



Knights Digest



Union Council 4504

Vol. 32 No. 6

UNION, N.J.

February, 1991

A SMALL CHILD IN NEED OF HELP

Brother Knights, I have recently received this letter, from a Union Council Member, that truly touched my heart. Please take this opportunity to read about the plight of a two year old child with congenital heart defects.

Dear Mr. Pfarr

Thank you for speaking to me tonight in reference to possibly helping my niece, Stefania Davia, of North Plainfield. I hope that the Executive Board meeting in January will result in some positive action being taken by the Union Chapter of the Knights of Columbus.

Enclosed is a photo of Stefania, a happy tow-year old girl who looks quite healthy but unfortunately, is noi. She has rare congenital heart defects, and the time has come to begin having them corrected. January 10, 1991 is the date set for stage one surgery (the first of possibly three), at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. As rare as her problem is, however, the Mayo Clinic has an excellent record of success in treating many patients similar to Stefania. We are all optimistic for her future, as the surgeon states that "she has excellent anatomy for the staged approach, and hopefully, eventual repair of her pulmonary atresia".

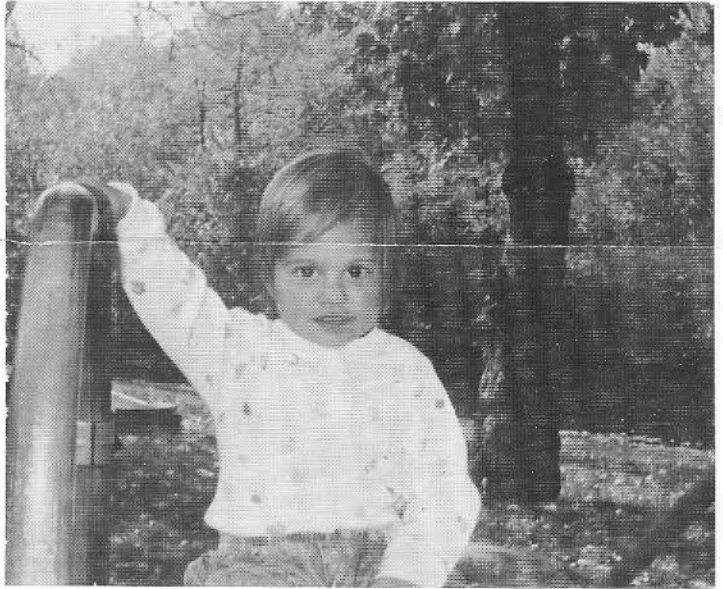
As you can imagine, the medical bills for Stefania's care have already been incredible over the past two years. The first stage of surgery alone will be approximately fifty thousand dollars, not including transportation, parent's lodging, and many miscellaneous expenses. It is fortunate that the Davias are insured, but we all know that medical coverage is no where near complete, and chances for getting out of these debts will be next to impossible. The financial burden placed on this family is surpassed only by their emotional one. We are hoping to reach the "hearts" of as many kind people as possible.

At this time, my relatives may not be fully aware of the financial and emotional stresses that are being placed on them. I feel certain that the Knights of Columbus, which focuses on helping others in need, would be receptive to the idea of assistance to this child. At this time a trust fund has been established to accept donations. The address is:

The Stefania Davia Trust Fund
c/o Joseph Cangelosi
Assistant Vice President
National Community Bank
1 Raritan Plaza
Raritan Center
Edison, New Jersey 08818

Sincerely,

John A. Cathcart



AIRPORT CHAPEL

Fr. Salvatore Malanga has been appointed Pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in Garfield. A new Chaplain for the Airport Chapel has been appointed, Rev. David Baratelli.

Please continue your support, of the chapel, by buying Mass Cards.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS, OUR MILITARY MEN AND WOMEN CURRENTLY SERVING IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

★
★ CONVENTION '91 ★
★ COME ON DOWN! ★
★ MAY 16 - 18, 1991 ★
★ WILDWOOD, NEW JERSEY ★
★ ENJOY THE FUN AND SUN! ★
★ CONTACT: DON PFARR 851-0018 ★
★ MAKE YOUR ★
★ RESERVATIONS EARLY ★

Knights Digest

This bulletin is published monthly except August, by, and in the interest of Union Council 4504, Knights of Columbus. Entered as third class matter April 23, 1958 at Post Office, Union, N.J.

