

RED SKELTON'S "PLEDGE"

"I remember this one teacher. To me, he was the greatest teacher, a real sage of my time. He had such wisdom. We were all reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, and he walked over. Mr. Lasswell was his name . . . He said:

"I've been listening to you boys and girls recite the Pledge of Allegiance all semester and it seems as though it is becoming monotonous to you. If I may, may I recite it and try to explain to you the meaning of each word:

"I - me, an individual, a committee of one.

"Pledge - dedicate all of my worldly goods to give without self-pity.

"Allegiance - my love and my devotion.

"To the flag - our standard, Old

Glory, a symbol of freedom. Wherever she waves, there is respect because your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts freedom is everybody's job.

"Of the United - that means that we have all come together.

"States - individual communities that have united into 48 great states. Individual communities with pride and dignity with imaginary boundaries, yet united to a common purpose, and that's love for country.

"Of America.

"And to the Republic - a state in which sovereign power is invested in representatives chosen by the people to govern. And government is the people and it's from the people to the leaders, not from the leaders to the people.

"For which it stands.

"One nation - meaning, so blessed by God.

"Indivisible - incapable of being divided.

"With liberty - which is freedom and the right of power to live one's own life without threats or fear or some sort of retaliation.

"And Justice - the principle of quality of dealing fairly with others.

"For all - which means it's as much your country as it is mine." "Since I was a small boy, two states have been added to our country and two words have been added to the Pledge of Allegiance - 'under God.'

"Wouldn't it be a pity if someone said, 'That's a prayer,' and that would be eliminated from schools, too?"



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State Convention Plans Set

"All is set for the State Convention" announced Tony Dunelewicz at the last meeting - and he meant it. Union Council's Convention Headquarters will be the Crillon Motel, just down from the Hotel Traymore, which is State Headquarters. Prices are \$18.00 per night for a double and \$12.00 for the Hospitality Room.

Both Tony and Casper Calgano are co-chairmen of the convention and have practically guaranteed all who attend of having one of the finest times that have ever been planned for a convention. A State Banquet will be run on Saturday Evening, which will be the social highlight of the weekend. So all who are intending to go to the convention should contact Tony or Casper. Rooms have been reserved by the Council for your convenience. Make your reservations early. For the weekend of May 16, 17 and 18th at Atlantic City.

WANTED

Bowlers to join our Tuesday Night House League for 1969

Time: 9:00 p.m.

Place: Four Seasons

Date: Tuesdays

If any Brother Knight is interested please contact

Barney Capriglione - 687-1566

Bill Bucher - 687-1224

Swim Club Work Parties Underway



Spring is here and it is not too early to start repairing the damage done to the Swim Club by the ravages of winter. Shown above, starting off on this task are Walter Guthreau's boy, Art Reinhard and Walter Wasowski.

And its time to remind all Swim Club members that their dues for the forth coming season should have been paid by now. Delaying dues and then cancelling only holds-up someone on the waiting list.

The Swim Club Officers are already planning a full calendar of activity for the forth-coming season. The back-area has been cleared by the Columbian Club of some unwanted trees and the whole picnic area will be spruced-up with new tables and benches. It's important though that the work is not left to the usual few. There is much, much to be done and the time till opening is fast approaching. So sign-up now for a work party detail - its simple. See Bill Taylor, Art Reinhard, Bill Stewart, Walt Wasowski or any one of a dozen other people. You CAN help!

GUEST EDITORIAL

by

Walter M. Wasowski, Jr.

(written from Vietnam)

The Vietnam conflict has never been a popular war. For reasons of politics, morality, greed, and others, people have questioned, more than any other time in our history, our country's involvement.

But at the same time, racial unrest, the disruption of our campuses by student militants, and other seemingly unanswerable problems have shaken the foundations of our country and caused many to wonder if this nation will survive.

These two ideas pose quite a paradox, - this nation fighting for the survival of another and at the same time questioning it's own chances for survival. But, although the first problem, our involvement here, may never be satisfactorily solved; the answer to the second may become readily apparent.

The press today has devoted unprecedented amounts of time, money and space to the reporting of the Vietnam conflict. But, in doing so, has presented the salable aspects of the war. While student unrest, the racial conflict, and the never-ending horrors of war have been capturing the headlines, a far more important story is being written but not reported. For every G.I. in the field in Vietnam, there are five to ten support troops backing him up. Seldom glorified - for their job is seldom glamorous; rarely rewarded - for their job is taken for granted; they are, nevertheless, the backbone of the war and the hope of the U.S.

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CALENDAR

MARCH 29

Easter Egg Hunt - 2:00 p.m.

APRIL 4

Good Friday

APRIL 6

Easter Sunday

APRIL 12

Annual Ball - \$20.00/couple

APRIL 14

Council Meeting - 8:15 p.m.

APRIL 16

J.F.K. 4th Degree Regular Meeting

APRIL 24

Columbian Club Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

APRIL 28

Council Meeting - 8:15 p.m.
"I Am An American Night"

MAY 11

Mother's Day

MAY 12

Council Meeting - 8:15 p.m.

