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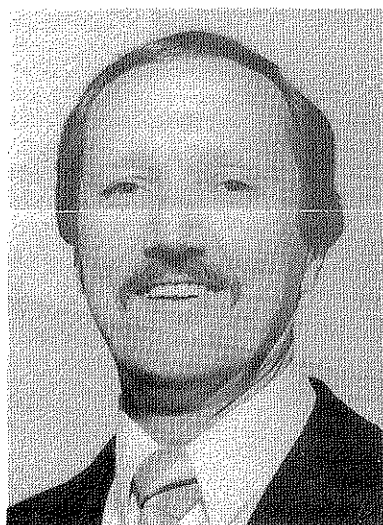
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"COME GROW WITH US"



It seems as though it was only a short time ago when the council pool was just opening. Thoughts of a long hot summer, picnics, sports, and vacations were probably some of the utmost thoughts on our minds.

The closing of our council grounds while being somewhat of a sad note should also be a new feeling of much more to come. All of us at Union Council 4504 have at our disposal one of the finest councils in the state.

All of our upcoming activities are being planned for everyone to enjoy.

All of the officers, chairmen, and the brother knights who make these activities possible have only one intention in their work and that is to see their efforts rewarded by your attendance at these events. To have a drink, to enjoy all the good food offered, the music are some of the expected thoughts one would have by attending these affairs. This is all well and good but we should consider the great gifts of friendship and brotherhood.

I remember the first time I walked through the door of our council. The only person I really knew was my sponsor Jack Robbins. Jack introduced me to everyone, and that was the beginning of a new and lasting experience for me. I can honestly say that today there are very few brothers and their families I do

not know. It takes only a small effort to get to know everyone but it is that small effort that will make your membership at Union Council a much more rewarding one. It will not happen overnight but it will happen with a little time and patience.

Michael Ward
Grand Knight

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Now that the summer is over it is time to reflect back on the summer activities. This summer we had more summer activities than in any other year. Our activities started in May and ranged from baseball games, dinner dances, fish fries, a trip to Atlantic City, Big Band, Spaghetti dinner, night at the races. A trip to the Intrepid, etc. As the summer progressed more and more members, their family and friends became involved. Over 600 persons attended the Big Band Concert and over 300 persons attended the fish fry and over 350 attended the spaghetti dinner.

Through these summer activities many friendships were formed and old friendships were reinforced. Also, there was a tremendous spirit of cooperation from Brothers, their wives and family members as they volunteered their time and talent to make each activity more successful than the previous one. People knew that when they went to a summer activity at the Knights, they were going to have a great meal and an enjoyable time.

In addition to all the listed positive aspects of the summer activities, money was made. The money will be used to re-do our kitchen and main bar. There is not enough space in this digest to mention all those who helped this summer. You know who you are and I say thank you.

Joe Tortora

Thank You Columbian Swim Club

Just a note of thanks to you and your members for helping me help Special Olympics.

It was a pleasure to see that there are still many who want to help the less fortunate.

Again "THANKI YOU" for the charitableness you have shown to Special Olympics.

Michael V. Hrifko
Special Olympics Chairman

Columbus Day Ceremony

The Citizens Committee for Columbus will have their annual Columbus Day Celebration on Sunday, October 13, 1985 at the new Columbus Park located across from Township Municipal Building on Morris Avenue at 4 p.m. all are invited to attend.

Annual Communion Breakfast

Date: November 10th.

Time: Following the 9 a.m. mass at St. Michael's Church (approximately 10 a.m.)

Place: Council Hall

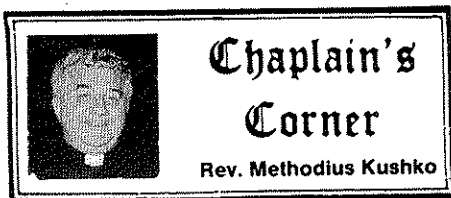
Breakfast will include sausage, eggs, orange juice and coffee all for the unbeatable price of \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children 12 and under, and free for children under 4.

ATTENTION:

MUMMIES AND DADDIES
BRING YOUR GHOULS AND BOYS
TO THE
CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19TH AT 1:00 P.M.



Grand Knight Mike Ward and family ready to pick up their meals at the Fish and Chicken Fry.



Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Methodius Kushko

From August 5-8, I participated in a seminar in Washington, D.C. It was a CAUSA International and CAUSA USA sponsored event. The organizers chose me because someone recommended me, gave me a \$700.00 scholarship and did not ask for any commitment on my part — after the completion of the seminar. So I took AM'TRAK from Penn Station accompanied by a young man who belongs to Rev. Moon's Unification Church. Oh! Oh!

CAUSA is a new educational movement working on a global scale. This organization strongly opposes communism, and yet the members do not consider themselves to be merely anti-communist, simply because anti-communism is not enough. "Anti" is a defensive and passive expression. In any battle or war, you will never win victory with defense alone. We in the Western world have been practicing anti-communism for 67 years since the Bolshevik Revolution and we are steadily losing ground. As long as we are anti-communist, the best we can do is postpone defeat. We will never have a chance to win. What we need is a positive solution to communism or a winning strategy. What we need is an ideological offensive. Our war against communism is primarily a war of ideas, a war of commitment. The battlefield of this war is the mind of man.

