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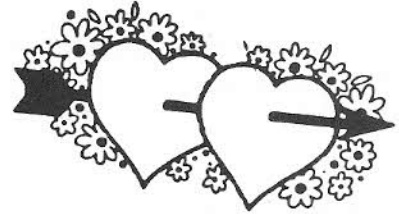


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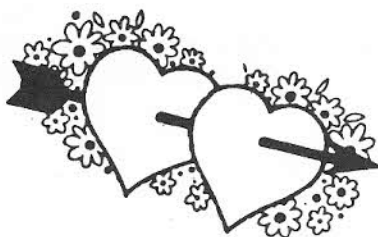
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**Grand Knight's
Column**

Paul J. Sandy



As we approach the new calendar year, let's focus our attention on increasing membership. The Supreme Knight, Virgil C. Dechant, has a new membership recruitment campaign. The name of this campaign is "Share the Spirit". Let's all try to help our Membership Director, Jack Kelly, by sponsoring a new member. The life blood of any organization is its new members.

January 22 is a very important date. This is the date that the Supreme Court ruled in favor of legalizing abortion. (See Father Fuhrman's article).


Please support the bus ride to Atlantic City on January 24 and the program for Super Bowl Sunday which will be held on January 31.

We will need many volunteers to help with the National Bowling Tournament. Please see Tournament Chairman, Tom Hornig, if you'd like to help.

Best wishes to all of you and your families for a happy and healthy New Year.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January	15	Annual Swim Club Meeting
	22	March on Washington, D.C.
	24	Atlantic City Bus Trip 1:30 P.M.
	25	Council Meeting 8:15 P.M.
	28	Columbian Club Board Meeting 8:00 P.M.
February	31	Super Bowl Sunday 5:00 P.M.
	1	Officers Meeting 8:00 P.M.
	5	First Friday Mass 7:30 P.M.
	8	Council Meeting 8:15 P.M.
	13	Valentine's Day Dance 8:00 P.M.



**Chaplain's
Corner**

Rev. Robert Fuhrman

The Ugly Anniversary

At the beginning of the New Year I wish all Knights and their families God's blessings and peace. Each January is like the dawning of a new day, a time to again ask God to be near us, and help us live in peace with Him, one another, and ourselves.

For all who love life, January is a very somber time. It is a time when we as a nation observe the anniversary of our most sinful national blight. On January 22, 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court condemned countless lives to death, in the most gruesome ways imaginable. On that dark day, the Supreme Court legalized the supreme evil - the deliberate murder of the unborn by abortion. Since that day, well over 20 million helpless people have been killed, with the Court's grim blessing. The monstrosity of this crime is obvious to us, as it should be for anyone formed by the Gospel. But still, the killing continues.

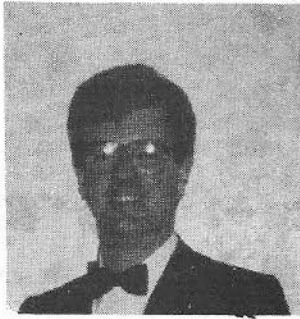
For some physicians and others in the "health care" industry, abortion has been the ticket to wealth. It has become a multi-million dollar industry, which feeds on the helpless unborn, and often on women in trouble. Yes, the mother is the other victim of legalized abortion. She is led to think that this is a solution. In fact though, it is an assault on women and the source of tremendous suffering. We thank God for His mercy, and the power of the Sacrament of Penance. It alone can restore peace of soul to anyone who has cooperated with abortion.

At the regular meeting of Union Council 4504 on November 23, 1987, I emphasized in the Chaplain's Report that I am proud of the Knights' efforts, at every level, to fight abortion. No one can support abortion and be Catholic at the same time. Such people are deceiving themselves. The Holy Father reminded the American Church of this on his recent visit.

I repeat now the request I made at the November 23rd meeting. If any member of Union Council, active or inactive, supports or defends abortion, publically or privately, I ask you to please resign from our Order.

