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- THE SINGING IRISH -

The committee for the University of Notre Dame Glee Club concert held its first meeting on Friday evening, October 17th at the Council home.

As previously announced, this outstanding cultural event will be held on Monday evening, February 2nd, 1970 at Union High School.

The committee under Chairman Walter Wasowski P.G.K. decided to have an advance distribution of tickets to the council membership prior to the public sale. This will enable Union Council members to obtain tickets for themselves, friends and relatives.

To many people, the mention of The University of Notre Dame brings to mind outstanding football teams, but to thousands of others who have heard the performances of The Notre Dame Glee Club, it is the "Voice of the Fighting Irish" which they think of.

The Club, which was organized in 1915 by twelve students who were the originators of the group's informal songfest tradition, has traveled from Maine to California and performed on the concert stage, radio

and television. Critics have consistently given the Club excellent ratings based on choral technique, interpretation, varied repertoire and showmanship. Undoubtedly, The Notre Dame Glee Club is "the top collegiate glee club in the nation."

One of the most important reasons why The Notre Dame Glee Club has acquired such an outstanding reputation is the selection of "traveling members." Each Club member must perform in no less than three tryouts before he is able to appear with the Glee Club. Professor Pedtke appraises each individual voice according to quality of tone, pitch, and volume. The forty-voice "Singing Irish" which will appear in concert are then carefully selected to insure a well-balanced vocal blend.

Traveling an average of 9,000 miles a year for the last twenty years, The Notre Dame Glee Club has toured the United States extensively and has performed for various functions. Some of the highlights in the Club's history are:

The Club was featured every Easter for several years on the C.B.S. network's "Ed Sullivan Show."

In 1950, before an audience of 20,000 in Chicago Stadium, the Club sang a benefit with movie stars Pat O'Brien and Ann Blyth. The Club entertained its largest concert audience, 85,000 people, in 1953 when it appeared at the Philadelphia Music Festival.

More recently, the Club has recorded an album of religious songs for M.G.M. including Antonio Lotti's "Mass in Bb," and three albums of school songs and popular selections. The Glee Club has been featured on several network radio programs and "The Mike Douglas Show" broadcast from Philadelphia.

The biggest highlights (in recent years) were national appearances on "The Andy Williams Show" and the "John Davidson Special."

This year "The Singing Irish" are looking forward to another successful season and have in their repertoire such songs as "Ave Maria," "Impossible Dream," "The Lost Chord," "With a Song in My Heart," "Halls of Ivy" and the traditional fight song with which they close each concert, the "Victory March."



Throng Watches As Mortgage Burns

Howard Leary, 1st Grand Knight, presided over the ceremonies culminating ten years of hard work. Invited guests included our Honorable Mayor F. Edward Biertuempfel, Council Chaplain Fr. Palasits, Past Council Chaplain Fr. Driscoll, Pastor of St. Michael's Church Fr. Grant, Asst. Pastor Holy Spirit Church Fr. Mac Farland, District Deputy Raymond O'Brien, Township Committeeman Jim Conlon, Koloman Kiss, Robert Yacovelli, Past Grand Knights and Columbian Club presidents.

Under warm sunny skies on the patio, several hundred Brothers and their families enjoyed — food and refreshments in celebration of this long awaited day. There was much reminiscing of the trials and accomplishments with bright visions to the future growth of our Council.

WINTER WEEKEND

"POCONO MANOR"

The Works As Usual

Feb. 6-7-8

\$135.00

See Herb. Kay

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CALENDAR

NOV. 10 — Council Meeting
NOV. 15 — Ice Skating Party
NOV. 16 — MEMORIAL MASS
9:05 Lower Church
St. Michaels
NOV. 24 — Council Meeting
Memorial Service
NOV. 29 — Snow Ball Dance
Semi-Formal
DEC. 8 — Council Dinner-Meeting

Random Thoughts

If taxes keep going up the American taxpayer may become the country's first natural resource to become exhausted - - - A womens idea of keeping a secret is not telling you who told it to her - - - The class had a lesson on Alaska's entry into Statehood and was asked to write an account of it. One youngster began "The Eskimos are God's frozen people" - - - You can't fool all the people all the time, but those highway interchange signs come pretty close - - - To live is not merely to breathe, it is to act, it is to make use of our organs, senses and faculties, of all those parts of ourselves which give us the feeling of existence. The man who has lived longest is not the one who has counted most years but he who has enjoyed life most - - - Television proves one thing. People would rather look at anything than each other - - - On the first day a Catholic Nun wore the new contemporary dress adapted by her order. She noticed that the boys in class where she taught, were camly surveying her legs. She turned to them and said "Well, what did you expect wheels?" - - - When does Friday come before Thursday? In the dictionary - - - Golf is like taxes. You drive to get to the green, and then wind up in the hole - - - An Optimist is a fellow who marries his secretary and thinks he can go right on dictating to her - - - Too many peo-

Services for the Dead

All of us know the power of prayer, for we use it daily in our lives in petitioning God for his devine help for favors for ourselves or in asking assistance for our family and loved ones. In this act of lifting up our minds and hearts to God, we should always remember those souls who are no longer with us. Remember that Christ died to save the living and the dear, so always be mindful that in asking Him for favors, we should pray for those deceased friends and relatives of ours.

