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## COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN NAMED

Grand Knight Thomas Crimmins has announced the appointment of thirteen committee chairmen who, under the leadership of Six Point Chairman Frank J. Murphy, will plan and conduct the Council program for the 1960-61 season.

Chairmen named are:

- Council Activity: Frank Dickerson
- Catholic Activity: Thomas P. Duhig
- Fraternal Activity: Edward Wargins
- Membership: Thomas Butler
- Public Relations: Matthew Simon
- Youth Activity: Weldon C. Arner
- Admission: Henry Skarbek
- Bowling: Bernard Godesky
- Civic & Cultural: Anthony Rusciana
- Lecturer: Mario Henriques
- Safe Driving: John Foley
- Attendance: Joseph Seibert
- Organ & Choir: Thomas Poulsen

Six Point Chairman, Murphy, and his respective chairmen, are currently in the process of planning a varied and interesting schedule of activities for the new Council year.

## OPEN HOUSE PLANNED

Membership Chairman, Tom Butler, has set the night of Tuesday, September 20th for our annual Open House Meeting for prospective candidates. Members are urged to attend, and bring a guest who would be eligible for membership.

The history, programs and objectives of our Order will be presented in documentary form in a motion picture entitled "Noble Heritage". Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

## THIRD ANNUAL RETREAT

The Catholic Activity Committee, under the chairmanship of Thomas Duhig, has arranged the Council's Third Annual Retreat, on Saturday and Sunday, October 1st and 2nd, at the St. Alfonso Retreat House, West Long Branch, N. J.

Here is the perfect opportunity to escape, briefly, from the trials and tribulations of daily life, and to be revitalized both spiritually and mentally, under expert guidance, with answers to those tormenting problems and questions.

Reservations can be made by contacting Tom Vigliotto at MU 8-1385.

## COLUMBIAN CLUB NOTES

Union Council #4504, Knights of Columbus, can well be proud of its growth in membership, spiritual devotion and activities in and surrounding the Township of Union. This growth and standing is certainly due to the efforts of each and every member of the Council who regards himself as a true member of the Knights of Columbus.

During all this period of time our Council has manifested in this town the purposes of the Knights of Columbus and we can well be proud of that record.

One of the tasks which has now been set upon us is to build a home within the Township of Union which will further give evidence that there is a place in this town where the freedom of worship and public gathering has not been impaired.

In the short year and one-half that this effort has been undertaken, the Council has raised a considerable sum of money exceeding \$31,000.00. This spirit of contribution, and activity of the membership, has given the officers and directors of the Columbian Club the spirit and determination that, in the year 1960, ground will be broken for the future home of the Knights of Columbus.

The Columbian Club has authorized Frederick Norman Fischer, R.A., a fellow Knight, of Union, New Jersey, as the architect for our future building. During the summer months we have already had prepared a preliminary set of plans for our building and we have further authorized the final set of plans. This fact of advancement was not set forth to the Council in great degree since the Council did not actively meet during the summer months.

The fall months will present increased activity for the gaining of approximately 100% of the Council for pledges to our building. We are also undertaking an industrial drive, and extensive activities within the Council, for the purpose of building a club house this year.

The extreme cooperation between the officers of the Council and the officers and directors of the Columbian Club has in the past three or four months resulted in tremendous progress in the unification of purpose between these organizations.

The Council can only pledge and request that each and every member of the Council be mindful of his obligation to

support the Council activities in order to make this the first Council in the State. Certainly our purposes and our activities would be greatly enhanced by the erection of an edifice which we can call our own, and from whence we could derive great benefit to ourselves, and to the Township and community at large.

Please make every effort in the future months to cooperate with the representatives of the Council who have taken upon themselves to build for you a Knights of Columbus home in Union.

**COLUMBIAN CLUB**  
Pledge Goal \$40,000.

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We are here

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Pledges can now be paid at regular Council meetings. A committeeman will be on hand to receive them.

## FR. MURPHY HONORED

On July 25th, a special exemplification of the First Degree was held to initiate into our Order, Rev. Lawrence Murphy, a Maryknoll Missionary.

The Degree was conducted by a team composed of District Deputy, Howard Leary as Grand Knight, George Arnold as Deputy Grand Knight, Thomas Crimmins as Chancellor and William Taylor as Warden. Other "candidates" (all Third Degree members) for this exceptional event were James Gardner, Albert Rigney, Frank Murphy, Thomas Duhig, Edward Wargins and Matthew Simon.

This special Degree was occasioned by the departure of Fr. Murphy, on August 15th, for his assignment in Mindanao, The Philippines. The K of C order is active in the islands, and will be of considerable assistance to Fr. Murphy's endeavors.

