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A NOTEWORTHY CAUSE

We feel the following letter written to the Parishioners of the St. Michael's Church of Union by Rev. Thomas G. Grant is of such grave importance we are reprinting it in its entirety. Please Heed the Advice Given.

Is State Financial aid to non-public schools a dream or a possibility? In New Jersey, it is a strong possibility because of the Vander Platt Bill (A 553). This bill, if passed, will provide equal aid for public and non-public school children. With your help, it will become a reality just as it is now a reality in New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Rhode Island and Connecticut.

The Vander Platt Bill will benefit the child directly, and not the school, in that it would observe the child benefit theory confirmed by the Supreme Court, thus, preserving the fundamental right guaranteed by the Constitution and the Bill of Rights for parents to educate their children as they choose.

We appeal to all parishioners to give support to the passage of this piece of legislation in the interests of better education for all our children. You can write a personal letter to your Assemblyman expressing your support of this bill, and urging him to vote for its passage. Among the reasons you can state for your support of the Vander Platt Bill are:

- (1) The matter of financial aid has a practical necessity. It is far less expensive to assist non public schools to remain in operation than to allow them to close. The saving to the taxpayers in New Jersey this current year is more than \$200,000,000.
- (2) It upholds the natural right of the parents to select the kind of school they wish their children to attend.
- (3) Such legislation has valid precedence in Federal Legislation which offers the G.I. Bill of Rights, the child benefit theory confirmed by the Supreme Court.

In the interests of better education for all of our children, we earnestly hope and pray that you will heed this appeal now and write a brief letter that is personal in content to your Assemblymen, urging them to vote for the Vander Platt Bill.

Sincerely yours in Christ
Rev. Thomas G. Grant

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Truly A Masked Ball

Our annual masquerade, to be held on October 25th at the council hall will truly be a Masked Ball. There will be a planned program and each and every costume will be seen and judged by all. Awards will be given in the following categories:

1. singles
2. doubles
3. fourths
4. small group 6-8
5. large group 8-and over
6. performing group or skit
7. originality

Most of the Brother Knights and their wives have gone to great lengths showing good thoughts, workmanship and originality for participation in a fund affair. A note to groups that are planning something special. The committee will be happy to help by scheduling your time of entry for a maximum effect if you so request.

A meal with all the beer you can drink will round out the evening.

Tickets may be obtained by calling Herbie Kay at 688-6452. Only 250 can be sold for your safety and comfort at a small price of \$3.75 ea.



Americanism Award Presented to Sen. Matthew J. Rinaldo

Brother Knight, Senator Matthew J. Rinaldo was honored at the Council's annual Anniversary Dance held on September 27. Theme of the dance was "Patriotism."

An "Americanism" award was presented to Senator Rinaldo by Grand Knight Julian Pruszkowski. Rinaldo was selected for this honor for having been a consistent and articulate advocate of the American way of life. The inscription on the plaque read: "Award for Americanism is presented to Matthew J. Rinaldo for unparalleled public service to the people of Union Township, the County of Union and the State of New Jersey. His official career has been marked by dedication and devotion to the public good. In living and practicing the ideals of good citizenship he exemplifies the high principals of Columbianism and Americanism. He epitomizes the maxim that public office is a public trust."

Guest speaker at the dinner was State Senator Wayne Dumont, a colleague of Rinaldo's, who spoke about the legislation sponsored and bills introduced by the guest of honor. Worthy Chaplain Father Palasits and Past Worthy Chaplain Father Driscoll also spoke. Brother Vince Iannuzzi was master of ceremonies for the evening. Council Activities Chairman Michael Bizon headed the affair.

A resident of 142 Headley Terrace, Union, Rinaldo is vice-president of Black, Little and Co. of Newark, an

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CALENDAR

OCT. 17-18-19 — Retreat
OCT. 27 — Council Meeting
OCT. 25 — Sat. Halloween Dance
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

Americanism Award

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advertising and public relations firm, and an officer of an industrial and labor relations consulting group. He received a bachelor of science degree from Rutgers University and a master of business administration from Seton Hall University's Graduate School of Business Administration. He also has undertaken studies at St. John's University and Columbia University and has successfully completed course requirements for a doctorate in public administration at New York University.

Senator Rinaldo is a former president of the Township of Union Zoning Board of Adjustment and served on the Union County Board of Freeholders in 1963 and 1964. In 1965, he was selected as the "Outstanding Young Man of the Year" by the Union Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Senator Rinaldo is the Union County Senate delegation leader, Chairman of the Senate Committee on County and Municipal Government and a member of the Labor Relations Committee.

