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- INSURANCE PROVISION DROPPED -

No Longer Necessary to be Insurance Member

In an unprecedented move, the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus eliminated the insurance provision of the Order which required that any applicant under 26 years old was required to be an insurance member. This new move, designed to stimulate membership in the order, has long been advocated by the Supreme Insurance Agents.

The immediate effect should be to attract both young single and married members into the Knights, by eliminating a financial deterrent that has existed due to the insurance proviso.

It has long been felt by some that the "captive" insurance provision was, in effect, discriminating unfairly against the younger Knights, particularly students.

Council Sponsors Football Game in Pop Warner League

Union Council will sponsor an October 13th contest between the Union Rockets and neighboring Clark at Biertuempfel Park. Brother Jack McGeehan has tickets available at \$1.00 apiece and they may also be obtained at the Council.

This is the type of worthy endeavor that Union Council should support with a full turnout for a pleasant afternoon. So bring your sons and daughters down to Bier-tuempfel Park and root-root for the home team.

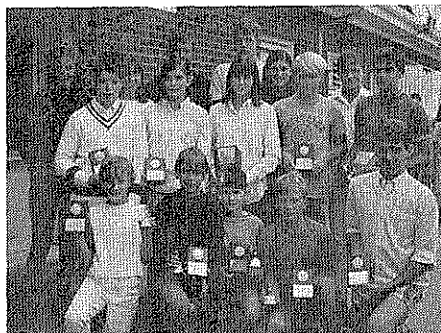
CONTEMPLATION (At The Shore)

That's what's in store for those who participate in this year's retreat to be held at St. Alphonso's newly modernized Retreat House in Long Branch on October 18-19 and 20th.

There comes a time, with the world topsy-turvy, materialism all-around, hippies, yuppies and just the pressure of every day business, when it would do us all a world of good to just sit down and contemplate . . . to have a talk with Christ . . . away from it all.

This is the opportunity; don't let it pass. Sign up NOW with Catholic Activities Chairman Andy Popp. You'll be glad you did.

SWIM CLUB AWARDS TROPHIES



L. to R.: Peggy Gilligan, Sandy Kleniewski, Bill Stuart, Tom Gaffney, Vince Corsentino; 2nd row: Ellen Pinney, Mary Stuart, Pat Stuart, John Sullivan, Tom Duhig; 3rd row: Barbara Weber, Pam McGee, Coach Tom Stokes, Jim Gilligan, Mary Kay Connollen accepting for Tom Ryan, Bob Drew.

The Annual Awards of the Columbian Swim Club were presented during the Labor Day Picnic to the outstanding achievers in various age categories and in a few special categories. Plaques of achievement were presented to:

- Best Boy 8 or under: Bill Stuart
- Best Girl 8 or under: Peggy Gilligan
- Best Boy 9-10: Tom Gaffney, Jr.
- Best Girl 9-10: Sandy Kleniewski
- Best Boy 11-12: Bob Drew
- Best Girl 11-12: Ellen Pinney
- Best Boy 13-14: (Tie)
Vince Corsentino, John Sullivan
- Best Girl 13-14: Mary Stuart
- Best Boy 15-17: (Tie)
Tom Ryan, Jim Gilligan
- Best Girl 15-17: Pam McGee
- Most Improved Swimmer:
Larry Herrighty
- Most Points: Tom Duhig - Pat Stuart
- Outstanding Swimmer:
Barbara Weber

- Safety Tip -

LIGHT RAIN MAKES FOR VERY SLIPPERY ROAD

EDITORIAL

IT CAN HAPPEN HERE . . .

The Warren County Tax Board ordered local assessors throughout the County to tax fraternal, and civic organizations, swim clubs, granges, pleasure clubs and a Jewish center. Under this directive the Good Shepherd House in Hackettstown, the Hackettstown Community Hospital, Moose Lodge, Knights of Columbus, Masonic Lodge and sundry others were ordered to pay taxes.

In Passaic in the community of Haledon a certain Mr. Robert Gillespie says he favors taxing schools and churches as well. Mr. Gillespie is tax assessor.

It would do well to take note that the perfidious drive is on to blame the tax woes in the state of New Jersey on the tax exempt status of churches, schools and charitable organizations. An appeal is being made to the taxpayer that if these properties were taxed (out of existence I might say in some cases) that all the tax problems in this state would evaporate. What is not mentioned is that the services performed by these tax-exempt organizations would have to be picked up by the tax-payer.

