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Blood Bank

Our annual Blood Donor's Day was held November 10, 1963, with over 95 people coming to the Columbian Club offering to give blood. From this number we received 87 pints of blood, 30 of which are to be turned over to the Eastern Blood Bank. The remainder goes into our personal account.

At this time we would like to personally thank everyone who was able to give to this very worthy cause. Chairman Gene Zelazny also wants to take this opportunity to thank the following brother knights who worked so untiringly toward the success of the affair. In addition to their labors and talents, many stood in line with the other donors. Sincere thanks to Bob Armstrong, Ernie DaLuca, Gene Eckland, Les Gale, Pete Genova, Walter Hoelderlin, Zyg Kempezyński, Stan Konicki, Joe Miller, John Mirynowski, Joe Noel, Ron Pikor, Frank Pribula & Tony Shans.

If there are any brothers who were unable to give on Sunday but would like to donate, the Eastern Blood Bank will accept the blood at their offices and credit it to our account. You may go to either of the following locations to contribute: 365 So. Orange Avenue, Newark, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M., Monday to Friday; 555 Communipaw Avenue, Jersey City, 9 A.M. to 5 P.M., Monday to Friday, 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. on Saturday.

Christmas Party

The annual Children's Christmas Party will be held on Sunday afternoon, December 22, at the Council Home between the hours of 1 and 4 P.M. Your children up to and including the age of 10 years are cordially invited.

Parents are requested to provide a gift, bearing their child's name which will be distributed by our famous Santa Claus. The gift should not be worth more than \$2.00.

Of course, there will be the usual refreshments — ice cream, candy, soda, etc. A balloon sculptor will also provide fun and entertainment for the children. This youth activity is under the direction of Assistant Youth Activity Chairman, Brother Edward McCormick.

Get Off the Fence and Into the Pool

Yes, sir! Those are the words of wisdom from the Swim-Club chairman Bill Stuart. There are too many members sitting on the fence and not firming up their decision to swim next summer and beat the heat. We need 300 interested members — so please remit a check for \$2 payable to: Columbian Club. Include card with name, address, and phone number. Mail to Fred Vollherbst, 1374 Stuyvesant Ave., Union.

In mid-November twelve members of Union Council visited, at their own expense, Council #4522 of Alexandria, Virginia to discuss and examine their pool facilities. It was found that Union Council's pool plans are in good agreement with their pool size and costs. So far — "Everything is GO." Send in your name (see above) and open the swim club door in '64. Grandchildren can swim with granddaddy!

Membership

We are all members of Brother Jim Gardner's Membership Committee. Union Council has already had two first degrees and one second degree, thanks to the help of a fine membership program.

On Friday, December 13, we are scheduled to have our third degree at 8:00 P.M. in our Council Home. All Brothers are urged to attend to make this a fine degree.

Let's all keep in mind it is not too late to sign up a new member this year. Just submit the application to Brother Jim Gardner for processing.

New, New, New

There is always something new at the Union Council home. The ballroom walls have now been paneled and fitted with indirect lighting. Come and enjoy the new atmosphere at the Friday evening and Sunday afternoon (3 to 6 p.m.) informal get-togethers. In addition to the Friday "Give-away", a winner is picked from among the ladies present to be awarded a door prize. Drop in, relax, and enjoy the fun.

New Year's Eve Party

A tremendous New Year's Eve Party is in store for the Council this year.

The affair will be limited to 300 people to avoid crowding. Make your reservations early. Tickets will have to be paid for when the reservation is made.

This year we guarantee the food to be delicious and to have it available starting about 9:00 P.M. from our Smorgasbord table.

Every table will be entitled to two set-ups of rye and beer for the night. Last but not least, music will be provided by Herb Scwab, who many of you must remember from the many years he has played in the Newark and Irvington area.

The cost for the night will be \$10.00 per person. Think it over and we are sure you must agree that it will be an inexpensive, pleasant way to spend the night, with your brothers and friends.

So, please make your reservations early at the Council Home, Kay's Hardware or with any member of the Council Activities Committee.

Youth Ice Skating Party Planned

Boys and girls age 8 to 16 are invited to participate in an afternoon of ice skating pleasure at the South Mountain Arena on Saturday, January 11, from 2:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. The price of \$1.50 will cover admission to the rink and bus transportation. Skates may be rented for an additional 50 cents. Buses will leave the Council Home at 2:00 P.M. sharp and will return at about 6:00 P.M. Adults may accompany the children if they so desire. Your Activity Chairman, Donald J. Betz, has promised an afternoon of fun for all.

