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Keep Christ in Christmas



Thank You Sincerely!!!

On behalf of the committee who chaired our charity fund-raiser on November 16th, I would like to thank and express my sincere appreciation to all the Brothers, their wives, girlfriends, family and friends for the generous support you gave to this affair. I'm sure the family will really appreciate it.

My special thanks to the softball team, the Columbian Club, The Kitchen Crew, those who donated desserts, and all the

guys who helped that night to make this affair the success that it was.

Donations are still being accepted. If you wish to make a donation send it to the council addressed to myself or the Grand Knight Don Pfarr marked the Rice Family Fund. (Make checks payable to K of C 4504)

Again many thanks and best wishes for a healthy and Merry Christmas.

PGK Bob Sugzda

CHRISTMAS DINNER MEETING

Union Council 4504 Knights of Columbus Annual Christmas Dinner meeting will be held on Monday, December 9, 1991. Dinner will be served at 6:30. For reservations call Chairman DGK Jim O'Connell at 762-1065, or Barney Capp at 964-3143. Donation will be \$7.00 per person. Cut off date is December 4th. No tickets will be sold at door.

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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

Union Council Schedules Blood Donor Day

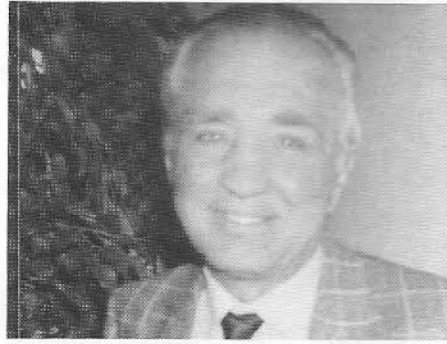
Sunday, Feb. 16, 1992 10 AM - 3:30 PM

Brothers, I know that Feb. 16, 1992 seems a long way off, but time has a way of flying by fast and the the winter months are crucial times, for the supply of blood is usually low, so I am sure you will want to pencil the date (Feb. 16) in on your calendar to remind you to come to the council home and give the "Gift of Life".

If you have any questions or are in need of blood replacement, please contact me at (908) 688-3618.

Fraternally
Dom Clementoni PGK
Blood Bank Chmn.

KNIGHT of THE MONTH December, 1991



Louis J. Basile

Our Knight of the Month for December, 1991 is Louis J. Basile. Lou resides in Union where he has lived with his wife, Angie, for more than 33 years. They are communicants of St. Michael's parish. Lou has two children, Lou Jr. who is currently living in Boston, and Mary Ann, who also lives in Union.

Lou has been a member of Union Council since the early 1960's, where he has shared his talents in a variety ways. Lou regularly attends council work parties, and has helped serve as part of our kitchen crew.

Around the Council, Lou can be seen most Friday nights enjoying the company of other Council members in their Friday Night poker games. Lou's other hobbies include reading, dancing and gardening. In addition to being a Knight, Lou is also a member of the Union Elks.

Lou is semi-retired from being a very successful restaurateur. He was owner of Pam's Cafe, where he operated this East Orange landmark for over 35 years. He currently is employed by Rickle Associates in Millburn.

Union Council's great pleasure to name Louis J. Basile as our Knight of the Month for December, 1991.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dec. 6 First Friday
- Dec. 9 Annual Christmas Dinner Meeting
- Dec. 15 Children's Christmas Party
- Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Party
- Jan. 3 First Firday
- Jan. 17 Annual Swim Club Meeting
- Jan. 26 Super Bowl Party

In Memorium

Joseph A. Payesko, Sr. — October 19, 1991
Raymond P. Sullivan — November 14, 1991

Grand Knight's Column

Don Pfarr



What is the first thing that comes to mind when you think about Christmas? Is it the presents you have to buy for family and friends, the crowds of shoppers you have to compete with, picking out your Christmas tree, or all the lights and decorations that brighten up our neighborhoods, etc.? Or do you think about the real meaning of Christmas - you know that "peace on earth and good will towards men" part of it. Or how about that it's the celebration of our Lord's birth. Do you remember to Keep Christ in Christmas?

Often times it's hard not to at first think about some of those typical activities and symbols of Christmas, because they have become so much a part of the holiday routine. And let's face it - we're bombarded with the commercial aspects of it day after day during the holiday season. It actually seems like the commercial part of the season starts earlier every year.

This year, as in the past, our Council invited 4th and 5th grade students from Holy Spirit and St. Michael's schools to participate in a State Council sponsored essay contest that had the theme of "Keep Christ In Christmas". I had the opportunity to read these essays and I found it interesting and encouraging to read what some of these students had to say. It also made me wonder what we as adults would write about this theme.