This new attack is part of a concerted drive which started out with the so-called Miller Case on prayers in school and is progressing to secularize our society.

If ever there was a need for an ecumenical group of Catholic, Protestant and Jewish brethren to act in concert to protect their institutions of long standing, the time is now. Action is needed to stem the tide for, like a cancer, this noxious tax policy will spread to all 21 counties.

Union Council's very existence, not to say the Swim Club's, is in jeopardy as long as fuzzy-thinking officials are elected to office. Find out where your man stands on this crucial issue before voting for him.

DO WE REALLY NEED HIM . . .

Passed by the Senate Judiciary Committee is the appointment of Justice Abe Fortas as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Mr. Fortas' credentials appear to be in order but his record on obscenity laws is quite questionable. Twenty-six times Mr.

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CALENDAR

SEPT. 18 — John Fitzgerald Kennedy — 4th Degree — Regular meeting
SEPT. 23 — Council Meeting — 8:15 p.m.
SEPT. 26 — Columbian Club Meeting
OCT. 5 — Polish-American Dance — Al Dietlein Night
OCT. 12 — Annual Dance at Manor — 4th Degree — Formal — Columbus Day
OCT. 14 — Council Meeting — 8:15 p.m.
OCT. 16 — J. F. K. 4th Degree — Regular Meeting
OCT. 18-20 — Retreat — St. Alphonsos Retreat Home
OCT. 19 — Bartender's Party at Council
OCT. 24 — Columbian Club Meeting
OCT. 28 — Council Meeting — 8:15 p.m.
NOV. 1 — All Saints — Holy Day of Obligation
NOV. 2 — Halloween Costume Dance

Williamstown Pilgrimage Dropped

New State Deputy Frank Brady announced that the Annual Pilgrimage to Williamstown, which has been held continuously since 1950 will not be held this year. Instead, a new program "Project Concern" will be initiated shortly. This project will be one of direct action and will concern itself with the appalling problem of the starving people in Biafra. Further details on this project will be available in the next issue of the Digest.

Random Thoughts

by Jim Moran

Definitions definitely not in the dictionary: Spendthrift: A man who turns his heirs grey . . . Diet: The penalty for exceeding the feed limit . . . Gentlemen: A man who takes off his hat before hitting a woman . . . Night Watchman: A man who is a day dreamer . . . Alimony: Bounty on the mutiny . . . Courtesy: A form of polite behavior practiced by civilized people, when they have time . . . Cocktail Lounge: A half-lit room full of half-lit people . . . Golfer: One who yells fore, takes six, and puts down five . . . Love: The delusion that one girl differs from another . . . Drunk: Someone who feels sophisticated but can't pronounce it . . . Waiter: Someone who thinks money grows on trays . . . Girdle: An accessory after the fat . . . Budget: A way of going into debt in an orderly manner . . . Bore: One who opens his mouth and puts his feet in it . . . Education: What's left when we have forgotten what we have been taught.

Here are some one-liners that point out a truth: Just about the time you think you can make both ends meet, someone moves the ends . . . One reason why a dog is such a lovable creature is that his tail wags instead of his tongue . . . Some statistics can be inaccurate, but any that deal with the cost of living are on the up-and-up . . . By the time a man finds greener pastures, he can't climb the fence . . . You can preach a better sermon with your life than your lips . . . I'm still waiting for some college to come up with a march protesting student ignorance . . . Life would be so much simpler if all the bad guys wore black hats . . . I think popular music in this country is one of the few things in the 20th century that made giant strides, in reverse . . . If Columbus had turned back, no one could have blamed him, but no one would have remembered him . . . Something must be wrong with a country that asks its teen-agers what to do about world affairs, and asks its golden-agers to go out and play . . . Appearances are deceiving you know; the dollar bill looks exactly as it did ten years ago . . . Real freedom is found through self-government, not through self-expression . . . Going to church doesn't make you a Christian, any more than going to a garage makes you an automobile.

IF YOU HAVE AN EMPLOYMENT PROBLEM CALL CHARLIE HOWES AT 688-0108.

FOR SALE

One Third Degree ring size 11½-12, and two Third Degree lapel pins. See Jim Moran or call 687-0566.

EDITORIAL (contd. from page 1)

Fortas struck down as part of a 5-4 majority, various obscenity laws that came to the bench. It would do well to find out just what Mr. Fortas' views are in this matter of the smut peddler. Apparently, he feels that there is no such thing as pornography or that if there is it can have no deleterious effect on the Youth (and adults) of America. Do we really need this type of man as Chief Justice? Let your congressmen know what you think . . . get involved . . . give a damn.

