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## OPEN HOUSE SUCCESS

Membership Chairman, Mario Henriquez, reports that the Open House Meeting, held on September 21st, brought out approximately two hundred and fifty members and candidates to the V.F.W. Hall. At the time of this release, at least thirty applications were received, and after proper screening, the candidates will be eligible to take their First Degree on October 12th. There is a good indication that the class may reach forty or more.

Henriquez contributes the success of this event to the efforts of his committee, and fellow knights, and the concerted, succinct talks given by guest speakers Bill Wishbow, Howard Leary and Chaplain Fr. Driscoll. Other speakers, who contributed added details on the Knights of Columbus, were Ted Osbahr, former State Deputy and present State Insurance Chairman, and District Deputy Frank Jackiewicz.

For those who were unable to attend this affair arrangements will be made for a re-showing of the film, "Noble Heritage" which beautifully depicts, in color and sound, for both laymen and members, the activities and objectives of the Order.

Brother Wishbow, former District Deputy and Past Grand Knight of Greenville Council, outlined the liaison work done by the state officers, and their representatives the District Deputies, between the more than two hundred councils in the State of New Jersey and the Supreme Council. He enumerated various activities which they sponsor to implement the programs recommended by New Haven. It was a factual discourse, but, at no time, did it lack that interesting touch that always illuminates his talks.

Our own Past Grand Knight, and present Lecturer, Howard Leary described the growth and enthusiasm that has always existed in Union Council, modestly avoiding any reference to his own influence in our past successes. He emphasized the concern of all of us for juvenile delinquency, and the disregard of our own subjectiveness to poor companions. "How much better for us," he said, "to surround ourselves with fellow Catholic gentlemen, united in the principles of our Order."

Chaplain Father Driscoll, in his usual rare form, endorsed the work of Union Council, but urged that no man join un-

less he was prepared to be the best possible Knight within his capabilities. He reminded all of the seriousness attached to Khrushchev's visit—what this man really is, and what our attitude toward him should be—the guest of our country's President, whom as good citizens we must back all the way, and the Archenemy of Christ, of Whose Mystical Body we are members. Through the programs of the Knights of Columbus, particularly that of the Catholic Activity Committee, we may offer our united prayers and efforts to overcome this threat to God and country.

Each of the honored guests, and the members who attended, are to be congratulated for an excellent promotion job. In the opinion of Harold Livingston, Union County Chairman of the State Membership Committee, other council Membership Committee Chairmen should have attended our open house to learn how best to conduct such an affair. A registry desk was manned at the doors so that every prospective candidate's signature could be checked against signed applications. An attractive display of circulars and pamphlets describing the activities of the Order was kept available throughout the entire evening. Seating arrangements by the Council Activity Committee, and tasteful refreshments offered by the Lecturer's Committee, aided in making each prospect feel immediately "at home." Trophies and awards won by our Council were arranged in front of the speakers' dais so that all might see.

Although we are well on the way to fulfilling our quota of thirty associate and fifteen insurance members, Chairman Henriquez warns the membership that this is not the time to relax. We are far from the goal, set by our own great Union Council, which won us awards in the past. There are still far too many good Catholic men in town who are not now Knights of Columbus.

### WHERE IS THAT CANDIDATE YOU WERE GOING TO BRING IN???

Fraternal Chairman, Bernie Raymond, and Membership Chairman Mario Henriquez, announce joint plans for an Indoctrination Night, to be held in the latter part of October or the early part of November, not only for new members, but for all.

## 6 Point Committee Report

Six Point Chairman, Bill Donnelly, revealed this week that all committees have held their meetings, and that a variety of activities have been planned for the coming year. Donnelly stated "As General Program Chairman, I hope that each and every brother will attend as many functions as possible, and, when the occasion presents itself, will bring a guest. A good attendance at these affairs is what the committee hopes for."

If any brother would like to serve on any committee, he can do so by contacting the General Program Chairman, or the chairman of the committee he wishes to work with.

## Council Activity Program Announced

The Council Activity Committee, under Chairman Bill Taylor, is arranging what should prove to be a very interesting calendar of social events for the coming year.

To open the season, a Knight's Night will be held on October 31st, at Immaculate Conception Auditorium, Union and Prince Streets, Elizabeth. The affair will be limited to Knights and their wives, or, in the case of bachelor members, to their dates. There will be dancing from 9:30 P.M. to 12:30 A.M. to the music of Freddie Sleckman's Orchestra. Food and liquid refreshments will be included in the admission charge of \$1.50 per person. The committee will send a reservation card to each member. It is urgently requested, that all who plan to attend, fill out and return the card so that refreshment requirements may be accurately determined.

