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## BLOOD DRIVE

The Blood Center of New Jersey will be at Union council on Nov. 23, 1996 from 11AM to 4PM to conduct our semi-annual blood drive. In a recent letter, the Blood Center stated that blood donations in New Jersey have been steadily declining for several years, and at this point, New Jersey is not self-sustaining and with the on coming winter, blood will be in short supply. The Blood Center asks for your extra help now.

Our blood drive in June was the best we have had in recent years. 63 Donors registered, 5 were postponed and 58 units of blood were donated. Lets top that in this drive.

Blood donors should bring their social security card and a signed form of identification. See you November 23rd.

If you have any questions on donating blood or if you or your family are in need of blood replacement, please call me at (908) 688-3618.

Dominick Clementoni PGK  
Blood Bank Chairman

## DINNER/FASHION SHOW

The Dinner/Fashion Show Committee would like to thank everyone for their donations, help and cooperation. It was due to the combined efforts of so many -- including businesses, members and friends that the Dinner/Fashion Show was so successful. Our thanks to everyone who attended, it was a great night!

Dinner/Fashion Show Committee  
Janice Hibbard  
Paula Gibki  
Iris Rispoli

## THE EXPRESSION OF LOVE IS IN GIVING

Love is expressed by giving: the giving of material things alone will not suffice. We must give of ourselves. It is the sum total of our daily interaction with the child that accomplishes the task of satisfying his/her need for love. Our personal behavior must communicate the following message:

We know you.

We care for you.

We accept you as you are.

We give you our love.

The terms are unconditional. True love will never say, "If you change, I will love you." This is rejection, not love. However, after the gift is given, we will often see the power of love transform the recipient into a new and better person. Parental love is demonstrated in a thousand different ways:

- A kiss, a hug, a smile
- A pat on the back
- Working together, laughing together
- Praying together
- Reading a bedtime story
- Praise and reward for good behavior
- Correcting misbehavior
- Tolerating failures
- Forgiving
- Discipline without hostility
- Showing a good example

True love is doing, giving and helping, but only in a way that fulfills their needs, not ours. Love is not catering to a child's whims and demands. Love is not telling a child he is right when he is wrong. Love is not giving a child material things far in excess of his needs. Love is not doing for children things they can do for themselves. Love is not approving or tolerating a child's misbehavior. Love is not shielding a child from responsibility for his action. True parental love is sensible, reasonable, truthful and understanding.

--From: The Art Of Parenting by John F. Miller, MD, Franciscan Herald Press, Chicago, 1979.

## "Light Up For Christ"

On Monday, December 2 at 7 PM, we will have a "Light Up for Christ" Christmas service. We will light the council Christmas tree. Our chaplain will bless the tree. We invite you to bring an ornament from home, have it blessed and return it back to your tree at home. We will also sing a carol or two. start Advent and the Christmas season with this brief ceremony.

## A NOVEMBER PRAYER

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last.

From "Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers"

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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 Thurs. .... 4th Degree Color Corps  
3rd Wed. .... 4th Degree Regular  
4th Wed. .... Council Committees  
4th Thurs. .... Columbian Club

## Notice of Election

There is a vacancy in an elective office for the council. There will be an election for the position of treasurer at the November 25,1996 council meeting. Bill D'Alia has been appointed as acting Treasurer until the election. Bill D'Alia has also declared his intent to run for office. If there are any other candidates interested, please contact Ray Pruszkowski at (908) 810-9760.

## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH November 1996



**Kenneth R. Lang**

Kenny, a Brother Knight for 23 years, became a member at Roselle Council and soon after moving to Union transferred to Union Council and has become active.

Kenny has always helped out whenever he was needed. Whether bartending, assisting Youth programs, or helping out on the Columbian Club Swim Team, you can always count on Kenny. He also chaired the Union Council Picnic in September, which is a tough job, and was one of our smoothest run picnics in years.

Ken and his wife, Phyllis, grew up together in Elizabeth. They have been married for 19 years and have 2 children, Vanessa age 12 and Kenny age 9. Ken and his family reside in Union and are communicants of Holy Spirit Parish.

Kenny is a graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School, in Elizabeth and a graduate of Kean College with a degree in Management Science and Statistics. Ken works as a supervisor with the Union County Board of Social Services.

Ken's interests outside the Council include coaching his daughter's softball team and involvement with the Boy's and Girl's Club Swim Team.

No matter what professional sport is on TV, Ken always cheers for the home team. And his wife says "my husband can still remember when the Jets were champs."

With great appreciation, Union Council is pleased to have Kenneth R. Lang for Knight of the Month for November 1996.

## Grand Knight's Column

RAY PRUSZKOWSKI

### "Attitude of Gratitude"



November is the month we celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. This tradition of giving thanks dates back to the settling of this country. It is altogether fitting

and proper that we as individuals and as a nation give thanks for all that we have. Whether you believe it or not, we have much to give thanks for this month and every month.

I am personally grateful for many things, especially my family and friends and the opportunity to serve. I am also thankful for our Catholic faith that we have to celebrate and share. As I wrote previously, I would be remiss if I did not thank God for the many gifts and blessings he has bestowed upon me.

