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## Right to Life

Many Councils are having special reminder prayer cards for members who promise to try to say one "Our Father" each day and to fast on the 22nd of each month for the intention of success in stopping abortion. Here is the prayer:

"I, \_\_\_\_\_ as a practicing Christian, will pray one Our Father each day and I will fast between meals and abstain from meat on the 22nd day of each month as a sign of my love for God the Creator of human life, and in reparation for the sins of abortion. This intention does not bind me in conscience, nor will I fast or abstain at any time that it would injure my health.

Mary, the Mother of Life, Pray for Us."

Each year abortion kills 1,500,000 American babies — and millions more throughout the world. Seldom if ever in the entire history of mankind has the world seen such great evil. How sad that most Americans who know this is so terribly evil are doing nothing. If you want to help fight abortion but don't know how, a simple but effective way is to join an organized monthly letter writing project. Just send a note: "Please send me information on the Write For Life Project" to J. Connors, 24 Summit Road, Murray Hill, N. J. 07974.

Patrick Giannotta  
Right to Life Chairman

## Fourth Degree News

The John F. Kennedy Assembly is compiling a cookbook which will feature recipes from our members and their friends. The cookbook is being published for the benefit of our organization and the Special Olympics. Will you please send us one or more of your favorite recipes by March 1st, 1981 to publish in our cookbook. Please type of print clearly your recipes along with your name and address. We will sincerely appreciate it if you will send recipes to:

John F. Kennedy Assembly  
c/o Michael V. Hrifko  
1034 Jeanette Avenue  
Union, New Jersey 07083  
or  
Michael V. Hrifko  
1205 Kirkman Place  
Union, New Jersey 07083

## Have You Sponsored A New Member?

One half of the year has passed and we are well on our way to reaching the membership goal set-forth in July, 1980.

I want to thank all those Brothers who have sponsored new members, and hope that they will continue to seek the fine caliber of gentlemen I have had the privilege of interviewing.

Congratulations to all our new members. A special thanks to the fine efforts of Wesley Czap who has sponsored 10 new members!

Remember, applications can be obtained at any of our regular meetings, and also at the Council Hall. Completed applications can be left at the bar, or can be mailed directly to my home.

Don't forget about the promotional from Supreme: sponsor two members and receive a cap; sponsor six members receive a jacket.

For additional information please contact Bill Heady, Membership Chairman, 1229 Beverly Road, Union — 964-3263.



Union Council Officers and State Officers.

## Christmas Dinner

Among the State Officers attending our Council's Annual Christmas Dinner on December 8 was State Deputy Hugh E. DeFazio, State Secretary Robert F. Wade and District Deputy Raymond C. Jannelli. They were joined by 220 brothers. Mass was celebrated by Chaplain Father Ed, followed by a delicious roast beef dinner, prepared by Chef Mitt Rij and his excellent kitchen crew.

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<p>K of C #4504            Saturday, February 21, 1981            At Boys and Girls Club of Union            Come out for the fun and prizes            7:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m.            Anyone who would like to help call            Ken Pinney — 686-5650</p>				
4	23	41	51	68



## Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Ed Swierzbinski

Newark is still my home. (Even though they stole my car). There are many things that are wrong but there are some things that are right.

Once again a group of dedicated people in Union are sacrificing time and talent to help those who want to or must remain in Newark.

When visitors come from other parts of the country or world, e.g. Sisters from Mother Theresa's Community, Fr. Linder is asked to show them around. They always become positive and praise the efforts made at St. Rose's Church and New Community to upgrade the neighborhood and provide decent housing for families and seniors and disabled citizens.

They see a parochial school where not only education but religious and moral values are exemplified and taught. Discipline is part of the daily fiber of our school.

They see a Babyland Nursery where working mothers can leave their babies with professionals. There is an after school program where older children share in enrichment programs while waiting for working parents to pick them up. There is a shelter for battered wives and abused children. It's great to see fearful children smile and play again.

This year the theatre across from St. Rose's Church will be torn down and a Senior Citizen complex will rise — new construction to stimulate other efforts to improve our neighborhood.

With all of the plans there is still a full service of Church and parochial activities, daily Mass, choirs, prayer groups and home Masses.