In addition he is a member of the faculty of Rutgers University, Extension Division; the board of trustees of the New Jersey Heart Association, the board of directors of the Union County Heart Association, the board of directors of the Union Chapter of

How About That New Member

It is the duty of every man who sponsors a new member, not only to be certain of his Catholicity; but also to be sure that after he has entered into the Order that he helps him to adapt into the Council. Many of our new candidates find themselves surrounded by strangers and wondering where and how they can be of help, so that they may really feel as if they belong. When you place a man in for a membership, you have taken on an obligation to help him. Make certain you lead him to become the active member he wishes to be. If you are on one of the Six-Point Committees, get him to come along with you; introduce him to other members and show him the work under that program. You would be surprised how often new members want to help but need someone to inform them in what ways they can be of assistance. Someone once said that a little knowledge is a dangerous thing; but complete ignorance can be more dangerous to any organization. Help your new Brother Knight to gain the knowledge of how to become bound in true fraternity. If you won't help him, then you are robbing him. You are denying your Brother Knight of the one thing he wanted the most when he joined, and that is the opportunity to become involved with the organization — a chance for him to use his talents and do his share; but most of all, his right to discover how to be a true Knight of Columbus in every way. So don't just sign him up and ignore him. Do what is right by him and he will thank you for being concerned. When you show no interest in his welfare, he will begin to wonder if he did the right thing in joining. Don't let this happen. We want every man who comes into our Council to know by our action that we do care and we always welcome him to join us in true Columbianism and Brotherhood.

Sam Bruzzi

Ice Skating Party

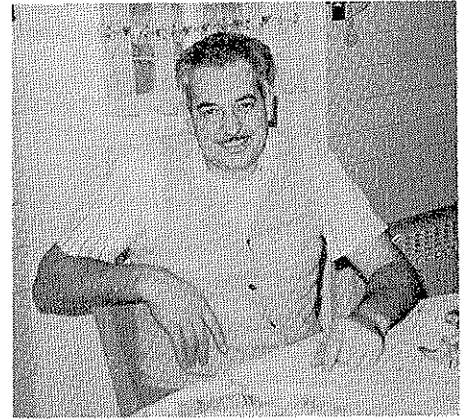
We have an Ice Skating Party planned for Saturday, November 15, 1969 at South Mountain Arena. The price will be a charge of \$.65 for skate rental.

Buses will leave the council home at 1:45 P.M. and will return around 5:00 P.M.

Children under nine years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Parents picking up children at Arena please notify one of the chaperones.

In order to guarantee sufficient transportation please contact one of the following for reservations no later than November 1, 1969: — Bruce Bentz, 688-3263; Tom Horing, 688-3870.

the American Red Cross and the Rutgers University Alumni.



Knight of the Month

This month we honor Domonick Zezza as our Knight of the Month. Dom has been a very active member for many years, and is a member of the Fourth Degree. He has always had a personal interest in carrying on his Christian duty in attending the wakes not only for deceased Brother Knights but also joined with the officers in paying their respects to the deceased members of the families of Brother Knights. He resides at 1684 Van Ness Terr., Union with his wife Rose and three children, Antonette, Phyliss and Frances.

Dom is owner and manager of a delicatessen that specializes in Italian foods. Congratulations Dom, a true Knight of the Month.

Swim Club Splashes

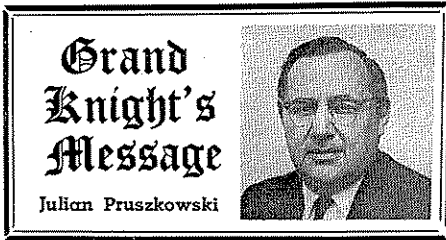
The Board of directors is currently reviewing the management situation for next year. Any one desirous of submitting a bid to manage the Swim Club next year is requested to contact Frank Weber as soon as possible. The board is anxious to conclude this bit of business at an early date.

Any member who is contemplating resigning from the Swim Club is requested to contact Bill Taylor, Membership Chairman as soon as possible to arrange for repayment of your Swim Club Bond. Please do not wait until the pool is about to open — be charitable to the Brother who is next on the waiting list so he too can make his plans for next summer. Remember many summer plans must be made during the winter months in order to insure reservations for summer bungalows, trips etc. Be a good Knight — Remember your Brother — act now.

Remember the annual meeting 3rd Friday in January. The Annual Dance: 4th Saturday in January.

THE DEADLINE

Brothers: If you have a news item for this paper, send it to us — preferably typewritten, double spaced — and get in the mail or give it to us at the clubhouse no later than the 15th of each month. THIS IS THE DEADLINE.



Grand Knight's Message

Julian Pruszkowski

The summer is over and the vacation season is behind us. The children have returned to school and a new season of learning has commenced. Let us take up the challenge of learning and polishing the lessons we have learned in the past. It need not be a formal learning process, but a process of intention. A good example of a lesson needing polishing is the growth of the virtue of gratitude. I sometimes think it is a lost virtue. We accept an act of kindness as if it is our due. Our inability to be gracious is easily noticed by all. Think about it. Give it some thought and practice. It is easy to say "Thank You" and show your neighbor you are thankful for all his little kindness. This attitude has to spread to the world around us.

