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COMMUNITY AWARD'S NIGHT



G. K. Mike Gasser presents Police Officer D. Michael Stuart with the Council's Shield Award. Looking on is Captain Skwarek of the Police Department and Community Activity Chairman John Salvatore.



G. K. Michael Gasser presents Chief John Hoffman of Callmen's Emergency Unit #1 with the Council's Emergency Care Service Award. Looking on is Community Activity Chairman John Salvatore.



G. K. Michael Gasser presents Fire Chief Edward Bachefski with the Council's Shield Award. Looking on is Fire Commissioner Greg Muller and Community Activity Chairman John Salvatore.

They're Off and Running Union Council

Friday April 27th 8PM Meatball Sandwich
\$4.00 per person includes
Beer, Soda & Coffee

Contact Andy Popp 688-6951
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I can't believe it's April already. With it comes the beautiful season of Spring. The days are getting longer and warmer, the flowers are starting to blossom and the birds are back chirping early in the morning. It just seems like everyone and everything comes back to life during spring after a long cold winter.

This year April is also the month in which we celebrate Easter. That very special time of year in which we reflect on Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection to save all of us. Even though we may look around and see all the beauty of Spring and the joy of Easter let us remember that there are some people not as fortunate as most of us, but together we can help do something about it. Of course I am talking about the Annual Retarded Citizens Drive the weekend of April 20-22. This program is probably the most visible one we have. In the state it has grown each year from the \$180,000 raised in 1974-75 to a figure of more than \$600,000. However, our drive will only be as successful as we make it. All we ask for is an hour or two of your time. Also the drive is not limited to just members, bring your wives, children, relatives or friends or anyone else that would be interested in helping us. Just please remember, the more places we can cover the more successful the drive will be. Contact either Inside Guard Ray Fluet or Outside Guard Don Wolfe.

The State Convention is just a little over a month away. DGK Bob Pfarr is busy making arrangements for it. (I can sympathize with him.) At this convention it is fully expected that one of our PGK's, Jack Winters, will be elected State Deputy of the New Jersey Council. This will really be a great honor for our Council. However, with this honor comes some responsibility. At the convention we will be hosting an open house for the state. Also in early July, on the day of Jack's installation we are required to provide coffee and buns before the Mass and also to host a reception at the Council that evening. Since these are expenses that the Council cannot count on in the budget we will be looking to run some affairs to help defray costs. The first thing we have planned is a Night at the Races on Friday evening April 27. (see the article for details). I ask for your full support on this activity and any other that may be planned in the next year or two. Remember that it is important not only to make Jack look good but the Council as well.



Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Edward Gedrich

Everybody loves a happy ending. Maybe that's part of the appeal of the Easter story. Small-town boy (a carpenter's son!) gains a following, teaches about love and healing, rattles the cages of the powers-that-be. Makes powerful enemies. Enters the capital city to much acclaim. Cannot be silenced. Is betrayed, denied. Remains steadfast through torture. Dies a painful and unjust death as a common criminal, abandoned (except by his mother, and a few women), alone. But of course the story doesn't end there. "On the third day he rose again from the dead." Those who abandoned him believe now. They prove themselves willing to lay down their lives for him and his teaching (those who were such cowards!). And the good news he taught, and the good news of him rising from the dead, reaches to the ends of the earth and changes the world. And they lived happily ever after.

Do we? Are we happy, we who in our age are his followers, his disciples, his beloved? Where has the good news gone?

Maybe our problem is that all too often we don't see ourselves as being a part of his story: we don't see our part in the happy ending. We live with our struggles and disappointments, with our dreams that never come to pass. We live with our fears: of rejection, of sickness, of death. We live in the shadow of the cross. And we bear it, so often, we fear, alone.

But we really don't, you see. Our cross was a part of his cross. Our sufferings and betrayals and disappointments are part of his. His dying encompassed our dying. And his victory over death guarantees our victory, for we are his.

We live our lives in Lent, pilgrims toward a land of promise. Our road leads us to Jerusalem too, to Calvary. But just as Jesus' story did not end with his death, neither will ours. For his Easter promises our Easter. His triumph ensures that the end of all our journeying in his company will lead us home, to that joy that has no end, that life that has no end. To live happily ever after.

Let us live our lives in the light of that promise, of His promise. May Easter joy be yours!

FIRST FRIDAY PROGRAM

Every first Friday at 7:30 P.M. Mass is celebrated in the Knights Hall. Attendance has been great and we will look forward to seeing many more of you during the next few months. Come join us:

April 6 Father John Gabriel of Roselle Catholic and resident of St. Michael's Parish.

