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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

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RED CABBAGE / SPAETZLE

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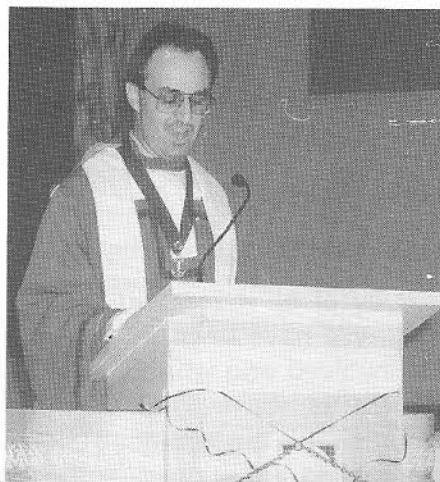
BEER, WINE & SODA

\$18.00 PER PERSON

CALL: BOB PFARR PGK - 964-1512

TOM HORNIG PGK - 688-5867

RICH ROACH - 964-6499



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

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

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908-810-9760
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- Columbian Club Pres..Michael Malloy
- Swim Club Pres.....George Clark
- District Deputy....Robert Sugzda,PGK

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

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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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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.

lifetime (but was less than 10 minutes), a doctor came out to let me know that my wife had lost a considerable amount of blood and that my son had ingested a good deal of it. However, they were going to be okay. She told me that had my wife not arrived at the hospital when she did, it was quite likely that neither of them would have lived. It was only a matter of minutes that made the difference.

Today, they are both fine and healthy, but the lesson of that night stays with me to this day. I learned that you can not take for granted the people around you because their time may end sooner than you think. Tell them how you feel, show them how you feel, give of yourself so that they will know how you feel. This is a lesson that needs to be applied every day.

**WORDS OF FAITH FROM
POPE JOHN PAUL II
HAVING KNOWLEDGE OF JESUS
CHRIST**

Having knowledge of God! Having God for Father! These are enormous assertions; but the Christian gives himself to them confidently. The life of the just is different from that of others, and his paths are quite different. . . . The Christian is in the world but not of the world(cf. John 17:16) . His life must necessarily be different from that of someone without faith. His conduct, his habits of life, his way of thinking, of making choices, of evaluating things and situations, are different, because they happen in the light of Christ's words, which are a message of everlasting life. The Christian ought to live in the perspective of eternity. Sometimes his authentically Christian life may even arouse persecution, open or insidious: "Let us see whether his words be true; . . . with revilement and torture let us put him to the test that we may have proof of his gentleness, and try his patience" (Wis. 2:17). Certainty of the eternal salvation awaiting us renders the Christian strong against temptations and patient in tribulations: "They will harry you," the Divine Master said, "as they harried me" (John 15:20) : a great honor.

CALENDAR

September 1996

- 2 Mon.....Labor Day Get-Together
- 6 Fri.....First Friday @ 7:30 PM
- 7 Sat.Council Family Picnic(K. LAng)
- 8 Sun.....Bus Trip to West Point,
\$50 p.p. (E. Santorelli)
- 8 Sun.....Council Family Picnic
(Rain Date)
- 9. Sun.....Council Meeting 8:15 PM
- 23 Mon.....Council Meeting 8:15 PM
- 28..Sat.....PGK Dinner (B. Capriglione)

October 1996 Respect Life Month

- 3 Thu.....Fashion Show & Dinner
- 4 Fri.....First Friday @ 7:30 PM
- 5 Sat..Rose Sale @ St. Michael's. 5:30
PM (Jim Sondey)
- 6 Sun.....Rose Sale @ St. Michael's
All Masses
- 12 Sat.....Columbus Day
- 12 Sat.....Golf Outing at Spooky Brook
\$75 p.p. (John Peters)
- 12 Sat.....Rose Sale @ Holy Spirit, 5:30
PM (Jim Sondey)
- 13 Sun.....Rose Sale @ Holy Spirit
All Masses
- 14 Mon.....Columbus Day - Observed
- 14 Mon.....Council Meeting &
First Degree, 8:15 PM
- 19 Sat....Golf Outing rain date (J.Peters)
- 19 Sat.....OctoberFest, \$18 p.p.
(Bob Pfarr & Tom Hornig)
- 25 Fri..Coors Night at the Bar (J. Peters)
- 26 Sat.....Council Halloween Dance
- 27 Sun.....Daylight Savings Time ends
(set clock back 1 hour)
- 27 Sun.....Children's Halloween
Party
- 28 Mon.....Council Meeting, 8:15 PM
- 31 Thu.....Halloween

ONE AT A TIME

A man was walking down a deserted beach at sunset. As he walked along, he began to see another man in the distance. As he grew nearer, he noticed that the other man kept leaning down, picking something up and throwing it out into the water. Time and again he kept hurling things out into the ocean. As they came closer, the first man noticed that the other man was picking up starfish that had been washed up on the beach and, one at a time, he was throwing them back into the water.

The first man was puzzled. He approached the other man and said, "Good evening, friend. I was wondering what you are doing."

"I'm throwing these starfish back into the ocean. You see, it's low tide right now and all of these starfish have been washed up onto the shore. If I don't throw them back into the sea, they'll die up here from lack of oxygen."

"I understand, " the first man replied, "but, there must be thousands of starfish on this beach. You can't possibly get to all of them. There are simply too many. And don't you realize this is probably happening on hundreds of beached all up and down this coast. Can't you see that you can't possibly make a difference?" The other man smiled, bent down and picked up yet another starfish, and as he threw it back into the sea, he replied, "Made a difference to that one!"

J. Canfield & M. Hansen

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

**Union Council To Receive Columbian
Award**

Supreme Council recently reported that Union Council 4504 is to receive the Columbian Award for the year 1995 - 1996 for its programs. Congratulations to PGK Ernie Santorelli and to all of the officers, chairman, and members for their efforts in achieving this award.

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