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GLEE CLUB CONCERT FEB. 2nd

Concert to Aid Scholarship and Charitable Funds

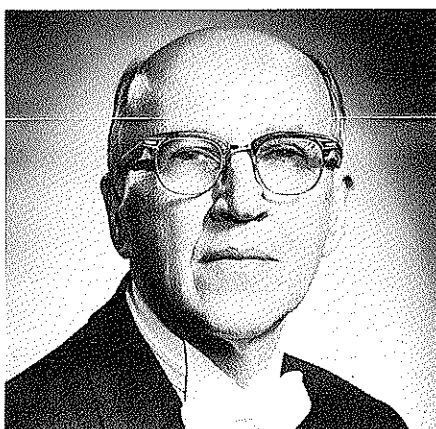
The proceeds from the February 2nd concert of the famous University of Notre Dame Glee Club will be used for the Council Scholarship and Charitable Funds.

A few years ago, the officers of Union Council decided to eliminate the raffle as a means of raising funds. The first substitute was the "Don Cossack Choir" which combined a cultural event for the community with fund raising.

The ability of the council to fulfill the first principle of the Order "Charity" depends on your cooperation.

This is the last issue of the Digest prior to the Concert. Please mail your returns promptly.

Professor Pedtke studied under such musicians as Alexander Raab



and Sergio Tarnosky, and made his debut as a pianist at the age of fifteen. He studied at both the Bush and the American Conservatories of Music.

Professor Pedtke came to the University of Notre Dame in 1936. He was the head of Notre Dame's Department of Music, and assumed the additional duties of Director of the Glee Club in 1938.

Professor Pedtke is a Fellow in the American Guild of Organists. He is a talented composer and arranger, having written several works for the piano and organ, including a Mass in honor of St. Jude.

The father of seven musically-talented children, Professor Pedtke is nationally famous for his effective innovations with an all-male chorus. An attentive audience will find this demonstrated each time he takes the podium to direct the Notre Dame Glee Club in concert.



Shown listening to the music(?) of S. K. Ed Stonack seated at the piano, are from left, Chairman Bob Braun; Ticket Chairman Herb Kay; Master Rotchford and P.F.N. Charles Spingola.

The John Fitzgerald Kennedy General Assembly Annual Dinner Dance was held at The Manor, West Orange, on Saturday, November 1, and over two hundred members and guests attended. This formal affair was a thoroughly enjoyable evening and termed a huge success by the chairman, S. K. Robert Braun.



Faithful Navigator John J. Gorman gave a short welcoming talk and introduced Worthy Master James Rotchford, the principle speaker. The highlight of the affair was the presentation of the Friar's Award to Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis X. Coyle, by F. N. Gorman.

Msgr. Coyle is Chaplain of the J. F. Kennedy Assembly and Pastor of St. James Church, Springfield. The award was made "in grateful acknowledgement of the spiritual and moral leadership given to the Assembly.

GET ACTIVE

Science says a bee can't fly
Much too heavy — shouldn't even try.
But bees don't dig that science fuzz
And flaps their wings until they buzz.

When you have no time for K. of C.
Remember the plight of the bumble bee.
You'll find the time your problems, solved
If you can think enough to get involved.

A lonely bee can't get much done
He joins a hive — they work like one.
Because they swarm, their life is better.
Much more honey when they work together.

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CALENDAR

JAN. 23—Dance Lessons
JAN. 26—Council Meeting
(2nd Degree)
JAN. 31—Annual Swim Club
Dance
FEB. 2—Notre Dame Glee Club
FEB. 6-7-8—Pocono Winter
Weekend
FEB. 8—Runnells Hosptial
FEB. 9—Communion Dinner
and Meeting Mass at
6:30
FEB. 14—Children Ice Skating
Party
FEB. 16—3rd Degree
(Linden Council)
FEB. 22—Spelling Bee
(8th Grade Students)
FEB. 23—Council Meeting
MAR. 9—Council Meeting

Paying Your Mortgage

The Knights of Columbus has just announced a plan which will pay your Mortgage in the event of your sickness or disability. It works like this: If you now have a (30) thirty year mortgage, then we will guarantee payment for thirty years, however you only have to pay for only (24) twenty-four years, and you get the balance of six years free. This is a great way to protect your family without much expense. Please call me for more information at 223-8298.

