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1984-1985 COLUMBIAN AWARD FRANK DICKERSON, JR., PGK FDD

One of the most prestigious singular awards that Union Council may bestow upon a brother is the annual Columbian Award. This coveted award was presented at our recent awards dinner to Frank Dickerson Jr. PGK by DGK Michael Ward. This award is given in recognition of the many years of exceptional dedication and service. Frank has served Union Council in every conceivable capacity. He served Union Council as Grand Knight in 1964-1965. His dedication and diligence attracted the attention of State Officers and Frank became District Deputy from 1967 thru 1970. After completing his successful term he was then appointed Financial Secretary of our council, a position he has performed more than adequately for the past fifteen years. In 1974 Grand Knight Jack Winters selected Frank as KNIGHT OF THE YEAR.

Due to his vast expertise and knowledge of the inner workings of Union Council Frank has been of immeasurable aid to Grand Knights down the line. Frank is our resident expert on by-laws and protocol and there has been many times when his expertise was put to the test.

Frank resides in Union with his wife Mary and are the proud parents of seven children and three grandchildren.

Union Council and all of its members owe a debt of gratitude to Frank Dickerson a "Man of all Seasons".



GK Michael Ward presents Columbian Award to Frank Dickerson, Jr., PGK, FDD.

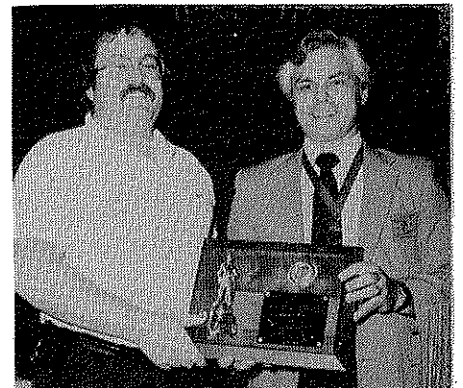
1984-1985 KNIGHT OF THE YEAR MICHAEL J. HERRIGHTY JR.

Michael J. Herrighty was awarded the Knight of the Year at our recent Awards Dinner Meeting in June. This award was given to Mike for his personal qualities and the great amount of dedication he has given to Union Council.

PGK Leonard Pannucci said of Mike that he exemplifies the ideals of true columbianism. Mike served this year as fraternal activities chairman and the number one chef in the kitchen. Mike has that quiet quality of leadership that has attracted his fellow brothers to do their best for our Council goals.

He is a dedicated brother of our Council, the Columbian Club and our Swim Club. He gives many unselfish hours of his time taking nothing in return. Mike is a graduate of Saint Peters College in Jersey City with a bachelor of Science Business Administration. He is a licensed plumber and is President of the F S Plumbing and Heating Co. in Union.

Mike and his wife Barbara reside in Union and are the proud parents of son Michael. They are communicants of Saint Michaels' Parish. Our Council is indeed fortunate to have such a talented brother as Mike and we wish him and his family our best wishes for a future of health and prosperity.



Michael Herrighty accepts Knight of the Year Award from P.G.K. Leonard Pannucci.

FIRST FRIDAYS

Our Monthly First Friday will begin on Friday, September 6th, 1985. Note the new time Mass will begin at 7:30 instead of 7 o'clock as last year. We are fortunate to have as our first speaker for the new series a Redemptorist Father from the San Alfonso Retreat Home at Long Branch, N.J. He will speak on the refreshing experiences of a Retreat. Refreshments will be served after mass.

RETREAT AT SAINT ALFONSO

Union Council Annual Retreat will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 11th, 12th & 13th. Brothers if you are looking for a time to refresh yourself, a time to discover yourself and time for meaningful prayer, then make your reservations early by contacting PGK Julius Kiss at 687-5173

PAST GRAND KNIGHT

DINNER DANCE

honoring

PGK LEONARD J. PANNUCCI

Saturday Evening, October 12, 1985

at

Council Home

Please reserve the date and watch for further particulars in the next digest.

For reservations call:

PGK Barney M. Capriglione

964-3143



COLUMBIAN CLUB CORNER

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

REVISED LIST

To clear up some misconceptions, it should be noted that summer activities are for the benefit of ALL members of Union Council 4504 and their families. We try to keep prices as low as possible to encourage family participation and social interaction. Also, all profits derived from summer activities are used to improve the Council home. We encourage and welcome your support. In order to serve you better. Please make reservations as early as possible.

It does my heart good whenever a Brother Knight or his spouse say to me: "I know you; I read your message every month. Then they both proceed to tell just how good it is! This ego-building affirmation does not hurt; it doesn't make my shirt buttons pop, either, but it stimulates me to write in a better style next time.

