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THIRD ANNIVERSARY BALL

The Council Activity Committee would like to make an urgent appeal to all members of our Council to assist in making a success of our Third Anniversary Ball, to be held in the Elizabeth Armory on April 23. In the coming month, the various sub-committees will be requesting your help in some manner. Whether this be active participation or simply a request for early and full returns on your raffle books and tickets, or early table reservations, your whole-hearted support will simplify their task a great deal.

You may be asked by Brother Pete Rakowski to secure an ad for our Souvenir Journal. To give you some idea of the rough job Pete has, we quote some figures: Last year we had over 250 ads in our Journal, however due to lack of assistance, we were not able to contact many sources in Union itself. This year we shall endeavor to contact every business establishment in town, but, as you must realize, this will take a lot of help. We have nearly 500 members in our Council—the help is there if each of us will only do a little.

Brother Vince Squazzo will certainly welcome some assistance in collecting admission tickets at the door, on the night of the Ball, for a half-hour, or an hour at the most.

Brother Oscar Ernst may ask you to do a stint behind the bar. This will consist of dispensing bottled beer, bottled liquor, soda and ice. A team of one cashier and two bartenders will work in one hour shifts.

Brother Ray Karpinski will certainly

need your co-operation in the handling of the raffle books. The State Bingo and Raffles Commission requires that all raffle tickets, whether sold or unsold, be accounted for. Preparing the sold tickets, and recording the disposition of all tickets is a tremendous task. You can readily understand that Ray will appreciate an early and accurate return for your tickets. While on the subject of early returns, Vince Squazzo will appreciate the same treatment of the admission tickets. An accurate count here will assist in placing the necessary food order with the caterer. Incidentally, this year, food will be served at each table by the caterer.

Last, but equally as important, get your table reservations in early. Tables will accommodate ten persons. Check your party carefully so there will be no duplications. For reservations contact Mark Hayes or Jim Walsh.

Brothers, the Council Activity Committee humbly begs your assistance in their efforts to give you an enjoyable and successful Anniversary Ball. If you are approached by a committee member seeking your help, please, before you refuse or offer an excuse, think it over carefully. Remember that the money derived from this affair finances all our charitable and fraternal activities. This is the only time we try to show a profit. All our other social affairs are run strictly for the enjoyment of the members, and are priced so that we can "break even" on expenses. Our two previous Balls were both tremendously successful. Let's get behind the committee and help them make this the best one yet!!

SIX POINT CHAIRMAN REPORT

"The major affairs of our Council are being projected into view by the Chairmen of the committees of our six point program. These men are deeply engrossed in the work and planning of each phase of the scheduled activity, in order that you may enjoy each one.

At this time, I would like to comment on our Third Anniversary Ball, scheduled for April 23rd, at the Elizabeth Armory. Every brother should know that the revenue received from this affair finances all of our charitable and fraternal functions. With this thought in mind, we should offer our assistance when called upon to do so.

I again urge you to attend the regular Council meetings. I am sure that you will find them of interest. If not, let us know, and we will use your constructive criticism, if at all possible.

On behalf of the various committee chairmen, I would ask that you arrange your affairs to permit your attendance at the various functions which are planned for you. These activities are the result of hard work on the part of the various committee members, and are certainly worthy of your consideration."

Bill Donnelly
Six Point Chairman

Knight of the Month

One of the better known members of our Council, who has on occasion "spoken his piece" for the good of the Order, has been selected for this month's honor as Knight of the Month.

Who is this wonderful guy? None other than Brother Vince Squazzo.

We all know the wonderful deeds of Vince which have added greatly to the success of our Council. His humor and talents have been "music to the ears". Whether detailed to secure advertisements, or conduct various projects, a thorough and successful job has always been the net result. His winning personality and timely quips, his zeal and energy label him a standout for this award.

Having risen to knighthood over twenty-five years ago, he may be referred to as one of the "Granddaddys" of our Council. It may be said that this honor is long overdue. Knowing Vince, it is not unlikely that he might say "Well, its about time, don't you think." We all agree that he is so right.

With this honor, the Selection Committee extends its heartfelt congratulations to this brother who is the exemplification of a truly great Catholic gentleman.

KNIGHTS OF THE MONTH

June	—	—	Knight of the year?
May	—	—	
April	—	—	
March	—	—	Vincent Squazzo
February	—	—	Hugh O'Neill
January	—	—	Anthony Mack
December	—	—	Arthur Weber
November	—	—	Bernard Godesky
October	—	—	William C. Fay (Deceased)

ST. PATRICK

In this month of March, we pay tribute to St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. Much has been written of this man, both fact and legend. It was he who drove the snakes from Ireland. It was he who taught the people about the Blessed Trinity by using the shamrock as an illustration, thus indicating that the three leaves are from one stem, and are one plant.

This much is certain—by the instrumentality of St. Patrick, the Catholic faith is now as fresh in Ireland, even in this cold 20th century, as when it was first planted. Ask him to obtain for you the special grace of his children—to prefer the loss of every earthly good to the least compromise in matters of faith.

