



# Knight Digest



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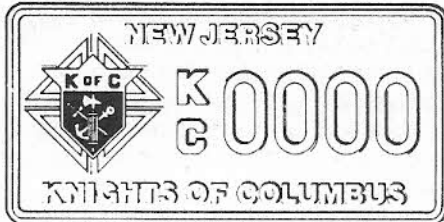
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## Knights of Columbus License Plates

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 Services (MVS).

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



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 Question 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!

## Checks Given To Worthy Causes



Preceding the regular Council meeting on September 11, Past Grand Knight Mike Carr presented checks to Sister Ann Dominic and Mr. John Olivio. The checks were donations from the proceeds of the Retarded Citizens Drive held in April of this year. Sister Ann received a check for Camp Fatima, a summer camp for retarded children. She thanked the Knights of Columbus for its continued support of the camp.

John Olivio received a check for the special education program at Burnet Jr. High School. John thanked the Council and noted that Union Council has supported his program for the past nine years. A check will also be mailed to the McAuley School for the Retarded in Scotch Plains.

Past Grand Knight Mike Carr thanked all who collected for the drive and reminded everyone that the more who collect the more money we can donate to the retarded citizens. Please plan to take to the streets of Union next April to collect for this most worthy cause.

## HALLOWEEN DANCE

Saturday, October 28, 1989      8:00 PM to 1 AM

Music by D.J. Tony and His Music Express  
\$12.00 per person

Giant 3 Ft. Subs on each table, Beer and Soda  
Costumes: Optional

Prizes will be awarded for best costumes. Last year's dance was well attended, please make your reservations early. All money MUST be paid by October 20, 1989.

Ticket: Mike Ward 687-7994 (after 5PM)

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### Grand Knights's Column

Michael Gasser



October is a busy time for our pro-life activities program. As I am writing this column, the March and Rally for Life in Trenton is 2 weeks away. The success of this March was extremely important to our pro-life movement and to our State Deputy Dominick Calabrese. If I may quote a portion of a letter he recently sent to the Grand Knights. "I think this March and Rally is so important, because the Right to Life Issue in New Jersey is actually fighting for its life. Our opponents, the Merchants of Death, have vowed to bury our movement and all the legislators who support us. We must not allow this to happen!"

If you were not able to make it to the March and Rally for Life you can still help our pro-life activities. Our Annual Right-to-Life Rose Sale will be on October 7-8 at St. Michael's and on October 28-29 at Holy Spirit before and after all the Masses. I would ask that if you could arrive at church a couple of minutes early and stay a couple of minutes later to please to help sell the roses, your help would be greatly appreciated. Oct. 1 is Right to Life Sunday, a day to remember & pray for the rights of unborn babies everywhere. Even if you get your bulletin after Oct. 1, take the time to say a prayer for the unborn because its never too late to pray for them and their rights.

October is the time of year for all you 'guys and ghouls' to come out of the closet. October 28 is the date of our Halloween Party, which is always alot of fun. Come out and try to win a prize for best costume. I must admit that I've been planning my strategy for our costumes since last year's party, when my wife & I won one of the prizes for best costume. OK, that's enough bragging for now.

Our Youth Activities are also getting into full swing in October. The annual Punt, Pass & Kick contest will be held on October 14 on our picnic grounds. The Knights of Columbus Essay Contest entries are due in by October 27. Also, the Children's Halloween Party will be on Sunday, October 29. See the articles in the "Digest" for more details.



### Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Edward Gedrich

You should be receiving this edition of the "Digest" around October 1, that day designated by the bishops of the United States as Respect Life Sunday, that day each year on which we as Catholics are to focus our thoughts and prayers on the Church's constant and consistent teaching on the sanctity of each human life.

Since the decision of the United States Supreme Court this past July 3rd acknowledging the right of each State government to regulate the availability of abortion in that State, the State of New Jersey has become a key battleground in the current election campaign between those who call themselves "pro-choice" and "pro-life". So this Respect Life Sunday has special significance for us: we're in the thick of the battle.

I fear that those in favor of protecting the rights of the unborn may have grown too confident of victory since the Supreme Court's July decision. Perhaps the necessary emphasis on court action since the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade decision has made us forget that, in the end, the battle for life will be won or lost in the human heart. Each of us must bring our hearts to the point where we can say "YES" to the truth, taught by the Church in the Spirit of Christ but revealed too by the human reason, that human life must be protected AND CHERISHED from the beginning. May that "YES", spoken in our hearts, bear fruit in action: in the way we cherish each person with physical or mental handicaps, in the way we cherish the terminally ill, in the way we cherish the child in the womb and the child once born, the unmarried mother and the poor struggling family-indeed, even in the way we cherish those citizens of our nation who call themselves "pro-choice" - may all our actions show that we reverence the dignity and sacredness of each person, even those who disagree with us.

But for us, there is no escape from our own responsibility. We can no longer point the finger at the Supreme Court and say "look what their decision is doing to the unborn". We are citizens of a representative democracy. We choose our leaders. The battle is closer to home now. Indeed, it's even closer than Trenton: it's in our hearts. The finger points to us now, to YOU now. Do YOU believe in life? Then do something to protect it, to reverence it, to cherish it.

#### FIRST FRIDAY PROGRAM

October 6 guest speaker and Celebrant will be Father Ken Herbster of St. Michael's Parish.

November 3 we welcome Father Ron Rozniak, former Pastor of St. Michael's and of St. Joseph's.

A speaker from Union's Police Department Crime Prevention Department and Celebrant Father Ed Gedrich is scheduled for December 1.

The New Year First Friday on January 5 will have Father James Wiener as Celebrant and guest speaker Phil Matrale and St. Michael's CYO and slide show of Medagora.

Congressman Mathew Rinaldo will speak on Social Security and Medicare at our February 2 celebration.

