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1987-1988 COLUMBIAN AWARD



FRANK COSENZA

This coveted award is given in recognition of exceptional dedication and service to the Knights of Columbus, Union Council 4504. Frank is a prime example of that. Frank has been in charge of the Columbian Swim Club work parties for the past 25 years.

Frank is the one who is responsible for having the pool and the Swim Club area ready for the summer. He is the man, who in his relaxed way, gives leadership to all the men who come out to the work parties. He is always the first to arrive and the last to leave. He has given our Council many hours of his time and brings his own tools for many of us to use.

Frank has that rare combination of leadership and the ability to motivate men. He makes you feel good about coming out to the work parties.

Frank and his wife, Rose, reside in Union and are the proud parents of Angela and Frank, Jr. They are also blessed with five grandchildren. Frank and his wife are communicants of St. Michael's Church.

Our Council salutes Frank Cosenza for his dedicated and loyal service to his Brother Knights and thanks him and his family for their support and sacrifices.



1988 GRAND KNIGHT AWARDS

Grand Knight Paul Sandy (2nd from Right) presents his 1988 Grand Knight Awards to Barney Capriglione, PGK; Lonnie Pannucci, PGK; and John Peters, Chapel Chairman and Digest Editor for their valuable assistance to the Grand Knight during his term of office.

1987-1988 KNIGHT OF THE YEAR



THOMAS P. HORNIG P.G.K.

Thomas P. Hornig was awarded the prestigious Knight of the Year honor at the recent Awards Dinner Meeting in June. This award is given each year to a special Brother Knight, who through his words and actions, exemplifies the Columbian values of Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

Tom has shown in many ways what it means to be a Knight of Columbus Brother. He is always willing to devote his time and energies to making Union Council 4504 the proud Council that it is. Tom has been chairman of many committees, held officers' positions and was Grand Knight during the 1983-1984 Columbian year.

Tom has been our Ceremonials Chairman for the past few years and has done an excellent job forming the officers into the best degree team. This past year he was our Bowling Chairman for the 63rd K of C Annual National Bowling Tournament.

Tom and his wife, Ann, reside in Union. They are the parents of four children, Gary, Karen, Lisa and Nancy. They also have six grandchildren. Tom and Ann are communicants of Holy Spirit Church. Tom is a real estate salesman with Fountain Realty, Union.

Our Council salutes Tom Hornig P.G.K. for his dedicated and loyal service to his Brother Knights and thanks him and his family for their support and sacrifices.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Grand Knight Paul Sandy (center) and District Deputy Jim Johnson (left) congratulate newly-elected State Secretary Jack Winters. The Officers, Chairmen and Members of Union Council 4504 extend their best wishes to Brother Knight Jack Winters on his recent election at the 1988 State Convention.

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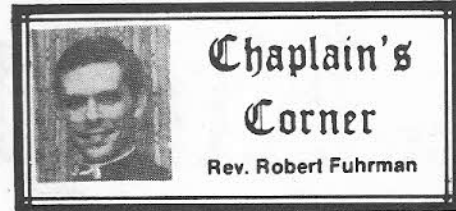


Well it's here. The journey that started five years ago, when then Grand Knight Tom Horning asked me to be his Membership Director, has reached the starting point of its end. It has been a journey with its doubts and fears about my ability to do the job as Grand Knight of Union Council in the fine tradition of the men who went before me. But it has also been a journey in which my life has been enriched by the friends I now have, who I didn't even know existed five years ago. It has also been a journey in which I have realized the true meaning of unity, the second principle of our Order. I have seen how when we work together, the good things we accomplish for the charities we support, for the church, and for ourselves.

If the fine work of Union Council is to continue, we need a constant supply of fresh faces and fresh ideas. If you are a new member or have been a member for a few years and have been hesitant or unsure about getting involved, let me extend to you a personal invitation to do so. My number is at the top of the page. There are many areas in which we can use your help.

Union Council is again fortunate to have Joe Tortora as Columbian Club President. Joe is a hardworking and dedicated brother knight whose hard work over the past few years is reflected in the improvements you see at the council home. It is my good fortune to be able to work with him this Columbian year. I would also like to extend best wishes to the Swim Club on their 25th anniversary, and to all the brothers who work so hard to keep our swim club one of the best in the area.

So as we travel through the upcoming months together let us keep in mind that the active participation of all the membership will make this Columbian year a success.



THE PROBLEM OF TIME

None of us are strangers to the many demands which the modern pace of life puts upon us. Those who have families long to spend time with them, especially as the summer season comes upon us. Those who work are challenged to find free time and to use it responsibly. There is also the need for solitude for each of us. Being alone is not a bad thing. It is necessary if we are ever to reflect on the meaning of life and make the adjustments required for ongoing happiness.

The Chaplains over the years at Union Council have been very fine priests. Fathers Driscoll, Swierzbinski, Kushko, and most recently, myself, have tried to be visible, available, and enthusiastic members of this Council, which is the best in the State. I have always stressed that the Chaplain's presence is one of the elements that make our fraternity different from other groups. The presence of a priest is a reminder that We form a Catholic organization. Like the crucifix on the walls of our building, the priest helps us to remember that we are really here for God's sake - to further His Kingdom and encourage others to know Him.

Fathers Driscoll, Swierzbinski, and Kushko are a great legacy to follow. Each is a fine example for me. However, I find it necessary to admit that I am not able to be at the activities I would like to participate in. The nature of my position in Newark demands that I not be present as often as I would like. As anyone knows who has attended a meeting within the past year, I normally appear after it is underway, usually haggard and out of breath. I am not happy about that, nor about the number of meetings I miss altogether.

I have been and remain privileged to hold the office of Chaplain of 4504. These two years have been a very special time, and I am grateful for the continuing friendship and understanding which all have shown. I hope we are all proud of our membership in 4504. I will try to determine what is best, in my opinion, for both Union Council and myself. I am convinced, however, that the Chaplain must be a vital part of this Council's life. I would never let us resemble just another fraternal group. We are Knights of Columbus, Catholic gentlemen and families. We are different, and must be proud of that fact.

Finally, I am praying that you all have a great summer. Please be careful, and may Our Lord bless each of you and your loved ones.

CALENDAR OF COUNCIL EVENTS

- August 8 Council Meeting 8:15 P.M.
- 15 Swim Club Meeting 8:00 P.M.
- 22 Council Meeting and 1st Degree 8:15 P.M.
- 25 Columbian Club Board Meeting 8:00 P.M.
- 30 Officers Meeting 8:00 P.M.
- September 10 Picnic - See Article
- 12 Council Meeting 8:15 P.M.
- 19 Swim Club Meeting 8:00 P.M.
- 22 Columbian Club Board Meeting 8:00 P.M.
- 24 Past Grand Knight Dinner - See Article
- 26 Council Meeting 8:15 P.M.

