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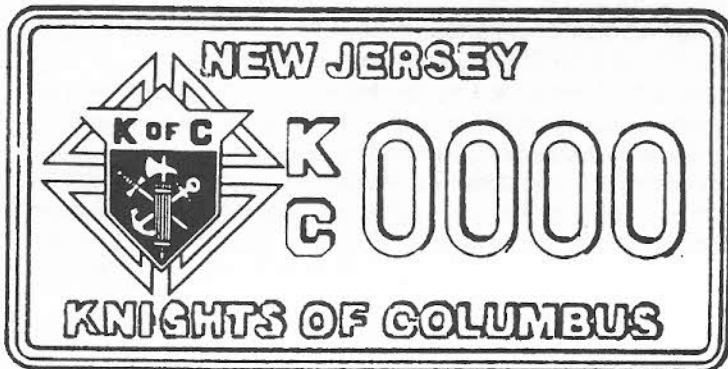
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Knights of Columbus

License Plates

As a non-profit service organization, the Knights of Columbus is eligible to participate in the New Jersey Organizational Special (License) Plate Program offered by the Division of Motor Vehicle (MVS).

The design will be similar to the line drawing shown below.



NEWARK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CHAPEL PROGRAM

A new supply of the recently re-designed Memorial Card has been received. Donations received for the use of these cards is used for the support of Father Salvatore Malanga's Chapel in Terminal C of Newark Airport. For your supply of these cards, other occasion cards, and/or further information about this program, please call John Peters, Chapel Chairman, on 964-6869.

There is a one-time fee of \$25.00, and the plates are transferable if you change cars in the future.

A few simple but definite MVS rules must be observed:

1. THE VEHICLE MUST BE REGISTERED IN THE MEMBER'S NAME. (No Company or Spouse-owned cars are eligible).
2. THE APPLICANT MUST BE A PAID-UP ACTIVE MEMBER.
3. PLATES ARE NOT AVAILABLE WITH OTHER SYMBOLS, ie.: HANDICAPPED, FIRST-AIDER, etc., and MOTORCYCLE PLATES ARE NOT AVAILABLE.

To order one or more sets of plates:

- Obtain a photostat of your VEHICLE REGISTRATION.
- Obtain a photostat of your current MEMBERSHIP CARD.
- Write a CHECK or MONEY ORDER for \$25.00 for each set ordered, payable to:
"N.J. State Council, Knights of Columbus"
- Mail these items to:
JEROME MEDINA, PGK
P.O. BOX 1098
Chatham, New Jersey 07928

Any Questions Call - 201-635-8869

Brothers, our initial order of these plates must be for at least 500 sets, so please don't delay; pass the word around your Council, and get those orders in right away!

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Grand Knights's Column

Michael Gasser



The Grand Knight's Mid-Term Meeting was recently held. Basically it is a review of all the programs that the Knights participate in. Even though as the time came close for the meeting, I wasn't looking forward to going to it because it's a long day. But now I'm glad that I went. Although I knew we still have alot of work to do, I was starting to feel a little complacent. (Especially when I sat down to try and write this article).

One of the areas of great concern to the State Council discussed at the meeting was membership. Through the first six months of this Columbian year the State Council had a total net gain of six members. That is additions minus deductions (deaths, transfers, withdrawals and suspensions). It is also one of the areas I would also like to concentrate on. We have brought in our share of new members, but we have also had quite a few suspensions and also unfortunately alot of deaths. The State Council is planning to run a couple state wide membership drives and is asking all Councils to participate. All I ask is that if you know someone who might be interested in joining the Knights, just ask him and have him fill out the Form - 100 application and turn it in to Membership Director Russ Albert.

I would like to congratulate the John F. Kennedy Assembly, Fourth Degree, who is celebrating its 25th anniversary. Also my thanks to the members of the Color Corps, who are always willing to come out when a Council requests their participation at an event.

Let's turn our attention to some upcoming events. Friday, February 2, our First Friday Mass Program continues. Congressman Matthew Rinaldo is scheduled to be our guest speaker. He will speak about Social Security and Medicare. On February 10, will be our Valentine's Day Dance in honor of Sister Ann Dominic and Camp Fatima. Over the years this has come to be one of our most successful dances. We all know the amount of work Sister Ann does for Camp Fatima and her special children so come out and let's show our support for her and the Camp. Then on February 24 we will be having another one of our bingos at the Boy's and Girl's Club. As always we can use workers as well as players. We have a First Degree scheduled for February 26. So as I said earlier if you have someone you would like to sponsor, have him fill out an application and send it in.



Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Edward Gedrich

The calendar tells us that we're in the dead of winter. A walk out of doors confirms this - the icy blast that goes right through us, the barren trees framed by a slate gray sky, matching our mood.

