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The Vision of Father McGivney

Father McGivney fixed high standards for membership and established sound principles for the guidance of the members. They formulated rules and incorporated into them standards of conduct they regarded as vital to the achievement of the order's ideals. It took 15 years to have the order thoroughly established in New England and along the upper Atlantic seaboard. Today Knights of Columbus men live in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Guatemala, Panama, Guam, the Virgin Islands and the Philippines. Its members are white skinned, black, brown, yellow and red. They speak English, French, Spanish and many other tongues. They are diverse, yet they are one.

All knights are tied together by a common faith, the selfsame idealism, identical principles and similar programs. The diversity spells creativity and the unity spells strength. What do the Knight of Columbus do? They do anything and everything that expresses their deep faith in God, their belief in their own eternal destiny and their love of fellowman as the children of God. Ideals mean little unless translated into constructive dynamic action, and the Knights of Columbus combines its lofty principles with positive and practical action. From its beginnings the order furnished an insurance system for its members to provide immediate aid for the dependents and loved ones upon the death of a member. Upon the foundation stones of charity and fraternity, there has been built a magnificent structure having billions of dollars of insurance in force upon the lives of the members of the knights and their families. Billions of dollars in benefits have been paid to members, widows, children and other dependents of insured members since the founding of the order, thus helping to hold together many homes that might have been broken up by the loss of the family breadwinner. The Knights of Columbus takes pride in this, not as a statistical achievement but it represents mothers who were able to maintain their homes and raise their children under the proper family influence. This is charity and fraternity in action. See our council insurance agents for all our insurance advantages.

In a very brief outline, this is the basic background of the Knights. We should work for our brotherhood, not only to spread this Catholic fraternity, but also for its self serving aspects. By being involved in your Council's work, you can reap all the benefits of membership for yourselves and your family.

Jim Moran PGK

Youth

YOUTH is not a time of life; it is a state of mind; it is not a matter of rosy cheeks, red lips and supple knees; it is a matter of the will, a quality of the imagination, a vigor of the emotions; it is the freshness of the deep springs of life.

YOUTH means a temperamental predominance of courage over timidity, of the appetite for adventure over the love of ease. This often exists in a man of 60 more than a boy of 20.

Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul. Worry, fear, self-doubt bow the heart and turn the spirit back to dust.

Whether 60 or 16, there is in every human being's heart the lure of wonder, the unfailing child-like curiosity of what's next, and the joy of the game of living. In the center of your heart and mine there is a wireless station; so long as it receives messages of beauty, hope, cheer and courage, you are young.

When the aerials are down, and your spirit is covered with the snows of cynicism and the ice of pessimism, then you have grown old, even at 20. But so long as your aerials are up, to catch the optimism, there is hope you may die young at 80.



First Friday

MARCH 7, 1980

Mass will start at 8:00 p.m., followed by a short refreshment period. Our worthy Chaplain, Father Ed, will give an informative talk on the "Origins of the Mass." This will be followed by a "question and answer" period.

Come One, Come All, invite friends if this is your pleasure.

Groundskeeper Wanted

Anyone interested in clean-up work on the rear patio and picnic area during the coming season can submit their names in writing or contact Joe Bizzaro or Tony Shans at the Council Home before March 1, 1980.

Grand Knights Column

Julius Kiss



Before making any other comments, I would like to thank the Kitchen crew for their efforts in once again preparing a delicious roast beef dinner for the CDA — K of C Fifth Annual Communion Supper held on February 1. Also, thanks have to go to the members of the Catholic Daughters who served the meal and to those ladies who baked cakes to top off the supper. Without the combined efforts of everyone the evening would not have been as successful. Thank you all.

