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Linfante Honored



On Saturday, December 20, 1975 the Columbian Club held their annual Appreciation Night. Gifts were presented to Lelio Linfante in recognition for a job well done as the Past Columbian Club President. Clifford Morris was the Master of Ceremonies and did an outstanding job as always.

Plaques for outstanding services and many long hours contributed to the Columbian Club throughout the past year were presented to Edwin Vogel, Walter Wasowski, William Taylor, Dominick Clementoni, Clifford Morris and Frank Dickerson, Sr.

It was a well enjoyed and deserving evening for all the Brothers who participated in giving their time to the Columbian Club.

Once again, Thank You Brothers.

Peter Kozloski
President Columbian Club

Cardinal's Corner

On January 16, 1976 Renewal of Obligations will be held at the Elks Club, 116 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, N.J. The host will be Watchung General Assembly. Please keep this important date in mind.

The Exemplification of the Fourth Degree this year will be held on February 22, 1976 at the Robert Treat Hotel in Newark. All applications must be in by February 8. For further information contact any officer of the Assembly or the undersigned.

Color Corps News

Company Q would like to wish Lt. Commander Patrick Cusick of the 4th Battalion, who is retiring, all good wishes for success in Florida.

Charles Kraemer
964-7261

Plans For Tootsie Roll Campaign Underway



Left to right: G.K. Andy Popp, Rev. Salvatore Citarella, Father Palasits, D.G.K. Jim Moran, Father Ed.

Union Council at it's annual Christmas Dinner, December 8th, presented two checks for the aid and advancement of Exceptional Children. Grand Knight, Andrew Popp, presented two checks in the amount of \$890.00, to the Rev. Salvatore Citarella, Assistant Director of the Mount Carmel Guild, and to Mrs. Cohen, the Executive Director for the Union County Association for retarded children.

Father Citarella, a brother knight, thanked all the brothers for their charitable work and the advancement of Columbianism. Mrs. Cohen lauded the Knights of Columbus for their fine work in behalf of the retarded children.

The next state drive will be April 9 and 10, 1976. Please plan to participate and help make the 1976 Tootsie Roll Campaign a bigger success.

Swim Club

SWIM CLUB NEWS

Although we are five full months away from the opening of the 1976 swim season, January is a very active time for the Swim Club Board of Governors. Listed below for your information are some dates to remember, some plans for the future, and facts to consider for the annual meeting.

DUES

The Board of Governors are happy to announce that the annual dues will remain at \$65.00 per family for the 1976 season. Dues are payable between January 1 and April 1, 1976. Anyone paying dues after April will be assessed an additional \$10.00 per family. Please take note of this fact as it constitutes notice that dues are payable during that period.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the general membership will be held on Friday, January 16th, 1976 at 8:00 p.m. We urge all members to attend. This is your opportunity to express your ideas and feelings to aid the Swim Club Directors in the operation of the Swim Club for

the enjoyment of all.

The Nominating Committee, after many hours of debate, has nominated as Directors for three year terms Brothers Peter Martin, James Ford and Gene Lecompte.

A proposal shall be brought before the body of membership to add 20 additional families to the swim club rolls. After careful consideration, the directors feel there is room for 20 new members without harming our operation.

ANNUAL DANCE

The swim club dance will be held on Saturday, January 24th, 1976. Cost \$11.00 per person. The theme of this year's dance will be Country Western. Dress will be the same. Make your reservations early. Cutoff is 250 people. (Swim Club members only.)

Cocktail Hour — 7:30 to 8:30

Floor Show — 8:30 to 9:00

Dinner (Family Style) — 9:00 p.m.

Dancing till 1:00 a.m.

Reservations: Vince Iannuzzi — 687-9381.

J. Kilian, President

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Calendar of Events

Jan. 9 Communion Supper
(Chaplain's Night)
Jan. 16 Swim Club
Annual Meeting
Jan. 22 Basketball Free Throw
Contest
Jan. 24 Swim Club Dance
Feb. 6 Formation of Conscience
(Chaplain's Night)
Feb. 22 Exemption —
4th Degree
Mar. 5 Sacrament of Penance
'76 Style
(Chaplain's Night)

MONTHLY MEETINGS

1st Mon. Council Officers
2nd & 4th Mon. Regular Council
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

Wear The Emblem

Every loyal and patriotic citizen is proud and happy to fly his country's flag. It expresses gratitude for the benefits he has received from his citizenship.

Likewise every member of the order should be proud and delighted to wear the emblem of the Knights of Columbus. It is a sign of gratitude for the blessings of fraternity and deeper Catholic commitment which come to him from membership.

While it is a natural act of pride for regular members to wear the emblem it becomes a duty of leadership for council officials to wear it openly. This is particularly true when they participate in official functions where photographs are taken.

Wearing the Third or Fourth-Degree emblems is a sign of pride in your fraternal society, an example to other members and an aid to public relations.



Originally it was planned to construct an article of thanks to the "Saturs", Chairman Frank Dickerson, Sr. and to those brothers and their guest who partook in the testimonial honoring P.G.K. Robert Armstrong. However, we received a personal letter of thanks from Bob and decided to have it printed verbatim exactly as written in his letter.

