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Knight of the Month

An appeal for help during the closing weeks of Summer was readily answered by a member of our Council, Sister Madeline, of St. Michael's School, asked our Grand Knight if we could possibly assist her to send a boy to Camp Columbus. A member of the Youth Activity Committee investigated the case, made all the arrangements, and secured the necessary transportation.

For his act of charity, performed quietly and efficiently, as an exemplary Knight of Columbus, the selection committee is pleased to award the honor of "Knight of the Month" to Brother Weldon Arner.

KNIGHTS OF THE MONTH

June	—	Knight of the Year?
May	—	
April	—	
March	—	
February	—	
January	—	
December	—	
November	—	Weldon Arner

Memorial Mass

On Sunday, November 13 at the 9:05 Mass in St. Michael's Lower Church, we will pay tribute to our departed brothers. All members are urged to attend, and to receive Holy Communion in a body, in memory of Brothers Paul A. Desseault, William C. Fay, John S. Futej, Frank E. Kanach, and Raymond E. Vollherbst.

Be A Knight - Give a Night

Let's show the officers and committee chairmen that they can count on our help. "Don't leave it up to the next Brother", let's volunteer ourselves at the next meeting. Remember that only by our support and cooperation will our council be strong and prosper.

WEAR THE EMBLEM

First Degree

On Monday, October 24, our newly installed officers conducted an exemplification of the First Degree. This ceremony, held at the Elk's Club, was the first of the 1960-61 season. It was the direct result of the successful "Open House" Meeting, held on September 20, under the direction of Membership Chairman, Tom Butler.

The conferring officers are to be congratulated for a job well done. The difficult ritualistic work requires painstaking preparation in order to impart to the candidates the lessons of our Order.

A hearty welcome is extended to the newly inducted brothers. It is hoped, and urged, that they take an active part in the functions of the Council, and lend their talents and abilities to its growth and success.

The new brothers are:

Robert Emery, Ronald Poles, Robert Poles, Edward Muzikar, Frank Spera, Valentine Mirta, Adolph Carbone, Leonard Cicglia, Edward LaCruz, James Lord Sr., James Lord Jr., William Jones, Donald Ring, Martin Quinn, Ernest Rizzola, Joseph Salvo, Raymond Karpinski, Louis Sadano, Robert Diskant, Walter Maurer, Dominio Gatti, Robert Egreczky, Thomas Burger, Joseph Bizzaro, Daniel Surman, James Doherty, Donald Betz, Michael Kealy, Stephen Kealy, Anthony Garrubbo, Arnold Berger, and Robert Grant.

Columbian Club Notes

The officers and directors of the Columbian Club wish to announce that the card party, conducted by the Knights of Columbus, for the benefit of the Building Fund, was a success.

Our special thanks go out to Howard R. Leary, District Deputy, and Director of the Columbian Club, and to Brother Benjamin Godesky for their supreme efforts in making this a successful venture.

An affair of this size could never have attained such great magnitude without the efforts of the worthy committee which consisted of Brothers Thomas Drogan, Henry R. Weismantel, Henry Skarbek, Walter R. Kalb, Herbert Kay, John Foley, Thomas J. Vigliotto, Richard Graybush and Jerry Perucci.

We are sorry that more of the Brothers, and their ladies, could not have attended, but at least it is a land mark for future activities of this type.

Within a short period of time the Club will know exactly whether or not the building program will be commenced this year. Naturally the Club is taking every precaution in order to establish sound financial backing prior to the inception of such a building program. We have been happy with the new return of pledges as a result of the increased drive which has taken place in the last month. Certainly every effort should be made, by each and every Brother of the Council, to make a pledge to aid this worthy cause.

We beg you to pray and work for this coming event of the establishment of a Council Home in Union for the Knights of Columbus.

Football Excursion

The Athletic Committee Chairman John Vegura announces an excursion to the New York Giants - Philadelphia Eagles football game at Yankee Stadium on November 20. A block of 82 tickets are available on a first come, first served basis. Make your reservation early with John, MU. 8-1066. The cost of \$5.50 per ticket includes bus transportation and refreshments. The buses are scheduled to leave the Union High School parking area at 12:00 noon.

COLUMBIAN CLUB

Pledge Goal \$40,000.

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_____ 35

We are here

_____ 30
_____ 25
_____ 20
_____ 15
_____ 10
_____ 5

Pledges can now be paid at regular Council meetings. A committeeman will be on hand to receive them.

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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 Activity Chairman, Edward J. Wargins, 948 Townley Ave., Union, MU. 8-8835.