Nominating Committee for Swim Club

The following men have been appointed as nominating committee to present a slate for the Board of Governors for the Swim Club: JULIAN PRUSZKOWSKI, SAM BRUZZI, MIKE PACYNA, WALT HOELDERLIN, WALT GUTHREAU, CLIFF MORRIS, ED STONACK.

Sorry About "SORRY NO TICKETS"

Tickets For Council Affairs

Our last dance some brothers couldn't order tickets.

We are limited because of space and your comfort to 250 tickets. We have over a thousand members and if all participated we would require space for 2000.

If you intend to go to a council dance order early as possible by calling Herb. Kay, 688-6452.

Herbie Kay is and has been the perpetual and sole ticket clearing house. This detail requires an experienced, understanding, knowledgeable person who can juggle table space to requests. So you see, he hasn't an easy job — therefore earlier the better.

The Council Activities Committee is there to serve you — express your opinion — ask questions — and order your tickets early.

Regards,

Mike Bizon



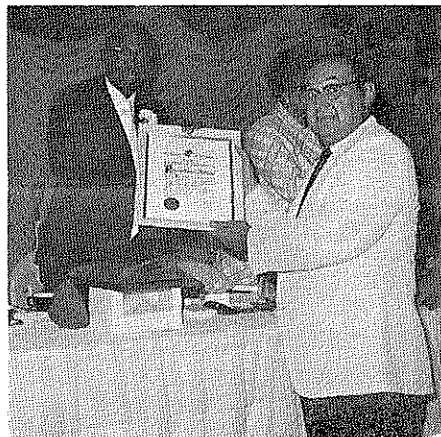
Debbie Donnelly who bowls with the Knights of Columbus Junior League at the 4 Seasons Bowling Alley was awarded the State Title for High Average (152) for the Bantam Division.

Debbie has graduated from Holy Spirit Elementary School in Union and is presently a freshman at Mother Seton Regional High in Clark.

Debbie is going into her fifth year with the league and has won many trophies in various categories during this time.

Congratulations In Order

Congratulations to these Brother Knights who completed their Formation Degree on Thursday, September 25, at the Kenilworth Council: ANTHONY BELLACOSA, EDWARD J. CORT, PHILIP CUFFARI, PETER DUNN, JOSEPH FALLUCCA, WILLIAM F. FITZGERALD, RUDOLPH GRASSO, EDWIN HACKNEY, JOHN J. PEPE, DOMONICK QUAGLIATO, PHILIP A. SAMMARCO, GEORGE A. SCHMITT, JOSEPH E. SCHMITT, FREDRICK WEBER.



The Grand Knight Julian J. Pruszkowski and the Deputy Grand Knight Robert Armstrong and their wives attended a testimonial dinner given in honor of Rev. Elmer L. Williams of the First Baptist Church at the Town and Campus Restaurant. They presented him with a plaque which congratulated him for the outstanding service he has given to his community over the past ten years. The Reverend Williams has accepted a new assignment in Pittsburgh, Pa. We of the Knights of Columbus wish him well.

Random Thoughts

Words of wisdom and some witty thoughts: Criticism may not be agreeable, but it is necessary. It fulfills the same function as pain in the human body. It calls attention to an unhealthy state of things - - - Our forefathers use to wait days for a stage coach: today our Patience wears thin if we miss one section of a revolving door - - - Confession is not necessarily good for the soul, unless it is followed by repentance; most people's confessions are like a dump truck, getting rid of one bad load, only to make room for the next - - - Have you noticed it's no longer necessary to encourage young people to set the world on fire - - - I will be little change in men's pockets have a fashion note for you—there this fall - - - Asked what he thought of the Civil Rights Bill, a backwoods candidate replied "Well, if we owe it we ought to pay it" - - - Mom is slow, sloppy, and a brilliant thinker; the machine is fast, accurate and stupid - - - The real problem of social drinking is that your friends drink up all your whiskey - - - Duty is a task we look to with distaste, perform with reluctance, and brag about afterwards - - - It's amazing how a wife who can't remember where she put her car keys half an hour ago, remembers exactly the date and condition her husband came home in, two years ago - - - We have conquered most of the contagious diseases of the body but have barely begun to combat the contagious diseases of the mind, bigotry, hate and panic, which have shattered more societies than all the viruses ever known to civilization - - - There's nothing wrong with the younger generation, that becoming parents and taxpayers won't cure - - - A vacation consists of 2 weeks which are 2 short, after which you are 2 tired, 2 return, 2 work and 2 broke not 2 - - - An interesting comment of astronaut Edwin Aldrin after his moon landing experience "Being able to Salute that flag was one of the more humble, yet proud experiences I ever had. To be able to look at that American flag, and know how much so many people had put of themselves and their work into getting it where it was. We sensed, we really did this almost mystical unification of all the people in the world, at that moment".

Jim Moran

Agent Wanted

The Knights of Columbus has an opening for an Insurance Agent to cover Union and Middlesex Counties. For further information contact, Mr. Raymond J. Reed, 2165 Morris Ave., Union, N. J. — 687-6500.