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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year



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**Chaplain's
 Corner**

Rev. Edward Gedrich

What difference does it make? His birth, I mean. Did it change anything at all? Armies still march, though now under different banners than those of the Roman Legion. The poor we still have with us, as He said. The fear of violence haunts our days and nights whether we dwell in first century Jerusalem or twentieth century Union. Illness yet afflicts us and those we love, and death will one day claim us all. So, Merry Christmas. Does it matter?

For your answer look into the eyes of a child on Christmas morning. Take a walk on a cold December night and wonder at the beauty of the lights that pierce the darkness. Receive a card from a long forgotten friend. Visit a homeless shelter or a soup kitchen. Go to midnight mass. Forgive someone who's wronged you. Apologize to someone you've hurt. Give more time to your family. Appreciate what you've got. Pray more. Judge less. Reach out to someone in pain. Sacrifice for others without counting the costs, or looking for gratitude. Live your life. Open your eyes and see.

Make room for Him. Let Him in. Walk with Him. Let Him change you. It matters.

May the blessings of the Lord's presence be with you and with those you love, at Christmas and always.

**Grand Knights's
 Column**



Michael Gasser

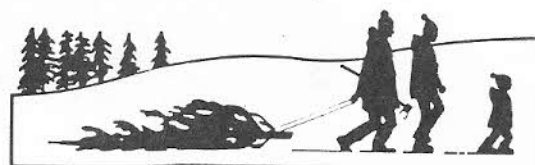
The month of December is upon us. And with it so is the holiday season. Actually, as far as the shopping centers are concerned the holiday season started right after Halloween. I'm sure that most of us are busy with their Christmas shopping. What I would ask, and hopefully I can take my own advice, is that you try to remember the true spirit and meaning of Christmas. Let's try not to get caught up in all the commercialism. As we walk through the malls, and also as we drive around the parking lots trying to find a parking space, let's remember that as the song says "T'is the season to be jolly".

This is still a reasonably busy month for the Council. Our First Friday program continues with our Chaplain, Father Ed Gedrich celebrating Mass. The guest speaker will be from the Township's Police Department. We will have the Children's Christmas Party on the 17th. I'm sure Santa Claus would really like to see all of our children there. On the 31st will be our New Year's Eve Party. What better way to bring in the New Year and a New Decade than with your Brother Knights at the Council. On December 11th will be our Annual Christmas Dinner Meeting. At this meeting the 2nd drawing of this Columbian year's 50/50 Charitable Raffle will be held. Because

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CHRISTMAS DINNER MEETING

The Council's Annual Christmas Dinner Meeting will be on Monday, December 11, 1989 at 6:30 PM in the Council Hall. The dinner will be baked Virginia ham with vegetables, potatoes, cake, coffee, beer and soda. Tickets are \$7.00 each. All tickets must be purchased by Wednesday, December 6th. **THERE WILL BE NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR.** For tickets call GK Michael Gasser at 486-3141, DGK Bob Pfarr at 964-1512 or John Carr at 354-3186. Come celebrate the Christmas season with your Brother Knights.



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

December, 1989

Steve Wayne



The Knight of the Month for December 1989 is Brother Steve Wayne. Steve joined our council in February 1966, and took his third degree in March 1966.

Over the years, Steve has been very active participating in work parties and supporting various council functions. He also serves as a council bartender.

Steve, along with his wife Mary and daughter Karen, reside in Union and are communicants of St. Michael's, where Steve serves as an usher. His interests include bowling and helping others whenever he can. He also enjoys an occasional bus ride to Atlantic City. Our congratulations to Steve Wayne, Knight of the Month for December, 1989.

COMING ATTRACTIONS ...

New Year's Party: Open bar 9:00 PM to 2:00 AM
 Music by Rendition
 Cocktail Hour
 Hot buffet
 Champagne toast
 Much more

\$65.00 per couple, for tickets call Joe Tortora at 688-1422.

TRUMP PLAZA

Tuesday, Jan. 9 - bus leaves at 8:30 A.M. - \$12.00 per person with a good return - reserve early - for more information call Ignatius Zrebiec at 686-1622.

SUPER BOWL PARTY

Jan. 28, 1990 for details call Don Pfarr - 851-0018.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Jan 7, 1990 - 2:00 to 5:00 - Adults \$5.00 children \$3.50 - call Ed Rocco or Tony Maffie at the club. No tickets sold after Jan. 4th.

SWIM CLUB CORNER

The Swim Club is currently looking for a Pool Manager for the 1990 season. Anyone interested please contact either Frank Fabiano, Swim Club President, at 964-3863 or John Peters at 964-6889.

Anyone interested in being nominated to the Swim Board of Directors contact Wes Czap at 964-0429 or Vinnie Iannuzzi at 686-4504.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES**CHRISTMAS PARTY**

DATE: Sunday, December 17

TIME: 2:00

Popcorn, Soda, Hotdogs, and Santa Claus

*****for kids only*****

Parents please bring a \$5.00 gift for each child you bring and print the child's full name on the gift. This will make it easy for Santa to hand out the proper gifts.

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Boys and Girls ages 10 to 14

PLACE: Union Boys and Girls Club

DATE: Jan. 21, 1990

TIME: First group begins at 10:00

For any further information, contact Youth Activities Chairman, Mike Kramer at 687-7156.

GRAND KNIGHTS COLUMN continued






of this raffle we have been able to make some real important charitable donations from the money raised by the raffle. The amount that we have been raising with each raffle has been slowly dwindling. I ask for your support of the raffle so that we may continue the donations that we have been able to make because of it. Besides at this time of year I'm sure we could all use a little extra money if we win it.

On behalf of the Council Officers, my wife, Debbie, my daughters, Kristin and Jillian and myself, I would like to extend our wishes to all of you for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Safe and Healthy New Year.

MORE COMING ATTRACTIONS...**NITE AT THE RACES**

Jan. 20, 1990 - call Bob Sugzda at 851-9182.

For more details on coming attractions, see the January digest.

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