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Happy New Year

American Red Cross

Donate Blood.



Feb. 17, 1991

You have seen this date in the November and December issue of The Knights Digest. Do you know what happens on that date? Sunday Feb. 17, 1991 between the hours of 10 AM and 2 PM, you can give "The Gift Of Life" at Union Council's Blood Donors Day. I urge you if you are able to give blood. Sign up at the council home or call me (Dom Clementoni PGK 688-3618) and let me know that we can count on you to participate in this life giving program.

Donating blood is safe, simple and saves lives. All needles are new and sterile. The needle is used once and thrown away after you donate. You cannot get Aids or any other disease by donating blood. The entire procedure from the mini-physical to post-donation snack takes under one hour. First your medical history will be recorded, your temperature and blood pressure taken and your hemoglobin (iron) concentration determined. The actual donation takes about 10 minutes. After the donation is complete the only thing you feel is good about yourself and the "Gift Of Life" which you have given to someone. Isn't it comforting to know that in time of need, blood is available to all Brother Knights and their families. If you should ever need blood replaced, please contact me.

See You Feb. 17th
Fraternally
Dom Clementoni PGK

Swim Club News

On January 18, 1991, at 7:30, the swim club will hold its annual meeting. At this meeting, we will discuss future by-law changes, finances, upcoming events and elections.

The Swim Club Board of Governors and the Nominating Committee has nominated, Paul Sandy, Wesley Czap, and Frank Fabiano, for three year terms. Also, if the by-laws are changed, we would also be adding two new members to the board. The recommendations of the nomination Committee, for these two post would be, Richard Green (two year term) and Dominic Patavano (one year term). These issues will be decided at the annual meeting.

Please make every effort to attend.
(Refreshments will be served after the meeting.)

Military Servicemen Committee

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus, I wish to extend thanks to Brother Knight, Johnny Pallitto of Dugout in Union Center, for his help in sending out the Christmas packages to those serving in the Armed Forces of the United States at various domestic and overseas locations.

Jack Kelly, Chairman

Columbian Club Cruise

Sail on the Nordic Express
March 4 through 8, 1991
For information call:
Vinnie — 687-9381



Mike Hrifko with Barbara Schmid, a volunteer at St. Joseph's Social Service Center, Bob Pero, of Make a Wish Foundation of N.J. and Grand Knight Robert Pfarr, at our Annual Christmas Dinner Meeting. Mike presented a check to Barbara for the Soup Kitchen in ELizabeth to help the homeless. Mike also presented a check to Bob for the Make a Wish Foundation, that helps children with life threatening illness.

These donations were made possible, by Mike's many hours spent selling an assortment of items, and our council members, by buying these things from Mike.

Thank you for your donations and please keep buying.

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

1st Mon. Council Officers
2nd & 4th Mon. Regular Meetings
3rd Mon. Swim Club
1st Wed. 4th Degree Officers
2nd Wed. 4th Degree Color Corps
3rd Wed. 4th Degree Regular
4th Wed. Council Committees
4th Thurs. Columbian Club

On Growing Older

Youth is not a time of life. It is a state of mind. It is a test of the will, a quality of imagination, a vigor of emotions, a predominance of courage over timidity, of the appetite for adventure over love of ease.

Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years; people grow old by deserting their ideals. Years wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul. Worry, doubt, self-distrust, fear, and despair - these are the equivalents of the long, long years that bow the head and turn the growing spirit back to dust. Whether 70 or 16, there is, in every being's heart, the love of wonder, the sweet amazement at the stars

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KNIGHT OF THE MONTH January, 1991



Rich Pipala

Our Knight of the Month for January, 1991 is Rich Pipala. Rich and his wife Joann are residents of Union and are communicants of Holy Spirit parish. They have three children - Stacey, Mike and Lisa.

Rich has been a 3rd Degree Knight for the past twelve years and a member of Union Council during the past five years. He has been very active during this time with the Columbian Club as a bartender, and is presently a trustee on the Columbian Club Board as well as serving as the Bartender Chairman.

In addition to these responsibilities Rich also helps out quite often on work parties and is always available to help out around the Council. In particular he has worked in the kitchen for various Council and Columbian Club affairs.

Away from the Council Rich has been employed by Schering Plough for the past 25 years. In between working and spending time at the council he also manages to find time for some recreation. He likes sports and in particular enjoys playing racquetball.

Union Council is pleased to honor brother Rich Pipala as our Knight of the Month for January, 1991.

TELEPHONE

We welcome brother Tom Magliaro to the telephone squad. He will be calling members of Team #20. Thank you Tom for showing your concern for your departed brothers by offering your services on this very important committee which deals in final love. Brothers, we can, as usual, use more captains. Won't you please consider joining us? It takes so little to give so much!

Art Weber
688-7269

Grand Knight's Column

Bob Pfarr



If this is the New Year, then it must be time to make resolutions! It seems that every year during the last few days of December this particular item gets quite a bit of attention. People talk about them at holiday gatherings, and even the press will devote some space for this annual practice. But by mid January those commitments made to ourselves and others are usually forgotten. Why not make this New Year an exception? You say you can't think of a resolution that would be easy to keep?