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Notice to Brothers and Their Families

If you know of the death or illness of a Brother, please notify, immediately, Fraternal Activities Chairman, Bernard Raymond, 2218 Berwyn Street, Union, MU. 8-4343.

CALENDAR

- MAR. 14—
Regular Council Meeting.
- MAR. 20—
Father and Son Communion Breakfast.
- MAR. 28—
Regular Council Meeting. Summit Chapter S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. will entertain.
- APR. 11—
Regular Council Meeting.
- APR. 14—
Holy Thursday
- APR. 15—
Good Friday
- APR. 17—
Easter Sunday
- APR. 23—
ANNIVERSARY BALL
- APR. 25—
Regular Council Meeting.

WEDDING BELLS

Brother and Mrs. Robert Matheis announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Patricia, to Andrew Nadzan, Jr., son of Brother and Mrs. Andrew Nadzan, Sr. The wedding will take place on April 30th, at St. Michael's Church.



Chaplain's Corner

--- Rev. Joseph F. Driscoll

March 1st is Mardi Gras, or Fat Tuesday when, in ancient times, Catholics finished all the foods that they were forbidden even to have in the house during the grim Lents of the early Church. It was a regime austere enough to make us moderns wince.

This is mercifully gone, but the other name for this day whispers a lesson which is still incisively true. The day is Shrove Tuesday, a little liturgical memorandum reminding us to be shriven, or absolved. Plainly speaking, we should purify our souls so that we may in our milder Lent, put first things first, and cut down on sin as well as on calories. The diet of the soul (not feeding on anger, pride, or any vice) should go with the fast of the body.

We must understand why the good news of the Gospel has to be seasoned with the salt of Penance. It is not that penance is worth anything for its own sake. No, it is a means to an end. When we say "No" to our appetite, it is not

because food and drink are evil. They are gifts of God which we are meant to enjoy. However, we must learn to say "No" to the things which we like, and may have, so that we will have the strength to say "No" to the things we want and may not have. We will be able to say "No" in time of temptation.

This time of Lent is the opportunity for each Knight to stand apart from his everyday life, and put on the approach of Our Lord to the work of His ministry—As He prepared Himself with forty days of prayer and fasting, so must we.

At the beginning of Lent, we are asking all the members of the Council to co-operate with the Committee for Decent Literature, as they initiate their program in Union. You will be advised by your Catholic Activity Committee how you may participate. This is the first call to social action addressed to the Council. With your prayerful heeding of that call, we shall have success.

COMMUNION BREAKFAST

Once again your Catholic Activity Committee is preparing for one of the most important spiritual events of the season—our third annual Father and Son Communion Breakfast—to be held on Sunday, March 20. They have arranged an interesting and entertaining program, and urge you to set aside this one morning of the year to partake of the Holy Eucharist, in a body, with your brother Knights and sons.

Mass will be at 8:05 A.M. in St. Michael's Lower Church. Members and guests are asked to assemble in the school hall at 7:50 A.M. to march in a body to the Church. Following Mass, the breakfast will be served in the Crystal Ballroom of the Elizabeth Carteret Hotel.

The Honor Guard will be provided by the John Dawson Gilmary Shea General Assembly, Fourth Degree, Co. "H", 1st New Jersey Regiment. Toastmaster will be our own Worthy Advocate, Brother Warren Hehl. The principal speaker will be the Hon. Judge John J. Rafferty, former assemblyman, and Judge of the Court of Errors and Appeals. He is a Knight Commander of St. Gregory, and a member of the George Washington General Assembly, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus. He is active in the State Council, and is the Executive Secretary of the New Jersey Catholic Council.

Co-Chairmen for this affair are Brothers Walter Adamczyk, Thomas Butler,

Harold Fox, Stephen Raffo, Albert Sapkowski and Michael Tomko. Tickets are \$2.75 per person, and can be obtained from Steve Raffo, 2350 Dunlake Road, Union (MU 6-6652). Returns must be POSITIVELY made no later than Monday, March 14.

"And the Greatest of These is Charity"

Such are the words spoken by our Lord in placing categorically the virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity. Yes, the greatest of these is Charity, and how well we know it. We were founded 77 years ago for the promotion of charitable work throughout the world. To attain our goals, and continue our help towards our fellow man, takes teamwork and a united effort. Such teamwork is what we are seeking in the organization and initiation of our newly formed bloodbank. We have the men and the organization—now all we need are the donors. Such an asset to our Council, as a bloodbank, is one that can only be realized by your help and participation.

Of our many activities, this is one of the few where a brother can really say "He gave of himself." Let's be ready to answer any, and all, calls of distress that may arise from a Brother Knight. Remember, only through your help and participation can we make this worthy cause materialize. Your support is needed. Please contact Ed Wargins, Assistant Chairman, Fraternal Activity Committee.

Grand Knight's Message



SAFE DRIVING CORNER

Oscar Ernst

Brothers:

The evening of Saturday, May 14, has been tentatively set as the date for our next Major Degree. Union Council enjoys the rare distinction of having sponsored two such degrees each year since its formation. This unique accomplishment has been made possible through the combined efforts of our entire membership.