Now and again, we Knights ask ourselves this perennial question: Are we receiving the kind of positive publicity that we should receive? We don't want to boast lest we should boast about "our faults and infirmities," but we do need a healthy collective positive re-enforcement.

Positive, affirmative attitudes stated by persons in authority often have lasting effects, and when they are voiced they are contagious.

My initial introduction to the Knights of Columbus was by my father who thru a story form introduced me to the superlative rule that the Knights had played in the past.

My father related a true story about a Belgian Redemptorist missionary who ministered to the Ukrainian settlers in Saskatchewan during the Spanish influenza epidemic — (1917-1918). Fr. Henrich Baels, the saintly missionary, baptized, confessed and buried the dead. At this time, so often entire families were wiped out by this pestilence. One day he buried a father of six children. The mother wanted to pay him for his services. Instead, he gave her \$19 dollars, all the money he had in his wallet — to feed the six orphaned children and he left the home.

My father, being an inquisitive person, asked the missionary how he could afford to give away his earnings. Fr. Baels smiled and he reassured my father that he was not penniless. The Knights of Columbus paid him for every liturgy he celebrated in the mission field. A six dollars stipend had a high purchasing power, don't you agree? I didn't forget this story, nor the Knights of Columbus and their works of charity.

At the end of World War II, our neighbor returned home from England safe and sound. One evening he related to us how the best fraternal organization in the military compound was the Knights of Columbus. Tom was a Protestant, a very sincere and honest fellow. He proceeded to explain how the Knights provided a "fraternal home" for the soldiers regardless of race, creed or color. "There were padres, there, if you wanted to talk." And you could get anything you needed. He went on to say "I always felt at home in a K of C hut even though I wasn't a Catholic."

It seems to me that the two testimonies tell us a lot about our past achievements, but about today's achievements, are they any less worthy? I believe that our fraternal society has served wherever the need was most acute, and continues to do so!

Saturday, August 3 "The Big Band" (rain date — August 10) 7:30 P.M. We will have a 17 piece band playing your favorite hits from the 20's to the present in our Picnic Area. Free Admission. Please bring your favorite lawn chair. Refreshments will be available.

Saturday, August 10, Monmouth Race Track

See Jules Pruszkowski (688-2846)

Spaghetti Dinner

Also, on Friday, August 9 we will have a spaghetti and meatball dinner. The spaghetti dinner will be served from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Council Hall. The cost of this dinner is the inflation-fighting price of \$3.00 for tickets brought in advance. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$4. See Joe Tortora or Mike Herrighty.

Tuesday, August 13 Atlantic City

To beat the weekend traffic to the shore and the casinos we are planning a trip during the week. We will leave the Council at 8:30 a.m. to the Tropicana. There you will receive \$5 in quarters and a \$5 food coupon. Your cost is ONLY \$9.00. We have a limited number of seats. Call Joe Tortora 688-1422. First come — first served.

Wednesday, August 14 Council Swim Day

Saturday, August 17 Fish Fry or Chicken Fry

In order to satisfy those people who do not like fish we are giving you another choice — Southern Fried Chicken. We have lowered the price to \$5.00. Rain or Shine. Please make reservations early. See Joe Tortora, Jim Johnson, Jack Robbins or Mike Molloy.

Saturday, August 24 Bus trip to the Intrepid and South Seaport .

We will depart from the Council at 8:30 on a chartered bus to the decommissioned naval carrier, the U.S.S. INTREPID. It is a museum. You will be given a 4 hour guided tour of the carrier. Then we travel to South Street Seaport. You could eat at the world-famous Fulton Fish Market. Because this is a worthwhile trip for children we have lowered the price to \$16 a person (the Intrepid tour of \$6 is included) See Jim Johnson or Joe Tortora.

Friday, August 30 Dinner/Dance

To close out our Summer Activities a complete Roast Port Dinner, FREE draft beer and soda all night PLUS music for your dancing and listening pleasure for the price of \$10 a person. See Joe Tortora, Mike Molloy, Mike Herrighty.

As an additional bonus we will give free Yankee helmets to all children under 16 years of age who attend the Intrepid Tour or buys a ticket to the fish fry/chicken dinner on August 17. (While supplies last).

A REMINDER

All officers, directors, chairmen and members who plan to use the kitchen or bar facilities for an activity should contact Joe Tortora (688-1422) or Mike Herrighty (964-3841) so that proper arrangements could be made.

HELP WANTED

Any member who is interested in joining our famous, award-winning kitchen crew as a cook, purchasing agent or assisting in setting up or cleaning up after affairs should contact Tony Maffie (687-2416).



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