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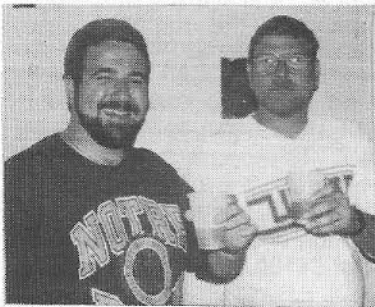
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CONVENTION '89

The Knights of Columbus State Convention was held May 18 - 21 in Wildwood. This year we had the largest crowd ever from the Council with 68 rooms booked. The weather this year was absolutely beautiful with bright sunshine and temperatures in the 80's. I believe that everyone who came down had a good time. I would like to thank everyone who helped out during the weekend. I would also like to thank Father Ed for saying a beautiful poolside Mass. Last, and certainly not least, I would like to thank my wife, Debbie, for all of her help in making the arrangements for the Convention, and also for baking approximately 70 dozen cookies for the weekend.

Michael Gasser, DGK



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Grand Knight's Column

Michael Carr



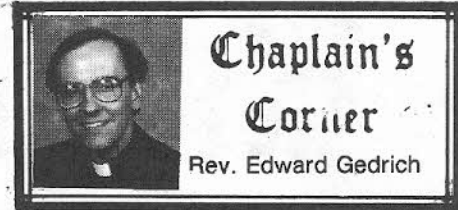
It was a beautiful sunny day as the Grand Knight and the Past Grand Knight hurried back to the hotel to (hopefully) get a hamburger or a hot dog before the poolside barbeque was over. After three and one-half hours of convention business you can get a bit hungry. We make it back in time and enjoyed a few hamburgers, hot dogs, and beer. But as we walked around the poolside, I got an uneasy feeling as I saw strange glances and heard whisperings being exchanged as we walked by. Certainly these weren't plots to toss the Grand Knight into the pool, especially when for one of the few times this year, I was wearing a jacket and tie. No. they wouldn't be so brazen ... so I ate in confidence. However, later on I did make the mistake of coming down in my new bathing suit, and while purposely distracted by my own mother (et tu Mall!) I was grabbed from behind by the conspirators and unceremoniously dumped into the pool. The 1989 Convention was now official!!!

I would like to thank Deputy Grand Knight Mike Gasser and all his helpers for making the weekend enjoyable for all, and to the weatherman for the beautiful weather. And to Chaplain Father Ed and former Chaplain Father Ed for the wonderfully inspiring poolside Mass.

As for the convention itself, the meetings on Friday and Saturday lasted three to three and one-half hours. On Friday awards were given out, committee reports were read, as well as the State Deputy's report. Union Council's entry for the new FMS Shield Award was chosen as state winner. He is James Kiernan of Callmens. On Saturday the election of State Officers took place and all were re-elected to their second terms. I had the privilege of seconding the nomination of Jack Winters to the position of State Secretary.

This is June and at the end of the month this Columbian Year will end, and so will my time as your Grand Knight. I guess any Past Grand Knight can tell you that their term had its share of good times and bad, of rewarding moments and of rough ones. But the thing, for me, that has made it a good and happy experience has been the willingness of my Brother Knights, and in more than a few instances, their wives and families, to help me in whatever has been needed for the success of our Council. Your friendship, encouragement, and dedication will not soon be forgotten. I hope that the same consideration that was afforded to me will be shown to the incoming Grand Knight, his officers and chairmen, and to the newly-elected Columbian Club Board.

It has been fun because of you and I hope when I see you in the back during the summer, I will be going into the pool of my own free will. Have a great summer and thank you!!!



Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Edward Gedrich

Maybe you hate it, or maybe you love it — it's here until September: the water and warmth, the sun and sand of summer. Don't dare to drive the Parkway south on Friday evening, or north on Sunday evenings. Get ready for mosquitos at dusk and sunburn on your shoulders. Complain about the humidity and enjoy the pool. It's back.

This summer, bask in the summer's warming rays. Be awestruck at the power and majesty of the ocean's waves. Marvel at the dignity of a soaring gull, and the intricate beauty of a butterfly. Wonder at the slow yet sure progress of the stars across the nighttime sky. Cower before the power of a late afternoon thunderstorm. But never forget Who it is that made them all. Sun and sea and stars, storm and wind, butterfly and bird (and you!) alike, come forth from the loving creative hand of Almighty God, "Who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them" (Psalm 146:6).

Remember that God did not rest after creating the majestic sea and the mighty wind. He then made you, "to know Him, love Him, and serve Him in this world, and to be happy with Him forever in the next." The One who set the stars in the sky has called you into relationship with Himself, to turn to Him in prayer, to share with Him your joys and sorrows, to worship Him in the community of the Church, sharing in the Body and Blood of Christ, gathered in the Name of Jesus Sunday after Sunday.

So, this summer wonder beneath the cathedral of the stars — but worship at Mass on Sunday. It is **there** that creation reaches its summit, as bread and wine, the fruit of creation, become divine, the Body and Blood of Christ.

The May, 1989 "Digest" pictured Grand Knight Mike Carr presenting a check to Sister Ann Dominic for the support of Camp Fatima. The caption should have read that the check was in to amount of \$4100.00 not \$410.00

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The Installation of Officers of Union Council 4504 will take place at St. Elizabeth's Church on East Blancke Street, Linden, New Jersey at 7:30 pm on Friday, July 7, 1989. A reception will follow at the Council.

Directions to the Church

Take Chestnut Street to Five Points, bear right to Tucker Avenue (changes to Locust Street), to the end (9th Avenue), make a left to the first light (Chestnut Street), make a right, go straight across St. Georges Avenue (changes to Roselle Street) to Blancke Street, make a right, continue on to church (2 blocks).

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