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HAPPY BIRTHDAY K OF C



FOUNDERS DAY

A recent celebration was held at Union Council 4504 Union, New Jersey to honor members who have attained 70 years of age and 25 years of continuous membership. The presentation of honorary life membership was on the occasion of the 92nd birthday of the Knights of Columbus. Left to right, James Moran, Warden; Edward Casey, John Ford, William Bauer, Frank Dickerson, Financial Secretary; Michael Tomko, Grand Knight; Vincent Squazzo, James Connell, William Conry and Andrew Popp. Chancellor. John Kelleher not present also received an award. Joseph Halbing who celebrated 62 years as a brother knight was also given recognition.

Michael A. Tomko
Grand Knight

Columbian Club

Every year on Good Friday there is the usual clean up of the hall, bar, kitchen, basement, rest rooms and recreation room. I would like to personally thank the brothers who put in many hard worked hours. Rocco Corbo, Tony Dunelewicz, Pete Kozloski, Mike Tomko, Lee Linfante, Jack Bruno, Emil Califano, Art Reimers, Bob Kozloski, Bill Renner, Walt Wasowski, Walt Guthreau, Tim Hayden, Sal Scarlato, Bill Bucker, Tony Piatkiewicz, Joe Bilicska, Frank Dicker-

son, John Kilian, John Gill, Bill Grosso, Bill Patania, Lou Oliveri, Pete Martin, Joe Mulligan and Stan Siarniak.

The Building Expansion Program is to start in April. I cannot express the importance of everyone buying his certificate of deposit as soon as possible. I would like to thank all of you who have already done so.

Fraternally yours,
Columbian Club President
James F. Ford

Catholic Activities "Our Own Choosing"

It is Sunday, and as we get ready to go to church we hear the church bells ringing. It is like the servant in the parable inviting all who hear: "Come to the banquet of the Lord." It is the day of the Lord. Heaven and earth sing God's Glory. We all come together for the Lord's banquet. We enter the house of God with songs of praise. For we are:

God's Family
God's People
God's Holy Assembly
God's Holy Church

The above my brothers, are words if you just choose to read them, or — they maybe words we think of but do not act upon. Words that could develop thoughts. Thoughts that bring a closeness to God. A closeness to God is, has been and always will be of our own choosing. Our own choosing my brothers should not be a challenge to a Knight of Columbus.

Walt Gass

Consideration for Others

Many a good cause suffers because of needless bickering among members. The affairs of every organization offer numerous opportunities to put into practice the saying, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

Here are a few ways in which to do this:

- Submit suggestions instead of trying to impose them.
- Give credit where credit is due.
- Be attentive when others have the floor.
- Be considerate of the feelings of others. Refrain from making critical comments that are personal rather than objective.
- Develop your sense of humor. Be able to laugh at your own mistakes rather than at those of others.
- Be careful not to minimize or underestimate good proposals of fellow members. Support whatever has merit in their suggestions.
- Encourage the timid to speak up. Give them a sense of belonging. Don't let them think that their proposals are not needed or wanted. Protect them from being squelched by others.

R. J. Corbo
Program Director

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Calendar of Events

May 5 Crowning of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
May 10 Nuns-Widows Night
May 10 & 11 Council Show
May 13 Regular Meeting
(Nominations)
May 25 Pool Opening Services
11 a.m. (Pool opens
week-ends)
May 27 Regular Meeting
(Cancelled)
Memorial Day Parade — 9 a.m.
June 9 Wheelchair Brigade —
Lyons Hospital — Runnels Hospital
June 10 Regular Meeting
June 15 Pool Open Everyday
June 24 Regular Meeting
(Award Dinner)
July 8 Regular Meeting
July 22 Regular Meeting
July 27 Racetrack Day



Youth Activities

Brothers, the month of April opened with the first weekend full of Activities on Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday, April 6th at 1:00 p.m. on an overcast Spring day 30 children appeared, and we began. The tots first ages 1½-3, then the stampede. All the eggs were discovered and prizes awarded to the ones with the most eggs. Nobody left empty handed with a bunny and some candy eggs plus the ones they found to take home. A wonderful time and plenty of laughs for the parents. Then on Sunday at 2:00 p.m. the council hall turned into the climax of a long Bowling season which began on Sept. 8th at Four Seasons and ended on March 16. Trophies, along with the patches were presented by Andy Popp and Bob Armstrong who represented our Grand Knight on this occasion. We served refreshments and recalled some happy times, and some sad ones. We had some great series, high games, and Special team battles all year, right up to the last game between the Boys First and Second place team. The first place team led all year until that very last game. At the end of the first two games they were tied. The First place team proved that five bowlers are needed to win, the Second place just couldn't believe it happened, but it did. Number One all year but they finished Second. The girls were different. The lead changed hands all season. Brothers, on that last day at Four Seasons we placed our top boys and girls against Four Seasons top bowlers. The outcome was a split, the girls won handily while the boys took defeat. At this time I would like to thank the people who made this all possible: Ray Sullivan, Andy Popp, Bob Yavorski, and my co-chairman Ed Izibicki. A great deal of thanks goes to our coach Ann Noga, and Joe Lagregor, for their wonderful assistance both at the alleys and with the banquet.