I think you may agree we all need to stop now and then during the Christmas season to remember why we celebrate this Holy Day and perhaps where we might be if we didn't have Christmas to celebrate. Think about it - would we all be members of a Knights of Columbus organization that has given support to so many worthy causes if that first Christmas didn't take palce? Would there even be a Catholic Faith for us to share? I can't even imagine what that would be like. Especially as members of the Knights of Columbus let's not forget what this Holy Day is all about. Let's Keep Christ in Christmas!

On the note of supporting worthy causes I also want to thank all of you who gave your support for our recent Night at the Races fundraiser which was a big success. Special thanks also to Bob Sugzda PGK and Mike Carr PGK the co-chairman of this event.

On behalf of the Council officers and my family I wish you all a safe, happy and Holy Christmas season!



**Chaplain's
Column**
Rev. Edward Gedrich

"Deck the Halls with boughs of holly ..."
"O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree ..."
"City sidewalks, busy sidewalks, dressed in Holiday Style ..."

The stores have been decorated since Halloween. By now you're at least **thinking** of hanging the lights around the outside of house, of pulling the boxes out of the cellar or the attic containing the traditional family decorations you put out every year, of buying the tree (or setting up the artificial one).

There's no doubt about it: Christmastime is a magical time of year, made even more magical by the energy we expand "decking the halls", preparing our homes for the holidays. This year, though, I'd like to issue a challenge: don't just "deck the halls" -- decorate your heart. Phone a long-neglected friend -- decorate your heart. Forgive a long-nursed grudge -- decorate your heart. Don't just talk **to** the people you love, talk **with** them -- decorate your heart. **Don't** get angry if someone cuts ahead of you in line in the store; pray rather than steam when you're caught in traffic; thank God for all you **already** have -- decorate your heart.

Evergreen and tinsel, garland and lights: how they add to the beauty of this season! But faith, hope, and love, the three things that last: how they add to the beauty of our lives! Long after the lights are down and the wrapping paper is crumpled and thrown away, these three will continue to shed their light and adorn our winter days.

May our homes be made lovely not just by the glitter outside, but by the faith, hope, and love within. For this Christmas, give yourself and those you love the greatest gift -- decorate your heart.

Superbowl Party

January 26, 1992

This year's bash is now being planned: with GIANT SCREEN TV's, delicious food, beer, soda, and other activities. It is an event not to be missed.

For more information call:
Ray Fluet: 381-9513
Barney Capp: 964-3143

Youth Activities

Dec. 15 Christmas Party - For the children of Council members, at the Council Hall, 2:00 - 4:00 PM. Bring a wrapped gift, for Santa to give to your child, clearly marked with first and last name.

Jan. 18 Free Throw Championship - for boys and girls age 10 - 14.

Feb. 15 Deadline for Poster Art Contest "See America - Through the Eyes of an Explorer". For any child age 10 to 14. The poster art submitted must be an original.

For details, contact Ray Pruszkowski, Youth Activities Chairman, Tel. (908) 688-0559

MEMBERSHIP

The next membership drive will be January 12, 1992 (Parish Family Sunday) at Saint Michael's. Any member who can spare the time to help for "one or two" masses - especially parishioners of Saint Michael's - please let me know. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Our next first degree will be January 27, 1992. If you know any Catholic gentleman who is interested, in joining our council, have them fill out a Form 100 ASAP. The best advertisement for our council is our members. Become involved, ask a neighbor, friend or a family member to join. Pat Sheridan - Membership Director

ROAST BEEF DINNER

Friday Night
at the BAR
December 13, 1991
7:00 to 8:30
\$5.00 per person
for tickets call
Rich Pipala 964-7592

Swim Club Corner

ATTENTION ALL BONDHOLDERS:

The Swim Club is now accepting bonds. Please submit your bonds no later than December 31, 1991.

NOMINATIONS: Any Swim Club Member who is interested in being nominated for the Swim Club Board should contact Swim Club President John Peters at 964-6869 or Paul Sandy at 686-1268.

MEETING: The annual Swim Club meeting will be held Friday, January 17, 1992.

DUES: All Swim Club dues will be due by March 1, 1992

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

DEC. 31, 1991

7:30-1:00

\$40 PER PERSON
COCKTAILS, PRIME
RIB DINNER, BAND,
OPEN BAR, SNACK

RESERVE WITH
BOB SUGZDA
851-9182

or
RICH PIPALA
964-7592

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We cannot sell it.
You cannot send away for it.
And you cannot return it.
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And it lasts a lifetime.
It's made right here at home
And comes in a multitude of colors—
Most notably, red, white and blue.

Random Thoughts

Prayer of the modern American: Dear God I pray for patience, and I want it now! ... Governments tend not to solve problems, only rearrange them ... The opposite of talking isn't listening ... The opposite of talking is waiting. It's not true nice guys finish last ... Nice guys are winners before the game even starts ... Why is it that children seem to grow up fast and leave home so slowly?

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