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A Mother's Day Prayer

Loving God, as mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless our mother. Let the example of her faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, her family, may honor her always with a spirit of profound respect.

From "Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers"



Happy Mothers Day

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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

K of C CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 1 Golf Outing
May 7 Annual Communion Supper
May 8 Drug Awareness Day
May 10 Council Meeting
May 13-16 State Convention
May 24 Council Meeting
May 26 1st Degree
May 29 Poolside Mass
May 31 Memorial Day Parade
June 2 2nd Degree
June 4 First Friday
June 6 Nuns & Widows Dinner
June 14 Council Meeting
June 19, 12:00 PM Blood Bank
June 28, 6:30 PM Awards Dinner Mtg.
June TBA Candlelight Bowling

KNIGHT of THE MONTH May, 1993



Richard Roach

Our Knight Of The Month for May, 1993 is Brother Richard Roach. Rich and his wife Grace have been residents of Union for over seventeen years and are communicants of Holy Spirit Parish. Rich transferred to Union Council about five years ago from Father Canty Council in Hillside.

Rich is one of the quiet workers around the council. He is active with the work parties in the picnic and patio areas, getting the back ready for the swim club season. Rich is also active behind the scenes with the 50/50 raffle, doing things such as stuffing and labeling envelopes.

Rich recently assisted in the assembly of the Cookbook for the State Council, Vocations Committee. He helped, first by typing recipes and then by proofreading almost five hundred of them.

Rich is always ready to lend a hand whenever he is asked.

In addition to the work Rich does around the council he still finds time to bowl in the council bowling league.

Union council is proud to honor Richard Roach as our Knight Of The Month for May, 1993.

1993 Summer Schedule

- May 29 Pool and snack bar open
June 26 Night at the races
July 3 Patio party
July 10 *Black Whale to Atlantic City
July 17 Adult splash party
July 23 *Bobby Bryne Night
July 31 Fish fry
Aug. 7 Monmouth Park (day)
Youth splash party (night)
Aug. 21 Bingo at Boys/Girls club
Aug. 28 Polish Night

*Please make reservations with Vinnie Iannuzzi 687-9381

Grand Knight's Column

Jim O'Connell



As we enter the month of May, we begin to see the joyous signs of Spring, and we thank God for the end of one of the harshest

Winters in recent memory. Now that the days are getting longer and warmer, we turn to more outside activities.

Our Council has just completed yet another very successful Retarded Citizens Drive. Many thanks to all the Brother Knights who gave their time to come out to help, but a special go to Andre and Ernie for their many hours of preparation.

As we all know, May is a "M" month, not only in name, but in the events that occur throughout. As we have learned from our earliest schooling, "M" is for Mother, and May is for her. This is the month that we honor both our maternal and spiritual Mothers.

At our First Friday on May 7th, we will continue one of our councils many ongoing traditions, with the crowning of our Blessed Mother, Mary. This is a beautiful and sacred way to show our devotion to the Queen of the Knights. It would be wonderful if you could join us that evening, but if not, consider another form of devotion to the Mother of our Lord.

Following this, on May 9th, we are than given the opportunity to show our devotion and thanks to our maternal Mothers, the person who had significant influence in our lives and helped mold us into what we are today.

The one council event this month that doesn't begin with "M" is our State Convention. Ray has been doing a terrific preparation job, and has informed me that there will be more Brother Knights, and their families, attending this years event, than last year. He has a great schedule planned, so if you can't make the entire weekend, try planning a day with the council. If you can't make it at all, than help us by praying for good weather.

We will be closing the month with our annual participation in Union's Memorial Day Parade. Its a great way to show your respect for our Brother Knights who gave the ultimate gift, their lives.

As I close this month's article, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the special women of our council a happy and healthy Mother's Day.

Chaplain's Column

Rev. Leonard E. Dembow



I am reminded often of the question that preachers would use to get the attention of their congregations, usually as a weekly mission was

about to begin: "If you were arrested for being a Catholic, would there be enough evidence to convict you?"

