the year's, Mike has come up with some terrific gift ideas. Mike looks for small, compact items that can be carried around easily and finds that shopping in the Big Apple is where he finds the widest selections to choose from. Some of the gifts Mike has selected are shaving kits, manicure sets, calculators, bathrobes, tensure lamps, compact electrical lamps, picture frames, radios, cameras, and much more. These gifts have been sent to far-away places such as Germany, Italy, Japan, France, and the Phillipines to mention a few. All totaled, Mike has sent out approximately



200 presents over the past 13 years.

For his tireless efforts, Mike receives a great deal of satisfaction knowing that in some small way, he has helped to make some special people feel more at home for the holidays. Mike helps make a line from that famous Christmas song "I'll be home for Christmas, if only in my dreams" much less of a dream and more of a reality for those lives he has touched throughout the years.

Mike has been a knight for 20 years and lives in Union with his lovely wife Martha. Mike and Martha are the proud parents of two married daughters and have three beautiful grandchildren. Recently, Mike retired from the Federal Reserve Bank in New York where he worked as a systems analyst for the past 22 years.

It is a pleasure to be able to begin this new column with a fellow knight as devoted as Mike LaMotta. Mike, thank you for all you have done for the K of C and the children of our fellow brothers who are in the armed forces.

### KNIGHT CLUB WINNERS

JANUARY 1986

25 Credits to:

R. Hillock  
A. Sibilia

T. Ward  
C. Buttiglieri

10 Credits to:

A. Mench Jr.  
J. Salvatore  
T. Heady  
A. D'Tulio  
S. Sully  
John Carr  
M. Gasser  
W. Mc Donald

R. Schwarz Jr.  
R. Foster  
M. Ward  
R. Corbo  
A. D'Tulio  
J. Murphy  
D. Burke  
A. Maffie

PLEASE KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOUR CAPTAIN IF YOU NEED INFORMATION CALL BARNEY CAPP AT 964-3143.

### KNIGHT CLUB WINNERS

FEBRUARY 1986

25 Credits to:

W. Czap  
J. Kane

Pollinger  
Feriessie

10 Credits to:

Buttiglieri  
Heady Sr.  
F. Santoro  
Piegaro  
McEnvoy  
Patreykowski  
H. Mey  
B. Pinney

R. McGeorge  
J. Prusykowski  
J. Murphy  
W. Kozak  
J. Carr  
Fr. Kushko  
G. Clark  
B. Capriglione

### Membership Recruitment Incentive

For each first degree candidate, the sponsor will be given one chance toward a \$100 cash grand prize.

### LOOKING AHEAD ON THE TEES

Our last two outings were a great success and the demand to get a jump on the coming season is awesome. Everyone wants to get into the act and have a landmark named after them like Lonnie's Lake and Paul's Pond. There will only be 10 foursomes at each outing. The dates and courses have not yet been determined but will be posted at a later date. Money must be paid at the time of reservation!

Tentatively, we may start off on April 26th at Apple Mtn.

Walt Guthreau

### EASTER EGG HUNT

The Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, March 29, 1986 at 2:00 p.m. Bring your kids to find the Easter eggs, special prizes, and to meet our Easter Bunny.

Mike Gasser  
Youth Activities

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- Champagne Toast
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not included

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