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OPEN HOUSE SUCCESS

Membership Chairman, Mario Henriquez, reports that the Open House Meeting, held on September 21st, brought out approximately two hundred and fifty members and candidates to the V.F.W. Hall. At the time of this release, at least thirty applications were received, and after proper screening, the candidates will be eligible to take their First Degree on October 12th. There is a good indication that the class may reach forty or more.

Henriquez contributes the success of this event to the efforts of his committee, and fellow knights, and the concerted, succinct talks given by guest speakers Bill Wishbow, Howard Leary and Chaplain Fr. Driscoll. Other speakers, who contributed added details on the Knights of Columbus, were Ted Osbahr, former State Deputy and present State Insurance Chairman, and District Deputy Frank Jackiewicz.

For those who were unable to attend this affair arrangements will be made for a re-showing of the film, "Noble Heritage" which beautifully depicts, in color and sound, for both laymen and members, the activities and objectives of the Order.

Brother Wishbow, former District Deputy and Past Grand Knight of Greenville Council, outlined the liaison work done by the state officers, and their representatives the District Deputies, between the more than two hundred councils in the State of New Jersey and the Supreme Council. He enumerated various activities which they sponsor to implement the programs recommended by New Haven. It was a factual discourse, but, at no time, did it lack that interesting touch that always illuminates his talks.

Our own Past Grand Knight, and present Lecturer, Howard Leary described the growth and enthusiasm that has always existed in Union Council, modestly avoiding any reference to his own influence in our past successes. He emphasized the concern of all of us for juvenile delinquency, and the disregard of our own subjectiveness to poor companions. "How much better for us," he said, "to surround ourselves with fellow Catholic gentlemen, united in the principles of our Order."

Chaplain Father Driscoll, in his usual rare form, endorsed the work of Union Council, but urged that no man join un-

less he was prepared to be the best possible Knight within his capabilities. He reminded all of the seriousness attached to Khrushchev's visit—what this man really is, and what our attitude toward him should be—the guest of our country's President, whom as good citizens we must back all the way, and the Archenemy of Christ, of Whose Mystical Body we are members. Through the programs of the Knights of Columbus, particularly that of the Catholic Activity Committee, we may offer our united prayers and efforts to overcome this threat to God and country.

Each of the honored guests, and the members who attended, are to be congratulated for an excellent promotion job. In the opinion of Harold Livingston, Union County Chairman of the State Membership Committee, other council Membership Committee Chairmen should have attended our open house to learn how best to conduct such an affair. A registry desk was manned at the doors so that every prospective candidate's signature could be checked against signed applications. An attractive display of circulars and pamphlets describing the activities of the Order was kept available throughout the entire evening. Seating arrangements by the Council Activity Committee, and tasteful refreshments offered by the Lecturer's Committee, aided in making each prospect feel immediately "at home." Trophies and awards won by our Council were arranged in front of the speakers' dais so that all might see.

Although we are well on the way to fulfilling our quota of thirty associate and fifteen insurance members, Chairman Henriquez warns the membership that this is not the time to relax. We are far from the goal, set by our own great Union Council, which won us awards in the past. There are still far too many good Catholic men in town who are not now Knights of Columbus.

WHERE IS THAT CANDIDATE YOU WERE GOING TO BRING IN???

Fraternal Chairman, Bernie Raymond, and Membership Chairman Mario Henriquez, announce joint plans for an Indoctrination Night, to be held in the latter part of October or the early part of November, not only for new members, but for all.

6 Point Committee Report

Six Point Chairman, Bill Donnelly, revealed this week that all committees have held their meetings, and that a variety of activities have been planned for the coming year. Donnelly stated "As General Program Chairman, I hope that each and every brother will attend as many functions as possible, and, when the occasion presents itself, will bring a guest. A good attendance at these affairs is what the committee hopes for."

If any brother would like to serve on any committee, he can do so by contacting the General Program Chairman, or the chairman of the committee he wishes to work with.

Council Activity Program Announced

The Council Activity Committee, under Chairman Bill Taylor, is arranging what should prove to be a very interesting calendar of social events for the coming year.

To open the season, a Knight's Night will be held on October 31st, at Immaculate Conception Auditorium, Union and Prince Streets, Elizabeth. The affair will be limited to Knights and their wives, or, in the case of bachelor members, to their dates. There will be dancing from 9:30 P.M. to 12:30 A.M. to the music of Freddie Sleckman's Orchestra. Food and liquid refreshments will be included in the admission charge of \$1.50 per person. The committee will send a reservation card to each member. It is urgently requested, that all who plan to attend, fill out and return the card so that refreshment requirements may be accurately determined.

The committee is also contemplating a minstrel show, for a tentative date in January. A performance of this type can only be presented if enough brothers participate. Anyone interested is advised to contact Gus Armstrong, or any member of the Council Activity Committee. A square dance is also on the agenda for the coming year, slated for February 19th, and last, but not least, our Annual Charity Ball on April 23rd.

The committee has promised to do its utmost to make this a banner year for our council, and feels certain that the membership will co-operate as it has done in the past.

