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Knight of the Month

This month the committee has chosen to honor a Brother who was instrumental in forming a unit typical of true charity — the Council Blood Bank. Now, as Fraternal Activity Chairman, he has continued being an exemplary Knight of Columbus.

For the tremendous job he has performed as Fraternal Activity Chairman, and for his active participation in all Council business and activities, the selection committee is proud to call Brother Edward J. Wargins "Knight of the Month".

KNIGHTS OF THE MONTH

June	—	Knight of the Year?
May	—	
April	—	
March	—	
February	—	Edward Wargins
January	—	Rudolf Steiner
December	—	Norman Heim
November	—	Weldon Arner

Day of Recollection

Brothers are reminded that the Annual Day of Recollection will be conducted on Sunday, February 19th, from 2 to 5 P.M. in St. Michael's Church. During this short period of time we will have an opportunity to start the Lenten Season with the proper spiritual attitude. The conferences, the time for reading, meditation and private prayer will afford an opportunity to solve over our particular problems.

Non-catholic and non-member males, 18 years of age and over, are invited. The Catholic Activity Committee urges you to attend, and asks that you bring along a friend or neighbor. Refreshments will be served in the School Hall following the concluding devotion, Benediction of the most Blessed Sacrament.

The guest speaker will be Rev. Albert B. Hakim, Ph.D., head of the Philosophy Department of Seton Hall University.

WEAR THE EMBLEM

Surprise!

On February 27th, the Fraternal Activities Committee, and the Membership Committee, will jointly sponsor a "Get Acquainted-Recognition Night". A vast amount of work and planning has gone into making this a very enjoyable program. Many surprises have been planned for various council members. State and District dignitaries will be present.

An identification badge will be issued at the door with each member's name printed on it, thus permitting names to be associated with familiar faces. Let's all attend this excellent opportunity to get to know our Brother Knights better.

Everyone Sign a New One in Sixty-One!

Supreme Knight Luke E. Hart recently said, "First in importance in any society is the matter of Membership. Wherever you go, or in whatever company you find yourself, emphasis is placed upon Membership. Without Membership there would be no church, no party and no business. The larger the membership, the stronger, more effective, and more influential the society. Membership represents many things, brotherhood, fellowship, fraternity, service, united action, strength."

The State Membership Committee has adopted the slogan: "Everyone Sign a New One in Sixty-One!" Let's have Union Council fulfill these aims. Give Membership Chairman Tom Butler your candidate for knighthood.

Columbian Club Notes

Even more realistic than the ceremonial ground breaking on December 10, 1960 was the actual breaking of the ground recently, and the actual commencement of construction of our new home site. Every Knight is welcome to pass the area and note what progress is being made toward the completion of our "dream" in Union.

With the advent of this progress, you are all urged to keep your payment of pledges in good order, and further, to pledge toward the Building Fund if you have not already done so. Within a short period of time, we will again commence a drive to bring the pledged membership substantially up to the Council membership. In an effort to help the committee to perform this work, and to save all persons time and effort in this vast program, we would request that those Brother Knights who have not so pledged, communicate with the officers of the Columbian Club and volunteer to pledge. The desire to again stimulate the Drive is necessary, due to the fact that we hope construction will be completed during the summer months, and that the building will be ready for occupancy at that time."

We are continuing our stress on a Business and Industrial Drive, and also a Plaque Drive, the basic facts of which will be presented at Council meetings. At each Council meeting you have an opportunity to make payments on your pledges, and to make pledges for the Drive.

Once the building is erected, we will assume the Herculean task of furnishing it so that it will be ready for complete Council activities. Please take heed to the question of furnishing the building, since we certainly can use the efforts of each and every Knight toward this very desired goal. If any Knight can aid us, either financially or through his business, or associations, to obtain the furnishings and materials at a reduced price, every member of the Council would be indeed grateful.

COLUMBIAN CLUB	
Pledge Goal \$40,000.	
_____	40
We are here	
_____	35
_____	30
_____	25
_____	20
_____	15
_____	10
_____	5

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NOTICE TO BROTHERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

If you know of the death or illness of a Brother, please notify, immediately, Fraternal Activity Chairman, Edward J. Wargins, 948 Townley Ave., Union, MU. 8-8835.

Calendar

FEB. 12—
Bishops' Spiritual Bouquet.

FEB. 13—
Regular Council Meeting,
8:15 P.M., Lecturer's Program.

