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SUCCESSFUL VALENTINE DINNER HELPS CAMP FATIMA

Union Council 4504 had their annual VALENTINE DINNER DANCE on Saturday, February 15, 1992 at our Council Home. Our annual dance was a sold out affair with entertainment provided by a 20 piece Big Band. Proceeds from the evening are donated to Sr. Ann Dominic for the children at Camp Fatima. Many thanks to Chairpersons Barney Capriglione PGK, Andy Popp PGK and Tom Horning PGK for organizing this event and our great chefs who prepared the dinner. We at Union Council thank all for opening their hearts for this worthy cause.



Grand Knight Don Pfarr with Sister Ann Dominic and the Chairman of the Valentine Dinner, Barney Capriglione PGK at this year's affair.

Youth Activities

April 11 Easter Egg Hunt - for the children of Council members at the Council picnic area, 2:00 PM Rain date: Apr. 12.

Our Council's "Keep Christ in Christmas" essay winners, Anny May de los Santos and Emily Errico were selected as district winners and their essays were forwarded to the State.

Our Council's "America" contest winners for the 7th grade, Jamie Simpson and the 11th grade, Nicole Schimmenti were selected as district winners and their essays were forwarded to the State.

For details, contact Ray Pruszkowski (908) 688-0559

CONVENTION 1992

May 15 -17, 1992
Wildwood Crest, NJ
For reservations contact:
Jim O'Connell - 201-762-1065

FABULOUS 50's NIGHT

April 4th
8 to 1
DJ Tony Shans
Dress for the occasion
Call Tony at 964-0115
for more information or tickets.

IRISH NIGHT

DATE: Sat. March 14th, 1992

TIME: 8 P.M. to 12 Midnight

MENU: Corn beef and cabbage, dessert, coffee and tea (This will be a sit down dinner with waitress service.)

BEVERAGES: Wine, beer, soda (A cash bar will be available.)

MUSIC: A fabulous 6 piece orchestra for 4 full hours of dancing and listening pleasure. Music will be for all ages.

COST: \$18.00 per person (Seating will be limited. No tickets will be sold at the door. The cut off date is March 7th.)

RESERVATIONS: Call Mike Ward P.G.K. at 1-908-687-7994, after 5 P.M. weekdays.

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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

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• My name _____

• Address _____

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KNIGHT of THE MONTH March, 1992



Myron Kleban

Our Knight of the Month for March, 1992 is Myron Kleban. Myron is a Union resident, where he and his wife Mary Anna have lived for the past 11 years. They are communicants of St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Church in Newark. Myron has two children, a daughter Mary, who is 7 and a son Peter who is 5.

Myron has been a member of Union Council since 1985, where he has contributed significantly to the betterment of our council in a variety of ways. He is a regular attendant of our council work parties, and has the responsibility of maintaining the council picnic grounds for the Columbian Club, in which he is now serving as a Board Member.

Outside the council, Myron helps out with the Ukrainian American Youth Organization and helps out in any way that he can around his parish. Myron's hobbies include hunting, fishing and working on his cars.

Myron is employed by New Jersey Transit - Bus Division, where he has worked for the past 22 years. He currently holds the position of Sr. Program Manager in the Operations / Utilities Maintenance Department.

It is with great admiration and pleasure that Union Council names Myron Kleban as our Knight of the Month for March, 1992

5-K RUN

St. Joseph the Carpenter Council #3946, Roselle, is hosting the 3rd Annual 5-K RUN. The event will take place on April 5, 1992 in Rahway River Park. If you are interested in participating and need more information contact Grand Knight Don Pfarr.

In Memorium

Michael B. Korb — January 19, 1992

Grand Knight's Column

Don Pfarr



I guess I shouldn't be surprised but this Columbian year sure is going fast. Consider where we are on the calendar. We've just held our Annual Valentine's Dinner Dance to continue our support of Camp Fatima and as always it was an enjoyable and successful evening. My thanks go out to everyone who has supported our efforts with this worthy cause.

We also recently completed our second Blood Drive for this Columbian year. Thank you to all who donated. You should all feel good about your efforts.

As we continue to move on I think that at least part of the old adage that "March comes in like a lion..." is accurate as we're kicking off the month by hosting the 34th Annual State Bowling Tournament. If you haven't been able to help out in some way as yet there is still time to do so. This is another opportunity for our council to shine in front of many other councils from across the state. And then don't forget to mark your calendars for some more festivities on the 14th when we all become Irish for the night.

