



# Knights Digest



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## 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".

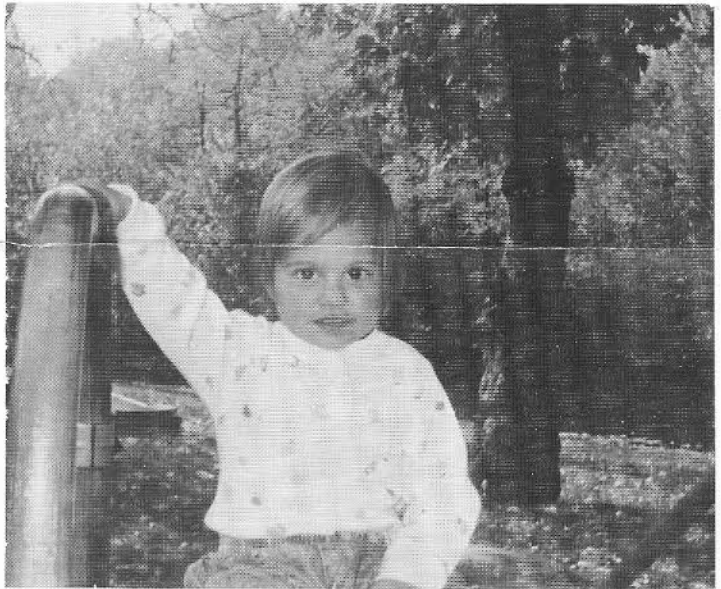
As you can imagine, the medical bills for Stefania's care have already been incredible over the past two years. The first stage of surgery alone will be approximately fifty thousand dollars, not including transportation, parent's lodging, and many miscellaneous expenses. It is fortunate that the Davias 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.**

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★ 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 ★  
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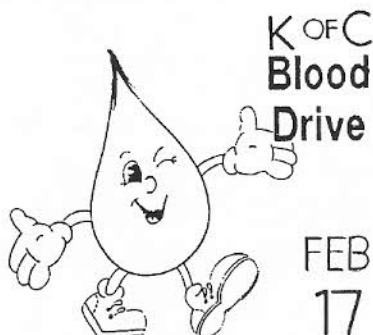
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## MONTHLY MEETINGS

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!

