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**Grand Knight's
Column**
Michael Carr



With the arrival of the new year many are planning a fresh start with the traditional resolutions, to stop smoking, to lose weight, to stop drinking (but please not at the Council bar!). For most they last a week or two and become just forgotten promises until this time next year. For the Council however, January 1 means we are half way through the Colombian year. It is a time to look back at what was accomplished and to look ahead to what is still to be done. The first half of the year has been very successful from a membership point of view. We have conducted three first degrees and have taken in 48 new members. Because of this success State Membership Chairman, Joe Larena PGK, has asked me to speak on our success at the Grand Knights mid-term meeting this month. My thanks and congratulations to our Membership Chairman, Russ Albert and his committee for a job well done. A part of this success is due also to the many activities that the Council has to offer. From the Swim Club Anniversary Weekend, to the Council Picnic, to the Council Halloween Party, to all the activities of the Columbian Club these are the things that help attract new members. I would like to thank all those who worked so hard to make these things happen.

For the second half of the year there is plenty to look forward to, the Blood Bank on January 8, the Super Bowl Sunday Party, the Valentine's Dance, the Nuns and Widows Dinner, the Retarded Citizens Drive, and plenty of degree work. That was just a list of a few, there will be plenty more which you will read in the pages of upcoming "Digests".

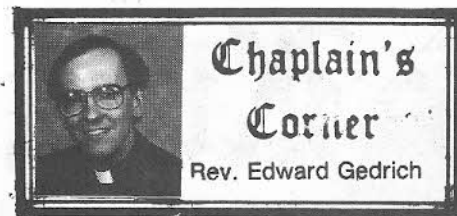
To make these things happen we can always use help. While you are making your new year's resolutions let one be to help your Council and then give me or DGK Mike Gasser (486-3141) or Program Director Lon Pannucci (763-0613) a call and we will be sure that this resolution doesn't become another forgotten promise.

#4504 BOWLING LEAGUE MEETING

There will be a meeting for all members of the Council bowling league on Wednesday, January 25, 1989 at 8:00 P.M. at the Council hall.

Any members who would be interested in bowling are also invited to attend the meeting.

-Refreshments-



**Chaplain's
Corner**

Rev. Edward Gedrich

Next Monday, January 23, the church bells of St. Michael's will toll twenty-three times after the Angelus bells at noon and again at 6 P.M.. Other churches all over our nation will do the same — in memory of the twenty-three **million(!)** babies whose lives have been ended through abortion since the Supreme Court's tragic decision in 1973.

The Church's certain and constant teaching regarding human life is familiar: "The human being is to be respected and treated as a person from the moment of conception", for "the new life begun...would never be made human if it were not human already". "God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end: no one can, in any circumstance, claim for himself the right to destroy directly an innocent human being."

As the bells sound their terrible toll on the twenty-third, we might all look into our own hearts to see if attitudes destructive of the Church's vision of human dignity have crept in. We may be against abortion — but are we for life? Are we for the support of the child of an unwed mother? Are we for the gentle and supportive counseling of a scared teenager? Are we for the healing of women whose bodies and spirits have already known the trauma of abortion? Do we truly treasure **every** human life that crosses our path, regardless of its **usefulness** to us?

Remember for whom the bell tolls. It tolls for us.

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY
JAN. 22, 1989

HOT & COLD BUFFET COFFEE & CAKE
Half Time Snacks & Sandwiches

Beer & Soda

4 pm Start

Possible Guest Speaker

\$10.00 Per Person

Joint Effort by Columbian Club & Council with
Proceeds going Towards Insurance Bill

Contact Bob Pfarr 964-1512 or Joe Tortora
688-1422

FIRST FRIDAY SCHEDULE

The following lists the guests speakers for the First Friday celebrations to be held through June:

February 3	- Rev. Edward G. Furrevig "Slides of the Holy Land"
March 3	- Rev. Charles J. Miller WWOR Sunday Mass celebrant
April 7	-Very Rev. Michael Merlucci
May 5	- Very Rev. Paul L. Bohicchio
June 2	- Most Rev. Dominic Marconi

