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RESOLUTION

A resolution will be read for the first time at the Jan. 13 meeting and will be voted on at the Jan. 27 meeting. The resolution is for the council to spend no more than \$800 on upgrading the public address system in the council hall.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

There is a vacancy in an elective office of the council. There will be an election for the position of Chancellor at the January 13,1997 council meeting. Rich Esposito, our current Warden, has declared his intent to run for this office. If there are any other candidates interested, please contact PGK Ernie Santorelli or Ray Pruszkowski.

"COOL"

Blood Donors are "COOL" people. Why? Because they save lives. The Blood Center of N.J. challenged Union Council to be "COOL" this holiday season and 50 "COOL Brother Knights and their friends turned out Nov. 23rd to give the gift of Life. 46 donors were accepted and 4 postponed. My THANKS to all those who turned out.

Mr. Archie Palmer from the Blood Center was here to explain the Apheresis Program. This is a procedure where only one blood component such as platelets or plasma is removed. As the component is removed. the remainder of the blood is returned to the donor. One Apheresis platelet donation provides Six times the amount of Platelets than one donation of whole blood. If you are interested or want more information on Aphersis donation, call 1-800-286-If you decide to enter the program, please mention you are a member of K of C blood bank program Account # 4635 so that the K of C is credited with the donation.

My THANKS to members of the Council's committee Ed Rocco and Bob Jarocha for the refreshments served.

Dom Clementoni PGK Blood bank Chmn.

STATE CONVENTION

The annual state convention will take place in Wildwood, NJ during the weekend of May 15-18. We will be staying at the Oceanview Motel in Wildwood Crest. If you are coming down for the convention, there is a fee for the use of the hospitality room that you must pay in advance. More information to follow next month.

DREAM GREAT DREAMS

No one should be afraid to dream. Indeed, every person should have some dreams of his own. Dreams help make life more enjoyable.

Someone has stated that we should climb until our dreams come true. Of course, that is presupposing that we have dreams to climb toward. Most of us do. Those who don't, should.

Dreams will be different as the people who have them. And why shouldn't they be? After all they are personal. We do our own dreaming, no one else can ever do it for us.

I'm a dreamer myself. I always have been. I hope I always will be. Some of my dreams seem unrealistic and impossible. But no matter how far removed they may seem, they are still possible as long as I continue to pursue them. Even if I never accomplish my dreams, they have been of value to me. For they have given me a goal to reach for, and a desire to press toward that goal. They have helped me keep trying when defeat seemed ever so close and when I wanted to quit.

In on way, dreams aren't expensive. They don't cost any money. Even the poorest person in the world can have all the dreams he desires. But in another way they are expensive. For we have to work and sacrifice to make our dreams come true. There just aren't many Prince Charmings around who will pop out of nowhere to make our dreams come true without any effort on our part.

I believe this ability to dream is one of God's great gifts to us. It has caused us to press on, to advance, to try to climb higher than we are. And in this respect we are indebted to God. Therefore, our dreams should be toward some goal that would make life richer for others as well as ourselves.

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

1st Mon	Council Officers
	Regular Meetings
3rd Mon	Swim Club
	4th Degree Officers
2nd Thurs 4t	h Degree Color Corps
3rd Wed	4th Degree Regular
	Council Committees
4th Thurs	Columbian Club

HELP WANTED

Your council needs chairmen to run 1) the hospital wheelchair brigade, 2) the eyeglasses for the needy campaign, 3) a photography contest, 4) a Senior Citizen essay contest, 5) the Morality in Media campaign, 6) committee members for the Admissions, 7) Computer and other committees and 8) cooks for council events, No experience necessary. If you are interested, please contact Ray Pruszkowski at 908-810-9760.

WESTERN NIGHT

February 28,1997
7PM - 12AM
Open Bar
Chicken, Ribs, Salad, Desert
Live Music
\$30 per Couple

For reservations call Mike Malloy 810-0862 Clarence Cunningham 241-7710 Jeff Garbiras 851-2115 Don Hibbard 964-1447

THANK YOU TO.....

Dom Clementoni and all who helped or donated at the blood drive; the crew for Pasta night; all who helped set up the Nativity scene at town hall; the kitchen crew for cooking at meetings and degrees; Tony Addotta, Barney Capriglione and all who help at the First Friday Masses; Tom Hornig and his crew for the charity raffle; Hank Skarbek and all who helped with the Christmas dinner meeting.

A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

Remember us, O God; from age to age be our comforter. You have given us the wonder of time, blessings in days and nights, seasons and years. Bless your children at the turning of the year and fill the months ahead with the bright hope that is ours in the coming of Christ.

From "Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers"

THOUGHTS FOR JANUARY

God has arranged our lives with a system of endings and beginnings. Every day ends with nightfall. Every night ends with dawn. New life can come from the old. Better days always lie ahead, but you must seek them out. Believe that the coming year will continue to bring wonderful new beginnings.

Grand Knight's Column

RAY PRUSZKOWSKI



When the new year begins, we typically make resolutions in an attempt to be a better person. We may resolve to exercise, eat properly, quit smoking,

or learn a new skill. I would suggest one simple resolution that you can make: to get more involved in your council by devoting at least two (2) hours more each month than you did last year. A typical month contains 730 hours so 2 hours is less one third of 1% of your time.

