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to:
Brother Knights and Family

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

1st Mon. Council Officers
2nd & 4th Mon. Regular Meetings
3rd Mon. Swim Club
1st Wed. 4th Degree Officers
2nd Thurs. 4th Degree Color Corps
3rd Wed. 4th Degree Regular
4th Wed. Council Committees
4th Thurs. Columbian Club

SWIM CLUB NEWS

The Swim Club nominating committee is looking for anyone interested in being on the Board of Directors. If this is you please contact Frank Fabiano at 964-3863. Also, the Swim Club is looking for someone to manage the pool for the 1993 season. If you are interested please contact Swim Club President Dom Clemontoni at 688-3618.

LOOKING WAY AHEAD

St. Patrick Dance....
March 20, 1992

KNIGHT of THE MONTH December, 1992



Andre Veilleux

Our Knight Of The Month for Decemberr 1992 is Andre Veilleux. Andre and his fiancee Loretta are residents of Hillside and are communicants of Christ The King Parish.

Andre has been a third degree member of our council for three years. Since that time he has become involved with many council activities. This year Andre is serving as our outside guard and is a co-chairman of the state run raffle for our council. Andre has also been involved with work parties at Raphael's Life House and was a co-chairman for last year's Super Bowl Party. He is a regular blood donor at our drives as well as being a steady collector during our Retarded Citizen's Drives which he will be co-chairing this year. He fills in as council photographer whenever needed. (move closer Andre!!) He also serves our council as a bartender and is a member of our council bowling league.

Andre is a self-employed carpenter. His hobbies include Hockey, Skiing, and Basketball. He also enjoys rooting for the NY-Giants.

Union Council is pleased to congratulate Andre Veilleux as our Knight Of The Month for December, 1992

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 4.....First Friday
Dec. 13.....Camp Fatima Christmas Party
Dec. 14.....Annual Christmas Dinner Meeting
Dec. 20.....Children's Christmas Party
Dec. 31.....New Year's Eve Party
Jan. 8.....First Friday
Jan. 24.....Superbowl Party

NOTICE

The average meeting attendance in October was 53. Come out and meet your brother Knights.

Grand Knight's Column

Jim O'Connell



Now that the Christmas season is approaching, we are all busy doing our shopping, buying our trees and decorating our homes. But let

our being busy not get in the way of remembering what Christmas is truly all about. This is the most joyous time of our liturgical calendar, as Advent helps us to prepare for the coming of our Lord.

For as long as I can remember, Christmas has always been a time of giving. When we were kids, we tried to always select that one special gift for our Mom or Dad. And they would always show the greatest surprise and thankfulness, whether it was a toaster or earrings; a saw or a tie. We would feel so proud that we had given them such happiness. As adults, we do much the same thing with our own children, and they with us.

But this Christmas season, lets give the gift that won't cost you a penny; can't be returned because it's the wrong size and will bring happiness to those who get it, even though they are unaware that they are receiving it. That present is a prayer.

A prayer for the widow of a departed brother Knight or for a sick brother or member of his family. A prayer for a brother who may be in distress so that he may be open to the Lord's help. And don't forget that prayer for that very special person, yourself.

It won't take long to do and Advent makes it an ideal time to start. Who knows, with a few extra prayers around this Christmas season, we may truly have "peace on earth, good will toward men."

On behalf of myself, our Council officers and my family, may you have a joyous and holy Christmas and a prosperous and happy New Year.

Christmas Dinner Meeting

Our Annual Christmas Dinner Meeting will be held on December 14, 1992 beginning at 6:30 p.m. This year the menu will be a ham dinner with all the trimmings and will cost \$7.00 per person. For reservations contact our Warden, Ernie Santorelli at 688-7169 or Barney Capp at 964-3143. The cut-off date will be December 9th, and no tickets will be sold at the door.