The Council has set aside two days for its members so they can give attention to this Christian duty of prayer. On Sunday, November 16, we will hold a Memorial Mass at 9:05 A.M. in St. Michael's lower Church, at which time, we will attend with our brother Knights and their families to hear Mass and pray for the souls of all the departed Brother Knights of our Council. Then, on Monday evening, November 24, immediately after our regular meeting, we will have a special Memorial Service for those members who have died during the past year. All of the widows and their families are invited to attend this most important service, so please make every attempt to be present to pray along with us that the souls of the faithful departed, thru the mercy of God, may rest in peace.

Sam Bruzzi

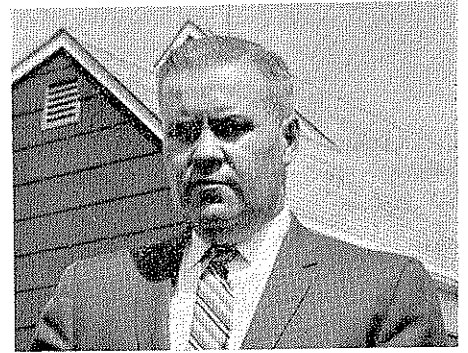
Memorial Service Nov. 24

John J. EhaszNov. 29, 1968
John F. MonaghanDec. 28, 1968
Domenick De ProsproJan. 15, 1969
Frank W. Fackelman.....Jan. 30, 1969
Peter P. TricuneApril 1, 1969
Joseph F. SeibertMay 22, 1969
Walter M. FelberJuly 20, 1969
George J. ThomsJuly 26, 1969
F. Herman BaselJuly 31, 1969

ple ask only of religion that it permit them to live comfortably with their follies. For this they are willing to take an occasional scolding in a sermon and the penance of a collection plate - - - Youth does face an agonizing decision, get drafted or go off to college, and take your chances in the fighting - - - There is no sight more repugnant to the male eye, than that of a women walking down the street, her hair full of large curlers, that are loosely covered by a babushka - - - You know they're showing some movies in our area that a few years ago you couldn't even get developed? - - - I wasn't too worried when General Motors recalled my car, but now the Pope's canceled by St. Christopher medal! - - - Cooperate in your council programs. Remember the banana — every time it leaves the bunch, it gets skinned.

Jim Moran

Knight of the Month



Do you want a job done? Well, here is the Man to ask. Gene Le Compte, who has taken care of our maintenance and cooling facilities, took care of Picnic area, worked on numerous work parties, and kitchen committees, is the man well deserving of this months honor. Gene who is an Usher at St. Michael's Church and a member of the Holy Name Society is a devoted family man. He lives at 1302 Amherst Ave. with his wife Jean and their five children, Charles, Betty, Paul, Thomas, and Jack. Gene works for Prudential Ins. Co. as a Maintenance Engineer. He is also a Fourth Degree Knight.

To our Knight of the Month for November, Gene Le Compte, the officers and members thank you and are proud to bestow this honor upon you.

Lecturers Program Nov. 10th

Mr. George D. Leary, Jr. of Tenafly one of New Jersey's outstanding Catholic laymen will be the guest speaker at the November 10th meeting of Union Council #4504, Knights of Columbus.

His many years of service in the Knights of Columbus have included terms of office in many elective and appointive posts in the order. Mr. Leary has served as a Grand Knight, District Deputy and two terms as State Deputy, the Order's highest position on a state level.

In addition, he has been President of the Holy Name Society of St. Nicholas Church in Jersey City, President of the Hudson County Federation of Holy Name Societies and a Grand Marshal of a Hudson County Holy Name parade.

Currently, he is serving as the State Chairman of the Knights of Columbus speakers bureau and Chairman of the Bergen County Serra Club, an organization dedicated to the fostering of vocations and assisting those who answer the call to the religious life.

BUS RIDE NEW YORK RANGERS

vs.

OAKLAND SEALS

Sunday, Nov. 23, 1969

Game Time 7:00 P.M.

