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## SISTER ANN & CAMP FATIMA DANCE

Our annual Valentine's Day Dinner Dance benefiting Sister Ann Dominic and Camp Fatima was a huge success. Approximately 250 persons attended and helped to make the charity night the best ever in its history. Pictured above are Chairman P.G.K. Tom Hornig, Chairman P.G.K. Barney Capriglione, Township Mayor Diane Heelan, 4504's Favorite Sister Ann Dominic, Chairman P.G.K. Andy Popp and G.K. Tom McGarvey. Sister Ann also received a proclamation from the Township and our Mayor making the day "Camp Fatima Day".

## OUR CHAPEL F. A. M. I. L. Y.

Father Malanga has already received response from our council's mailing of mass cards in support of OUR chapel in Newark International Airport. Join our F.A.M.I.L.Y. by becoming a member and wearing your blessed membership pin proudly. We at 4504 are honored to help support "OUR Chapel". Please feel free to visit anytime you are at Terminal B. The chapel is located just behind the cocktail lounge. Membership is only \$5.00 and use of the mass cards are for a donation of your choice. For more information on membership or supplies of mass cards please call Council Representative, John Peters at 964-6869.

WHEN YOU CARE ENOUGH TO SEND THE VERY BEST  
SEND OUR CHAPEL'S MASS CARD REMEMBRANCE

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 3 First Friday Mass 7:30 P.M.
- 4 Night at the Races 7:30 P.M.
- 6 Officers Meeting 8:00 P.M.
- 11 Easter Egg Hunt 2:00 P.M.
- 13 Council Meeting 8:00 P.M.
- 23 Columbian Club Board Meeting 8:00 P.M.
- 24-26 Retarded Citizens' Drive
- 27 Council Meeting 8:00 P.M.

## ANNUAL RETARDED CITIZENS' DRIVE

Our annual retarded citizens' drive will be held this year over the weekend of April 24, 25 and 26.

We are making a special appeal this year for any able body, willing Brother Knight to offer his time for a few hours on any of the above dates to help collect donations for this worthy cause. If you are unable to help collect, I'm sure that your services would be appreciated in helping count the collections.

In the event that you are either too busy to collect or help count, please send any donation to Knights of Columbus, c/o Tony Shans, Box 1787, Union, New Jersey 07083.

Any questions concerning the times and locations of the collection stations should be directed to Tony Shans, 964-6827 or Bill Coonan, 353-0055.

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## Grand Knight's Column

Thomas J. McGarvey



The Lenten season is a time for us to renew our commitment to our Catholic Faith and to show our love for God through fast, abstinence and other forms of self denial. It is also a time that we can reflect on our role as parents.

Many of us are fortunate to have children who came into this world healthy and happy but sometimes we don't realize what a profound effect our example, good or bad, has on their lives.

I'd like to share some prose with you which deals with this dilemma. It's called "DON'T BLAME THE CHILDREN" and it goes like this.

We read the paper and hear on the air  
Of killing and stealing and crime everywhere.  
We sigh and say we notice the trend;  
"This young generation! Where will it all end?"  
But we can be sure that it's their fault alone:  
That maybe part of it isn't our own?  
Are we less guilty who place in their way  
Too many things that lead them astray?  
Too many books not fit to be read;  
Too much evil in what they hear said;  
Too many children encouraged to roam  
By too many parents who won't stay home.  
Kids don't make the movies or write the books  
That paint gay pictures of gangsters and crooks.  
They don't make liquer or don't run bars,  
They don't make the laws or don't buy the cars.  
They don't peddle drugs that confuse the brain;  
That's done by older folks greedy for gain.  
Delinquent teenagers! Oh, how we condemn  
The sins of the nation and blame it on them.

BY THE LAWS OF THE BLAMELESS.  
THE SAVIOR MADE KNOWN

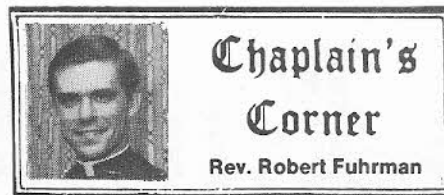
WHO IS THERE AMONG US TO CAST THE FIRST  
STONE?

For in so many cases t'is sad but true  
That the title "DELINQUENT" fits older folks too.

I wish all the members and their families a very Happy  
Easter and a very healthy Spring.

