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Grand Knight Presents Awards & Gifts



Grand Knight Mike Carr Presents the Shield Award with the help of Township Committeeman and Police Commissioner Mark Bellotti and Police Chief James Truhe to Detective Sergeant Allen Katcher for a career of excellence in his dedicated police work for the Township of Union.



Grand Knight Mike Carr presents an Emergency Care Service Award with the help of Township Committeeman and Fire Commissioner Greg Muller to Captain James Kiernan of the Callmen's Emergency Unit #1 for bravery above and beyond the call of duty.



Grand Knight Mike Carr presents Sister Ann Dominic with a check for \$410.00 representing the proceeds from our Valentine's Day Dance for the support of Camp Fatima.



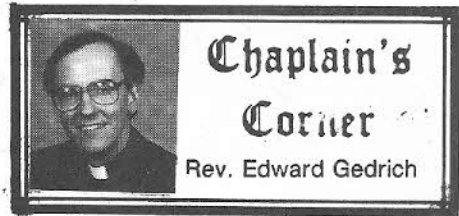
Grand Knight Mike Carr presents the "Senior Citizen of the Year" Award to Theresa Cozzolino for her untiring energy to help people of all ages.

WITH GREAT SADNESS we wish to inform you of the passing on into the arms of our Lord little Lewis Rommeihs. Lewis left this life on April 28, 1989. Many of the members of this Council had contributed to the hope of a bone marrow transplant for this little guy ... Please remember Lewis in you prayers and please, please remember his parents and family.

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With warmer weather comes an explosion of social activity—First Communion, Confirmations, weddings, sports events, Graduations, the Convention and barbeques and picnics—it's a busy time for everyone.

What's the common thread that runs through all these various and varying events and celebrations? COMMITMENT! Christ Really Present to young and old under the appearances of bread and wine, with His people until the end of time: commitment! The Holy Spirit guiding growing and searching young men and women, and their sponsor's promise to walk with them on their journey to maturity: commitment!

A man and woman promising to love each other in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, as long as they live: commitment!

The mutually supportive play of a team, with each member striving for the good of all: commitment!

Teachers and parents working together to prepare young minds for the challenges of tomorrow, and young people seeking to fulfill tomorrow's promise: commitment!

Families and friends gathered together in fraternity and faith: commitment!

Without making commitments and keeping commitments, our lives lack direction and form even when filled with busyness. We can spin in circles, setting our sights on a thousand goals beyond our reach. There is no solid ground anywhere. But commitments, made and kept (so often with great sacrifice) provide a foundation for our lives that can be a launching pad to the stars, that can direct and propel our leap toward our dreams.

APPRECIATION NIGHT FOR COUNCIL WIDOWS

Union Council 4504 Knights of Columbus cordially invites the WIDOWS of all deceased Brothers to our annual evening of dinner and entertainment on Sunday evening, June 9, 1989 at our Council home. Cocktails will be served at 6:30 P.M. with dinner to follow. Confirm your reservations early by calling Barney Capriglione at 964-3143.

FINAL FIRST FRIDAY

The final First Friday Mass of the Columbian Year will be held on June 2, at 7:30 P.M. Guest will be the Most Rev. Dominic Marconi.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 15 Swim Club Board Meeting - 8:00 P.M.
- 18-21 Wildwood Convention
- 22 Council Meeting and Columbian Club Board Elections 8:15 P.M.
- 24 1st Degree 7:30 P.M.
- 27 Pool Opening Mass (see article)
Dinner/Dance (see article)
- 29 Memorial Day Parade (see article)
- June 1 Officers Meeting 8:00 P.M.
- 2 First Friday 7:30 P.M.
- 5 2nd Degree 7:30 P.M.
- 12 Council Meeting and Election of Council Officers
- 16 3rd Degree 7:30 P.M.



May is here and the time has flown into the final two months of my term. I thought I had been getting by fairly well until my last haircut when my barber asked, "Where did you get all of the gray hair, you're too young!" I said, "Have you ever been Grand Knight of Union Council." He said no and tried to sell me a rinse job...I declined for the present time.

But the things that make you glad you took the job are seeing your Brother Knights of all ages out collecting during the Retarded Citizens Drive. I would like to thank everyone who contributed that weekend either out collecting or inside counting money. Special thanks to Marty Soos, who at 78 years old, was out for several hours and collected over \$300. Also thanks to co-chairmen Ed Waluk and Bill Tyson for their fine efforts. We collected \$4,800.

It was also an honor last month to present several awards to people in the community who have distinguished themselves by their service to others. We presented a Senior Citizen of the Year Award, a Shield Award to a police officer and an EMS Award. The awards show that the Knights of Columbus are aware and appreciative of others and their service to our community.

