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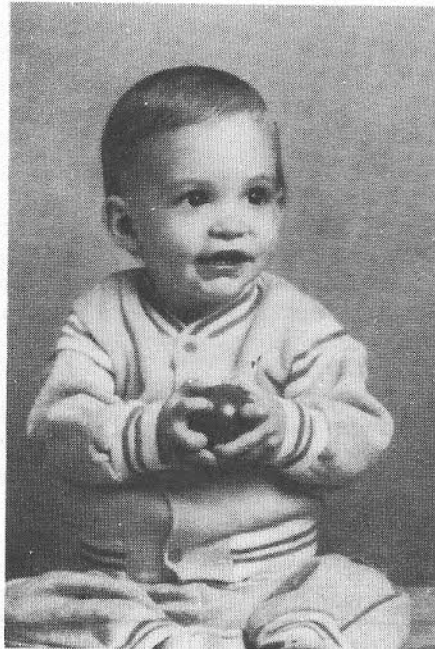
LITTLE LEWIS NEEDS OUR HELP

Pictured is Lewis Rommeihs, He is the 16-month old son of Robert and Carolyn Rommeihs. Carolyn's maiden name is Aroneo and she is a native of Irvington. Her husband, Robert, is a native of Vailsburg. The couple moved to Union about five years ago and became neighbors to Union Council. They are residents of Jeanette Avenue. Robert is a Brother Knight, a member in the Vailsburg Council. He maintains his membership there as he still spends many hours in Newark as a fireman.

If you did not know anything about Lewis, you would not think that there is anything "wrong" with him. Sadly though, there is a very serious problem. Lewis is missing the seventh chromosome, a condition that will eventually lead to acute non-lymphocytic leukemia. This rare form of the disease is very difficult to treat.

Little is known about ANL, as this form of cancer is called, as opposed to the more common form of leukemia, ALL, which has a cure rate of 85%.

What is known is that it cannot be treated by chemotherapy. Instead, Lewis must undergo a bone marrow transplant in Seattle, Washington. The donor search and operation is expected to cost over \$165,000. As most people know, medical insurance does not cover much.



When a donor is found and the surgery which is a very complicated and trying procedure will take 21 days. During this time Lewis will spend his days and nights in a completely sterilized environment. The family and Lewis will have to stay another 100 days to assure that the transplant takes hold. The surgery will be scheduled six to eight weeks after a donor is found.

To help to defray some of the expenses, Lewis's aunt started a fund called "Lewis' Love for Life". Some fund raisers have been held already by the Newark firemen and the Vailsburg Knights of Columbus Council, but a lot is still needed. More fund raisers are expected and we at 4504 should try to help and/or attend.

Little Lewis is a "regular" at United Children's Hospital in Newark for testing and for the donor search.

Wouldn't it be wonderful and also very charitable if every Brother of 4504 would send just \$1.00 to the fund. Why that's almost \$1600.00 to help a Brother Knight and his family at time of need. If you can find it in your heart please mail your donations to:

Lewis' Love for Life
P. O. Box 312
Kenilworth, New Jersey 07033

If you have any questions about the Little Lewis fund, contact Grand Knight Mike Carr or Editor John Peters.

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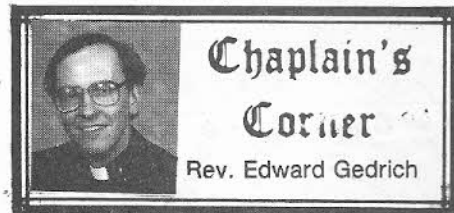
February is the month of hearts and of Valentine's Day, and fortunately, another year has gone by in which I have been able to dodge Cupid's arrow. No worrying about the last minute box of candy, the one that has been on the shelf since the day after Christmas. No making the florist rich by paying triple the price for roses. I'll enjoy Valentine's Day at the annual Valentine's Dance at the Council and I hope many of you will also. This affair is one of the more important events of our Columbian year, so please support it.

February is also a time when we start to look ahead a little bit. A nominating committee is being selected to start work on naming a slate of Council officers for the upcoming Columbian year. Deputy Grand Knight Mike Gasser, in between Convention headaches, is starting to formulate his plans for the upcoming year. He is thinking of people to head his committees. We need Brothers to volunteer to be chairmen or to work on a committee. Anyone who would like to give Mike a hand — he's a real nice guy — please call him on 486-3141 or call Chancellor Bob Pfarr on 964-1512.