MAY 16 - 18

State Convention - Atlantic City

MAY 30

Memorial Day - Retreat at Morristown

MAY 28

Puerto Rico Holiday - \$235.00/person

SAFETY TIP

A ROLLING BALL IS
FOLLOWED BY A RUNNING
CHILD

Random Thoughts

by
Jim Moran

It's a fact: Christopher Columbus made four expeditions to the New World. His last was in 1503, when he landed at St. Ann's Bay, on the island of Jamaica . . . Bloodhounds are so called because theirs was the first breed whose "blood" or breeding records were maintained . . . a cross, said to be the largest in the world, stands on a hill on the Trans-Canada Highway overlooking Sault Ste Marie, Ontario. It is a 22 ton, 125 foot steel structure outlined in neon, and visible for 15 miles . . . The first merry-go-round in the nation was licensed at Old Orchard Beach, Maine in 1892 . . . At the Trevi Fountain (three coins in the fountain) in Rome, the clean-up crews collect about \$80.00 per month from the coins tourist throw in for their wishes. Proceeds from the coin-sweeping are split between the clean-up firm and the Rome Power and Light Board, which devotes its half to entertainment facilities for its employees club rooms . . . The biggest money "loser" of all time was socialite Mr. J. Ogden Armour, when in 1922, he lost in the stock market one-million dollars a day for 130 days! . . . The largest modern land animal is the African Bull Elephant standing 13.2 feet and weighing 12 tons. The tallest is the Sahara Giraffe at 18 feet 11½ inches . . . In Egypt 3,000 years ago, children learned to read and write at the age of 4 . . . A satellite parked in orbit 22,300 miles above the earth, can locate a speeding auto to within a distance of 1000 feet . . . Electric lights were first installed in the White House during the administration of Benjamin Harrison in 1891 . . . Downtown Beirut, Lebanon, center of a city of nearly one-million-people, had two public telephone booths (had, because someone stole the other one a few months ago) . . . The average educated American uses from 3000 to 5000 words in reading and writing. Milton used 8000 words and Shakespeare used 15000 words.

ANNUAL BALL

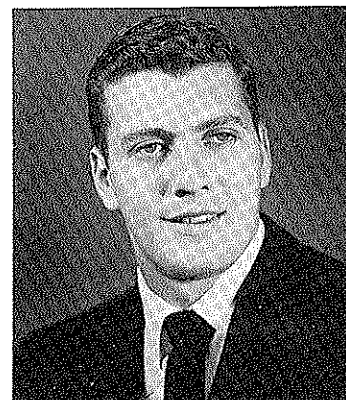
APRIL 12th

"No tickets at the door" is the word from Larry Kuntz, Council Activities Chairman as he talked about the Annual Ball to be held at the Council on April 12th. "With all the food and paraphenalia that must be ordered" went on Larry, "we just cannot accept tickets at the door. An advance sale is mandatory."

Cocktail Hour is planned from 7:30 to 8:30 followed by a Prime Rib Dinner with a bottle on each table. Tickets are \$20.00/couple and may be obtained from Larry or Herbie Kay. Plan now to attend.

Knight of the Month

MARCH



Joseph R. Bizzaro

Our hard-working Knight of the Month for March has been a member of Union Council for over 10 years and has been an active member during that whole period of time. He has served as a bartender for many years and for 3 years he worked in the snack bar. In addition, he can frequently be seen working in the back area, pool and clubhouse.

This not being enough, Joe is Director of the Columbian Club and is currently 3rd Vice-President. Besides spending quite a bit of time around Union Council, Joe is a teacher at Union High School. His subjects are Health and Driver Education. He also coaches the Basketball and Football teams.

After receiving his B.S. from Lockhaven Teachers College in Pennsylvania, Joe went on to receive his M.S. from Seton Hall. Born in Bradford, Pa. Joe now resides at 936 South Park Terrace in Union with his wife, the former Pamela Partiss, and 4 children: Becky Ann 13, Michael 11, Robert 10 and Jan Marie 5. A communicant of St. Michael's Church, he also serves as a commentator.

It is indeed a pleasure to present the Knight of the Month for March, Mr. Joseph R. Bizzaro.

Be A Name Dropper

Here is an assignment for you who ask: "What can I, one lone individual, do to effect human progress?" Now there will be no contributions connected with your job, no meetings, no budgets, no organizations to join. Guaranteed results in just one day. You don't even have to start anything. Just help to STOP! something.

Help to Stop the use of unkind names some people use to describe people of other races, beliefs, or countries. Help Stop the use of ugly, inaccurate, stereotyped references to their appearance or ethnic background. You know all the names. Don't use them. Don't permit your family to use them. Try to discourage people who talk to you from using them. Human progress begins with mutual respect. This year of 1969 is certainly a late date to be getting started. But what a vintage year it could be for the human race, if you take on this simple assignment.



