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Atlantic City Convention

Union Council's delegation, 70 strong, hit the road to Atlantic City on May 14th for the annual Knights of Columbus convention. Headquarters for our group was the Four Seasons Motel, and as usual everyone had a ball. But then again when you have the help of such people as Stan RUCKI "The Little Old Coffee Maker" who had that all important cup of brew ready when it was needed. There were a few innovations this year, Hot Hors d'oeuvres were served Friday night by lovely Betty Winters. A Champagne Cocktail hour was held Saturday night. There was a lot of impromptu entertainment, some of which was captured on film. The facilities of the Four Seasons Motel such as the Pool and Sauna were put to good use by many of those who attended.

Needless to say the committee wishes to thank all those who contributed to the fun weekend by preparing and transporting the necessary condiments. Also the fellows who contributed to the festivities by stepping in and acting as Host in our hospitality room.

A Special Thank You goes to my Co-Chairman Jack Winters "OFFICIAL CUP-BEARER AND HOST" for this years convention.

Dom Clementoni
Convention Chairman



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Thanks Fellas

This the last issue of the Knights Digest prior to the newly selected six point committee takeover, I wish to publicly thank the chairmen and their committee for their respect, utmost support, knowledge and time in helping to make our term of the six point program the success it was. Also, to give due credit to Grand Knight Robert Armstrong, and he is a Grand Knight, for his leadership and guidance when we needed it. I also want to thank Jack Winters for his role of secretary at the six point meetings.

Rocco Corbo
General Chairman

CALENDAR

June 28 Regular Meeting
(Award Dinner)
July 12 Regular Meeting
July 17 Race Track Day
July 26 Regular Meeting
August 9 Regular Meeting
August 14 Awards Dance —
Council
August 21 Mystery Bus Ride
August 23 Regular Meeting

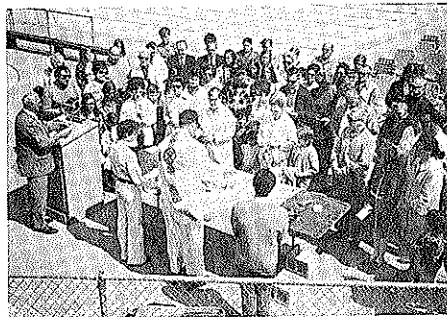
JFK General Assembly meets at the Council Hall every 3rd Wed. at 8:30 P. M.

A New Project

You have an opportunity to get in on the beginning of a new project at our council. We need people who want to combine work with a good time. The only requirements are ambition and interest. Not just the members but their family can become involved in this undertaking. We are thinking of putting on a stage play during the coming Fall. Before you start practicing reading lines to your bedroom mirror, we are just trying to organize a meeting of people who are willing to try something new. We need scenery builders, stage crews, fellows to work at lighting and many backstage jobs. People who desire to get on our involvement list (its the "in" thing) should contact Joe Willmore, by sending a note to him at the council address, 1034 Jeanette Ave., Union. Joe will be at our June meetings to discuss this project. The selection of the play will be by the membership, at a future date. Interest is the key word. Based on experience with other groups, this is a great method of expressing true fraternity. Many members will be working together, having fun, and end up with a feeling of true accomplishment.

Swim Club News

Swimmers — Here's a few dates for our summer calender. July 4th starts our activities with a patriotic patio party . . . continuing with patio parties there will be a pizza patio party on the 10th . . . A bus ride to the races on the 17th . . . followed by a splash party on the 24th . . . the following nite a teen-age dance . . . We'll bring July to a close with a patio party . . . If you stay late enough you can be first in line for the Boccie tournament on August 1st . . . August is tournament month . . . Pinochle on the 7th and a hat contest for the 8th . . . the winners will be honored at an awards dance on August 17th . . . The young set have another dance on the 15th . . . August 20th we'll set up tents in the wood's for a father and son camp out . . . Looking for a little excitement, try our mystery bus ride on August 23rd . . . The last splash party of the season is on August 28th . . . But we still have our famous picnic on Sept. 5th . . . Sound like a nice summer . . . Well, it's up to you . . . Bring some nice weather.



Father McKeon, saying prayers during the Liturgy of the Eucharist with the Swim Club Congregation in close attendance at the altar rail.

Opening Day For The Swim Club

A Poolside Mass was celebrated on Saturday May 29th by Father Raymond McKeon, and attended by 75 Swim Club members and their families.