Just to bring you up to date on March events, which finished after the digest deadline. Patty Plesko our council Spelling Bee champ, placed number 7 in the county at Linden on March 24. Brothers, on that same weekend the county All-Stars Bowling Tournament was held March 24- & 25 at Linden we had about ten bowlers entered but no one made the finals. I have some applications for Camp Columbus, please contact me if your interested in sending your sons. This camp belongs to all the Knights, and we would like to see your sons use these facilities this summer and enjoy them.

Youth Chairman
Dan Neroda

Grand Knight's Message

Michael Tomko



Brothers:

The charisma between the newer members, and the not so new members, was typified by our recent Founders Day. Despite the ominous weather, a large turnout attended to pay homage to our latest "Honorary Life" Members. A feeling of optimism and affection prevailed and was rekindled by this very fine demonstration.

Our building campaign has taken a giant step forward and will continue to rely on your support.

The month of May reflects a very busy season of a full calendar year. Since May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, the May Crowning is one expression of our fidelity and devotion. Enough has been said of our council show and the coming convention. All we lack presently is a little more support and I feel confident that your response will be favorable. Keep Mothers' Day uppermost in your thoughts and render her the love and attention she deserves not only on Mothers' Day, but continuously. The pool opening is just around the corner and hopeful that another fine season is in store. Remember, all you stout-hearted men, the annual Memorial Day Parade. Let's shape up and make it a good turnout.

Consult the Digest for exact time and dates for all our activities or see me. I'll be buzzin' around at your beck and call.

Fraternally,
Michael A. Tomko
Grand Knight

It's Been Nice!

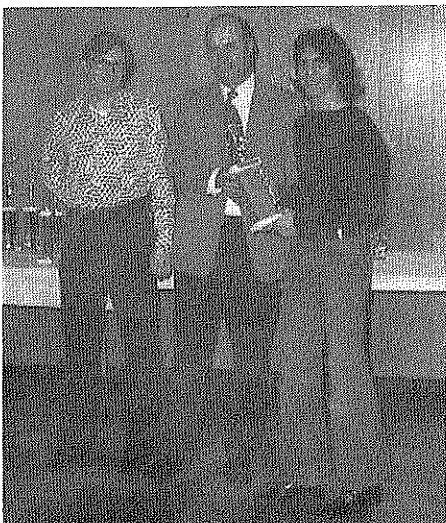
In a short while, I will relinquish the chairmanship of the Telephone Committee. I take this opportunity to thank my Group Leaders and their Captains, together with the telephone squads under their direction for their dedication to this worthwhile project. Without their help, this project would not have succeeded as well as it has.

I especially am grateful to the wives of those members who willingly took time out of their busy schedules to jump in when their husbands were unable to make the necessary calls.

To those members who voluntarily supported the Heart Line in addition to their other duties, I extend my heartfelt thanks.

I pray that the support given me will continue under the guidance of the incoming chairman and continue to strengthen these important projects. I leave this office with the warm feeling that when the chips are down, our members rally to the aid and comfort of our brothers in need and the bond of friendship has strengthened in our Council.

Fraternally yours,
William Patania



Swim Club Opens May 25th

The Columbian Swim Club is rapidly completing the necessary pre-season planning and work to ready all facilities for opening day on Saturday, May 25th, 1974. Below are listed important Swim Club Dates To Remember.

Opening Weekend — May 25, 26, 27

Weekend of June 1 and 2

Weekend of June 8 and 9

Full Time opening June 15, 1974

Our pool opening will again be preceded by a Poolside Mass celebrated by our Worthy Chaplain, Father "ED". The Board of Governors urges **at least one** member of every pool family to attend this "Mass of Thanksgiving" for the wonderful and safe years of operation we have been blessed with in the past, and to ask God's blessing for a safe and orderly 1974 swim season.

The Pool Management will be under the capable leadership of Mr. Frank Gagliano who promises to make this season another excellent one again highlighting the **safety** and **cleanliness** factors. Your cooperation in these areas will greatly enhance the type of season your Board of Governors wish to give you during the season.

Badges will be available at both Council Meetings in May and at Saturday and Wednesday work parties. A paid-up council dues card must be presented when claiming badges. Dues must be paid at least to June, 1974.