It is also nice to sit back and watch someone else run the Convention this year. Deputy Grand Knight Mike Gasser has added a few more gray hairs with the arrangements for this year's Convention. He has had to work with a different set of circumstances than any of us needed to face in the past. Mike has handled this difficult task quite well. I am sure that all our Brother Knights and their families will have a wonderful weekend.

I am looking forward to the Convention and to the next "Digest", because it will be the last time I have to give our "Digest" Editor a song and a dance as to where my article is!

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.



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH
May, 1989
Bob Gaitens

It gives great pleasure to announce Union Council's Knight of the Month for May, 1989 - Bob Gaitens.

Bob, his wife, Linda, and their five children reside in Union. He is retired from the United States Air Force where he served in both Korea and Viet Nam. You probably see Bob about town while performing his duties (with 20 years experience) as a letter carrier for the Union Post Office.

Bob has been a member of the Knights for only one-and-a-half years. Yet he has already taken on the responsibilities of Church Activity Chairman and Right-to-Life Chairman with much effectiveness. One of his recent assignments was to organize the bus trip for the WWOR-TV taping of its Sunday Mass. Brother Gaitens managed this task aptly as well.

In addition to his Council activities, Bob shares his time with his parish, St. Michael's. There you'll see Bob as an usher at the 7:30 A.M. Sunday Mass, or as a Pre-Cana team leader, or as a member of the Church Decorating Committee.

Union Council #4504 is proud to honor Bob Gaitens as Knight of the Month.

Full time position available for loving person to care for two young children in our home, Monday through Friday, 7 A.M. to 5 P.M., start date to be determined. References. Great for retiree or "empty-nester". Call 964-6869.

Legal secretary wanted, full time, Springfield location. Call 467-8855.

ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER MEETING

The Annual Awards Dinner Meeting will be held on Monday, June 26, 1989 at 6:30 P.M. The price is \$6.50 per person. A free raffle ticket on a T.V. will be given to those who buy their ticket by June 19. Call Lon Pannucci at 763-0613 for reservations.

PLAY BALL!

Spring is here and so is softball time. If you are interested in playing softball with the Council team(s), call Jack Caskey 686-2782 or Mike Malloy 851-0026.

**IF YOU HAVE INSURANCE QUESTIONS CONTACT
 OUR INSURANCE REPRESENTATIVE
 GEORGE GLYNN AT 920-0320**

COLUMBIAN CLUB CORNER

DINNER-DANCE

On Saturday, May 27, we will have our first social of the summer season. In conjunction with our pool-side Mass and the opening of the pool, we will have a dinner/dance at 7:30 P.M. For this special evening we are bringing back two of our most popular attractions. First, we will have a return engagement by the 5-piece dance band, Rendition (They last appeared at the K of C on New Year's Eve) Second, we will have a "make your own salad bar" from 7:30 to 8:00 P.M. In addition, you will receive a complete, sit-down Roast Beef dinner and Beer and Soda all night. The cost is only \$12 a person. Call Joe Tortora at 688-1422 for reservations. Deadline for all money is May 24.

APATHY

Recently, we asked if there were any suggestions for summer activities or events. We received one reply.

Recently, we asked if there were any suggestions for improving the patio or picnic area. We received no reply.

Recently, we asked if anyone was interested in serving on the Columbian Club Board. We received little response.

Recently, we asked our 1,600 members to join us at the work parties on Wednesday nights and Saturday mornings. We average around 23 workers.

When the pool and patio and picnic areas open, before you complain about how they should have done this or they should have done that, ask yourself how much time you gave to the Swim Club and Columbian Club.

SUMMER BARTENDERS WANTED

If you are interested in being considered for a bartender in the outside bar (patio) during the summer months, please see Jack Bruno or Tony Maffie.

BARTENDERS WANTED

We are still in need of a few more bartenders. We will train. We are asking for one night every six weeks. We are also looking for one more houseman. If you can help your Council, see Ray Menoni or Tony Maffie.

PAID POSITION AVAILABLE






The Columbian Club is looking for a person (student/retiree) to clean up the patio/picnic area each morning (1 - 2 hours a day) during the summer months. Please see Tony Maffie or Joe Tortora.

SWIM CLUB CORNER

The annual Swim Club Opening Day Mass will be held on Saturday, May 27, 1989 at 12:00 Noon at poolside. Everyone is invited to attend.

The pool will be open on weekends beginning May 27. Beginning on June 19, 1989 the pool will open both weekends and weekdays. Please check the June, 1989 "Digest" for further details.

On behalf of the Swim Club President, Frank Fabiano, and the Board of Governors, we hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer.

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