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"AWARDS NIGHT" "1989"

Knight of the Year



Grand Knight Mike Carr presents Mike Hrifko with the most prestigious award of the year. Mike is most deserving of this award for his years of work for the Special Olympics and the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Columbian Award



Grand Knight Mike Carr presents Mike Malloy with the Columbian Award for his tireless work in the advancement of Columbianism and his countless hours in all phases of Council activities.

Knights of the Month



Knights of the Month get their plaques. Left to right: GK Mike Carr, Russ Albert, Bob Gaitens, DGK Mike Gasser, Fr. Ed Gedrich, John Boyle, Tim Ghuzzi, Bill D'Alia, Frank Leo and Bob Auth.

State Council Award



Callmen's Emergency Unit #1 Capt. James Kernan is presented the State Council Award for Emergency Care Service from Grand Knight Mike Carr and State Secretary Jack Winters.

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Grand Knights's Column

Michael Gasser




Well here we are at the start of another Columbian year and I have just been installed as the 32nd Grand Knight of Union Council. I would just like to take this opportunity to thank you all for giving me this privilege to serve as your Grand Knight. I look forward to the challenges that the year may present and promise to do the best possible job that I can.

Even though I have been officer for the last 5 years, it was just recently that I realized what we are all about. All the various activities for the church, community, youth and the family just to name a few. But to put all these programs into action it takes manpower. That is why I ask for your help, whether you are a new member or a member for a couple of years or a long time member. If you can spare any time at all to lend a hand with anything, please do not hesitate to call me.

I do hope you enjoyed and will continue to enjoy the Columbian and Swim Clubs' summer activities. As of this writing the Council's activities have not yet begun in earnest. Please keep in mind that it takes a lot of hard work to put all of these activities together, so please try to attend and support these activities. All of us pitching in is what will make our affairs and activities and this year as a whole successful.

PAST GRAND KNIGHT'S DINNER

This dinner will be held in honor of Past Grand Knight Michael Carr. The date of the dinner is Saturday, September 23. As of this printing no price has been set. Call Barney Capriglione at 964-3143 for reservations.



Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Edward Gedrich

It's coming.

I don't mean Christmas (thank God!!) even though you've probably already received a few mail order catalogs with the reminder that December 25th is "only" 144 days away. I don't even mean the beginning of the new school year (ending the kids' boredom and their parents' aggravation). No, August 15th is coming!

Big deal, you might say. August 15th, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven, the holy day of obligation "most likely to be forgotten": "I meant to go to church, but I was on vacation/at the ballgame/had to work/down the shore/mowing the lawn/shopping/too hot that day." This poor feastday: a victim of the calendar and our relentless busy-ness.

I wish the neglect of this day were not so, for this day holds a promise as offers a hope to all of us - you don't have to be a god to go to heaven, merely a human who tries to love and be faithful. That's Mary - a human like us who said yes to God. Her "yes" did not free her from suffering or sorrow - God knows, it did not! - but it did win her a home, where she has gone, we hope to follow. This feast celebrates the consoling and joy-filled truth that our hopes are not in vain, that we and those we love will be together in joy forever, at home forever! And the path that leads us home? We're not the first to blaze this trail - Mary has cleared the way before us, and will be there to welcome us when we at last reach the end of our journey.

So this August 15th go to Mass, even if it's a sacrifice. The inconvenience and sacrifice will be worth it. It will bring you nearer to home.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| <p>August 5 7 9 14 18 21 23 24 28</p> <p>September 1 6 11 16 17 18 23 25 28 30</p> | <p>Dinner Dance (See Article) Officer's Meeting 8 pm Council Day (Swim Club) Council Meeting 8:15 pm Federation Meeting (Summit) Swim Club Meeting 8 pm Council Day (Swim Club) Columbian Club Meeting 8 pm Council Meeting (First Degree) 8:15 pm</p> <p>First Friday Officer's Meeting 8 pm Council Meeting 8:15 pm Council Picnic (See Article) Raindate for picnic Swim Club Meeting 8 pm Past Grand Knight's Dinner (See Article) Council Meeting 8:15 pm Columbian Club Meeting 8 pm Council Bingo</p> |
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GOLF OUTING

