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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

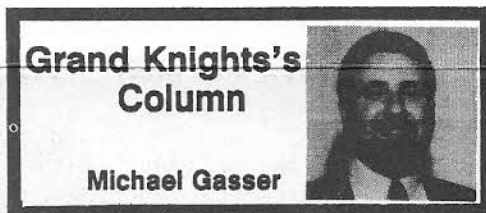
Friday April 27th 8PM Meatball Sandwich  
\$4.00 per person includes  
Beer, Soda & Coffee

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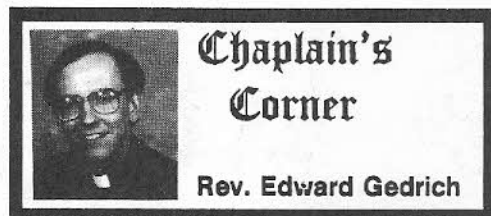
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I can't believe it's April already. With it comes the beautiful season of Spring. The days are getting longer and warmer, the flowers are starting to blossom and the birds are back chirping early in the morning. It just seems like everyone and everything 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.



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

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