OVERWHELMED

That's what my family and I were, on Friday evening, November 14th by the warmth and friendship extended to us. It was an evening that we shall always remember.

It was impossible to personally thank each of you then, so we are taking this opportunity to do so now. Our deepest most sincere heartfelt thanks to anyone, who in anyway contributed to the success of that evening, and to the committee who made it all possible, "The Satours".

May God continue to show His blessings and love on you all.

Bob Armstrong and Family

Needed — Transplant

You are born with two kidneys, each about the size of your fist. They perform the life-saving function essential to your body — filtering all impurities from your blood.

Unbelievable as it may seem, you can lead a normal life with only a small portion of each kidney functioning. However, when even that small amount of function ceases, there are only two methods in which your life can be saved. The first method used is the Dialysis machine, which filters your blood in place of your kidneys. This treatment lasts about four to five hours and is done three times a week for the rest of your life.

One of the greatest medical breakthroughs — kidney transplants — is the second method of saving a kidney patient's life. If a patient is lucky enough to have a relative with a matching kidney, this kidney is used as a transplant, usually with a great deal of success. If a matching kidney is not available from a relative, then you have to wait for a "donor" kidney. Fortunately, there are a great number of people becoming aware of this problem and more people are donating their kidneys after death. This is done by signing and carrying a donor's card.

Don't say, "Let somebody else do it." Twenty-one thousand people, in New Jersey, are now on kidney machines waiting transplants. Only we can help by carrying donor cards. Donor cards are available at the Council. Pick up one from the Chaplain or Officers.

**TRANSPLANT KIDNEYS,
DON'T BURY THEM!**

Grand Knight's Message

Andrew Popp



Dear Brothers,

The season of Advent, which is the beginning of the Church year and New Years Day, the beginning of our calendar year have just past and we look forward to a new start in our lives.

Here in our council the officers and I are looking at the future of Union Council. We are taking into account all of the successful ventures of the past, and keeping in mind our failures. Long range planning for the years to come will be that goal.

This year we have advanced the spirit of the Knights of Columbus once again. In order to continue, we must advance our Catholic Activities project, and promote charitable works, invite qualified men to join our ranks.

Union Council is no longer a small subordinate council. Union has the second largest membership in the state. We have some of the best programs and extend more to our brothers than other councils. Yes, we do have our faults, but if we all work together to correct these faults and continue to expand our good works, the year 1976 will be a better year than last.

Friday, January 9, 1976, is our Communion Supper. This will be co-sponsored with the Catholic Daughters. Start the new year off on the right foot, and pick up tickets from Henry Mey. I hope to see you then.

Thanks to Cliff Morris and his committee for a wonderful Anniversary Dance. Also, to Mort Picone and his committee for the best Christmas Dinner meeting ever.

Yours in Christ,
Andrew F. Popp
Grand Knight

Editor's Corner

RESOLUTIONS 1976

Acknowledging that fact that no one will ever get out of this world alive. Therefore; resolve in the year to come to maintain a sense of values.

Take care of yourself. Good health is everyone's major source of wealth.

Resolve to be **cheerful** and helpful. People will repay you in kind.

Resolve to be **charitable** enough to see some good in your neighbor.

Resolve to have enough **love** to move you to be useful enough and helpful enough to others.

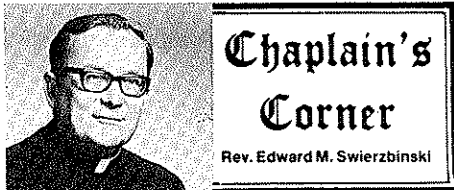
Resolve to be **patient** enough to toil until some good is accomplished.

Resolve to be **graceful** enough to confess your sins and forsake them.

Resolve to have **faith** enough to make real the things of God.

Resolve this year to **love** someone you didn't love last year.

Resolve to be **tender** with the young, **compassionate** with the aged, **sympathetic** with the striving and **tolerant** of the weak and the wrong. Sometime in life you will have been all of these.



Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Edward M. Swierzbinski

"The Hiding Place" is a book about a Dutch family that tried to save Jews from Nazi persecution during World War II. The family, itself, was caught; put into concentration camps and they suffered a great deal.

Carrie Len Bloom, one of the daughters, is still alive and was once asked how she could speak of such a horrible experience with calmness and almost joy. She answered, "But this is what the past is for! Every experience God gives us, every person He puts into our lives is the perfect preparation for the future that only He can see." Every experience, every person that touches our lives influences us in some way — hopefully oriented towards the good — union with God.

At the end of one year and the beginning of another let's look back without regret but honestly. What missed opportunities there were for shared prayer, love, sensitivity to one another's need, service!

Let's look ahead with hope and faith — sieze the chance to come together for prayer, to serve, to love — to truly be brothers and sisters.

Se you at the Mass on First Fridays and many other times so that we can truly glorify God, Our Father.

Father Ed

Communion Supper

Chaplain's night for the start of the new year 1976 will be held on Friday evening, January 9 starting at 7:30 p.m.