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## COUNCIL OFFICERS

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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

- SEPT. 12—  
Regular Council Meeting, 8:15 P.M. Elk's Club, Five Points, Union.
- SEPT. 13—  
Intracouncil Winter Bowling League opening, Four Seasons Lanes, 8:30 P.M.
- SEPT. 18—  
Pilgrimage for Peace, Williamstown.
- SEPT. 20—  
Open House, Elk's Club, 8:15 P.M.
- SEPT. 24—  
(Tentative date) Sons and Daughters Bowling League opening, Four Seasons Lanes.  
Intracouncil Summer Bowling League Banquet, Immaculate Conception Hall, Elizabeth, N. J.
- SEPT. 26—  
Regular Council Meeting, 8:15 P.M. Elk's Club.
- OCT. 1 & 2—  
Weekend Retreat, St. Alfonso's Retreat House, West Long Branch, N. J.
- OCT. 10—  
Regular Council Meeting, 8:15 P.M., Elk's Club.
- OCT. 15—  
Children's Roller Skating Party. Details to be announced.



## Chaplain's Corner

--- Rev. Joseph F. Driscoll

The means whereby a Catholic man can be a force for good are opportunities he will use to make the doctrine in which he believes the driving force of all the actions of his life. If the Catholic man will attain the sex stature that God intended for him he must integrate all the faculties of mind and heart into one ordered being, completely knowing himself and utterly dedicated so that the accident of time will minutely record his life as the pulsating of the very heart of Christ. The dynamism of this idea is the only force that can save us from self destroying materialism.

During the coming year we shall busy ourselves with variations of this one theme. The Knight of Columbus will only be as effective as he understands his nature and has the courage to live according to his convictions.

As a man, what am I? I am a creature of God. I was made by an infinitely powerful God as an object of his love. Through Adam's sin I have inherited an injured nature. This fact only moved my loving God to be more generous in his love for me. He does not scorn me for my injured nature, but he has raised me beyond the nature of Adam. I am bap-

tized. I am reborn with water and with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit who formed Christ in the Womb of the Virgin Mary, has by Baptism, made us other Christs. St. Paul says, "It is not I. It is Christ living in me."

This then is the nature that we have. Our souls thus joined with the living Christ have bodies still maimed by Adam's sin. Though maimed these bodies have sufficient power when joined with Grace to perform meritorius acts. In searching to know ourselves we will find serious limitations to all of our talents. These very limitations rather than bringing despair, are the telling notes of the beginning of greatness. St. Paul says, "I can do all things in Him who strengthens me."

The world will be won for Christ by men who know how weak they are from daily self examination. They then place their trust in God who has made them, the God who took human form to save them. Daily they will seek to know his will. Knowing that it is his will should by sufficient motive for doing the most difficult task. We then will gradually grow to that stature that He has planned for each one of us.

## "Your Role In World Affairs"

Have you ever thought of yourself as playing a vital part in the settlement of international tensions? Probably not, but your contribution may be the deciding factor in establishing world peace. Since the enemies of God are not sincere in their quest for peace, very little, if anything, can be accomplished through negotiations. Only in God can we attain a lasting peace.

An extraordinary opportunity to implore God's help is presenting itself in the form of the Pilgrimage of Peace to Williamstown on Sunday, September 18th.

If you, and your family, are not too inconvenienced, we urge you to make the trip, since it is so important; however, if it is inconvenient; if you must give some-

thing up; if it requires sacrifice; then you "must" go, for sacrifice is needed now, on the part of those who love God.

The ceremonies will begin at 2:30 p.m. and, because of the length of the trip, we will meet at the Union High School parking lot at 11:30 a.m. Bus transportation will be available to those who make reservations. There is room for 40 people on the bus. Reservations may be made by calling Tom Duhig, MU 8-5659.

Directions for reaching the Pilgrimage, for those who wish to drive, are as follows: New Jersey Turnpike south to Exit 3; then east on Route 42 to Williamstown traffic light; turn right and proceed to Main Street, then left 6 blocks to St. Mary's Church. Union to Williamstown is about 90 miles.

It is suggested that lunch be prepared at home to be eaten on the road.

# Grand Knight's Message



## SAFE DRIVING CORNER

John Foley

BROTHERS:

This is my first message as Grand Knight, and many things come to mind. First, my grateful appreciation for the honor, you my Brother Knights, have bestowed upon me. Second, the realization of the duties and responsibilities of the office. I promise you that I shall try to fulfill your confidence in me.

My sincere congratulations to all the new officers of Union Council whose enthusiasm would make any Grand Knight's office, a pleasant one.

The selection of the various Chairmen, I thought, would present a problem. However, when I made my choice and approached the Brothers, no one refused the position of chairman I asked him to take. Was ever a Grand Knight placed in so enviable a position? This is indeed another example of the kind of cooperation this Council can be proud of.

While you have enjoyed your summer picking weeds and cutting grass, your officers and Chairmen have been as busy as they usually are during a council year; attending meetings and planning your council activities for the ensuing council year. Believe me, Brothers, with this kind of tireless effort, it is easy to understand why Union Council is recognized as one of the most active and fastest growing councils in the State of New Jersey. It was the opinion of the officers that there was nothing new, in the way of activities, that Union Council hadn't tried, but this group of Chairmen have many basic ideas that will impress you.

