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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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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

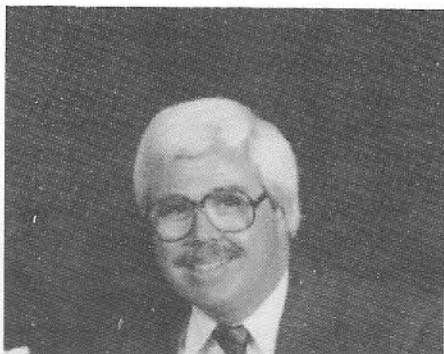
Attention Swim Club Members!

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 councils 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



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

Every year, on February 2nd, radio and TV new reports let us know the **really** important news -- will there be six more weeks of winter or not? Did the groundhog see his shadow?

We're all familiar with how it's supposed to work. If it's a cloudy, overcast day the groundhog casts no shadow and so leaves his winter's den to frolic -- winter's over! If, on the other hand, the sun is shining, the fearful groundhog, afraid of his own shadow, hides in his hole and we're stuck with six more weeks of winter.

"Afraid of his own shadow!" Aren't we all too often like the foolish, fearful groundhog? So often we allow our lives to be dominated by anxiety, ruled by fear. We imagine "worst-case scenarios" and live as if unlikely possibility were inevitable future. We anticipate the worst and do not even rejoice when the worst does not come to pass -- there's always another "what if" waiting for us, fear, succeeding fear. Like the groundhog, we so often make our own winter, one fashioned from fear.

In every life there is a winter. Indeed, every year there comes a winter as if to remind us that inevitably trial and tragedy and death are part of every human life lived in this world. Yes, let us endure the winters when they come. But let them be winters that the nature of life lived in an imperfect world imposes upon us, not winters of our own making.

The groundhog sees his shadow because his back is to the sun. If he only turned around, he might realize that spring is nearer than he'd ever dare dream. Turn around! Turn away from the shadow! You might be pleasantly surprised at what you see.

DINNER AT THE BAR
FRIDAY NIGHTS
FEB. 28 AND MARCH 20
\$5.00 PER PERSON
FOR TICKETS/DETAILS CALL
RICH PIPALA - 964-7592

**COUNCIL SUPPORTS
THOSE IS NEED**

During this past holiday season our council was able to bring some joy to families in the form of Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. Through the generosity of our members we provided eighteen Thanksgiving food baskets and fifteen Christmas baskets to families less fortunate than ours. The money was derived from the proceeds of the last golf outing, and from individual member's donations. Thanks to all who supported our efforts.

**COUNCIL FREE
THROW WINNERS**

The following are Union Council's 1992 Free Throw Winners. These children will be representing Union Council at a District level competition.

- BOYS: Age 10 Julian Kempf
Age 11 Michael Scanlon
Age 12 Joey Esteves
- GIRLS: Age 10 Jennifer Seperis
Age 11 Jennifer Savino
Age 12 Joanne del Rosario

Youth Activities

- Feb. 15 Deadline for Poster Art Contest "See America - Through the Eyes of an Explorer". For any child age 10 to 14.
- Feb. 23 Spelling Bee - for 8th grade students at the Council Hall, 2:00 PM.
- Apr. 11 Easter Egg Hunt - For the children of COUNCIL MEMBERS at the Council Picnic Area, 2:00 PM

Winner of the "America" essay contest are:

- 7th grade Jamie Simpson
8th grade Helen Mary Genova
11th grade Nicole Schimmenti
- For details, contact Ray Pruskowski, Youth Activities Chairman, Tel. (908) 688-0559

SOFTBALL 1992

Anyone interested in playing softball with the Council Team please contact Inside Guard Ernie Santorelli at 908-688-7169.

**The Life-Insurance Quandary:
How Much Is Really Enough?**

Roughing Your Life-Insurance Needs

Estimated coverage, expressed as multiples of annual salary, need to replace 75% of take-home pay until Insured would have reached age 65*

ANNUAL PAY (Before taxes)	CURRENT AGE OF PERSON INSURED						
	25	30	35	40	45	50	55
\$ 20,000	14	13	12	10	9	7	6
30,000	14	13	12	10	9	7	5
40,000	13	12	11	10	9	7	5
60,000	12	12	11	9	8	6	5
80,000	12	11	10	9	8	6	4
100,000	11	10	9	8	7	5	4
150,000	10	10	9	8	7	5	4
200,000	9	9	8	7	6	5	5

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF BEING A KNIGHT!
CONTACT: TOM SCHREINER (908) 725-6005

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