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FATHER MURPHY HONORED at Knighthood Degree

The Third Degree Exemplification, which took place on November 27th was held in honor of Father Laurence T. Murphy, M.M. A Weekend Associate at St. Michael's Parish for many years, Fr. Murphy was ordained a priest in 1954 and also been a member of Union Council for over 33 years.

Fr. Murphy began his distinguished career as a priest after serving in the Navy during and after WW II and was involved in eighteen major battles in the Pacific. Since his ordination he has been a seminary professor, a member of the University of Notre Dame faculty, a Director of Higher Education for the National Conference of Bishops, a missionary in the Philippines, and President of Seton Hall to name a few positions. Since 1980, in addition to other duties he has worked with the Secretariate of State of the Holy See on matters related to the Catholic Church in China. He is also currently involved with the China House Center located at Seton Hall University.

Father Murphy has shown untiring dedication to the Church in fulfilling his duties as a priest and serves as an example to us all in promoting the Principles of Columbianism. We are proud to call him a Brother Knight.



Jack Murphy (Fr. Murphy's brother), State Deputy PGK Jack Winters, Fr. Murphy, and Grand Knight Donald Pfarr at the third degree in honor of Fr. Murphy.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

WHEN
YOU GIVE
BLOOD
YOU GIVE
ANOTHER
BIRTHDAY,
ANOTHER
DATE,
ANOTHER
DANCE,
ANOTHER
LAUGH,
ANOTHER
HUG,
ANOTHER
CHANCE.

SO PLEASE GIVE BLOOD
ON FEB. 16th
AT THE CLUB.

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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



AND THEY'RE OFF AGAIN

Jan. 18, 1992

\$5.00 per person

Meatball sandwiches

beer

soda

for tickets call

John Boyle 241-3116

or John Relton 388-8655

KNIGHT of THE MONTH January, 1992



Raymond Pruszkowski

Our Knight of the Month for January, 1992 is Raymond Pruszkowski. Ray and his wife Kathleen reside in Union. They are communicants of St. Michael's parish, where Ray serves as Eucharistic Minister and Lecturer. He is also on the parish Finance Committee.

Ray has been familiar with council activities long before joining ten years ago. He literally grew up with the council in his own back yard. His father, PGK Jules Pruszkowski, had him swimming at our swim club pool, where Ray joined the swim team and then went on to be a lifeguard.

Ray has given his time to collect for our retarded citizen drives and he has also donated blood on may occasions. He is presently our Youth Activities Chariman. You may have seen Ray and his wife at our council picnic, this past Sept., keeping all those kids real busy. He also ran very successful Halloween and Christmas parties for our council members children.

Ray received his M.B.A. from Rutgers Graduate School for Management. He is employed by Prudential as a Manager in the Global Fixed Asset Division.

Congratulations to Union Council's Knight of the Month for January, Raymond Pruszkowski.

K of C State Bowling Tournament

The Union Council sponsored state bowling tournament is coming soon. If any member would like to bring in a team and is in need of an application, please contact the tournament director Mike Carr PGK 276-8006.

We are also in need of score keepers. If you are interested in helping out please contact Andy Popp PGK 688-6951.

Feb. 29 - March 1

March 7-8

Grand Knight's Column

Don Pfarr



January, 1992 -- can you believe it's the New Year already?

We all know time goes by quickly but it still seems to catch us by surprise when the pages of the calendar turn and the seasons change.

When the New Year arrives we usually think about making those customary resolutions to start fresh with some activity, or we establish a goal for ourselves, something for us to improve on or to get involved with. Which brings me to an item that I know you've heard before but I think bears repeating -- Involvement with your council. This can mean many different things to each of us. It can mean being an officer or program chairman for the Council, or a member of the Columbian Club or Swim Club Boards. It can mean helping out at work parties, being a bartender, or simply attending Council meetings or the various social affairs that we hold.

Are you involved in any of these areas? If not, have you ever thought about getting involved? We are a council of approximately 1700 members which is the largest in New Jersey. We are certainly one of the most active councils in the State but in order to stay strong we are always looking for and in need of more of our members to help. I'm certain there's a wealth of untapped talent in our membership that can make us even stronger and better than we are now. If you're not already involved maybe one of your New Year's resolutions can be to get active with the council. I would be glad to hear from you if you have any inclination to get involved and I'll look forward to seeing you at a Council meeting.

This month we'll also focus our attention on Right To Life activities. The annual Right To Life March will take place on January 22nd in Wash. D.C. as Pro-Life supporters will trek to our nation's capital to encourage the Supreme Court to overturn the Roe vs. Wade decision. At the local level we will continue to support the Right To Life movement as we will be making a donation to Raphael's Life House in Elizabeth, which will provide shelter and assistance to unwedded mothers who have chosen life for their babies. They are also in need of assistance with some manual labor to complete the renovation of their building so if you are available on January 4th or after please call me.