Three years of effort in planning and preparation will be culminated starting Saturday afternoon, March 15, 1980 at 12:30 p.m. at Hy-Way Bowl where the opening ceremonies of the 55th Annual Knights of Columbus National Bowling Association will be on hand for the event. We will also be honored with the presence of Supreme Treasurer Daniel McCormick, State Deputy Hugh DeFazio, Past State Deputy Joe Luciano, Mayor James Conlon, and our Chaplain, Father Ed Swierzbinski.

Your Tournament Committee has planned a memorable day for everyone. After the opening ceremonies and tournament competition of the day are completed, a special Mass will be celebrated at St. Michael's Church at 5:30 p.m. for those attending the opening day Banquet. The Banquet will commence at 6:30 p.m. with a gala cocktail party, dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. followed by dancing from 9:00 p.m. til 1:00 a.m. I invite all Brothers and their ladies to attend this gala affair. What better way to celebrate not only the Opening of the National Bowling Tournament but also it is the perfect time to join with us and celebrate St. Patrick's Day. So don't delay! Get TUIT by contacting either Tom Hornig — 688-5867 or Roger Schur — 245-6605 for your reservations today!

The Tournament will run every Saturday and Sunday from March 15 thru May 4, except for Easter weekend. At this writing we expect over 750 teams to participate. There will be teams representing the states of New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and Connecticut. What a beautiful opportunity for all of us to share a little fraternity with our Brothers. Let's show them how friendly and hospitable Union Council Families can be! To help make this endeavor a success, contact any of the Chairmen, Andy Popp, PGK, Tournament Director or myself.

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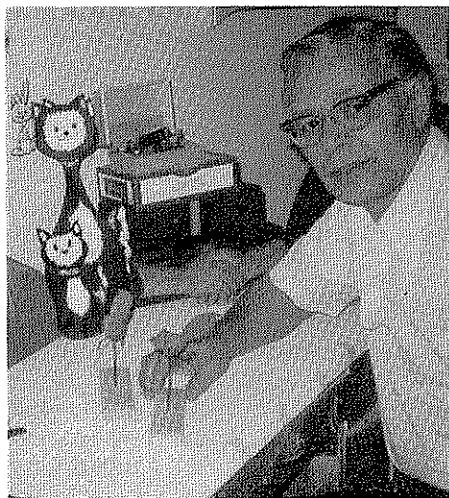
1st Mon. Council Officers
 2nd & 4th Mon. Regular Meetings
 3rd Mon. Swim Club
 1st Wed. 4th Degree Officers
 2nd Wed. 4th Degree Color Corps
 3rd Wed. 4th Degree Regular
 4th Wed. Council Committees
 1st Thurs. Expansion Committee
 4th Thurs. Columbian Club

Wanted

The Columbian Swim Club is seeking "BID's" from qualified applicants for the position of GATE ATTENDANT for the 1980 Swim Club Season. Any responsible person 18 years of age or older may apply. Questions relevant to job content and manner of submitting a BID may be directed to Columbian Swim Club President Jack Kilian or Vince Iannuzzi by calling 686-4074.

Submitted for the Columbian Swim Club by Art Reinhard — 688-6931.

Knight of the Month February 1980



PHILLIP J. SPALLETTA

Our Knight of the Month honor for February is awarded to Phil Spalletta, a member of our Council since April, 1959. Phil is well known around the Council as the congenial co-owner of Phil and Gene's Barber Shop in Union Center where he has been in business at various locations for 40 years. He is also one of the staunch Friday night card players and we hear Phil is even congenial when he loses.

Phil bowls with the Council league and is an accomplished artist and sculptor, a hobby he has enjoyed since boyhood. His works include religious and cartoon subjects. A bust of Pope John Paul was presented by Phil to Monsignor Tuohy, Pastor of St. Michael's Church, Union and his works were displayed last year at the Municipal Building in Union. Phil recently donated the Christopher Room sign now over the entrance to the Council Hall.

Phil and his wife Natalie reside in Union and are the happy parents of four married daughters and eight grandchildren. The family are communicants of St. Michael's Parish, Union. We are happy to salute as Knight of the Month, our artist extraordinaire, Phil Spalletta.

