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SUPPOSING THE SHOE WAS ON THE OTHER FOOT!

THINK, ACT, BENEFIT

Do you enjoy singing? How about joining with fellow members in a choral group or glee club? Is there enough "ham" in you to give a try at being in a one-act play? Maybe photography is your thing. Would you like to be part of a group with the same interest? Why bother getting involved in such projects? A choral group could assist at meetings and degrees. They might entertain before Catholic and non-Catholic groups. It would be enjoyable to those involved and give us a fine public image as Knights of Columbus. A one-act play is fun. There are some available with just male parts. Some actors are needed, scenery, painters, etc. Lots of members working together on stage and behind it, plus other far-reaching results would provide us with a deeper brotherhood among ourselves. Everyone is very much aware of the activities of groups today, who are dedicated to hate, destruction and violence. Knights doing advantageous acts for society is a perfect method to show the public there is a community-minded assembly of Catholic gentlemen, peacefully building brotherhood. An organization of men holding secret meetings, drinking together and keeping to ourselves is not the proper image for us. Brotherhood is to be spread, not confined. Our public image should be such that people in the area will say "Those Knights in Union are always involved in some worthwhile project." You are to "Put on Christ" and go into the world, not stay in the Council home. We need to have goals. Goals serve as a stimulus to life. They tend to tap the deeper resources and draw out of life its best. Where there are no goals, neither will there be significant accomplishments. There will only be existence. If any of those ideas turn you on, do something about it. Approach the Grand Knight or the Six-point chairman, tell him of your interest. Think about it (briefly), act on it, then you'll benefit.

Jim Moran

How would you feel if your child needed blood because she was in an automobile accident? How would you feel if you had no way of getting the needed blood? Naturally, this could never happen to you because things like that always happen to the other guy. Someday it may be you. This is the reason our annual blood drive is so very important. It is very discouraging to hold a blood drive, especially at a fraternal organization like the K. of C. where brotherhood is the cornerstone of the organization, and have only a very small number of men come out. We realize that many men give blood at work which is highly commendable, but that does not help you fellow Knight who may be in need but does not have a blood bank to fall back on.

You know, blood is funny. Your body never misses the pint you give because it starts to produce a replacement pint immediately. So put aside all those excuses you can always come up with (we will even take you with a cold) and come out Nov. 22nd and help yourself and your fellow Knight and give a pint of blood.

By the way, we offer even a little extra with our blood campaign. Besides, giving you the opportunity of helping yourself and a fellow Knight by building up our blood bank which all Brothers and their families may draw on, we are also serving a free first-class roast beef dinner with refreshing drinks to all donors. You must admit, that's hard to top.

Hours of the blood drive will be from 12:30 to 5:00 P.M. on Nov. 22. Please refrain from eating fatty food.

The reason evil is allowed to exist in this world is that men of good will do nothing.



Grand Knight Robert Armstrong and Deputy Grand Knight Domenick Clementoni as they led a group of Brother Knights at the Annual Columbus Day ceremonies at Columbus Park here in Union.

"HONOR BALL"

Sat. Nov. 28th 1970

In honor of
P.G.K.

JULIAN PRUSZYKOWSKI
Past C.C. President
MICHAEL PACYNE

Cocktail hour — 7:30 — 8:30
Roast Beef Dinner — 9 P.M.
Dancing 9:30 to 1:30
\$20.00 Per Couple

Tickets — **HERBIE KAY**
688-6452

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CALENDAR

NOV 9 Regular Meeting
NOV 21 Knite Klub
NOV 22 BLOOD BANK
 (Sunday) 12:30-5:00 P.M.
NOV 23 Regular Meeting
NOV 28 Snowball Dance
DEC 14 Christmas Dinner —
 Meeting Night
DEC 19 Bartenders —
 Appreciation Night
DEC 20 Children's Christmas
 Party 2-5 P.M.
DEC 31 New Years Eve Party
JAN 11 Regular Meeting
JAN 25 Regular Meeting
JAN 30 Swim Club Dance

Children's Ice Skating — Bus Ride

On Saturday, November 14th, the first of two scheduled Ice Skating — Bus Rides to the South Mountain Arena will take place for children of Brother Knights. The fee (which includes bus fare) is \$1.80 per person, and, children under 9 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. For those needing skates, these can be rented for \$0.70 per pair at the arena. Buses will leave from in front of the Council at 1:30 p.m. and return around 5:15 p.m. Reservations for this activity must be made by means of a permission slip available at the Council. The signed slip should be returned to Bruce Bentz or Bob Yavoroski at the Council, either by mail or in person, on or before November 2nd to insure adequate transportation.

