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COUNCIL TO PRESENT "KRESKIN"

Union Council will present world foremost mentalist "Kreskin" on Saturday Evening, March 26, 1977 at Union High School. Performance to begin at 8:00 p.m. Proceeds to aid Council Scholarship Fund.

Get your ticket reservations early by contacting:

- Ken Pinney 687-5650
- Barney Capriglione 964-3143
- Dom Clementoni 688-3618
- Andy Popp 688-6951
- Julius Kiss 687-5173
- Roger Schur 245-6605
- Tom Hornig 688-3870
- William Taylor 686-3120

Tickets \$5.00 \$4.00 \$3.00



Church Activities Committee

On February 4th, over 280 Brother Knights and Catholic Daughters joined in a Communion Supper at our Council home. Mass was concelebrated by Father Ed Swierzbinski, Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Tuohy and Rev. Thomas G. Grant. They were assisted by Deacon Thomas Arminio.

The principal speaker for the evening was retired Archbishop Thomas A. Boland, whose subject was "The Making of a Priest."

We had the pleasure of the company of Mrs. Mary F. O'Brien State Regent CDA, Mrs. Mary Curry CDA State Renewal Chairman, Sister Ann Domenic, District Deputy John Masterson K of C and wife Eileen.

I am extremely grateful for the assistance of the lovely ladies of the CDA and our Brother Knights in setting up, cooking, serving and clean-up, without whom the Communion Supper would not have been a spiritual and social success.

Our next Chaplain's Nite will be March 4th at 8 p.m. Mass followed by our Chaplain Father Ed. Subject "Our Attitudes on Death and Dying."

Fraternally yours,
Dom. Clementoni PGK
Church Activities Chairman



KRESKIN

Our Upper Club Area Buy an Expansion Bond Today

My Brother Knights: Can you vision an upper club area for yourself and your immediate families?

Let's preview our further expansion and the results that can be obtained through your support.

Individuals rooms; games such as backgammon, chess, checkers and others in the same category.

TV and music room for brother Knights, their immediate family **YES, you mothers and daughters included TOO.**

Card room: Extra tables to accommodate those who would like to play cards.

Refreshment area: beer, soda, refreshments, etc.

Pool table, ping pong table and other facilities.

Athletic: body building exercise room, weight lifting activities relative to health. **YES LADIES YOU TOO** can avail yourselves of these facilities.

We must promote further expansion. We need both your interest and support toward this endeavor.

Lets set our goal toward this accomplishment. The advantages are all yours.

Won't you see me today and buy an expansion bond?

Edward Stonack,
Bond Chairman
1218 Schmidt Ave., Union, N. J.
688-3523

Retarded Children Campaign

The third annual state wide program for the mentally retarded will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Historically, this program was started two years ago by the State Council Knights of Columbus. It had proven very successful in other states such as Illinois, where their Tootsie Roll Campaign provided them with half a million dollars in charitable contributions. All this money was donated to help mental retardation.

At our council, as in the past two years, we will be out in force collecting contributions for the benefit of retarded children. We will **not** hand out Tootsie Rolls this year but will supply ball point pens imprinted with "Nights of Columbus — Help Retarded Children."

In our work-a-day busy world we tend to completely forget the tragedy of the mentally retarded. Only the immediate family experiences the anguish and despair associated with this problem. Most of us do not have the formal training or special skills to directly help the mentally retarded child or adult. We can help in our own way by supporting our Council's campaign.

We ask you and your wife — (yes wives did very well the past two years collecting during the day) — to come out for an hour on which ever day and time is convenient. Stop by the council anytime or at a regular meeting night to sign up. On your assigned day and time you will report to the council, where you will be issued an apron imprinted with "Help Retarded Children" and also with "Knights of Columbus" and the K of C emblem on the apron to identify our organization.

Remember, we need YOU, don't assume the other person is going to do it. In the past two years there were dedicated people that went out collecting contributions more than once. If everyone helps the burden will be light.

Come sign up. Contact Roger Schur or Henry Mey for additional details or to arrange a date and time when you will be available to help.