Chaplain's Column

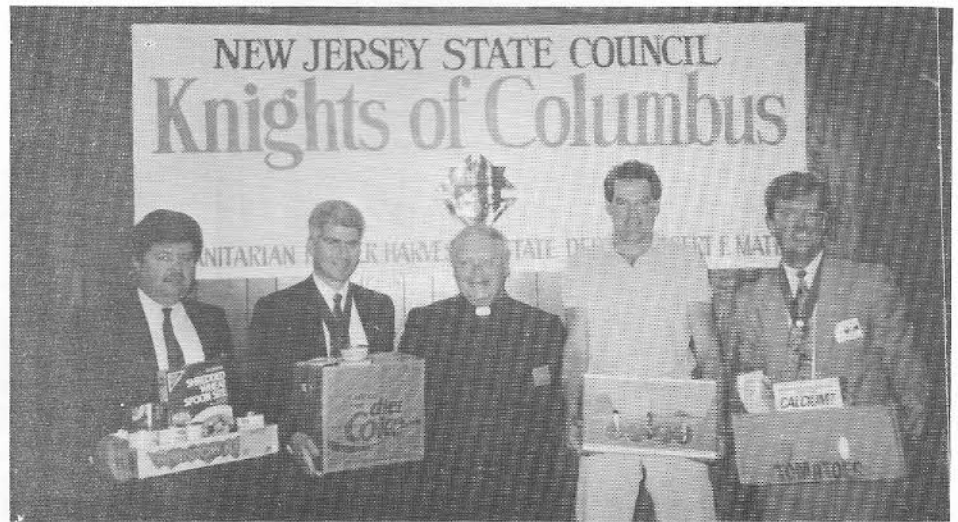
Rev. Leonard E. Dembow



On November 16, 1989, in the war ravaged country of San Salvador, and additional tragedy was committed by members of their military when six Jesuit priests, their housekeeper and her young daughter were taken from their residence and summarily executed. No political revolution was being planned by these martyrs, no acts of terrorism. Their fault, if it can be described as such, was being Christian presence of goodness in a society that had grown numb to goodness. When goodness confronts any society, there are three basic reactions, the first reaction and the most laudable is to see one's life is in need of reform and conversion and to turn to the Lord for the strength to make that conversion. The second reaction is to run from the goodness so that it does no discomfort us. The third reaction is to try to destroy the witnesses of the goodness as if, by so doing, the goodness itself would be destroyed. Sadly, the third reaction was the one adopted in San Salvador on that night in November.

That we would be asked to witness to Jesus Christ in the heroic way of the martyrs just described is a remote possibility. But witness is an integral part of the meaning of Christian. Ours is not simply a contemplative or meditative relationship with the Lord but is also one that is described in the New Testament as being "...doers of the word," not simply hearers of the word. Let us examine our lives to see how well we witness. Do we react to goodness in that first way? Do we influence the lives of those close to us so intensely that they can see goodness and imitate it? Do we make our membership in the fraternity of the Knights a vehicle for the demonstration of good? Do we look for ways to go the extra distance to spread the good news of the

HUMANITARIAN HUNGER HARVEST



At our harvest Day Collection, PGK Bob Pfarr, District Deputy John Byrnes, Chaplain Father Dembow, Council Harvest Chairman Rick Keane and GK Jim O'Connell show some of the food collected for our local families in need of food.

New Year's Eve Party December 31, 1992

\$70 a couple
Prime Rib Dinner and Open Bar
Snacks at Midnight

For reservations call:
Bob Sugzda 851-8182 or
Rich Pipala 964-7592

Knights of Columbus Seek 'Decency in Media'

In a resolution passed at the Knights of Columbus' 110th national convention held in New York City on August 4, the Knights assailed "the proliferation of exploitative treatments of sex and violence in the media, along with their frequent, and apparently deliberate assaults on the values and beliefs of Catholics and persons of other religious traditions."

The resolutions asked those responsible for setting media policy to re-examine their practices, and take steps to protect the public interest by voluntarily eliminating material of this kind.

The resolution further urged courts and law enforcement officials vigorously to enforce existing laws against obscenity.

The Knights of Columbus, whose membership today totals 1,525,426, pledged continued support for Morality in Media and other organizations fighting for the preservation and enhancement of family values.

Gospel of Jesus Christ?

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving Day, perhaps we should express our gratitude to the Lord for the many times He has strengthened us to be His instruments for good and to pray for a continuing strengthening. The husband of the martyred housekeeper has planted roses on the site of execution to mark that place of tragedy with an image of beauty. In the good that we do for one another we can be planting some roses of our own.

*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
from
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