Winter Softball?

Not really but spring is closer than you think and so is our K of C softball league. Please fill in the entry form below if you are interested in playing softball and send it to Mike Ward, 2051 Pleasant Pkwy, Union, N. J. 07083 — 687-4008 or Mike Ambrosio.

Be sure to see future articles for further information and dates when try outs will be held.

All players having either the blue or gold shirts please have them washed and turn them in to me.

Thank you,
Mike Ward

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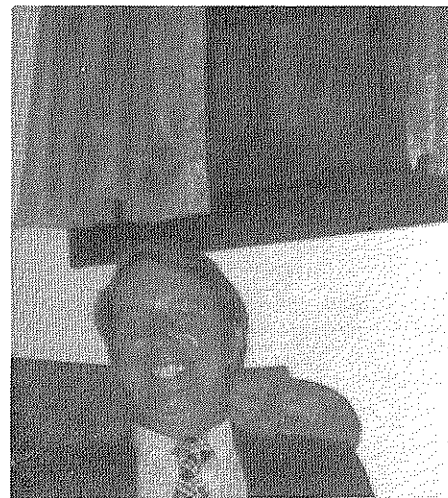
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Knight of the Month March 1980



JAMES J. RUANE

The recognition of Knight of the Month is bestowed on Brother Knight Jim Ruane. A member of our Council since August, 1968, Jim is one who works quietly behind the scenes and out of the limelight. For the past three years, Jim has helped to keep the refrigeration units of the Council bar and snack bar in top notch operating condition.

Jim and his wife Carol reside in Elizabeth with their four children, Jim, Brian, Lynn and Lisa and belong to St. Genevieve's Parish.

Jim has been employed at Schering Corp. for 23 years and is a dedicated jogger averaging two to three miles per run.

The next time you enjoy a cold beer at the Council, drink a toast to Jim Ruane our Knight of the Month for March.

In Memoriam

PRAY FOR THE REPOSE
OF THE SOUL OF OUR
BROTHER

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ARTHUR J. GERBER

FEB. 6, 1980

Snack Bar Bids

Snack Bar bids are now being taken. Anyone interested in running the snack bar, please contact Jim Gardner or Tony Shans at 686-4504.

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Columbian Swim Club News

1. Work Parties.

The Ides of March will soon be upon us; so too will be the first Columbian Swim Club Work Party. One of the truly Fraternal activities of the Union Council 4504 Members is participation in the Swim Club Work Parties. Since the Swim Club is a cooperative venture, and the work done at the Work Parties allows the Swim Club to provide its excellent facilities at a modest cost, the work party provides a vehicle for helping your fellow member while working along side your Brother Knights. There are also some material rewards, namely an additional Guest Privilege for attending a Work Party, and an invitation to the Appreciation Night for attending 'Eight' Work Parties. The First Work Party for the 1980 Season will be on March 29, 1980 at 8:30 a.m.

2. Membership Committee Request.

The Membership Committee Chairman, Mr. William (Bill) Taylor is requesting that all Columbian Swim Club Members review the rules concerning Members of the Family who **may or may not** be eligible for membership. i.e. Son or Daughter no longer living in the parental home. PLEASE UP-DATE YOUR FAMILY STATUS FOR MEMBERSHIP. Call Bill Taylor at 686-3120. Please pay your membership fee by April 1, 1980. There is a penalty for late payments.

3. C.S.C. SWIM TEAM.

The Columbian Swim Club fields a Co-Ed Swim Team that participates in A Summer Club Swim Team League. This C.S.C. sponsored activity receives wide support from the Board of Governors and the Membership at large. It provides an excellent opportunity for a youngster to participate in a team sport at an early age.

