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RETARDED CITIZENS DRIVE

The annual Knights of Columbus Retarded Citizens Drive will be held this year on April 21st, 22nd, and 23rd. Union Council #4504 is proud to participate in this yearly drive where the proceeds are donated entirely to help our mentally handicapped brothers and sisters. Last year with your help we collected over 22,000 dollars. These monies were donated to such programs as Camp Fatima, the TMR program conducted in the Burnett Middle School and Special Olympics. Each year we try to expand this program and this year is no exception. With a committee made up of 25 dedicated individuals, we have set forth plans and goals to make this our largest fund raiser to date.

BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

Brothers, the best laid plans cannot work without you. This is your opportunity to practice one of the greatest principles of our order: Charity.

The drive this year will be conducted in 3 ways—*March Madness Fund Raiser*, Membership and Corporate donations, and the April collection. Brothers, this is the way you can help:

- A) Get a group of your relatives/friends and take out a table of ten for *March Madness* on April 1st.
- B) Send in a donation for 5 dollars or more, marked *Retarded Citizens Drive*. If everybody did that we would raise 10,000 dollars for that part of the drive alone.
- C) If your company will contribute or has matching contributions either ask them or let us know who to call.
- D) The weekend of the drive can you or members of your family donate 2-4 hours to help collect in Union.

In a few weeks you will be getting a call from one of your fellow members on the R.C.D. Committee. He will be asking if you have given some thought as to how you can help our mentally handicapped brothers and sisters. Again I ask you to think about this and be as generous as you can with your time and donation. I look forward to seeing you at the *March Madness Fund Raiser* and the Drive in April.

If you have any questions or comments please call me at 688-0106.

Pat Sheridan
Chairman



The Council Chair Officers: Chancellor Ray Pruszkowski; Deputy Grand Knight Ernie Santorelli; Grand Knight Bob Wozniak and Warden Rosario Bove would like to wish all the members and their families a Happy Easter.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RECEIVES AAA (SUPERIOR) RATING FROM STANDARD & POOR'S, AGAIN

We are proud to announce that Standard & Poor's (S&P) affirmed its AAA (Superior) rating on the Knights of Columbus claims-paying ability on February 2, 1995.

A letter distributed from S&P stated that "the rating for K of C... is based on a long track record of superior capitalization and healthy profitability. K of C also reaps benefits from its unique strategic advantage of marketing to the Catholic population through the society's extensive distribution network."

S&P continued, "K of C's primary objectives are to provide its members and their families with high quality, low cost life insurance; to expand its membership by attracting a large segment of the Catholic

population; and to engage its members in charitable, educational, religious and social endeavors as well as making charitable contributions itself."

Standard & Poor's ended its release by saying that Knights of Columbus' "capitalization provides for more than enough support for future business growth and any investment strain. S&P expects that the society's capital adequacy will remain on superior levels."

Let us not forget that we also continue to draw A.M. Best's rating of A++ (Superior) year after year. The awarding of these superior ratings to Knights of Columbus proves, once again, that we are as good as any and better than most insurance organizations around—fraternal or commercial.

* We are evaluated to be in the top 1% of all insurance companies
By Brother Knights, for Brother Knights and Families

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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

CALENDAR

Apr 1 8:00 AM	Work Party
Apr 1 1:00 PM	Easter Egg Hunt
Apr 1	March Madness: Final Four
Apr 7 7:30 PM	First Friday
Apr 8 8:00 AM	Work Party
Apr 8 8:00 PM	Italian Night
Apr 9	Palm Sunday
Apr 14	Good Friday
Apr 15 ... 8:00 AM	Work Party
Apr 16	Easter
Apr 19 ... 8:00 PM	DARE Program for Adults
Apr 21	Campaign for Retarded Citizens
Apr 22	Bingo
Apr 29 ... 8:00 AM	Work Party
Apr 30	Clergy Appreciation Day
May 5	Communion Supper
May 6 8:00 AM	Work Party

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH April 1995



Brother Knight Theodore Czaplá

Brother Knight Ted Czaplá has been a resident of Union Township for the past 40 years. He and his wife Marlene have been married for 15 years, and have two children: Theodore, who is 11 years old, and Dana, who is 8. Ted and his family are parishioners of Saint Michael's church and both of his children attend the parish school.

Ted attended Essex Catholic High School in Newark, NJ where he participated in several sports programs and prepared himself to further his education. Upon graduating from Essex Catholic, Ted enrolled at the University of Albuquerque New Mexico, where he graduated in 1973 with a degree in Criminology.

Upon graduating from College he began a career in law enforcement and is currently employed by Southland Corporation where he serves as a field consultant for the 7-11 stores.

Ted enjoys coaching youth baseball and basketball and has a love for golf as well as bowling.

Since becoming a member of Union Council 4504 Ted has always been ready to lend a helping hand whenever needed. He is currently our council youth activities chairman, and boy has he ever earned that title. Whether it be gathering a large group of children at the family picnic and entertaining them with games and events, transforming our council room to a frightening haunted house at the children's Halloween party, or Christmas caroling with Rudolf the Red Nose Reindeer. Whatever the event is, it always brings out a capacity crowd, because they are always assured a surprise, laughter, and a day full of enjoyment for both the parents and their children.

As the Youth Activity Chairman Ted has shown Creativity, imagination and a family unity and has always left our children with

Grand Knight's Column

ROBERT WOZNIAK



I am somewhat concerned that in all our zeal to accomplish the ennobling goals, "for the good of the order," we often lose sight of our basic knightly values and principles. During one of my recent conversations with Father Anselm of Saint Michael's Parish, in Union, he related an amusing anecdote. One evening, while he was walking to his car, someone stopped him and proceeded to hold him up. After presenting his wallet to the mugger, Father Anselm asked the mugger if he could take out a cigarette from his pocket and even offered a cigarette to the mugger. The mugger thanked Father Anselm for the offer. But he refused the cigarette due to the fact that he had given up cigarette smoking for lent.

I believe that this mugger has a problem prioritizing good Christian behavior. Similarly, we often focus our efforts at accomplishing goals for worthy causes without prioritizing our own Christian behavior.

The work that we do to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, help the helpless and care for the sick, is paramount to anything else that we do as Knights of Columbus. However, this is only true when we do this work with charity, unity, fraternity, patriotism, and in a team spirit, with kindness and courtesy towards each other. Those of us who are young and inexperienced need encouragement and support from the more knowledgeable and experienced members. Criticism and ridicule motivates no one. Each of us shall contribute according to his talents. The combined fruits of our labors are significantly greater than the individual contributions only when the integrated effort is done with love for each other. Remember, Christ lives in all of us! Happy Easter!

*Bob Wozniak
Grand Knight*

a smile on their faces.

It is clear to me that Ted's biggest hobby is family and he shows it every time he plans an event.

Union Council 4504 takes great pride in naming Brother Knight Ted Czaplá as Knight of the Month for April 1995.