Why not resolve to:

- ★ Sponsor a new member into our council.
- ★ Attend the degrees with him to show your support.
- ★ Become a blood donor on Feb. 17 at the council.
- ★ Attend council meetings regularly.
- ★ Support the Right to Life march in Washington on Jan. 22.
- ★ Volunteer to serve on a committee.
- ★ Come to work parties for the Columbian Club or Swim Club.
- ★ Attend some of the social affairs at the council.
- ★ Collect for the Retarded Citizens Drive in April.
- ★ Be an active member!

Any organization in only as good as its members, and our council is no exception. So make your resolutions early, and resolve to make our council better than ever!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Growing Old Continued

and the star like things and thoughts, the undaunted challenge of events, the childlike appetite for "What's next?" You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt, as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fear, as young as your hope, as old as your despair. So long as your heart receives messages of beauty, cheer courage, grandeur, and power from this earth, from man, and from the infinite, so long are you young.

When all the wires are down, all the central places of your heart are covered with the snows of pessimism and the ice of cynicism, then you are grown old indeed, and may God have mercy on your soul.



**Chaplain's
Column**
Rev. Edward Gedrich

Since June 24, 1981, the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, has supposedly been appearing daily to six young people (now in their twenties) in a village in Yugoslavia named Medjugorje. Over the past nine and a half years, hundreds of thousands of pilgrims have traveled the arduous road to this tiny mountain village from many nations. This past November, I was one of them.

Is Mary really appearing there, or is it all a hoax, or is it wishful thinking and self-deception? After having been there—I don't know. I can't say because only the Church is competent to make such judgments, to assure the faithful that nothing in the apparitions contradicts our Catholic Faith. If you want to know what is true, look to the Church.

Much popular literature has been published regarding the events at Medjugorje; many claims are made regarding what Mary says or what God demands of us. I found that what people claim about Medjugorje can be an obstacle to truly experiencing the good of Medjugorje. That good is simply this: the "message of Medjugorje" is essentially that true peace is found in God alone, that to the degree that we allow God to dwell within us, to live through us, we find peace. This peace is not the result of a decision made only once to accept Jesus as personal Lord and Savior, as the Fundamentalists would claim, but is rather the fruit born of a life-long journey, a spiritual journey of prayer and the Sacraments, fasting and self-discipline, mercy shown and forgiveness accepted, day by day, every day of our lives. It is a life of faith lived as a member of the Catholic Church. At Medjugorje one powerfully experiences that diversity and unity that is the Roman Catholic Church, as believers from many nations and cultures, speaking many languages, gather to proclaim one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism. I came away from Medjugorje with a deeper appreciation of the gift that the Catholic Church is: it is the community of faith that has taught me, fed me, challenged me, blessed me. To find peace, I need only live my Catholic faith, here and now, with greater devotion. I need only take my Catholic faith more seriously. That's my New Year's resolution. Why not make it yours?

Knights of Columbus Insurance

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Do you want to give them a gift that they will always remember?

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Tom Schreiner 725-6005

**TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR
FRATERNAL BENEFITS.**

WINTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan. 4	First Friday
Jan. 14	First Degree
Jan. 6	Coors and Pasta Football Party
Jan. 19	Boys and Girls Free Throw Competition
Jan. 22	Right to Life, march in Washington
Jan. 27	Super Bowl Party
Feb. 1	First Friday
Feb. 9	Valentine Dance

SPORTS

SUPERBOWL PARTY

JAN. 27

1 HR. BEFORE GAME

TICKETS-\$12 PER

\$15 PER AFTER 1/2

ROAST BEEF DINNER

BEER & SODA

HOTDOGS AT HALF

FOR TICKETS CALL:

JIM O'CONNELL

762-1065

FOUNTAIN REALTY

964-3143

Youth Activities

Free Throw Championship for all boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 1991 Knights of Columbus International Free Throw Championship.

The local competition will be held at the Boys Club on Jeanette Avenue in Union, on January 19, 1991 at 2:30 P.M.

All contestants must show proof of age and written parental consent.

For any further details, contact John Relton at 388-8655.

Entry forms can be picked up at the council hall.

Coors & Pasta

Playoff Sunday, January 6th

"All the Pasta you can eat"

2 PM to 5 PM

\$4.00 per person + 50¢ mugs of Coors.

Prizes—Giveaways & Big screen football

Doors open at 12:30 til 7 PM (or until games are over)

Cutoff Jan. 1st

For information or tickets call:

John Peters — 964-6869

Mike Malloy — 851-0026

Mike Carr — 354-3186

All proceeds go to support

Our K of C soft ball team.

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National Bowling Tournament

The 1991 National Bowling Tournament will be held in Iselin N.J. from March 23 thru May 5th (excluding Easter weekend). Let's try to support our brother Knights in Iselin by participating in the tournament.

If anyone has a team or would like to be placed on a team, please contact Gary Hornig, 241-5689, for more information.