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JOE HALBING — A KNIGHT OF KNIGHTS

As young men ideals like unity and fraternity seem stronger within us than in later years. When we grow older the realities of life sometimes lower our horizons and we accept less than we should. Only a man strongly dedicated can continue into his senior years still preaching and living the high principles of our order. Union Council #4504 is indeed blessed with such a member. He is Joseph Halbing, age 85, and active in the Knights of Columbus since 1912. This makes him a member of our order for 63 years. Joe joined the order at the Father McGivney Council #29 in Connecticut. The council itself was instituted in 1891. Joe is justly proud of still having his 1912 membership card and will show it to you upon request. In 1919 he transferred to the Orange, New Jersey Council, then later to Hillside, and finally to our Council in Union. Over the years he has served on more committees than he can recall, but remembers well being the chairman of the athletic committee. Joe has been married to his lovely wife for 52 years. In June 1917 he joined the 4th Degree at the John B. Kennedy Assembly of Danbury, Connecticut. Sir Knight Joseph Halbing is now a member of the John F. Kennedy Assembly of the Union area.



On February 7, 1975 a Knighthood Degree was held to honor Joe on his magnificent life long record, of service to our order. He was lead to the front of our Council by the 4th Degree color guard. Former State Deputy Raymond O'Brian presented him with a plaque commemorating the occasion from the officers and members of Union Council. Ray also brought the personal congratulations of our State Deputy James P. Burke and our Supreme Knight John W. McDevitt. G.K. John Winters gave Joe a personal name badge stating he is a life member of the Knights. The Master of the 4th Degree John Murphy made Joe an Honorary Lieutenant of the Color Guard and read a certificate conferring this honor. Thomas Laffey, Faithful Navigator of the JFK Assembly gave Joe the Lieutenants Medallion.
Jim Moran



State Officers Visit 4504

James Conners, State Chairman of the Right to Life Program and Robert Wade State Warden were the principal speakers of our January 27th Meeting.

Mr. Conners spoke briefly on the progress of the anti-abortion bill that several groups are hoping the State Legislature and Congress will pass.

Grand Knight Jack Winters presented Mr. Conners with a check for \$1000.00 to be used to help this worthwhile program.

Warden Robert Wade spoke on a new charitable program that the State plans to get under way shortly. The State Council is asking all councils to help in this program by the Selling of Tootsie Rolls. Proceeds will be used to help the mentally retarded in the State of New Jersey. Sale of the Tootsie Rolls to be held on April 18 and 19. Remember these dates, do your part.
Ken Pinney

WANTED

"Snack Bar" Manager

Union Council K of C 4504 Columbian Club will accept bids for the management of the Columbian Club's "Snack Bar" for the 1975 Swim Club season. The party or parties who would submit a bid should consider that the "Snack Bar" must be opened for approximately 85 days, hours will be from 12 Noon until 9 p.m.

"Clean Up Man"

For our patio and picnic area during our 1975 Swim Club season. This job is also a paid position. The job basically consists of cleaning and raking the picnic area, cleaning and washing down the patio area and cleaning the rest rooms in the picnic area.

Interested parties for either job must contact the following committee members as soon as possible:

Pete Kozloski 688-4035
Jack Bruno 687-3452
Art Reimers 688-4640

Grand Knight's Message

John Winters



My Brother Knights:

In just a few short weeks the State Council K of C will undertake one of the largest charitable endeavors in its history. It is the intention of our State Deputy, James P. Burke, to unite and solicit the support and cooperation of every council in this state for the express purpose of raising money to aid the mentally retarded children in the state of New Jersey. He has tagged this campaign "Operation Tootsie Roll".

At a recent business meeting the State Warden, Robert F. Wade, took time from his hectic schedule to enlighten the membership as to the mechanics of this campaign. The above program will explain what the Knights of Columbus do for people in need and that it is a charitable organization.

At the last Grand Knights meeting I heard the outline of the plan by the State Deputy which may well bring about the re-birth of the principles of our honored order.

The reception of this plan by the Grand Knights was overwhelming support. I am at this time asking the help and support of every brother knight, his wife and family to join with me in the unbounding determination to see that Union Council fulfills its mission in this campaign.

These children are not deranged mental cases they are just slow to learn but with the proper instruction and guidance they can become part of our society and become a productive human being. To accomplish this they need our help and support. Do your part. I ask only your time in making this your personal responsibility.