Henry Mey

EXPANSION BOND APPLICATION

Date _____

I, _____
will purchase a bond of
\$100.00 at 4% interest
500.00 at 4% interest
1000.00 at 5% interest
Enclose check with application
to:

Edward R. Stonack
1218 Schmidt Avenue
Union, N. J. 07083
Phone: 688-3523

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Calendar of Events

Mar. 4 Chaplain's Night
 Mar. 18 Dance Lessons
 Mar. 25 Dance Lessons
 Mar. 26 Amazing Kreskin
 Apr. 1 Chaplain's Night
 Apr. 1, 2, 3 Retarded Children's
 Campaign
 Apr. 15 Dance Lessons
 Apr. 21 ... Cheerleading Competition
 Apr. 23 Adult Disco Dance
 Apr. 30 Grand Ball
 May 6 Chaplain's Night
 May 13-15 State Convention
 May 22 Golf Tournament

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
 1st Fri. Chaplain's Night

Bowling

Father-Son-Daughter

Saturday, February 12 at Four Season Bowling Lanes in Union, we held our Father-Son-Father-Daughter Day. We express our thanks to those fathers who found time to be with their children. Far be it from us to tell but there were several of the boys who scored higher than their fathers. Some of the girls came close also. We bowled three games each, which was more than enough for the fathers. The children would have bowled a few more games, but realized that the fathers needed a rest. Next time Pop.

Youth Chairman
 Steve Patrykowski

State Convention

"On the boardwalk in Atlantic City." Remember that song? It brings back memories of good times to many people at this famous summer resort. It makes me think of the "good ole summertime", which makes me reminisce after this past winter chill.

Well, it won't be long before summer will be here and with it the State Convention. This year the convention will be held on the week-end of May 13th thru May 15th. Sixteen double-occupancy rooms and a large hospitality room have been reserved with the Four Seasons Motel at a cost of \$26.00 per night. Several members have already expressed a desire to attend so make your reservations early.

Call Ken Pinney — 686-5650 for reservations or any questions you may have. A deposit of \$26.00 must be made by April 15th.

Ken Pinney
 Deputy Grand Knight

Spelling Bee Results

Sunday afternoon, February 13, we held our local Spelling Bee contest. Boys and girls from our local public and parochial schools, presently in the eighth grade were eligible to compete. DKG Ken Pinney acted as Spelling Bee judge and moderator, GK James Moran, as judge, Bruce Bentz as timekeeper, and yours truly Steve Patrykowski as scorekeeper. Thanks to all who helped. Yes, we came up with a winner. Kevin James, of Randolph Place, Union, N. J. eighth grader from Holy Spirit Parochial School. His next step forward, the county level spell off, which will be held at Our Lady of Peace auditorium, South St., New Providence, N. J. on March 13th at 2:00 p.m.

Youth Activity
 Steve Patrykowski

Volleyball News

Last summer the Knights of Columbus had a very successful three team men's volleyball league. This year, due to an increase in interest, we are going to increase the size of the league to anywhere from four to six teams. For any women interested, we are also starting a women's volleyball league consisting of three teams. For any member interested in participating please contact either Art Reinhard — 688-6931 or Gary Guthreau — 686-2418 by May 1, 1977. Minimum age for both the men's and women's leagues is 16. Teams will be formed during May and a schedule of games will begin on Tuesday, May 31, 1977. The Men's League will play on Tuesdays and Sundays while the Women's League will play on Wednesdays and/or Sundays.

The league is also in need of referee's for our games. We are looking for four to six members who will act as part-time referees and to work at most one day a week. However, referees will not be allowed to play on any team in the league. Minimum age for a referee is 18.

Please remember that the main purpose of this volleyball league is to provide a means for enjoyment and exercise for one hour a day, one or two days a week.