Beer Soda Sand. on Bus
K. of C. members only
price: \$7.50

Call: Artie Reinhart — 688-6931

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28 NEW BROTHERS TAKE PART IN KNIGHTHOOD DEGREE

John Wasilewski

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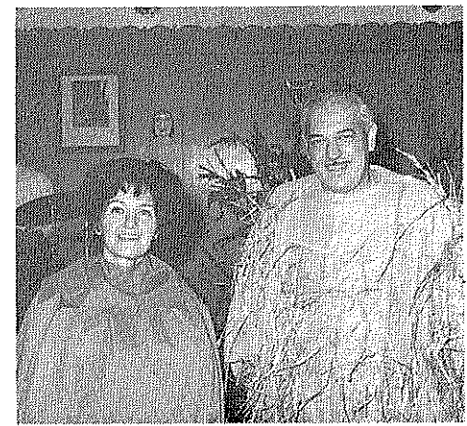
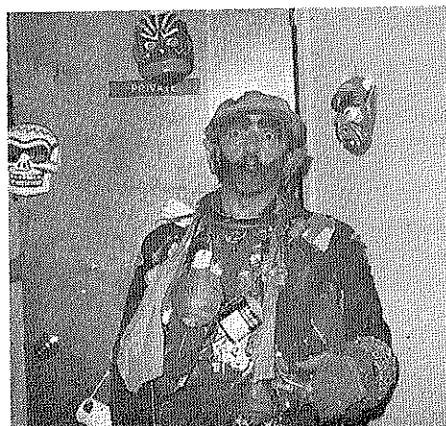
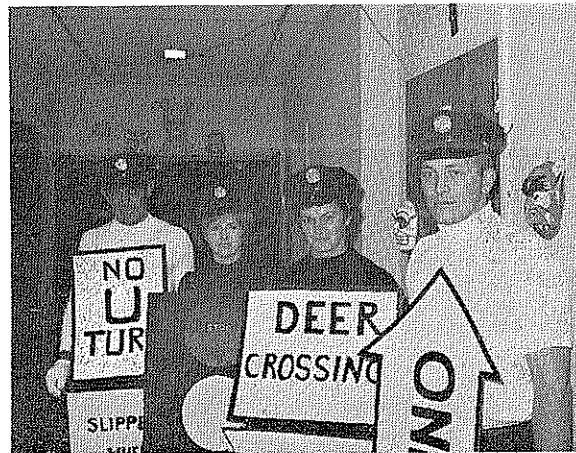
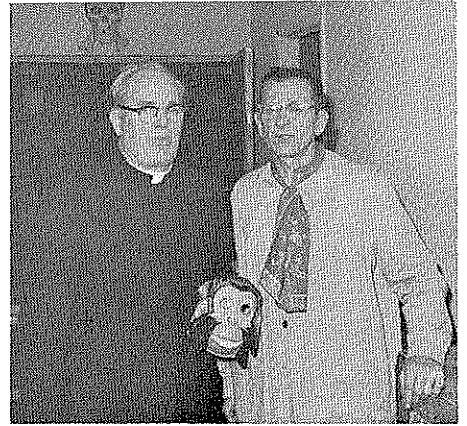
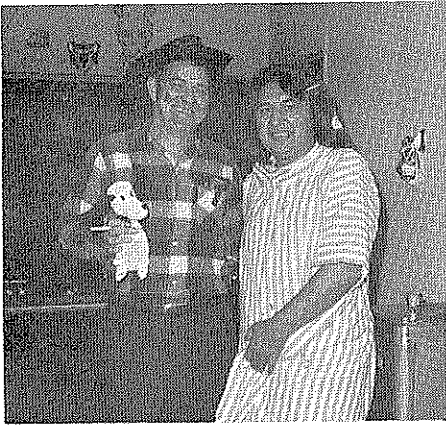
Matthew Battiato

James H. Grant, Jr.

ANOTHER BIZON SPECIAL

HALLOWEEN MASQUERADE PARTY

A GOOD TIME HAD BY ALL!



Grand Knight's Message

Julian Pruszkowski



Grand Knights Message

The month of November is observed by the Knights of Columbus as a period of honor and memory of our deceased Brothers. They are remembered at Holy Mass on Sunday, November 16th and at our Memorial Services on Monday, Nov. 24th. Make it a point to be with us on both of these occasions.

One of the most moving experiences to a family bereaved by a loss of a loved one, is the presence of his friends joined in prayer in his behalf. I ask you Brothers to join us not only in November, but all of the year. We the officers and chairmen attend many wakes during the course of the year. The entire membership is honored and obligated to join with us in prayer in the presence of a departed Brother. We assure you that you will benefit by the experience.

Make it a point to remember all our deceased brothers of Council 4504 by daily prayer.

Make Your Plans!

The Snow Ball Dance will be held November 29th at the Council Hall. This is a semi-formal dress affair and means you can wear anything you feel comfortable in from long or short gown to tux or business suit.