Swim Club members are requested to review the rules and regulations governing the membership in the Columbian Swim Club. All rules within the pool area will be strictly enforced. Looking forward to seeing all of you for another banner season. I remain

Fraternally yours,
John Kilian

Swim Club President
"REMEMBER THE POOLSIDE MASS"

Cardinals Corner

Luau Luau

May 25th will be our Luau and should prove to be a great time for all. It will commence at 8:30 p.m. with authentic Hawaiian music, a Polynesian buffet and a floor show. We will give a prize to the couple that best typifies the dress of the Islands. There will be Leis for all upon entering the Luau. St. Theresa on 23rd Street in Kenilworth will be the site of this event. The tickets will be \$8.50 per person and is on a strict reservation basis. Tables will be of eight or ten. Seating will be limited. Reservations at this time are coming in very fast and we urge you to call right away for your tickets. Please call any of the following for reservations:

Leo E. Lupia 687-7490

Tom Laffey 688-4334

Phil Sammarco 688-3126

All reservations and monies should be in by May 20th.

This year at the Annual Ball on October 12 along with the selection of the Sir Knight of The Year, we will institute an award to the outstanding

Catholic Layman, Laywoman. This person can be from Union, Hillside, Kenilworth or Springfield Townships Resumes for candidates are to be submitted to the J.F.K. Gen. Assy. 4th Degree, Jeanette Avenue, Union, New Jersey 07083, in writing no later than September 30th for consideration.

We would like to welcome our new Sir Knights that were exemplified on April 28th to our Assembly and wish them all our very best in all their endeavors.

Sir Knight John Johnson from Union, Sir Knight Dellaiaona from Springfield and Sir Knight Kirbish, from Kenilworth; Welcome Aboard!!

Our meetings might have become of great interest, due to Friar Msgr. F. X. Coyle's informal lessons on religion given at the end of our meeting's regular order of business. We urge all SKs to come out to the meetings and enjoy the fellowship of your Sir Knights. We need your support.

Till the next edition, I remain,

Leo E. Lupia
Faithful Captain

Knight of the Month



JOHN GILL

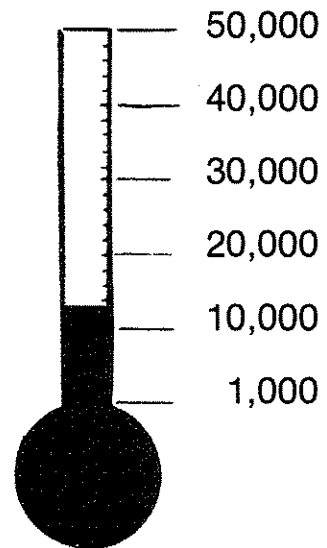
Our Knight of the Month selection is a behind the scene worker. Every Saturday and many other afternoons John or "Burt" as he is more often called can be found working at the Council Home. In the picnic area, patio, buffing floors (his specialty), washing pots and pans or doing any necessary job is where you will find "Burt". John is also a member of the Bartenders and can also be found lending assistance to the kitchen crew.

John is employed by Public Service Electric and Gas in Springfield.

Recently married to the lovely Lynn Edith Nelson of Cranford on April 27, 1974, they are probably still honeymooning in Bermuda. Congratulations to you John and also your lovely wife.

It is indeed fitting to add the name of John Gill — Knight of the Month, May 1974.

BUILDING FUND PHASE I



"The deed is done" are words used in literature to signify a proposed plan is now accomplished. The building extension is not up but the contract has been signed and the builder is Jung Bros. of Maplewood. The Columbian Club Building Committee after some three years of planning has fulfilled one of its initial objectives which was to enlarge the building.

It will be sometime before the extension is a finished product as the plan is to build the outside shell (3 walls, roof and floor) and do all the other internal work by ourselves. The talent is here within the council and it will save close to \$15,000 dollars in labor alone. The shell will be finished by June 15 (3 walls). The roof, steel work and floor will be done in September starting right after Labor Day. The steel is the delaying factor as there is an eighteen week waiting time for delivery.

The scheduling of the building is very close. It is all being done with the activities of the Council in mind. The initial brick work will be over before the Swim Club season begins full time. We are waiting until the swim season closes before putting the steel, roofing and concrete floor in. There are three weeks set aside during September when the existing back wall will be taken down and a new steel beam but in the roof across the width of the hall.

A set of room dividers (sliding doors) will be installed immediately to separate the new and old areas of the hall. The plan is to be finished with the new section during the fall.

Now, how fast we finish the hall depends on two most important points. The first is the available money from the purchase of loan certificates by the members and second the manpower response when help is asked for in finishing the interior part of the hall.

The Building Fund needs your support. Have you lent the fund your **100 dollars**. It is promised to be returned to you with 4% interest. The plan is now a reality not a dream. How about your support?

H. Stuart