E Scriptis Equitis Magni

The month of March brings joy to many of us. Many see it as a rollicking - fun loving March 17th, St. Patrick's Day. Others see March 15th slide by and give a sigh of relief, they have another month until April 15th to pay their Income Tax. Some of us can't wait until March 21st, the first day of Spring. Then we know winter has gone, at least we hope it has. A few of us watch the sport pages and read about the Spring Training Camps of the Major League Baseball Teams. They are warming-up to be ready for the long hot - summer months of July and August. You know the Church also has a "Spring Training Camp" each year. It gets us ready for the long hard grind we must put in until the Holy Season of Advent. This is commonly known as Lent. Yes, it's a warm-up. A spiritual warm-up. We all need it.

For Lent we want to accentuate the positive, eliminate the negative, latch on to the affirmative. But don't give up on the idea of giving up something for Lent. It's not old-fashioned; it's as new as the New Testament. It's what's known as Penance, and we all need it. Why? Because we are weak and we have to do something to offset the weakness of our wills. And because we've sinned and we have to keep working off the effects of our sins. This is all part of our Lenten obligations.

A couple of dates to remember. Saturday, March 29, the new first degree at Mother Seton High School in Clark. Time 8 PM - Saturday, April 12, the Grand Ball - State Convention, May 16, 17 and 18.

RETREAT PLANNED

All those interested in attending a retreat at Loyola in Morristown are asked to contact Mike Tomko at 686-3925. The retreat is planned for Memorial Day weekend . . . and what better time to "sit-in" and contemplate your own future - your own direction - than on a weekend when traditionally peoples thoughts turn to the hereafter.

Father Palasits has rightly pointed out that Union Council, although materially in the black, are a long way from being spiritually in the asset column. Catholic Activity is one of the prime requisites of a Knight. Contemplative Catholic Activity is worthy of every man. This retreat gives an opportunity for this needed contemplation and re-assessment. If you haven't made a retreat, you really don't know what you're missing.

GUEST EDITORIAL (Con't)

They seldom appear in the grim statistics that have become the gauge of the wars progress. But in their own way, the statistics they generate are far more impressive and meaningful. Working day after day for 12 to 16 hours, they still maintain a reserve to get that special project done. When nothing is asked, they find other ways to keep busy. Finding servicemen in Vietnam helping the unfortunate victims of war is not the exception but the rule. It may not be as grandiose as building a new school, but simply the act of helping teach a new word. What is important, however, is that it is done freely and with a will.

Daily, thousands of these "unknown" GIs return to the States. Their military commitment usually over, they return to civilian life. For the most part, they will continue to "not make headlines" and to work, each in his own way, to reach the goals he has set for himself, his family, and his community. From what can be seen in Viet Nam he will succeed in his goals, and in doing so solve the problems that plague us today.

Kenny Lampoons Modernists



The Annual Communion Dinner was followed by a sparkling discussion by that arch-villain of modernists, Mr. Eugene Kenny, shown above. In scintillating language Mr. Kenny took issue with many of the modern trends in the Church, professing his inability, in many cases to see either rhyme or reason for them. "Tradition", stated Mr. Kenny, "seems to be out." A question and answer period following Mr. Kenny's talk resulted in a rather lively discussion period concerned with the Church in the modern world.

OOPS ! ! !

Last month we really did a job on our new Chaplain's name - To set the record straight it is:

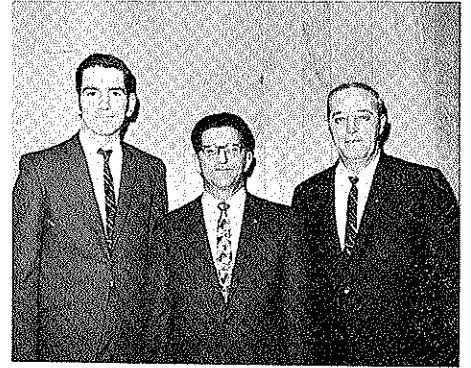
JOHN A. PALASITS

Sorry Father . . .

Hurry Back Mike

We understand that our perennial attendance chairman Mike Reilly has missed a few meetings because of his wife's illness. We all most certainly will say a prayer for speedy recovery. Hurry back Mike - we miss you.

New Third Degree Members



Pictured above are a few of the fellows who received the honors of the Third Degree of our order under the old format: In fact, the last group from Union who will have this honor. Shown l. to r. are: Dan Soos, Arthur Piccirillo and Ray Leonard. Ray is from Clark Council.

Others to receive the honors of the Third Degree were: Amedeo F. Scuorzo, Camillo Cairra, Stanley F. Kozubal, James V. Holmes, Frank R. Buzar, James J. Ruane, Walter C. Kowalski, Jr., Robert J. Leary, Thomas A. Paglio, Richard M. Boysa, Kenneth N. Yarussi, Anthony T. Capra, Carl A. Balling, Thomas J. Rock, Charles R. Leeman, Robert F. Petrallia, Rocco J. Corcione, Peter L. Martin, Donald E. Knowles, John J. Winters, Charles S. Kraemer and Joseph X. Willmore.

So Brothers, if you see a strange face in the Council, why not go up and introduce yourself. It will probably be one of our new members, and a little friendliness is sure appreciated when you're strange.

TO LOVE
another
in the highest sense
of the word
IS TO WISH
that person the
eternal possession of
GOD
And to lead him
to it.