The Bi-Annual Golf Outing will be held on Saturday, October 14, 1989 at Apple Mountain Country Club. The price of \$40.00 per person includes greens fee, golf cart, hamburger or hot dog platter and one free beverage of choice. There will be prizes, awards and goodie bag for every player. For reservation and/or information call John Peters on 964-6869. Call early for reservations. Deadline for all money and cutoff date for reservations is October 1, 1989.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Union Council held its annual Youth Awards Dinner on June 28, 1989. We were proud to honor those youth who showed their academic excellence in our Essay Contest and Spelling Bee, and to those who performed exceptionally well in our Punt, Pass and Kick and our Basketball Free Throw competition. In addition, we honored our altar servers who helped to assist our priests over the years at both St. Michael's Parish and Holy Spirit Parish.

The following youth received awards for altar service: Joseph Duda, Matthew Boris, Robert Battiste, Timothy Clarke, Christopher Couzen, David Castillo, Donald Interdonato, and Raymond Vasquez; for the Punt, Pass and Kick: Debra McGarvey, Stacey Interdonato, James Shough, Kelly McGarvey, Thomas McGarvey and Donald Interdonato; for the Essay Contest: Colin Simpson, Anne Seton Hopkins, Jodi Reilly, Jackie Dyke, and Winnie Phillips; for the Council Spelling Bee: Kym Conway, Scott Zukowski, and Raymond Vasquez; for the Basketball Free Throw: Jay Perret, Mark Ben Hayon, Michael Ribble, Frank Ribble and Charlene Holden.

I would like to thank all those people who helped out with our Council's Youth Activities this past year and hope to see the same continued support and enthusiasm in the upcoming Columbian year.

Thank you,
Bill D'Alia
Youth Activities Director

SWIM CLUB CORNER

On behalf of Swim Club President Frank Fabiano, the Board of Governors, and Chairman, we'd like to wish everyone a happy and safe summer season.

The Council days will be held the second and fourth Wednesday of August. The dates are August 9 and August 23. Please check the signs posted around the pool for the special events during the season.

SEPTEMBER FIRST FRIDAY

Start the new Columbian year off right with our First Friday Program. This September 1 will begin our program at 7:30 PM featuring our Chaplain, Fr. Ed Gedrich, as our guest speaker.

Watch for September's "Digest" for a complete listing of Guest Speakers.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

- August 5, Saturday -Summer Dinner Dance (see article below)
August 9, Wednesday -Council Swim Day
August 12, Saturday -Dancing Under the Stars 9PM to Midnight
August 19, Saturday -Dancing Under the Moon 9PM to 12 Midnight
Trip to Monmouth Race Track
August 23, Wednesday -Council Swim Day

THE ULTIMATE SOCIAL

On Saturday, August 5 at 7:30 PM we will have an evening of dining and entertainment that you thoroughly will enjoy! First of all, we will have a complete sit-down prime rib dinner, as a complement to this popular meal we will have an antipasta salad. In addition, there will be an open bar. Also, for the first time at the Knights of Columbus, we will have TWO female DJ's to help you burn off the meal!!

Tickets are only \$15 each. Call Joe Tortora on 688-1422. We will only sell a limited number of tickets — don't get shut out.

COUNCIL PICNIC "89"

Tickets are now available.

Saturday, September 16, 1989 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Come for some food, games, and prizes for everyone

| Tickets | Advance Sale | At Gate |
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| Family | \$21.00 | \$25.00 |
| Adult | \$ 8.00 | \$10.00 |
| Senior Citizen(65+) | \$ 6.00 | \$ 7.00 |
| Children(5-17) | \$ 6.00 | \$ 7.00 |

Deadline for Advance Ticket Sales is September 10.

Contact: Gary Hornig 241-5689

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or get your tickets at the Gate House.

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