As in the past, your Membership Committee again suggests that you screen your list of friends and associates with regard to those desiring consideration for membership in our honored Order. Have those who are eligible complete the official application so they may be included in the class receiving degree honors in this council year. Only with your continued sincere co-operation can we attract practical Catholic gentlemen to our Order.

It seems that every issue of the "Digest" carries some complimentary remarks concerning Brother Art Weber and his very efficient Catholic Activity Committee. Appropriately again this month, we must

congratulate this group on its very excellent arrangements for our Annual Day of Recollection. Our own Father Lawrence Murphy held a completely attentive audience with three very timely, interesting, and occasionally humorous conferences. Those fortunate members who were able to attend certainly went home in a spiritually healthier, happier frame of mind.

At the end of the Lenten Season, our Council will again hold its Anniversary Ball. This affair is the main support of all our Council and charitable activities. As such, it must necessarily be a financial as well as a social success. Brother Pete Rakowski requests the assistance of every member in the solicitation of just one advertisement for our souvenir journal. If we all comply with this small request, the financial success of our affair will be assured. Only with the combined effort of our entire membership can this or any other activity produce the desired results.

Fraternally yours,

John S. Zimmerman

In this issue we would like to address our remarks to our teen-age sons and daughters. We assure you that you are all dear to our hearts, and for this reason we would hate to lose you or see you crippled for life. With this thought uppermost in mind, let's talk about SANE DRIVING as it concerns you.

The automobile was invented for the sole purpose of faster, more comfortable and efficient transportation, and was never intended to become a menace to life and property, in the hands of a speed crazy population. Why then has it become such a menace?—because an increasing number of our good citizens, and that includes our youth, are misusing a good thing in spite of laws and rules governing its use.

We often wonder whether you realize into what a horrible nightmare a silly dare can plunge you, and your family. The daily papers are full of reports of such folly. What sense is there in riding around, in the middle of the night, on a bridle path in the Orange Mountain Reservation, and trusting your life to your driving skill? Somehow death outsmarts us all.

Boys and girls, let's join in checking this killing. We are not thinking in terms of revoking your driving privilege. On the contrary, we urge you to learn to drive properly. Above all we want you to develop and display a mature mind which is so vital to safe driving. Your parents, church, and schools are trying hard to give you a foundation for civilized behavior, but it is you who have to put it into practice. We wish to thank the majority of you who are already showing sound citizenship. May your good example be an inspiration to others.

SPORTS NEWS

BOWLING

Standings in our Intracouncil League have again been re-shuffled. The Merits have retained their lead, but are being pushed by the fast moving Ying Yangs who now occupy second place, ahead of the Rebels. The fourth place Sinkers continued their downward trend, and now occupy sixth position, exchanging places with the Four Jays.

Present Standings:

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| 1. Merits | 5. Knight Knicks |
| 2. Ying Yangs | 6. Sinkers |
| 3. Rebels | 7. Crusaders |
| 4. Four Jays | 8. Knight Owls |

Al Dietlein's 246 is still high for single game. Matt Simon, however, set a new high three game series with a fine 646 effort. John Burke remains high average leader with 179.

Our first attempt at mixed bowling proved to be a successful and enjoyable affair. Edith Zimmerman and Frank Fackelman received high series prizes, and Mary Fackelman was awarded a prize for second highest series. Additional prizes were won by Mary Schmidt, Emma Vigliotta, and Linda Wallace.

We are looking forward to our next Saturday night of mixed bowling, with more fun and more prizes.

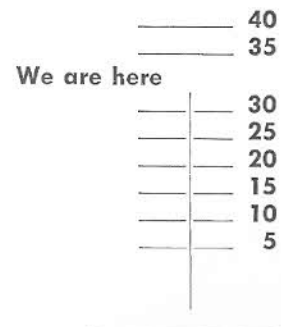
COLUMBIAN CLUB NEWS

President, Warren Hehl has revealed that title to the Jeanette Avenue property will close in the early part of this month. The Building Fund Drive is in the final stages, and receipts to date are certainly gratifying. Donations of service and material have greatly increased, and Brother Hehl expects, in a short time, to be able to give a figure concerning the valuation

of this second phase of the club drive. Progress has been made concerning the liquor license, and Hehl anticipates a further report at a future Council meeting.

Congratulations are in order for the fine job being done by John Foley, Fred Vollherbst, Joe Gaynor and Jim Cappeto in the reorganization of the fund drive.

COLUMBIAN CLUB Pledge Goal \$40,000.



BIRTHDAYS

MARCH

- 17—Pat Donatiello
Thomas P. Duhig
Andrew J. Mayer
18—John J. DeMarzo
20—Eugene C. LeCompte
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31—Patrick T. McConville
Vincent Pascucci

APRIL

- 1—John J. Foley
Andrew Nadzan, Sr.
Donald W. Rinaldo, Jr.
2—Orest V. Bordogna
Clarence J. Wilson
3—Emil Demcsak
Walter A. Golonka
Thomas J. Miskovich
4—Francis Gross

- 5—William V. Fay
7—Edward J. Olsen
9—John S. Lataro
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11—Philip J. Pantano
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