Many benefits can accrue for the young boy or girl who participates in this program. Some are: meet members of other Swim Teams while visiting their clubs for Swim Meets; become a proficient swimmer at an early age and prepare for becoming a Varsity Swim Team Member in High School and College; coupled with acquiring a Red Cross Senior Life Saving Certificate, the opportunity for employment as a Life-Guard. Mr. Vin Iannuzzi is the Committee Chairman for this Program. He is issuing a plea for young Swim Club Members to consider joining the team, and he is also requesting adult volunteers to assist him in this Program. Contact Vin Iannuzzi by calling 686-4504.

4. Annual Swim Club Meeting.

The Annual Columbian Swim Club Meeting was held on Friday, January 18, 1980. The various committees gave a year end report and it was the consensus of those in attendance that the Board of

Governors, under the direction of President Jack Kilian, had performed a fine job of Managing the Club during the year 1979. Since the attendance at the meeting was very sparse (about 35 voting members) it must be concluded that the members **not attending** also feel that the Club is being well managed. The election of the two men submitted by the Swim Club Nominating Committee was unanimous; since there were no nominations from the "Floor". The two members elected for three year terms to the Board of Governors are Mr. Frank Cosenza and Mr. William Renner. There were some items brought up on the floor for the consideration of the Board. The items were in reference to Guest Privileges, the possible installation of a sliding board in the pool area, the rough texture of the floor of the baby pool. All items were recorded by the Secretary and will be given careful consideration and will be acted on by the Board of Governors during the 1980 Season.

At the first meeting of the Board of Governors, Mr. Jack Kilian was elected to the office of President of the Columbian Swim Club for the year 1980. Kilian expressed his sincere thanks to the Board of Governors for re-electing him to the office of President. Jack stated that he would continue to enthusiastically and energetically apply himself to the fulfillment of the duties of his office.

"All One Family" Part II

1. It cannot be denied that all men, women and children of whatever race, color, religion, social background — all of us — belong to the one human family. Prejudice, as described in the foregoing religion outline, and which is so common today, produces extremely serious effects both upon those who practice it and upon those who are its victims, and also on the community at large.

The individual who is the object of prejudice often develops traits unfavorable to Christian or even human growth. Through his continual suffering from prejudice, his sense of dignity as a human being is at a very low ebb. Minority groups, because of prejudice, suffer disadvantages in the economic field and hence in medical care which further affects them physically, mentally and morally. The consequences of poor pay and poverty, thus imposed, is seen in bad housing, faulty diet, overcrowding and often equal education opportunities are denied the children of minority groups, which are the victims of prejudice.

2. Discriminatory practices are observed in employment, in housing, in civic life, etc., toward minority groups either because of religion, race, color, national background or the like. These

and many other similar practices of prejudice and discrimination based solely on the fact of race, color or national origin, are contrary to the law of God and hence are reprehensible and should be banned from among us.

3. The Church, especially through her official spokesman, should seize timely opportunities to inculcate justice and charity and endeavor to do away with every form of discrimination. The various organizations in the Church should be active in promoting justice towards everyone. Our schools should teach love and justice.

Employers can promote social justice by accepting for employment in our stores, factories and offices all qualified applicants on the basis of ability rather than on race, color or national origin, and pay all a decent and just salary. Employers must be willing to work by the side of fellow employees who are of a different race, color, etc.

4. Our Brother Knights of Columbus everywhere should take the lead in this important crusade, out of love for God, our neighbor and for the glory of the Order. St. John, the Apostle, warns that *"anyone who does not act justly does not belong to God, nor does anyone who does not love his brother."* (1 John 3. 10.)

Every Brother Knight, in fact every individual, by using his own influence and by taking a stand in line with Christian principles laid down by the Church, can aid immensely in promoting economic justice. Personal example goes a long way, whether it is in the home, at work, church activities, with neighbors or at the recreational center. The individual can aid even politically by being active and participating in local elections. The unions are a powerful force in helping minority groups by accepting as members all qualified applicants irrespective of race, color, ethnic origin, etc.