Please remember the Lewis Love for Life Fund. The Council has made a donation of \$120.00 which was presented at a fund raising dinner held by our Brother Knights of Regina Pacis Council. We hope to make another donation by the end of the term. I hope that you as Brother Knights will find it in your Valentine's hearts to help a Brother Knight and his family in this time of need.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- February 18 BINGO at Boys Club 7:00 P.M.
Winter Smorgasbord 7:30 P.M. (Council hall)
- 20 Swim Club Meeting 8:00 P.M.
- 23 Columbian Club Meeting 7:30 P.M.
- 26 Spelling Bee 1:30 P.M.
- 27 Council Meeting 8:15 P.M.
- March 3 First Friday 7:30 P.M.
- 6 Officers Meeting 8:00 P.M.
- 13 Council Meeting 8:15 P.M.
- 14 Trump Plaza Bus Trip 8:30 A.M.
- 18 Irish Night 7:30 P.M.
- Annual Easter Egg Hunt 1:30 P.M.
- 19 Bally's Bus Trip 1:30 P.M.



Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Edward Gedrich

We've washed the ashes from our foreheads. Have we also washed away the spirit of repentance they were meant to express?

So often the season of Lent becomes for us "The Will-Power Olympics". Will we be able to hold out until Easter without candy, or beer, or cigarettes, or dessert? Will we fade in mid-March? Do Sundays count? If that's all Lent means for us.....what a foolish waste of time! The Lord doesn't want to test our will-power: He wants to test our hearts! Are our hearts really with Him?

Let this Lent be a time when we really look into our hearts—every day, all Lent long. This means more than a quick examination of conscience before going to confession the Saturday afternoon before Palm Sunday. It means time (quality time, priority time, time set aside each day). It means honesty (forget the petty self-deceptions we usually use to justify our self-centeredness). It means faith (that God Loves us today, here and now, even as He calls us to become so much more loving, just, and generous than we are).

When it comes to "giving up": how about giving up grudges; how about giving up stinging words; how about giving up rash judgments about others. Lent is not about saving calories: it's about saving souls.

How fruitful such a Lent might be! Its effects might last beyond Easter morning, maybe even beyond the day the last jelly bean is found behind the sofa in July. Its effects might even last a lifetime. Maybe even forever.

FIRST FRIDAY SCHEDULE

The following lists the guest speakers for the First Friday celebrations to be held through June:

- March 3 - Rev. Charles J. Miller
WWOR Sunday Mass celebrant
- April 7 - Very Rev. Michael Merlucci
- May 5 - Very Rev. Paul L. Bochicchio
- June 2 - Most Rev. Dominic Marconi

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

A Council scholarship is available to one student per year. The student must be the child, brother or sister of a member in good standing or a deceased member of Union Council.

The applicant must pass the Archdiocesan High School entrance exam and be accepted by a Catholic high school.

Preference for the scholarship will be decided by the scholarship committee on the basis of need and scholastic ability. If deemed necessary by the committee, an interview will be scheduled at which time the applicant must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Please apply as soon as possible and no later than April 15, 1989. Applications will be made available at the Council hall or contact PGK Andy Popp at 688-6951.

All applications must be addressed to the Grand Knight and mailed to the Council hall. The winner will be notified no later than June, 1989.

Convention '89

The State Convention will once again be held in Wildwood, May 18th to 21st. As of this writing all rooms in the Pan Am are spoken for. However, we have obtained 15 rooms in the Crusader, which is one block away, and they will charge the same rates as the Pan Am. There are a few minor details to be worked out with the two hotels. I have just received rates from the Pan Am. The rooms have gone up between 4 to 6 dollars depending on the room. The hospitality room rate will be the same as last year, \$40 if you come down on Thursday and \$35 dollars if you come down on Friday. I will now start taking deposits, so if you have a reservation please contact me or if you would like to put your name on a waiting list call DGK Michael Gasser at 486-3141.

ALL DEPOSITS MUST BE IN BY FEBRUARY 27, 1989!

