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1985-86 Knight of The Year...JOSEPH TORTORA

Joseph Tortora was awarded the prestigious Knight of the Year honor at our recent awards dinner meeting in June. This award is given each year to a special brother knight who through his words and actions exemplifies the Columbian values of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

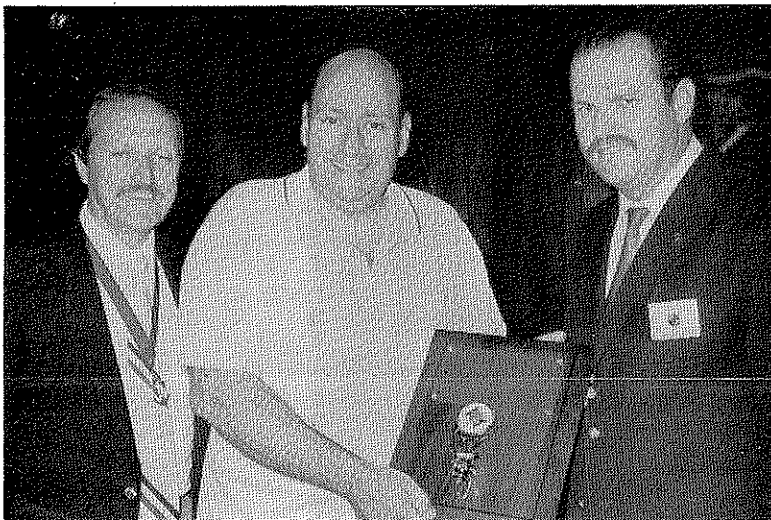
Joe is a perfect example of what it means to be a Knight of Columbus brother. He devotes much of his spare time to our council in the hope that it will be a better place for all of his brother knights. As the First Vice President of the Columbian Club, the bar manager and coordinator and driving force behind most council social activities during this past year, Joe has helped maintain and further enhance the high quality standards the council has established for itself. He is a brother that many of us look up to in admiration and respect.

Joe and his wife Dorothy reside in Union and are the proud parents of three children John, Nancy, and Tina. Joe and his family are communicants of St. Michael's parish. In addition to his family and council responsibilities, Joe has dedicated the past 22 years in service to our youth as a teacher in the Irvington school system.

Our council salutes Joe Tortora for his dedicated and loyal service to his brother knights and thank him and his family for their support and sacrifices.



1985-86 Columbian Award...ANTHONY MAFFIE



This coveted award is given in recognition of exceptional dedication and service to the Knights of Columbus, Union Council 4504. Tony is a prime example of just that. His diligent work in the council kitchen has been enjoyed and appreciated by many of his brother knights and families. Tony is also very visible at the council picnics. His help is offered in many different ways. The council's annual convention hospitality room is so well prepared because of Tony's help in the planning and preparing of the weekend menu. In addition to his culinary skills.

Tony also is a bartender in our council lounge and is currently serving as First Vice President of the Columbian Club.

Tony, his wife, Margaret, and his children Frank, Ann, and Antonia, have been residents of Union for 18 years and are communicants of St. Michael's Church. He attended Muhlenberg College and graduated from Rutgers University. His hobbies include cooking and gardening and he is active in the council bowling league.

FAMILY PICNIC "86"

Sept. 13, 1986

— 1985 PRICES —

Tickets on sale Aug. 4 at the Council Home from Mike Hrifko (688-2863) or John Peters (964-6869). Plenty of food, fun and games. For further details see posters at the pool and council. Rain Date is Sept. 14.

THE "KNIGHT RAFFLE"

The RAFFLE which is designed to defray insurance premiums on our council home is in the mail. When you receive it, please consider purchasing a ticket. You'll be helping Union Council and you'll have several chances to "BE A WINNER".

