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## SWIM CLUB

As you all know, for some six months or more a committee has been working at the project of a co-operative type swim club to be built on the council property. This is a report to all council members as to the progress and the proposed plans of the committee for the completion of the pool for use this summer.

The committee has made every effort possible to inform and contact all members of the council in order to give them an opportunity to join in this profitable and social activity. Word has been passed about through the mail, stories in the Knights Digest, council and special meetings, telephone contacts and individual personal conversations. At this time we have some 210 families who have expressed an interest in the pool. The opportunity for all Union Council Knights to join has certainly been presented.

Time has now come, in order that we may move forward, to present to the council the committee plans.

- 1) We will adhere to the original proposal of 300 family membership at \$250 and \$65 a year dues.
- 2) Due to the need for 100 more memberships, the committee proposes that the pool memberships be opened to neighboring councils for a limited chartered time period. This proposal to be approved by the council at the March 9 meeting.
- 3) That the council officially approve the over-all concept of the swim club and legally recognize this fact at the March 9 meeting.
- 4) That if a pool is built it will be done by Sylvan Pools of Doylestown, Pa.
- 5) Based on the acceptance of the above four points, the \$250 membership bond must be received by April 1st, 1964, and the \$65 dues by June 1st, 1964.

These five points concisely express the position of the committee at this time. If we are to finish this project in time for a happy summer, these plans must be adhered to.

## 7th Annual

### Communion Breakfast

We are living in an age of Christian Renewal and unity as declared by Pope Paul. Through his trip to the Holy Land and his words, the Holy Father has called upon all Catholics to renew their faith by recalling Christ's teachings and receiving the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist frequently. Whenever we gather as a group of Catholic men, we strengthen the Church.

Our 7th Annual Father and Son Communion Breakfast is your contribution towards this goal. By going to Holy Communion with us, you gain special benefits for your soul. You'll spiritually prepare for the coming joy of Easter. Attendance at this major event of your Catholic Activities Committee shows the appreciation and love we have for our religion. Before we ask other Christians to join in unity towards God, we must display it ourselves. Every man and boy that goes to the altar rail and the breakfast, represents one step forward in answering the Pope's request. Whether you have a son or not, the most important person to be there is YOU.

The date for our breakfast this year is Sunday, March 15, 8:05 Mass at St. Michael's, Union. The breakfast will follow at the Council Home on Jeanette Avenue. Tickets are \$2.25. Our toastmaster will be John Zimmerman. An excellent program has been planned by Chairman Ernest DeLuca. We are honored to have as our guest speaker, Rev. Owen Garrigan of Seton Hall who will speak on the "Origin of Life". Father is an expert on this topic. This is a subject that is presently causing a great deal of discussion among college students.

We will meet at 7:45 A.M. at the school hall to march to the Church, led by the John Dawson Gilmary Shae General Assembly Color Guard. Tickets are on sale NOW at the Council Home, Kays Hardware, or call Ernest DeLuca at MU 7-3814 or Jim Moran at MU 7-0566. So we may notify the caterer, please make known your intention to attend not later than March 12.

## Knight of the Month

|           |   |                 |
|-----------|---|-----------------|
| September | — | Larry Pribula   |
| October   | — | Pete Genova     |
| November  | — | Henry Chemidlin |
| December  | — | Mike Pacyna     |
| January   | — | Bill Stuart     |
| February  | — | Eddie Majeski   |

February's Knight of the Month, Eddie Majeski, is one of those distinguished members of the fine construction department of Union Council 4504. The fact that one can now walk into the hall and truly proclaim it a ballroom is due partly to Eddie's fine ability with the hammer and nail.

This engineer of woodworking also manages to find time to be a houseman of the Columbian Club and an active assistant in carrying out degree work at the Council.

## Columbian Club Election

The election of the new Columbian Club officers will be held at the special annual meeting of the Columbian Club at 8:15 p.m. Thursday, April 23, 1964.

President Wilbur Donnelley has announced that the nominating committee consists of Grand Knight William Taylor and Brothers John Guidera, Clifford Morris, George Sheridan and William Stuart.

George Sheridan, PFN, will serve as chairman of the committee which will present a slate of candidates at the regular council meeting of March 23, 1964. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at this meeting and then nominations will be closed until election night, when nominations will again be accepted from the floor.

The by-laws of the Columbian Club are being revised. After the Committee completes the final draft, the revised set of by-laws will be submitted to the Council for approval. Recommendations should be directed to chairmen Wilbur Donnelley and Warren Hehl.

We ask you to pray for the repose of the soul of Sir Knight Luke E. Hart, K.C.C.S.G. Supreme Knight, who recently past away.