EDITOR.....Gary Hornig

ADVERTISING

Barney Capriglione, PGK.....964-3143

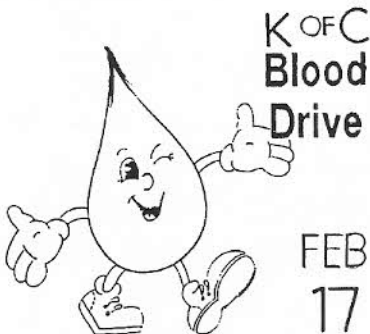
COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain.....Rev. Edward Gedrich
688-1232
Grand Knight.....Robert Pfarr
964-1512
Deputy GK.....Donald Pfarr
851-0018
Chancellor.....Jim O'Connell
Warden.....Ray Fluet
Fin. Sect.....Frank Dickerson PGK
Recorder.....Don Wolfe
Treasurer.....Jeff Pogorzelski
Inside Guard.....Mike Kramer
Outside Guard.....Bill Smela
Trustee.....Paul Sandy PGK
Trustee.....Mike Carr PGK
Trustee.....Mike Gasser PGK
Program Dir.....John Carr
Membership Dir.....Rosario Bove
Advocate.....Jim Conlon
Lecturer.....Bob Wozniak
Col. Club Pres.....Bob Sugzda
Swim Club Pres.....George Clark

MONTHLY MEETINGS

1st Mon. Council Officers
2nd & 4th Mon. Regular Meetings
3rd Mon. Swim Club
1st Wed. 4th Degree Officers
2nd Wed. 4th Degree Color Corps
3rd Wed. 4th Degree Regular
4th Wed. Council Committees
4th Thurs. Columbian Club

Reminder!



FEB
17
10AM-2PM

KNIGHT of THE MONTH February, 1991



Art Piccirillo

Our Knight of the Month for February, 1991 is Art Piccirillo. Art and his wife Rose are residents of Union and are communicants of St. Michael's parish.

Art has been a 3rd Degree member of our council for the past 22 years and has been very active during this time. He has recently been a willing worker for the Swim Club by attending all the work parties where he provides his specialty skills in re-webbing the chairs. He has also been a member of the Council Bowling league for many years and has contributed his time by helping as a scorekeeper during the bowling tournaments sponsored by the council. Art and Rose have also supported the council by attending a great number of the social affairs run by the council.

Art has also been enjoying his retirement from Kimberly & Clark by following sports such as baseball and football. He is known to be an ardent fan of the Giants and attends many of their games. He also enjoys walking and is an avid gardener.

Union Council is pleased to honor brother Art Piccirillo as our Knight of the Month for February, 1991.

WINTER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 1 First Friday
Feb. 9 Valentine Dance
Feb. 11 K of C Jacket orders will be taken.
Feb. 17 Council Blood Drive
Feb. 23 Spelling Bee
March 1 First Friday
March 16 St. Patrick's Dance
March 23 Bingo
March 23 Easter egg hunt

Grand Knight's Column

Bob Pfarr



The months are going by faster than I ever imagined. The Christmas season is well behind us, and as you read this issue of the digest the holy season of Lent will be about two weeks away. It's a time for us to make some sacrifices and perhaps do a little more for others rather than for ourselves. One of the best ways we can help others is to become a blood donor on February 17th at the council. It is without a doubt one of the most worthwhile activities that you can participate in. Not only do you help others, but in the long run you could be helping yourself and members of your family. So come to the council on Sunday, February 17th and give the gift of life - give blood - someone's life depends upon it!

On February 9th we will host the annual Valentine Dance for the benefit of the handicapped and retarded children at Camp Fatima. This is one of our most successful events every year and I look forward to seeing everyone there.

The Grand Knights mid-term meeting was held recently and I can report that the state council is very active in the development and administration of their programs. As always the one big concern is membership. There are now over 1.5 million members in our order which is a staggering number. The new goal set by Supreme is 2 million members by the year 2000! So if you haven't sponsored a new member lately there's no time like the present. If you need a Form 100, stop by the council and pick one up or call Membership Director Ross Bove at 687-4257.

DGK Don Pfarr is busy making arrangements for this year's convention in Wildwood. As I look out at the snow that recently fell, Wildwood in May sounds pretty good!

Be sure to check calendar of events in the digest for other activities.

BINGO NEWS

The first bingo of the year will be held on March 23, 1991, at 7:30 p.m., at the Boys & Girls Club of Union. Please come out to help us make the bingo a big success!



**Chaplain's
Column**
Rev. Edward Gedrich

We are blessed to be Catholics. We are blessed because through the sacramental life of the Church we are fed, we are forgiven, we are strengthened. The Church is indeed our Mother. We are blessed too in that the Church is also our Teacher. For nearly two thousand years She has struggled, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to make sense of life in this world, to give direction to human choices in the often confusing conflict between good and evil.

