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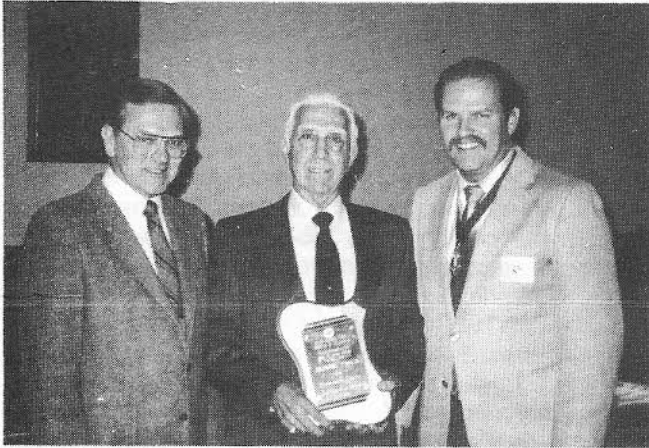


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1987 SENIOR CITIZEN AWARD AND SHIELD AWARD RECIPIENTS

Anthony "Tony" Paglia, recipient of this year's Senior Citizen Award from Union Council No. 4504, Knights of Columbus, "is living proof that age is no barrier to personal growth and development and service to one's community," according to Township Committeeman, E. James Roberts.

After a long career as a Teamster, Tony retired and went back to school to earn the diploma and degree that the Depression, World War II and family responsibilities prevented him from acquiring earlier. He quickly won a diploma from Union High School and then began attending Union County College, graduating "magna cum laude" with his Associate Degree and winning the "President's Award." He is continuing his studies and looks forward to receiving his Bachelor's Degree.

Along the way Tony managed to earn his pilot's license and holds the rank of Lt. Colonel in the Civil Air Patrol.

In his spare time, Tony serves as Vice-President of the Union College Alumni Association, as a leader in several Senior Citizen groups, and as a Democratic County Committeeman and has been honored with a Special Resolution by the Union Township Committee and many other organizations. Tony is also one of the organizers and is still active on the Union Memorial Tribute to America Committee which formed and maintains the proud flags in Union Center. Tony is married and the father of three children.

FIRST FRIDAY PROGRAM

On June 5, at 7:30 P.M., Mr. Peter Runfola will speak on the "Make a Wish Foundation," a most unusual activity. Please attend and make this date a memorable one.

Mike Tomko
Church Act. Chairman

Captain Fred Juliano, who received this year's prestigious "Shield Award" from Knights of Columbus Council 4504, was described by Township Committeeman E. James Roberts as "an officer and a gentleman who serves the Township of Union with a dedication and devotion to duty that is rare."

"We are all familiar with headline stories announcing uncommon bravery on the part of firefighters, risking their lives to perform rescues and preserve property," Roberts said. "As Chief of the Bureau of Fire Prevention and as Fire Sub-code Official, Captain Juliano works to reduce those risks for our firefighters and the threat of loss by fire for our citizens. He enforces the new fire safety code diligently and with an approach that elicits voluntary compliance in most instances. A professional firefighter who has advanced steadily through the ranks of the department, Captain Juliano is a resident of Union, is married and is the father of two children."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS JUNE, 1987

- 1 First Degree - 8:00 P.M.
- 3 Officers Meeting - 8:00 P.M.
- 5 First Friday Mass - 7:30 P.M.
- 8 Council Meeting - 8:15 P.M. (Election of Officers)
- 10 Second Degree - 8:00 P.M.
- 12 Third Degree - 8:00 P.M.
- 15 Pool Opens Daily
- 22 Council Meeting and Awards Dinner - 6:30 P.M.
- 25 Columbian Club Board Meeting - 8:00 P.M.
- 30 Toast to Incoming and Outgoing Grand Knights

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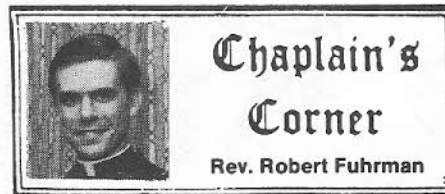
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The Gift of Faith

Knights of Columbus are called to be exemplary Catholics, proud of the Faith and anxious to live it to the full. Today such commitment is vitally important, because so many people have created their own concept of God.

It seems to me that the majority of young Americans feel that God accept all forms of behavior as equally virtuous. We are all so influenced by TV and media, and by the examples of public figures who should know better (Jim Bakker and Gary Hart, and others). The result in many cases has been the creation of a false god, one who has no specific commandments, but who gibes only some vague indication that we should not hurt anyone.

Actually the 10 Commandments are very specific and clear laws from God to His people. As summer approaches, I suggest we evaluate the priorities in our lives. Sin is usually caused by selfishness in some form, and selfishness will never make us or our families happy. Remember, the true God does make certain demands. To be a good Catholic is not a great burden, but it is not meant to be easy either. Let no Knight fall victim to the current false god mentality. Let's follow the Lord as He has revealed Himself, through the gospels and the guidance of His Church. Worship is not optional, and to avoid the sacraments will cause spiritual starvation.

We are all in this together. The Church of Christ will lead us to heaven, if we keep alive our prayer and cherish the gift of faith.

Fr. Robert J. Fuhrman

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Grand Knight's Column

Thomas J. McGarvey



As I complete my year as Grand Knight I thank all those who supported the council programs to help make the 1986-1987 Columbian year a success. Any accomplishments which were achieved were a direct result of the hard work and dedication of the officers, chairman and the committeemen of this great Council.

