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Retarded Citizens Drive Reaches \$11,350

The Annual Retarded Citizens Drive held in April grossed a record amount of \$11,350 far exceeding any prior drive in Council history. The drive was well organized and planned by our co-chairmen John Boyle III, Ray Fluet and Don Wolfe. In addition to a record sum of money, this year's drive also produced a record number of collectors and counters and a record individual collection of over \$700 by Wayne Wegner.

The canister collections on the various corners and at the local churches amounted to \$8795. The collection from the local business community amounted to \$1465 and the response from the members netted an additional \$1090 from approximately 100 brothers.

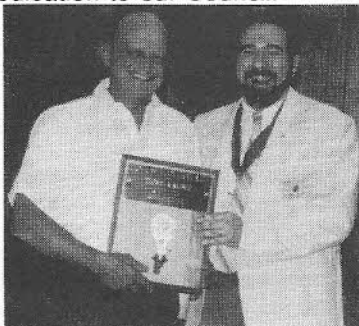
Thanks go out to all brothers, families and friends who helped in the process of running this drive. A sincere thank you is expressed by Union Council to the members of the local business community (listed below) for their generous contributions. Please patronize them whenever possible. They are: Best Foods, Boyle Hotels, Carmen's Italian Bakery, Colonial Federal Savings, Costa del Sol, Crafty Kitchens, Data Reduction Systems Corp., F&S Plumbing & Heating, Fior d'Italia Food Center, Fisher Electric Inc., Dr. Sidney Friedman, Galaxy Furniture Corp., Mario Galazzo CPA, George's Pro Shop, Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co., Harmonia Savings Bank, B. Warren Gehl, Attorney, Hollywood Monumental Co., I.C.C.L. Company, Inter Community Bank, Investors Saving & Loan Assoc., Kasher & Kowalski CPAs, Dr. Stephen Kwitnicki, L&S Pool Service, Lytwin & Lytwin, Dr. Kenneth A. Marius, Mead Products, Nawrocki Pharmacy, Jerome Petti, Attorney, Pinney Landscaping Inc., Spruce Autor Service, Union Center National Bank, United Jersey Bank, Zap Lift Trucks.

Again, a job well done and heartfelt thanks to all the collectors, counters and contributors for helping to make this drive the most successful in Council history. Through your efforts the State Council, Burnet Jr. High's Trainable Mentally Retarded Program, Camp Fatima, The Association for the Advancement of the Mentally Handicapped, the McAuley School and Special Olympics will receive contributions from the 1990 drive.

Council Awards Presented



Mike Gasser PGK presents the 1990 Knight of the Year Award to Julian Pruszkowski PGK and Past Swim Club President for his years of dedication to our Council.



Mike Gasser PGK presents the 1990 Columbian Award to Tom Kramer for dedication and hard work in our Council hall.

*****SPECIAL ELECTION*****

An election for the office of Treasurer will be held at the Council meeting of August 13, 1990. The Council Nominating Committee places the name of JEFF POGORZELSKI in nomination. Nominations from the floor will be accepted during the meeting.

FALL GOLF OUTING

Saturday, October 6, 1990 Oakridge Golf Course, Clark, New Jersey
Details, Times and Prices to Follow - Reserve Early!

ATTENTION!!! Bowlers Needed!!!

Any age, shape or average for immediate positions on the Council Bowling League. The league bowls every Tuesday night at 9:00 PM starting the first Tuesday in September at HyWay Bowl. If interested, contact Personnel Managers Ray Fluet 352-0619 or Mike Carr PGK 354-3186 to start your career in bowling.

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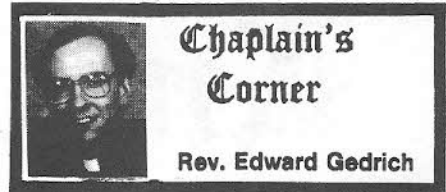
Chaplain Rev. Edward Gedrich 688-1232
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Council Meetings 2nd & 4th Monday of each month at 8:15pm.



The beginning of another Columbian year is upon us, and as always, it's a very busy time. I recently attended the annual Grand Knight's meeting where I had the opportunity to hear about the programs we will be participating in this year. Many are the same as in previous years such as Right to Life, and the Retarded Citizens programs. One of the new programs that we will be hearing more about pertains to Drug Awareness with our youth. As with all of the other challenges we face I seek your support and encourage your participation in making this program a success.

I thank everyone who attended my installation on July 6th. It's truly an honor and a privilege to be the Grand Knight of this Council, and I will strive to serve it and our members to the best of my ability.

I also offer my congratulations to the Columbian Club officers who began their terms on July 1. Please support them and the various activities they will be running throughout the year.



Jack Winters, Past Grand Knight of Union Council, was recently installed as the new State Deputy for New Jersey. Mike Gasser, immediate Past Grand Knight, has become District Deputy, succeeding Jim Johnson, who served in that post with such great dedication for the past four years. Bob Pfarr shares this page with me for the first time as Grand Knight, as he and his newly-installed team of officers will guide the fortunes of Union Council in this Columbian Year just begun. Many other brothers were honored several weeks ago at our annual Awards Dinner Meeting. Still others labor quietly and effectively day after day on behalf of our Council.

What is the common denominator among these men with personalities so different from one another and tasks and responsibilities so diverse? Quite simply—the willingness to serve even though service **always** entails sacrifice. Always! Because the call to service demands that we look beyond our needs to the needs of others, beyond our blinding preoccupation with self into the liberating light of looking to our neighbor's good. To be honest, serving others doesn't always "feel good". It involves a good deal of drudgery, a sense of being taken advantage of, a denial of much-needed rest and comfort—it's not always fun!

But it is the life that we, as Catholics, as disciples of the Lord Jesus, are called to: every one of us. For we are to live our lives in imitation of Christ, of Him who has come not "to be served but to serve" (Mark 10:45), for "whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it" (Matthew 16:25).

So don't save your life, as if for a rainy day. Spend your life! If there is work to be done, do it! If there is a sacrifice demanded, make it! In the doing, in the sacrificing, in the giving, you will find joy, you will find life.

**FIFTH ANNUAL
1990 FRIEND OF YOUTH DINNER DANCE
HONORING
SISTER ANN DOMINIC O.P.**
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1990
L'AFFAIRE RESTAURANT, MOUNTAINSIDE
TICKETS \$65.00 PER PERSON
FOR TICKETS CALL: JOHN PETERS 964-6869
RUSS TRIOLO 687-2697**

TELEPHONE

Special thanks to all members of this committee who have responded to the call of love for our departed brothers. Sometimes it was all too frequent and often of very short notice.

Although the numbers of brothers who attended the wakes was not overwhelming, we did, in most cases, have a respectable showing. In any event, we can be proud of our efforts knowing that we personally paid our last respects to our departed brothers. The families, too, appreciate this act of love as evidenced by their comments and cards.

Keep up the good work and try to get a brother friend to join us.

ART WEBER 688-7269

* PAST GRAND KNIGHT'S DINNER *
* IN HONOR OF *
* PGK MICHAEL GASSER *
* SATURDAY - SEPT 29, 1990 *
* CALL PGK BARNEY CAPRIGLIONE *
* AT 964-3143 FOR RESERVATIONS *
