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AND BEST WISHES FOR A
HOLY AND HAPPY NEW YEAR



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CALENDAR

DECEMBER 5 — SATURDAY
Third Degree at the Council Home

DECEMBER 7 — MONDAY
Regular Council Meeting and Christmas dinner meeting

DECEMBER 14 — MONDAY
Regular Council meeting
8:15 P.M. at the Council Home

DECEMBER 20 — SUNDAY
Children's Christmas Party at the Council Home

DECEMBER 31 — THURSDAY
New Year's Eve Party — details can be found in the paper.

Meeting Nite Changed

Due to the Christmas holidays and the many activities that normally precede them, Grand Knight Frank Dickerson has changed the second meeting of December to Monday, December 14th. Mark this new date on your calendar, as this will be the last meeting of this year.

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the repose of the soul of our recently departed Brother

VICTOR ROESSNER

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Do you realize Brothers, that the days are scurrying by, and that before long the most joyous time of the year will be upon us. The Christmas season is all too rapidly approaching, thereupon to be followed by NEW YEAR'S EVE. Sneaky aren't we. The New Year's Eve party will be held on Dec. 31st, the night when resolutions (which will be broken) are made, when we say "that it won't this year" (but will), and when we say "Boy, what a time we had last year". Brothers that 'time' last year we hope to surpass. The Council Activities has worked very hard to please you, as can be attested by our September and October dances.

The New Year's Eve party will begin at 9:00 P.M. at the Council Home, with music supplied by the Softones, the same band we had for the Halloween dance. A dinner will be served, set-ups and party favors will be on each table. Only 300 tickets will be sold, again on a first come first served basis, and will go on sale at the first regular council meeting in December, which is December 7th. Tickets will be \$20.00 per couple and must be paid for when received. Also, in order to keep a guarantee with the caterer for the dinners ordered, no refunds will be made within 48 hours of the affair.

The committee will try its best to help you usher in the New Year properly. So please, it's not too early to make your plans to attend this affair.

On behalf of the Activities committee and myself I would like to extend to you and yours our wishes for a merry and joyous Christmas, and that the gifts and graces of God will be with you then and throughout the coming year.

Christmas Dinner Meeting

The annual Council Christmas dinner meeting will be held on Monday, December 7th, beginning with dinner served at 7:00 P.M. No tickets will be sold for the affair, instead the \$1.25 will be collected at the door.

This is a regular meeting night, however Grand Knight Dickerson has indicated that no Council business will be conducted, — it will be strictly a social meeting.

As in the past, each member attending is asked to bring a \$1.00 gift for the "grab-bag", as Santa Claus will be on hand later in the evening. Entertainment is also planned.

Come out and enjoy a wonderful dinner and evening of fun and relaxation.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The Council Highlights column will bring to you each month, the various doings and points of discussion from the regular Council meetings, in order that we may keep all of you informed of the progress of YOUR COUNCIL.

★ An expansion committee is being formed by the Columbian Club, to look into expanding our present facilities. Membership will be kept informed of the committee's progress.

★ 20 additional pledges were received in the month of October. It is through these pledges from the membership that we pay off our mortgage. Pledges can be made in three ways: \$100.00 in full; \$5.00 down and \$4.00 per month for 2 years; \$4.00 down and \$2.00 per month for 4 years.

★ A Nativity scene appears to be a reality in Union Township this year, thanks to the many organizations and individuals who have contributed. Your Council has taken an active part in this program.

★ We welcome Father Drexler, pastor of Holy Spirit Church in Union, to our Council. Father recently transferred from Jersey City Council. Father Joseph Ward, Curate of Holy Spirit Church is also welcomed as a new member.

★ The Columbian Club announced that the area in back of the council has been seeded, and with the good weather, grass is growing already.

★ Help is needed on the Pledge Committee. If you have a few spare minutes to give, contact Harvey Lewis or Tony Shanz.