PAST GRAND KNIGHT DINNER DANCE HONORING P.G.K. MIKE WARD

SEPT. 27, 1986

COUNCIL HALL

\$20.00 PER PERSON

DETAILS TO FOLLOW

CALL FOR TICKETS

BARNEY CAPP

MIKE HERRIGHTY

OR

JOE TORTORA

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August

2 Bingo at Boys & Girls Club
6:30 p.m.
3 Bus Trip to Shea Sta. Mets vs.
Expos (sold out)
9 Dinner Dance with Female
Band
11 Council Meeting
16 Monmouth Race Track Trip
16 Evening Boat Trip around
Manhattan (sold out)
16 Free Big Band Concert in
Picnic Area
22 Fish-fry Picnic Area with Music
23 Evening Boat Trip around
Manhattan (sold out)
25 Council Meeting
29 Tentative Night at Races on
Patio
30 Tentative Night at Races on
Patio (Rain Date)

September

8 Council Meeting
13 Council Picnic (details to
follow)
14 Rain Date for Picnic
22 Council Meeting
27 P.G.K.'s Dinner (details to
follow)

**WATCH FOR SEPT.'S
DIGEST SPECIAL ARTICLES**

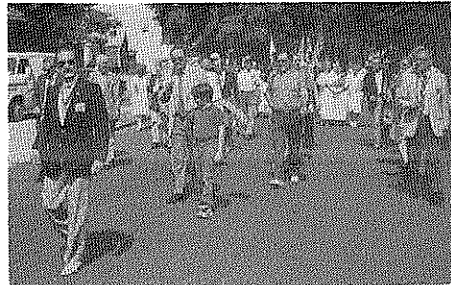
INSTALLATION OF G.K. & HIS OFFICERS

**CHAPLAIN'S APPOINTMENT TO
COUNCIL 4504**

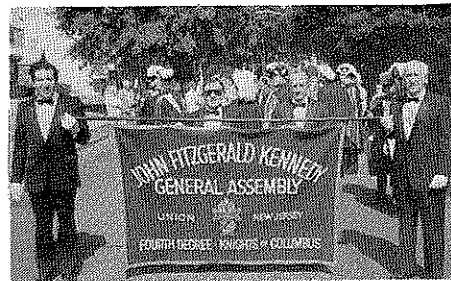
At the Awards Dinner Meeting on June 23, Certificates of Merit were given to Captains Aloysius Glunk, John J.F. Poepoe, Michael Popaca, Victor Romanyshyn and Fred M. Strobel. Congratulations brothers. We appreciate your efforts.



G.K. Mike Ward and Deputy G.K. Tom Mc Garvey present a wreath at the Memorial Day service.



Council members who participated in the Memorial Day parade.



Members of our council's fourth degree who participated in the Memorial Day parade.

TELEPHONE

We welcome William DeLeonardo, James Feehan, John Pacheco and Angelo Torrisi who have graciously offered their services as Captains. Thank you brothers for your willingness to assist us in his work of mercy. Although the addition of these men has helped to fill some of the vacancies we still have 2 teams without captains. If you would like to help out see me at the meeting or call me anytime. ATTENTION Captain Art Foster, please contact me about your phone number.

Art Weber
688-7269

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Grand Knight's Column

Thomas J. McGarvey



I'm very happy to announce that Reverend Robert Fuhrman has officially been appointed Chaplain of Union Council 4504 by the Archdiocese of Newark. On behalf of the officers and members of the Council I extend our support and best wishes to Father Fuhrman and look forward to benefitting from his spiritual leadership. Our First Friday Celebration will run from September through June with an interesting program which has been formulated by our Church Activities Chairman PGK Mike Tomko. Tentatively, in September, Reverend Salvatore Malanga will discuss his "Ministry to People On the Move" concerning his chapel at Newark Airport and we'll have a presentation on "Marriage Encounter" in October. I urge the members and their families to attend a First Friday. I'm sure you'll enjoy it and come back for more.

