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Union Council Welcomes Bowlers from all Across America at Opening Ceremonies of the 63rd National Bowling Tournament on March 19, 1988.



Tom O'Toole, Assistance Sect. of Knights of Columbus National Bowling Assoc. Flanked by P.G.K's Tom Hornig & Andy Popp, Council Tournament Coordinators.

Easter Bunny Visits Council



On March 29th over 60 children hunted & searched in every nook & cranny at our annual Easter Egg Hunt for hundreds of easter goodies. A suprise guest arrived pictured above complete the day's activity.



Grand Knight Paul Sandy & Right to Life Chairmen Stanley Firuta present a check to Kathy De Fiore, founder of Several Sources which is a safe haven for unwed expecting mothers & new mothers as an alternative to abortion.

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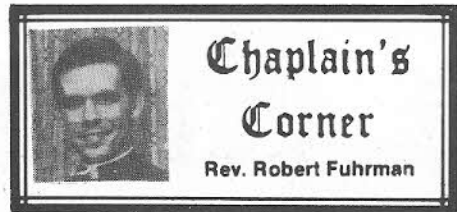
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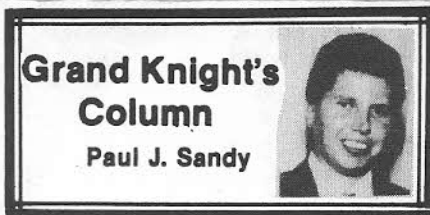
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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

God Wants Us to Live

I hope that all Knights and their families are especially happy during this Easter season, and realize the tremendous gift God gave to the world in the presence of His Son. The Resurrection is the greatest mystery of all time, but it has a direct effect on the way we, as followers of Jesus, look at ourselves and life.



Brothers, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been participating in our Charitable Raffle. We have raised in excess of \$8,300 to go to our charitable causes. Without your help this could not be possible.

A special acknowledgement goes out to Lonny Pannucci, P.G.K., for making a sign to be placed outside the door at the Chapel located in Newark International Airport in dedicated to the deceased Brothers of Union Council 4504.

Much appreciation to those who participated in the Opening Day Ceremonies for the National Bowling Tournament and at the St. Patrick's Day Dance which followed. We have four more weekends for which we ask for **your** help. PLEASE come out and give us a hand.

Brothers, our Annual Mentally Retarded Citizens Drive will take place April 22, 23, and 24, 1988. We need Brothers and your families to come out and give us a few hours of your time for this worthy cause.

Looking forward to seeing YOU at the Tournament and at the Mentally Retarded Citizens Drive.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April, 1988

- 18 Swim Club Board Meeting 8:00 P.M.
- 22 } Annual Retarded Citizens Drive
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- 25 Council Meeting 8:15 P.M.
- 28 Columbian Club Board Meeting 8:00 P.M.

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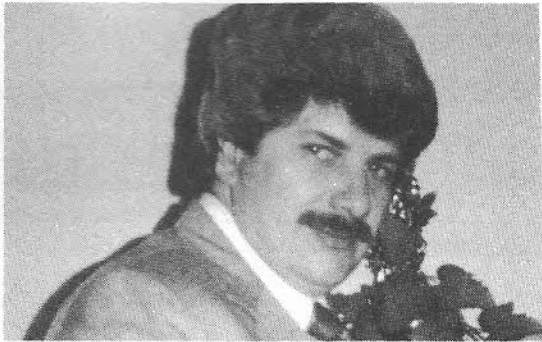
- 2 Officers Meeting 8:00 P.M.
- 6 First Friday and Communion Supper 7:30 P.M.
- 9 Council Meeting 8:15 P.M.
- 12 } Convention, Wildwood, New Jersey
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Is this something that the average person can feel? It seems to me that, because of the complexity of the world and the fast pace of modern American life, the meaning of Easter is lost on so many people in our society. It has become for many merely a celebration of Springtime, or the exaltation of the Easter Bunny, at the expense of the resurrection of Christ! If any human observance should ever make us feel joy, hope, and peace, it should be Easter. Deather is robbed of its power, not because we deserve or understand it, but simply because God wants us to live. God wants us to live, and that is why life is sacred, as is the developing human body, from the instant of conception through death.

If our world really believed that God wants us to live, how different things would be. But we do believe it, even if we are a minority. We as Catholics base our view of life on that belief. As so we know that all people have certain rights. No one can have their freedom taken away unless they are a threat to the wider society. By our very nature, God has made us free. Our will, our mind, is free to say yes or no to God Himself.

