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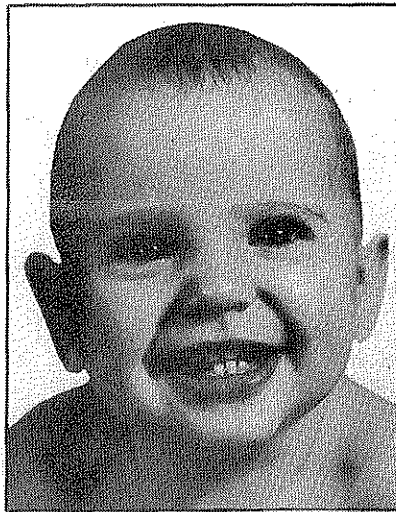
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## NEVER TO LAUGH OR LOVE . . . OR TASTE THE SUMMERTIME?

**FIGHT**



**ABORTION**

### 1. SACREDNESS OF HUMAN LIFE

1. If we would form an adequate concept of the sacredness of human life, we must take into consideration the creator of life, the reason for our living and our ultimate end.

God created man, with his specific nature and wonderful powers of body and soul, and He is his final end.

Man is a biological creature, a sentient being, but primarily a rational being; composed of body and spirit. He has intelligence and free will, capable of making decisions. He has the ability to think, write poetry, compose musical scores and invent complex mechanisms for the betterment of society. He can enter into relationship with God and that constitutes religion. God gave man liberty to serve Him and to do His will. Man can move freely towards the goal ordained for him by God, or he can refuse to move towards it.

2. Man — a creature composed of body and soul and made to the image and likeness of God — was created to love, honor and obey God and to be happy with Him here on earth and forever in Heaven. Only by understanding the purpose of our creation can we shape our lives in living properly and working in behalf of our fellowman. Many individuals find themselves in a quandary because they fail to understand the true meaning of life, its purpose and its destiny.

3. To understand the purpose of life we notice that there exists in the nature of man a strong desire for happiness; he is constantly searching for happiness. Everything he does, he does under the guise of searching for happiness.

The purpose of human life, then, is to act in such a way here as to prepare for union with God hereafter, where one can obtain perfect happiness. Since man is destined for eternal happiness in Heaven, he must prepare himself by his acts here below and he must have the MEANS to do so. The means God has given to us is called RIGHTS. He gave them to us because we need them in order to serve Him and attain our end.

4. Pope Pius XI in his encyclical on Atheistic Communism cites these rights: "Man has a spiritual and immortal soul. He is a person, marvelously endowed by his Creator with gifts of body and mind . . . God alone is his last end in this life and the next. In consequence he has been endowed by God with many and varied prerogatives: the right to life, to bodily integrity, to the necessary means of existence: the right to tend towards his ultimate goal in the path marked out for him by God; the right of association and the right to possess and use property."

These rights are inalienable. They may not be taken from man unjustly; they are bestowed by nature and nature's Author, that is, God. Civil society exists to protect these rights and man must realize that the use of these rights is subject to authority for the sake of the common good.

5. The sacredness of life is understood in terms of man's intrinsic worth and his destiny. He possesses the faculty of reason and must, therefore, choose those acts which will prepare him for the destiny that awaits him in heaven. One's life and integrity, both physical and mental, must be maintained. The first and foremost inalienable right is that of life and physical existence. The right to existence is primary and the source of all other natural rights.

6. No one, individual or State, may unjustly limit or take away this right to bodily integrity. One of the deepest urges of all living creatures is self-preservation and this law of self-preservation obliges every man to use all ordinary means to preserve life and health. Not to do so is equivalent to destroying life. Throughout society we see widespread abuse of God's laws. Bodily integrity is disturbed by the practice of abortion, suicides, euthanasia, sterilization, etc. Since man is the steward of his corporeal life, he must take every reasonable precaution to preserve life and the integrity of his body.

You can speak for this child and others like him who have no voice. Write your government and representative now and cast your vote AGAINST liberalized abortion laws. IT WILL COST YOU ONLY EIGHT CENTS IN POSTAGE. Don't leave this fight for the next person. It is your voice that is important. Unless you pick up your pen now, thousands of children will die and end up in the incinerators of our hospitals.

It's your choice now . . . for all times.

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## CALENDAR

Feb. 5, Mon. .... Officers Meeting  
8:15 Council  
Feb. 8, Thurs. .... Wheelchair Brigade  
Runnells Hospital  
Feb. 10, Sat. .... Valentine's Day  
Dance \$5.00 per person  
Council  
Feb. 12, Mon. .... Regular Meeting  
8:15 Council  
Feb. 19, Mon. .... Swim Club Meeting  
8:15 Council  
Feb. 22, Thurs. .... Columbian Club  
Meeting — 8:15 Council  
Feb. 25, Sun. .... Spelling Bee —  
8th Graders  
1:30 at Council  
Feb. 26, Mon. .... Regular Meeting  
8:15 Council  
Mar. 5, Mon. .... Officers Meeting  
8:15 Council  
Mar. 10, Sat. .... Mystery Dance  
5:00 per person Council  
Mar. 11, Sun. .... Wheelchair Brigade  
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## State Convention 1973

With the holidays now behind us the 1973 K of C State Convention is in sight.

The dates to insert on your calendar are May 18th, 19th and 20th, 1973.

The committee has already started to formulate plans and looks toward another memorable week-end.

Watch the Digest for further details and information.



Dear Brothers:

One of the most important contributions a Council can make to the life of its community is the example given by its members in their religious, social and business lives.