What of our mood? Do we feel unmotivated, perhaps a bit bored or depressed? Is it hard even to pray: does God even seem far away?

I suspect these "February moods" come upon all of us more than anyone would care to admit. It is so much easier, and of course much more socially acceptable, to share those feelings of warmth, fulfillment, and joy that speak of God's presence and blessing rather than the lack of feeling, the dull grayness, the lonely moments that speak not at all of His presence, that can make us fearful of His absence.

Such is the trap we fall into when we come to believe that God's presence necessarily evokes feelings of warmth and happiness and joy, when we reduce God's presence to our **feeling** God's presence. In doing this we forget His promise to be with us in all our moods and all our seasons: "Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you." (Isaiah 49:15) "My love shall never leave you nor my covenant of peace be shaken, says the Lord." (Isaiah 54:10) "Even to your old age I am the same, even when your hair is gray I will bear you." (Isaiah 46:4)

The day may be cold. Our hearts may grow cold. But the Lord of the day, the Lord of our Hearts, His great love is without end.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

A Council scholarship is available to one student per year. The student must be the child, brother or sister of a member in a good standing or a deceased member of Union Council.

The applicant must pass the Archdiocesan High School entrance exam and be accepted by a Catholic high school.

Preference for the scholarship will be decided by the scholarship committee on the basis of need and scholastic ability. If deemed necessary by the committee, an interview will be scheduled at which time the applicant must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Please apply as soon as possible and no later than April 15, 1990 Applications will be made available at the Council hall or contact PGK Andy Popp at 688-6951.

All applications must be addressed to the Grand Knight and mailed to the Council hall. The winner will be notified no later than June, 1990.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

February, 1990
Sigmund "Bill" Tyson



Our Knight of the Month for February, 1990 is Brother Sigmund Tyson, known to most around the Council as Bill. Bill and his wife, Emma, live in Union and are parishioners of St. Michael's. They have three children and four grandchildren.

Bill has been a member of our Council since July, 1980, when he transferred in from Regina Pacis Council 4066 in Newark. Over the years Bill has been active on our Council bowling and softball teams. He is also a very active participant at the Council work parties, where he's always ready with a helping hand for whatever has to be done.

This year Bill is celebrating his 25th Anniversary with the U.S. Postal Service.

Our congratulations to Brother Sigmund Tyson, Union Council's Knight of the Month for February, 1990.

BISHOP DOUGHERTY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The New Jersey State Council offers three (3) \$1,000 scholarships to college freshman. Candidates for the fund can be sponsored by a father, brother or grandfather who is a member in good standing. Application deadline is no later than March 25. For information or application contact Mike Gasser, GK, on 486-3141

FIRST FRIDAY PROGRAM

Every first Friday at 7:30 P.M. Mass is celebrated in the Knights Hall. Attendance has been great and we will look forward to seeing many more of you during the next few months. Come join us:

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| February 2 | Guest Speaker Congressman Matthew Rinaldo on Medicare. |
| March 3 | Father James Wiener of Holy Spirit Parish. |
| April 6 | Father John Gabriel of Roselle Catholic and resident of St. Michael's Parish. |
| May 4 | Our 'own' Father Salvatore Malanga of the Newark International Airport Chapel. |

A special thank you to our past Celebrants and Speakers. Father Ken Herbster, Father Edward Gedrich, and Father Malanga. A special thank you to Phil Matrале, the Youth Minister of St. Michael's for his wonderful presentation on Medjugorge.

COLUMBIAN CLUB

If anyone is interested in operating the Snack Bar this summer, please contact Tony Maffie on 688-4389.

SWIM CLUB ANNUAL MEETING

The Swim Club Annual Meeting was held on Friday, January 19, 1990. Elected to serve three-year terms on the Board of Governors were Tom Kosica and Frank Weishapl.

Our work parties will start this year on Saturday morning, March 24 beginning at 8:00 A.M. and ending at Noon. A light breakfast, luncheon and refreshments will be served to all workers.

Once Daylight Savings Time is reinstated, work parties will ALSO be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.

Two work passes will be issued to each Brother for every work party that he attends.

CONVENTION '90

COME ONE! COME ALL!

MAY 18, 19, and 20, 1990

PAN AM HOTEL

WILDWOOD, NEW JERSEY

ENJOY THE FUN AND SUN!!!

CONTACT: BOB PFARR 964-1512

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY

INSURANCE

Insurance agent, George Glynn, has been transferred to Arizona. We should be getting a new agent shortly. If you have any questions about your insurance, call our general agent, Vince Monterosso on 722-6336.

BINGO!

The First Council BINGO of the new decade will be held on February 24, 1990 at 7:30 PM at the Boys and Girls Club.