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UNION COUNCIL SCHEDULES BLOOD DONOR DAY

Saturday, December 16, 1995—10AM—3PM

Brothers, I know that December 16, 1995 seems a long way off, but time has a way of flying by fast and the winter months are crucial times, for the supply of blood is usually low. So I am sure you will want to pencil the date (December 16th) in on your calendar to remind you to come to the council home and give the *Gift of Life*.

If you have any questions or are in need of blood replacement, please contact me at (908) 688-3618.

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COLUMBUS DAY CEREMONY

*Fraternally,
Dom Clementoni, PGK
Blood Bank Chariman*



A Wreath Ceremony was held on Columbus Day at Columbus Park. In attendance were the Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, Ernie Santorelli; Al Appicella of the Brotherhood of St. Anthony; Greg Muller, the Mayor of Union; Joe Deo, President of the Columbian Italia Club; and PGK Barney Capriglione, representing Unico.

HUNGER DRIVE

At this stage of the hunger drive, many thanks are in order. To all of our Brothers who have made either a food or a financial contribution, or a contribution of labor or knowledge... Thank You.

Again, our township schools have come through generously. I hope anyone in the position to do so will let Ted Jakobwski, along with the principals and faculty of Livingston, Battle Hill, Hamilton, Franklin, and Connecticut Farms schools know what a difference they made with their support through contributions collected from their sharing students. More precise information on these collections will be forthcoming.

Special thanks to Mike Eger for coordinating the school pick-ups, along with Fred Sloan, Kevin Collins, Pat Sheridan, Marty Natale, Greg Blazinski, John Peters, Ray Fluet, Ernie Santorelli, and all others who have not been mentioned, for successfully getting the job done.

*Thank you,
Tom Conte
John Perina
Co-Chairmen*

Happy Thanksgiving

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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 Thurs. 4th Degree Color Corps
- 3rd Wed. 4th Degree Regular
- 4th Wed. Council Committees
- 4th Thurs. Columbian Club

PINOCHLE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

On Thursday, August 17th, the Knights conducted its annual Pinochle Tournament. This year's tournament was won, after more than 4 hours of play, by two long time players but first time winners: Ignatius "Igg" Zrebiec and John J. Mc Evoy.

It should be noted that a Pinochle tournament has been held every year since the founding of the Knights.

—John J. Mc Evoy
Tournament Chairman

INSURANCE REPORT

To: Pre-Retirees
Subject: Pension & Tax Free Retirement Income.

A provision of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) requires that all Pension Plans provide a Joint and Survivor Pension to protect the surviving spouse of the retiree.

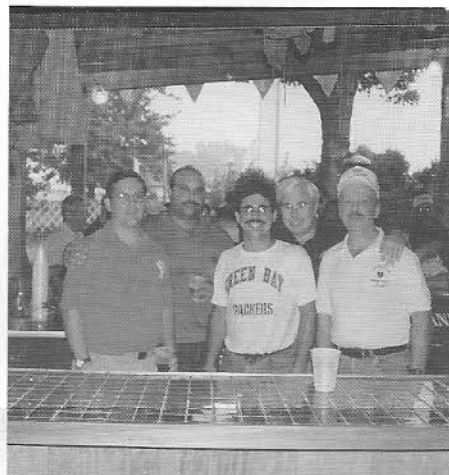
This option could cause a **reduction in your pension** as high as **30%**, which could cost you **hundreds of dollars** per month for as long as you live.

The Deficit Reduction Act (DEFRA) allows a way to **fund this "void"** with dollars you would normally pay to Uncle Sam in taxes from interest income.

Many pre-retirees qualify for these **Tax Savings** and do not realize it. The government will not notify you of your eligibility. It's up to you to find out for yourself.

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GOLF OUTING



This year's annual golf outing was held at Spooky Brook Golf Course, in the rain. It was still a lot better than a good day at work. The golf committee, pictured above: Kevin Collins, Marty Natale, Mike Eger, Pat Sheridan, and John Peters, Chairman; had a buffet set up at the pavilion on the patio. Everyone enjoyed a fun day, even in the rain.



Grand Knight's Column

Ernie Santorelli



I was at work one day, and I was about to go to lunch. As I put my jacket on, one of my colleagues noticed that I had a pin on my lapel. I noticed that she was staring at it, but could not make out what it said. She decided to take a closer look at the pin. When she noticed that the pin symbolized the Knights of Columbus, she exclaimed: "I can't believe you're a member of that organization!" As if I belonged to a gang of thieves. "Don't you know they are against abortion?" she said. For the next half hour I found myself engaged in a heated discussion on pro-life vs. pro-choice, the Catholic Church, and Pope John Paul II.

As we stood in my office shouting at one another, I realized that she did not want to listen to anything I had to say. The ironic thing is that she knew nothing about our organization, other than that we believe in right-to-life. What a horrible thing to believe in! Unfortunately this is a problem that exists in our society today, and we as Catholics continue to be challenged day-in and day-out, and still, we do not proclaim our faith as much as we should nor do we confront those who doubt us.