We are a volunteer organization and we could accomplish so much more good if you made this happen. How can you do this? There e are a wide variety of options you can choose to accomplish this: Attend a First Friday Mass, come to a council meeting, volunteer for a committee Membership. such as Youth Activities, Retarded Citizens Drive, computer, etc., come to a work party to help maintain the buildings. grounds and pool.

These are just a few ideas. However, if nothing on this list interests you, give me a call and we can talk about other ways you can get involved.

Finally, may you and your families have a happy, healthy and prosperous 1997.

UNION COUNCIL 4504 IN MEMORIAM

We keep in our prayers those Brother Knights who have departed

1996-1997

Robert Kalkus, SR	07/07/1996
Edward Pawlowski	07/09/1996
Charles W. Hanh	08/27/1996
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Joseph M. Perna	10/20/1996
Anthony F. Colaneri	11/17/1996
Frank A. Vella	11/27/1996
Gerald Gantter	11/27/1996

SWIM CLUB NEWS

The annual Swim Club meeting will be held on January 17th @ 8PM in the Council Home. The 1996 season will be reviewed and plans for the '97 season will be discussed. Please make every effort to attend as your input is valuable to the board.

Dues for the '97 season will be \$160.00, please use the dues envelopes you received and mail dues to our P.O. Box. DO NOT LEAVE DUES AT THE COUNCIL.

Swim Club badges may be picked up at the gatehouse by the member or his spouse only by presenting a Paid in Full 1997 K of C Membership Card. NO COUNCIL DUES WILL BE COLLECTED AT THE GATEHOUSE.

(Dream Great Dreams continued)

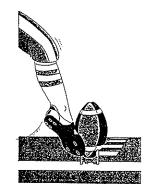
One thing I know for certain, God wants us to be somebody, to do something worthwhile. He never intended for a single one of us to be a nobody-to waste life.

I hope you are a dreamer. And I want you to remember that your dreams don't have to include fame and fortune to be worthwhile. A woman who dreams of being the best possible mother has a noble dream. A person who dreams of being kind and loving to other people has a dream worthy of pursuit.

The world, and those of us in it, are greatly indebted to the dreamers. Our lives would be much the poorer without them. Their contributions to mankind can never be measured.

Get captured by a great and worthy dream. Then pursue it. Pursue it with your whole self. Never stop pursuing it. Great and worthy dreams can come true. They have come true. And remember that everything began as a dream. As Carl Sandburg said, "Nothing happens unless first a dream."

Dreams can come true. But even if they don't, life will be more rewarding for the person who dreams.



SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

January 26,1997
Hot Roast Beef, Baked Ziti,
Chicken Wings, Salad
Beer and Soda
Food will be served at 5:00 PM
Ticket \$13.00 per person
Cut-off date Jan. 20,1997
Contact:
Mike Malloy 810-0862
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"THE EVENING PRAYER'

John Peters 810-1283

The sunlight is fading The day is now over and soon we shall be in the arms of night. I pray and beseech you, oh my gentle Jesus, give me the strength to go on one more day. I hear the wind crying from mountain so distant. the soft scented breeze from the fountains of faith. I need you forever, oh my gentle Jesus, teach me the love that I'll need to get by. You care for the hungry. the lonely and frightened. the ones who are lost, in you they find the way. Now through the darkness comes,

I'm not afraid, for you are with me forever, my Lord.

(These words can be sung in the Prayer of Thanksgiving - "we gather together" - the 17th century Dutch Melody)

CALENDAR

January	1997
1 Wed.	New Years Day
	(Council Closed)
1 Wed.	Holy Day of Obligation:
1	Feast of Mary, Mother of God
3 Fri	First Friday @ 7:30 PM
12 Sat	NFL Conference
	Championships
13 Mon.	.Council Meeting @ 8:15 PM
17 Fri	Annual Swim Club Meeting
18 Sat	Youth Basketball Free
	Throw Championship
20 Mon.	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
22 Wed	Pro-Life Hour of
	Prayer @7:30 PM
26 Sun.	Super Bowl Party
27 Mon.	Council Meeting & FIRST
	DEGREE @ 8:15 PM
February	1997
	First Friday @ 7:30 PM
	Rosary Service @ 7:30 PM
	.Council Meeting @ 8:15 PM
	Ash Wednesday
	1st Day of Lent
14 Fri	Valentine's Day
15 Sat	Valentine's Dance
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PRO-LIFE HOUR OF PRAYER

17 Mon.....President's Day

24 Mon...Council Meeting @ 8:15 PM

28 Fri......Country Night

January 22 is the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision which permitted legalized abortion in the USA. This was one of the steps that this nation has taken bringing it closer to a "culture of death". On January 22 at 7:30 PM, your council will host a Pro-Life Hour of Prayer as a way to turn hearts and minds toward a respect for life. Bring your family and friends to this hour of prayer. If you have any questions, call Ray Pruszkowski at 908-820-9760 or Tony Addotta at 908-464-9126.

DIGEST ARTICLES

Digest articles for the next issue are due to the editor by the 2nd Monday of every month. This month that date is Jan. 13.

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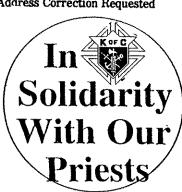
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