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## HUMANITARIAN HUNGER HARVEST

Brothers,

The Knights of Columbus have embarked on numerous charitable campaigns over its many years in existence. Never has the need been so great, so urgent and so desperate as the necessity to feed the hungry.

At recent meetings between our State Deputy and representatives from The Community Food Bank of New Jersey, The Statewide Emergency Food and Anti-Hunger Network and other service organizations, it was made apparent that hunger was the most prevalent dilemma of our society today. The need for food to feed families extends from the poor to the upper middle class. In many cases families are just above the poverty level and cannot obtain assistance. They must make the choice of paying housing and utility costs or eating. Unfortunately, they must elect to do without food. Many who do qualify for assistance do not receive enough to meet family needs and also go to bed hungry.

Due to the seriousness of this problem, the State Deputy has elected to institute The Humanitarian Hunger Harvest Program to attack the problem in New Jersey.

The goal for this project is to collect sixty-six (66) tons of food, one ton per thousand members of the New Jersey Knights of Columbus. Each council member is asked to donate three pounds of food or two dollars to the Hunger campaign

There will be two collections-

**September 15, 1992**

to

**October 12, 1992 (Harvest Day)**

**March 1, 1993**

to

## UNION COUNCIL PICNIC - Saturday, September 12, 1992

Time: 1 PM to 7 PM

Rain Date: Sunday, September 13, 1992

Good Food - As Usual !!! - Beer and Soda

Entertainment - Pony Rides & Moon Walk

Door Prizes for Advance Ticket Purchase Only

Prices:

Advance Purchase:

Under 5 Free

5 to 17 - \$6

Adults - \$8

Family - \$25

At the Gate:

Under 5 Free

5 to 17 - \$8

Adults - \$10

Family - NO TICKETS AT GATE

*Past Grand Knight  
Dinner Dance*

*Honoring*

*PGK Donald Pfarr*

*Sat. Sept. 26th 1992*

*7 to 12*

*Cocktails, Dinner*

*Dancing*

*and Open Bar*

*\$25.00 per person*

*Call*

*Mr. Barney Capp at*

*964-3143*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 11.....First Friday

Sept. 12.....Council Picnic

Sept. 13..... Council Picnic-Rain Date

Sept. 26.....PGK Dinner Dance

Oct. 2.....First Friday

Oct. 17.....Golf Outing



## CHARITY SOFTBALL GAME

On Sept. 23, 1992 at 7:30 P.M. at Rabkin Field, Union, Union Council 4504 will play the WNEW-FM ROCKERS. The proceeds from this game will go to the Council Scholarship Fund. For tickets or information please contact John Esposito 688-1665 or Ernie Santorelli 688-7169.

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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

## TELEPHONE

The results of our new telephone calling system have been encouraging despite the fact that only a few of those "committed" members have been showing up. As always, the personal aspect brings out additional showing.

The present slate indicates 25 committed names so it is obvious that we will need twice that many commitments if we want it to work without the "extras". Please give this your serious thought and consider joining us.

We thank those brothers who have been showing up on a regular basis, as they promised

## KNIGHT of THE MONTH September, 1992



### Tom Koscica

Our Knight Of The Month for September 1992 is Tom Koscica. Tom with his wife Brenda and his two children Karen and Mark have been residents of Union for 24 years. He is a communicant of St. Michael's Parish in Union.

Since becoming a 3rd degree member of our council in 1982, he has been an active brother knight. As is the case with many of our members much of Tom's work is done behind the scenes. He has donated many hours at swim club work parties over the years before becoming a member of the board 3 years ago. His current position on the board puts him in charge of pool maintenance and grounds where there is always work to be done. Most of his work is done during the off hours at the pool. Minor repairs on the pool and picking up supplies are just some of his responsibilities.

Tom is employed as a tool and die maker with Accurate Products in Hillside where he has been a dedicated worker for over 30 years. Some of his hobbies include being the family photographer and working out at the gym. Tom has also been known to be seen at Raceway Park in Englishtown where he enjoys a day at the races.

Union Council is pleased to congratulate Tom Koscica as our Knight Of The Month for September 1992.

## K of C ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

October 17, 1992

October 24, Raindate

Spooky Brook Golf Course

Start times will be determined based on full payment of foursomes.

\$45 per dufer—Includes Green fees, cart, food, beer and PRIZES.

For reservations and additional information contact:

John Peters 964-6869

## Grand Knight's Column

Jim O'Connell



Can it be that another Summer season has slipped by? As you receive this copy of the Knights Digest, we will be entering September. Some of us with reluctance, and some with enthusiasm. The reluctant ones are surely our children, who are

seeing the rapid approach of another LONG school year. For them, I hope that the reluctance turns to enthusiasm, as they are faced with new and exciting challenges.

But our children won't be the only ones with new and exciting challenges this month. In terms of Council activity, September appears to be a very busy month.

First of all, we get one last opportunity to enjoy a fun filled Summer day with our Annual Council Picnic. This year it will be held on September 12th, with a rain date on the 13th. I have met with the Picnic Committee, and can assure you that this years event will be one terrific day, so get your tickets early. This year we will have a drawing for a door prize for advanced ticket holders ONLY. See Jim Feehan for details and tickets.

Next, we will begin the first of two collections for the Humanitarian Hunger Harvest drive. Please see the article this month for details. If this program is to succeed, we will need the cooperation of EVERY Brother Knight, so PLEASE help. For such a small contribution, we can do so much good.

