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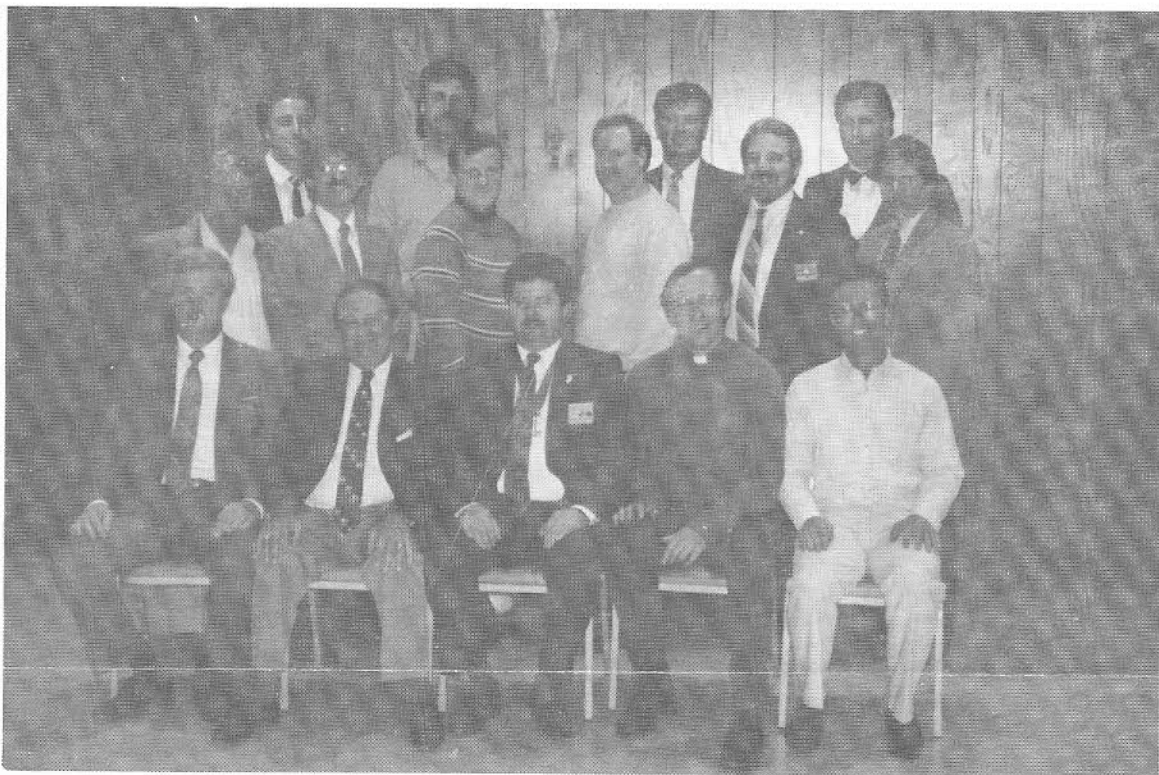
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## Season's Greetings



### From the Officers

#### NOTICE

The First Friday Program for December has been cancelled so as not to conflict with local parish observance of the feast of the Immaculate Conception. We will resume our program in January.

Thank You for your support.



#### Annual Christmas Dinner Meeting

December 10, 1990

6:30 PM

Roast Beef Dinner and Beverages  
\$7.00 per Person

Ticket Sales Close December 3rd  
No Tickets will be sold at the door

FOR TICKETS CALL:  
PGK Barney Capriglione — 964-3143

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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 Wed. .... 4th Degree Color Corps  
3rd Wed. .... 4th Degree Regular  
4th Wed. .... Council Committees  
4th Thurs. .... Columbian Club

## Swim Club News

The Swim Club Board of Governors are **LOOKING FOR 3 GOOD MEN.** We have three openings for Directors for a three year term. Anyone who is interested please contact Swim Club President George Clark at 688-8753

