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BLOOD BANK DAY — SUNDAY, NOV. 2

Blood donors are reminded to help replenish the requests for blood donated during the year.

The blood bank program will be held on Sunday, November 2nd at the Council Hall, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Any person weighing at least 110 pounds and 18 years of age (17 years of age with parental permission) is eligible to donate blood. So please join us (with the eligible members of your family) on the above date.

Contact Mort Picone at 687-8748 for information.

Please help support this worthy cause.
Mort Picone
Fraternal Chairman

K of C Memorial Mass

Date: Nov. 30, 1975

Time: 9:00 A.M.

Place: St. Michael's Church

Union Council 4504 and their wives and family are invited to attend memorial mass for deceased members at St. Michael's Church, Union.

A continental breakfast will follow at the Council Home.

Memorial Service

A memorial service for deceased members will be held at the Nov. 24 regular meeting. Please plan to attend.

Henry Mey

Knicks-Celtics

Tickets for the New York Knicks, Boston Celtics basketball game are now available. The game will be played Tuesday, December 2 at Madison Square Garden. The ticket price is \$13.00 which includes admission, the round trip bus ride, sandwiches, beer and soda. Contact Roger Schur, at 245-6605 or at the K of C meetings, to purchase tickets. Unfortunately, there are only 49 tickets available, therefore sales will be made on a first come, first serve basis. Bus to depart council parking lot at 5:45 p.m. **promptly.**

On tap for Sunday, December 14, is our first hockey game of the new season, Rangers vs. the Toronto Maple Leafs. Tickets are on sale now at \$11.00 each which includes admission, bus ride, sandwiches, beer and soda. So buy your tickets early for an exciting night at the Garden.

Those brothers attending the Giant football game should meet at the council parking lot at 10:45 a.m., as the bus will be leaving at 11:00 a.m. **sharp.**

Roger Schur
Athletic Chairman

Swim Club News

The Board of Governors would like to thank all brothers who participated in the final work parties in helping to put the pool to "bed" for another winter.

Although, pool time is so far away and everyone's thoughts are turned to the winter season, the Board of Governors is already busily engaged in preparing for the 1976 season.

Bids for pool manager and gate attendant are now being accepted and should be mailed to:

Columbian Swim Club
P.O. Box 1206
Union, N. J. 07083

After careful scrutiny of the 1975 pool attendance, the board will recommend the entry of 20 additional families. This will help to reduce the waiting list time and create new interests in pool membership.

The appreciation night for all qualified parties will be held at the Council Hall on Saturday, Feb. 7, 1976.

More information on the annual meeting, swim club dance and appreciation night will be forthcoming in future articles.

Fraternally yours,
John Kilian
Swim Club President

Christmas Gifts For The "Military"

The "Military Servicemen's Committee" will be sending Christmas packages this year to all Brother Knights, or their sons or daughters, who are serving in the armed forces of the United States. If you know of anyone in the military service, please submit their full name, rank, complete military address, and home telephone number to the council, on or before November 15th. This information should be given to the Committee Chairman, Michael A. La Motta, who can be reached at 688-7167. If there is a change in the address after submission of a name, please notify the chairman or Grand Knight, so that this worthwhile endeavor can be achieved in the time specified.

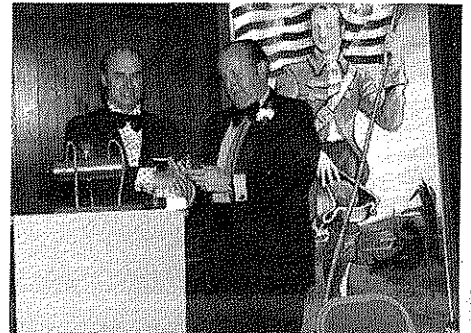
Mike La Motta

Equal Rights Amendment

On November 4 New Jersey voters will be asked to decide whether or not to pass a State Equal Rights Amendment. The Union County Right to Life Committee urges you to vote **against** this proposed amendment.

R.T.L. Chairman
Sal Massimino

Past Grand Knight Honored



Past Grand Knight, John Winters, was honored at the annual PGK Dinner Dance on Saturday, Sept. 27.

The main speaker was State Advocate, Robert Wade, lauded Jack for his accomplishments during his term of office.

State Secretary, Joseph Luciano, presented Jack with a trophy for the best Admission Degree Team in the state.

To honor Jack for his dedication and sincere efforts for the betterment of Union Council, a plaque and Past Grand Knights ring, from the officers and members of the Council was presented to Jack by Grand Knight, Andrew Popp.