Lastly may you and your families have a Healthy and Prosperous 1992.



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

When I was younger, I used to hate New Year's -- or maybe I didn't see the point of all the fuss. Why get so excited just because you're putting a new calendar on the wall?

Well, I'm a little bit older now. I'm at the age where, according to insurance company life expectancy statistical charts, I may have lived through as many old years as I've got new years to look forward to. This tends to make each passing year a bit more precious. And as I get older too, I see how important new beginnings are.

There are hurts that, in this world, cannot be healed. There are grudges that, in this world, cannot be forgiven. There are mistakes made that, in this world, cannot be made right. We can only try to put these things behind us, trust in God's mercy, and move on.

Each passing year brings us closer to that world where there is fullness of healing and forgiveness, where all is made right, where all is made new. But until that world's coming, the new year gives us a chance to try to begin again -- to let hurtful memories fade, to treasure pleasant memories and present blessings, and to look the future with hope in God's Providence and with trust that, whatever the new year brings, God will prove faithful in joy and in sorrow.

God has brought us to the beginning of this year. He will bring us through this year, and every year, until at last He brings us home.

So maybe there is something to all the fuss after all --

Happy New Year!

Valentine Dance

Our annual Valentine Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, February 15th at our council home. Proceeds from this affair will go to Sister Ann Dominc for Camp Fatima. Donations are \$15.00 per person. For reservations contact:

Barney Capriglione at 964-3143

Andy Popp at 688-6951

or Tom Hornig at 688-5867

The cut off date is February 10th.

SUPERBOWL PARTY

Date: Sun. January 26, 1992

PLACE: KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL

Bring your family and friends. Everyone is welcome. Event includes pregame meal, beer and soda, hotdogs at halftime, door prize, and much much more.

Price: \$13.00 before Jan. 20th.

Price: \$15.00 after Jan. 20th.

Call now for tickets and more information:

Ray Fluet: 353-5229—8-5:30

381-9513—after 5:30

Andre Veilleux: 687-4782

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

St. Michaels Grammar School - Union, New Jersey will be celebrating its 60th Anniversary on Friday, May 8, 1992. All graduates of the school (or anyone having information on any graduates) is asked to contact: Sr. Margaret William, OP at 908-688-1063 (9-20:30 M-F) or 908-686-3839 (6-9PM) or by writing to her at 1212 Kelly Street, Union, New Jersey 07083

Youth Activities

Jan. 18 Free Throw Championship - for boys and girls age 10 to 14 at the Boys Club, next to the Council Hall, 4:00 PM.

Jan. 20 Deadline for Quincentennial Essay Contest. For the children of COUNCIL MEMBERS in grades 7 -12.

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.

Winners of the "Keep Christ In Christmas" essay contest are:

Anna May de los Santos, 4th grade and Emily Errico, 5th grade.

For full details, contact

Ray Pruszkowski, tel. (908) 688-0559.

Military Servicemen's Committee

The Military Servicemen's Committee sent Christmas packages to the following Brother Knights, or their sons or daughters who are presently serving in the Armed Forces of the United States at various domestic or overseas locations. Season's Greetings were also sent to National Guardsmen and Reservists.

Commander Thomas J. Arminio, USN

CTO1 Christopher Carr, USN

Capt. Jim Chitures, NJARNG

Maj. Daniel French

Capt. Thoams Gwiazdowski, USN

SSgt. John Hamilton, Jr., USAF

TSgt. Juliana Hamilton, Jr., USAF

Commander William G. Kolster, USN

Capt. Kenneth Konicki

Lcpl. Ray M. Reilly, USMC

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus, I wish to extend thanks to Brother Knight, Johnny Pallitto of Dugout in Union Center, for his help in sending out the packages
Joe Haggerty, Chairman

Swim Club News

Our annual Swim Club meeting will be held Jan. 17, 1992 at 7:30 p.m.

Nominations for elected governors will be held that evening. John Peters, George Clark and Dom Padavano names have been submitted. Anyone else interested, please contact, Chairman, Frank Fabiano at 964-3863

All Swim Club dues must be in by March 1, 1992.

Our appreciation Night date will be announced in a letter.

Work party passes will remain the same as previous years.

Please submit all pool bonds to George Clark 1162 Jeanette Ave., Union, NJ 07083.

If anyone is interested in submitting a bid for the pool management contract, for the 1992 season, please contact Swim Club President John Peters 964-6869.

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.

Pat Sheridan - Membership Director

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