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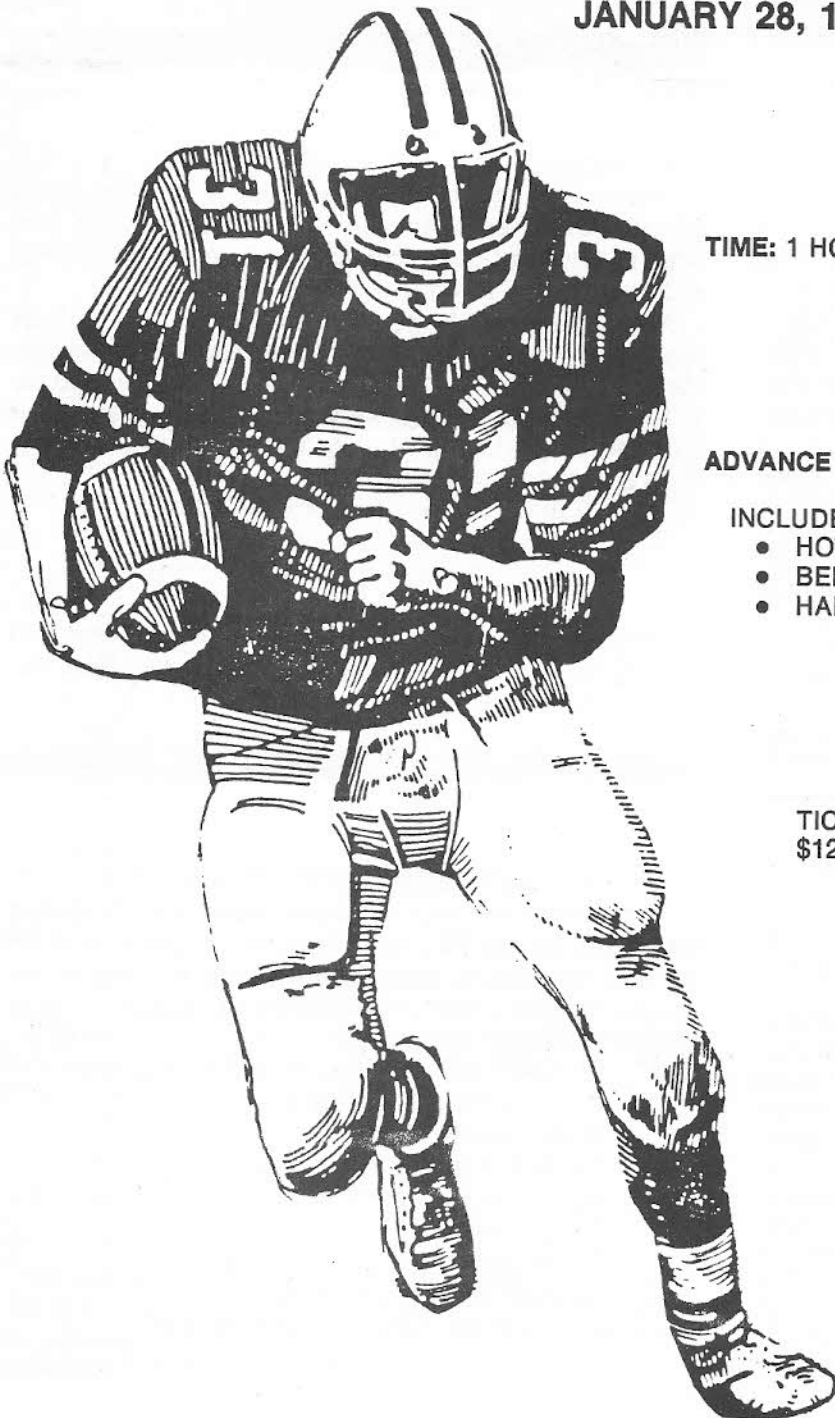
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SUPER BOWL PARTY

JANUARY 28, 1990



TIME: 1 HOUR BEFORE GAME

ADVANCE TICKETS: \$10.00 PER PERSON

INCLUDES:

- HOT DINNER
- BEER & SODA
- HALF-TIME REFRESHMENTS

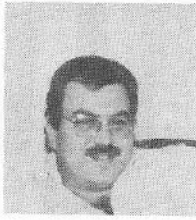
TICKETS PURCHASED AFTER JAN. 22, 1990 WILL BE \$12. PER PERSON

2 LARGE SCREEN TV'S

FOR TICKETS CALL:
DON PFARR 851-0018
MIKE CARR 354-3186

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

January 1990
Alex Pastushenko



Our Knight of the Month for January 1990, is Brother Alex Pastushenko. Alex and his wife, Gail, live in Union and are communicants of St. John's Ukranian Church.

Alex has been a member for a relatively short period of time, but has become a very active member. He currently serves as our Council Treasurer, and last summer helped out with our social activities on the patio including our successful Caribbean Night. Alex is a partner in the Alexander E. Smal Agency dealing in insurance and real estate. In his spare time he enjoys traveling and a game of golf or tennis.

Our congratulations to Alex Pastushenko, Union Council's Knight of the Month for January, 1990.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!
GRAND KNIGHT MIKE GASSER ON JANUARY 4
Is it the age or is it the job?????!!!!

**CAMP FATIMA
VALENTINE'S DANCE**



Saturday, February 10, 1990

\$15.00 per person

For Reservations call:

Barney or Tom at 964-3143 or Andy Popp at 688-6951

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.