It's all very exciting. Thank God we belong to His true Church. Recent months have revealed the laughable condition of the make-believe religions, like the Bakker and Swaggert forms of self-glorification. They have made their millions while preaching out of both sides of their mouths. As for me, I'll take the Catholic faith any time. The Church preaches crucified and risen Lord. The Church offers us sacraments, given by God Himself as sources of healing and life. Poor Swaggert, the self-names opponent of Catholicism. He has made his fortune but never knew that God has greater things in store for those who really love Him. God wants us to live, but according to His way, not ours.

I extend my prayers and blessings to you all, and wish you a most blessed Easter season. Remember just how much God is willing to do to save us. The answer, as always, is in the Lord's Cross, and the empty tomb.



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH
April, 1988
Carmen Marano

Carmen has been a member of Union Council for eight years. He is a salesman with Fountain Realty Company in Union. Carmen and his wife, Geraldine, have two children, Annmarie and Carmen. They are communicants of Holy Spirit Church.

Although he may not be a familiar face around the Council, he puts in many hours behind the scenes. He has helped in the preparation of the Camp Fatima Dance, the Chinese Auctions, by soliciting prizes and keeping records of raffle and admission tickets. Recently, he has been extremely helpful in the running of our Charity Raffle and the National Bowling Tournament.

His activities outside of the Council include being a coach and former director in the Union Little League Baseball, Union Rams Youth Football and various local charitable organizations.

Union Council 4504 is happy to honor Carmen Marano as Knight of the Month for April, 1988.

COLUMBIAN CLUB CORNER

Anyone interested in serving on the Board of Directors of the Columbian Club please contact Jack Robbins at 686-4378.

**** ANNUAL RETARDED CITIZENS DRIVE ****
April 22, 23, and 24

It's that time of the year again for our Brother Knights to show the true spirit of brotherhood and charity. The annual Retarded Citizens Drive starts Friday, April 22. We need YOUR help. All who want to help, please see Tony Shans or Jim Feehan. Hot Dogs, Beer and Soda available for all who help.

INSURANCE REPRESENTATIVES

Brothers, if you need service and your surname begins with the letters A-L, contact George Glenn, F.A. 201 722-6336. For surnames beginning with the letters M-Z contact William Stoecker 201 739-6621.

Should you object to these out-of-area calls, please contact Financial Secretary, Frank Dickerson on 687-4353, he will contact us at once.

SWIM CLUB NEWS

The Swim Club had to purchase a new replacement sump pump at a cost of \$925. The work parties continue every Saturday morning and every Wednesday night. We can use the help to get YOUR pool and picnic grounds in shape. Please do not expect a few men to carry the load for the entire membership!

Please notify John Dzuna, Membership Chairman, at 686-1005 of any change in your family status.

In conjunction with the opening of the pool with a Mass on Saturday morning, May 28, at 11:00 A.M., the Swim Club is planning a SOCIAL to kick off the opening of the pool. On Sunday, May 29 in the Council Hall we will have a Hot/Cold Buffet, Beer and Soda, and Dancing...All for \$10.00. This event will be held from 7:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. We urge you to buy your tickets early since it is first come - first served. This is an excellent opportunity to meet new acquaintances and to renew old friendships. Call Joe Tortora on 688-1422. Money with reservations, please.

Also, as part of our 25TH Anniversary of the opening of our pool, we are planning a WEEKEND OF CELEBRATION in July. It will consist of a "Moonlight" night swim, picnic and a Reunion Dinner/Dance. Watch the "Digest" for details. Help us to celebrate our birthday! Tentative dates are July 16, 17, 18.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD BANK

Our Blood Bank Drive is scheduled for Sunday, June 26, 1988, time will be announced in the next "Digest". Refreshments will be served to all donors. Also, all donors will receive two pool passes.

COMMUNION SUPPER

Union Council 4504 Knights of Columbus in conjunction with the Court Immaculate Catholic Daughters are having their annual Communion Supper on Friday, May 6, 1988 at 7:30 P.M. with dinner to follow.

Tickets can be obtained by calling Mrs. Dot Johnson at 964-3143. Our guest speaker will be the Pastor of St. Michael's, Rev. Ronald Rozniak. Tickets are \$10.00 per person.

... A FEW GOOD MEN

Like the Marines, we are looking for a few good men to take up the challenge of administering the Council functions and climbing the Chairs of the Order.

If you feel it's about time to STOP TALKING and DO SOMETHING, let me know. Interviews will be held weekly. Contact Lonny Pannucci, P.G.K., on 763-0613.



