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## BELIEVE IN YOURSELF

Back during the first half of the eighteenth century, there was a young boy who aspired to be a writer. Because of his lack of formal education, the boy wasn't sure of his ability. And his life had not been one that would foster self-confidence. His family had moved quite often, his father finally being jailed because of his inability to pay his debts. Because of the circumstances, this young boy had been able to attend school for only four years.

To earn a living he got a job putting labels on bottles of blacking in a dilapidated warehouse. He found a dismal attic in which to sleep, and he shared that room with others who couldn't afford anything better.

But this young boy was determined to write. He did write. Day after day. Finally he got enough courage to submit a manuscript to a publisher. He mailed that manuscript at night, when no one could see him because he was afraid someone might ridicule him. Soon he heard from the publisher. His manuscript was refused.

Time and time again he submitted writings. Again and again the same answer came back—rejected. No publisher or paper was interested in his writings. But the desire to write was burning in the young boy's heart and he refused to quit.

Finally, one of his stories was accepted. He didn't receive any money for the story, but the editor did give him some praise. It was such a happy moment for him that he

walked the streets with tears of joy coming down his cheeks. Now someone else had shown some belief in him.

This bit of encouragement gave that young boy the impetus he needed to go on to greater things. And in a few years all of England was reading his writings. The young boy believed in himself, believed he was capable of reaching the dream he had for himself in his heart. For that reason, he would not quit.

Too often in life we quit too soon. Many times the victory is just around the corner if we would only keep trying.

It is of great importance that a person believe in himself. Selling ourselves short is no virtue. It is a vice. It hurts us. It keeps us from developing our God-given resources to become all that we can become—all that God wants us to become.

The dreams we have for ourselves—of what we can do and become—can come true. They can, that is, if we are willing to continue to work toward the fulfillment of those dreams with all the resources we have. But we must remember that the fulfillment of any dream requires dedication, sacrifice, and persistence on our part.

The young boy in London who refused to quit was Charles Dickens. His novels are still read to this day. He believed in himself.

Believe in yourself. God does.

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER DANCE

The Knights of Columbus Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, March 16, 1996 from 7:00 PM until midnight. This year's celebration will be an all out Irish American extravaganza. There will be an open bar and a complete buffet Irish meal including corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, salad, Irish soda bread and coffee. The meal will be catered by a restaurant which has specialized in Irish meals for over 40 years.

Dancing to a variety of music, and of course your favorite Irish sing-alongs will be provided by the Danny Kane Band. Danny is a regular performer at New York City's more renowned Irish pubs.

Entertainment will be provided by the Brettini Academy of Irish Dancing. The Brettini performers are recognized as among the country's best and have competed in Ireland and appeared on television.

Seats will be limited, so reserve early. Further information can be obtained from Dance Chairman **Pat Scanlon—964-3393**, **Rosario O'Bove—687-7696**, **Jim Keehan—964-8014** or **Mike Scanlon—964-7122**.

### SUPER BOWL PARTY

*January 28, 1996  
Beginning at 5:30 PM*

**\$15.00 per person**

*Hot buffet  
Hot Dogs at halftime  
Beer, wine and soda*

**Two large screen televisions**

For tickets call  
**Rosario Bove—908-687-7696**

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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

## CALENDAR

Jan 1 .... Mon . Holy Day: Solemnity of Mary  
Jan 5 .... Fri .. 7:30 PM .... First Friday Mass  
Jan 8 .... Mon 8:00 PM .... Council Meeting  
Jan 12 ... Fri .. 7:15 PM ..... Roast of honor  
Jan 14 ... Sun ..... Playoffs at the bar: \$5 pp  
Jan 19 ... Fri .. 8:00 PM ..... Annual Swim  
Club Meeting  
Jan 22 ... Mon 8:00 ..... Council Meeting  
& 1st Degree  
Jan 28 ... Sun ..... Super Bowl Party  
Feb 2 .... Fri .. 7:30 PM .... First Friday Mass  
Feb 10 ... Sat ..... Valentine's Dance  
Feb 12 ... Mon ..... Council Meeting  
Feb 18 ... Sun ..... Atlantic City Bus Trip  
Feb 21 ... Wed ..... Ash Wednesday  
Feb 23 ... Fri .. 8:00 PM .... Country-Western  
Night  
Feb 26 ... Mon 8:00 PM .... Council Meeting  
Mar 3-6 ..... Trip to Las Vegas  
Apr 26 ..... Retarded Citizens Drive  
May 17 ..... State Convention

## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH January 1996



### Brother Knight Luigi Giacobbe

Brother Knight Luigi Giacobbe was born in Italy and came to America in 1968. He has been a resident of Kenilworth for 12 years. He and his wife Ursula have two daughters: Rose, age 21, and Michelle, age 15. Luigi and his family are parishioners of St. Theresa's Church, Kenilworth.

