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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



WE NEED YOUR HELP! WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Recently, accompanied by our Chaplain Rev. Robert J. Fuhrman and John Peters, I had the pleasure of visiting with Rev. Salvatore Malanga at his (our) Chapel in Newark Airport. This Catholic chapel is small but has been eloquently furnished by donations of church articles, (i.e., tabernacle, chalice, pews, etc.) from local parishes.

The Chapel has been well received by travelers and by airport personnel, who, confronted by their duty schedules would have little opportunity to attend mass and receive Christ if it were not for the Chapel's presence. One need only to look to your right as you enter the Chapel and view the expansive taxi and loading areas to know, in your heart, that this new "House of God" was meant to be where it is.

To help keep it, there are various operating expenses which must be made, including \$16,000 per year for rent. The members of Union Council can help. For a donation of \$5.00 you will receive a blessed membership pin, a membership card, enrollment in the chapel's membership book and you'll be remembered in all the prayers and masses at the chapel for one year. Also, you'll be receiving in the mail several mass cards which you may use as you see fit and then send your donation directly to Father Malanga. The donation amount is optional.

This would also be a nice gesture of support for our new Archbishop, Theodore E. Mc Carrick, a member of the Knights of Columbus, who is responsible for the development of airport chapels in the United States. A few months ago, upon his appointment, Archbishop-designate Mc Carrick said, "I can do nothing without you, but with you, and with God's grace there are no limits to what we as a church and as a family can accomplish for the glory of God and the proclamation of His Kingdom".

I applaud the efforts of John Peters and his committee who, over the last few weeks have spent many hours sorting, stuffing and labeling thousands of mass cards for distribution. To purchase a pin or for mass card information, please call John at 964-6869.

At a time when it is the easy and popular thing to let someone else worry about it, we Knights and families at Union Council 4504 have stepped forward and taken the opportunity to do some good for our Catholic Church in supporting "Our Chapel". Thank you for your continued support.

Thomas J. Mc Garvey
Grand Knight

THE PATRIOTIC DEGREE

The highest rank or degree that any member may hold in the Knights of Columbus is that of the Patriotic (or Fourth) Degree. On February 22, 1900, the first exemplification of that degree was held in New York City. The ritual added Patriotism to the three original principles of the Order: Charity, Unity and Fraternity. Any Third Degree members in good standing, one year after the anniversary of his First Degree, is eligible for membership in the Fourth Degree.

The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to foster the spirit of Patriotism by promoting responsible citizenship and a love of and loyalty to the Knights' respective countries through active membership in local Fourth Degree groups called Assemblies. Fourth Degree members must retain their membership as Knighthood (or Third) Degree members in the local council to remain in good standing.

Certain members of the Patriotic Degree serve as honor guards at civic and religious functions, an activity which has brought worldwide recognition to the Knights of Columbus organization. Moreover, the Fourth Degree has adopted the Order's pro-life crusade as one of its major thrusts.

Interviews of new candidates for membership in the Fourth Degree will be held at the Union council Home Thursday evening, April 2nd. For additional information or applications, please call Wesley Czap at 964-0429.

SUPER BOWL SUCCESS GIANTS GO ALL THE WAY



The Super Bowl Sunday was a success both for the Jersey Giants and the K. of C. 4504. It was certainly enjoyed by all. The food that our Kitchen Crew prepared was excellent and the game was beyond compare!!

I would like to take this time to thank all the Brother Knights who helped to make this day a huge social and financial success. The profits of the day amounted to \$1,000.00. This money, as was done in the past, will be given to the Columbian Club to purchase something either for our newly-improved kitchen or for the renovation of the hall.

The winner of the 12-inch television was Brother Knight Frank Palanowick of Union. Pictured is Deputy Grand Knight Paul J. Sandy making the presentation to our winner.

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FIRST FRIDAY IN MARCH

We are pleased to announce that Mr. Ronald Gaetano, R.P.H National consultant on Drugs and Alcohol from Union Hospital will be our guest speaker on First Friday. Mass will begin at 7:30 with the guest speaker to follow. Please make every effort to attend.

KNIGHT CLUB WINNERS JANUARY

25 Points to:	J. Guidera	A. Mench Jr.
	M. Battiato	S. Pratzkowski
10 Points to:	C. Venes	D. Zezza
	P. Deo	Struck
	Cheseau	K. Pinney
	Pacheco	D. Clementoni
	Mulligan	A. Shans
	Mauriello	Jargillio
	Ambrosio	Toplewski
	Romanshyn	T. Hornig

FEBRUARY WINNERS

25 Points to:	Lynch Sr.	T. Hornig
	Ford	J. Murphy
10 Points to:	Flanagan	Deo P.
	J. Bizzaro	J. Johnson
	C. Marano	Fraser
	Schwarz Jr.	M. Piano
	Pruszkowski	Lythwn Jr.
	J. Moran	D. Zezza
	W. Senko	H. St. Laurent
	E. Gabelman	K. Pinney

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

A Council scholarship is available to one student per year. The student must be the child brother or sister of a member in good standing or a deceased member of Union Council.

The applicant must pass the Archdiocesan high school entrance exam and be accepted by a Catholic high school.

Preference for the scholarship will be decided by the scholarship committee on the basis of need as well as scholastic ability.

If deemed necessary by the committee, an interview will be scheduled at which time the scholarship applicants must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Please apply as soon as possible but **no later than April 15, 1987**. Applications will be made available at the Council Hall. For further information contact PGK Andy Popp, Chairman, at 688-6951.

All applications should be addressed to the Grand Knight and mailed to the Council home. The scholarship winner will be notified no later than June 1987.



When We Miss Meetings

Given the choice, I would prefer to attend every meeting that our Council has. I see that as one of my responsibilities as chaplain. I also see the meetings as enjoyable opportunities to socialize a little with my fellow Knights.

But, reality being what it is, sometimes it is impossible to attend any given meeting. On February 9, for example, I found myself so over-committed with appointments and other obligations that I simply could not attend the meeting, at which a degree was conferred. I might add that this was the first time I missed, as far as I know, since I became a Knight last August.

Certainly, the Council survives when any of us is not present. But in a way I feel that I missed something by not attending. One of the basic responsibilities of a fraternal organization is **presence** to one another, to whatever extent that is possible. Since this fine newsletter is an excellent way for me to reach every Knight of Union Council, might I ask that we all try to be **more present** in the future. If you have not come to a meeting or social in a while, why not give it another try? Don't be inactive. Nobody benefits from that.

The more participation, the more the Council thrives. See you at the next meeting? May the Lord bless you and your loved ones.

Fr. Robert J. Fuhrman

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH March 1987



Father Robert J. Fuhrman

Father Bob is an associate pastor at St. Michael Church in Union since 1981. He comes to us from Dumont, New Jersey and we are so happy to have him join us.

Father Bob became Chaplain of the Union Council and Spiritual Leader in July 1986. We have found Father Bob warm, friendly and helpful at all times.

Father Bob graduated from Seton Hall University in 1977. He majored in Philosophy and Religious Studies. He attended and completed his seminary studies at Darlington, New Jersey. Father Bob served his Deacon Internship at St. Theresa's Church in Summit.

Father Bob was ordained to the priesthood at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Newark in May 1981.

Since he has been at St. Michael's, he has been very active with the youth and participates in all of St. Michael's activities.

Union Council is proud to honor our Chaplain, Father Robert J. Fuhrman as the Knight of the Month for March 1987.