I am not requesting this in order to be controversial. Indeed, there is nothing arguable about it. The Catholic Church defends life, because life comes from God! We must be united on this or we are not worthy to be called Catholics, nor should we belong to a Catholic organization, the Knights of Columbus. At every meeting we pray for the unborn, and well we should. Let's always pray for the pro-life movement, and for the souls of those who have justified, legalized, and gotten rich from this abomination of abortion.

Father Robert J. Fuhrman
Chaplain



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Jim O'Connell
January, 1988

Jim and his wife, Pat, reside in Maplewood along with their two children, Brian and Michele. They are parishioners of St. Joseph's, Maplewood. Jim serves as Eucharistic Minister and is also a member of the choir. He is employed by McDonnell Douglas in Florham Park.

On the Council level, Jim has been serving as our Computer Chairman. Jim has spent many hours in the "computer room" keeping the Council roster updated, printing labels for mailings. This has given the Council greater accessibility in reaching the membership. Many nights after Council meetings when everyone has had a sandwich and a beer and ready to go home, Jim has just finished his night's work. Jim's hard work and dedication have enabled Union Council to move into the computer age effectively, efficiently and effortlessly.

Union Council is proud to honor Jim O'Connell as Knight of the Month for January, 1988.

MILITARY SERVICEMEN COMMITTEE

The Military Servicemen Committee sent Christmas packages to the following Brother Knights, or their sons or daughters, who are presently serving in the Armed Forces of the United States at various domestic and overseas locations:

- Lt. Commander Thomas J. Arminio, USN
- Lt. Junior Grade Jan Bizzaro
- CTO 2 Christopher Carr
- Major Daniel French
- Captain Thomas Gwiazdowski
- Sgt. John Hamilton, Jr.
- Lt. Commander William G. Kolster, USN
- Captain Kenneth Konicki
- L/CPL Frank Santoro
- Cammander Walter M. Wasowski

Mike La Motta, Chairman

CONVENTION 1988

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May 12, 13, 14, 15

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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

A Council scholarship is available to one student per year. The student must be the child, brother or sister of a member in good standing or a deceased member of Union Council.

The applicant must pass the Archdiocesan high school entrance exam and be accepted by a Catholic high school.

Preference for the scholarship will be decided by the scholarship committee on the basis of need as well as scholastic ability. If deemed necessary by the committee, an interview will be scheduled at which time the scholarship applicants must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Please apply as soon as possible but **NO LATER THEN APRIL 15, 1988**. Applications will be made available at the Council Hall. For futher information contact PGK Andy Popp, Chairman at 688-6951.

All applications should be addressed to the Grand Knight and mailed to the Council home. The scholarship winner will be notified no later then June, 1988.

ATLANTIC CITY TRIP

Sunday, January 24

Departs the Council home at 1:30 P.M. \$20.00 per person includes \$17.00 in coin, \$5.00 return voucher - a \$22.00 value. Call Lonny Pannucci at 763-0613...Cash with reservations only.

JACKETS

Knights jackets can be ordered on Monday, January 25, 1988 between 7:00 and 8:00 P.M. in Council lounge.

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

January 31, 1988

- TIME: 5:00 P.M.
- COST: Tickets are \$10.00 per person if purchased by January 24. If tickets are available after January 24, price will be \$15.00.
- TICKETS: Contact DGK Mike Carr 354-3186, Mike Gasser 486-3141 or Joe Tortora 688-1422
- Dinner before game - Hot Dogs at Halftime - Big Screen TV - Beer & Soda

SUMMER SNACK BAR


Any member or a friend of a member who is interested in putting in a bid for our newly-renovated summer snack bar, please call Mike Malloy 851-0026.

FOOD DRIVE

- WHERE: Council Bar
- TIME: Afternoons and Evenings - Saturday - Sunday
- ITEMS: Canned goods, etc.
- If you cannot deliver, call Paul Sandy on 686-1268 for a pick up.

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