★ January 15th has been set for the annual SWIM CLUB MEETING. All members should attend this meeting. Mark the date NOW.

★ January 30th is the date for the SWIM CLUB DANCE. Details will follow at a later date. Watch for them.

Children's Xmas Party

The annual children's Christmas party will be held on Sunday, December 20, from 1 to 4 P.M., at the Council Home. All children up to and including the age of 10 years are invited to attend.

Parents are requested to provide a gift, of no more than \$2.00 for each of the children they bring. Put your children's name on the package, which will be distributed by our famous Santa Claus.

Of course there will be the usual refreshments — ice cream, cookies, candy, soda, etc. Entertainment will also be provided for the children.

For an enjoyable afternoon for your children and yourself, mark this date on your calendar NOW and plan to attend the party.



My Brother Knights:

In the not too distant past through the efforts of the Knights of Columbus, the words "under God" were added to the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States. By this phrase, this mighty and free nation acknowledges its dependence upon a Supreme Being. At the State Convention of May 1964, St. Francis of Assisi Council #4524 of East Rutherford introduced a pennant type banner bearing the inscription "One Nation Under God" which is to be flown under the flag of the United States. As Knights of Columbus we can be proud of these patriotic accomplishments. However, at this very time, the same forces who were so successful in removing God from our public schools, are now very actively fighting to have the words "under God" removed from the Pledge of Allegiance. It is our duty as Catholic citizens to keep abreast of this latest attempt by these forces to strike God from our every way of life. We must be armed and ready as informed Catholics to take part in this battle when and if we are called.

During the season of Advent, the State Catholic Activities Committee will conduct the annual "Keep Christ in Christmas" campaign. Let this also be a personal campaign of each member of the Council this Christmas season. Display the bumper stickers that will be available and ask the merchants with whom you deal to display our placards. Bring your families to visit the various Nativity scenes that are sponsored in whole or in part by Union Council throughout the Township. If we try to do these things I am sure the State Council will have a very successful campaign this year.

Union Council will exemplify the Major Degree on Saturday evening, December 5th. This degree will be in honor of P.G.K. George Arnold. It will fall during the week of the seventh birthday of our Council, so for these two reasons Brothers, let's come out and make it a very successful degree.

On behalf of all the officers of the Council and Columbian Club may I extend to each Brother and his family our wishes for a Holy and happy Christmas and New Year.

Liturgical Changes Explained

At the second Vatican Council the Bishops of the world conferred on better ways to bring God and man closer together, and on ways to bring the Mass more closely to the people. One way they agreed, was to restore the Word of God to its rightful place in the liturgy. Let's see how this will affect our worship and our lives.

Sermons will be drawn mainly from the scripture, or liturgical sources; scripture will be used in the sacraments to emphasize their meaning more closely; more readings from the Bible in the Mass; possibly 156 Sunday Gospels in a 3 year cycle instead of the present 52 week cycle; the holding of Bible services or devotions, especially on vigils, solemn feast days and during Advent and Lent.

We will see in the New Testament how Christ fulfilled God's plan of salvation; in the Old Testament we will learn how God revealed Himself and His loving plan to the nation of Israel; in the four Gospels we will find the saving words and actions of Christ, especially His passion, death, resurrection, and ascension. You'll see how the Apostles traveled to carry the tiny sparks of faith, in the Acts of the Apostles. We will read the letters the Apostles and Disciples wrote about Christ's teaching and life in the Epistles; the last book of the New Testament is called the Apocalypse. It is the Apostle John's vision of the second coming of Christ at the world's end.

What kind of changes are our Bishops making in the Mass? Like restoring an old building, they are merely removing some of the decorations which have grown over the Mass in the course of time.