FEB. 19—
Annual Day of Recollection,
2:00 P.M., St. Michaels Church.

FEB. 27—
Regular Council Meeting,
8:15 P.M., "Get-Acquainted
- Recognition Night"

MAR. 5—
Annual Communion Breakfast,
Club Navaho, Irvington

MAR. 13—
Regular Council Meeting,
8:15 P.M., Catholic Information Forum.

Retain for Ready Reference



Chaplain's Corner

- - - Rev. Joseph F. Driscoll

PREPARE THE WAY

February 14th is Mardi Gras, or Fat Tuesday when, in ancient times, Catholics finished all the foods that they were forbidden to have in the house during the grim Lents of the early Church. It was a regime austere enough to make us moderns wince.

This is mercifully gone, but the other name for this day whispers a lesson which is still incisively true. The day is Shrove Tuesday, a liturgical memorandum reminding us to be shriven, or absolved. Plainly speaking, we should purify our souls so that we may in our milder Lent, put first things first, and cut down on sin as well as on calories. The diet of the soul (not feeding on anger, pride, or any vice) should go with the fast of the body.

We must understand why the good news of the Gospel has to be seasoned with the salt of Penance. It is not that penance is worth any-

thing for its own sake. No, it is a means to an end. When we say "No" to our appetite, it is not because food and drink are evil. They are gifts of God which we are meant to enjoy. However, we must learn to say "No" to the things which we like, and may have, so that we will have the strength to say "No" to the things we want, and may not have. We will be able to say "No" in time of temptation.

This time of Lent is the opportunity for each Knight to stand apart from his everyday life, and put on the approach of Our Lord to the work of His ministry - - As He prepared Himself with forty days of prayer and fasting, so must we.

At the beginning of Lent, we are asking all the members of the Council to get a good start for this Lenten season by participating in our Day of Recollection on Sunday, Feb. 19th.

TAKE A LONG LOOK

Sit back and take a long look at your position in the Knights of Columbus, take this chance to evaluate your role as far as the Order and Council are concerned.

When you signed your application requesting membership in the Knights perhaps you were fired with the principals and ideals for which our Order is famous, or perhaps you were the "show me" type of guy who will come in for the ride, and if its good, then you will participate.

At any rate the time has passed, your degrees are history and you are now a full fledged Knight. Has the motivation which brought you to the Knights been fulfilled, or have you joined the "boys in the back row" who are still not convinced that this is for them.

In either case, the answer to the long look is the same - - if you are not satisfied, or all is not what it seemed - - the fact of the matter is that you have the corrective medium at your fingertips.

Only your support of six point

action, your active participation at meetings and you're belonging can bring out the ideals you seek and those the Order has to offer. Only you can make the goals and achievements that the Council or Order sets forth. Unity is a part of Knighthood, the principal part of unity is YOU. Are you really a Knight?

The long look should include your attitude, are you willing to work on or for a committee; do you support the activities of the Council; is your criticism always fair and open; do you support your officers and their endeavors; do you think, talk and act Knights of Columbus.

Frankly, if the long look shows you up short, it is time for a change - - back to the ideas and ideals that are the basis of the order, and to those things which had the initial attraction for you.

Frank J. Murphy,
Six-Point Chairman

Grand Knight's Message



BROTHERS:

May I offer the Congratulations of all the officers and members to our new Brothers who took their First Degree in January. You have joined one of the finest Catholic organizations in the world, and this Council is justifiably proud of its position in our national order. This class, known as the Bishop James E. Walsh class, will serve to register the protest of the Knights of Columbus of New Jersey against the imprisonment of Bishop Walsh by the Red Regime in China. Be an active member, join one of the numerous committees and prove to yourself, and your Brothers, that you intend to be more than a card carrying member.

The officers of the Council again outdid themselves in performing the First Degree ritual. A proper exemplification of degrees often may be the means of stirring enthusiasm for future leaders and officers in our Council. It is equally true, that a careless rendering may result in an eager candidate losing his initial enthusiasm for service in our Council. May I again salute the officers for an excellent job, flawlessly done.

The Sno-Ball Dance held in Kenilworth Veterans Hall was a tremendous success both socially and financially. In last month's bulletin I urged you not to miss this affair. It was a complete sellout, and if you were unfortunate enough to miss it, blame no one but yourself. To the Chairman, Brother Frank Dickerson, and his committee, the wholehearted thanks of all the members for an excellent job.