SICK CALL

Brother Ed Smith of 839 Savitt Place is recuperating at home with a broken leg. On the bright side, Brothers Jim Connell, Al Ring and Vince Zurawski are all back in form at Council meetings and in good health after extended illnesses. Continued good health.

We also ask that any member who knows of another member who is sick or in distress to call Fraternal Activities Chairman Bill Zurich. Many times we miss assisting a member simply because we do not know the member is in distress. Better to receive too many calls than none at all.

Kolumbian Klub Korner

by Frank J. Dickerson, P.G.K.

As the first issue of the Knight Digest reaches you, summer is again behind us and another Swim Club season is part of Council history. This season was the most successful to date in various ways. The snack bar operation was the most successful in the history of our organization and our congratulations must go to John Fleno, Ken Pinney, Pat Brilly and to all who so ably assisted them in any way.

Our pool operation was again run in a smooth and efficient manner under the direction of Swim Club President Bill Stuart and his Board of Governors. Mr. Frank Gagliano and his assistants ushered us through a safe swim season and Mr. Tom Stokes coached our Swim Team to a successful undefeated season.

And what else can we say but "superb" to Ed Stonack for quarter-backing two successful picnics. All we can say to the whole picnic crew is a hearty "thanks".

Future dates to remember are:

1. Ski weekend to Kass's Inn, Margaretville, N. Y. January 31, February 1 and 2, 1969 @ \$120.00 per couple.
2. Memorial Day trip to Puerto Rico May 28 through June 1, 1969 @ \$235.00 per person.

Details for each of the above dates are included on pages 3 and 4.

MEET YOUR 1968-69 COUNCIL OFFICERS



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Trustee

This is IT!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WINTER CARNIVAL

JANUARY 31 — FEBRUARY 1 and 2, 1969

KASS INN

Margaretville, N. Y.

\$120.00 Per Couple

- ★ Departure by bus from Knights of Columbus Club House, Union, at 6:00 p.m.
- ★ Deluxe accommodations with private bath, New York State tax included
- ★ Saturday, breakfast, lunch and dinner; Sunday, breakfast, lunch and dinner, gratuities included
- ★ Return at 6:00 p.m. by bus to Knights of Columbus Club House
- ★ Cocktail party Sunday afternoon for everyone
- ★ Saturday tour by bus to all ski areas; Sunday by bus to morning Mass

On premises of Kass Inn:

Ski shop • Cocktail lounge

Facilities for:

Ice skating • Sleighing • Tobogganing • Skiing

- ★ Immediate deposit of \$25.00 per couple is required, payable to Millburn Travel, 357 Millburn Ave., Millburn, N. J. 07041
- ★ Balance of \$95 per couple due by December 10, 1968

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

May 28, 1969

to

June 1, 1969

"PUERTO RICO HOLIDAY"

Everything points to it . . .

This is for YOU!

\$235.00
PER
PERSON

CONDADO BEACH HOTEL
5 FULL DAYS
Wednesday, May 28, 1969 to
Sunday, June 1, 1969

DECORATION DAY WEEKEND

ALL INCLUSIVE AS FOLLOWS:

- ★ Round trip via Jet to San Juan
- ★ Transfers from airport to hotel and hotel to airport in San Juan
- ★ Baggage handling in and out of hotel
- ★ Deluxe air-conditioned accommodations with private bath
- ★ Two full meals daily
- ★ Chambermaid gratuities, waiter's tip at each meal
- ★ Puerto Rico room tax
- ★ Welcome cocktail party
- ★ Private beach and pool
- ★ Dancing and music nightly
- ★ Gaming at all casinos
- ★ Many other optional features

(No shots or passports needed)

CLIMATE: Guaranteed perfect weather

CLOTHING: Daytime—casual attire; Evening—dress up clothes for ladies, jacket and tie for gentlemen.

After initial deposit is made, weekly, or monthly payments can be sent to:
Herb Kleiniewski, c/o Kay's Paint & Hardware Store, 1344 Stuyvesant Ave.,
Union, N. J. 07083.