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## COUNCIL OFFICERS

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## CALENDAR

### MARCH 9 — MONDAY

Regular Council Meeting  
8:15 P.M. — Council Home

### MARCH 11 — WEDNESDAY

Lectures by Father Driscoll  
9:00 P.M. — Council Home

### MARCH 14 — SATURDAY

Skating Party  
2:00 P.M. — Bus Leaves  
Council Home

### MARCH 15 — SUNDAY

Communion Breakfast  
8:05 A.M. — St. Michael's  
Church

### MARCH 16 — MONDAY

First Degree  
8:00 P.M. — Council Home

### MARCH 21 — SATURDAY

Third Degree (Clark)  
8:00 P.M. — Council Home

### MARCH 23 — MONDAY

Regular Council Meeting  
8:15 P.M. — Council Home

### MARCH 25 — WEDNESDAY

Lectures by Father Driscoll  
9:00 P.M. — Council Home

### APRIL 4 — SATURDAY

Youth Bowling Banquet

### APRIL 11 — SATURDAY

Grand Ball  
Council Home

## Youth Bowling

Youth Bowling will finish up this year on Saturday, March 21, at 4 Seasons. The banquet will be held at the Council Home on Saturday, April 4.

## Information Wanted!

We are using the Knight Digest as a means to contact two special members without revealing names. Both men are looking for checks — one is in the amount of \$100 and the other \$20. These checks were made out in payment for tickets for the New Year's Eve Ball.

There is a reason why your checks have not been returned and it will be to your advantage to contact Mr. Anthony Schoberl at ADams 2-8118 as soon as possible. Only two checks were received in these amounts, so that each member who wrote his check will recognize it at once. If you know of fellow members who may have discussed payments in the above amounts, please call this article to their attention. This is a most important effort to reach these two members. We'll report our success in next month's issue.

## Grand Ball 1964

On Saturday evening April 11, 1964, Union Council will hold its annual "Ball" at the council home.

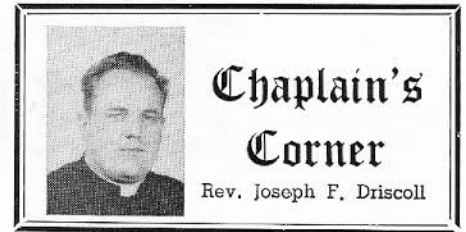
A cocktail hour has been planned, followed by a dinner. Tickets will remain at \$15.00 per couple.

Music will be provided for dancing by Buddy Dee and his Orchestra. Those in attendance at our anniversary dance in September will remember the fine music they provided that night.

Seating will be arranged ten people to a table, and only a limited number of tables will be available. So, a word to the wise should be sufficient, **make your reservations early.** Dress will be optional.

## Journal Solicitations Committee

A committee to secure ads for our Grand Ball journal is now out "Beating the bushes" looking for ads. The committee is headed by Mario Henriques and Jerry Shaw, and they are being assisted by a countless number of hard working brothers. Please, when they approach you on the subject be courteous to them and help them out with an ad. If you can secure an ad from your place of employment or place of business, consider yourself on the committee and bring the ad in, no matter how small. Contracts may be obtained at the club, at any meeting, or from the above mentioned men, Mario at Mu. 8-1303, Jerry at Mu. 8-2451.



The Knight of Columbus, is in the midst of observing Lent. As a member of the Council, he is being persuaded to attend the yearly Communion Breakfast. Certainly, it would be a wonderful lesson of the effectiveness of Columbianism if every member of the Council attended the 8:05 Mass on March 15 at St. Michael's Church and gave the inspiring sermon of everyone who attends the Mass receiving Communion. At the Communion Breakfast, Father Owen Garrigan will give a talk on "The Origin of Life" which should be of intense interest to all the men. We urge you to purchase your ticket early so that the committee will be able to provide for all who are interested.

The Knight of Columbus should have the maturity to have made some definite private resolutions at this point in Lent. The suggestion I offer is that he and his family observe the liturgy of Holy Week the most completely that they have ever participated. They may begin with the early morning procession of palms on Palm Sunday and so be inspired to continue for the entire week with attendance in Church and family prayer at home.

There is another practice that I should like to bring to the attention of the brother Knights — the fact that family visiting of the Church is almost a lost custom. I would say that in the last ten years it has even lessened. This is a specific instance where the Knights can be a force for good in the Church. Ask yourselves how many friends you call on once a week for a casual visit. Put Christ on that preferred list and revive a custom that could give real initiative to the renewal of Catholic life.

## Youth Activities

Youth Activities Chairman, Donald J. Betz, announces the second youth ice skating party of the season. The date is March 14 and the buses will leave the Council Home at 2:00 P.M. and return approximately 6:00 P.M. The place for the ice skating party is the South Mountain Arena. The price of \$1.25 includes bus fare, and admission. Skates may be obtained for an additional 50 cents.



