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PLEASE HELP!

On March 2, 1990, the Benedictine Sisters of Saint Walburga Monastery, Elizabeth, New Jersey, suffered the collapse of their chapel roof. The tragedy destroyed the chapel and seriously damaged the Monastery's main kitchen, dining rooms, and meeting area all of which are located in the basement floor under the Sisters' chapel.

Apart from the loss of the chapel and the resulting displacement of the Sisters with regard to their daily gathering for communal prayer and meals, the most serious consequences of the catastrophe have been inflicted upon the patients in the Monastery's infirmary. The infirmary wing of the Monastery complex is attached to the chapel and incurred major damage.

Immediately following the collapse, the patients were hastily evacuated by the rescue squad and temporarily sheltered in a nearby building on the Sisters' property, presently leased to the Center for Hope/Hospice. It became necessary for the patients to remain here for one week while Sisters living on the second floor of the residence building moved to other floors to make room for a make shift infirmary. The patients will remain in this emergency situation until such time as the original infirmary is ready for occupancy. While major repair work will need to be done to the adjoining wall and roof areas, there are needs to be met within the infirmary itself. Here the Sisters would welcome contributions to assist in the replacement of equipment damaged by the effects of the collapse and in the replacement of ruined carpeting with tile flooring.

If you would like to help, please send your contributions to:
The Benedictine Sisters
851 North Broad Street
Elizabeth, New Jersey 07208

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1990 SUMMER ACTIVITIES

June 29 - Friday	Teenage Splash Party	August 3 - Friday	Adult Splash Party
June 30 - Saturday	Nite At The Races	August 4 - Saturday	Monmouth Race Track
July 4 - Wednesday	July 4th Celebration - 500 FREE Hot Dogs	August 10 - Friday	American Nite
July 21 - Saturday	Dixie Land Nite	August 18 - Saturday	Dancing Under the Stars
July 27 - Friday	Fish Fry/Big Band	August 25 - Saturday	Dinner Show

ALL EVENTS AND DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS OF EVENTS, TIMES AND PRICES IN THE NEXT MONTHS' "DIGESTS".

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Grand Knights's Column

Michael Gasser



I would like to start this month's column by thanking everyone who came out to help at our recently completed Retarded Citizen's Drive. I would also like to thank co-chairmen Ray Fluet, Don Wolfe and John Boyle who worked so very hard to make the drive a success.

As we move into May, of course the big event coming up is the State Convention. As I mentioned in last month's column, it is fully expected that PGK Jack Winters will be elected as State Deputy of New Jersey. On Friday evening, May 20, down at the Convention we will be hosting an open house for the state in honor of Jack. I ask any member who is coming down to the Convention to roll up his sleeves and pitch in to help out. There will be a lot of work that has to be done down there, so please don't leave it to just couple of guys to do.

I would like to congratulate John Bechtel. John was our Council Spelling Bee winner. He also won the County Spelling Bee which qualified him to compete in the State Spelling Bee. In the state competition John finished in third place out of eighteen participants.

Of course in May as the weather is getting warmer and warmer we all look forward to the pool opening. This will take place on Saturday, May 26, with the opening Mass celebrated by our Chaplain Fr. Ed Gedrich. Also that same weekend is the Township of Union's Memorial Day Parade. The parade is on Monday, May 28, forming as in the past in the area of Morrison and Stuyvesant Avenues. Formation is to take place between 9:00 and 9:45 am with kick off at 10:00 am.

Our last First Degree of this Columbian year is scheduled for Wednesday, May 30. Hopefully, I would like to get one final push in the area of membership. So if you know of someone who might be interested in joining the Knights, ask him. Also he would be able to make all three degrees in a little over a week. The Second Degree is scheduled for Monday, June 4 and the Third Degree for Friday, June 8.

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.



Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Edward Gedrich

This past Good Friday evening, the CYO of St. Michael's Church (the greatest CYO in the world) presented their annual production of the Living Stations of the Cross, in which members of our CYO portray the characters of the fourteen stations while other young people read prayers and reflections appropriate to each scene. Always profoundly moving, the stations were even more striking this year in that they were offered from a single perspective, through the eyes of Mary, Jesus' mother.

From station to station she followed, meeting her Son only at the fourth station, and again at the end as his now-lifeless body was laid in her arms. The words of Mary which echoed again and again over this way of pain and sorrow were "I knew it had to be." "I knew it had to be." So often we speak these words as an expression of resignation, when victimized by life's cruelty, when oppressed by the anonymous, uncaring hand of fate. But these words, when spoken by Mary as she helplessly watched the one she loved most in all the world die painfully, unjustly, were not words of resignation but rather words of faith, spoken with confidence, in the midst of darkness, in the God of her people, of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, in the one her Son called Abba, Father.

