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WORK PARTY DOES IT AGAIN!

Many Thanks

Pictured here are some of the men who attended our work parties to help get the pool in shape for our Memorial Day opening.

Looking at the overall picture, these fellows again have done a tremendous job; the grass is green, a new fence is up, and everything is newly painted.

Our thanks goes to you, Bill Renner, chairman of the work parties, and to all those who helped you in one way or another in beautifying our Council grounds.



General MacArthur's Prayer

"Build me a son, O Lord, who will be strong enough to know when he is weak, and brave enough to face himself when he is afraid; one who will be proud and unbending in honest defeat, and humble and gentle in victory.

"Build me a son whose wishes will not take the place of deeds; a son who will know Thee — and that to know himself is the foundation stone of knowledge.

"Lead him, I pray, not in the path of ease and comfort, but under the stress and spur of difficulties and challenge. Here let him learn to stand up in the storm; here let him learn compassion for those who fail.

"Build me a son whose heart will be clear, whose goal will be high; a son who will master himself before he seeks to master other men; one who will reach into the future, yet never forget the past.

"And after all these things are his, add, I pray, enough of a sense of humor, so that he may always be serious, yet never take himself too seriously. Give him humility, so that he may always remember the simplicity of true greatness, the open mind of true wisdom, and the meekness of true strength.

"Then, I, his father, will dare to whisper, 'I have not lived in vain.'"

DOUGLAS MACARTHUR, Philippine Islands, 1942

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CALENDAR

JUNE 8—Meeting — Election of Officers
 JUNE 14—Flag Day
 (Fly Your Flag)
 JUNE 22—Awards Dinner
 JUNE 28—Runnels Hospital

News Item

Sal Tavaglione's daughter-in-law, Mrs. Nicholas Tavaglione, had a baby girl in April.

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MEMORIUM

JOSEPH GIRGENTI

Random Thoughts

Honesty is the best policy, but it's amazing how many people are satisfied with less than the best . . . You can't blame today's taxpayer for feeling that he's his brothers keeper . . . Boy handing his report card to parent, "Look this over and see if I can sue for defamation of character" . . . Patience is the ability to idle your motor, when you feel more like stripping your gears . . . People differ. Some object to the fan dancer, and others to the fan . . . Members of the Columbus Memorial Society, most of whom have indicated their preference for cremation, must have been surprised to find a typographical error in a membership letter they received. They were addressed as "Dear Embler" . . . A man holding the ladder firmly at the bottom is about as important as the man at the top . . . Money isn't everything, but enough of it surely would be something . . . Growing old is only a state of mind —brought on by gray hairs, false teeth, wrinkles, a big belly, short breath, and an all-over feeling of being constantly and totally pooped! . . . A new reducing drug is called self-denial . . . As President, Herbert Hoover turned back all his salary to the government. In those days, it was quite an event. Today we all return our salaries to the government and nobody thinks much about it . . . You cannot plan the future simply by avoiding the mistakes of the past. Each age makes its own mistakes . . . A lady in Connecticut called the telephone company and said she wanted an unlisted area code . . . Sending a youngster through college these days is very educational. It teaches his parents to do without a lot of things . . . A British doctor has suggested a way to quit smoking—get a job in a gun-powder factory . . . In these days of bikinis, miniskirts and low cut gowns, it takes real concentration for a man to look a woman in the eye . . . Failure is usually the line of least persistence . . . Its better to be awide-awake ugly, than a sleeping beauty . . . The pleasure of life is according to the man that lives it, and not according to the work or place.

Jim Moran

Welcome to Our Council

The following men took their admission degrees on May 25th:

Philip Bollaro
 Vincent A. Emanuel
 Joseph A. Petrick
 Frank W. Rafferty
 Clifford J. Dickens
 Edward G. Gabelmann

Knight of the Month



The Knight of the Month for May is Walter Guthreau. He is one of the most dedicated members of Union Council #4504.

Besides bartending and working on many kitchen committees, Walter also is on the Board of Directors of the Columbian Club. He has also contributed his carpentry skills to many projects around the Knights and the Swim Club.

For the past 30 years Walter has worked as a carpenter out of the Essex County Carpenters Union Local 1209. He is an officer of his Local in the capacity of Recording Secretary.

Walter and his wife Helen reside at 2577 Juliet Place, Union with their two children, Gary, who is a senior at Union Catholic Boys' High School and Janice, a freshman at Union Catholic Girls' High School.

Walter is a communicant of St. Joseph's Church, Maplewood, N. J.

There is no doubt that the honor is most worthily deserved by him. The officers and members unanimously congratulate you Walt for your loyalty and good deeds.

Awards Dinner

On Monday, June 22nd, we will hold our Annual Awards Dinner, at which time we will honor all those men who gave so much of themselves to the Council. Dinner will begin at 7:30 P.M. with roast beef and all the trimmings for the very low cost of \$1.50 per man. Come and enjoy the cooking of Chef Walter and his crew. It is sure to be excellent.