I sincerely thank and congratulate the following: all the officers who performed their duties so well and who never said no when asked to do more; the two degree teams whom I'm proud to have worked with; the chairmen and their committees who did their jobs so admirably in providing the service programs to the members and their families; the men who put in many hours in the kitchen preparing meals on various occasions, refreshments at Council meetings and on First Fridays; the men who got the Digest out on time month after month; the members, family and friends who stuffed envelopes for many hours for the airport chapel mass card mailing; the Past Grand Knights who helped me with various programs and affairs and who gave me the benefit of their years of experience when I needed their help on Council matters; the Brother Knights who attended the Council meetings; the family and friends who supported all those previously mentioned; Chaplain Father Bob Fuhrman who did a journeyman's job in his first year and enlightened us with his wisdom, wit and his youthful vitality; and finally, the membership, who donated their time, finances and fraternal support during the past year.

I thank my wife Janet and my children Thomas, Kelly Ann, Debra and Laura for the love and understanding they've given me over the years I've served the Council and especially this year.

This past year as Grand Knight is an experience I will always look back on with proud and fond memories. As any Past Grand Knight of Union Council will attest to, it's an experience one never forgets. I am proud to have served as Grand Knight of Union Council 4504. Thank you for giving me the opportunity.

Thomas J. McGarvey
Grand Knight



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH
June, 1987
Victor Interdonato

Victor and his wife, Irene, reside in Union and are communicants of St. Michael's Church. They have two children, Donald, who is a member of Union Council, and a daughter, Lorraine Swenson. They have two grandchildren, Donald and Stanley.

This past January Vic retired from Revlon after 35 years of service.

Vic's hobby is stamp collecting. He is an avid baseball and football fan.

One the council level, Vic has taken over the polishing of the council hall floor. He is a regular attendant at the work parties. Vic is always willing to give his time and talent to Union Council.

Union Council is very fortunate to have this dedicated and talented Brother Knight and is, therefore, proud to know him as Knight of the Month for June, 1987.

HALL RENOVATION

Since January a group of dedicated men have given up of their time, talents and energy for the complete renovation of our Council Home. Without their unceasing efforts the hall renovation would not have been so successful.

The fruits of their labors has produced:

- A) New ceiling completely redesigned with the best ceiling tiles that money could buy.
- B) New safety Lexon plastic under all perimeter lights.
- C) A new series of ducts were installed to our present Smokeeeter with the result of a modern system that removes smoke, pollution, dust, dirt, bacteria and pollen from the air you breathe.
- D) A system of 21 diffusers that distributes air conditioning and heat evenly throughout the Hall instead of "pockets" of hot and cold.
- E) All thermostats are set and controlled by timing devices.
- F) Over 75 new lights, on dimmers, were installed throughout the Hall. Banquet lights were installed over key areas (for bands, bridal parties, buffet tables, etc). The mirror ball was relocated and four pin spots were purchased and installed in conjunction with the mirror ball. A new strob light was also purchased for better lighting effect.
- G) The sound speakers were overhauled and relocated to produce optimum sound.
- H) Fire detectors were overhauled and relocated to produce optimum sound.
- I) Additional exit lights and emergency lights were installed. All work was inspected & approved.
- J) A new tripod screen was purchased.
- K) All the heating was converted to natural gas.

In addition, the hallway entrance and coatroom received a new coat of paint and rugs. The hall-way was redecorated with wallpaper.

We still have a little more work to do (wall-paper in the Hall) but, fortunately, the majority of the work is completed. The total cost of the Hall renovation was BELOW the original proposal. All the money used for the hall renovation came from the social activities run by the COLUMBIAN CLUB.

Again, I want to thank all those people who make the Hall a showplace. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those people who assisted me or supported me by attending Columbian Club activities during the past two years. You made my presidency a memorable time.

Joe Tortora
Col. Club President

SWIM CLUB NOTES

The pool is now open for the season. Please pick up your badges at the Gate House. Enjoy the good old summer-time at the pool.

The Swim Team is now forming and shortly will be competing. We strongly encourage our members with children to join our team. We hope for a big turnout.

From past experience, we will be in dire need to help run our swim meets. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!** We need starters, timers, judges, recorders and runners. Don't worry, we will teach you. It is not difficult.

With your help the summer of 1987 can be our best season.

ANNUAL COUNCIL AWARDS - DINNER MEETING

June 22, 1987 - 6:30 P.M.
- \$5 Per Person -
Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner
Salad and Italian Bread
Beer and Soda
for tickets call Jack Kelly-925-1539,
John Peters-964-6869
or Tom McGarvey-964-3756.

3RD DEGREE IN HONOR OF CHAPLAIN REV. ROBERT FUHRMAN

Union Council will hold a Knighthood degree in honor of Father Bob Fuhrman of Friday, June 12, 1987 at 8:00 P.M. The quality time and spiritual leadership Father Bob has enthusiastically given to the membership this past year is appreciated. So please consider joining your Brother Knights in attending this event. Also enjoy the refreshments and good conversation afterward.

DEGREE REMINDER

Members are encouraged to attend degrees whenever possible. All members attending the degree are invited to refreshments afterward.

1st Degree - Monday, June 1 - 8:00 P.M.
2nd Degree - Wednesday, June 10 - 8:00 P.M.
3rd Degree - Friday, June 12 - 8:00 P.M.

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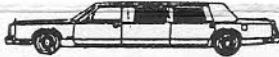
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