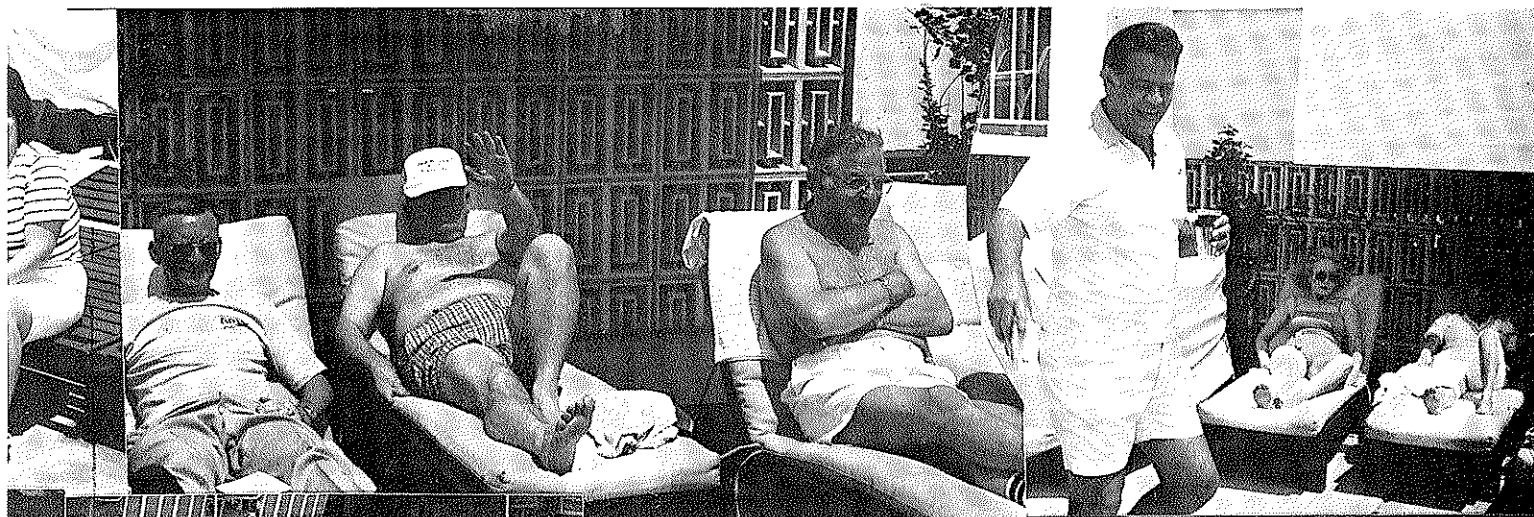
As we begin a new Columbian Year I look forward to working with newly appointed Program Director Charlie Dzuba and his Committee Chairmen who will provide the membership an assortment of activities which will be of benefit to them. There are some new programs such as the "Artist Contest" for high school students and "The Knights, New Jersey and You" photography contest which is open to members and gives them a chance to display creativity in several theme areas. There's also a revival of "The Family of the Month" program and the Council is planning family trips for the Fall and next Spring.

I only mentioned a few of our Council Programs but as you can see they are varied and appeal to all age groups. Take advantage of these activities, you'll enjoy yourself and also meet some nice people. The chairmen of these events have a lot of enthusiasm and great ideas but they need your support. Give them a chance and try attending an affair. Look for more details in the upcoming Digests.