## COMPUTER INFORMATION NIGHT

At the April 27th Council meeting you can find out how our recently acquired AT&T computer system manages mailings, rosters and other tasks. Join us for an interesting and informative night.



## Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Robert Fuhrman

## R.I.P. Fr. Joseph Driscoll

Father Driscoll was the first council chaplain for 4504, and served in that position for many years. He was an assistant pastor at St. Michael's for 15 years before becoming pastor of St. Andrew's in Westwood and then going to Washington, D.C. Many hundreds of Knights and parishioners of St. Michael's remember him fondly.

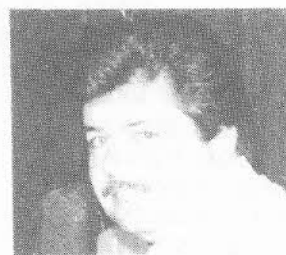
It was gratifying to have seen so many Knights at his wake service on Tuesday, Feb. 17. Some old-timers and some young were there, a true witness to our genuine concern for the soul of a priest. When a priest dies we tend to reflect on the mystery and gift of human life and faith. Here was a man who was called to be a priest of Jesus Christ, a man who, through God's providence and grace, led countless souls to salvation. He taught by his life the meaning of Lent and Easter.

Only God knows how many people were given the gift of spiritual life through Fr. Driscoll's hands at Baptism, or how many he reunited with the Lord and His Church through the sacrament of divine healing, Penance. Above all, Fr. Driscoll made Christ present on earth through the celebration of the Mass, the re-enactment of the death and resurrection of the Lord.

These are some of the heroic and salvific deeds which a priest does all the time, quietly and without much acclaim. The media tends to be anti-Catholic, and will jump on any kind of derogatory story. But the Church endures it all, because of people who keep the faith, and because of priests like Fr. Driscoll who keep on plugging, even if called to share in the Lord's sufferings. As Lent progresses, I hope we can all find meaning in our human struggles. May Lent be a holy and spiritually rewarding time.

Fr. Driscoll's portrait hangs in our council building, and rightly so. I hope that his generous smile reminds us of the joy he brought to so many, and that we see in that smile a glimpse of the smile of Jesus, the true priest, who has called Joseph Driscoll home.

Fr. Robert J. Fuhrman



## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH APRIL 1987 ROBERT PFARR

Bob and his wife Regina reside in Union and are communicants of St. Michael's Church. Bob is an usher at the 9:00 Sunday Mass. They have three children Pamela, Michael and Lauren.

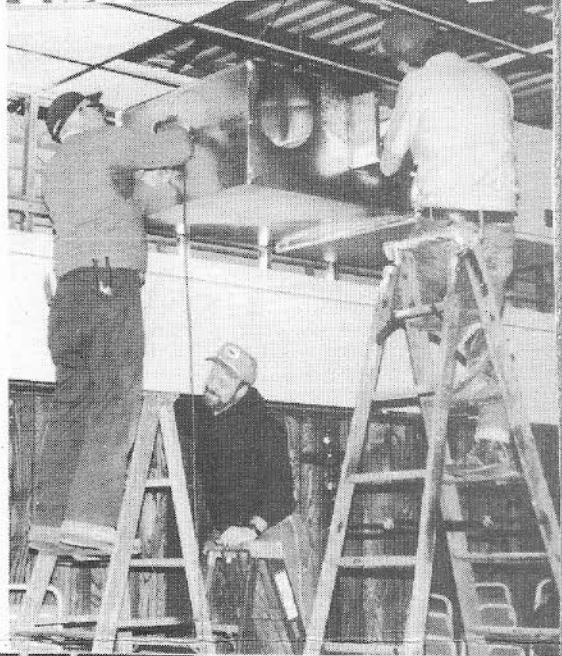
Bob is a graduate of Union High School and is employed by Walsh, Lowe and Associates as a Project Manager.

Bob's hobbies include golf and stained glass. His works have been shown at the Festival on the Green.





"OUR  
HALL"  
RENOVATION  
IN  
PROGRESS



Bob ran the Pinewood Derby for Cub Pack 68 this year. His is Longhouse Chief for the Indian Guide Program at the Five Points YMCA.

On the council level, Bob is our Recorder this year. Bob is a Brother Knight who has helped with the youth activities, mentally retarded drive, council picnic, and work parties.

Union Council is fortunate to have this dedicated and talented Brother Knight and is, therefore, proud to know him as Knight of the Month for April 1987.

