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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.

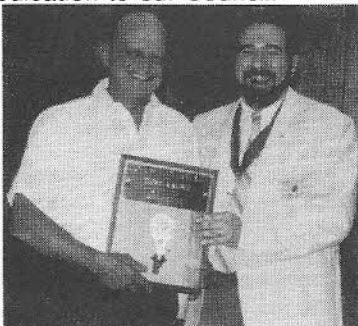
Thanks go out to all brothers, families and friends who helped in the process of running this drive. A sincere thank you is expressed by Union Council to the members of the local business community (listed below) for their generous contributions. Please patronize them whenever possible. They are: Best 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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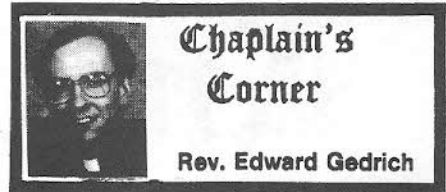
Chaplain Rev. Edward Gedrich 688-1232
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Council Meetings 2nd & 4th Monday of each month at 8:15pm.



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 *

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

Bob Hope's theme song, "Thanks for the Memories", accurately describes my feelings after five years as your Council's "Digest" Editor. Reflecting over the time I can vividly remember a Grand Knight-elect asking me to help with our Council's newsletter and to become involved in his search for chairmen for his Columbian year. That Grand Knight-elect was Mike Ward PGK. Mike informed me that I would have help. At that time, Co-Editor Tim O'Shea helped me gather and write the articles—we were Union Council's answer to the "Daily Planet"! Month after month you may have heard me at meetings asking (begging!) for articles. Or you may have seen me at affairs snapping photographs for either the "Digest" or the Grand Knight's Album. (The album is a chronological, pictorial story of each Grand Knight's year. It is presented to the immediate Past Grand Knight at the Past Grand Knight's Dinner each year.) For four succeeding years each Grand Knight-elect had asked me to continue as Editor (even though work demands forced my Co-Editor to leave the staff after one year of service) I always said, "sure"!

Roll after roll of film and article after article in the "Digest" was rolled off the presses. Even the times when we had publisher problems and months when we had no publisher at all, the Grand Knight and myself got the "Digest" out to you.

Many thanks go out for these past five years and to the five Grand Knights for whom I worked. They were (and are) dedicated, sincere and they each exemplify the values of Columbianism. I am proud to call each of them my friend, namely, Past Grand Knights Mike Ward, Tom McGarvey, Paul Sandy, Mike Carr and Mike Gasser.

Time has passed by so quickly. There is a need for new blood and ideas to make our "Digest" even bigger and better than ever. Many, many thanks to my dedicated and faithful staff of mailers, Pete Fortunate and (especially) Joe Partly. Their help was invaluable with labeling, sorting, and mailing our "Digest". Much thanks to our Computer Chairman, Jim O'Connell, who produced the monthly mailing labels. Thanks also to our Advertising Editor, Tony "DJ" Shans for his help in the past few years to keep the back page full of advertisers. Special thanks to our Financial Secretary Frank Dicerson PGK for his help and support both morally and financially (he never questioned my budget and/or expenses!) Thanks to all who supplied me with articles and ideas for articles over the years. To all of those whose pictures I took — ask the Grand Knights to show you their albums!

In closing as my last official act as Digest Editor of Union Council #4504 I would like to thank my answer to Perry White, Lois Lane & Super Girl all rolled up in one. This person helped me organize, proof read, type every word (due to the fact that I can't type at all), & share me with the Knights of Columbus for the past five years. Sometimes I think she was glad to see me off to all the meetings, but I know sometimes the K of C came first & she came second. I deeply thank her & love her & during the past 6 years she had time to give me two beautiful little girls, Megan age 6 & Molly age 2½. That supergirl is my wife Kathi whose help was invaluable & couldn't be replaced by all the three characters mentioned above. She was always there to help me & the council out when I needed her.

(P.S.) This last paragraph she didn't type & thanks to Mike Gasser this Clark Kent did have a surprise up his sleeve for his Lois Lane. Good Luck to my successor & may you have as many good memories as I have.

Thanks to all & God Bless
John Peters
Editor (Retired)

SWIM CLUB CORNER

The Council Days for the 1990 Summer Season will be as follows:

Wednesday, July 25
Wednesday, August 8
Wednesday, August 22

The pool will be open to all Union Council members and their immediate families. Please have your current Travellers Card with you on these days.

COLUMBIAN CLUB CRUISE SAIL ABOARD THE "NORDIC EXPRESS"

The Newest Ship of the Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines
March 4 through 8, 1991

Inside Cabins \$782.00/per person* Outside Cabins \$833.00/per person*

*based on double occupancy - limited availability
3rd and 4th person in a Cabin \$455.00/per person
PRICE INCLUDES roundtrip airfare from Newark to Miami, roundtrip transfers upon arrival and departure in Miami. Four nights/five days cruise on the "Nordic Express" visiting Nassau, Little Stirrup Cay (private out-island) and Freeport, all meals included, all taxes including port taxes, casino on board.

\$100 deposit/per person due on/or before AUGUST 8, 1990. FINAL PAYMENT is due approximately 2 months prior to departure. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: "Pathways Unlimited" and MAIL TO: Pathways Unlimited, 1030 South Ave West, Westfield, New Jersey 09091 ATT: Rosemarie Accomando or CALL Vinnie at 687-9381.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Dixieland Night Saturday, July 21
Price: \$15.00 per person 8 pm - 12 pm
Open Bar Chicken and Ribs Dixieland Music, Swimming & Dancing
Contact: Alex Pastushenko or Vinnie Iannuzzi for tickets

Fish Fry Friday, July 27
Price: \$6.50 per person
Contact: Bill Stuart or Ed Rocco for tickets

August 3 ADULT SWIM PARTY 8PM-12 Midnight
Music and Swimming - FREE

August 4 MONMOUTH RACE TRACK
Look for details at the Pool at a later date.

August 10 AMERICAN NIGHT 8PM - 12 MID
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Etc., Beer/Soda,
DJ Music
\$7.00 per person Contact John Boyle
241-5705

August 18 DANCING UNDER THE STARS

August 25 DINNER AND SHOW
Roast Beef Dinner & Gershwin Music Show
Open Bar
\$20.00 per person Contact: Bob Sugzda
851-9182
Alex Pastushenko 687-5510

FOR SALE

H.O. TRAINS-7 Steam Locomotives-50 Freight-5 Passenger Cars
ALL KIT BUILT - Excellent Condition
78 RPM Records-Many Big Bands-Fair Condition Call
Art Weber 688-7269