Thomas J. Mc Garvey
Grand Knight

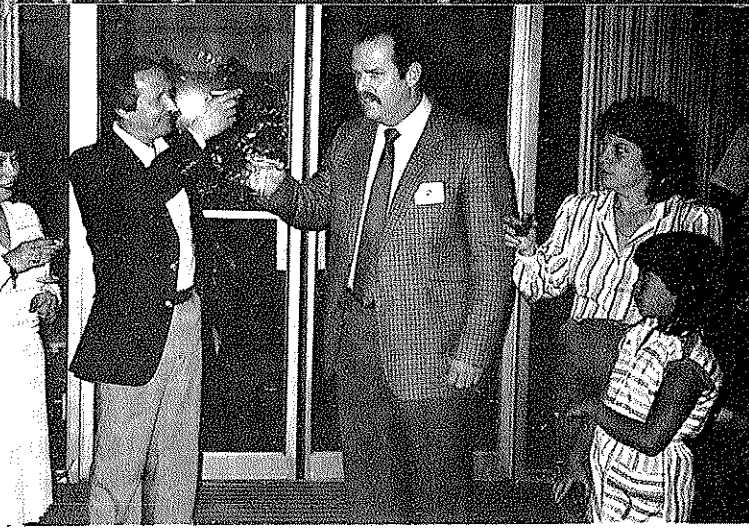
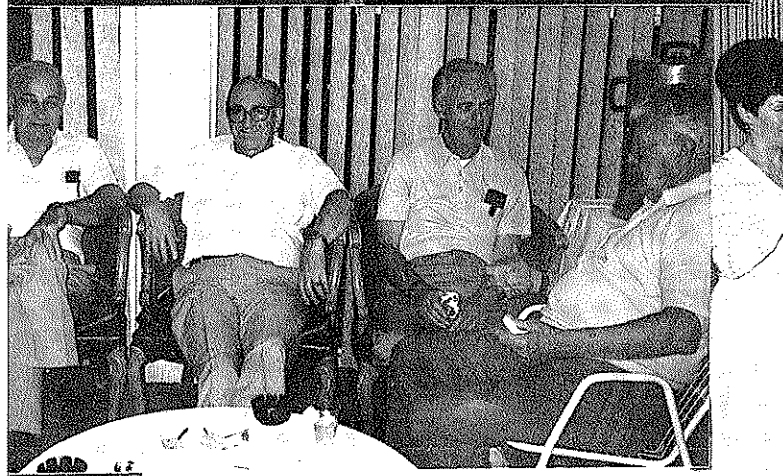


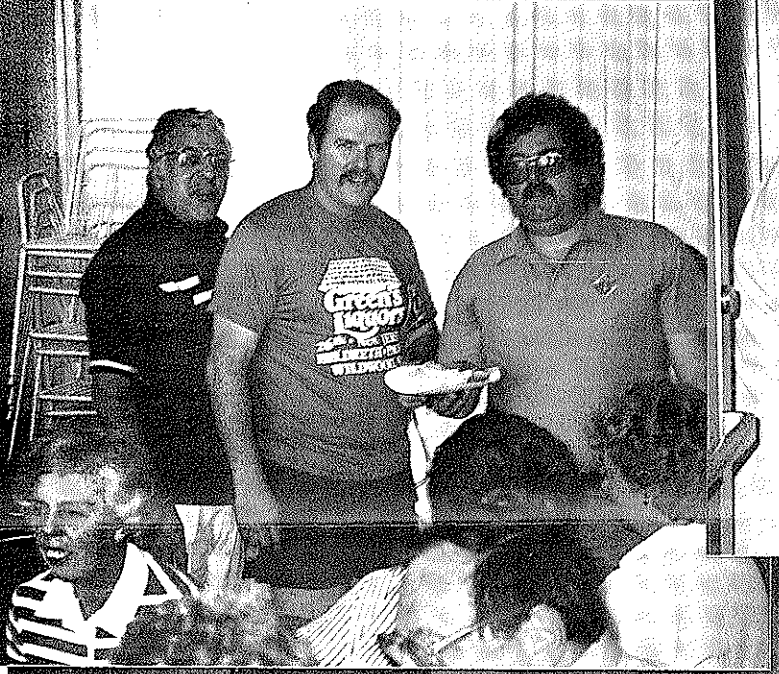
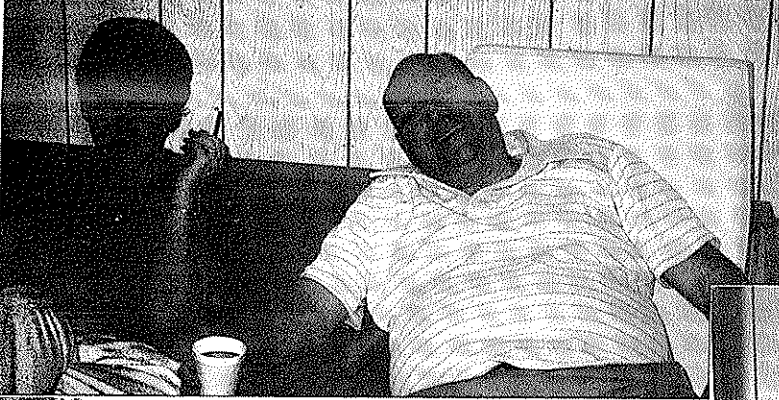
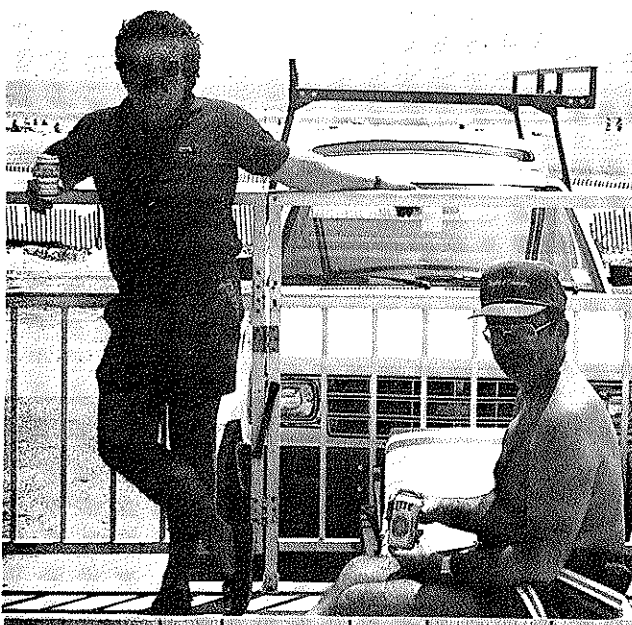
Newly elected G.K. Tom McGarvey with his staff of officers for the 1986-87 year. From left to right are Mike Gasser (Warden), Bill D'Alia (Treasurer), Mike Carr (Chancellor), Tony Shans (Outside Guard), Bob Pfarr (Recorder), Paul Sandy (Deputy G.K.)