Knight of the Month

November 1970



Tim with his wife Ann
and daughter Barbara

Timothy Heyden

Perhaps one of the most active members of Union Council #4504 is old reliable Tim Heyden

Tim, as he is called, can be seen at our Council any night of the week either assisting at the bar or working about in some valuable capacity.

Tim has been a member of the K. of C. for 22 years and certainly has been a credit to Union Council for the short time he has been with us. Tim has been employed with the Pennsylvania Railroad for 41 years and resides with his charming wife, Ann, at 1010 Stone Street, Union. The Heydens have just celebrated their 44th Anniversary with their two children, Barbara and Timothy, Jr. who are both married. Tim is also active in the Anchor Club of America.

We are proud to add to our Roster the distinguished name of Timothy Heyden as a great Knight of the Month.

May God continue to bless all the Heydens.

Seventh and Eight Grade Essay Contest

"What Christmas should mean to me as a student and Catholic," or "Keep Christ in Christmas" is the theme of our Council's Essay Contest this year. Children of Brother Knights in the seventh and eighth grades, as well as seventh and eighth grade students of St. Michael's and Holy Spirit Parochial Schools, are invited to participate. The composition can be hand-written, printed or typed, and, can be furnished on either lined or unlined 8-½ x 11 inch paper. A title page bearing the student's name, address, phone number, grade and school is required. The essay should appear on only one side of each sheet of paper and should be at least 200 words in length. Judging will be done on the basis of (1) content, (2) neatness, (3) spelling, and (4) punctuation. All compositions must be submitted to either Bruce Bentz or Bob Yavoroski (by mail or in person) not later than December 2, 1970.

Swim Club Splashes

The swimming season is over but the work goes on. The Board of Directors is actively engaged in formulating plans, sorting through ideas and looking back on last season to determine where we might improve on how we can eliminate sources of chagrin. We are attempting to give proper priorities to several ideas and at the same time work up a budget to be submitted to the Columbian Club Board of Directors for the coming season. Some of the items being discussed or actively worked on since the close of the pool are as follows.

The deck chairs are being repaired and some thought has been given to purchasing some additional chairs.

The concrete deck is in need of repair whether in whole or in part as yet to be determined by a survey of competent masonry experts.

A space heater will be installed in the filter room in the near future to prevent icing conditions that occurred in the past and caused some damage to our filtering installation.

A second pump has been purchased and will be installed in the drainage area so the picnic area may be pumped dry more easily.

A vacuum cleaner will be purchased to aid us in keeping the pool and patio decks clean.

The pool net will be inspected by an expert in that field to determine if we can repair it. If it is not repairable we will be in the market for a new net.

We are awaiting recommendations from our landscaper for the areas adjacent to the two side cyclone fences in the picnic area, for effective screening and esthetic value.

Whether all of these projects are undertaken and completed depends of course on many factors, not the least of which is dollars and cents.

We think you will agree that all of these ideas have merit and each one would improve the club.

The Swim Club work party appreciation night is being planned but no date has been set as yet due to the scarcity of good, decent shows in the immediate future. It is possible this may be held after the first of the year.

The annual dance is in the planning stage under the guidance of Bill Renner. The date, of course January 30, 1971. More details on this as they become available.

The annual Swim Club Meeting as usual, will be held on the 3rd Friday in January — the 15th. Mark these dates on your calendar.

Two last reminders: All suggestions or complaints must be in writing — sent to Box 1206. Please sign your name or suggestion will be discarded.

Should any member be contemplating dropping out of pool next season, make your intentions known as soon as possible. Give your replacement a break — so he may plan his summer schedule.

Bill Taylor



Chaplain's Corner

Rev. John A. Palasits

November is traditionally the month in which Christians especially remember the Holy Souls. Some people think that this is morbid, this constant reference to the dead. "After all," they say, "death is final. When a person dies, he dies, and that's it! What good will all the praying in the world do?" Our holy faith teaches differently. During the entire year, and especially so in the month of November, to think of and to pray for the dead is a good thing. If we think of the dead in a reasonable way, not constantly, but occasionally enough, we are reminding ourselves of the destiny of every man: someday, somehow, somewhere, each and every man dies. And for the Christian, this death is not an end to life but a change. The Preface of the Funeral Mass tells us: "Life is not ended, but merely changed; and when this earthly abode dissolves, an eternal dwelling place awaits us in heaven." So you see, that, to think of the dead is merely to face reality — the reality of our own death — and to strengthen our faith in life after death. To pray for the dead is a good thing. Holy Scripture in the 2nd Book of Maccabees puts it very simply: "It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from their sins." Our holy faith in one of its chief articles of belief reminds us of the "Communion of Saints" — that all-embracing society of God's chosen on earth, in purgatory, and in heaven. We still here on earth ask the saints in heaven to intercede for us, and we also ask God to deliver those souls awaiting heaven. Our love for others extends beyond this life. Let us then, during this month of November, think about, and pray for our beloved dead.