The dates for "Operation Tootsie Roll" will be April 18th and 19th. Please make every effort to assist in this challenge.

On behalf of myself, my wife Betty and my entire slate of officers I want to wish my brothers and their families a Happy and Holy Easter.

Fraternally yours,
John J. Winters
Grand Knight

Chaplain's Night

FRIDAY, MARCH 14TH—7:30 P.M.
COUNCIL HOME
ENTIRE FAMILY INVITED
BRING THE CHILDREN, WIVES,
MOTHERS AND FATHERS.

INDOCTRINATION NIGHT FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 21ST

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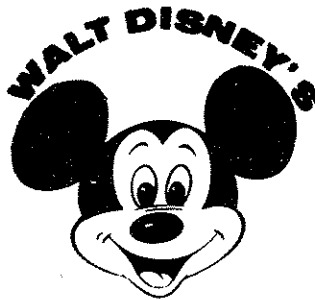
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Zippety-do-dah — Union Council will do it again! Our 4th Annual Revue, "A Knight in a Magic Kingdom" will center around the Walt Disney theme. A musical extravaganza in characterizations that only Disney can present. The show will be directed by Joseph Ruddy. Music director will be Enrico Farro, Set Director is Sam Bruzzi and General Chairman is Barney Capriglione.

Jiminy Cricket! Anyone who would like to participate in the show is welcome to join the group any Sunday evening at the Council. Rehearsals are now in progress.

Won't you come to the "Magic Kingdom" at Burnet Jr. High on April 4 and 5, 1975? Tickets are available this week at the low, low price of \$3.00 for adults, \$2.00 for students, children, and senior citizens.

So, don't miss an enjoyable and enchanting evening for the entire family.

Brother of the Wind,

Bill Patania

Tickets:

Fountain Realty

2116 Morris Avenue, Union — 964-3143

Bill Garage

1477 Ridgeway Rd., Union — 964-0751

Council Home after 7:30.

Youth Foul Shooting Tournament

On the evening of January 2 we held our first basketball foul shooting contest at Battle Hill School. There were twenty contestants ranging in age from 9 thru 14. Both boys and girls participated. We had all types and styles of shooting, overhand, underhand, one handed, two handed, and a few new to us. I feel win, or lose it was a fun experience for the kids, and may be this will lead to future ideas. One contestant shot 9 for 10, and others ranged from 8 for 10 on down to 1 for 10, and none for 10. The children were awarded prizes on January 27 at the council home. Eligible contestants will be notified when the state tournament date is set. The winners of their respective age groups were:

Mike Scalgione — 14 Judy Cantalupo — 14
 Dan Scalgione — 13 Mary Beth Rennie — 13
 Jim Moeltner — 12 Kathy O'Connor — 12
 Anthony Defede — 10 Darlene Saenger — 9

Dan Neroda,
 Bruce Bentz

Swim Club

Second notice is given to all swim club members that dues, for the '75 season, are and must be payable prior to April 1st. (\$10.00 penalty added after April 1st).

Also, any changes in your family status should be reported to William Taylor so that proper badge accommodations can be made.

John Killian, President

Take Another Look

My Brother Knights:

We have completed Phase 1 of our goal toward improvement and expansion of your Columbian Club. Through a concerted effort by a large contingency of Knights who gave of their time and skills the initial stage has been completed. If you haven't viewed the enlarged council hall; please do so and you will be surprised to see the accomplishment.

Unquestionably, the enlargement has given courage to the fact that now more members can avail themselves of our social activities and other functions held at the hall because of its expanded size.

We call your attention to the 2nd Phase of expansion and improvement which tends to diminish the size of this newly expanded area by inserting into the present structure a series of separate offices. Future planning shows that the eventual completion of the expansion shows that the hall will be the same size as before any expansion was made.

We feel that this requires a new look as to whether this is a proper advancement toward our objective. An expression of concern has already been voiced on the council floor.

We feel that it should be of interest to all the members to make their presence known on March 10, 1975 when those members that have taken another look will voice their opinion regarding this next phase. Your interests as Brother Knights can be shown by your attendance at this meeting to hear your brothers who have taken another look.

A flexible view of further expansion of the Columbian Club should be shared by all the members; and that continued improvements of our council become a part of us. Although the 2nd phase of operations toward improvement is part of an acceptable plan, surely, there must be room for readjustment and revision if deemed feasible.