He has been with the K of C for 12 years. Luigi is a volunteer bartender and is involved with many events such as council social affairs. He can often be found helping in the kitchen.

He is also involved in two other organizations. Luigi is Vice President of Casa Italiana and he is a member of Societa Italiana #82 in Lyndhurst. Luigi also finds time to dedicate to his family as well as his other interests. He is employed by the Alfred Conhagen Co. in South Plainfield. Accordingly, Union Council is pleased and proud to name Brother Knight Luigi Giacobbe as Knight of the Month for January 1996

### 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"*

## Grand Knight's Column

Ernie Santorelli



One of the responsibilities of the Grand Knight is to communicate to the membership through our monthly digest article. This was established so the Grand Knight could update the membership on many different topics, as well as current events that involve the Knights of Columbus, our Council, and our community. It's Monday night and I am one week late with my article. I have spent days thinking of a message that I could present to you, when I realized what I had been thinking all along.

Too often we argue with a loved one, too often we take for granted the simple things, too often we sever ties with a friend over an argument and lose that special friendship that existed. We don't show our true feelings enough, we let our pride and our ego stand between a friend or a member of our family. Just think for a moment: when was the last time you told your father or mother that you loved them, or told your kids or grandchildren how much you care.

We get caught up in the every day hustle; we rush here, go there; do this or that; always something to do and never enough time in the day. And yet we forget the most important thing, and that's to say "I love you."

This November I lost my father, he was only 56 years old. I was very close to my dad, and I love him very much. He was my friend. His love for my children was endless and you could see it in his eyes every time he looked at them. I could not help feeling that same love toward him and yet I never could say it or say it enough. I always thought that there would be ample time to tell him how I felt and how much he meant to me. Unfortunately I will never hat that op-

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## COLUMBIAN CLUB NEWS

portunity to look into his eyes and tell him how much I loved him.

We should not let our pride or ego or anything else stand between someone we love. Life is too short, tomorrow may be too late.

On behalf of my family I thank you all for the prayers and comfort that you have given us during this difficult time, and may God Bless you all.

### ATLANTIC CITY BUS TRIP

February 18th, 1996  
\$20.00

*Includes refreshments on the bus  
and Casino Reimbursement*  
Contact **Nick Iarossi—688-8941**  
for reservations and details

### SWIM CLUB NEWS

Are you looking forward to a nice warm, sunny summer... Well so are we.

Listed below are the top ten names on the Swim Club waiting list:

Edward Fitz  
Patrick Hand  
Joseph Borowski  
Glen Anderson  
Eugene Kredatus  
Mario Perez  
Richard Lopez  
Edward Blicharz  
Dennis Collins  
Angelo Zuena

See you at the pool.

*Jim Feehan*  
Membership Chairman

Dear Brothers,

The Columbian Club has just updated the bylaws.

As you will see, there have been changes made. These changes will be discussed at the January 8th council meeting and voted on at the January 22 meeting.

### BY-LAWS—CHANGES

1016 GIFFORD COURT • UNION, NEW JERSEY 07083

1. Article III

Management  
Board of Trustees      ADD

2. Article IV

Section 2C      ADD  
Term of trustee shall be elected for a term of two years. There shall be two trustees.

3. Article V

Section 2B      (Changes) ADD  
The second Vice-President shall accept and fulfill the duties of kitchen manager of this Columbian Club.

4. Article V

Section 5      (Changes) ADD  
The Auditing Committee shall consist of four (4) members of the Columbian Club, who shall be appointed by the President of the Columbian Club, at the end of each annual period. The Auditing Committee shall meet and audit the books of the Columbian Club, and shall at the first regular business meeting in February, make a full report of their findings, including the receipts and disbursements of the monies of this Columbian Club for the annual period, the balance on hand of each of the various funds at the end of the annual period, and the assets and liabilities of this Columbian Club. Such meetings of the Auditing Committee shall be held in January of each year. (Delete July of each year).

5. Article VI

Section 1      (Delete)  
Except that the annual meeting for the adoption of these by-laws shall be held the fourth Monday in March, 1976

6. Article VIII

No expenditure for capital improvement shall be voted by the Board of Directors of the Columbian Club which shall exceed the sum of \$5,000

### ATTENTION BROTHER KNIGHTS

New members are needed.

Please sponsor your  
Catholic men friends.

*Pray The Rosary  
For Peace*

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