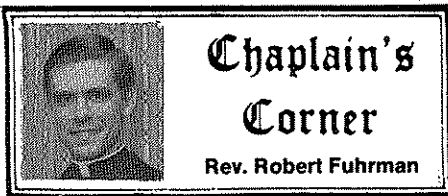


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**Chaplain's
Corner**
Rev. Robert Fuhrman

The Gifts That Surround Us

As I assume the office of chaplain for Council 4504 I ask all Knights to feel free to call on me if I can in any way serve you personally as a priest. During five years at St. Michael's I have come to know many of you. Now as chaplain I look forward to being with you all. This council, under its worthy leadership, will continue to prosper as long as we take seriously our obligations as Catholics and as American citizens.

The 100th birthday of our Statue of Liberty has caused us to reflect on the meaning of American freedom. In July we all witnessed the biggest party in American history, a celebration of the fundamental American liberties which we all enjoy. The right to life, the right to be free, the right to pursue happiness are America's gifts to us. Because there are forces in our world, some quite powerful, which would destroy those rights, every American must exercise them. To defend life at every stage of development, to defend freedom, and to seek God in our worship, these virtues will keep us at peace with ourselves and our Lord.

As the summer progresses, let's remember that we have been given more than any other people on earth: a free nation full of opportunity, and the fullness of faith in Jesus Christ and his Church, with the liberty to practice that faith! These are some of the gifts that surround us.

Finally, I look forward to my new role as council chaplain, to working with you, to praying for you and with you. In each issue of this Newsletter, this column will deal with some aspect of our faith, or with issues of local or universal significance for the Church. Thank you for making me feel so welcome. I wish you and your loved ones the Lord's blessings.

Rev. Robert J. Fuhrman

A WAY OF LIFE

When was the last time your wife went shopping for the day and left you to mind the children? How would you handle this responsibility, day after day, plus having to work?

When I ask this question, I find that most of our members have closed their minds to this possibility. Unfortunately, it does happen, you know. No man likes to place a monetary value on his spouse. But money is the only thing that will give you a fighting chance to keep a semblance of a home for your kids should anything happen to your wife.