As you well know the costs are going up and up and up. We are grateful to Jennie and Mike Bizon for chairing another Chinese Auction. Those who came last year will tell you that they had a good time and the prizes were fabulous. "A touch of spring" will be held on Saturday, April 25th in Roselle Catholic High School. There will be a Raffle. Soon you will get more information and raffles mailed out by Myrtle Capriglione and her hard working crew. Many of you helped generously last year and we hope you will help again this year. We hope that you will set that date aside and come join the fun. The tickets are \$15 and include a buffet dinner and dancing. If you can help with the committee contact me or the Bizons, Myrtle Capriglione, or Ann Hornig, the prize

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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
1st Thurs. ....	Expansion Committee
4th Thurs. ....	Columbian Club

## The Dumbest Person In The World

How dumb?

Very dumb.

It's the American who knocks what he's got.

Here's what he's got:

A country of unbounded beauty.

A judicial system that is the envy of the rest of the world.

Food so plentiful overeating is a major problem.

A press nobody can dominate.

A ballot box nobody can stuff.

Churches of your choice.

One hundred million jobs.

Freedom to go anywhere you want, with the planes, cars and highways to get you there.

Social Security.

Medicare.

Unemployment insurance.

Public schools and plentiful scholarships.

Opportunity to become a millionaire.

O.K., Complainer, what's your second choice?

Go.

## Indian Prayer

GREAT SPIRIT —

Grant that I may not criticize my neighbor until I have walked a mile in his moccasins.

## Knight of the Month February 1981 James J. O'Neill

Our Knight of the Month honor for February is awarded to James J. O'Neill. A member of our Council for many years, Jim has faithfully fulfilled the obligations involved in the Wheelchair Brigade. This committee visits Lyons and Runnells Hospital to bring the patients to Mass on Sunday on a monthly basis. Jim has been doing this faithfully for 11 years. Thank you Jim!

Jim has also been involved with our youth in Union, He was scout master for Cub Pack 169, St. Michaels and a coach for Union Little League, Rams football and Union Recreation Department wrestling team.

Jim and his wife Mary reside in Union and have four children, Dennis, James, Michael and Scott. They are communicants of St. Michael's parish. Jim has worked for Thompson and Company in Union for 25 years.

Our Council is proud to salute Jim O'Neill as Knight of the Month for February.

## Telephone

Once again we are in desperate need of Telephone Captains. Within the last month or so, several Captains have found it necessary to discontinue this activity for one reason or another, leaving us with three teams unmanned. Won't you please come forward and volunteer your services? It's such a simple task. There are no meetings to attend and no reports to make. All that we ask of you is to make at most, 10 telephone calls, all local, to members notifying them of the death of a brother. We hope and pray that this occurs at lengthy intervals but the Lord has the final say on that. It takes about 15 to 30 minutes of your time. Even if you are not an active meeting attending member, for whatever reason, you can still render a valuable service to your Council by joining the Telephone Committee. Should you feel so inclined to do this work of mercy, please call me and I will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Also, if anyone has any suggestions as to how we can improve the action of this committee, do let us know.

Art Weber — 688-7269

## Youth Activities

Basketball — Free Throw Contest —  
County Finals

Nancy Foster

Patty Foster

Diane Bilicska

Paul Blume

Congratulations go out to these "KIDS" for winning again. They now go to the Regionals which will be held sometime in February. From what I have seen I know we will have a Champ or two from this group. Hopefully all of them. We were the only council to have four winners out of a possible eight. GOOD SHOOTING GANG!!

A little note of "thanks" go out to all the Brothers who helped make our children's Christmas Party a great success. A big thanks goes to our Santa, Andy Popp.

Tom Burke  
Youth Activities Dir.

## Grand Knights Column

Jim Johnson

The month of February is short, but important events are scheduled. February 6, is the sixth annual Communion supper sponsored jointly by our Council and Court Immaculate Heart of Mary 1360, Catholic Daughters of America. As in past years, the supper will honor the priests of the local parishes and the chaplains of Court Immaculate Heart and Union Council. The evening's program will begin with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 7:30 p.m. We are honored to have as our celebrant and after dinner speaker, Bishop Jerome Pechillo. I hope you will come and share a beautiful program with your brother Knights and their ladies.

February 14 is Valentine's Day and our Council will host our annual fund drive for Sister Ann Dominic and the special children of Camp Fatima. The dance will feature a 17 piece band and Chairman Vince Iannuzzi reports it is sold out. You can still help the kids by buying chances for a basket of cheer, which will be awarded at the affair.