Cocktail hour with fried shrimp, franks in blanket, and meat balls. Followed by half pineapple, onion soup and family style roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans with mushrooms, topped off with assorted cream puffs, cakes and coffee.

Price is ten dollars each and suggest ordering tickets soon as you can from Herbie Kay — 688-6452.

Essay Contest

This November we will have our annual essay contest. The topics to be written about will be: (1) Is Missionary work important in the mid-twentieth Century? (2) What Thanksgiving means to me; and (3) The importance of Religious Education in a modern society. This year we are extending this program to all the children of all Brother Knights who are in the seventh and eighth grades. These essays must be handed to one of the chairmen or brought up to the Council before November 28.

DANCING LESSONS CALL

PETE MARTIN — MU 7-4393
Applications available
at Knights Council Home

A Personal Experience

The other day I reviewed some events and accomplishments of my life. I found my membership in Union Council Knights of Columbus, to be in this category. I did myself a great favor by joining a few years ago. This was done for what many may consider an odd reason, to become a better Catholic. Being an adult there was much to learn about my religion. I was not really an active Catholic, but just an habitual one. After a few meetings of listening, I took the step of getting on a committee. This required some courage. There were doubts that ran through my mind. How could I become acquainted with the other members? Was it possible to be of help without any special talent? On the other hand what was there to lose? It was worth a try. This was one of the best decisions I ever made. No talent was needed, all the chairman seemed to want was my interest. Once it was shown I received the direction. The wonderful men of all kinds I've met through activities in the Council was worth any effort. I was surprised to learn that fraternity and charity really work, they are not just impossible ideals. It was a good feeling deep inside to help others spiritually and fraternally. At the same time I enjoyed social good times, and exposed myself to a Catholic atmosphere. I personally didn't give a great deal, but my small bit, combined with others, achieved wonderful results. Today I'm a better Catholic because of my association with a group that has the same ideals and moral principals I know are right. I'd really feel guilty not being active, after seeing the splendid job our officers, past and present, are doing. The manner in which they put in degrees and run meetings, reflect long hours and complete dedication. They can't keep our Council the best in the State alone. They need my share, or I'll be the weak link in the chain of Unity. I don't know what magic words there are that can get an inactive Knight working again or cause a new member to join a committee. From my own experience, I know they are missing the chance to lead a fuller more enjoyable life by being doer's instead of bystanders. We have so much here to offer men of good will, all they have to do is accept.

ANONYMOUS

TALENT WANTED

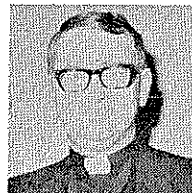
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Amateur or Otherwise
Instrumental, Vocal, Comedian,
Etc.

"REWARD"

Fun and Enjoyment

Contact:

Tony Capra — 688-2763 or
Leave Name & Phone Number
at Council Hall



Chaplain's Corner

Rev. John A. Palasits

November is traditionally the month in which Christians especially remember the Holy Souls. Some people think that this is morbid, this constant reference to the dead. "After all," they say, "death is final. When a person dies, he dies, and that's it! What good will all the praying in the world do?" Our holy faith teaches differently. During the entire year, and especially so in the month of November, to think of and to pray for the dead is a good thing. If we think of the dead in a reasonable way, not constantly, but occasionally enough, we are but reminding ourselves of the destiny of every man: someday, somehow, somewhere, each and every man dies. And for the Christian, this death is not an end to life but a change. The Preface of the Funeral Mass tells us: "life is not ended, but merely changed; and when this earthly abode dissolves, an eternal dwelling place awaits us in heaven." So you see, that, to think of the dead is merely to face reality — the reality of our own death—and to strengthen our faith in life after death. To pray for the dead is a good thing. Holy Scripture in the 2nd Book of Maccabees puts it very simply: "It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from their sins." Our holy faith in one of its chief articles of belief reminds us of the "Communion of Saints" — that all-embracing society of God's chosen on earth, in purgatory, and in heaven. We still here on earth ask the saints in heaven to intercede for us, and we also ask God to deliver those souls awaiting heaven. Our love for others extends beyond this life. Let us then, during this month of November, think about, and pray for our beloved dead.

Notice

Swim Club Members

After many many hours of deliberation, the nominating committee for the Swim Club has selected the following slate for the Board of Governors:

Bill Taylor P.G.K.....For 3 Years
Frank WeberFor 3 Years
District Deputy
Frank Dickerson P.G.K....For 3 Years
Tony VeneziaFor 2 Years
John KillianFor 2 Years
Walter Wasowski P.G.K...For 1 Year
Frank ZuzziFor 1 Year

Nominations will be accepted from the floor at our annual meeting Jan. 23.