"EXPAND WE'RE ALL FOR IT"

Take another look.

Join us on March 10th.

Your Brother Knight

Andy Tobia

Youth Activity Spelling Bee

With spring coming along, it's spelling bee time again. On Sunday, March 9th at 2 p.m., at our council home we will hold our council level spelling bee competition. All eight grade students are invited to compete, boys and girls. The winner will be invited to compete in the county competition, representing Union Council. Last year's winner was a girl, so lets see more boys out this year. We cordially invite all the parents to come and support the children.

Cheerleading Contest

Union council's youth committee is having its first, a cheerleading contest at the council home on Sunday, March 23rd at 2 p.m. All 7th and 8th grade cheerleading squads are invited. This will be open competition, between the squads, with the winner going on to the state competition in April. We are once again asking parents to support the children. Don't sit at home, show them you care.

Dan Neroda

Calendar of Events

COMING EVENTS

Mar. 9 Spelling Bee
 Mar. 14 Chaplain's Night
 Mar. 16. 4th — Communion Breakfast
 9:05 St. Michael's Church
 Mar. 22 Easter Egg Hunt
 Mar. 22 State Bowling
 Mar. 23 Cheerleaders
 Mar. 30 Easter
 Apr. 4, 5 Show Time
 Apr. 5 Work Party Begins
 Apr. 6... Children's Bowling Banquet
 Apr. 12 Grand Ball
 Apr. 13 4th Degree
 Exemption
 Apr. 18, 19 Tootsie Roll Contest
 Apr. 20 Family Communion Mass

MONTHLY MEETINGS

1st Mon. Council Officers
 2nd & 4th Mon. Regular Council
 3rd Mon. Swim Club
 1st Tues. Cub Scout Fathers
 3rd Tues. P.B.A.
 3rd Tues. Girls Club Officers
 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

Grand Ball 1975

APRIL 12TH THE GRAND DADDY OF THEM ALL.

HAWAIIAN

COCKTAIL HOUR

DANCING 9:00 P.M. TO 1:30 A.M.

\$18.00 PER COUPLE

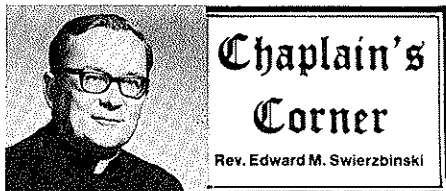
DRESS HAWAIIAN

RESERVATIONS:

VINCE IANNUZZI — 687-9381

Special Notice

John Killian, swim club president, announces that bids for a gate attendant (during the swim season), are now being accepted. Early responses necessary.



Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Edward M. Swierzbinski

Did you see where that politician got his marriage invalidated? Boy! It pays to have influence and/or money! This was heard in many Knights' homes and hangouts recently.

This is a symptom of something which always bothered me. We are quick to see the worst in everything.

We don't give anyone the credit of being at least as smart, or as good, or as well intentioned as we are.

I have worked in our Diocesan Tribunal for 15 years — There are some things that I wasn't happy with. But these were only a very few cases where the panel of judges made decisions based on evidence which everyone didn't agree with completely. None of these judgments were influenced by position or money. But without hesitation I want to state publicly that in over 15 years I never met a more dedicated, compassionate bunch of priests who acted with sincerity and expertise to discover the truth. They were always interested in helping the people. The same can be said of Manhattan and Brooklyn.

But I don't want to get hung up on this one case — the point I want to make is — how about changing our attitudes. For this Lent and for our lives.

May the Knights and their families see good not evil. See the Lent in situations and people not the worst. Praise — do not judge.

We will only be doing what Jesus, Our Lord and God did — He never condemned or judged — He encouraged and forgave.

Remember the woman at the well in Samaria "I have no husband" Jesus replied, "I know you have had five men — go and sin no more". Or more concretely — Jesus said, "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone."

And no one was able to throw the first stone. Remember that — Are you without sin? Could you cast the first stone? "Go and sin no more!"

Father Ed

Swim Club Dance

The Twelfth Annual Swim Club Dance was held on Saturday, January 25 with 220 members and their wives in attendance.

Cocktails were served from 7:30 until 8:00 with a Prime Rib Dinner with all the trimmings served shortly thereafter.

Swim Club President John Kilian announced that the membership, to the pool, was increased from 360 to 380 families, also, that the first work party would commence at the beginning of April.

The highlight of the evening was the awarding of a free year membership to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Herrigty.