5. Education of children and adults in the principles of love and justice is important. Likewise, utilization of all media of communication. Laws have been passed outlawing discrimination, but also to make anti-discrimination effective we must lead people to accept it willingly, out of love of God and neighbor. Love in one's heart must come first. Proper attitudes will then follow. It is for us to demonstrate that Christian teaching is within the bounds of reason. Our aim should be to accept a person at his worth, regardless of race, color or national origin. *"We are all one family."*

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2	3 Officers Mtg 8:00	4	5	6	7 1st Friday Mass 8:00	8
9 COUNTY LEVEL SPELLING BEE 1:30	10 Council Mtg 8:15 DIGEST DEADLINE	11	12	13	14	15 Opening Natl. Bowl. Tour. Hyway Bowl 12:30 Banquet 6:30 at Council
16 Natl. Bowl. Tour.	17  ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18	19	20 1ST DAY OF SPRING	21	22 Natl. Bowl. Tour
23 Natl. Bowl. Tour.	24 Council Mtg 8:15 PROGRAM DIR. MTG 7:00	25	26	27 Col. Club Mtg 8:00	28	29 Natl. Bowl. Tour.
30 Natl. Bowl. Tour.	31	JESUS NEEDS YOU, DON'T SAY NO! <i>Vocations Are Everybody's Business</i>				



Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Ed Swierzbinski

I was asked, recently, about the future of St. Joseph's Parish in Newark. Perhaps in telling you I will give you some ideas about the type of parish needed in the inner city.

Plans are underway to merge St. Rose of Lima, Newark and St. Joseph's. They are neighboring parishes. I asked for the merger because I was told the Deacon Program would, definitely be moved from St. Joseph's. That meant that I would get no help — Living alone is bad enough in any neighborhood but there I had two robberies in three weeks. Since I left in August to move to St. Rose's there have been two break-ins in the Church and one in the Rectory. The cost of heating oil and other cost rises made it mandatory to seek other uses of the parish. It would cost over \$44,000 to maintain the parish for about a hundred people. The weekly collection was from \$30 to \$60.

The merger with St. Rose's helps us preserve the buildings including the Church. The Rectory was turned into a convent for four Oblate Sisters who serve the community. The basement of the Church was turned into a Day Care Center plus Kindergarten. Plans are under way to turn the Church proper into a Mall with badly needed offices for Doctors willing to move into the area; offices for health and consumer education for seniors; and even a small restaurant. The stain glass windows and the building will not be obscured.

Thus we have a different religious presence in the community. We are not abandoning the neighborhood.

What I like about St. Rose is that it answers the needs of today's community. We have about seven sisters working in religious education, counseling and with senior citizens. We have a nursery for babies of working mothers. We have a senior citizen center and abused children and wives shelters. We do have a good parochial school. There are five priests working together. Sure beats living and working alone.

I believe the Church in the cities needs to regionalize — not always do away with Church buildings but put them to newer, more efficient, more community minded services.

I mention all of these things because some of the Knights and their ladies are helping me run a fund raiser for St. Rose-St. Joseph. There will be a Chinese Auction in Roselle Catholic on May 31, 1980. If you can help contact me or Jennie and Mike Bizon who are the chairpersons.

Meanwhile I want to thank everyone who helped make our February Communion Dinner such a success. Hope to see you on the First Fridays of March, April, May and June. Remember the Mass starts at 8 p.m. and we are finished with talks and all by 10 p.m.

Come pray and share with us. May the Sacred Heart bless you always.

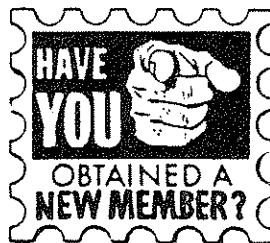
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Mother Teresa — Modern Saint

Mother Teresa is a special person who has been performing wonderful deeds with and for some of the most unfortunate individuals in this world. We, in the Knights of Columbus, are involved in works of charity, fraternity and brotherhood. For us it's a part time job at best. To Mother Teresa, a nun working in Calcutta, India, doing the work of God Himself is her full time occupation.