It was only a short time ago that we were preparing for the holy father's visit, and boy, what an historical moment for us all. Wherever he went, whatever he said, people wanted to see him, touch him, or just be caught in that spiritual aura that he brings. His presence brought joy to our hearts and for a couple of days this great nation of ours came together in harmony and for a moment, time stood still. For a moment our Christianity was strengthened, bringing us all closer to one another. That strength, that unity, is what we should reflect on each day of our lives, when our faith or our beliefs are questioned each time we encounter a fellow worker, our neighbor, or anyone else. As Pope John Paul II said: "Do not be afraid, do not be afraid," and I encourage you all, do not be afraid to stand up for the Church, for the Priesthood, for Right-to-Life, for Christianity.

November is among us and soon we will be together with our families to celebrate the Thanksgiving Holiday. If your family is like mine, it also means a day of watching parades and football games, but

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I SAW GOD TODAY

the important thing is that we spend time with our loved ones and give thanks to the Lord. Our Hunger Drive is coming close to a close, but that does not mean we stop giving. What better time of year to donate a can of food or \$2.00 to our Hunger Drive: after all, hunger does not have a time table. My thanks to the Hunger Drive committee and this year's chairman Tom Conte, and his two co-chairmen, Michael Eager and John Perna who made it possible to collect an abundance of food, enabling us to contribute to those less fortunate.

On behalf of my wife, Sandi, and my children, Peter and Nicole, we wish you all a happy and safe Thanksgiving Holiday, and may the Good Lord bring Joy and Happiness to you all. Happy Thanksgiving!

IN MEMORIUM

*We keep in our prayers those
Brother Knights who have departed*

- Gerard Alfano July 15, 1995
- Bill Stuart July 15, 1995
- Jim Grimm August 8, 1995
- Tony Shans Sr. August 1995
- Carmen Marrotto August 30, 1995
- Bob Armstrong PGK .. September 25, 1995

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**The
KofC**
is You and Me!
Get Involved.

I saw God today. Where did I see him, you ask? I saw him in the face of a small child whose smile and laughter reminded me of the happiness and joy that come from trusting a God who loves us.

I saw God today. Where did I see him, you ask? I saw him in the golden leaves of autumn which fall each year and blossom each spring. I heard him in the rustling of the grass and in the song of a robin red-breast.

I saw God today. Where did I see him, you ask? I saw him in the person of a teacher who loved his students. I saw him struggling to teach so that the student could have a better life. I saw him toil on in his labors, underpaid and often unappreciated.

I saw God today. Where did I see him, you ask? I saw him in the compassion of a doctor who was working with God to heal a patient. I saw him as with his skills and knowledge he helped relieve some of the suffering of a broken humanity.

I saw God today. Where did I see him, you ask? I saw him in the love of a father who was sweaty and tired from a hard day's work. I saw him work so that his family could have a house where they could make a home. I saw him work so that his children could get a good education. I saw him work so that the woman he loved could have a few of life's luxuries.

I saw God today. Where did I see him, you ask? I saw him in the person of a minister who wept with a family at the loss of a loved one, who joyed with a young couple at the birth of their first child, and who prayed for love which he could pass on to those with whom he came into contact.

I saw God today. Where did I see him, you ask? I saw him in a public official who was elected to office by the people. I saw him as he tried to do his best in a society which often accepts and fosters crookedness. I saw him as he struggled to make a decision, knowing that whatever decision he made would help some and hurt others, would be praised by some and condemned by others.

I saw God today. Where did I see him, you ask? I saw him in an ex-convict who was trying to make a new start in life. I saw him as his past life followed him ev-

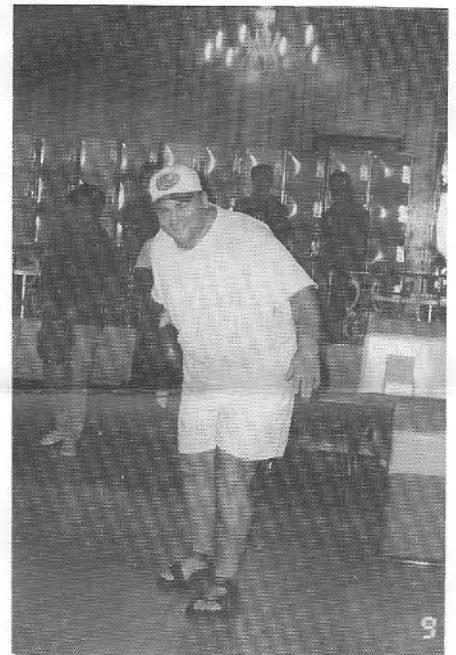
erywhere he went. I saw him as he tried to start over and on one was interested in giving him the chance.

I saw God today. Where did I see him, you ask? I saw him in a person—any person, every person—who reached out his hand to help another. I saw him as people overcame the difference of race, creed, education, status, in order that they could help another.

I saw God today. Where did I see him, you ask? I saw him in the symbol of a cross. It reminded me of his great love for us. He loved us so much that he sent his only Son into our world to save us. His Son died for us even when we weren't worth dying for. I saw him on the cross, and I heard his prayer of forgiveness for those of us who put him there.

So you see, I saw God today. You say you have never seen him? You can, my friend, if you will only look for him.

K OF C BOWLING



Grand Knight Ernie Santorelli threw the first ball to begin the 1995-96 K of C bowling season. *Nice form Ernie.*

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