Thanks to the Committee of Rocco Corbo, Herbie Kay and Pete Martin for another successful affair.

Ken Pinney

History of the Order

Knights of Columbus Observe 93rd Anniversary March 29, 1975

March 29, 1882, was a significant date in the annals of North American fraternal societies.

It was the day on which the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut granted the charter to the Knights of Columbus, "for the purpose of rendering mutual aid and assistance to its members and their families."

It was also a glorious day in the life of a young Catholic priest, the Reverend Michael J. McGivney, curate of St. Mary's Parish in New Haven, for it marked the fulfillment of his dream to unite Catholic men in a society through which they might advance the ideals of their Faith.

Father McGivney called together in the parish rectory on January 9, 1882, a small group of young men in whom he had confidence. He described the need for Catholic men to organize and the many possibilities such organization offered. They all agreed with him that the time had come to launch a fraternal society founded upon the ideals and having the objectives suggested by the young priest.

In general, the objectives were to provide a system of fraternal insurance to care for the widows and orphans of members; to provide fellowship among the members, to aid the cause of religion, and to perform charitable, educational and patriotic work for the benefit of their fellow men and their nation.

On February 6, 1882, the name Knights of Columbus was chosen and the decision made to apply to the state for a charter.

The early officers and founders of the Order felt, in the preliminary meetings, that the name of the new organization should relate to the Catholic Discoverer of America — to emphasize the fact that Catholics discovered, explored and colonized the North American continent and that it should embody Knightly ideals of service to Church, Country and fellow-man.

Charter from Connecticut

The following excerpts from the charter set forth briefly the purposes of the Order:

"RESOLVED, By this Assembly that Reverend Michael J. McGivney, Matthew C. O'Connor, Cornelius T. Driscoll, James T. Mullen, John T. Kerrigan, Daniel Cowell and William M. Geary and all other persons in the society with them under the name of the Knights of Columbus, together with all such persons as may hereafter become associated with them, and their successors, are constituted a body corporate and politic by the name of the Knights of Columbus for the following purposes:

"(a) of rendering pecuniary aid to its members and beneficiaries of members;

"(b) of rendering mutual aid and assistance to its sick and disabled members;

"(c) of promoting such social and cultural intercourse among its members as shall be desirable and proper;

"(d) of promoting and conducting educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and public relief

Knight of the Month



P.G.K. MICHAEL TOMKO

Our Knight of the Month for March is a most likable fellow who is a congenial, level headed asset to our Council. Mike Tomko our Grand Knight of 1973-74 has rolled up his sleeves and can now be seen amongst the working parties or as a volunteer bartender. Mike can also be found periodically assisting in the kitchen or at the swim club patio parties. He has served on various committees presently on the Retention Committee and as a Council Trustee.

Mike and his lovely wife Helen are the proud parents of three daughters, Helen Goodrich, Patricia Lindenman and Diane. They are communicants of St. Michaels Church, Union. Mike is a past president of the Holy Name Society.

Mike is employed at the Norris Industries, Newark.

It is befitting at this time to add to our list of Knights of the Month the name of P.G.K. Michael Tomko "Knight of the Month — February 1975, Union Council #4504."

Cardinal's Corner

The Annual Communion and Breakfast of the J.F.K. Assembly will be held on March 16. Mass will be held in the lower Church at St. Michael's, Union at 9:05 a.m. Breakfast will follow at the Union Council Hall. There will be a full breakfast at a cost of \$2.50 per adult and \$2.00 per child. Chairman S.K. Ray Sullivan has obtained an outstanding speaker, Msgr. Richard McGuinness, Director of Permanent Diaconate Program and Director of the Mount Carmel Guild for the Archdiocese of Newark. Please contact Ray Sullivan (687-9079) or the undersigned for tickets.

The Exemplification will take place on April 13, 1975 at the Robert Treat Hotel in Newark. Please submit the names of all new candidates as soon as possible. The dinner and ball will cost \$13.50 per person. For further information, please contact the undersigned.

Reminder — have you sent in your dues?

S.K. Charles Kraemer
964-7261

work."

Father McGivney and his associates laid the foundations well. They fixed high standards for membership and established sound principles for the guidance of the members. They formulated rules and incorporated into them standards of conduct they regarded as vital to the achievement of the Order's ideals.

As Reported by John Yaccarine
March, 1974, The Cavalcade