## Columbian Club Cruise

Sail on the Nordic Express  
March 4 through 8, 1991  
For information call:  
Vinnie — 687-9381

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**RING IN 1991 AT OUR  
GALA  
NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY  
December 31, 1990  
7:30 P.M. to 1 A.M.**

**Cocktails Hors d'oeuvres  
Open Bar  
Prime Rib Dinner  
Live Band  
Hats and Noisemakers  
1 A.M. snack  
Price: \$70 per couple  
For reservation call:  
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## Coors & Pasta

Playoff Sunday, January 6th  
"All the Pasta you can eat"  
2 PM to 5 PM  
\$4.00 per person + 50¢ mugs  
of Coors.  
Prizes—Giveaways & Big  
screen football  
Doors open at 12:30 til 7 PM  
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Cutoff Jan. 1st  
For information or tickets call:  
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## Military Servicemen Committee

The Military Servicemen Committee sent Christmas packages to the following Brother Knights, or their sons or daughters, who are presently serving in the Armed Forces of the United States at various domestic and overseas locations:

Lt. Commander Thomas J. Arminio USN  
CTO 2 Christopher Carr  
Captain Thomas Gwiazdowski  
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Jack Kelly, Chairman

## Grand Knight's Column

Bob Pfarr



I don't know about anyone else but it's hard for me to believe that December is already here. The Christmas season is well upon us, a time of giving and sharing with our families and friends, a time when many of us show our appreciation to those who have helped us throughout the past year. So in that spirit I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped to make the (nearly) first half of my term as Grand Knight such a great experience. My Officers and Committee Chairman have supported me every step of the way for which I am deeply appreciative. I also thank our Columbian Club President Bob Sugzda and his entire Board of Officers for their help with the various functions we have run. Last, but certainly not least, I thank all the members, their families and friends who have been so faithful in support of our many endeavors. Our first Friday program continues to be well attended. Our bingo and chinese auction were very successful, as were our family picnic and the Halloween dance. Most recently, our annual Memorial Mass and Communion breakfast was attended by more than one hundred people. None of our accomplishments would be possible if it weren't for your help, which brings me to my next item.

One of the areas in which we can always use help is in recruiting new members - the lifeblood of our organization. Talk it up with your friends, relatives and neighbors. If you need membership applications stop by the council and pick some up, or call Ross Bove, our membership chairman at 687-4257. Don't keep a good thing all to yourself - share it!

And while I'm speaking of lifeblood, that's another area where we can use help. Our blood drive in September was good but it should be much better. We need more donors. Our next blood bank will be at the council on Feb. 17th. Contact PGK Dominick C Lementoni at 688-3618 if you are willing to donate, so that we can begin to get an idea of how many people to expect.

Check the calendar of events in the digest for other activities going on at the council.

In closing, my family and I wish you and all your families a Happy and Holy Christmas, and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

— KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS —



**Chaplain's  
Column**  
Rev. Edward Gedrich

As I write this article, it is early November. (The typist, editor, printer, and mailers require about three weeks lead time for the preparation of each issue of the Digest.) I am anticipating my annual (and long-overdue) retreat, which this year, through the kindness of a friend, will be spent in Medjugorje, Yugoslavia, where the Blessed Virgin Mary has supposedly been appearing to several young people daily for the last nine years. I do not know what I will find there (I'm a natural skeptic regarding mystical claims) but I am told that I might expect to find peace.

Peace. How we long for it: in our world, in our community, in our families, in our hearts. Yet how elusive it is; how readily it flees in the face of even the threat of conflict. And yet Jesus promises his followers peace: "My peace I give to you" (John 14:27). What's wrong here.

Maybe the problem is that we wait for peace to find us: we rarely seek it. We ignore conflict rather than face it honestly. We swallow so many slights, real or imagined, nurse our grudges, and allow our insides to be consumed by an anger we rarely release in healthy ways. We're afraid to face our own weaknesses honestly and so never bring them to the Lord for healing. It's no wonder peace eludes us!

