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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:

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- Write a CHECK or MONEY ORDER for \$25.00 for each set ordered, payable to:
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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.

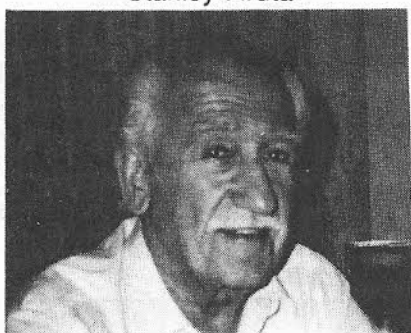
A speaker from Union's Police Department Crime Prevention Department and Celebrant Father Ed Gedrich is scheduled for December 1.

The New Year First Friday on January 5 will have Father James Wiener as Celebrant and guest speaker Phil Matrile 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.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

October, 1989
Stanley Firuta



The Knight of the Month for October, 1989 is Stanley Firuta. Stan and his wife, Florence, reside in Union and are communicants of St. Michael's Parish, where Stan is president of the Senior Citizens Group. He also serves as an usher at Saturday evening mass. On the Council level, Stan was chairman of the Rose Sunday program when Paul Sandy was our Grand Knight. Stan has also put in many hours at the Council work parties readying the pool and patio for our summer enjoyment. He is a 4th Degree member of the JFK Assembly where he has held several chair positions, in addition to being a member of the Color Corps. Our congratulations to Brother Stan Firuta, Knight of the Month for October, 1989.

BINGO - NOVEMBER 18

The receipts from our BINGOs are a major source of revenue for our charitable fund. Our last BINGO for the year 1989 will be held at the Boys and Girls Club on Saturday, November 18. We invite you to come for an evening of enjoyment.

We thank you for your past participation on behalf of all who have benefitted from your charities.

COUNCIL BLOOD BANK

Any Brother Knight or member of his immediate family who is in need of blood should contact Jack Kelly at 925-1539.

1989 PINOCHLE CHAMPIONSHIP

This year's tournament included player: Gertrude Ghuzzi, Frank Dubeau, Tom Kachelriess, George Jacko, John Dzuna, Joan Barber, Alex Pastushenko, Lillian Taylor, Lorraine Clementone, Lorraine Higgins, Ignatius Zrebiec, Margaret Mirynowki, Jules Pruszkowski, Pat Pruszkowski, Walter Wrzesinski, Robert Dellopia, Steve Wayne, and Henry Smith.

For the first time we had an all-female winning team. Joan Barber and Lorraine Higgins are the 1989 Pinochle Champions.

Special thanks to Ed Rocco, Tony Maffie and Mike Malloy who prepared the refreshments.

John Mc Evoy
Pinochle Chairman

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Punt, Pass and Kick	-	Saturday, October 14
Essay Contest Deadline	-	Friday, October 27
Halloween Party	-	Sunday, October 29
Christmas Party	-	Sunday, December 17
Spelling Bee	-	February, 1990
Easter Egg Hunt	-	April, 1990

PUNT, PASS and KICK competition will be held in the Council picnic area at 10:30 AM. Boys and girls, ages 8-12, are eligible. All winners will receive a trophy at our Youth Awards Dinner. Pizza and soda will be served to all the participants after the competition. The rain date will be on Sunday, October 15, at 12:30 PM in the Council picnic area.

ESSAY CONTEST will be open for all students, grades 7-12. This year's theme is "The Flag of Our Country...What It Means to Me". A \$50 savings bond will be awarded to one student at each grade level at our Youth Awards Dinner.

Essays will start with the title, "The Flag of Our Country...What It Means to Me" and name shown immediately below. At the end the number of words should be noted, the author should give full name, age, address and telephone number. Essays should be typed, double-spaced or written legibly in ink. Essays will not be returned. The essays must be submitted on or before October 27.

HALLOWEEN PARTY will start on Sunday, October 29 at 2:00 PM. Prizes will be awarded to the children with the best costumes. Refreshments and entertainment will be provided.

For any further information contact Youth Activities Chairman, Mike Kramer at 687-7156.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Now is the time to start making plans for our New Year's Eve Gala Celebration as we usher in the Decade of the 90'S!!!!

Tentative plans call for a hot buffet, appetizers, open bar (5 hour), hats and noisemakers, dessert, midnite snacks, etc. In addition, we will have a five-piece band (Rendition) for your dancing and listening pleasure.







For the third year we have not increased our price (\$65 per Couple). Since our New Year's party sells out quickly and to give all our members an opportunity to attend, we will start taking reservations on November 1. Call Joe Tortora at 688-1422. Next month's "Digest" will contain all the details for New Year's Eve.

SWIM CLUB CORNER

On behalf of Swim Club President Frank Fabiano and the Board of Governors, we hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable season at the pool this summer. We look forward to seeing everyone next year.

Following is a listing of the first ten members on the Swim Club waiting list:

John C. Simpson	Carl Luongo
Gregory Scarlato	John Farah
William R. Tyson	Robert J. Higgins
Frank A. Harling	Joseph V. Cassese
Donald A. Harling	Paul J. Le Compte

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