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Grand Knights's Column

Michael Gasser



As we move into November, the temperature is getting colder and the days are getting shorter. The holiday season is rapidly approaching.

I would just like to back track a little bit to September. Unfortunately our picnic was rained out on it's scheduled day of September 16. Even early on the 17th the weather looked like it may have been a little shakey. But by 1:00 pm the sun came out and it turned into a beautiful day. I think everyone had a good time with plenty of fun, food and drink. Also on the 17th the Council held a blood drive. Fourty-three pints of blood were donated which is probably as much as has been collected the last two years combined. The Past Grand Knight's Dinner was also quite a success. Seeing P.G.K. Mike Carr in a tuxedo, probably was worth the price of admission. The Council Bingo raised approximately \$1,000 to go into our scholarship fund. I would like to thank the chairmen and their committees for a job well done on each event, also thanks to all the members for supporting us thus far this year. I personally could not be any happier for the support that the Council has received and I hope will continue to receive. I am also happy to report that our Pro-Life Activities are also off to a good start. The recent March and Rally in Trenton was really an experience for me. We had a group of about 70 people come down with us. The total crowd was estimated at about 10,000. A chill went up and down my spine as a crowd that large, recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Also as part of our Pro-Life Activities the Right to Life Rose Sale was conducted at St. Michael's and over \$900 was raised for our Pro-Life efforts, and once again I would like to thank everyone who took the time to collect and/or donate to this cause.

I would now like to turn your attention to November. Our First Friday program will continue on the 3rd with Fr. Ron Rozniak as our Celebrant. On the 18th we will once again have a Council Bingo at the Boys Club. Please come out and help work or please try to attend. On the 20th we will hold a 2nd degree and on the 22nd we will hold a 3rd degree. On the 19th, we will have our Annual Memorial Mass for our deceased Brothers. The Mass will be at 9:00AM at St. Michael's I feel there is no better way to remember our deceased Brothers, so please try to attend.

On behalf of my wife Debbie, my daughters, Kristin and Jillian, and the Council Officers, I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving.



Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Edward Gedrich

November, the month of All Saints and All Souls, is the time of year when the Church turns its attention to the Last Things: Heaven, Hell, Purgatory, Death, and Judgement.

How many times have you heard people say, especially in times of great suffering: "I don't believe there's a Hell after you die; I believe it's Hell right here on earth!". How many times have **you** said it? No matter how many times you've heard it, no matter how many times you've said it, it's **WRONG!** If Hell is right here on earth it's a Hell of our own making: it means that we've shut God out of our sufferings, it means that we deny that He cares enough to be with us in our need. Hell is separation from God: suffering in this world borne with faith, hope, and love draws us into the Heart of God- 'Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me"'. (Matthew 16:24) As we bear our crosses of suffering, of disappointment, of weakness we walk in the way of the Lord. There is nowhere that we bear our crosses that He has not borne His before us.

I do not mean to make light of suffering. Bearing one's cross is never easy: that's why it's a cross. But this often difficult and burdensome way we walk is not the road to nowhere, not is it a journey without meaning. It is the way to Heaven, indeed the only way to Heaven: it's the way of Jesus.

To all my Brother Knights and their families I wish you a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving.

FIRST FRIDAY PROGRAM

On December 1 First Friday celebration will include a speaker from Union's Police Department Crime Prevention Bureau. Father Ed Gedrich will celebrate this Mass.

The new year First Friday on January 5 will have Father James Wiener as celebrant and guest speaker Phil Matrale of St. Michael's CYO and a slide show of Megadora.

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

On March 2 Father James Wiener of Holy Spirit will be our celebrant and guest speaker.

ROSE SUNDAY

ST. MICHAEL'S - OCTOBER 7th and 8th

You might find more people wearing roses this year for The Right to Life. We are proud of our Brother Knights and our parishioners of St. Michael's. We collected \$930.00. Thank you to all our families and friends who supported us.

RIGHT TO LIFE

On September 24, 69 Brothers and their families along with our Chaplain and our Sisters of St. Michael's attended the Right to Life March in Trenton. More than 10,000 people were there to show their support for the Right to Life. Thank you Brother Knights for all of your support.

Bob Gaitens
Right to Life Chairman

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

November, 1989

Joe Ernst



The Knight of the Month for November, 1989 is Brother Joe Ernst. Joe and his wife, Helen, live in Union and belong to St. Michael's Parish. Joe joined our Council in October of 1987 and became a Third-Degree member in June of 1988. He immediately became involved with the Council and regularly attends Council meetings, participates in work parties, and also serves as a Council bartender. He is an avid baseball fan with particular interest in the New York Mets. Our congratulations to Brother Joe Ernst, Knight of the Month for November, 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.

***** SAVE SHOP-RITE RECEIPTS**

St. Michael's School is collecting all Shop-Rite shopping receipts. The total dollar value of the supermarket's receipts will be used to acquire Apple Computers and/or equipment to be used at the school. Please see John Peters or call 964-6869 for information.

SWIM CLUB CORNER

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

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

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Christmas Party	-	Sunday, December 17
Spelling Bee	-	February, 1990
Easter Egg Hunt	-	April, 1990

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

PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING

We have a limited number of **Ringside Seats** (priced at \$12 each) for professional wrestling on Friday, November 17.

The tentative card includes the One and Only Sgt. Slaughter, Bam Bam Bigelow, Junk Yard Dog, a special Women's Match, the Always Popular Midgets, and possibly the former WWF Intercontinental Champion, The Honky Tonk Man!!

In addition, wrestlers will be available for autographs and photos.

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GOLF OUTING

Saturday, October 14 was a picture-perfect day for our Autumn Golf Outing at Apple Mountain Country Club in Oxford, New Jersey. The early morning sun drenched the day and the reds, rusts and golds of leaves in the valley below the course gave a breathtaking back drop for our outing.

Fourteen foursomes took places in order to tee-off-thus began the game. The recording of birdies, pars, boggies, eagles and double-digits on the scorecards followed the activity on the links.

Five and one-half hours later, the 55 participants enjoyed lunch. During this time awards and "goodies" were presented based on the individual scores of the day. On a course of par 74, the scores ranged from 79 to 130...or thereabout!!!

And so, all returned home after a "super" day in all ways at Apple Mountain.

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