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DINNER/FASHION SHOW THURSDAY OCTOBER 3, 1996 DOORS OPEN 6:00 PM

On Thursday, October 3, 1996, The Knights of Columbus will be having a dinner/fashion show to be held at the Galloping Hill Inn, at Five points. Tickets are \$23.00 - tell your friends and neighbors and reserve your table early!!!! We will only be able to accommodate the first 300 people, after that we will have a waiting list. (Tables of 10 are available.) **Rafters of Westfield and Summit** will be doing the fashion show. For ticket information call Iris Rispoli (964-4123).

If anyone would like to donate items such as appliances, cosmetics, kitchen items, jewelry, linens, gift certificates, art work, hand crafted items, garden tools/furniture, floral arrangements, crystal, or would like to contribute a monetary donation please contact Janice Hibbard (964-1447) to arrange pickup. All donations are greatly appreciated!

PARISH TO HOLD BLOOD DRIVE

St. Michael's Parish, Union, will hold a Blood Drive on Sunday, September 29th. The drive will take place in the School Cafeteria, 1212 Kelly Street. The time is 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM.

Breakfast will be served to all who come. Necessary requirements are your Social Security card and a signed form of identification.

Remember, it takes a special kind of person to donate blood. Please help us to make this drive a success.

Thank you very much,

Sister Ann Dominic O.P.

Sr. Ann Dominic & Committee



*Past Grand Knight Dinner Dance
Honoring Past Grand Knight
Ernie Santorelli*

Saturday, September 28, 1996

8 o'clock to 12 o'clock

Dinner - Refreshments - Music

Donation \$ 25.00 per person

For Reservations call:

Barney Caprighione, PGK - 964-3143

Robert Wozniak, PGK - 964-4632

Dominick Clementoni, PGK - 688-3618



OKTOBERFEST

OCTOBER 19, 1996

7 PM

SAUERBRATEN

RED CABBAGE / SPAETZLE

OOM PAH BAND

BEER, WINE & SODA

\$18.00 PER PERSON

CALL: BOB PFARR PGK - 964-1512

TOM HORNIG PGK - 688-5867

RICH ROACH - 964-6499

FALL GOLF CLASSIC SATURDAY, OCT. 12TH SPOOKY BROOK GOLF CLUB \$75.00 PER DUFFER

Includes: Green fees, cart, coffee & bagels before start, Hot Buffet Dinner, Beer, Soda, All You Can Eat & Drink (Back At Council Patio Bar) Starting at 5:30 PM Prizes, Give-A-Ways Lots of Fun

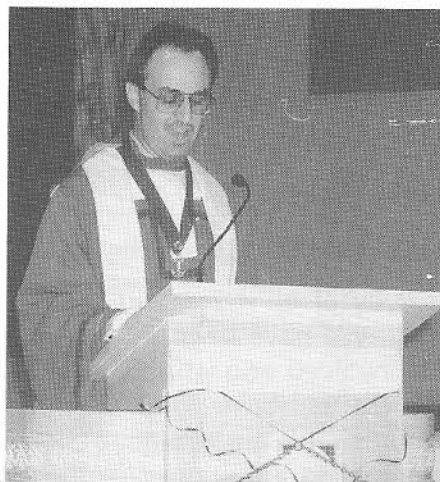
Reserve a foursome early with a 1(one) Duffer's fee (Non - Refundable Deposit)

Reservations Contact:
John Peters (908)810-1293
Full Payment must be made by Oct. 1st.
Deposits reserve Tee-Times

SWIM TEAM FAMILY COMPETITION AND ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

The Swim Club's First Annual Family Swim Meet was held on Saturday morning August 3rd. The event, which matched members of the Swim Team against a team of parents and siblings in a variety of fun races and relays was extremely well attended. The enthusiasm was tremendous! Brother Knight John McEvoy served as official starter and judge. The results were too close to call so the meet was declared a draw. Brother Knight Ken Lang was declared winner of the "most excuses why I didn't come in first: award. Actually, Ken made a tremendous sacrifice in competing....he got his hair wet!

Following the meet the Swim Club



GRAND KNIGHT RAY PRUSZKOWSKI
ADDRESSES THE CONGREGATION AT
THE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

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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

Parish Involvement Survey

The NJ State Council is conducting a survey of all Knights in New Jersey who are involved with their parishes. We have been asked to provide the name of each member who is involved and what type of ministry they are involved in, such as lector, Eucharistic minister, choir, usher, etc.. If you are involved with your parish, please contact PGK Mike Tomko at 908/686-3925. He is coordinating the survey for the council.

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hosted the annual awards party for the swim team. The children and teens were treated to lunch and cake. During the awards ceremony each team member received a trophy, a certificate of achievement, a swim team athletic shirt and a swim team beach towel smartly designed with this council logo across it.

The Swim Team enjoyed another successful season posting a 4 win and 2 loss record. Eighty-five children participated on the team. Swim Club Director and Board Vice President Brother Knight Pat Scanlon thanked this membership and Board of Governors for their continued support of the children's team. He recognized the efforts of Pool Manager and Swimming Coach Donna Restivo...a nationally heralded collegiate swimmer...and her assistants, lifeguard Brian Ford and Debra McGarvey.

In recognizing Donna, Brother Knight Scanlon stated that it is always rewarding when someone utilizes a God-given talent, but that it is especially nice when the person is willing to share that talent, particularly with children.

Recognition was given to the many parents who volunteered their time as scorers, timers, team mothers and all of the various tasks required at practices and meets. Special recognition was given to Ellen Bolton, wife of Brother Knight Joe Bolton, for her volunteer efforts over the years.

Another great season of family fun! See ya' next season!

Grand Knight's Column

RAY PRUSZKOWSKI



This month, my family celebrates my son's first birthday. I love my son more than I thought was possible. I know that my love and respect for my wife Kathleen has grown more since Sean's birth as well. The reason for me telling you this has to do with the circumstances of his birth. I remember last Labor Day doing some things around the house and getting ready to go back to work the next day after a long holiday weekend. It was then that my wife went into labor a few weeks early. I remember being calmer than I expected myself to be as we started timing the contractions. After about an hour, the interval between contractions decreased rapidly and we became a bit excited. "Was tonight the night?", we asked ourselves. It was then that we decided to go to the hospital. During the short ride to the hospital, we continued to time the contractions as they were coming very quickly. At the hospital, they took my wife up to Labor and Delivery as I went to the Admissions to fill out the necessary paperwork. As I was filling out the forms, I was mentally preparing myself for a long night of coaching her through delivery and welcoming our child into the world. After about 15 minutes of filling out the forms, I took the short walk to where my wife was staying and looked forward to see how she was progressing.

When I arrived in Labor and Delivery, I was little prepared for the news that met me. One of the nurses told me that my wife had begun severe bleeding almost immediately and that she had been rushed into surgery for an emergency delivery. It was only a short time that I was away from my wife, but in that short time her life and our child's life was endangered. After waiting what seemed like a

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