The members of this council have many things to be thankful for especially that we have an organization such as the K of C to belong to. We should be grateful for all the men and women who have worked hard over the past 40 years to establish this council and constantly maintain and improve the programs, buildings and grounds. I am thankful for all of the officers, chairmen, and committee members of the council, the Columbian Club and Swim Club. This is a volunteer organization and we have much to give thanks for the time and effort of these people.

Whatever its faults, this nation is still the best place on Earth. It is a place that there is a belief in the worth and dignity of the individual and where there is commitment to freedom and its most essential component, personal responsibility. Our American heritage is priceless and we have much to give thanks to God for it.

There is certainly much to be thankful for and I have only listed a few of very many blessings. However, if you need more reasons to develop an "attitude of gratitude"

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**Knights of Columbus #4504**  
**Bowling League Standings**

Results for Week No. 7 of 35  
 10/22/96

Pos	Team	Won	Lost
1	100% ITALIAN	30	19
2	The Hankers	28	21
3	All the Pres's Men	28	21
4	Brat's	25	24
5	Quiet Men	19	30
6	Jimposi	17	32

**Help Wanted**

Your council needs chairmen to run 1) the hospital wheelchair brigade, 2) the eyeglasses for the needy campaign, 3) a photography contest, 4) a Senior Citizen essay contest, 5) committee members for the Admissions and 6) other committees and 7) cooks for council events. No experience necessary. If you are interested, please contact Ray Pruszkowski at (908) 810-9760.

**Christmas  
 Dinner Meeting  
 December 9, 1996  
 Details to follow**

**PRIVATE  
 COORS NIGHT**

**NOVEMBER 9, 1996  
 8 TILL 12 PM**

**\$8.00 per person  
 \$15.00 per couple**

**BEER, SODA & FOOD INCLUDED  
 CALL JOHN PETERS - 810-1283**

**for information  
 See Flyers at Council Hall  
 for more details**

**GRAND KNIGHTS COLUMN continued**

consider the following passage from The Bible: "Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over..." (Luke 6:38).



**NEW YEARS EVE**

Reserve Now - Limited Seating  
 Music by "The Famous"  
 Grand Central Band  
 Cocktail Hour - 8 PM  
 Dancing - 9 PM - 2 AM  
 Sit Down Dinner 9:30 PM  
 Dessert & Coffee House  
 Available All Night

**\$84,00 per Couple  
 Reservations - Call Vinnie Iannuzzi  
 687-9381**

**To All Special Children, Parents and  
 Adults**

It is time again to  
 get together for a Christmas  
 Celebration

**PLEASE COME!  
 RSVP by December 1**

Date: Sunday, December 15, 1996  
 Place: Knights of Columbus  
 1034 Jeanette Avenue  
 Union, NJ 07083

**Hope to see you**

Lunch will be served at  
 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Santa will be there at 2:30 pm  
 with gifts for special people and  
 pictures with Santa

**We are inviting all Special People of  
 New Jersey**

Please call or write to  
 Sister Ann Dominic O.P.  
 St. Michael's  
 1211 Orange Avenue  
 Union, NJ 07083  
 (Sr. Ann (908) 686-5271)

**GRATEFUL FOR DONATIONS**

**CALENDAR**

**November 1996**

- 1 Fri.....Holy Day of Obligation:  
 Feast Of All Saints
- 1 Fri.....First Friday @ 7:30 PM
- 2 Sat.....Feast of All Souls
- 3 Sun.....Annual Memorial Mass  
 and Communion Breakfast,  
 9AM Mass
- 9 Fri.....Coors Night at the Bar
- 11 Mon...Council Meeting @ 8:15 PM
- 13 Wed...Second DEGREE@ 8:15 PM
- 22 Fri.....Pasta Night  
 (Columbian Club)
- 23 Sun.....Blood Drive, 11AM-4PM  
 (D. Clementoni)
- 25 Mon...Council Meeting @ 8:15 PM
- 27 Wed.....Third Degree @ 8:00 PM
- 28 Thu.....Thanksgiving Day  
 (Council Closed)

**December 1996**

- 1 Sun.....First Sunday of Advent
- 2 Mon...Council Anniversary (1957)
- 2 Mon....."Light Up for Christ"  
 Christmas Tree Lighting  
 @ 7:00 PM
- 6 Fri.....First Friday @ 7:30 PM
- 9 Mon.....Council Meeting
- 20 Fri.....Annual Christmas  
 "Bring-a-Dish"
- 22 Sun.....Children's Christmas Party
- 25 Wed.....MERRY CHRISTMAS  
 (Council closed)
- 31 Tue.....New Year's Eve Party

**THANK YOU TO.....**

Fr. Malanga and all who helped with the First Friday masses;  
 Ken Lang and his crew for the picnic;  
 Kevin Collins and his crew for youth activities;  
 Barney Capriglione and his crew for the PGK dinner dance;  
 Mike Tomko for completing the parish involvement survey;  
 Janice Hibbard and all who helped with the fashion show;  
 Jim Sondey and all who helped at the "Roses for Life" sales;  
 Tony Zappulla and his crew for running the booth at the Feast of St. Michael and all who helped at St. Michael's parish community building weekend.

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