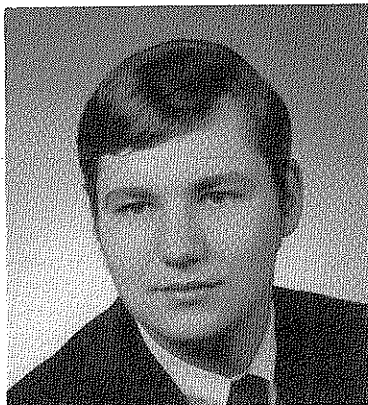
A truly great example of social contribution to community life was shown on Saturday, January 13th, 1973 when Union Council held its Wheelchair Basketball Game the proceeds of which were divided between the Wheelchair teams and the Flood Victims of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. A multitude of thanks to our Financial Secretary Frank Dickerson and his ardent workers for a job well done.

The religious aspect of community life was contributed by our lecturer, Andy Tobia who arranged to have Mr. Mario Bruschi who expounded upon the life of Padre Pio. The movie and experiences related by Mr. Bruschi go far to restore our faith in the existence of a living God.

Strengthening the structure of our organization demands the participation of each and every brother knight who pledged himself to the work at all aspects of charity, fraternity, unity and patriotism. With all the many forth coming activities it behooves every member to participate in the manner best suited to his capabilities.

Fraternally yours,  
Barney M. Capriglione

## Knight of the Month February 1973



Arthur W. Reimers, who resides with his parents Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Reimers, Sr. at 2275 Vaux Hall Rd., Union; he also has a brother.

After his early education at St. Michaels, and Essex Catholic, Art graduated from Iona College of New Rochelle, New York. He is a member of St. Michael's Parish, and is self employed as a tire salesman.

Presently "Artie" handles the Bartenders scheduling for the Council, tends bar, aids many other affairs behind the scenes, and is a pleasant, willing asset to our Council.

## JFK Fourth Degree News

Reminder that officer's meetings are every 1st Wednesday of the month.

Color Corps meetings are every 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Regular Assembly meetings are every 3rd Wednesday of the month.

## Note Of Thanks

Your kind expressions of sympathy were certainly appreciated on the death of my mother: your floral contributions, mass cards and visits will always be remembered. Again many thanks.

Barney Capriglione  
Grand Knight

## Spelling Bee

All 8th grade children whether in Parochial or Public School in Union are invited to participate in the K of C Ninth Annual Spelling Bee. Council finals will be held at Union Council on February 25th, 1973 at 1:00 p.m.

The winner from our Council will participate in County Finals, and finally State Finals will be held on Sunday, April 1, 1973. Please submit your child's name to Mr. Raymond P. Sullivan, Youth Activities Chairman, 687-9079.

## "Inner Feelings"

Hello Brothers. This is "the kid", "Pinky", "Red", "Radical" or just plain Brother Bob speaking. Very meaningful, healthy and justified opinions and descriptions come from these titles since they express an individual and "inner feeling" of a particular person. Unfortunately these constructive views, both in the supporting and non-supporting role are not utilized to their maximum. Why limit a discussion to an affair or bar room meeting, speak out at a meeting where all can hear. Comment, disagree, agree or initiate, so that our meetings aren't as routine as we claim them to be. We make the meetings, so let us make them in the full sense . . . Not in body, but in spirit and by expressing our "inner feelings". That means you, you, you . . . 1200 "inner feelings", to be ignited by conscience.

## Valentine's Dance CUPID'S CAPER

### ATTENTION ROMEO'S

Escort your Juliets to our Knights Love Nest on Saturday, February 10th and be prepared to lose your hearts. We promise to sweep you off your feet with rapturist's music and delectable food. Tickets are available by calling Mr. Mirizio (Muzzy) at 687-0344. Donation \$5.00 per person.

## MEMORIAL OCCASIONS 1972



**Halloween  
Anniversary  
Ball  
Youth Christmas  
Party**



**Italian  
Night**

**P.G.K. Dinner  
Dance**

**More To Come  
Join Us**

### **Retirement III**

When you retire: Before retirement you were work-oriented, then you retire and there is no work arranged for you. You were living on a schedule with outlined responsibilities but now it will become a new life on your own terms. There will be no required or expected outcomes to produce. Socially adjusted to comradeship in shared projects you'll find yourself alone. You'll become a problem to yourself, unless you know how to cope with this new freedom.

Retirement can be fun if you work at it! You enjoyed life when you were meeting problems didn't you? Why let your senior years rob you of such challenges now? The successful ingredients of a worthwhile retirement is identical with that of our work-a-day world. Accepting

such a challenge solves the problem of utilizing your free time. You'll also satisfy the need to find a meaning in life.

Ethel Percy Andrus, who organized the American Association of Retired Persons, said of retired people of our times, "We have demonstrated that old age is not a defeat but a victory, not punishment but a privilege. We have proved that the leisure of the elderly can be a many splendored thing." She also said of the retired, "We all have a responsibility to remain active in retirement, to keep ourselves well informed, to cooperate with responsible public and private agencies concerned with programs that will make and keep our nation strong for the benefit of all Americans."

With retirement there comes a shift,

both in goals and in purpose. In your so-called productive years you were concerned largely with things. Now with retirement you can have time to follow new paths. Make new friends while keeping the old. Never cease to be curious, look for new experiences. Don't live in memories of the past. Seek out new subjects to learn about. A Chinese proverb tells us "Learning is like rowing up stream, not to advance is to drop behind". The person who really enjoys retirement wakes up in the morning with eagerness to go about the unfinished work of yesterday so he can start the intriguing possibilities of today. These people know they are being productive doing something worthwhile and making the world happier for their being in it. (to be continued)