I want to thank the Council for their support in making 1969 another fine year. Happy New Year to all.

Fraternally,
Gus Cawley

Random Thoughts

Count that day won, when turning on its axis, this earth imposes no additional taxes - - - Why is it there is seldom enough time to do a job right, but always enough time to do it over? - - - Love must be learned, and learned again and again; there is no end to it. Hate needs no instruction, but waits only to be provoked - - - Some business organizations seem to be looking today for a young man of thirty, with twenty years of business experience - - - Grandpa saved the first dollar he ever earned in a ten cent frame. Today the frame is worth a dollar, and the dollar worth 10 cents - - - Nothing makes a women more beautiful than three martinis in a man - - - Remember that even if your on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there - - - A psychiatrist was puzzled by disclosures made to him by a new patient. "Is there any insanity in your family? He asked. There must be. Nodded the patient." They keep writing me for money - - - Comments on marriage: An old Japanese proverb says "To make couple the husband must be deaf and the wife blind" - - - Kids get married so young now, one couple I know honeymooned at a day camp - - - Another case of young marriage, was in Italy a few months ago. The bride was just 12 years old. She carried a bridal bouquet and her homework - - - Why do some People assume that all people should get married, when it's perfectly evident that a lot of married couples would be happier living alone? - - - The reasons that most couples who elope, do not have happy marriages, is that elopement is usually a sign of impatience, and marriage is the supreme test of patience - - - Some interesting facts: Rhode Island, the nations smallest state in area, has three times the population of Alaska, the largest state - - - Dial L O S T D O G in San Francisco, and you get a society for the prevention of cruelty to animals report of found canines - - - C. V. Wilson was named the world's champion liar for 1968, for describing his home town as, "so small we had to extend the town limits so that there would be room enough in town for a telephone booth".

Jim Moran

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Knight of the Month

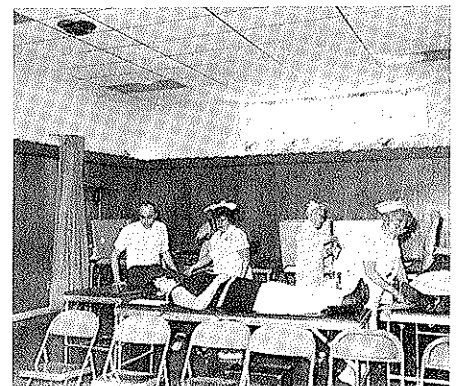


John Picyk

For the month of January the Knight of the Month is one of the best known members of our Council. He has been the president of the Columbian club in 1964-1965. He also served for three years on the Board of Governors of the swim club. The committees that he has served on are many, some of which are the membership committee, serviceman committee, and most recently the chairman of the Flag committee on the 4th. Degree John Fitzgerald Kennedy Assembly.

He resides at 510 Malcom Rd., Union, wit his wife Camille and two children Nancy Louise 18, and John Michael 15. He is employed by Western Electric as a coordinator. During the second world war he served in the navy for 3 years.

Since the forming of our Council, John has been most instrumental in the improvement and advancement of Columbianism. Congratulations John, for your long and continuing effort.



The American Red Cross bloodmobile visited the Council Hall on January 4. Approximately 64 Brothers donated blood. The turnout was less than anticipated. A fine roast beef dinner was enjoyed by the donors, prepared by our chef Walter Holderline.

APPRECIATION NIGHT FOR THE WORKERS OF COUNCIL 4504



THANKS AGAIN FELLOWS

What Thanksgiving Means to Me

By Dolores Filandeo, Grade 8
Holy Spirit School

Thanksgiving means different things to different people. For some, it's a day of joyous family gathering and nothing more. For others, it's a day of prayer, worship and joy. While still, for the less fortunate people it's the promise of receiving a good, nourishing dinner from a nearby parish. So, as we grow older we see that Thanksgiving takes on a different meaning with each year that goes by. The Pilgrims thanked God for bringing them safely across the ocean on their voyage, while most of the Christians in our modern society today thank God for our security here on earth and our promise of heaven.