There is one other item I want to bring to your attention that I hope you will also seriously think about. It's unfortunately not about a festive occasion this time. It's about something that we as a council do more often than any of us would ever want. I'm talking about attending the wake of a deceased brother knight. For many years we have relied upon the Telephone Committee to spread the word about the passing away of our members. I'm sure in the past the committee's efforts were very successful in getting a representative group of members out to pay our final respects for our fellow brothers. In recent years however the response has been very sporadic, despite the efforts of the committee, as we usually get only a handful of the members to come out. This has been disappointing to say the least.

Because of this situation, and the tremendous amount of work involved in keeping the committee functioning as we know it, we are planning a new approach. We will be establishing a new committee of members who will be asked to attend the wake services we conduct on a regular basis, instead of trying to reach the general membership on each occasion. The specifics have to be worked out in a little more detail but in the meantime I ask you *continued next page*



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

I've been thinking a lot about Abraham lately -- not Lincoln (although he is my favorite American President), but Abraham the Patriarch, our father in faith. The story from the Book of Genesis is a familiar one: though seventy-five years old, though settled in Haran, the Lord directed Abraham to "Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you" (Genesis 12:1). And as scripture simply relates, Abraham "went as the Lord directed him" (Gn 12:4). Abraham gave up all that was familiar, and set forth in faith, all in response to the Lord's command.

With Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent, the traditional time for "giving up" -- sweets, smoking, alcohol, between-meal snacks, bad habits. All this is well and good: such acts of self-discipline, if not seen as ends in themselves, can hollow out in us a space where the Lord can enter in, to help us to see more clearly how we might truly love Him and serve Him. We live not for self-discipline's sake, nor for the sake of mastery of control, but for the Lord. Like Abraham, our "giving-up" must be an act of faith, a step taken into the next moment of our lives with the confidence that the One who has led us this far will not abandon us now, and indeed never will.

May the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God or Jesus Christ, be your companion on your Lenten journey. He calls you, He leads you, He loves you. If you're wondering what to give up for Lent, ask Him for faith. He'll tell you. He'll give you the grace to persevere. He loves you.

Grand Knight's Column

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to consider taking part in this committee. Keep in mind that your efforts to make this work will surely be appreciated and most importantly by the families of our departed brothers. Please call either myself or Art Weber (688-7269) if you can give us some help in this effort. We hope to hear from you.

**K of C earns AAA
from Standard & Poor's**

The Knights of Columbus insurance program has received a AAA—superior—rating from Standard & Poor's, the prestigious rating firm. This is the first time Standard & Poor's has rated Knights of Columbus insurance.

Supreme Knight Virgil C. Dechant said the AAA rating was "based, among other factors, on the Order's excellent operating performance, capitalization and liquidity, as well as on its unique access to the Catholic market.

"At a time when the insurance industry generally is experiencing some difficulties, the AAA rating is extremely gratifying, and should be a source of satisfaction to all members of the "order," Dechant said.

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SWIM CLUB NEWS

In an effort to update our membership files, all children, over the age of 21, of members living in the same household will be asked to furnish proof of residency prior to being issued a badge. You will be notified in the next digest of the procedure that will be used. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Anyone not renewing their membership for the 1992 season, please notify the swim club by mail as soon as possible. This will enable the next person on the waiting list a chance to join.

Thank you

**COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP
NOTICE**

Scholarships are available through the State Council for students attending college or university. Applications are available at the Council and must be submitted to the Grand Knight by March 23rd. For information contact GK Don Pfarr (851-0018) or Andy Popp (688-6951).

Did You Know?

DID YOU KNOW
that the Knights of Columbus

•Was founded in New Haven and chartered in Connecticut on March 29, 1882? In the basement of St. Mary's Church, a young priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, and a handful of parishioners formed the Catholic, family, fraternal, service organization known as the K of C.

•Today has 1.5 million dues-paying members who belong to 9,600 local units throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Philippines and the Caribbean? Including wives and children of members, the K of C extended family totals nearly six million people.

•Last year alone, contributed \$91 million to charitable causes and 36.5 million volunteer hours of community service? Knights sponsor programs to feed hungry people, aid the elderly, shelter those who are homeless, guide young people, assist individuals with mental and physical handicaps and much more.

Now You Know!

**K of C
PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST**

The New Jersey State K of C photography contest is already underway. It is open to any Knight and any member of his family. You may enter as many times as you wish. An entry blank and additional information may be obtained from the Bulletin Board at the Council. The categories include, sports, nature, candid, and creative. The deadline is April 1, 1992, all entries must be received by then. Photos must be minimum 8" x 10", maximum "11 x 14".

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 29	March 1	State Bowling Tournament
March 6		First Friday
March 7-8		State Bowling Tournament
Mar. 14		Irish Night
April 3		First Friday
April 11		Children's Easter Egg Hunt
April 12		Easter Egg Hunt Rain Date

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