As we stood before the judge who would determine our guilt or not at being Catholic, what proof would we offer? All too often our language and life style, our demeanor and what we consider to be important make us seem very much like everyone else. Let us consider something very elemental. Patrice Tuohy in the April issue of U.S Catholic stated: "Catholics do a disservice to themselves and their children by keeping their Catholic identity under wraps. Dispensing with religious rituals, such as nightly prayer and grace before meal, and not displaying religious art in the home is as un-Christian as failing to vote and refusing to display the flag is un-American. They are not absolutely essential expressions of allegiance, but they should come with the territory." Whatever happened to the practice of giving religious art as gifts for Christmas, wedding, or birthdays? Shouldn't Christmas greeting cards say more from us than sleigh bells and Santa Claus. The Easter that we recently celebrated should include more than rabbits, colored eggs and Fifth Avenue hats.

I am sure that we can remember growing up with religious symbols, asking questions of our parents as to what they meant and being led lovingly by them into a comfortability with the representations of Jesus and Mary and the saints.

It is time to make our homes convey, through religious symbols, our Catholic heritage and to share that with our children and our friends who are guests in our homes.

Would the art work and symbols presently in our home help the judge in his determination as to whether we are Catholic or not? Guilty or not guilty?

Oldies Dance

The Oldies Dance is re-scheduled to Friday night - May 21, 1993. Cost is \$10 per person which includes Beer, Wine & Hot dogs. Bring your own munchies if you want!

So put your dancing shoes on and get ready to rock till you drop with "The Mad Hatter" and be there at 8P.M. Call Tony Shans for tickets at 964-0115.

No Tickets at the door.

Drug Awareness Day:

On May 8th from 10 to 12 P.M., Union Council will hold a DRUG AWARENESS DAY at the Council. We are inviting children from Grades 1 through 5 and their parents to attend. The program will feature education to the dangers!!! For the parents, there will be a program to help them identify drug use in their home and community and provide them with information to better be able to answer questions their children will have about drugs. We urge all members and their families to attend this very important program. For more information call John Esposito at 688-1665 or Steve Carr at 688-1682

Insurance Report

I don't need life insurance when the children are grown and out the house.

I don't need life insurance after I retire.

I don't need life insurance when the mortgage is completed.

These misconceptions are exactly when members, widows and families are put into financial burdens that they have never foreseen. For example, a person age 60 has a need for \$25,000 of **permanent** life insurance today. That same \$25,000 today will buy less and less as the years go on.

In 10 years the need grew to \$44,770.

In 15 years the need grew to \$59,915.

In 20 years the need grew to \$80, 178.

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Bingo is Back!

Saturday, August 21, 1993-mark your calendar!

7:30 P.M. at the Boys and Girls Club of Union

Come out and support the Scholarship Fund!!!

Swim Club

I've noticed at the work parties on Saturday mornings and Wednesday evenings, the same members helping out, year after year.

It would be great to see some new members at these work parties. There is a lot of work involved in getting the pool and picnic areas ready for the upcoming season.

Sincerely

Dominick M. Padovano

ALSO,

In order to pick up your pool badges, your traveling card must be paid thru Sept.

THANK YOU
THE SWIM CLUB

Columbian Swim Team

Last year, our swim team had a successful season. They won five meets and lost two. We had thirtyfive members on the team. This year we are looking for more members.

All swimmers received team shirts and trophies, plus we had a team party. If your children would like to join the 1993 swim team, please call the swim team director Dominick Padovano 687-1583 or Rich Santangelo 964-5258.

NOTICE:

Preference will be given to any active inside bartender or houseman wishing to serve, as an outside (patio) bartender during the pool season. Openings are for one day per week: 2 P.M. to 6 P.M. or 6 P.M. to 10 P.M. The season is June 14th to Labor Day. Eligible interested members must contact: Rocco Corbo at 686-4504 (Noon to 3 P.M.)

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