I attended a meeting of the Columbian Club, with Deputy Grand Knight George Arnold, and was indeed impressed with the planning and businesslike atmosphere that prevailed. It just so happened, at this meeting, that the architect, who is a Brother in another council, presented a modification of the original drawing resulting in a more equitable distribution of floor space for our Council Home. These plans will be on display at every council meeting during the ensuing year. These brothers have indeed worked hard and long to formulate these plans in their present state. The building of our Council Home this year is uppermost in our plans. Brother Hehl informs me it can be done if everyone continues to pay his pledge, and the Council can continue to sign up new members. Money is always a problem, as we all know, but with a little extra push, we can start to build a home that will be a pleasure for all of us to attend, and indeed be a fitting representation of what Catholic men can do when they put their minds to it. If anyone had told me a few years ago that Union Council would erect a building in less than five years, I would have seriously doubted his sanity. It can be done this year if we all work together and make it happen.

May our Council prosper and grow, and let us all, as we start the new fraternal year, pray that our combined efforts, our harmony of thoughts and deeds, may bring a continuation of success to our Union Council.

Fraternally yours,

Thomas M. Crimmins

## SPORTS NEWS

Bowling:

Our Intracouncil Summer Bowling League closed in spine-tingling fashion with the "Bombers" clinching the title in a "Frank Merriwell" finish. The Knight Owls, in first place by two games and needing one victory to wrap up the trophy, fell victim to a three game sweep by the Bombers. Members of the winning team were Chuck Minervino, Ed Burke, Ben Godesky, Herb Kay, and Ed Pawlowski.

Individual awards were: High Average; Hank Skarbek 173, Matt Simon 172, Pat Catina, Sr. 168, High Series; Hank Skar-

bek 635, Matt Simon 600, Chuck Minervino 586, High Game; Adolph Czajkowski 267, Hank Skarbek 246, and Pat Catina, Sr. 232.

Softball:

After a slow start, Union Council's "Knights" came on strong in the second half of the Senior Men's Softball League, and by winning three of their last four games, finished in third place. They completed their regular schedule with a thrilling 3-2 victory over the league leading Union Tigers. Consecutive singles by Mickey Vergura, Matt Simon and Ted

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"Cut me off, will you?" you raged inwardly as you maneuvered your car so that the offending car was boxed in and couldn't swing into the fast lane of traffic. By keeping close to the car in front you kept your quarry trapped in the slow lane for several blocks, regardless of how the flow of traffic sped up or slowed down.

Did you prove that you were the better driver? Absolutely not. You exhibited emotional immaturity, risked an accident by following too close and acted in an unCHRIST like manner. BROTHER, think of the holy persons who are represented in your car in the form of a medal or statuette. Would they approve?

Of course, all drivers don't act as described above but those that let their emotions affect their driving are accident prone.

Set an example to other drivers by the way you drive. For example, give a signal when changing lanes, reduce speed when in a residential area and flash your signal well in advance for a turn or stop.

No matter what long years of driving experience you may have, do not be lulled into thinking it can't happen to you because the law of averages is getting narrower in your case. Be always alert and a defensive driver.

Yours truly has logged 400,000 miles of driving and half of the above mileage was made by learners on a permit with the author as the accompanying licensed driver. Thanks to the Good Lord and St. Christopher we came through unscathed with nary an accident nor traffic summons.

It is surprising the number of older drivers who are not familiar with the changes and additions that have been made in the traffic code. For instance, two solid lines down the center of the road means no crossing the lines to pass another vehicle.

### Items and Facts About Driving

A driver involved in two reportable accidents within one year is called back for reexamination. From age sixty, one reportable accident means reexamination.

Route 22 is handling 120% over capacity in vehicles.

Fifty feet is the limit for parking near a stop sign.

If all the licensed N. J. drivers marched down Broadway, New York, 30 abreast, well, we would not have a traffic problem over here in Jersey.

Smile as you drive.

**TENTH ANNUAL  
PILGRIMAGE FOR PEACE**

to  
**St. Mary's Shrine**  
Williamstown, N. J.

**Sunday, September 18, 1960  
at 2:30 P.M.**

Catholic Activities Chairman,  
Thomas P. Duhig urges all  
brothers of Union Council to  
plan to attend.

**NOTICE**

All material for publication in the Digest must be in the hands of Public Relations Chairman, Matt Simon by the 15th of the month preceding publication.

**CHURCH ETIQUETTE**

As Knights of Columbus, we should set a good example for our other parishioners by observing the following rules:

1. Arrive on time for Mass.
2. Concentrate on the Mass.
3. Stay until the end of the Mass (which includes the foot prayers).

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY EVERYONE**

Our membership growth has made it impossible for us to continue to publish a monthly list of birthdays. We take this opportunity, therefore, to wish you, one and all, a very happy birthday (which you probably would rather forget about anyhow.)

**SPORTS NEWS Con't.**

Kocal, with two out in the 7th inning, produced the victory.

Although the league season has ended, the Knights plan to play several independent games, in early September, with other organizations.

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