Many insurance men call it "wife insurance." I like to call it "way of life" insurance. Call me today for an appointment. I want to hear from you.

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THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

My brother knights and families. It has been a year that I hope has been fruitful for all. Being your 28th Grand Knight has been a part of my life I will never forget. Its filled with memories of a very fast but still a very busy and full year.

The feeling that goes through your body on July the first is incomparable to any feeling I have ever known. To be the Grand Knight of any council in the Knights of Columbus is a tremendous challenge, but to lead Union Council 4504, the largest council in the state of New Jersey is definitely not only a full time job but also the greatest honor ever bestowed upon me. I admit there were times when being only human I wished I was not the Grand Knight. I am very happy to tell you that those times were positively over shadowed by all the great times my year as your Grand Knight has given to me and my family.

To everyone who helped me this year, you will always be cherished in my memories. All the affairs run by all the various chairman I know were not only appreciated by myself but by the many, many people who attended. I congratulate all those many people who made the affairs successful by their attendance and to all the chairman and their numerous helpers who gave of their time and efforts unselfishly so that others may enjoy.

On behalf of myself, my wife Barbara, my two daughters Michele and Carolyn. The courtesy and happy times extended to us will be remembered always.

Fraternally yours,
Michael J. Ward P.G.K.

A TRIBUTE TO MY HUSBAND

A year ago I wished you one of the best years. Now you're near the end of the year and it was a good one. Having a new house, new job, on third shift and being Grand Knight all at the same time was surely a CHALLENGE. During trying times when there were only one set of footprints the Lord carried you after eight months you went to work on days then did you see two sets of footprints. For the lord was walking with you.

You had a terrific team working with you thru this year. Their efforts were the best.

To be Grant Knight of the biggest and the best council in the state is a honor.

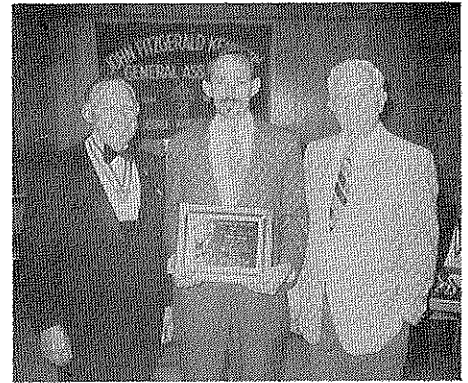
To be thankful and to CHERISH so many beautiful people we know and have around us is truly to be proud of.

I now take back my husband Michael J. Ward and soon your Past Grant Knight of an outstanding council #4504.

Eastern Division Bowling

The 61st Annual Eastern Bowling Tournament was held in Worcester, Mass., this past May with 500 teams entered. Union Council 4504 team with Don Matrale, Don Tarantino and Don Capalupo plus three members from East Hanover Council 6504 — J. Monteleone, J. Spagnola and S. Buttanti — placed 4th with a total score of 3067. There was only 72 pins separating the top 4 teams. Job well done . . . perhaps first place in Wilmington, Delaware next year.

John C. Robbins Receives JFK Assembly Fourth Degree, K of C "Patriotic Award"



At the June 18th meeting of the JOHN F. KENNEDY ASSEMBLY, FOURTH DEGREE, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, Mr. John C. Robbins, an Historical Architect, and staff member of the Liberty Park Restoration Foundation, was awarded the JFK Assembly's PATRIOTIC AWARD for his contribution to, and participation in the restoration of the Statue of Liberty.

One of the principle functions of the Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus is the promotion of patriotism.

Mr. Robbins, a Union resident, presented a film at the meeting, showing the great amount of work that was involved in the restoration project, and the many problems encountered by the staff in meeting the completion date of July 4th.

Shown in the photograph above holding the PATRIOTIC AWARD is Mr. Robbins, with the Assembly's Faithful Navigator Wesley Czap to his right, and S.K. Michael Tomko, Chairman of the Patriotic Award Committee to his left.



Knights of the Month: Angelo Torrisi, Timothy T. O'Shea, John Peters, Bill McDonald, Ray Malloy, John Niemczuk, Charles Dzuba, and Pete DeVico.