FRIDAY, MAY 4, 1990

15TH Annual Communion Supper - Council Hall
Co-Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Daughters

Mass at 7:30 PM *Dinner Following* Donation \$10.00 per person

GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE REV. SALVATORE MALANGA, CHAPLAIN NEWARK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CHAPEL

For tickets call: Bob Gaitens 688-2760, Dot Johnson 964-0735 or Fountain Realty 964-3143

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH
April, 1990
IGNATIUS ZREBIEC



Our Knight of the Month for April, 1990 is Ignatius Zrebiec. He has been a member of the Knights since October, 1956, and joined our Council soon after it was formed in 1957. Over the years Iggy has been very active. He has devoted many hours working on the kitchen crew for the various affairs at the Council. He is a charter member of the Swim Club and still comes to work parties to help out and make sure the pool area is in top shape for the enjoyment of others. This past year he organized several bus trips to Atlantic City all of which were sell outs. He and his wife, Mary, have lived in Union for forty years. They have six children and thirteen grandchildren!! Iggy and his wife are parishioners at St. Michael's where they are also involved as members of the parish senior citizen's group. Our Congratulations to Brother Ignatius Zrebiec, Union Council's Knight of the Month for April, 1990.

ANNUAL RETARDED CITIZENS DRIVE

Our annual Retarded Citizens Drive will be held this year over the weekend of April 20, 21 and 22. We are making a special appeal this year for any able-bodied, willing Brother Knight to offer his time for a few hours on any of the above dates to help collect donations for this worthy cause. If you are unable to collect, your services would be appreciated in helping count the collection.

If the event that you are either too busy to collect or to help count, please send any donation to: Knights of Columbus, c/o Don Wolfe, 1034 Jeanette Avenue, Union, New Jersey 07083.

Any questions concerning the times and locations of the collection stations should be directed to Raymond Fluet on 352-0619 or Don Wolfe on 753-0394.

SOFTBALL '90

Any Brother Knight wishing to play ball this season with the Council team, please contact Jack Caskey on 686-2782 or Mike Malloy on 851-0026.

3RD SEMI-ANNUAL GOLF OUTING
 Saturday, May 5, 1990 Apple Mountain Country Club
 Oxford, New Jersey

\$40.00 per Duffer Cost includes:
 Green Fees
 Golf Cart
 \$5.00 Food Voucher
 Fun for All



For reservations and information call: John Peters
 964-6869

CALL EARLY FOR RESERVATIONS!!!

COUNCIL BLOOD BANK

Any Brother Knight or member of his immediate family who is in need of blood should contact Jack Kelly at 925-1539.

SWIM CLUB CORNER

The Swim Club Board of Governors has elected a new President, George Clark. We would like to thank Frank Fabiano for doing an excellent job as President for the past two years. In our next "Digest" we will have the list of all those holding positions.

Work parties will be held on Saturdays from 8:00 AM until 12:00 Noon, beginning on March 24 and on Wednesday evenings starting April 4 from 6:00 until 8:00 PM. Refreshments will be served and two poor passes will be given to each worker. Looking forward to seeing all of you there!

Anyone interested in joining the Swim Team please contact Frank Fabiano on 964-3863 or Rich Santangelo on 964-5258.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 7 at 12:00 Noon

Come out and see the Easter Bunny

Rain Date - April 14, 1990



SPELLING BEE WINNERS

First Place - John Bechtel

Second Place - Francis Mancini

Third Place - Tom Mc Garvey

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!!!

TELEPHONE COMMITTEE

At the February 12 meeting we had the good fortune of having FIVE (!!!!!) Brothers offer their service to the telephone committee. They are:

Jack Dacey

Gus Haluska

Rosario Bove

Frank Colucci

Gene Zindel.

Thank you Brothers for volunteering to be a part of this important committee. I would ask one more thing - try to get a friend who is a Brother Knight to do as you did - become a telephone committee member. Contact Committee Chairman, Art Weber, on 688-7269.

BINGO NEWS

Our next BINGO will be on Saturday, April 21. The last BINGO was a huge success. We earned \$1,259 for our Scholarship Fund. Come on out to help us make the next BINGO an even bigger success!

ST. MICHAEL'S BASKETBALL

On April 10, St. Michael's fifth through eighth grade boys basketball team will play preceding the Nets game at the Meadowlands. Starting time will be at 5:00 PM followed by the Nets game at 7:30. The Nets will play the Boston Celtics and the tickets are \$10 (Value \$13 Seats). If you are interested in obtaining tickets, contact the Connie Foster, Athletic Director at St. Michael's School on 688-1063.