The committee is also contemplating a minstrel show, for a tentative date in January. A performance of this type can only be presented if enough brothers participate. Anyone interested is advised to contact Gus Armstrong, or any member of the Council Activity Committee. A square dance is also on the agenda for the coming year, slated for February 19th, and last, but not least, our Annual Charity Ball on April 23rd.

The committee has promised to do its utmost to make this a banner year for our council, and feels certain that the membership will co-operate as it has done in the past.

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## Notice to Brothers and Their Families

If you know of the death or illness of a Brother, please notify, immediately, Fraternal Activities Chairman, Bernard Raymond, 2218 Berwyn Street, Union, MU. 8-4343.

## SAFE DRIVING CORNER

Oscar Ernst

Once again the back to school movement is on—much to the delight of the parents. For the driver of a vehicle, be it a car, bus or truck, this means more careful driving than ever. Special attention must be paid to school crossings and school buses taking on or discharging children.

Due to the age and relative inexperience of children, the driver can expect quite some irrational behavior from them. This means constant alertness on the part of the driver. In addition, the parents of the children have the duty and responsibility of teaching them correct behavior on the road. The most effective way is a good example. Parental delinquency is the root of most evil, and to some extent, may be responsible for bad driving habits too.

Brother Knights, please try hard not to belong to this category of parent. Charity on the road is your duty, and is not to be taken lightly.

The most priceless possessions are our children. Let's give them a "brake".



## Chaplain's Corner

--- Rev. Joseph F. Driscoll

### Out Saving Souls

Your sons and daughters will know happiness and security only in proportion to the degree that their home offers those qualities. Your problem as parents is to make your home as happy and as holy a place as you possibly can. It is your task to offer the good, safe, and joyous elements of life in abundance.

Home is the starting point. The "coaching" of your new teen-aged youngster began even before birth. It actually began before the altar at your own Nuptial Mass when you took the sacred marriage vows and became a team—husband and wife—in close co-operation with God.

The graces which came to you then have continued graciously and plentifully ever since. They are now flowing into your souls so that you may carry on your present duties with competence and wisdom. Because this is true you shouldn't worry overmuch about the problems which beset you now. Certainly there are problems. How could anything so vibrant and intricate as a human being arrive to this stage of near-adulthood without problems?

The responsibility for these problems is not yours alone. Since they arise out of the current needs of your offspring, they are as much the concern of God the Father as they are yours. Try to remember this. It will help you in all sorts of circumstances. Take God at His word. Realize His presence. Lean on it, and cherish it mightily. Your son or daughter is now the person he or she is because of the important training you have given at home. The hours he or she will be away from home increase as outside activities demand attention. But actually home is never left behind; it has left its mark

forever on your child. School life, social life, and religious life are like compartments which take over fully the seemingly brief hours of a youngster's day. We may list them separately, but actually they cannot be divided.

In the case of a Catholic child (or any child who would know true happiness), religion must be an integral part of each and every phase of his life. It is then your task to do all in your power to establish this proper foundation for living. It is your constant duty to strive to make religion a vital, attractive thing which a boy or girl may enjoy, a great reality in which he or she may find a sense of fulfillment and completion.

You have been teaching religion since the birth of your child. You must continue to teach it throughout his lifetime. The lesson will be well taught only when he has learned how to reach heaven. Therefore, you parents of high school boys and girls will do well to keep in mind the truth that the only thing which will count for your child is for him to arrive "safe at home." He came from the hand of God, and back he must go if he is to realize his destiny.

The cheers on earth aren't important! Merits and high grades in school are not the only goal of an education. Friendship is not enough in itself. Athletic prowess isn't everything. Beauty, charm, social prestige, economic security—all are relative. They are to be desired only if they can be won with young eyes fixed unwaveringly upon their True Home!

This may sound like the wording of a framed motto on the wall but it is sound enough to quote: "Heaven is our home!" We can reach it only if we make heaven the goal of our earthly homes.

## Knight of the Month

Our deceased brother, William C. Fay, has been selected by the committee to be our first Knight of the Month. Brother Fay, a long time member of the Order was a strong advocate of the "do it now" motto. He was an early force and drive behind our Columbian Club movement. He served on its by-laws committee, the Building Committee, the Board of Directors, and was author of the Key Club Plan which is an integral part of the current fund drive. Much of the success of the Columbian Club, therefore, will be a direct result of the active interest and untiring efforts of Brother Fay.

### COLUMBIAN CLUB Pledge Goal \$40,000.

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