Do you speak Latin? Of course not — at least not as a working language. Modern pressures make it increasingly important that we take an active part in the Mass, and the Bishops have now decided that the language of the people is to be used more frequently in the Mass. What will some other changes be? Over a period of time the Bishops will: create special "prayers of the faithful" to be offered after the sermon. This common prayer will plead for the Church, civil authorities and those in need; make 3 readings instead of 2 in the first part of the Mass: one from the Old Testament, one from the Epistles and one from the Gospel.

Experts predict the Bishops will also: eliminate the prayers at the foot of the Altar which begin Mass; cut down the number of offertory prayers; drop the last Gospel at the

close of Mass; revise the Canon of the Mass to recapture its simplicity and meaning.

When we assist at Mass, we take part in the paschal mystery . . . Christ's death and resurrection and aid our own passage to eternal life.

Pamphlets are now available on the changes in the Church, from your Council Catholic Activities Chairman.

COUNCIL PERSONALITIES

You have only to look around the Council Home to be reminded of some of the outstanding contributions of Ed Majeski. Ed helped panel the meeting chamber of the Council, and the pool snack bar.

On top of this Ed also served as a Houseman. If you haven't had enough, some of the Council's fine food served at the various functions is the result of Ed's work, for he is also a member of the kitchen detail. Its no wonder he was honored as Knight of the Month last year.

Outside the Knights of Columbus Ed has the thanks of the Boys Club of Union for the work he did in building its new home.

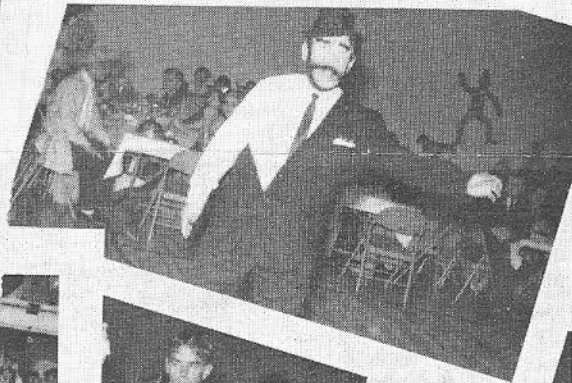
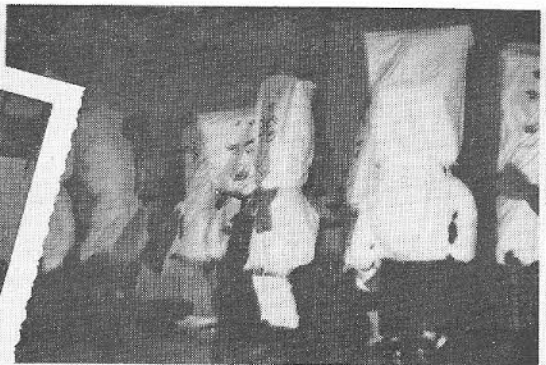


Eddie Majeski

Ed, his wife and 3 children moved to Union from Newark about 10 years ago. He's been a member of the Knights of Columbus for about five years, and has been active on various committees since joining.

Ed is both a carpenter and millwright and was a Machinist Mate 1st Class during his service days in the Navy. It's no surprise that a man who can become proficient in 3 trades, (and left-handed at that) can do all that he has. While Ed can be proud of his own abilities, he can also be proud of his wife who joyfully says that Ed is always ready to help.

To his friends, Ed's name brings out comments such as hard worker and good family man. His only faults are cigars, laughs at the drop of a hat, and that he occasionally wears split bathing suits.



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New Manner of Going to Confession

BEFORE entering the confessional:

1. Examination of conscience
2. Act of Contrition

IN the Confessional:

1. Bless me Father etc.
2. time since last confession
3. tell your sins
4. listen to advice of the Priest
5. After he gives you your penance, listen while he gives you absolution in ENGLISH

AFTER confession:

Say your penance before leaving church.