On Wednesday, September 23 our Council will be hosting a charity softball game played against a celebrity team from the radio station WNEW-FM. The game will begin at 7:30pm on Rapkin field, behind Union High School. The proceeds from the game will help to replenish our councils Scholarship fund, so come out and cheer our team on. See John Esposito or Jim Feehan for tickets.

To culminate a very active month, we will have our annual Past Grand Knights Dinner on September 26th. This will be our opportunity to honor Don Pfarr, PGK for his very successful year as Grand Knight of Union Council. Lets all come out and show Don how much we appreciate his leadership and guidance. See Barney Capriglione, PGK for details.

So as you can see, September is quite a busy month. But as I look forward on our calendar, I can see that the rest of this year will be equally as active.

## Chaplain's Column

Rev.  
Leonard E. Dembow



"The summer-times of our lives are times to rest and appreciate what we have; to relax and enjoy, to celebrate the extravagance and exuberance of summer, to remember, to pause, to let the joy and wonder of becoming like little children again well up

within us. Summer is a time to be carefree, to laugh and play and be silly, to be a clown, to unwind, to be foolish. It is a time also to be free to do nothing, to be present in grateful receptivity, wordless awe, silent simplicity." (Gathering the Fragments: A Gospel Mosaic. Rev. Edward J. Farrell)

What a wonderful gift is this gift of time that so many of us fail to appreciate and enjoy. Many feel that moments of doing nothing more than laughing together, of being a clown, of playing, are wasted.

They neglect to realize that recognizing the child in us brings us closer to our inner selves unencumbered by all the things we have to do. This recognition also brings us nearer to the Jesus who repeatedly called to us like little children whose simplicity would bring them to Heaven.

Family and friends allow us the freedom to be who we are and that freedom allows us to recognize our love and our need for them. I hope this summer, quickly coming to an end, provided all of you the opportunity to come into touch with that inner child, to give you the needed time off to do that, and particularly to share your laughter and your joy and your play with your families and friends. How important they are to us! How much they make our world full and loving! Even in the midst of difficulties and misunderstandings how empty our world would be without them.

The Book Ecclesiastes tells us that there is a season for everything. Perhaps the ending of this season should mark a new beginning of openness and loving communication with our family and friends. Perhaps this is the time to tell them of our love. Perhaps this is the time for that embrace that makes that other person, child or adult, feel affirmed, important and loved. Perhaps this is the season to listen to their needs and strivings. Perhaps this is the time to make peace, to console and to be consoled.

As we enter into a new season I pray that all of us, inspired by the Jesus who lives in you and me, will never miss those opportunities for loving that slip away so fast if we are not looking.

## YOUR INSURANCE UPDATE "A WAY OF LIFE"

When was the last time your wife went shopping for the day and left you to mind the children? How would you handle this responsibility, day after day, plus having to work?

When I ask this question, I find that most of our members have closed their minds to this possibility, Unfortunately, it does happen, you know. No man likes to place a monetary value on his spouse. But money is the only thing that will give you a fighting chance to keep a semblance of a home for your kids should anything happen to your wife.

Many insurance men call it "wife insurance" I like to call it "WAY OF LIFE" insurance. Call me today for an appointment. I want to hear from you. Remember we are tax exempt.

Rich Fuentes (908) 722-6336  
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## JOIN US FOR THE FOURTH ANNUAL MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION BENEFIT SOFTBALL GAME

GUIDING LIGHT  
vs.

ALL MY CHILDREN

Date: **Saturday 26, 1992**

Time: 1:00 P.M.

Place: Ed Weber Field, Tucker Ave.  
Union, NJ

Donation: **\$5.00**

**Children 5 and under FREE**

## COLUMBIAN CLUB COMING EVENTS

Sept. 18, 1992—Friday Night Dinner

Oct. 3.—Night at the Races

Oct. 9—Friday Night Dinner

Oct. 17—October-Polka Fest Dance  
\*\*\*\*\*Football Season\*\*\*\*\*

Sunday Afternoon

Come out for Hot Dogs at Halftime

## 1992 COLUMBIAN SWIM TEAM

RECORD: WON -5

LOST - 2

K of C—145 Westbrook (Edison)—88

K of C—120 Roselle—105

K of C Elks (Union) - Rained Out

K of C—105 Clark—120

K of C—192 Westbrook (Edison)

K of C—122 Elks (Union)—205

K of C—145 Clark—133



We have had a successful season! We are looking for more members for the 1993 season. This year the Swim Club gave team T-shirts and trophies, plus a team party on August 7th at the Columbian Club Patio.

CONGRATULATIONS - 1992 SWIM TEAM:

Dominick Dudek, Jason Dudek, Kristen Fabiano, Laura Fabiano, Brian Ford, Timmy Ford, Kelly Ford, Stephen Esperon, Justin Esperon, Tracy Cwiakala, Michael Pfarr, Lauren Pfarr, Tony Galindo, Gerard Galindo, Anna Pizza, Joseph Pizza, Steven Piz-za, Pete Pizza, Katherine Green, Emily Green, Tim Tuite, Meaghan Tuite, Robert Gaitens, Paul Gaitens, Billy Pacheco, Kristin Swetly, Stephen Boyd, Elissa Lynch, Billy Genovese, Anthony Gagliano, Joey Hrdina, Debra McGarvey, Laura McGarvey, Laura McGarvey and Kelly McGarvey. GREAT JOB!!!

A special thank you to our team mothers - Terri Esperon, Sue Pizza and Mildred Garbira; Coaches Debbie Oliver and Janice Oliver and for making all this possible  
Columbian Swim Club President - John Peters.

Dominick Padovano - Swim Team Director

Rich Santangelo - Swim Team Chairman