Don't wait until the last minute; get your ticket now. See Rocco Corbo, our Fraternal Activities Chairman, so we can plan enough to insure that every man will get a fair portion. After dinner, we will hold a regular meeting. Be sure to attend so that we can show proper respect to the recipients of the Council Awards.



I thank the members and their wives who came to Atlantic City for the Annual State Convention in support of Past Grand Knight, Henry Scarbeck and myself. Our appreciation goes to the Convention Committee who afforded us a memorable weekend.

The convention was highlighted by the presence of Brother John W. McDevitt, the Supreme Knight. It was the first time a presiding Supreme Knight visited the New Jersey convention. The Supreme Knight addressed the convention and we all left with the feeling the order is in good hands. On Friday night the ladies were treated to a presentation of Guys and Dolls performed by the members of Blessed Sacrament Council 4816 and Holy Child Council 3532.

There were two resolutions brought before the convention that deserve your personal attention. The first, your opposition to New Jersey Bill A762 which would legalize in New Jersey the undue abortive attacks on the innocent unborn.

The second, requesting your support for Bill 1078 in support for secular education in non-public schools in the state.

To all the members who did not attend this year or anytime in the past, we extend an invitation to make plans for next year.

Conserve Water

Take showers instead of baths—the usual bath requires 36 gal., the usual shower 25 gal.; 20 gal. is enough for a bath, 10 gal. is enough for a shower if you turn it off while you lather.

Turn the water off while you're shaving—a running tap shave uses about 20 gals., and besides it will steam up your mirror.

THOUGHTS TO PONDER Are The Kids Really To Blame?

We read in the paper, we hear on the air

Of killing and stealing and crime everywhere;

We sigh and we say, as we notice the trend,

This young generation . . . where will it end?

But can we be sure it's their fault alone?

To much money to spend; too much idle time;

Too many movies of passion and crime;

Too many books not fit to be read;

Too much evil in what they hear said;

Too many kids encouraged to roam;

Too many parents who don't stay at home.

Youth doesn't make the movies; they don't write the books

That paint the gay pictures of gangsters and crooks.

They don't make the liquor, they don't run the bars;

They don't make the laws and they don't make the cars.

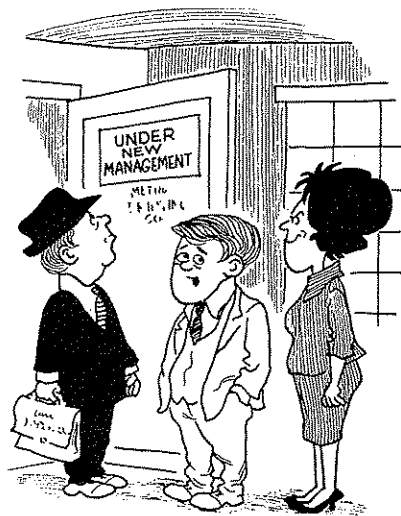
They don't make the drugs that idle the brain.

It's all done by older folks, greedy for gain.

And how many cases, we find that it's true . . .

The label, "Delinquency" . . . fits older folks, too!

from
Weekly Administrative Bulletin
Chicago Park District



"Not the business . . . just ME!"



Prayer is responding to God with mind and heart. A man must pray if he is to be or remain human. Much more so must he pray, if he is to be or remain a sharer in the divine nature, or a son of God. Man must pray as an individual. He must also pray as a member of society. At one and the same time he is individual and social. God wants him to pray in both capacities. The Savior taught this by Word and example: to go apart and pray alone, and also to pray in community (Our Father . . .).

The Christian way and the best way of prayer is in and with the Church. To pray with Christ: this is true community prayer. Faith tells us this is not only possible but a fact. We are the Church, the people who are baptized. We are the Body of Christ. We gather as a community to celebrate the Eucharist of the Lord. Here in community the Holy Spirit teaches us how to pray, what to pray for. The Council (Vatican II) following Pius XII (Mediator Dei) teaches that this way of prayer is the highest prayer. We have no difficulty seeing the point, provided we see in faith that we are praying with Christ.

The Savior once said, "No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 4:6). This applies also to prayer. We go to the Father with and through Christ. This points out the way for a new spirituality in modern times: to get Christians to pray together in and with Christ. His prayer is essential in our time of crisis. United with Christ in that prayer, the Christian will develop a new contemplative spirit. Contemplation is for all, since it is the normal flowering of one's baptismal grace. Faith and grace unfold with prayer, with the best kind of prayer. No one can live without Christ. No one can bypass the incarnation. No one can bypass Christ praying in the liturgy of the Church's prayer.

The Christian who prays with Christ will discover that Christ reveals himself and the Father to him. If he gives himself fully to this way of prayer, God will pick him up in His good time, and give him the fuller realization and experience of his faith and love and grace. This means living the mystery of Christ, living in the special Presence of Christ.

Father Palasits