To me, Thanksgiving takes on a combined meaning similar to the ones that I have already mentioned. The only difference is, that in my connotation of the word Thanksgiving I feel something reassuring that another year from Thanksgiving to Thanksgiving has gone by. And that alone, gives me another thing to thank God for. Each year our ideas of Thanksgiving should change, but the basic meaning should always be kept and remembered in our heart as a day offered to God, in a unique way, which only we could give to God.

Importance of Religious Education In A Modern Society

By Gerard Faughnan, Grade 8
Holy Spirit School

During these times of riots, Vietnam conflict, and college demonstrations our religious ideas are tested daily. I feel that without religious instruction we are as weak as little children in living and defending our religion, but with sound religious instruction we are as strong as the mightiest army.

In the riots during the past few years in Newark, Detroit and Washington, many people were killed and wounded. Some people because of this, cursed and blamed each other for starting these riots. In these cities however, there also lived true Christians who did not curse and blame others but looked into their own consciences and asked themselves if they had done anything wrong to start the riots. These people weren't the ones who rioted for nothing but silently and efficiently got something accomplished for their city such as asking for a traffic light; building a community playground; writing to Congress regarding their feelings about the Vietnam war or other issues.

Last year at Columbia, Harvard and on many other campuses all over the country the students rioted and destroyed property and in many instances even destroyed themselves. Also on the campuses there is a majority of good students, these were not the ones who did this. Why? Because these students have character and they know the value of a good education in today's world. But most of all these students have sound religious ideals and want a better world. In later life I know that I will see trouble perhaps much worse than now, but I hope that my religious instruction will help pull me out of this trouble and aim always toward much greater goals.

What Thanksgiving Means to Me

By Cindy Selnick, Grade 7-1
St. Michaels School

When the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth in 1621 they were filled with joy. They thanked God by gathering together with all of the Indians for a big feast.

There is a great similarity between 1621 and 1969. The Pilgrims celebrated their arrival at Plymouth with the Indians. They had turkey, vegetables and all the food they grew. Today, I celebrate Thanksgiving with relatives and I, too, have turkey and various trimmings. I have a gay time because I know God will watch over me. I pray to God to take care of my parents, relatives, friends and the many people in the world.

When the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth they had to face a bitter winter. Hunger and sickness killed many settlers, but others survived through many hardships. This is a good example to us. If the Pilgrims could survive the winter months, so can we endure and overcome our hardships.

Thanksgiving doesn't mean tradition to me. It brings me to a closer relationship with Christ. I want to be the best possible Christian I can, because I realize what Christ has done for me and for other people.

Was Thanksgiving more important in 1621 or in 1969? I think they are both equally important. It was important in 1621 because it began the tradition of Thanksgiving. The first Thanksgiving really started the growth of America. After Thanksgiving the Pilgrims had enough courage and faith to start building colonies.

Thanksgiving is important today because in celebrating Thanksgiving we relive our faith for God and America. I think we should celebrate Thanksgiving every day, not with a big feast, but in our prayer to God.

The symbol of Thanksgiving has always been peace, health, and happiness. Thanksgiving not only means "thanks", but also "giving".

What Thanksgiving Means to Me

By Paul Le Compte, Grade 7-2
St. Michaels School

Thanksgiving was originally started by the Pilgrims who landed on Plymouth Rock about 1620. They had a very good reason for being thankful.

When they landed, many people died from lack of food and the cold. The Pilgrims landed during the fall and were in for a rough winter. They planted crops to store during the winter and to use for food. The Indians taught them how to do many things, such as planting and harvesting the crops. They had a huge celebration the next fall because of the good crops they had grown during the summer. Everyone was participating in it, even the Indians.

This is why we have Thanksgiving Day so we can be thankful for what we have.

To me, Thanksgiving means a time in which each and every one of us should be thankful for what we have and to be happy that we are as fortunate as we are, living in this country. We are much better off than many of the other peoples of the world, where disease and starvation is prevalent. Here, in this country, we all have freedom. Freedom to attend the church of our choice; the school of our own choice; and freedom to choose our own vocation.

