



# Knights Digest



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## WHITE HOUSE RECOGNIZES MIKE HRIFKO

Grand Knight Don Pfarr recently had the pleasure of presenting to Brother Knight Mike Hrifko a commendation Mike received from the **White House Points of Light Office** in recognition of his dedication to community service. Mike has been our Council's "Make - A - Wish" and "Special Olympics" Chairman for several years and through his countless hours of service has made a difference in the lives of many individuals who are either faced with a terminal illness or are handicapped.

Mike's efforts did not go unnoticed, as P.G.K. Bob Pfarr and P.G.K. Andy Popp submitted his name for consideration with President Bush's "Thousand Points of Light Program". As the President said in his State of the Union Address on January 29, 1991, "We have within our reach the promise of a renewed America. We can find meaning and reward by serving some higher purpose than ourselves -- a shining purpose, the illumination of a thousand points of light." From the earliest times, Americans have found fulfillment in their lives by giving generously of time, talent, and material resources in order to help others and improve their communities. Mike's efforts were recognized as being rooted firmly in this tradition of community service. Mike was commended for making a difference in the lives of those around him. Union Council is pleased to congratulate Mike on his well deserved recognition.



Mike Hrifko receives his commendation from the White House Points of Life Office. Pictured are (left to right) Chaplain Fr. Ed, P.G.K. Bob Pfarr, Mike Hrifko, G.K. Don Pfarr, and P.G.K. Andy Popp.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Employment Referral Service

Dear Brother Knights:

Lately I have become concerned about the growing number of our Brothers who have, for one reason or another, lost their jobs. Many of the Brothers remain unemployed or are forced to take jobs unsuited to their qualifications.

In an effort to offer some assistance to my fellow Knights I have started an **EMPLOYMENT REFERRAL SERVICE**. This service will be available to Brother Knights at no cost.

**THIS IS HOW IT WORKS:**

A Knight seeking employment should send to me a brief description of his qualifications and experience. (limit to a maximum of six lines)

Name, address and telephone number must be included. If one does not wish for his name to be published, a code number will be assigned on request. Additionally, any Brother Knights who needs an employee may submit a help wanted listing.

I will act as coordinator and on a monthly basis will compile a list and mail it to Council and Assemblies for their newsletter.

**PLEASE HELP OUR BROTHER KNIGHTS IN NEED.**

Fraternally Your,  
John F. O'Brien, PGK, PFN  
136 Wentworth Drive  
Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922  
(908) 464-7195



### WANTED BLOOD DONORS

Stop by the Council Home on Feb. 16 between the hours of 10:00 AM and 3:30 PM to give the "Gift of Life".

Please Note

Blood donors must know their social security number and bring a signed form of identification.

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Swim Club Pres.....John Peters

## 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

## COLUMBIAN SWIM CLUB SWIM TEAM

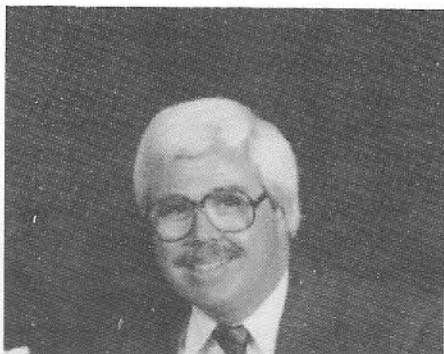
Attention Swim Club Members!

If you are interested in signing up your children for the 1992 swim team (beginners are welcome), please contact the Swim Team Director, Dominick Padovano - 687-1583 or the Swim Team Chairman, Rich Santangelo - 964-5258. The season starts after school ends. Come join the fun.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 7 First Friday  
Feb. 15 Valentine's Day Dance  
Feb. 29 State Bowling Tournament  
Mar. 1 State Bowling Tournament  
Mar. 6 First Friday  
Mar. 7/8 State Bowling Tournament  
Mar. 14 Saint Patrick's Day Dance

## KNIGHT of THE MONTH February, 1992



**Pat Sheridan**

Our Knight of the Month for February, 1992 is Pat Sheridan. Pat, his wife, Diane, and their 6 year old daughter, Lauren, are residents of Union, where they have lived for the past 10 years. He is a communicant of St. Michael's parish, where he serves as an usher at Sunday Mass.

Pat has been a Knight almost all his adult life, when his father encouraged him to join once he turned eighteen. Not stopping there, Pat became a 4th Degree Knight a year later. He transferred from his original council in Bayonne, to Union council 10 years ago. Pat currently serves as our council's Membership Chairman, where he has contributed significantly to the growth of our council.

Outside the council, Pat is a member of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick in Spring Lake, and is chairman of his company bowling league.

Pat is a partner with Trustee Leasing Corporation, where he is part of the Sales force.

It is with great honor and pleasure that we name Patrick J. Sheridan as Union Council's Knight of the Month for February, 1992

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Time is just about here. The State bowling Tournament will be beginning on February 29th, with sessions scheduled for March 1st, March 7th and 8th. Union Council will be hosting bowlers from all over the state. To help make this event a success we will be in need of help, especially in the area of **scorekeepers**. If any brother can keep score or if any family member can keep score, please contact Tournament Director Mike Carr, PGK (908) 276-8006 or PGK Andy Popp (908) 688-6951.

## Grand Knight's Column

Don Pfarr



The signs about our faltering economy have been around us for some time now and unfortunately it doesn't seem to be getting any better. We continue to hear about layoffs and companies closing their doors completely.

At the Grand Knight's Mid-Term meeting, that I recently attended, a presentation was made about a K of C Employment Referral Service that is being offered to Brother Knights throughout the State. This program, which has been endorsed by our State Council, is available to unemployed Brothers at no cost. It is essentially a network that may provide another avenue for any unemployed members to use in finding suitable employment. There is more information provided about the program in this issue of the Digest for anyone interested. While we wish it weren't the case I'm sure there are members of our council whose employment may have been affected by the current economic conditions. If this is so perhaps this program can help. If you have any questions about it feel free to call me.

I think it's fair to say the economy has affected most of our wallets as well. There's a good chance that most, if not all of us, have had to cut back a little on some of our entertainment expenses. Fortunately we have a council that's able to provide a good alternative. We have a nice lounge and hall to come to with social activities scheduled throughout the year at a reasonable price. In addition to the various affairs held in the hall you'll notice the Columbian Club is once again running a Friday Night dinner once a month. This offers you an opportunity to enjoy a good dinner at a price you can't beat with some good friends. So when you plan your social calendar be sure to check out what's going on at **your** Council

Before closing I want to thank everyone who came out to help us host Parish Family Sunday and supported us with our Membership Drive at St. Michael's in January. Also, don't forget to come out for our Blood Drive on February 16th and thank you for supporting Union Council. Happy Valentine's Day to all!

## IN MEMORIUM

Harry Kapinowski, Sr.  
December 20, 1991

Patrick Joseph Cunningham  
December 29, 1991

