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Bonds for Expansion It's All For You

We need your help! We are reaching out to you for your continued involvement and FINANCIAL SUPPORT to insure our expansion program to fulfill our future expectations for the betterment of facilities that revolve around our Brother Knights and their wives sons and daughters. OUR NEEDS ARE GREAT in our growth so that we can fulfill the desires of all the members in areas of RECREATION — SOCIAL — and CLUB ACTIVITIES.

Are you interested — you have to be. The future is positive with your help financially in your BOND PURCHASES so that we can attain this goal. This is an investment on your part redeemable to you at 4% if you purchase issues of \$100. If you care to purchase a bond for \$1000. or more your return will earn you 5% interest.

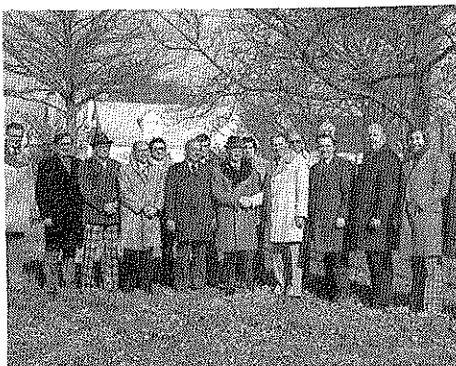
Let's continue to make Our club an encouragement for your wives, sons and daughters by your Bond purchases, get involved.

Think of all the men who have labored countless hours without remuneration to keep the costs down. Inspect our facilities to date and be proud of our achievement so far.

WE NEED YOU — Join us to expand YOUR COUNCIL IN AREAS OF RECREATIONAL — SOCIAL — and CLUB ACTIVITIES.

Your Finance Chairman
Edward R. Stonack
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Knights of Columbus Mini-park Dedicated



Pictured above is our Grand Knight, Jim Moran, flanked by outgoing Mayor John Zimmerman and incoming Mayor Dr. Edward Goodkin and a host of brother Knights. The occasion was the dedication of "Knights of Columbus Park" at the corner of Winslow and Stecker Avenues in Union. The site will be cleaned up this spring and a Knights of Columbus sign erected.

PETER KOSLOSKI HONORED



Columbian Club President Marty Farrell presents Plaque and Watch to Past President Pete Kosloski.

Past Columbian Club President Peter Kozloski, was honored at the annual appreciation night, December 18, 1976.

Columbian Club President Martin Farrell, presented Pete and his wife Florence with a wrist watch in appreciation for his efforts to improve and maintain the property and facilities for the council members during the year 1975-1976.

Past Grand Knight Andrew Popp, presented Pete with a gift from the Council Officers and members, and expressed his appreciation for a job well done. He cited Pete for his honesty, integrity and being a Catholic gentleman. Pete is a credit to the Knights of Columbus and Union Council.

Grand Knight Jim Moran, thanked Pete for the work he did during his term. He also expressed his appreciation to all Brother Knights who worked around the Council Home to keep it in fine condition.

Special awards for outstanding service were given to Anthony Sibilia, Lee Linfante and Walter Guthreau. A posthumous award for service was awarded to Dorothy Bucher on Bill's behalf.

The Master of Ceremonies, Past Grand Knight John Zimmerman, and Marty Farrell, distributed pocket name tags to all the Past Colombian Club Presidents. John did his usual good job at the mike, and the program ended early to allow the remainder of the evening to be dedicated to good food, drink, dancing and entertainment.

"Love America! But love her wisely. Work hard to cure her faults, the mistakes under which she labors. Work to bring her closer to the ideal that is the real America. Do not leave her to be ruled by a few who make it their business and profit to rule. She is yours."
Anonymous



Past Grand Knight Andy Popp gives a toast to Past Columbian Club President Pete Kosloski.

Announcing:

The Knights of Columbus Membership Inventive Program, sponsored by Supreme Council.

For sponsorship of five new members (reinstatements or readmissions) a trophy will be presented. For sponsorship of nine members, the sponsor will receive a Knights of Columbus jacket.

Expiration date—July 1, 1977.