A gift and corsage was presented to Betty Winters, by the Grand Knights wife, Maion Popp.

Sam Bruzzi, the Master of Ceremony for the evening, also should receive credit for his artistic caricature of Jack in a colonial uniform.

Our thanks to chairman, Barney Capriglione, PGK, and his committee, for the success of the evening.

Baskets of "Goodies"

Baskets filled with canned foods and goodies will be distributed to needy families in our Council area. These baskets will be delivered in time for the recipients to enjoy a Thanksgiving holiday dinner.

We are requesting that each brother bring a canned food item or goodie to either of the meetings in November, or to the blood bank on November 2nd, or to the Council home any time, to help fill these baskets of goodies.

Morton Picone
Fraternal Chairman

Children's Halloween Party

A reminder that the children's Halloween Party will be held at 4:00 p.m. directly after the Blood Bank on Sunday, November 2nd. Party is open to children, of brother Knights, 9 years of age and under.

Prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be served.

Bob Schwartz
Youth Activities Chairman

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Calendar of Events

Nov. 2 Blood Bank
(10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.)
Nov. 2 Children's Halloween Party
(4:00 p.m.)
Nov. 7 Sexuality
(Chaplain's Night)
Nov. 16 Giants-Eagle Football
Nov. 24 Memorial Services
Nov. 29 Knight Club Dance
Nov. 30 Memorial Mass
Dec. 2 Knicks-Celtic Basketball
Dec. 5 Parish Council
(Chaplain's Night)
Dec. 6 ... Council Anniversary Dance
Dec. 9 Christmas Dinner Meeting
Dec. 14 . Rangers-Toronto — Hockey
Dec. 25 Christmas Day
Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Dance
Jan. 9 Communion Dinner
(Chaplain's Night)
Jan. 24 Swim Club Dance

MONTHLY MEETINGS

1st Mon. Council Officers
2nd & 4th Mon. Regular Council
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

One Good Turn

NORTH HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — The St. Frances of Cabrini Roman Catholic Church calendar recently included this note:

"Hold this paper to your face and blow on it. If it turns green, call your physician. If it turns brown, see your dentist.

"If it turns purple, see your insurance agent. If it turns red, see your banker. If it turns black, call your lawyer and make a will.

"If it remains the same color, you are in good health and there is no reason on earth why you should not be in church next Sunday morning."

Memories

The Charter Officers of our Council were elected Nov. 25, 1957 subsequent to their presentation by Nominating Committee Chairman Brother Joseph Nilo. There being no other nominations the slate was elected unanimously as follows:

G.K. Howard Leary
D.G.K. James Connell
Chancellor John Zimmerman
Recorder Thomas Crimmins
Treasurer James Mahan
Advocate Weldon Arner
Warden George Arnold
Inside Guard James Cappeto
Outside Guard Alvin Dietlein
Trustee William Darrow
Trustee Joseph Gaynor
Trustee Charles Lynch

Two names were proposed for financial secretary subject to approval by Supreme Board of Directors in New Haven. They are Thomas Drogan and James Valladares. Brother Valladares was eventually chosen by New Haven to be our Financial Secretary.

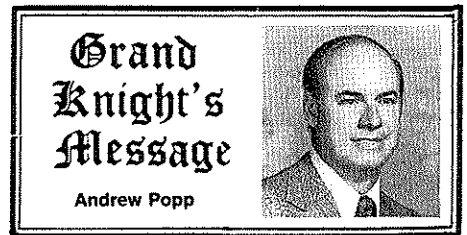
Father Joseph Driscoll was invited to be our first Chaplain and graciously accepted and his appointment was subsequently approved by Archbishop Thomas Boland.

Bill Taylor

Random Thoughts

Last week 50 people picketed a city hall demanding that something be done about air pollution. Then they got into 49 cars and went home . . . Husbands and wives are like fishermen. They brag about the ones that got away and complain about the ones they caught . . . Two hundred dollars used to be used as a down payment on a car, now its the sales tax . . . It finally happened. A girl fell off her seven inch platform shoes. She would have been injured, but her eyelashes broke the fall . . . Friendships, like a young tree must be planted in rich soil watered properly with common sense to establish deep roots and then grow in the sunshine of time . . . They say 50 per cent of major accidents originate in the home, and the rest in voting booths . . . The automobile is really in trouble. Engineers want to eliminate the steering column, ecologists want to eliminate the engine, Planned Parenthood wants to eliminate the back seat . . . For every action there is an equal but opposite reaction, especially on Mondays . . . Isn't it a shame that \$2.00 bills were discontinued? They would come in so handy these days for buying a dollar's worth of anything. . . You know what's wrong with Women's Lib? They don't make sense. First they burn their bras and then ask for support! . . . Individual commitment to a group effort, is what makes a team work, a company work, a society, a civilization work . . . The greatness of America lies not in being more enlightened than any other nation, but rather in her ability to repair her faults . . . The problem with pulling the wool over the voter's eyes is that they soon recognize the yarn . . . A dollar may not go very far these days, but what it lacks in distance it makes up in speed.