Grand Knights

Column

Jim Moran



On March 26th, our council will present KRESKIN, the famous mentalist and performer of mysterious feats. We were among the first organizations in this area to present Kreskin several years ago. Since then, he has achieved international fame, and has just returned from an engagement in Japan. The money raised from our sponsoring him at Union High School on the 26th will go to Union Council's Scholarship Fund. To practice the good work of our order, we need a sizeable profit from this once-a-year fund raiser. We are offering you a fabulous performer for a reasonable price. Anyone who has not seen Kreskin is in for a real treat. His 2½ hour show will amaze you. Encourage your relatives, friends and neighbors to attend.

A second event of equal importance occurs over the week-end of April 1, 2, and 3. It's the annual state wide Knights of Columbus campaign to raise money to help the Mentally Retarded children. The children assisted by these funds are those who are capable of rehabilitation, and with proper training can become working members of society. If you talk to some of the dedicated individuals who are engaged in this work, you would realize the great rewards of opening up to a fuller life, the minds of these special people of God. A few hours of your time (that's all we need) can bring the kind of happiness to a child that is beyond a monetary or material evaluation. Be mindful of the blessings of your own children and say yes when asked to help in this most worthy cause.

We need your support on projects like the two just mentioned, not through vocal means, but by your physical participation. We learned through our membership in the Knights that charity is not just giving money, but it comes from the heart and consists of time and energy. Don't look for reasons why you can't contribute to these events, instead find time to work them into your schedule. If you take a "let the other guys do it" attitude, we will fail because **you** are one of the "other guys". Failure would mean you stayed on the sidelines, but if we achieve our goals, it's because of your support.

Basketball Free Throw Results

On January 21st, Union Council 4504 played host for the District free throw basketball shoot. Union was well represented with winners, having placed three boys and one girl who will now proceed on to the Regional play-offs. Play-offs will be held at the Don Bosco School, Ramsey, N. J. Date to be declared later.

Winners: Vickie Gladysiewicz, T. J. Jones, Sean Mooney and Joseph Biliska, Jr.



**Chaplain's
Corner**
Rev. Edward M. Swierzbinski

LENT IS COMING — SO WHAT?

Years ago we had rules and often tried to follow them. Now, you hear people say, the rules are changed. Many ignore Lent.

The Church changed the rules many years ago because there was a feeling, right or wrong, that many followed the rules, but not the spirit. The Church has not changed its call for sacrifice, penance, and the spirit of living self-control that should characterize Lent and the whole year.

e.g. — We don't have to abstain from meat on Fridays. Nothing stops us from **choosing to abstain** from meat and meat products, as individuals and families on the Fridays of the year.

Sometimes, we discuss whether Sunday mass attendance should be obligatory? It still is, but if we study and pray about the meaning of the Mass, no one would have to tell us to go on Sundays. We should be anxious to go not only on Sunday, but other days as well.

So the Church says that as a family, we will abstain from meat and meat products on Fridays of Lent, and we will fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

More important, we are urged by the Church to pray more daily, privately, as families and as parishes. The best way is to be together with one another and with Jesus in daily or almost daily Mass. It's easier for us now with morning, afternoon and evening masses scheduled in local churches.

Another suggestion is, do something. Check your own family, self-control and love dictate that we make sure we are not taking advantage of others in the family, being self-centered, making others angry or frustrated. Look around the neighborhood, someone may need company, aid in shopping or baby sitting. The old or senior citizens are ripe targets for our love. The sick or their families may need help or at least encouragement. Those who have suffered a death in the family could use a visit, dinner invitation or some other thoughtful act.

There are many ways to show our spiritual maturity; to show our belief that Jesus Christ is our God and Saviour; to show that we are Brothers and Sisters because God is Our Father. Don't wait to be told. Begin praying and sharing and loving.

Don't forget our beautiful First Fridays. We begin with Mass at 8:00 p.m. — Be there!

Golf Tournament

Due to the success of the Golf Tournament last August, there will be another Golf Tournament this year on Sunday, May 22nd at the Cranbury Golf Course, Cranbury, New Jersey. Tee off times will begin at 10:15 and carts will be available. Starting times will be assigned on a first come first serve basis. For any members interested please contact Gary Guthreau — 686-2418 by May 1st. A \$5 deposit per person is required.