Joe McEnroe
Membership Director

BOWLING

FATHER SON-DAUGHTER DAY

Council 4504 will sponsor a Father-Son, Father-Daughter, Bowling day. Event will be held at 2:00 p.m. at the Four Seasons Bowling Alley — Union, Saturday, February 12th.

Brothers bring your sons and daughters. Sons and daughters bring your father. Let's make this day a memorable one.

Remember — February 12th, 2:00 P.M.

Steve Patrykowski
Youth Activities Chairman

Spelling Bee

Eighth grade students, from all of our local schools, are invited to participate in our annual Spelling Bee Contest. Contest will be held at our Council Home. (Date to be declared later). However, entries will be accepted presently. Winners will be advanced to the County and States level. Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

Schools will be notified of dates, which will be held sometime in February.

Steve Patrykowski
Youth Chairman

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Calendar of Events

Feb. 4 Holy Mass-Dinner
Feb. 11 Dance Lessons
Feb. 12 Father-Son Daughter
Bowling
Feb. 12 Valentine Dance
Feb. 18 Dance Lessons
Mar. 4 Chaplain's Night
Mar. 18 Dance Lessons
Mar. 25 Dance Lessons
Mar. 26 Amazing Kreskin
Apr. 1 Chaplain's Night
Apr. 1, 2, 3 ... Tootsie Roll Campaign
MONTHLY MEETINGS
1st Mon. Council Officers
2nd & 4th Mon. Regular Meetings
3rd Mon. Swim Club
1st Wed. 4th Degree Officers
2nd Wed. 4th Degree Color Corps
3rd Wed. 4th Degree Regular
4th Wed. Council Committees
1st Thurs. Expansion Committee
4th Thurs. Columbian Club
1st Fri. Chaplain's Night

Get Active

Science says a bee can't fly
Much too heavy — shouldn't even try.
But bees don't dig that science fuzz
And flap their wings until they buzz.

When you have no time for K. of C.
Remember the plight of the bumble bee.
You'll find the time your problems,
solved
If you can think enough to get involved.

A lonely bee can't get much done
He joins a hive — they work like one.
Because they swarm, their life is better.
Much more honey when they work to-
gether.

TOOTSIE ROLL CAMPAIGN
APRIL 1, 2, 3

Memories

At a special meeting held on April 30, 1958, the Council conferred the First Degree on the following: Gus Armstrong, Robert Mathais, Koloman Dolgas, Robert Hartnett, Raymond O'Day, John Burke, John McGirr, John Plews, Thomas Hanlon Jr.

In May, the Council voted to donate the receipts of the Beggars Bowl to St. Mary's Priory in New Haven, Conn. as a tribute to Father McGiveny, the founder of the K. of C. The priory had been gutted by fire. The first meeting of the Knights of Columbus was held in the basement of this church. The donation amounted to \$35.00.

An additional \$25.00 per delegate was voted on and passed bring the total allotment to \$75.00 per delegate to the State Convention.

A Major degree was held on Saturday, May 10, 1958, at Westfield Council.

At the second meeting in May the receipts of the Beggars Bowl were donated to the Multiple Sclerosis Fund. The Lecturer was directed to send \$10.00 to Camp Columbus director, Ted Osbahr to defray the cost of sending one orphan to camp.

It was agreed by the Council to hire Michael A. Kelly V.F.W. Hall for \$12.50 per night for every Monday night.

The new Council By-Laws were read and accepted with minor changes. They must now be forwarded to the State Council for approval.

The highlights of the State Convention activities were noted by Grand Knight Howard Leary. Of particular interest was the fact that of the 140 Councils in the State, only 14 received the Star Council Award and Union was among the select group.

It was announced by Weldon Arner that we had received our Council banner, and it will be carried in the Sesqui-centennial Parade on June 14, 1958.

Youth Activities Chairman, Jim Murtha, announced two Savings Bonds had been purchased for awards to two outstanding boys in St. Michael's graduating class.

D.G.K. George Arnold requested the members to pray for Florence Velladares, wife of Financial Secretary, Jim Valladres, who is seriously ill.