Supposedly, the message of Our Lady at Medjugorje is simple: recommit your life to God, live your faith, pray more, fast and do penance, and seek after peaces. Nothing more dramatic than that. Do these things, she says, and you will find peace.

By now, as you read these words, I've been back from Medjugorje about three weeks. I hope my experience there has led me to seek peace more fervently here. Now it's now the season of Advent, that season of the year when we prepare to celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace. Maybe, in the midst of the hectic pressures of this time, we can all decide to begin to seek and strive after peace, that peace we say we desire. Invest more time in God: pray a little more—and in prayer, don't be afraid to face your faults and failings. Let God be God, your *only* God. Fast and feel a little hungry: most of the world has no choice *but* to be hungry because we consume so much. Seek after peace: make up with someone you've wronged, or someone who's wronged you. Start small. Do one of these

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**KNIGHT OF THE MONTH  
December, 1990**



**Ray Williamson**

Our Knight of the Month for December, 1990 is brother Ray Williamson. Ray is a communicant of St. Michael's parish and has been a resident of Union for twenty-seven years. A Veteran of the United States Army he is employed by Shop-Rite of West Orange.

Ray has been a Third Degree member of Union Council for two years. In this short period of time he has quietly exemplified our basic principle of charity by giving of his time to our two most noteworthy causes - Right to Life and our Retarded Citizens Drive. During the Rose Sunday sale, which raises funds to support Right to Life activities, Ray could be seen selling roses outside the doors of both St. Michael's and Holy Spirit before and after many of the masses. He also lends a hand collecting money during the annual Retarded Citizens Drive which is held in the springtime.

Ray is also an active member of St. Michael's parish where he serves as an usher at the 7:30 AM mass. In between giving of his time to help others he enjoys walking, baseball and playing Santa Claus for family gatherings at Christmas time.

Our congratulations to Ray Williamson, Union Council's Knight of the Month for December, 1990.

**WINTER**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Dec. 7 First Friday services are cancelled
- Dec. 9 Camp Fatima Christmas Party
- Dec. 10 Annual Christmas Dinner Meeting
- Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Party
- Jan. 4 First Friday
- Jan. 6 Playoff Pasta Party
- Jan. 27 Super Bowl Party

**The Miracle of  
Ordinary People**

In Oslo, Norway, on the tenth of December, in 1980, a small stooped woman in a faded blue sari and worn sandals received an award. From the hand of a King, in a great glittering hall of velvet, gold and crystal; surrounded by the noble, rich and famous, Mother Teresa received the Nobel Peace Prize.

She strode to the rostrum and said, in a firm voice to the awed assembly: "We can do no great things; only small things with great love".

No Shah or President or King holds the key to as much power as she has. None is as rich. Hers is the invincible weapon against the evils of the world: the caring heart. Her everlasting riches are the wealth of the compassionate spirit.

The contradictions of her life and faith are nothing compared to our own. While we wrestle with frustration about the importance of the individual, she goes right on changing the world. While we strive to obtain more power and resources, she uses her power and resources to do what she can do at the moment.

If ever there is truly peace on earth, goodwill to men, it will be because of women like Mother Teresa. Peace is not something you wish for; it is something you make, something you do, something you are and something you giveaway.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

**Youth Activities**

The annual Children's Christmas Party will be held on Sunday Afternoon December 16, 1990 between the hours of 2:00 and 5:00 PM at the council home. All children and grandchildren up to age 8 years are invited to attend.

Please bring a wrapped gift clearly marked with the name of the child which will be presented to the children by Santa. The cost of the gift should range in the area of \$5.00.

Refreshments will be available so come and join Santa for some holiday fun.

Youth Activity Director  
John F. Relton

*Chaplain's Column Continued*  
things, maybe the easiest one. Don't give up.

Then, don't be surprised: maybe if you seek peace, you will find peace.

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