Christmas Note

The Council Lounge will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. At this time our Grand Knight, Bill Taylor, along with his fellow officers and other officers of the Columbian Club, would like to wish each of our members and their families a very Holy Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

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CALENDAR

DEC. 9 — MONDAY

Regular Council Meeting

8:15 P.M. — Council Home

DEC. 11 — WEDNESDAY

Lectures by Father Driscoll

9:00 P.M. — Council Home

DEC. 13 — FRIDAY

3rd Degree

8:00 P.M. — Council Home

DEC. 16 — MONDAY

Special Dinner Meeting

6:30 P.M. — Council Home

DEC. 22 — SUNDAY

Children's Christmas Party

1:00 P.M. to 4 P.M. —

Council Home

DEC. 25 — WEDNESDAY

Christmas Day

DEC. 31 — TUESDAY

New Year's Eve Dance

9:00 P.M. — Council Home

JAN. 1 — WEDNESDAY

New Year's Day

JAN. 8 — WEDNESDAY

Lectures by Father Driscoll

9:00 P.M. — Council Home

Did You Know

Bob Armstrong and Tony Shans had a little labor problem on Blood Donor's Day as to who should wash the dishes, both claiming the job. A 50-50 settlement was finally reached.

Our meeting room at the Club House has a NEW look. Drop over and see the latest improvement.

We now have three generations of Crimmins in Union Council.

P.G.K Jim Confroy is State Membership Chairman.

Fraternal Activities

On December 13, 1963, many new brothers will be taking their 3rd Degree of Knighthood. If we are to keep these new members interested in our organization we must extend our friendship to them immediately. True fraternalism toward these new brothers now will tend to encourage them to take an active part in our council.

If you know of any brothers ill or in need of help, contact Gene Zelazny at 273-9272.

Pray for the speedy recovery of the following brothers:

PGK Howard Leary

Robert Matheis

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Our Civilian Army

Knowledge is power. We as Knights, have to be equipped with the best knowledge of our faith in order to combat the forces trying to destroy the free practice of religion. We must take advantage of every opportunity to learn more about our Catholic faith.

At the Supreme Council meeting in August this year, Bishop Zuroweste said "Like the Church, Our Order must keep abreast of the times, and adopt modern methods and means to compete successfully with atheistic forces in the arena of today's struggle. The problems facing the Church are complicated and serious. The foremost is one of Christian education."

What was adequate in the past is inadequate for the present and the future. Bring your knowledge of your religion up to date. Join our Civilian Army. Rekindle the fire of love and appreciation for your faith. How? Attend the series of lectures being presented by Father Driscoll entitled "Life in Christ". It's a discussion of basic truths of our religion and comments on the Vatican Council. These talks may be heard every second and fourth Wednesday evenings at 9:00 P.M. at the Council Home. Wives, relatives and friends are welcome. No charge of course.

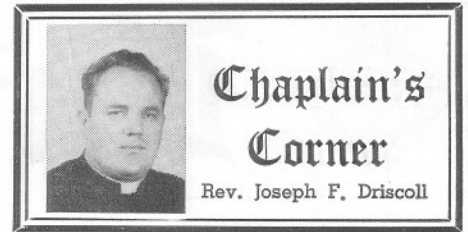
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Christmas-Dinner Meeting

On December 16, 1963, we will conduct a Christmas-Dinner meeting. Dinner will be served at 6:30 P.M. and admission will be \$1.25 plus a wrapped grab-bag gift not to exceed \$1.00 in value.

We anticipate a lot of fun as well as an opportunity for the many new brothers entering the order to get acquainted with the older brothers.

For tickets contact Lecturer John Zimmerman, MU 6-2150 or Fraternal Activities Chairman, Gene Zelazny, 273-9272.



Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Joseph F. Driscoll

Brother Knights have a special reason for grief in the death of President Kennedy. Our President was a fourth degree Knight of Columbus. His tragic death points up well the patriotism that should be the mark of a Knight of Columbus.

Any and all of his statements calling for generous giving on the part of all Americans never sounded hollow when we thought of the sacrifices of John Kennedy. Without his years in public service and after a long life he could have an obituary which indicated the winning of two medals, one a purple heart.

For the President this was only a beginning. While not fully recovered from his war experience, he began the personal sacrifice in politics that brought him and us to these days. He countered strong wills who said, "a Catholic may never be President", or "There would never be room in the White House for a Boston Irishman", with the determination and confidence founded on great talent and willingness to endure.

Not only did he become President, but he gave the office a new dignity with his dedication to service and his spiritual qualities of kindness and consideration. Further, he raised the vision of our nation above the conflicts of our times to a clear pattern of future horizons of unspeakable brightness.

And now to all but Catholics he is gone. We have the consolation through faith of knowing that though he is dead, he lives. He lives in Christ as do we all.

He may rightly expect in his heaven to learn that he has not died in vain. He must now be pleading that God may touch us to live without pettiness and rancor. He died to tell us as Christ did before him that we must make the principles of freedom, justice and peace the result of our purification through his death. Brother Knights, make sure that your Brother Knight, John Kennedy, has not died in vain.

We ask you to remember in your prayers our late President and Brother Knight, John F. Kennedy.