She started out in life as Agnes Bojaxhiu, born of an Albanian grocer and his wife in Skopje, Yugoslavia. At 18, she joined the Irish branch of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary known as Loreto Sisters. While teaching and serving as principal at fashionable Loreto House, a girls college in Calcutta, she was depressed by the destitute and dying on the city's streets, the homeless street urchins, the ostracized lepers and the other sick people lying prey to rats and ants in streets and alleys. One day she stepped among the teeming street people of Calcutta and scooped up an unconscious woman whose body was half wasted by feasting rats and maggots. She brought the woman to her own flat, bathed her and held her until the woman managed a smile of gratitude and died. That was the beginning of an extraordinary ministry to the world's "poorest of the poor". About this time Mother Teresa received a "Call within a call" or as she described it "The message was clear. I was to leave the convent and help the poor, while living among them." Two years later the Vatican gave her permission to leave the Loreto sisters and follow her new calling under the jurisdiction of the Archbishop of Calcutta. Four years later Mother Teresa formed a religious community called the Missionaries of Charity and the Vatican recognized it as a pontifical congregation directly under its control. The members of the congregation take a stricter vow of poverty than other groups because as Mother Teresa has explained, "To be able to love the poor and know the poor we must be poor ourselves". They also take a fourth vow, to give "wholehearted free service to the poorest of the poor — to Christ in this distressing disguise." Mother said "This vow means that we cannot work for the rich, neither can we accept any money for what we do. Ours is to be a free service and to the poor." All of the congregation's material resources are donated.

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**CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
IS FOR GROWN-UPS
LIKE YOU!**

Vocations Are Everybody's Business.

The sight of this 5-foot nun ministering to the dying moved city officials to give her an inn opposite Calcutta's famous Temple of Kali, the Hindu goddess of death. But many objected to having a Christian center so near a Hindu holy place and some stoned the windows demanding her removal. One morning, Mother Teresa picked up a man dying of cholera outside the temple and looked after him until his death. The man was a temple priest and her compassion so moved another Hindu holy man that he knelt before her and said "For 30 years I have served the goddess Kali in her temple. Now the goddess stands before me."

Mother Teresa has little patience with women who want to be ordained priests. "Nobody could be a better priest than the Virgin Mary," she says. "She remained only the handmaid of the Lord, which is much better." Moreover, she is not out to make converts. The dying are given whatever they wish, be it ablution in the waters of the Ganges, sacred to Hindus, or just a pack of cigarettes. Only abandoned infants whom the sisters pick off garbage heaps in India, are baptized into Catholicism.

(Continued in next month's Digest)

Telephone

Welcome to brother Andy Mados who has joined our Committee. We now have all 81 Teams covered with a reserve of three substitute Captains. This will enable us to handle any emergency which might arise due to the absence of a Captain or Group Leader. If it would not be too much of an imposition to ask, I would like the Group Leaders and Captains to notify me if and when they expect to be out of action an account of vacation, illness, business trip, etc., for more than a week. This would then give me an opportunity to assign your team to one of the substitute Captains thereby eliminating a possible breakdown in the telephone chain. You can reach me at 688-7269 anytime. Again, I would like to thank all of the committee members for their time, effort and cooperation in attempting to make this work of mercy truly a sign of the love we have for our brothers. In the past we had been so pre-occupied with stressing the need for Captains that we neglected to mention one other important aspect of the Telephone Committee. In addition to making the calls, which we certainly appreciate, we would like to see more Captains and Group Leaders at the wakes. If only half of you would come out we would have a representative group of over 50 brothers. Therefore, we urge you to not only make your calls but also to try and pay your last respects for a brother in person.

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