Al Dietlein announced the council had six alleys available on Wednesday nights at HyWay Bowl for the summer league.

The nominating committee offered the following slate of officers: G.K. Howard Leary, D.G.K. John Zimmerman, Chancellor, George Arnold, Warden, Thomas Crimmins, Treasurer, Wilbur Donnelly, Advocate, Weldon Arner, Inside Guard, James Cappeto, Outside Guard, Alvin Dietlein, Trustees, Charles Lynch, Joseph Gaynor, and William Darrow. There were no nominations from the floor.

P.G.K. Bill Taylor
Historian

Grand Knights Column

Jim Moran



While being involved with the fraternal and social advantages of membership in the Knights of Columbus, there is the tendency to forget the primary circumstance that brought us together. Being Catholic men is the common bond that should be the framework of our religion. In the recently issued Supreme Convention Report (on the convention held this past August), some important points were stressed that we must be aware of in order to continue in the proper road towards the fulfillment of our order's objectives in a Catholic manner.

In part of the message of the Supreme Knight, John W. McDevitt, he said "My brothers, let us manifest more interest in our eternal welfare than Catholics generally are prone to do. Let us weigh the proper position which we ought to take with regard to our immortal future. Let our lives be such that we may persevere to the end. If on the other hand we have been indifferent and apathetic, may we reassess our attitude and so live that we may not be afraid to die." Our Faith guarantees us this privileged commitment. Under the issue of abortion it was reported "The American Bishops have suggested a constitutional amendment protecting all life, both born and preborn, as the most effective measure to deal with this dilemma" — "Indicative of this support your board of directors voted at its June meeting to make a second grant of \$50,000 to the U. S. National Conference of Catholic Bishops ProLife Activities Committee. Abortion is a cancerous iniquity in our society which must be excised to save the social structure from total deterioration. Nor must we succumb to defeatism by the enormity of the task. We cannot permit the fiber of our will to yield to the callousness of a secular conscience whose only God is human comfort". The last subject matter of great importance on Catholic action was the report on religious liberties. "A principal peril to the freedom of those who believe in God is the increasing secularization of society in which only atheists and agnostics feel comfortable, and in which the moral values and standards of believers are either ignored or rejected. The situation has deteriorated to the extent that some present policies and practices of government actually constitute an establishment of secularism as a national religion, and therefore, violate the First Amendment of the Constitution which forbids a favored or established religion. We are confident that you will concur that if this order is to remain true to its ideals of working for God and country, it must be ever ready to challenge those who would exclude God from the affairs of this nation".

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Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Edward M. Swierzbinski

Many of the things I use in this column are based on my own experiences, prayers and what I read — E. G.

Msgr. Rosage wrote — "One aspect of the spiritual renewal is the upsurge of interest in all forms of prayer. We are no longer satisfied in merely 'saying prayers' but are turning to higher forms of contemplative prayer. For a long time we thought of contemplative prayer as the special prerogative of mystics. We excused ourselves from this form of prayer as impossible for us.

However the Holy Spirit through the Vatican Council and elsewhere has insisted that all are called to holiness and this means **a deeper union with God through love which is prayer.** The Fifth Chapter of the Constitution of the Church issued by Vatican II says, 'The Lord Jesus, the divine Teacher and model of all perfection, preached holiness of life **to each and everyone** of His disciples of every condition. He himself stands as the author of this holiness of life: 'Be you therefore perfect, even as your heavenly Father is perfect!' Indeed Jesus sent the Holy Spirit upon all that He might move them inwardly to love God with their whole heart and their whole souls, with all their mind and strength and that they might love each other as Christ loves them.

"Genuine prayer is loving. As we come to God in prayer, especially contemplative prayer we learn to love more deeply."

First Friday in January was a moving, loving experience in spite of wind, ice, snow and cold.

Hope to see you and continue praying and sharing especially on the First Friday of each month.