Jim Moran



My Brothers,

November is the month when most families start to prepare for the holiday season. Our thoughts turn to Thanksgiving and the Christmas celebrations. Thanksgiving, being the first of the major holidays, should be given special consideration by all of us. It is a time to reflect on our blessings. When we look around us we have much to be thankful for, we live in the greatest country in the world: We have freedom of religion, to practice without fear or persecution, freedom of speech, of the press, and the right to assemble. This may not seem so important to us, because, many of us have taken for granted that these privileges are practiced throughout the world.

On Thanksgiving Day, stop for a moment and thank God for your blessings, your wife and family, and for the joys and happiness they have given you. Present the family with a small personal gift of thanks.

December 6, 1975, the council will celebrate its anniversary with a dance at our council home, contact Cliff Morris for reservations. I would also like to invite all the brothers to our traditional Christmas Dinner meeting on December 8, 1975. Invite a brother member to attend as your guest. Get into the spirit of "Good Will To All Men", early.

To the officers, chairman, brothers and families, my wife Marion, my family and I extend to you our warm wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving.

Yours in Christ,
Andrew F. Popp
Grand Knight

Cardinal's Corner

The 11th Annual Dinner Dance at the Clinton Manor was a very enjoyable affair. Congressman Matt Rinaldo was in attendance. All those who attended had a wonderful time.

The Installation of Officers of the JFK Assembly was held at Union Council on Oct. 15, 1975. Msgr. Francis X. Coyle celebrated the mass and our Worthy Master John R. Murphy installed the officers. The Mass was held in Memory of our Past Faithful Navigators Thomas Laffey and John Gorman. The newly installed officers are as follows: Faithful Navigator, S.K. Martin Reiff; Faithful Captain, S.K. Raymond Oakes; Faithful Pilot, S.K. Philip Sammarco; Faithful Purser, S.K. J. David Schardien; Faithful Scribe, S.K. Charles Kraemer; Faithful Inside Sentinel; S.K. Thomas DiFranco; Faithful Outside Sentinel, S.K. Robert Hillock; Trustees, S.K. Michael Noce, S.K. Michael Hrifko, S.K. Frank Rebel, P.F.N.; Faithful Admiral, S.K. Frederick Fuchs, P.F.N.; Faithful Comptroller, S.K. Robert Armstrong.

After the Installation, a delightful buffet prepared by our own S.K. Dom Zezza was served.

Hope to see you all at the next meeting!

S.K. Charles Kraemer



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

Those who have come on the First Fridays know what I mean when I say that God is with our Council in a special, joyful, loving way. Those who have not come have missed a great opportunity.

Last month we spoke about Our Blessed Mother. But, more importantly, we shared Christ's Sacrifice with each other.

Jim Moran asked a very good question. Many of us could think about it. The Immaculate Conception refers to Mary's conception in the womb of her mother, St. Ann. It does not refer to the birth of Jesus, or His conception. We always refer to Mary's immaculate conception and the Virgin birth of Jesus. Once again, Immaculate conception is the conception of Mary not the conception or birth of Jesus. Because she was to be the mother of Jesus Mary was conceived without the effects of Original Sin. Jesus did not have a natural father and so He could not be born with the effects of Original Sin.

We hope that you will come share our prayers on the First Friday and that we will grow together in the Lord.

We hope that you will plan to be there every First Friday.

Father Ed

**Sexuality:
Married and Single**

Date: Nov. 7, 1975

Time: 8 P.M. to 10 P.M.

Place: Council Home

Members and their wives are invited to Chaplain's night which this month will feature a noted guest speaker — Dr. David Landers.

Dr. Landers is Director of Dept. of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Holy Name Hospital, Teaneck, N. J. Part of his busy schedule is devoted to conducting courses in sexuality at hospitals and churches.

The evening will conclude with refreshments served.

Henry Mey
Church Activities Chairman

**Union Council
Degree Champs**

Union Council's officers, lead by P.G.K. John Winters won the state wide competition for the best Admission Degree Team for the 1974-75 term. This is our second year in a row for this honor. The Supreme Council Award for the Admission Degree also was given to our team. At the October 13th regular meeting John Winters presented to G.K. Andrew Popp the trophy that comes with the award. Many hours of work are needed to present degrees for new members. To be the best in the state reflects the successful use of this time by our officers. Congratulations on a job well done.