Wedding Bell Special!



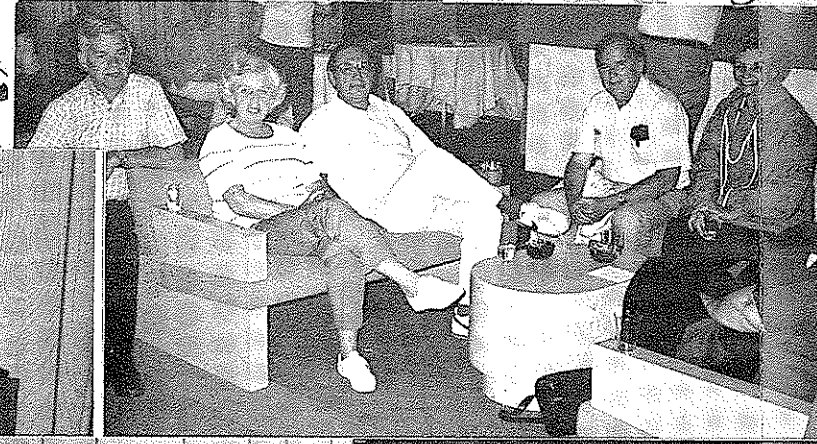
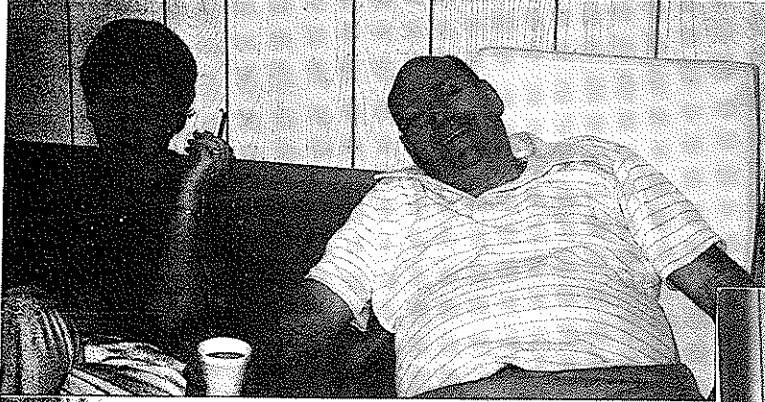
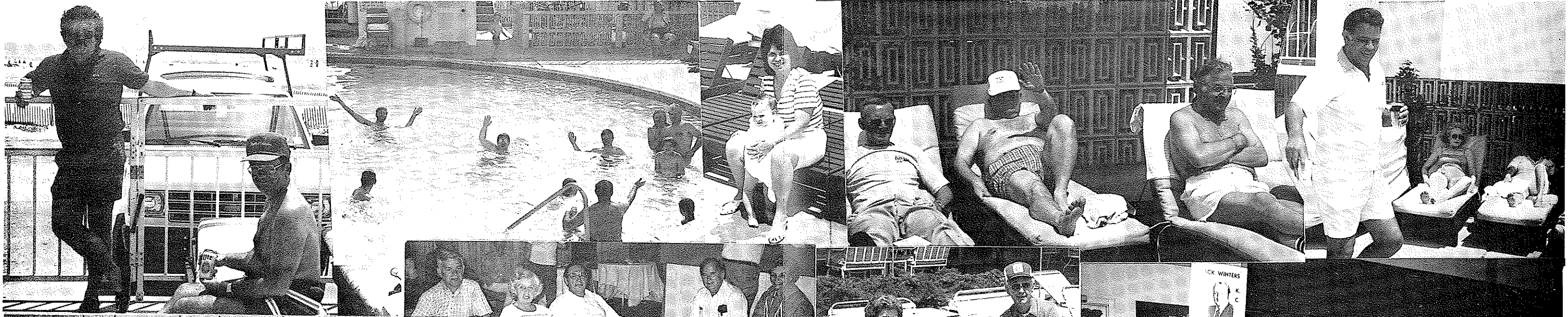
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