For the last meeting in February,

Brother Tom Butler and his committee have lined up something new and exciting. They call it a Get Acquainted-Recognition Night. Their excitement and enthusiasm over this event has even prompted them to invite several District Deputies and some State Officers. If I discuss this anymore, I'm afraid I will tip my hand on some of the activity. Plan to make this meeting, a large turnout would prove that you are really proud of the job the membership committee is doing.

The Youth Activity Committee's Saturday Morning Bowling Program for the children is a huge success. I wonder sometimes how Brother Arner can control sixty or more children. In addition, he has now started a basketball league for grammar school children. If this proves as successful as the Saturday Bowling, Welden will be asking the Council to build him a gym and bowling alley for his future Knights.

Consult the Council Calendar for meeting nights and future Council events. Keep Sunday, March 5th open for our Annual Communion Breakfast.

If you know of the illness or death of a Brother, please notify Fraternal Activity Chairman Brother Edward J. Wargins, MU. 8-8835.

Stop by Jeanette Avenue and see how splendidly our new home is coming along. If you have any questions about the building, bring them to the next meeting and I am sure Brother Warren Hehl will be pleased to answer them.

Fraternally yours,
Tom Crimmins

Safe Driving Corner

John Foley

"Road safety in itself is indispensable to everyone, but the average driver is not fully conscious of its value. This is not really a fault, but something quite natural." The above statement was made by the chief of a medical psychological laboratory.

Whatever we do, work or play, we strive for safety, but the full use of those safe guards are not brought into play until danger threatens us. When driving, would it not be better to take nothing for granted and be always alert for the unexpected? A seemingly deserted street with a few parked cars is no guarantee that there are no children playing behind those cars. Of course, a driver who is a tense bundle of nerves is no pleasure to his passengers. Give me a driver who is alert, keeps his attention and eyes to the road and obeys the traffic rules.

Do you use a safety seat belt? The seat belt is credited with being the most valuable, single safety feature that can be installed in an automobile.

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Drive as if you were early for an appointment with your dentist.

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It's said that "it takes one to know one." This explains why we see so many bad drivers on the road.

Intra-Council Bowling League

Team Standings

	Won	Lost
Bandits	39½	20½
Shamrocks	34½	25½
Plungers	33	27
Jackals	32	28
Diggers	31	29
Kilowatts	29	31
Right Handers	29	31
Shellbacks	28	32
Untouchables	27	33
G-Men	27	33
Merits	26	34
Spoilers	24	36

Individual Standings

High Average

John Burke	181.31
Matt Simon	177.47
Hank Skarbek	173.19

High Game

Matt Simon	257
Jim Bradley	247
Ed Burke	246

High Series

Ted Kocal	632
John Burke	623
Matt Simon	604

Bishops' Spiritual Bouquet

This is a reminder that on Sunday, February 12th, all Knights of Columbus are requested to receive Holy Communion for the intention of the Archbishop and Bishops of the State - - our Hierarchy who have been accomplishing so much for our faith in all areas: Spiritual, Physical, and Fraternal.

PRAY FOR PEACE

K of C Bowling Tournament

The ninth annual N. J. State Bowling Tournament will be held under the auspices of Atlantic City Council No. 405 at Verona Lanes, West Atlantic City commencing Saturday, April 8th and continuing each Saturday and Sunday to April 30th. Interested Brothers should contact Bowling Chairman Ben Godesky, MU. 8-3168. Entries will close on March 8th.

Can You Help Us?

Public Relations Chairman, Matt Simon, has disclosed that he is in the process of assembling a scrapbook of Council history, which will be installed in our new council home.

He has requested that anyone who has photographs, newspaper clippings or other published articles, depicting events in the growth of our council, kindly contact him.

The Knight Digest is pleased to offer a copy of each issue published since its inception in September 1958.

ATTEND THE MEETINGS

Food for Thought

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Random Notes

Mario Henriquez elected President of N. J. Merchandising Warehousemen's Association.

Union Township Committeeman, Brother Koloman Kiss presented with a Missal by our Grand Knight at his inauguration.

Tony Crea of our Intra-Council League bowled an award winning triplicate, 147.

The Rosary Chain now contains 82 members.

Bob Caesar a recent bridegroom.

George Schmidt and Dan Iselborn proud fathers of baby daughters.

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