During the Mass, Father McKeon took time to bless the pool and its adjoining grounds. He was escorted during the Blessing by Grand Knight Robert Armstrong, Columbian Club President Walter Wasowski and Swim Club President William Renner.

Past Grand Knight William Taylor was Lector at the Mass. Father McKeon gave a brief sermon and called for God's blessing and a pleasant, safe summer for all users of the pool.

Shortly after the Mass and Blessing, the Swim Club inaugurated its 1971 Summer Season. The day was very pleasant, although a bit on the coolish side. Due to the sterling efforts of Frank Zusi and his work party groups, all was in readiness, and a water temperature of 72°F lured some early season swimmers, headed by Past Grand Knights Bill Taylor and Jules Pruskowski. The new Snack Bar, under custody of Ken Pinney was off to an early and a good start. In all, it should be a most auspicious summer. replete with fun and hapiness for everyone. We hope you all come and join in the festivities.

Bill Renner

State Convention Report

On May 14, 1971 some 35 couples from Union Council 4504 arrived at the Four Seasons Motel in Atlantic City for the 75th State Convention.

I must congratulate the Convention Committee for the choice of such a fine motel. The Hospitality room activities were conducted in the finest tradition of Union Council 4504. A memorable weekend was enjoyed by all who attended. I take this opportunity to invite the entire membership of our Council to make plans to attend the Convention next year.

I congratulate the editor of your Digest and his staff for receiving honorable mention for one of the finest bulletins in the State.

The entire slate of state officers were re-elected for a second year. It was reported by the State Deputy that New Jersey is leading all jurisdictions of the Order in the all important category of additions of new members over suspensions.

Of significant importance was the fact that the K of C. were a potent force in persuading the legislature to adopt the bill pertaining to aid to non-public schools. It also spearheaded the drive to exempt fraternal organizations from local assessments, it passed 65 to 1 in the Assembly and 30 to 0 in the Senate. The cooperation and enthusiasm of the Council leaders and members was in great part responsible for these victories. In simple language, your letters to your representatives exerted a tremendous force in these matters. Never under estimate your power as a citizen.

Consider the camp at Bamber Lake in your vacation plans for your boy. He can spend a week or more in the fresh air of South Jersey under excellent supervision in a Catholic environment.

In conclusion, I am happy to report the 75th State Convention was a huge success.

J. Pruskowski

Knights Of Columbus Friday Night Dance Classes

One of the most popular of Council activities is the "Friday Night Dance Classes" under the instruction of a professional dance instructor and a brother Knight of the Union Council, Joe Ruddy.

What a wonderful way to bring our members, their wives and sweethearts for an evening get together of good fellowship and fun.

Our next summer class will be held on the evening of the 16th of July at 8:30 p.m. On this night we will finalize our up coming Fall program. We will again have Beginner and Intermediate Advanced Classes. A nominal charge of \$1.00 per person, per hour of instruction is all that you need.

Would you like to learn to Fox Trot, Waltz, Rhumba, Tango, Cha Cha, Merengue etc. come out on the 16th and sign up for our Fall classes.

For further information call Leo E. Lupia 687-7490. See you in July.

Be Active

So that the newly elected Committees receive the same solid backing given me this past year. I wish to emphasize briefly the activities of the Six Point Chairmen in hope that this will enlighten, or give a clear concept, to the new members of our council who have joined us in the past year, or those members who have never served on a committee.

CATHOLIC ACTIVITY SECTION, initiates programs which furnish the opportunity for members to practice their Catholic duties in the field of charity, devotion and education. In addition, strive to sponsor activities which enables the individual Knight to set constant and worthy examples as an ideal Catholic to his family, his community, and his fellow members.

COUNCIL ACTIVITY, aims at providing a diversified program of activities which furnishes enjoyment, entertainment and benefit to the members of the council and their family, and friends. The responsibility for planning and execution of all activities in the fields of entertainment, athletics, civic, culture, and social affairs rests with this committee.

FRATERNAL ACTIVITY, aim is to maintain a high spirit of fraternity in this council. To encourage constant recognition of outstanding service and ability. To show tangible appreciation of each members fraternal and personable problems and take constructive steps when possible to help solve those problems. To pay homage to our sick and indistressed members and respect to our deceased brothers.

MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITY. Building membership is a council responsibility and every member should participate actively in this endeavor. Each member should be aware that he is responsible for the building of council strength through recruiting new, able and desirable members.