When I was a young(er) man, in the seminary, a wise priest spoke these words during a retreat: "The task of a priest, indeed the task of every Christian, is to say in the midst of all of life's events-its tragedies and triumphs, its sorrows and joys — 'In this too, God is good'."

In all that is yet to be for us, let us pray for the living faith to make these words our own, that we might speak with the confidence of Mary's loving heart that in all things "In this too, God is good."

FIRST FRIDAY PROGRAM

Every first Friday at 7:30 P.M. Mass is celebrated in the Knights Hall. Attendance has been great and we will look forward to seeing many more of you during the next few months. Come join us.

FRIDAY, MAY 4, 1990

15TH Annual Communion Supper - Council Hall
Co-Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Daughters
Mass at 7:30 PM *Dinner Following* Donation \$10.00 per person

GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE REV. SALVATORE
MALANGA, CHAPLAIN NEWARK INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT CHAPEL

For tickets call: Bob Gaitens 688-2760, Dot Johnson 964-0735 or Fountain Realty 964-3143

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH
May, 1990
GEORGE CLARK



Our Knight of the Month for May is Brother George Clark, a third-degree member since February, 1975.

George is retired from the Union Fire Department where he achieved the rank of Deputy Chief. On the Council level George is currently serving as Swim Club President. He has been involved with the Swim Club for many years and is one of those "behind the scenes" guys who works for the enjoyment of others. George is also a council bartender.

George has many other activities including: Chairman of the Board of the Union Boys & Girls Club; Commissioner & Training Chairman for the Boy Scouts; Member of the Community Development Advisory Board. George also received the Bronze Pelican Award for Religion in Scouting from Archbishop McCarrick. George and his wife, Evelyn, are the parents of three children and grandparents of six!

Congratulations to George Clark — Knight of the Month for May, 1990.

TELEPHONE COMMITTEE

Even with the five new captains we were fortunate to obtain recently, there are still several teams without captains. As a matter of fact, there are 150 additional Brothers, with Union Township residencies, who are not on any calling list. In order to remedy this situation, we would need at least 15 more captains. The only work involved (if you can call it that) is to call not more than ten members advising them of a Brother's death and furnishing them with the time and place to pay their last respects.

PLEASE Brothers, try to see your way clear to help us out by becoming a part of the Telephone Committee. Contact Art Weber on 688-7269.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Youth Awards Dinner

The Youth Awards Dinner will be held on Friday, June 22, 1990 starting at 7:30 P.M. Parents of the Award recipients should watch the mail for confirmation of attendance. Please reply ASAP.

Note: The Awards Dinner is for the Parents and the Award Recipients ONLY!

Spelling Bee Update

John Bechtel, winner of the Council Spelling Bee, came in **FIRST PLACE** in the County Spelling Bee and finished in **THIRD PLACE** State Spelling Bee. Congratulations!!! Way to Go, John!!!!

SWIM CLUB CORNER

Work parties will continue on Wednesday nights from 6:00 P.M. until 8:30 P.M. with refreshments served. Saturday parties are from 8:00 A.M. until 12:00 Noon with a light breakfast and lunch. All persons will receive two work party passes.

The Opening Day Poolside Mass will be on Saturday, May 26, 1990 at 11:00 A.M. celebrated by our Chaplain, Father Ed Gedrich. Coffee and cake will be served following mass.

The following is the list of the Board of Governors for the Swim Club:

George Clark	President
John Peters	Pool Director
Frank Weishapl	Assistant Pool Director
Paul Sandy	Secretary/Publicity
Dom Clementoni	Treasurer
Wes Czap	Assistant Treasurer/Work Party Coord.
Frank Fabiano	Swim Team Coordinator/Assist. Secty.
Tom Kosecia	Pool & Pump Room
John Dzuna	Membership
Pat Scalgione	Comptroller
Frank Cosenza	Pools and Grounds
John Kilian	Pool & Pump Room

Anyone interested in joining the Swim Team please contact Frank Fabiano on 964-3863 or Rich Santangelo on 964-5258.

ATTENTION: COLLEGE STUDENTS — SUMMER JOBS

Food Service persons are needed to work at the Concession Stand from 10:30 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. daily. You must be able to start Memorial Day weekend. If interested, please call 822-9720 and ask for Barbara.

SOFTBALL '90

Any Brother Knight wishing to play ball this season with the Council team, please contact Jack Caskey on 686-2782 or Mike Malloy on 851-0026.

WE WISH TO ANNOUNCE...

All Brother Knights up to age 76 are now eligible for Knights of Columbus Insurance. Yes...It is True...Many of you have asked and now the Order has listened.

If you are interested in finding out more about how the Knights of Columbus may provide benefits for you, your spouse, and your grandchildren, contact your **NEW** Knights of Columbus Field Agent, Tom Schreiner at 722-6336.

AWARDS DINNER MEETING

June 25, 1990 6:30 P.M. \$7.00 per person

See Mike Carr PGK or call 354-3186.