As I write these words war threatens. As you read these words our nation may have been at war for over two weeks. As Americans, as Christians, as citizens of two "kingdoms", what does the Church teach regarding war? First, ours is not a pacifist Church. It teaches that in this sinful world conflicts sadly need sometimes be resolved through violence. Having said that, the Church also presumes that any war is unjust unless it is proven otherwise, unless certain conditions are met. Unless it be unjust, a war must be: (a) waged for a just cause, (b) declared by a competent authority, (c) waged for a right intention, (d) waged as a last resort, (e) demonstrative of probable success, (f) waged in a proportional manner, and (g) waged in a manner limited by a just appreciation of the above factors. It is never right to target civilian populations. It is never right to "bomb them back to the Stone Age".

Are the above conditions now being met? Answer prudently, carefully, prayerfully. As citizens of a democracy the choice for war and the manner of its being waged are ours. As citizens of God's Kingdom we stand accountable before Him for our choices. Choose prayerfully. Your soul, and our nations's soul, depend upon it.

JACKETS — JACKETS
K of C JACKETS

K of C jacket orders will be taken on Monday, Feb. 11, 1991 at 7 PM, preceding the regular council meeting. All jackets are navy blue.

Prices;

- Cordoroy quilt lined.....\$70.00
 - Pile lined.....\$60.00
 - Flannel lined\$40.00
- Checks must accompany order.

Irish Night
Saturday - March 16
8:00 P.M. to Midnight



Full sit down corn beef dinner/dessert, Beer and Soda (cash bar available) Live Music by a 4 piece band
Price: \$15.00 per person
Cut Off Date: March 10th. No tickets sold at door.
Tickets: call Mike Ward 687-7994 (weekdays after 5 p. m.)
Mike Malloy 851-0026

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

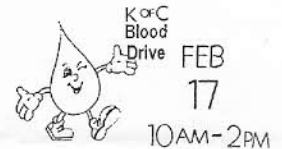
On Saturday, February 23, 1991 the Knight will hold The Annual Spelling Bee. All qualified eighth grade students are invited to participate.

The contest will be held in the council hall **Beginning at 2:00 P.M.**

Winners will advance to the County and State levels in March and April. Times and places will be announced in the near future.

John F. Relton
Youth Activity Director
388-8655

Reminder!



KNIGHTS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Here is an article written by Richard McMunn for the Columbia Magazine that is worth repeating:

Spreading the Good News

DID you ever tune in your set to watch the Holy Father celebrate the Midnight Mass at Christmas? If so, you may not know that the telecast was made possible by the Knights of Columbus. Did you ever see a "Keep Christ in Christmas" billboard in your community? Odds are that billboard was placed there by a local Knights of Columbus council.

The Order supports these efforts and many others in the name of evangelization, that is, spreading the Good News of the Gospel. Not many people, including Knights themselves, are really aware just how deeply involved in evangelization the Order is. It is impossible in this limited space to offer a complete rundown, but a partial listing hints at the scope of the commitment to evangelization by the Knights of Columbus. For example, the Order:

- Has helped televise papal ceremonies to a worldwide audience by funding the satellite uplink from Rome (last Christmas, the pope's Midnight Mass reached 52 countries — including for the first time, East Germany and Hungary — with a potential audience of more than one billion);
- Purchased, in 1985, a mobile television production van for the Vatican Television Center (last fall, the van was used to televise the first religious program ever broadcast in Czechoslovakia, the canonization of St. Agnes of Bohemia);
- Continues to fund, in cooperation with

the International Alliance of Catholic Knights, the production and distribution of video tapes of the weekly teaching of the Holy Father;

Produced a companion study guide to Pope John Paul II's *Christifideles Laici*;

Funds the Eternal Word Television Network's broadcasts of special programs and ceremonies from the the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.;

Prints and has distributed millions of wallet-size cards which explain how to pray the Rosary and soon, a similar card explaining how to go to confession will be distributed; and

Operates the Catholic Information Service which brings the Faith to the attention of a wide audience by advertising, distributing information and printed materials and offering a free correspondence course in Catholicism.

In recognition of all that the Knights do in the name of evangelization, Pope John Paul II recently named Supreme Knight Virgil C. Dechant as a consultant to the Pontifical Council for Social Communications.

As noted earlier, this list barely scratches the surface of all the Order does to facilitate the spreading of the Good News of Jesus Christ. The list of all the Order's evangelization programs at the local, state and Supreme Council levels is long indeed. It is a record in which all Knights can take pride.