## COLUMBIAN CLUB NEWS

### UPDATE ON HALL RENOVATION

The hall renovation is progressing on schedule. Thus far, a new ceiling with the best tiles that money could buy has been installed. Also the Smokeater has been renovated and connected to new duct work. Heat and air conditioning will now be distributed by 21 diffuses. This will prevent areas of hot and cold spots in the hall.

All the speakers have been refaced and mounted for the best sounds. High hat banquet lights and emergency exit lights have been installed. All the lights are on dimmers. The mirror ball has been relocated with new pin spots and a strobe light.

The hallway is being renovated with new wallpaper and a rug. The hallway and coatroom have been painted.

In the main hall work has begun on the walls.

Come on down and have a drink in our bar area and inspect the hall renovations.

### NIGHT AT THE RACES

There are a few tickets left for Night at the Races on Saturday, April 4, 7:30 P.M.

Call Joe Tortora, 688-1422, for tickets.

\$2.00 for roast beef sandwich, beer and soda, snacks, coffee and dessert.

### REAGAN ADMINISTRATION BUDGET PROPOSALS ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID TO STUDENTS

The budget proposed by the Reagan Administration for fiscal 1988 calls for the abolition of the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG), College Work-Study (CWS) and National Direct Student Loan (NDSL) programs for 1988-89, as well as a rescission of all funds earlier approved for 1987-88. In addition, the plan calls for a severe limitation of Pell Grant eligibility as well as drastic cutbacks in the Guaranteed Student Loan (GSL) Program which would eliminate many borrowers and increase the cost of borrowing to those still eligible. The alternatives suggested to replace these funds are an untested income contingent loan and increase parent borrowing.

While congressional leaders are already calling the proposals "unrealistic," it would be a serious mistake to take this matter lightly. Congress needs to hear how these cuts would effect you and the achievement of your educational goals, as well as the impact on the future decisions of younger adults when it is their turn to select a college.

The need for fiscal restraint is absolutely necessary in this age of "monster deficits." However, the importance of educational opportunity for hundreds of thousands of young men and women is also a necessity.

Please let your Senators and Representatives know how you feel about this issue.

## SWIM CLUB NOTES

The Board of Directors heartily welcome the new swim club members and their families. We wish them many hours of enjoyment and relaxation.

A reminder that the work parties are still in progress and help is needed. Wednesday parties are scheduled now that Daylight Savings Time is with us.

A booklet explaining the swim club rules is now in publication. A copy will be given to each swim club member. Please read and abide by the rules. Our purpose is to make your summer as safe and enjoyable as possible.

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

### Easter Egg Hunt

Parents and Grandparents! This year's Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 11th at the Council Picnic area at 2:00 P.M. Bring the children out to hunt for the eggs and to see the Easter Bunny too. The rain date will be Saturday, April 18th at 2:00 P.M.

For more information on Youth Activities contact Don Pfarr at 851-0018.

### 700th ANNIVERSARY OF MARGARET OF CASTELLO

The Knights of Columbus have sponsored the canonization of Blessed Margaret of Castello since 1977 and they have asked that she be declared the patron saint of the unborn, the handicapped and the unwanted.

I am therefore appealing to my brother knights and their families to come join me as we together celebrate a mass in honor of her 700th anniversary at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Newark on April 26, at noon.

For more details contact Patrick Giannotta at 964-3485 after 4:00 P.M.

### STAMPS SOUGHT TO SAVE EAGLE

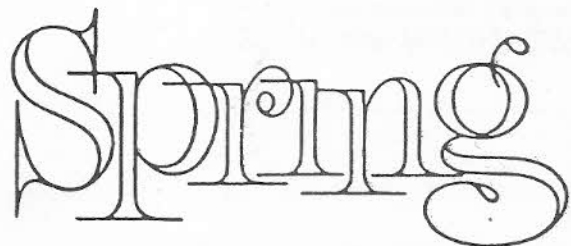
The Union High School Environmental Action and Key Clubs are working together in a nationwide project. They are collecting new and used stamps in a project sponsored by the National Audobon Society.



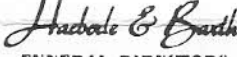

The Society packages the stamps for sale to collectors abroad, using the proceeds in the fight to save our national bird, the bald eagle.

Stamps, postcards, postal stationary, first day covers, hunting license stamps and commemoratives are being collected. The stamps may be torn from the envelopes with the surrounding paper and may be sent to:

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