Knight of the Month



ALVIN DIETLEIN

Without a doubt, our selection for Knight of the Month of March is bestowed on a brother who is so rightly deserving of the title. Al, a charter member of Union Council, served as a member of the first Catholic Activities Committee. He was the first Outside Guard elected by the council members. This was an especially important post at the time, since the Council met at the American Legion Home, and there were often times non-members of the council on the premises. Al was also the first Bowling Chairman of 4504.

Al subsequently was appointed to the position of Financial Secretary by the Supreme Council. He served as Financial Secretary from July 1958 thru to June 30, 1968. A ten year period during which he never missed a Council or Membership Meeting.

At the May 13, 1963 meeting, during the lectures portion of the program, Brother Dietlein was presented the "Knight of the Beer Award".

Presently Al serves on the Telephone Committee, is a Director and Assistant Treasurer of the Columbian Club.

Al is employed by the Lummus Company of Bloomfield, as a Fleet Coordinator. He is a communicant of St. Michael's Church. He is the father of three sons, Robert, Richard, and Peter, and also boasts of a granddaughter. His pastimes include bowling and golfing.

Welcome Al, to our list of selected brothers — Alvin Dietlein, Knight of the Month — March 1977, Council 4504, Union, N. J.

Columbian Club News

Bids are now being accepted for the managing of the Snack Bar during the 1977 Summer Swim Club Season. Also, being accepted is the bid for the Patio-Picnic Ground Clean-up.

All bids must be directed to the following committee members. Submittals can be sent to the Council Home, care of the Columbian Club, or by phone.

- Richard Evers 964-3245
- Joseph Bizzaro 688-4726
- Anthony Sabilia 868-1413
- James Gardner 686-3842

Swim Club News

At the annual swim club meeting held on Friday, January 21, Bill Renner and Frank Cosenza were re-elected to the Board of Directors for a term of three years, reflecting the appreciation by the members present the fine work done by these two gentlemen in the past.

After several years of operating in the red, it has become necessary to raise the Swim Club dues from \$65.00 to \$80.00 annually. This is necessitated by the same inflationary spiral that we have all felt in all facets of our daily living. It is estimated by the Board that this small raise coupled with a tightening of the expenditures to what is absolutely necessary will allow us to operate on a sound financial basis.

Dues are due before April 1, 1977. Please make every effort to pay early so we are not flooded at the last minute. Make checks payable to Columbian Swim Club and mail them to Box 1206, Union, N. J. 07083.

Please advise membership chairman Bill Taylor of any changes in your family structure as soon as possible. Remember only those persons living within your household are eligible for membership in the Swim Club. Please do not embarrass the Board of Directors or yourself by having an ineligible person on your family roster. Bill's number is 686-3120. We are ready to make up the badges so please hurry this information.

The annual Swim Club Dance was held on Saturday, January 22, with 180 members in attendance. A sit-down dinner, open bar, and dancing was provided by Chairman Peter Martin and his able assistants, especially Vince Iannuzzi, Cliff Morris, Tony Sabilia and Bill Patania.

The drawing for the free dues was won by Mike Noce, Sr. who we are sure had an enjoyable evening despite his absence. All those who were in attendance will attest that a rollicking good time was had by all.

On behalf of President Jack Kilian, and the Board of Directors, may the Good Lord keep you in good health over this cold winter season.

The Gate Attendant position is available for the coming season. Anyone interested, please contact Jack Kilian or any Board Member.

Marty Farrell is under contract as the pool manager for 1977.

Work parties will commence April 2. All swim club members are invited to assist in preparing for the pool opening.

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**Mini-park Needs
Your Support**

The Civic and Cultural Committee needs your help in cleaning up and making some improvements on our new Knights of Columbus Park located on the corner of Winslow and Stecker Avenues in Union. Work parties will be held on March 27 and April 17 from 1-4 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. Also donations are welcome from anyone who may wish to donate shrubs, flowers, etc. Please contact Joe Porter — 687-2847 or John Salvatore — 964-1949.