CAUSA is a global movement. Yet today the movement is concentrating its efforts in the United States because it is this nation which holds the key to the future of the entire world. The United States is a young nation, and yet she is a great nation. This greatness is not the result of her natural resources or her geographical location. America has achieved greatness because of her faith in God and compassion toward the world.

Alexis de Tocqueville, the perceptive French political scientist and historian who visited America in the early 19th century, saw this very clearly. "America is great because America is good," de Tocqueville wrote, "and when America ceases to be good, she will cease to be great."

In what way has America been good? She is good because she has been a "good Samaritan." The recent rescue of the tiny island of Grenada from the hands of Soviet-backed Marxist Leninists is an example of the United States being a good Samaritan. "The Washington Times" proclaimed that accomplishment with an editorial entitled "Grenada Libre."

In recent years, however, we have seen the nation of America steadily losing faith in God and concern for the world. The good Samaritan, the United States of America is not fast becoming the "Levite" who passed by the wounded man in the Bible. [I shall stop here — to be continued.]

Bowling League



Joe Bartley, Andy Popp, Steve Patrykowski, GK Mike Ward, Mike Carr, and Henry Mey enjoying a Tuesday night out at the bowling alley.

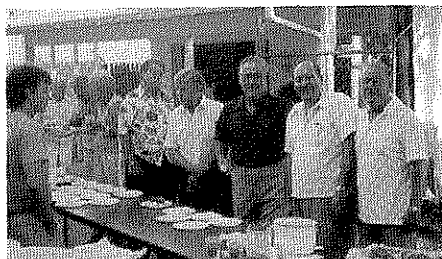
The council bowling league is in desperate need of bowlers. We bowl every Tuesday night from 9 p.m. to 12 p.m. at the Four Seasons bowling alley. The teams are comprised of bowlers with a wide range of averages so don't worry about what your score will be.

At the end of each season, trophies are awarded and a bowling banquet is held. If you would like to become part of the fun on Tuesday nights, call Jim Bayer at 687-7334.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Based upon the popularity of our spaghetti dinner in July, we will again have a family-oriented spaghetti and meatballs dinner. The date is Friday, October 18 from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Council Home. For the inflation-fighting price of \$4.00 for adults and \$1.25 for children (between 5 and 12 years of age) you will receive a spaghetti and meatballs dinner, Italian bread and butter, fresh-tossed garden salad, cake and coffee. As an added attraction, we will have MARIO — a professional accordion player who will sing and play your favorite Italian and American songs. Mario will start at 7:00.

The last time we held this event we had to turn people away! Please obtain tickets early or make reservations by calling Joe Tortora (688-1422). We are only selling a limited number of seats. First come-first served. Tickets at the door will cost \$8 each. Spend a Friday evening with your family and friends at the Knights of Columbus — you cannot afford to stay home.



Our famous kitchen crew (Ed Rocco, Tony Maffie, and Jack Bruno) along with some of the 350 who enjoyed the Fish and Chicken Fry held in our picnic area in August.

WORK PARTIES

While the weather is still nice we are going to have work parties every Saturday morning during September and October from 8:30 p.m. - 11:30 a.m. in the PICNIC AREA. In case of rain we will work inside. Breakfast will be served

SPECIAL COOKBOOK

Union Council 4504 Knights of Columbus is publishing a cookbook for the benefit of Special Olympics with all profits from the sale of these books going to the Special Olympics Program.

We are anticipating a great demand for these books, and of course, you won't want to be without one.

Reserve your copy or copies now.

They would be a welcomed gift for any occasion.

See Mike Hrifko at upcoming meetings to place your order.

KNIGHT CLUB WINNERS SEPTEMBER 1985

25 Credits:

T. Venezia	H. Mey
M. Kole	E. Gabelman
J. Partly	

10 Credits:

J. Johnson	J. Celusak
G. Dougherty	H. Neinezuk
J. Bizzaro	W. Kryzwa
D. Bernot	J. Stonack
J. Jurusik	H. Maus
E. Olas	D. Burke
R. Bove	J. Johnson
B. Pinney	T. Piankowski
J. Pruskowski	M. Ward
E. Stonack	J. Callery

OCTOBERFEST

Celebrate Oktoberfest at the Knights of Columbus. On Friday, October 25, in the Council Hall we will have our version of the Oktoberfest. Tickets are \$7 per person and will entitle you to a buffet of German type foods, cakes and snacks and a variety of German and American draft beers. The complete menu will be posted in the main bar. Entertainment will be provided by a German band. The fun starts at 7:30.

Call Joe Tortora (688-1422) for reservations or sign up in the main bar.

Deadline for reservations October 22.

PUNT, PASS & KICK

Boys and Girls
Ages 8 thru 12
Saturday, October 19
1:00 p.m.
Biertuempfel Park
Contact Mike Gasser
486-3141

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