I, like most everyone else, do not appreciate many of the things I have. Most of these comforts and conveniences are taken for granted. I have a soft, warm bed to sleep in and a house that is warm and comfortable. I have a family that cares for me and cares about me.

It should not be necessary for a certain day to be set aside for gratefulness. However, I, like most of the people, live my daily life forgetting to be thankful for all that I have.

All things come from God. Do I, or does anyone else take time in our daily routine, to even thank God for the life He has given me?

I have so much to be thankful for, we should have Thanksgiving more often just to remind us of our good fortune.



The emergence of a new decade gives me a unique opportunity to remind us all of the tremendous accomplishments we as a group have achieved over the last ten years. We sincerely appreciate the efforts donated by so many since the beginning of the Council. Our present fine condition is no accident. I could cite the many things that have become realities, but you know them very well.

We have a sound base to project our future growth. The Council is blessed with an abundance of talent.

It is my fervent wish in the spirit of unity our Council and the Columbian movement can further mature in the aid of our beloved church. The challenge is great but the talent and love is present.

My we look back ten years hence and be able to say a job well done.

"A Winter Weekend"

at

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For further information see Herb Kay.

Our New Admission Degree Members

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- ADOLPH G. SABATTIS
- DOMONICK PADULA
- JOHN S. LENNON
- MICHAEL LaMEDICA
- SALVATORE JOHN RIZZOLO



Santa Claus came to Council 4504 on December 21 to the delight of approximately 150 children. There were gifts for all with refreshments. To entertain the wee ones there was a mystifying magician that left everyone in amazement. Can anyone guess who is hiding behind the whiskers.

An American is a Man Who

Yells for the Government to balance the budget and then takes the last dime he has to make a down payment on a car

Whips the enemy nations and then gives 'em the shirt off his back.

Yells for speed laws that will stop fast driving and then won't buy a car if it can't make 100 m.p.h.

Knows the lineup of every baseball team in the American and National Leagues . . . and doesn't know half the words in The Star Spangled Banner."

An American will get mad at his wife for not running their home with the efficiency of a hotel and he'll get mad at the hotel for not operating like his home

He'll spend half a day looking for vitamin pills to make him live longer and then drive 90 m.p.h. on a slick pavement to make up time he lost

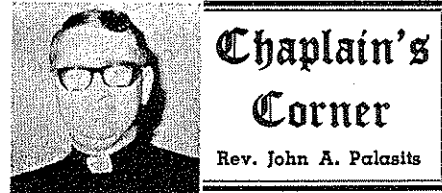
He is never ready for war but has never lost one.

We're the country that has more food to eat than any other country in the world and more diets to keep us from eating it

But we're still pretty nice folks. Calling a person "a real American" is the best compliment you can pay him. Most of the world is itching for what we have, but they'll never have it until they start scratching for it the way we do

By Henry L. Nadeau

In a recent New York State lottery drawing Walter Balasia came up winning \$50,000. Congratulations Walter Balasia on your recent good fortune.



I know it's a little late for New Year's resolutions, but, if I may, I'd like to suggest one for your careful consideration. The extensive changes in the liturgy which have resulted from the second Vatican Council will be implemented in their finality on Palm Sunday of this year. It is on this day that changes in the rite of the Mass will finally take effect. The Baptismal and Marriage rites will also be included, but for now, let us consider the Mass changes. My suggestion for a resolution is that each of us make it his business to understand the reason behind all these changes. Don't be one who constantly decries anything progressive as being bad. True, the Church is old, but is it that old that it has stopped growing?

Remember that the word "Liturgy" means public work or effort. We have to do something when we go to Church on Sunday, not just sit there and be given religion as an infant is fed his food. Let us each resolve, then, to accept what is coming in light of our duty as members of the Church and as members of the Knights of Columbus. We should be docile and eager to accept the results of years of hard work on the part of the many people who worked on these liturgical changes.

Happy New Year.

Fr. Palasits



TO HAVE COMPASSION
The Good Samaritan showed his charity. He had feeling for the suffering of his neighbor. For this he will receive a reward. So we too. Our eternity will be measured by our charity. The mark of a good Catholic is his charity and love of God and his

neighbor. By this we shall know who will be saved.