IRISH NIGHT

Saturday, March 18, 1989 7:30 P.M. until midnight
Appetizers - Irish Potatoes - Cabbage - Corn Beef -
Plus Bar-b-que Chicken - Soda Bread - Coffee -
Dessert
DJ - Tickets: \$12.00 per person (\$3.00 less than last year's price)

Proceeds will help to pay insurance costs. Irish Night will be a joint effort of the Council, Swim Club and Columbian Club. For tickets call Joe Tortora (688-1422) or please see Frank Fabiano or Mike Carr.

TRUMP PLAZA

This March 14 trip departs at 8:30 A.M. from the Knights of Columbus parking lot. You pay \$12.00 and receive 15.00 cash (\$20.00 with a valid voucher) plus \$3.00 for food, plus a \$5.00 deferred voucher. For reservations call Ignatius Zrebiec at 686-1622.

BALLY'S ATLANTIC CITY

Sunday, March 19, 1989 leaving Union Council at 1:30 P.M. returning at 11:00 P.M. a trip to Bally's in Atlantic City. The \$17.00 per person price includes Roundtrip transportation-\$17.00 in coin-\$5.00 return voucher and snacks!

We have also arranged for a pick up at the Forked River Service Area. Advance arrangements MUST be made.

For reservations call Lonny Pannucci at 763-0613 after 6:00 P.M. Deposits must be received within 48 hours of reservations.

K OF C BINGO

Come on out and make the first Bingo of 1989 a success. See you on Saturday, February 18 at the Boys and Girls Club. Workers should arrive at 6:00 P.M. and play will begin at 7:00 P.M.

COLUMBIAN CLUB CORNER WINTER SMORGASBORD

To help you get through the long, hard cold winter, the Columbian Club is offering its ever-popular SMORGASBORD. On Saturday night, February 18 starting at 7:30 P.M., we will present our winter Smorgasbord. Our tentative menu includes: pasta, chicken murphy, pepper steak, hot and mild mussels, fresh turkey breast, shrimp chow mein, bar-b-q spare ribs, kielbasi and kraut, vegetable and potatoes, etc. In addition to coffee and dessert, there will be beer and soda all night long. To burn off your meal there will be a DJ for your dancing. The total cost is only \$10.00 per person. Call Joe Tortora at 688-1422. Limited seating. Dinner will be served at 8:00 P.M. The party will end at midnite. Call Today - don't get shut out!

Sprucing Up

Even though the pool and picnic grounds are not yet open, we are preparing for the summer. A professional tree expert has pruned and topped all the trees in the picnic area, patio area and front lawn. All dead and diseased trees have been removed. Unsightly tree stumps have been leveled. Broken branches and potentially dangerous limbs (especially those near power lines, buildings and TV antennae) have been cut.

This project was not only done for aesthetic purpose but also as a safety measure. The cost was approximately \$3500. A special thanks to Columbian Club Board members, Joe Bizzaro and Bob Auth, who handled this project.

BOARD MEMBERS WANTED

The Columbian Club has formed a nominating committee for the purpose of interviewing candidates for the 1989-90 Columbian Club Board of Directors. If you are interested in being considered, please see Joe Partly or Bill Stuart. This is a chance for members to put their ideas into action instead of just talking about what should be done.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE

The Columbian Club is accepting bids for the summer snack bar. This is an excellent opportunity for a retired person(s) or a college student(s) to obtain money for expenses. If interested, please see Ed Rocco.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES


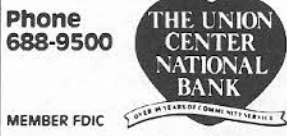


A Spelling Bee will be held at the Council hall on Sunday, February 26 at 1:30 P.M. All 8th grade students are invited to participate. Refreshments will be served to all participants and their guests.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 18 at 1:30 P.M. in the Council picnic area. The rain date will be Saturday, March 25.

COLUMBIAN SWIM CLUB

At a special Swim Club meeting, the Board of Governors elected the following people as officers for the 1989 season: Frank Fabiano, President; Paul J. Sandy PGK, Secretary and Publicity Chairman; Dominick Clementoni PGK, Treasurer; Vinnie Tannuzzi, Assistant Treasurer; Pat Scalgione, Controller; George Clark and Frank Cosenza, Pool and Grounds; John Dzuna, Membership; Wes Czap, Work Parties; Jack Killian, Maintenance; John Peters, Pool Director; Vinnie Tannuzzi, Assistant Pool Director.

The annual dues letters will be going out the beginning of February. Please mail them back as soon as possible. Looking forward to a safe a happy pool season.

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