This program will be unique in that it will be a joint venture of the Knights of Columbus Council 4504 and Court Immaculate Heart of Mary #1360 Catholic Daughters of America. The Catholic Daughters and their husbands along with the K of C members and their wives will join in a celebration of Holy Mass and Communion followed by a roast beef supper.

The Catholic Daughters graciously accepted an invitation by our worthy Grand Knight Andy Popp and Chaplain Rev. Edward Swierzbinski to join the K of C in formulating plans for this event. They will donate the dessert and help serve.

The supper will honor the area chaplains of the Catholic Daughters and the Knights of Columbus for their much needed guidance and support. Our local parish priests will also be honored. We will honor priesthood in general — those who have helped us in our life.

Guest speaker for the evening will be His Excellency, Bishop Costello.

Tickets are only \$2.50 each and can be obtained by calling me at my home 687-1249. Deadline for sale of tickets is Jan. 5, 1976, so please obtain them early.

Henry Mey
Catholic Activities Chairman

Memories

Some notes gleaned from the first recorded minutes of Union Council, dated Nov. 25, 1957: Anyone interested in bowling was invited to contact Al Dietlein, as plans for this sport were already in the making. It was agreed to purchase 300 Christmas posters depicting the Child Jesus in the arms of Mary and bearing the inscription "Keep Christ in Christmas". The posters were to be displayed in the windows of homes and stores as soon as received.

It was agreed to purchase an addressograph for the Recorder.

December 2, 1957 was declared the official date of the organization of Union Council #4504. Recorder Tom Crimmins made the following notation in the minutes: Please God let it grow and prosper. This was followed by noting the names and addresses of the seventeen members of Father Canty Council, Hillside, who were permitted to transfer to Union Council for organization purposes. The names of those members are as follows: George A. Arnold, Edward J. Brennan, James J. Cappeto, D.D.S., James J. Connell, Thomas M. Crimmins, William T. Conry, William S. Darrow, Alvin A. Dietlein, Joseph W. Gaynor, Victor J. Gorman, Howard R. Leary, Charles L. Lynch, Edward M. Mayer, D.D.S., Thomas W. McCann, Andrew J. McCarrick, James A. Mahon, Edward J. Olswelski.

Most of the other Brothers recruited for Father Canty Council by Jim Connell and the rest of his twelve Apostles for the express purpose of staffing a new council in Union, transferred at a later date. The State Council had decreed that it would have been grossly unjust to permit a mass exodus of some fifty members from Hillside.

Is there any doubt in anyone's mind that Tom Crimmins' prayer was answered?

PGK Bill Taylor



Program director Andy Tobia solves the pollution problems by presenting brother Ed Stanack with a smoke mask, thus, enabling And and other brothers the satisfaction of smoking during meetings.

Family Bowling

On Sunday afternoon, December 7th the father-son, father-daughter annual bowling day was sponsored. What a wonderful way to enjoy an afternoon of family togetherness. In all, 48 prospective bowlers attended this wonderful day at the Four Seasons Play and Recreation Center.

Participating players included officers of our Council, Grand Knight Andy Popp, P.G.K. Dominic Clementoni and Treasurer Julius Kiss.

Knight of the Month



BARNEY CAPRIGLIONE
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"Where Hospitality Flows". That's his motto.

Our Knight of the Month P.G.K. Barney Capriglione. Barney, rightfully deserving of this title has been active in many phases of our Council. He took an active part in our Blood Bank, Campaigns, was active in Fraternal Activities, worked as an interviewer on the Admission Committee, is and has been for many years a council bartender, served as the Public Relations Chairman, Digest Editor and General Chairman of the fabulous Musical Shows sponsored by our Council.

Barney is the owner of the Fountain Realty Company located on Morris Ave., Union. He and his lovely wife Myrtle are the parents of three children, Barbara, Lynne and Barney, Jr. They reside on Austin Road and are communicants of St. Michaels Church where Barney is a Commentator during Mass.

A reward long in the making, it is indeed befitting to add to our list of "Knight of the Month" for January 1976 the name of Past Grand Knight, Brother Barney Capriglione.

Christmas Dinner Meeting

The annual Christmas dinner meeting held on December 8th was a huge "success". I would like to thank each of you who attended this gala affair, because it was your support that made this dinner the success that it was. My heartiest thanks extends to my co-chairman Joseph Saenger, to Ed Vogel and the kitchen staff who prepared the delicious ham steak dinner, to those who served the dinner, and to those of the restoration committee. And last but certainly not least to the Columbian Club for their generous assistance with the refreshments and for their facilities.

Thank you again.

Fraternal Chairman
Mort Picone

Youth Free Throw Basketball

Scheduled for Thursday evening, January 22, 1976 at Battle Hill School, Union.

Brothers bring along all those sharpshooters of boys and girls between the ages of 8-14, you may have a future professional in your household. This is our second annual contest and should be an improvement over last year. The contest commences at 7:30 p.m. sharp and will end at approximately 9:00 p.m. See you then.

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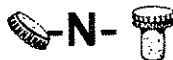
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