Time and Money

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (NC) — According to the results of an annual survey, the Knights of Columbus gave more than five million man-hours in community service and donated almost \$11 million to charitable causes in 1974.

Approximately **68 percent** of the society's branches responded to the questionnaire, which was sent to its 62 state councils, 5,904 local councils and 1,365 fourth-degree assemblies.

Supreme Knight John W. McDevitt reported the breakdown of the poll, which was taken in conjunction with the National Fraternal Congress of American (NFCA). The NFCA, headquartered in Chicago, is an organization of almost 100 fraternal benefit societies in the U.S. and Canada.

The charitable donations of \$10,960,727, included \$969,875 from the Knights' Supreme Council, top legislative and policymaking body of the 1.2 million-member society of Catholic men.

The total encompassed donations to the needy, sick, disabled and handicapped of \$2.46 million; aid to victims of disasters of over \$212,000; and donations to homes for the aged, hospitals and youth institutions of \$1.71 million. Donations to welfare organizations, community projects and civic organizations were \$2.1 million, and donations for educational purposes, scholarships, schools and libraries came to \$2.21 million.

In addition, donations of food, clothing and other items were valued at \$850,000, and miscellaneous donations totaled \$430,000. Youth and juvenile works received \$1.41 million in the activity disbursements.

The survey also showed that the knights made 434,634 visits to the sick and bereaved; contributed 103,339 donations of blood; gave 5,100,053 hours in community service to youth, hospitals, orphanages and churches; and spent 462,903 hours in service to the sick, disabled and their families.

The figures reflected only the contributions and activities of those branches that responded to the survey.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Brother Ed Brennan who, on October 25th, attended a 50th Anniversary Class Reunion of Saint Mary's School, Kingston, N. Y.

Prior to the affair, Twinkletoes Ed joined a ballroom dancing studio to brush up on the Fox Trot and the Bump.

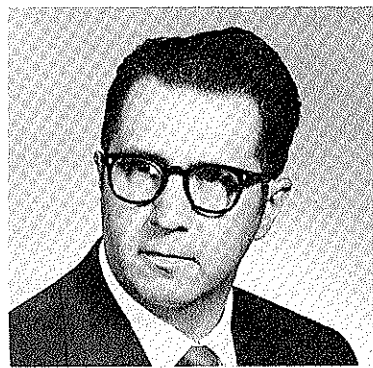
Ed was presented his High School Equivalent Diploma.

Dance Anyone?

Registrations are in order for those of you who are interested in taking dance lessons. (Hustle, Cha Cha, Bump, Tango etc.)

Plans are being considered for the start of a dancing class beginning January 1976. If interested, contact William Patania, 687-8744.

Knight of the Month



DOM CLEMENTONI

The selective committee has chosen a man for Knight of the Month of November whose qualifications would do justice to a man seeking the office of Grand Knight. Indeed, the man has held that august position in our Council. Dom Clementoni joined 4504 July 20, 1964. In two short years his willingness and enthusiasm was rewarded by the nominating committee for the office of council treasurer to which he was subsequently elected for the term 1966-67. The following year he was elected recorder, then in succession warden, chancellor, deputy G.K. and in 1971-72 Grand Knight. This was followed by three terms as trustee ending in June 1975.

Clem has also been serving on the board of directors of the Columbian Club for the past two years. To fill in his spare time he has been instrumental in setting up our present mailing system. He has assisted the ticket chairman for the Council shows and the youth bowling chairman.

To round out his activities Clem has also been an action member of the Union-Essex County major degree team since the inception of the new format for that degree several years ago.

This brother is a true Knight! Congratulations, Clem!!

It is indeed befitting; therefore, to add to our list of Knights of the Month the name of Dom Clementoni "Knight of the Month — November 1975, Council 4504".

Editor's Corner

YOUR COUNCIL BELONGS TO YOU

"When you belong, you know you've made a place for yourself. When you belong, it all belongs to you . . ."

At your Council you're not a customer, you're a part owner. You have a voice in your Council affairs and your vote counts the same as any other member's, no matter how often you use the Council Hall you own as much as any other brother.

As a member of 4504, when you attend meetings, you have a right to help make decisions.

Your meetings are scheduled for the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. This is the place where officials are elected and where policy questions are settled. Come and see for yourself. "When you belong, it all belongs to you".