"E Scriptis Equitis Magni"

My dear brother Knights, welcome to another year of Union Council #4504. My first message to you will be one of hope for a year of enjoyment and pleasure. You may attain supreme enjoyment in your Council by developing a keen sense of friendship with your brother Knights. Our membership roster lists over 1,000 Catholic men from all walks of life. A warm smile and a friendly "hello" to any one of these men will bring a quick response of warmth and friendship. Let us see what we can do to make everyone feel a little more welcome.

If our Council is to continue in the fine traditions we have set in the past, we must ask for your help in our future endeavors. Be generous with your time by helping us with our Council functions. If you are not asked to help in any one area, volunteer your talents to any one of the Committee Chairmen. With your help and cooperation we can not fail, we will not fail, to keep Union Council at the top of the list of outstanding progressive Councils.

Our first social affair of this year will be held on Saturday night, October 5th. At this affair we shall honor a Brother Knight who has given ten long years of faithful, loyal service to Union Council. Please make arrangements to attend this affair and help us to say "thank you" to Al Dietlein for a job well done.

This Council of yours shall move forward on all fronts to attain its goals. You can play a big part in helping your Officers reach these goals. Come forward and help us to help you.

Pedota Clobbers Corn Connoisseurs

Ben Pedota, in a masterful feat of culinary conniptions beat out three contenders to become this year's "Korn-King". Coming from behind to break a three-way tie Ben devastated his opposition by nibbling on hot green peppers between ears of corn thus turning the complexions of the contenders to the same color as the peppers. It only required fourteen ears to pass the competition, but all in attendance knew that Ben had ample capacity to keep right on going.

Ben, who lives at 2592 Eleanor Terrace takes the crown from Joe Verderese, who by virtue of being in the service, was unable to defend his title.

New Officers and Chairmen

Another Council year is now underway. We have Officers and Committeemen to promote the principles of our Order, to offer us social good times and to add accomplishments to our Club. The excellent record we have from the past year was obtained from good leaders and an active membership. That's the formula for success. The men we have for our leaders are full of talent and devotion to duty. The job they have in front of them is not easy, it carries many responsibilities. They have willingly taken on these, by accepting their positions, and ask only the honor to serve you. How well they do depends, to a large degree, on your cooperation.

I'm sure it would be deeply appreciated if you'd help them when they request it; and give them a compliment when they deserve it. Everything they do is for us, so we can fully enjoy the benefits of our membership. The best Officers and Chairmen are useless without the entire membership doing their share of the work. If you don't meet a lot of fine men, make friends, and enjoy being a member of Union Council, then you are not active enough.

Attend our events not just to have a good time, or join in a display of Catholic Action, although they are just reasons, but also to show the men running the affair that you are supporting them. A little of your time will return a great deal of self-satisfaction and pride.

Photographer Leaves For Service



ED OLAS

The Knight Digest Photographer has taken a leave of absence from his job to put in a hitch with Uncle Sam. Ed Olas of 41 Glen Avenue in Millburn started his tour on August 22nd. Although with the Digest less than a year, Ed has proven himself to be both a capable and energetic worker. Best of luck Ed, in the U. S. Air Force.

Knight of the Month SEPTEMBER



VINCE SQUAZZO

Our amiable Knight of the Month for September, Vincent F. Squazzo almost didn't make it into Union Council! In trying to get him transferred it was found that his former Council had burned down and all records were lost. However after about six months of voluminous correspondence Vince was finally admitted and a good day that was for Union Council.

He immediately jumped in and was instrumental in obtaining an untold amount of pledges by the dog-work of ringing doorbells. A tireless worker, he served on virtually every committee and was sought after as a man who could get a job done.

Vince rounded out his career last year by serving as Safety Chairman and as usual with him, attacked the job with vigor.

Retired now, Vince is married and resides with his wife at 2086 Lentz Avenue in Union.

Best of luck and good health to our genial Knight of the Month, Mr. Vincent F. Squazzo.

A Good Polka Night?

You bet it is! And what we're talking about is the Polish-American Dance planned for October 5th at the Council. This night will have a dual purpose, in that we will also honor our past Financial Secretary, **Mr. Al Dietlein.**

So come on out all you one and two steppers. Music will be provided by the fine band of Bill Costa. Food and beverages will be provided, all at the low-low price of \$3.00 per person. Council Activities Chairman Joe Kunz promises that this, his first affair, will be a sell-out, so get your reservations in early.

And while we're at it, we remind you to keep open the date of November 2nd for our Annual Halloween Costume Ball. This SRO affair is a gala pageant in which, as usual, prizes will be awarded for best individual and group costumes.