Random Thoughts

"Don't apologize for being late," snapped the babysitter. "If I had a kid like yours, I wouldn't hurry home either" . . . Adam and Eve had an ideal marriage. He didn't have to hear about all the men she could have married — and she didn't have to hear about the way his mother cooked it! . . . Small boy to mother "Can I help Dad put on the snow chains? I know all the words" . . . Our maid is dishonest. Two of the towels we swiped from Ramada are missing . . . Grocer checking out \$10.00 grocery order. "Is this take out or will you eat it here?" . . . When in charge, ponder; when in trouble delegate; when in doubt, mumble . . . Many who have the gift of gab do not know how to wrap it up . . . A taxpayer recently moaned "I owe the government so much money, they don't know whether to throw me in jail or recognize me as a foreign power" . . . The first place for being laziest man in the world has gone to the fellow who sits at home and whittles with an electric knife . . . The hardest thing about making a living is that you have to do it again the next day .

Talent Plus



When it came time for the statues at the town's Nativity Scene to be put out for the Christmas Season, it was noticed they were badly in need of major repairs. The figures were out of shape, had large cracks in them, and needed a new paint job. Fortunately, this problem was brought to the attention of brother Mort Picone, a very talented artist. Several days of hard work by Mort changed the statues into beautifully robed figures, whose faces now show individual personalities (even the lambs have facial expressions). Pictured above is Mort and some of his work. Thanks Mort, the Council is very proud of you.

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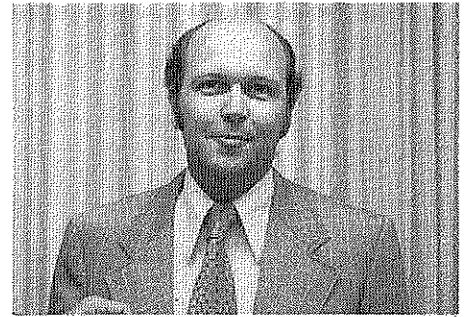
Before, during and after the time of the Children's Christmas Party, there were many of our Council Brothers who donated their services to make this affair the success it was. To each and every one of these brothers, I say, many thanks.

A gathering of approximately 120 children were on hand to watch the puppet show. Refreshments and food seemed to disappear as fast as it was passed out.

The highlight of the day was the appearance of Santa Claus who presented gifts to all children who were in attendance. Many thanks to Santa for taking time out from his busy schedule, to visit our children and Council.

Steve Patrykowski
Youth Chairman

Knight of the Month



JOE PORTER

Our recipient for Knight of the Month has been a member, for less than two years, having received his Admission Degree during November of 1975. His promise to be an active member of our Council began immediately. Joe served on various committees prior to accepting the chairmanship of Civic and Cultural Activities for our present year. He served on our past Tootsie Roll Campaign and last month Joe was the main cog in obtaining from Union Township, permission to use the property on the corner of Winslow and Stecher Avenues as "Knights of Columbus Park." During our Bicentennial celebration Joe helped coordinate the Box Supper.

Joe is Administration Manager for the National Telephone Directory — Union. He is a graduate of the University of Rhode Island and earned his Masters Degree at Seton Hall.

Joe and his lovely wife Louise are the parents of three boys: Michael, Rob and Jamie. He is a communicant of St. Michaels Church — Union.

A perservering, cogential and knowledgeable man Joe has earned the honor of being selected as "Knight of the Month" February 1977, Council 4504.

Editor's Corner

Sooner or later, a good Knight of Columbus, if he is wise, discovers that life is a mixture of good days and bad, victory and defeat, give and take.

He learns not to be a too-sensitive soul; that he should let some things he hears, at the Council, go over his head.

He learns that carrying a chip on his shoulder is the easiest way to start an argument.

He learns that the quickest way to become unpopular is to carry tales and gossip about other members.

He learns that it doesn't matter so much who gets the credit as long as the Council benefits.

He learns that all brothers are human and that it does no harm to smile and say "Good Evening" even when it snows.

He learns that most of the other members are as ambitious as he is, and that hard work, not cleverness, is the secret of success.

He learns to sympathize with new members because he remembers how bewildered he was when he first joined our Council.

He learns that officers are no monsters, but that they are usually pretty good fellows who have been selected through hard work and who want to do what's right for the Council.

Be a Good Knight.