PUBLIC RELATIONS ACTIVITY consists in getting across a message. Effective communication with the members of each council is by far the most important part of the public relations program. Through the councils Knights Digest, members will know what is going on, this tends to interest members in attending meetings. You should make it a prime concern to get to know the editor and become a part of his staff.

FAMILY ACTIVITY develops a strong motivation for programs to draw families closer together. Here your assistance can be valuable, and you can be near your youngsters by serving on the youth activities program.

Serving on any of the above committees can be very rewarding, it will make you a knowledgeable member and you will certainly get to know many more of your brother knights.

Your new chairmen take office on July 1st.

BE ACTIVE — JOIN THE ACTIVITY

Rocco Corbo
General Chairman

Random Thoughts

With the coming of warm weather, certain subjects come to mind. For example Spring: Spring is the glorious season when the grass grows up along the roadside and hides the discarded beer cans. June is the month when, if you're not wedding, you're weeding. June is also the time when the kids get out of school and into your hair. You can't beat the weather, spring is too rainy and summer's too hot, fall is over too soon and winter is not . . . Grass: There's something perverse about grass; it refuses to grow on your lawn but thrives in the cracks of your sidewalk. If the grass next door is greener, your neighbor has probably plowed more greenbacks into it . . . Picnics: All the essentials for a picnic are bought from home, except the ants. If ants are so busy, how is it that they attend all the picnics? Nothing improves the weather like calling off a picnic . . . Golf: Golf is a game in which the slowest people in the world are those in front of you, and the fastest are those behind. Many a golfer prefers a golf cart to a caddy because it cannot count, criticize or laugh. There are three ways to improve your golf game: take lessons, practice constantly or start cheating. Golf originated as a Scotch game, but now it is often played with Rye. In primitive society, when native tribes beat the ground with clubs and yell it is called witchcraft; in civilized society it is called golf. Some men play golf for the exercise only; others play a good game. A golfer is a man who keeps his elbow straight for eighteen holes, but bends it on the nineteenth. Golf develops a beginners self-control, but caddying for a beginner develops it even more . . . Bathing suits: Some women think bikinis are immodest, while others have beautiful figures. The bathing suit that leaves little to a man's imagination leaves a lot to his self control. Many a bathing suit has led a girl into deep water. A bikini is like a barbed wire fence; it protects the property without obstructing the view . . . Summer: Men stay at a summer resort until their money runs out; women until their clothes run out. Summer is when you ride bumper to bumper to get to the beach, when you sit the same way. Summer's divided into three parts: anticipation, vacation and recuperation.

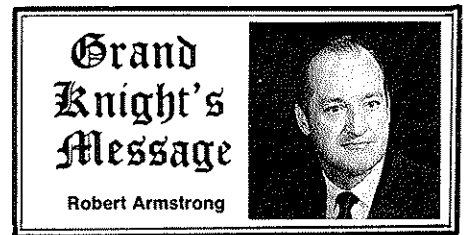
Jim Moran

Awards Night Dinner

Date: June 28, 1971 — Meeting Night
Place: Council Hall

Don't forget this date. Come and enjoy dinner with your brother Knights. A Roast Beef dinner with all the trimmings will be served commencing at 7:30 P.M. Beer included.

Tickets are \$1.50 and are available from Dominick Quagliato, Fraternal Chairman, or at the council lounge. Get your tickets early so the committee can make proper arrangements.



My Brother Knights:

It has been a privilege to have been able to serve you and the council for the past year as Grand Knight. If my year has been a successful one, it is due solely to those who have helped and guided me throughout the year. My deepest and most profound thanks to the Council Officers, the Chairman and their committee's, to the Columbian Club and its Officers as well as those of the Swim Club. But most of all, to you, the members of Union Council go my most heartfelt thanks, for your confidence, support and thoughts which have helped to make our council "second to none."

To the new in-coming Officers, I offer my congratulations and ask your continued support for them as you've done in the past. It is only with your direction and involvement that their efforts can and will succeed. It is your Council and you will get from it only what you place in it. Do you wish it to grow and prosper with good practical Catholic men, men who will be an asset to their community and the Knights of Columbus, then you yourself must set the example, by your standards your attitude and your awareness of others and toward others. Remember the lessons of the degrees' you have taken. practice them in your daily lives and toward all mankind, and pray that God with his infinite wisdom will bless our work and aid us to keep our pledges for His greater glory. It is only with these thoughts in mind that we can only make progress.

Fraternally yours,
Bob Armstrong



A contingent of some of Union Councils' Finest stepping out at the annual Memorial Day Parade.