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15th ANNUAL RETARDED CITIZENS DRIVE BEGINS



Pictured above (l-r) Co-chairman Bill Tyson, Mayor Anthony Russo, Grand Knight Mike Carr and Co-chairman Ed Waluk.



The "kitchen crew" are **ALWAYS** hard at work. Pictured above are some Irish Nite workers (l-r) Lonny Pannucci PGK, Tony Maffie, Jack Bruno, Paul Sandy PGK and Jr. "crew man" Steven Pannucci!!

It's that time of the year when the weather is getting nicer and people start coming out of their humble abodes. Well Brothers, it is also time for the 15th Annual Retarded Citizens Drive. Let us keep the tradition going.

This year the drive will be conducted on Friday April 21 through Sunday, April 23. This drive is not limited to just members of our Council; they can also be wives and children of members. The more people we have the more places we can cover, and this, of course, will make this year's drive an even greater success.

Can you spare some time before or after church services, while your wife is shopping and you are waiting in the car...any time at all that you can contribute to this most worthy cause can only broaden our goal-to help these individuals. Lend a hand, stop by the Council on April 21, 22, or 23! Someone will be there to help you get on your way.

As State Chairman of the Drive, Dominic Napolitano, PGK, stated: "Perhaps some day, through our efforts, these individuals will be able to help themselves."

Any questions about the Retarded Citizens Drive can be directed to the Co-chairman, Bill Tyson at 201 964-7582, or Ed Waluk at 201 721-9457.

THE LUCK OF IRISH (NITE) YIELDS \$1200.00 INSURANCE PROFIT!!!

Saturday, March 18 saw the Council hall transformed into a lively "sea of green" as the Annual Irish Nite festivities were held. The members and their guests donned their best Emerald green clothing and sported much of the blarney during this truly enjoyable event.

The kitchen crew began their preparation well ahead of time as their menu offered the traditional corned beef (all 90 pounds of it) and cabbage (weighing in at 65 pounds). The 200 guests helped to consume 160 pounds of bar-b-que chicken. How could we overlook the delicious Irish stew? The green jello (how apropos) and the red cherry tarts!!

When time came to kick up your heels to some lively Irish music and/or current beats, well there were plenty of the "little people" out there on the dance floor just enjoying the time.

To top off the events of this happy evening, a profit of \$1200.00 was realized to help defray the cost of our shared insurance bill. All in all, we went home full, pleasantly tired and we helped the Council financially!!

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As we move into April, probably the most important thing we have to think about is the Retarded Citizens Drive. This is the major fund raiser for the Knights of Columbus throughout the county and state. At Union Council every year we seem to get about 35 to 40 Brothers out to collect on the corners of Union an average of \$5000.00. This is fine, but we could do better - much better. It's obvious that the more Brothers out there, the more money that would be collected for a very good cause. This is a good opportunity to use an hour of your time to make a difference in someone else's life. Someone who is less fortunate than yourself. This is what being a Knight is supposed to be about. I urge you, Brothers, to call Ed Waluk at 721-9457 or Bill Tyson at 964-7582 and tell them you would be happy to help them. Besides, for all of us single Knights, it is a good opportunity to get in some girl watching!

It is always nice to thank all my Brothers who responded to our article on Little Lewis Roemlis. I spoke to Jeanett Eger Lewis' aunt, who said she has received checks from approximately 200 members. She is very grateful for your generosity. If you have not made a donation and would like to, please mail your donation to:

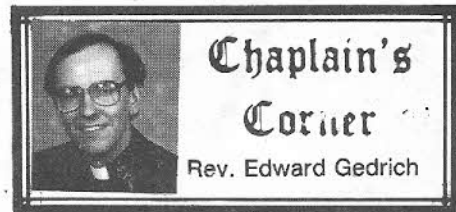
Lewis' Love for Life
P.O. Box 312
Kenilworth, New Jersey 07033.

RAFFLE WINNERS

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| 1st Prize | Ed Kononowicz |
| 2nd Prize | Tom Rock |
| 3rd Prize | Bill Vath |
| 4th Prize | Tom Wester |
| 5th Prize | Ted Wedzilowicz |

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Memorial Day Parade will be held Monday, May 29. If you wish to participate in the parade, the Knights will meet at Balmoral Avenue at 9:30 A.M.



In a few weeks, the scene will be repeated in our parishes, and in parish churches everywhere—the girls in their white dresses, the boys in their blue suits, receiving their First Holy Communion. It will be a day of great joy and celebration: these innocents receiving the Bread of Life. First Communion Day is a special day, as it should be. But what of Second, and Hundredth, and Thousandth, and Twenty Thousandth Communion Day? Should not **these** days be special too? For on these days we can so often take for granted, it is the same Lord we receive: Jesus Christ, truly present under the forms of bread and wine.

It is **really** the Lord we receive: not merely a symbol of His presence, not merely a reminder of His love, but the Lord himself! For if what we receive is only blessed bread, then God is still just up in heaven and has never really entered our world to be one with us—one with our joys, one with our sorrows, one with our seeking and striving and struggling. But because it is the Lord who once again gives Himself over to we who are sinners (as He gave Himself into the hands of sinful men two thousand years ago) we can be confident of His never-ending love. We can remember that He comes to us and feeds us not because **our** love is perfect, but because **His** love is perfect. Mindful of our sins and weakness, we can realize that He feeds us with Himself not because we are full of grace, but because we are hungry for Him. Our hearts are restless until they rest in Him.

So—congratulations to our First Communicants. May they always treasure the gift they are to receive! Thanks be to God for that everyday miracle of His Eucharistic Presence in the lives of His people. May we never take this gift for granted!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS COMMUNION SUPPER

First Friday - May 5, 1989

Mass - 7:30 P.M. Dinner to follow

Tickets are available at \$10.00 each

Dot Johnson 964-0735

Bob Gaitens 688-2760

Mr. Capp 964-3143

C. Dzuna 686-1005

Speaker: Rev. Paul L. Bochicchio of Jersey City.

FIRST FRIDAY SCHEDULE

The following lists the guest speakers for the First Friday celebrations for May and June:

May 5 - Very Rev. Paul L. Bochicchio

June 2 - Most Rev. Dominic Marconi

BINGO

Bingo is set for Saturday, April 22 at the Boys & Girls Clubs. Workers please arrive at 6:30. Play begins at 7:30 P.M.