Rev. Joseph F. Driscoll

THE CARDINALS NEST

- Reverend Joseph F. Driscoll, Chaplain of Union Council has recently been named Faithful Friar of the John Dawson Gilmory Shea 4th Degree General Assembly.
- The 4th Degree Assembly will hold their annual Christmas party at Union Council on December 9th. Details on the affair will be mailed shortly.
- The recent cocktail party held by the "Cardinals" proved to be a social success. More affairs of this type are planned for the future.
- A reminder — please fly your flag on all holidays — show your patriotism by its display.

HELP!!!

Do you have access to I.B.M. printing machines??? Preferably type 407. We are going to lose our access to this equipment in the near future, which will increase the work required for each mailing, as well as the number of persons needed to operate the committee efficiently.

We have the punched cards, wiring diagrams, and all other necessary supplies. We only need machine time of approximately 15 minutes per month. If you can help us, contact mailing chairman Frank Gillick for additional details.

Knight of the Month

Our selection for Knight of the month for November is Brother Matt Rinaldo. Although Matt has not had time to hold active office in the Council due to his duties in public life, he has contributed a great deal not only to the Knights of Columbus but to his Church also, in the performance of his duties as a civic leader.

Largely through his efforts a resolution was recently passed by the Board of Freeholders proclaiming the week of October 11-17 as Knights of Columbus Week in Union County.

Matt also fostered a resolution in the Board of Freeholders which was adopted by the Board, favoring continuance of prayer in schools.

In both public and private life Matt has displayed that which is expected of a good Catholic, a good Knight of Columbus, and a good citizen. Congratulations Matt on being selected Knight of the Month for November.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

September Joe Noel
 October Gene Zelazny
 November Matt Rinaldo

CATHOLIC ACTIVITIES

The season of Christmas is upon us, and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a Merry Christmas in Christ. May your family join the families of your Brother Knights in adoring the Christ child. It is a time for happiness, and true happiness is always Christ oriented. The greatest gift we can give our Lord and ourselves, is the receiving of His Body and Blood.

In the month of December make your plans to truly make this a world of peace and happiness. It must start from you.

Witches and Goblins???

Let me tell you big daddy, we had them all. It was the greatest. The walls were bulging at the seams, and everyone really let loose. You name it we had 'em.

There's only one word that can describe the Halloween Dance of Oct. 31st . . . FABULOUS. The time and energy that went into the costumes became more evident as the night went on. From the individuals to the groups, the serious planning was obvious, all of which led to the tremendous success of the affair.

Our congratulations to Bob Armstrong and his committee for a job well done. And of course our congratulations to the winners of the costume events, and to all of those who attended and contributed so much to the success of the affair.

Indoctrination, Get Acquainted Meeting

On Friday, October 23rd, under the auspices of the Membership Committee an indoctrination nite was held for the new members, who had recently taken their major degree.

While the officers of the Council were going over the required information with the membership, a get acquainted cocktail hour was held for the wives. Brother Bob Armstrong did a fine job of covering some of the sidelights with the ladies, as well as entertaining them with his usual good humor. We would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks also, to the wives of the officers and committee members for their assistance in helping this venture.

Immediately following the meetings, a dollar nite dance was held for the membership. Welcome ladies . . . and Brothers, to Union Council.

Riddle

How does an elephant get rid of his big toe after it falls off?

(Answer): He calls a 'big toe' truck.

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December is here and we're all getting ready for the big buying spree and the bills that go with it. While you're considering what has to be done this month, check to see if your Knights of Columbus traveling card expires on December 31st. Many will, — and Financial Secretary Al Dietlein is busying himself getting the bills ready for mailing. You can do Al a favor, and yourself as well, by paying your dues NOW, and preventing embarrassment of carrying an expired card. Our last meeting for the 1964 season will be on December 14th — this will be your opportunity to pay your dues and keep your membership in good standing.

This is one bill you can get out of the way before the holiday expenses begin to pile up. Don't delay — pay — see Al Dietlein NOW!

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