Grand Knight's Message



December! The beginning of the wildest, maddest, most colorful time of the year! Three hectic weeks of planning and plotting, pushing, shoving, haggling until it would seem sheer exhaustion must surely overtake us. Then we summon up a final bit of strength to decorate our tree and home. Then the final bit — whom did we forget? Did we send a card to the Jones. How does one assemble the blamed new-fangled toy we bought Johnny — the instructions indicate it is so simple any M.I.T. grad can do it.

If this is your situation, do not fret. You are quite normal and you have lots and lots of company. All of these actions have a definite place in our busy modern day society. The greetings, the giving and receiving, the gathering around the festive table are all part of our lives and rightly so. Only when one loses sight of the true meaning and origin of Christmas should we criticize or be criticized.

Let us reflect for a spell on the meaning and origin of Christmas before we rush pell mell into the great arena that is our merchandise mart these days. What is Christmas? Of all the versions of the Christmas story ever told, one simple and unalterable sentence tells the story far better to more people than all the books ever written — "Christmas is Christ's Birthday." If we enter into the spirit of the holidays with this thought in mind our reward will be boundless happiness.

Happiness means receiving, be it a spiritual or material gift, an act of love or charity. Happiness means giving — giving some spiritual or material thing or giving of yourself. To enjoy happiness through receiving you must rely on someone else. To enjoy happiness through giving requires only one's self. Each of us has something to give. It can be a material gift but far easier and usually more welcome to the recipient is your time and assistance or even a smile. Of all gifts the greatest is prayer. Pray for someone or some cause in this joyous season. May God bless you and yours.

Faternally yours,

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR

SPORTS

After ten weeks of bowling, here are the standings of the teams:

Team Name & Captain	Won-Loss
1. Silent Knights, R. Bachefski	20-10
2. Cavaliers, F. Kidzus	20-10
3. Some Knights, E. Burke	20-10
4. Crusaders, J. Seibert	18-12
5. Flushers, J. Kenny	17-13
6. Good Knights, M. Garrubbo	16-14
7. Checkers, B. Godesky	16-14
8. Knights-5, R. Graybush	16-14
9. Brothers-5, J. Burke	15-15
10. Mid-Knights, H. Weismantel	14-16
11. Dominoes, J. Petrucci	12-18
12. Tumblers, O. Bordogna	11-19
13. Saints, A. Czajkowski	9-21
14. Ringers, C. Minervino	7-23

Here are some high-lights worthy of note. The League Secretary, Jack "Red" McMahon bowled his all time low series of 408 last week. The most consistent bowler in the league this year and for the past two years has been Jerry Chaplinski. He has never bowled a series less than 480 or more than 520. Good luck Jerry, keep up the fine work.

So far this year 23 men have bowled a 220 or better and 17 men have bowled a 200. Here's an oddity for you. On Tuesday, October 29, John Vergura had an opening game of 210, then followed with a 101 in his second game and finished with a 160 for a 471 series for the night.

Flash! Five men have had a 600 series this year, John Burke, Joe Naples, Jim Stich, Jules Pruszkowski and Richie Bachefski.

Late bulletin: Joe DeSordo and Lou Schmidt have each rolled a 230 game in the past two weeks.

Anyone interested in bowling — please contact the League President, Hank Skarbek.

Safe Driving Corner

John Foley

This season means the beginning of icy roads. The ice may be found in patches on an otherwise clear road, a situation which could prove disastrous to a careless driver. Bridges and shaded sections of the roadways should be approached with caution because patches of ice form there first and last longest during autumnal freezes.

Knight of the Month

September — Larry Pribula

October — Pete Genova

November — Henry Chemidlin

November's Knight of the Month needs little introduction—the **Knight Digest** is the best proof we can give to justify the selection of Henry Chemidlin. As you know, Henry has served as editor for the past two years — And what an outstanding job he has done!

Henry has ever been a hard and industrious worker for our Council. He has also helped to judge the Christopher Columbus Essay Contest, printed the names on our Blood Bank Honor Roll, worked at kitchen engineer, and served on various other committees. A faithful parishioner, Henry is a past president of the Holy Name Society at St. Michaels.

We hope Brother Chemidlin will continue to keep the Digest presses rolling — each new issue is a tribute to a faithful Knight—our Knight of the Month.



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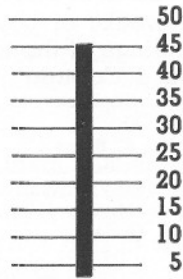
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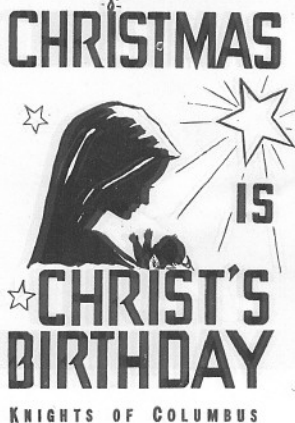
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