The sad story of the disaster which struck Southern Italy in the devastating earthquake is well known to you. Human lives ended and untold suffering is still being endured by the people of the area. Our Council has scheduled a bingo at the Boys and Girls Club in Union on February 21, and all of the proceeds will be sent directly to Msgr. Joseph J. Granato, to be used specifically for the parishioners of St. Gerard's Church, Materdomini, Italy which is located in the midst of the devastated area.

As of a recent date, this parish and town has not received any assistance from the millions of dollars sent to the aid of the earthquake victims. This is our opportunity to show our concern for a small town and all we ask is for you to come out and play bingo. You will be able to achieve so much for so little effort and expense.

## A Lesson in Good Living

In these days of unrest and uncertainties, those who cultivate calmness and self-possession will live longer and enjoy life better. Hence, someone has collated a number of precepts to practice, as follows:

Learn to like what does not cost much.

Learn to like reading, conversation, music.

Learn to like plain food, plain service, plain cooking.

Learn to like people, even though some of them may be very different from you.

Learn to keep your wants simple. Refuse to be owned and anchored by things and opinions of others.

Learn to like the sunrise and the sunset, the beating of rain on the roof and windows and the gentle fall of snow in winter.

Learn to like life for its own sake.

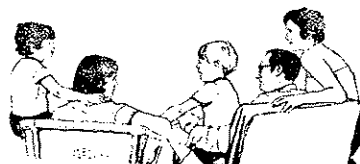
Good Reading

## FEBRUARY '81

Union Council 4504

Planning Calendar

Tel. 686-4504

SUN.	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.
1 Atlantic City Bus Tour 1:45 p.m.	2 Officers Mtg 8:00	3	4	5	6 1st Friday C.D.A - K of C Communion Supper Mass 7:30	7
8	9 Council Mtg 8:15	10	11	12	13	14 Valentine Dance "Big Band"
15	16 Swim Club Mtg 8:00	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Council Mtg 8:15	24	25	26 Col. Club Mtg 8:00	27	28
<b>PRAY FOR VOCATIONS</b>						<b>FAMILY LIFE . . . . THE HEART OF OUR EXISTENCE</b>

### CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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chairman. We need all of the help we can get — especially in selling tickets and raffles.

We will have as guest of honor — Msgr. Vincent Coburn, Pastor of St. Thomas, Bloomfield. Msgr. Coburn will celebrate 40 years in the priesthood — a priesthood begun in St. Rose's, Newark. He is one of the most famous of the alumni of the school and Roseville neighborhood. He will also be remembered as the compassionate head of our Marriage Tribunal. He pioneered inner city work at St. Bridget's Church in Central City Newark. He was there helping people cope with the riots in 1968. He is now the progressive and active pastoral leader of St. Thomas Church in Bloomfield, N. J. Truly a worthy guest of honor!

Help us — help Newark. It's a great cause.

See you on First Friday. God Bless you.

### Random Thoughts

There never was a person who did anything worth doing, that did not receive more than he gave (anyone who is active in the council knows this to be true) . . . A stork is a bird too often responsible for circumstances that might be better attributed to a lark . . . It's hard to understand. The Arabs are the ones who have the gas, but we're the ones with the heartburn . . . Marriage is like a card game. It takes two to open and can end up with a full house if the two don't throw in their hands . . . History repeating itself is ok but everytime it happens the prices go up . . . A woman asked her husband for a fur coat. Instead he gave her a dress made of feathers. Now she can dust and disco at the same time . . . When I approach a child he inspires in me two sentiments: tenderness for what he is and respect for what he may become . . . Going to a nude beach can be a very educational experience. it teaches

you why people wear clothes . . . It seems quaint to us that our ancestors used clamshells and heads for money, but I wonder what they'd think about a wallet full of little plastic cards . . . A friend of mine who enjoys drinking a bit, had his blood donation turned down by the Red Cross because his plasma had an olive in it. He's the same guy that puts vitamins in his gin so he can build himself up while tearing himself down . . . God gave us two ends to use: one to think with, the other to sit with. Success depends on which one you choose. Heads you win, tails you lose . . . The whole thing about matrimony is this: We fall in love with a personality, but we must live with a character . . . I noticed something odd about gas stations. The cash box is out in the open, the office is open, and they lock the rest rooms . . . Speeches should be like a woman's skirt, just long enough to cover the subject and short enough to create interest.

Jim Moran P.G.K.

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