## Grand Knight's Message



Brothers:

Brothers, at our regular council meeting on February 10, the Trustees made their semi-annual audit report, covering the period from July 1, 1963 to December 31, 1963. As was expected, they found the books to be in good order for which we commend our Financial Secretary, Treasurer and Recorder. It is comforting to know our financial transactions are in such capable hands. May we also at this time commend and thank the Trustees for a job well done. Any brother in good standing who wishes to do so may examine a copy of the audit at any regular meeting. Simply make your desire known to the Grand Knight.

In many instances, statistics and figures may prove uninteresting, but in this case where all our help is voluntary and each and every brother knight has a stake in this organization, I think it is good reading. To those who were unable to attend the meeting, it should be pointed out that we not engaged in a penny-ante operation here in Union Council. There are many thousands of dollars involved in our yearly transactions. Add to this the many thousands of dollars involved in the operations of the Columbian Club and you may well understand why the officers are always concerned with even the slightest detail of our daily business. Therefore it should also concern each and every brother knight of Union Council.

This brings us to the subject we started out to discuss — dues. Our audit shows that we have a total of 731 members of which 649 are in good standing. That is, not in arrears.

To clarify this point, the Supreme Council By-laws state in section 168 that: Any member of this Order shall, ipso facto, forfeit his membership in this Order who shall fail to pay his dues to his Council within three months after the same are levied and payable. Simple arithmetic shows us from these figures that we have 82 members in arrears. We must point out at this time that these 82 are in arrears in varying degrees from 3 months to a year or more. This it might seem would indicate a laxity on the part of the

officers of the Council and such may well be the case. We choose to think of it as charitable treatment of not so charitable brothers.

We chose not to expel these brothers until we had made every effort to salvage these delinquents. We started a conservation committee this year under the capable chairmanship of Ed Stonack. We have reduced the number of delinquents from 108 at the previous audit to 82 to the end of this period. This we feel is progress, however slow.

It is the feeling of your Grand Knight that we should not be saddled with this same burden when the in-coming Grand Knight's term begins next July 1. Every council is required to pay a per capita tax to the Supreme Council and the State Council amounting to \$4.40 per member based on membership as of July 1.

Since we have already been assessed this amount as of last July 1, we felt nothing would have been gained by expelling those delinquents without trying to regain our losses. We do feel however, that we have no right to ask those paid up members to foot the bill for these delinquents come July 1, 1964. Therefore, take notice that in the latter part of April we will take the necessary steps to rid our books of said delinquents. In the meantime, Brother Ed Stonack and his committee will continue to contact these delinquent brothers.

Fraternally yours,  
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR

## N. J. Wheelers Defeated In Council Benefit Game

On Saturday, February 15, 1964, the Brownsville Boys Club Whirlways of Brooklyn, N. Y. extended their undefeated string to 12 by defeating the New Jersey Wheelers 58-53 in a game sponsored by Union Council at Burnet Jr. High. The New Jersey five led throughout the game, their largest margin being 11 points, but were nipped by a strong finish by the "Whirlways".

Although the game was only a mild success financially, it was a tremendous event for the near 300 excited fans who turned out for the event. The crowd was treated to a magnificent exhibition of precision basketball by two excellent teams. All were warmed by the display of physical courage and true sportsmanship exhibited by these athletes playing under terrific physical handicaps.

## Safe Driving Corner

John Foley

They say a straight line is the shortest distance between two points, but the most direct route is not always the safest, quickest or easiest. Select a reasonably direct route that has the fewest characteristics of an obstacle course. Try to avoid railroad crossings, congested areas, unsignalized intersections with major highways, notorious high-accident locations, difficult left-turn situations and other potential trouble spots. It's not necessary to go so far out of your way to avoid traffic problems that your route resembles a maze, but with slight deviations from a crow's-flight route, a driver can often keep from putting the law of averages to a test by avoiding repeated exposure to certain hazards.

## Fraternal Activities

While in the midst of Lent, the season which forces us to do some self-examination and self-emulation, we should find time to examine our attitudes as members of the Knights of Columbus. Do we really look upon the council as a fraternal organization dedicated to helping the brothers in time of need or is it only a Social Club? Do we personally take an interest in the other brothers — do we personally take advantage of the many spiritual benefits afforded us as members? These would seem to be the logical sources of the grace necessary if we are to keep all the good resolves we make in joining the council.

During the month, we receive word of brothers in need of some kind of assistance — perhaps only asking the comfort of friendship through a greeting card or a telephone call. Let's not forget that we can only fulfill our fraternal obligations with your help in keeping us informed regarding those in need of our aid.

Let us remember the following brother in our prayers that he soon may enjoy good health.

Angelo Orchardo

## Monte Carlo

A Monte Carlo night was held at the Council Home last Saturday evening, February 22, and met with great success. More than 200 persons enjoyed the atmosphere of Las Vegas and the thrill of gambling (with play money) at the various games of chance. Food was served and a good time was had by all.

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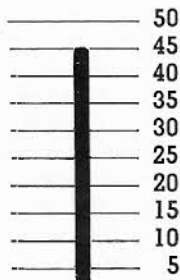
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