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Happy New Year

American
Red Cross

Donate Blood.



Feb. 17, 1991

You have seen this date in the November and December issue of The Knights Digest. Do you know what happens on that date? Sunday Feb. 17, 1991 between the hours of 10 AM and 2 PM, you can give "The Gift Of Life" at Union Council's Blood Donors Day. I urge you if you are able to give blood. Sign up at the council home or call me (Dom Clementoni PGK 688-3618) and let me know that we can count on you to participate in this life giving program.

Donating blood is safe, simple and saves lives. All needles are new and sterile. The needle is used once and thrown away after you donate. You cannot get Aids or any other disease by donating blood. The entire procedure from the mini-physical to post-donation snack takes under one hour. First your medical history will be recorded, your temperature and blood pressure taken and your hemoglobin (iron) concentration determined. The actual donation takes about 10 minutes. After the donation is complete the only thing you feel is good about yourself and the "Gift Of Life" which you have given to someone. Isn't it comforting to know that in time of need, blood is available to all Brother Knights and their families. If you should ever need blood replaced, please contact me.

See You Feb. 17th

Fraternally

Dom Clementoni PGK

Swim Club News

On January 18, 1991, at 7:30, the swim club will hold its annual meeting. At this meeting, we will discuss future by-law changes, finances, upcoming events and elections.

The Swim Club Board of Governors and the Nominating Committee has nominated, Paul Sandy, Wesley Czap, and Frank Fabiano, for three year terms. Also, if the by-laws are changed, we would also be adding two new members to the board. The recommendations of the nomination Committee, for these two post would be, Richard Green (two year term) and Dominic Patavano (one year term). These issues will be decided at the annual meeting.

Please make every effort to attend. (Refreshments will be served after the meeting.)

Military Servicemen Committee

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus, I wish to extend thanks to Brother Knight, Johnny Pallitto of Dugout in Union Center, for his help in sending out the Christmas packages to those serving in the Armed Forces of the United States at various domestic and overseas locations.

Jack Kelly, Chairman

Columbian Club Cruise

Sail on the Nordic Express
March 4 through 8, 1991
For information call:
Vinnie — 687-9381



Mike Hrifko with Barbara Schmid, a volunteer at St. Joseph's Social Service Center, Bob Pero, of Make a Wish Foundation of N.J. and Grand Knight Robert Pfarr, at our Annual Christmas Dinner Meeting. Mike presented a check to Barbara for the Soup Kitchen in ELizabeth to help the homeless. Mike also presented a check to Bob for the Make a Wish Foundation, that helps children with life threatening illness.

These donations were made possible, by Mike's many hours spent selling an assortment of items, and our council members, by buying these things from Mike.

Thank you for your donations and please keep buying.

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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 Wed. 4th Degree Color Corps
3rd Wed. 4th Degree Regular
4th Wed. Council Committees
4th Thurs. Columbian Club

On Growing Older

Youth is not a time of life. It is a state of mind. It is a test of the will, a quality of imagination, a vigor of emotions, a predominance of courage over timidity, of the appetite for adventure over love of ease.

Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years; people grow old by deserting their ideals. Years wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul. Worry, doubt, self-distrust, fear, and despair - these are the equivalents of the long, long years that bow the head and turn the growing spirit back to dust. Whether 70 or 16, there is, in every being's heart, the love of wonder, the sweet amazement at the stars

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KNIGHT OF THE MONTH January, 1991



Rich Pipala

Our Knight of the Month for January, 1991 is Rich Pipala. Rich and his wife Joann are residents of Union and are communicants of Holy Spirit parish. They have three children - Stacey, Mike and Lisa.

Rich has been a 3rd Degree Knight for the past twelve years and a member of Union Council during the past five years. He has been very active during this time with the Columbian Club as a bartender, and is presently a trustee on the Columbian Club Board as well as serving as the Bartender Chairman.

In addition to these responsibilities Rich also helps out quite often on work parties and is always available to help out around the Council. In particular he has worked in the kitchen for various Council and Columbian Club affairs.

Away from the Council Rich has been employed by Schering Plough for the past 25 years. In between working and spending time at the council he also manages to find time for some recreation. He likes sports and in particular enjoys playing racquetball.

Union Council is pleased to honor brother Rich Pipala as our Knight of the Month for January, 1991.

TELEPHONE

We welcome brother Tom Magliaro to the telephone squad. He will be calling members of Team #20. Thank you Tom for showing your concern for your departed brothers by offering your services on this very important committee which deals in final love. Brothers, we can, as usual, use more captains. Won't you please consider joining us? It takes so little to give so much!

Art Weber
688-7269

Grand Knight's Column

Bob Pfarr



If this is the New Year, then it must be time to make resolutions! It seems that every year during the last few days of December this particular item gets quite a bit of attention. People talk about them at holiday gatherings, and even the press will devote some space for this annual practice. But by mid January those commitments made to ourselves and others are usually forgotten. Why not make this New Year an exception? You say you can't think of a resolution that would be easy to keep?

Why not resolve to:

- ★ Sponsor a new member into our council.
- ★ Attend the degrees with him to show your support.
- ★ Become a blood donor on Feb. 17 at the council.
- ★ Attend council meetings regularly.
- ★ Support the Right to Life march in Washington on Jan. 22.
- ★ Volunteer to serve on a committee.
- ★ Come to work parties for the Columbian Club or Swim Club.
- ★ Attend some of the social affairs at the council.
- ★ Collect for the Retarded Citizens Drive in April.
- ★ Be an active member!

Any organization in only as good as its members, and our council is no exception. So make your resolutions early, and resolve to make our council better than ever!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Growing Old Continued

and the star like things and thoughts, the undaunted challenge of events, the childlike appetite for "What's next?" You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt, as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fear, as young as your hope, as old as your despair. So long as your heart receives messages of beauty, cheer courage, grandeur, and power from this earth, from man, and from the infinite, so long are you young.

When all the wires are down, all the central places of your heart are covered with the snows of pessimism and the ice of cynicism, then you are grown old indeed, and may God have mercy on your soul.