WANTED

We are looking for a mature, loving woman interested in caring for our two young children in our Union home, Mondays through Fridays, 2:30 to 5:30 P.M. Call 964-6869 for information.

**COLUMBIAN CLUB
"THANKS"**

As in the past, the day after Thanksgiving, having been designated as one of the two days set aside for our annual house cleaning, my plea for volunteers was rewarded by the attendance of thirteen (13) Brothers. Thirteen serious-minded workers, who worked effortlessly to accomplish the required projects. The only reward for their efforts was their being treated to sub sandwiches and beverages after completion.

To the following Brothers, on behalf of the Columbian Club, I say, "Thanks":

Bill Tyson, Ernest Gruber, Barney Oakley, George Kost, Bob Ault, Jack Bruno, Vinnie Iannuzzi, Matty Battiato, Joe Milani, Marty Farrell, George Jacko, Mike Tomko, Tom Kramer.

Rocco Corbo, Project Chairman

SWIM CLUB CORNER

The Swim Club is currently looking for a Pool Manager for the 1990 season. Anyone interested please contact Frank Fabiano at 964-3863 or John Peters at 964-6869.

Anyone interested in being nominated to the Swim Club Board of Directors contact Wes Czap 964-0429 or Vinnie Iannuzzi at 686-4504.

As there are two vacancies on the Board, they will be filled at the Annual Meeting. The meeting is scheduled for January 19, 1990 at 8:00 PM. Please plan to attend.

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES
FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP**

The Free Throw Championship, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, for Boys and Girls 10 to 14 years old, will be held on January 21, 1990 at the Union Boys and Girls Club. The first group begins at 10:00 AM. For any further information, contact Youth Activities Chairman, Mike Kramer at 687-7156.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

January 7, 1990, 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Adults \$5.00 Children \$3.50. Call Ed Rocco or Tony Maffie at the Club. Tickets will NOT be sold after January 4.

TRUMP PLAZA

January 9, 1990 is the next scheduled trip to the Trump Plaza. The bus leaves the K of C at 8:30 AM. The cost is \$12.00 per person for which you receive in return \$14.00 cash, plus a \$5.00 deferred voucher. Reserve early, call Ignatius Zrebiec at 686-1622.

NIGHT AT THE RACES

January 20, 1990, 7:00 PM. Italian Hot Dog, Beer, Soda, Coffee, Cake \$4.00 per person. Contact Bob Sugzda at 851-9182.

**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.

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Grand Knights's Column

Michael Gasser



Here we are at the beginning of a new calendar year. I trust that everyone had a most joyous holiday season. January also marks the mid-point of the Columbian year. For me it is hard to believe but the months really do go by fairly quickly.

For the last month or so a lot of people have been telling me that I'm "getting over the hump" and "it's all down hill from here". I think that it may be true but only to a point. I feel that the first half of the year was very successful with activities like Caribbean night, Halloween party and the March and Rally for Life in Trenton just to name a few. However we cannot afford to rest on our laurels. There is still plenty to get done the second half of the year. Among them are probably the most important activities of the whole year such as the Valentine's Day Dance, the Retarded Citizen's Drive, the State Convention and also another Blood Drive. That is why I thank everyone for their hard work and support thus far but ask for your continued support. Also as I've stated before in other columns, if you would like to get involved or have any ideas do not hesitate to call me. I'm sure DGK Bob Pfarr is starting to get some plans and arrangements for this year, and I'm sure that he could use a hand. I would be willing to bet that he would listen to any ideas or suggestions for his year as well as taking any volunteers.

Let us not forget, January 22 marks the date of the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion in Roe v. Wade. Let us remember all the millions of lives that have been lost before they even had a chance to live. The ones that could have gone on to be doctors or lawyers or maybe even President if they could have just been given the chance to live. The ones who may have just made that little bit of difference to change the world. Let us pray that God will give us the strength to turn the tables and rid society of this travesty called abortion. One question puzzles me. Do the people who speak out as "pro-abortionists" ever wonder what would have happened to them if their mothers had considered abortion?



Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Edward Gedrich

Why must the children always suffer the most? Whether Homeless refugees in Lebanon or doomed unborn in an abortion clinic, hopeless and hungry in Harlem or spoiled and starved for affection on Park Avenue: in the decade of the 80's as in decades of the past, the children have suffered.

The awful, damnable shame is that it need not be so. If each child born in this world is God's "Yes" to creation, then our response to each child is either "Yes" or our "No" to God. Jesus said: "Whatever you did for one of these least ones, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40), and "Whoever receives a child in my name receives me" (Luke 9:48). If our faith is a true Christian faith, then, we will welcome and treasure the children of our own families. We will treasure the children of our neighbors. We will treasure the children of every race and nation.

Now, a new year begins. A new decade begins. May this year, this decade be different from all those that have gone before, that the children might suffer no more. May the following children's prayer echo on our lips and in our loving hearts. May the following children's prayer come true:

"Thank you for the world so sweet.

Thank you for the food we eat.

Thank you for the birds that sing.

Thank you, God, for everything."

This new year, let us be gentle with each other. Let us be gentle with the children. Thank you, God, for them. Thank you, God, for everything.

MILITARY SERVICEMEN COMMITTEE

The Military Servicemen Committee sent Christmas packages to the following Brother Knights, or their sons or daughters, who are presently serving in the Armed Forces of the United States at various domestic and overseas locations:

Lt. Commander Thomas J. Arminio, USN

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