Father Palasits

WANTED

Union Council Tuesday Night Bowling league are looking for Substitutes. If any brother is interested contact, Bill Bucker — 687-1224 or Barney Capriglione — 687-1566.

Christmas Dinner Meeting

Date: December 14, 1970

Place: Council Hall

Don't forget this date. It will give you a chance, being the last meeting of the year, to wish your brothers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and enjoy Dinner together.

Random Thoughts

The worst type of bankruptcy in the world, is the man who has lost his enthusiasm. Let him lose everything but enthusiasm and he will come through again to success . . . The biggest job Congress has these days is getting money from the taxpayer, without disturbing the voter . . . Chinese proverb: "he who asks a question is a fool for five minutes; he who does not ask a question is a fool forever" . . . A ship is always referred to as "she" because its upkeep is so high . . . The more right one is, the more careful he should be to express his opinion tactfully. The other fellow never likes to be proved wrong . . . I know a couple so poor, they don't even have a crib for the baby. It sleeps in the box the stereo came in . . . There's a crisis in the movie industry; nobody under 18 can see the movies, and nobody over 40 can eat the popcorn . . . A psychologist says there are just 24 types of women. All that means is that he only knows 24 women . . . These are the good old days we shall all be longing for a few years from now . . . A research organization making a study of juvenile delinquency, telephoned fifty homes between 9:30 and 10:30 at night, to ask parents if they knew where their children were. Half of the calls were answered by children who had no idea where their parents were! . . . Detroit is one city that knows how to deal with air pollution. It pumps its air into the tires of the cars it manufactures and quietly ships it out of town . . . In the past a girl could easily see the love light in her fellow's eyes. Now all she sees is hair . . . It's amazing how a woman who can spot a smudge of lipstick on a man's collar at 15 paces, can't see a pair of garage doors at 20 feet . . . A sure sign you're getting older is when your child mentions her history lessons and you know that when you went to school those items were current events . . . Driving on the superhighways is rather like playing Russian roulette. You never know which driver is loaded . . . Experience is the thing that enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again . . . The best way to wipe out a friendship is to sponge on it.

Jim Moran

YOU ARE NEEDED

Please contact us if you know of any brother or members of their families who are ill, in need, or in distress so that proper action can be taken.

We need you to help as it is impossible for us to know of those in need unless you contact us.

Contact any of the following as soon as possible:

- Robert E. Armstrong,
- Grand Knight 686-8548
- Rocco Corbo,
- Six Point Chairman 688-8842
- Dominick Quagliato, Fraternal
- Activities Chairman 688-1342

Grand Knight's Message

Robert Armstrong



My Brother Knights:

At a recent Officers meeting a discussion arose concerning what we do in the name of charity and as a group of Catholic men? The fact also came out that other fraternal organizations have pet projects and we do not seem to participate, nor do we often make the news in what we have done. But I ask the question, is it true charity if you tell the world about it. In the past, we have helped with, what I would say, are major amounts of money to people who have suffered much in medical expenses and grief. I realize that at a time of stress, Faith and prayer are most paramount. And in this vein, a requisite of every regular meeting is the inquiry of anyone knowing of any Brother sick or in distress to please make it known to the Grand Knight, and I assure you action will be taken.

What do we do in the field of Catholic Action? True, the local theatre still shows "X" rated films. When we did have a protest rally and marched in front of the Union theatre, we had roughly 60 Union Council #4504 members, plus their wives and other non-members who did support the cause for decent movies. In other words approximately 150 people were there. Where were all those who say we should do something about it. Apathy, I believe is the word. Even among ourselves, at the pool this past summer, I took note of how many men wear either a medal or cross. At a wake, if the Rosary is said, how many of our members attending, have and carry the Rosary with them? Not too long ago most Catholic men wore them with their dog tags. Do we need God only during a war?

You can help change some of this by being at the Memorial Mass at St. Michaels Lower Church on Nov. 15 at 9:05 and pray for our departed brothers. And in charity on Nov. 22 give a pint of blood, it may save a friend's life.

Memorial Mass

Man has a tendency to forget at times. It is for this reason that we have a Mass said once a year for our deceased brothers. Let us honor their memory and pray for their souls, so the light of God will shine upon them.

Without men of faith and kindness, the Knight's of Columbus would not be what it is today.

Let us continue with the good work they could not finish. So I hope to see all of you at St. Michael's lower church on November 15, 1970, at the 9:05 Mass. There will be pews set aside for you.

Dan Soos