Calendar

NOV. 4—

Knight's Night, Immaculate Conception Hall, Elizabeth.

NOV. 8—

Election Day, Don't Forget To Vote

NOV. 13—

Memorial Mass, 9:05 A.M., St. Michael's Lower Church.

NOV. 14—

Regular Council Meeting, 8:15 P.M., at Elk's Club, "Memorial Service for our Departed Brothers"

NOV. 24—

Thanksgiving Day, Attend Mass This Day.

NOV. 28—

Regular Council Meeting, 8:15 P.M., Second Degree.
Retain for Ready Reference

PRAY FOR PEACE



Chaplain's Corner

- - - Rev. Joseph F. Driscoll

Whenever we speak of death, we always refer to it as belonging to someone else. We are saddened by the death of a brother Knight, and speak well of him. As we pass middle age, we note the obituary columns of the newspapers with ever increasing concern. However, it takes the times of retreat to force us to consider our own death.

It should not be that way for us. We are regularly reminded to pray daily for the grace of a happy death. Now, in the month of November, we are asked to pray for the souls of the departed. We are urged, as well, to think of our own souls.

In the past years, our Lord called home several of our brother Knights, of our own Council. Should we not ask "Why were they called and not us?" It was certainly within God's power to call any one of us in their stead. If we had been called, would we have been prepared? Not only do I mean preparation through being

free from sin; there should be a positive expectancy that God may call at anytime.

A good attitude to build, with the help of God, is to consider yourself already within the mansion of God. The only separation between you and the presence of God, as Judge, is the door to the next room. This door is death. Death, therefore, is not the end, but the beginning of glory and joy. Death is the means of entering into eternal life.

The Knight, as a good Catholic, must not fear death, but pray that God may bring death in His own good time, and welcome us into His chambers.

Throughout the month of November, Knights should remember all the members of their families, and brother Knights, in their Masses, prayers, and Rosaries. Further we should pray for all the souls in Purgatory, so they may obtain Heaven.

We're All Members of the Public Relations Committee!

Whether we realize it or not, we are all members of the Public Relations Committee! In the eyes of the general public, we are associated with the Knights of Columbus, and what we do, what we say, and how we act, day in and day out, reflect on our Order.

We are continually in the spotlight — we are observed by non-Catholics who expect us to be good neighbors and take an active interest in civic affairs; we are observed by Catholics because we are referred to as the "cream of the crop" and are expected to set the good example and finally we are observed by the members of our own household who usually form their opinions by what we say and what we do.

Our deeds, expressions and actions are noticed and remembered, and help form the public's impression of us. If that impression is favorable, our Order benefits. Also, good public relations build good community relations, and if the Knights of Columbus stands high in our communities, we can take pride in being

identified with it. High esteem, like a good reputation, must be earned by continuous effort, and once established will long endure.

Because we are our Order's representatives, we should be well informed about our Order. We should know such facts as: that dedicated to the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism, the Knights of Columbus offers an ideal outlet for Catholic men who desire to participate in fraternal affairs, an outlet which enables them to set worthy examples as ideal Catholics to their families and community. In addition, its program of Catholic Action, Fraternal, Council and Youth Activities, Membership-Insurance and Public Relations touches in intimate ways the lives of millions with spiritual or material enrichment, and help guide us in the practice of our Catholic duties in the fields of charity, devotion, and education.

To sum it all up, we are the ambassadors of Columbianism — so let's build and **maintain** sound and productive public relations.

Grand Knight's Message



Safe Driving Corner John Foley

BROTHERS:

The First Degree of the year 1960-1961 was a very successful affair both in attendance and in the number of candidates joining our order. As many times as we attend the various degrees, there are always new lessons to be learned from these excellent ceremonies. The officers and members of Union Council again congratulate the new Brothers, and earnestly request that they take an active part in the council affairs. Every man, regardless of his station in life, has some particular interests and some special abilities which can be utilized in Union Council.

Your officers were asked to conduct a First Degree at Father Canty Council on Thursday, October 27, 1960. We are always pleased to assist this fine Council whose officers and members were so helpful when Union Council was an infant.

My sincere congratulations to Brother Weldon Arner, Knight of the Month for November. Brother Arner has made new friends for Union Council in St. Michael Convent by his quick response in aiding Sister Madeline.

Mark November 4th in your calendar of activities as an outstanding night. The Council Activity Committee has planned something unusual for Knights' Night, to be held at Immaculate Conception Parish Hall in Elizabeth. This is a golden opportunity to renew old acquaintances, and for the new Brothers to meet and make many new friends.

Our Memorial Mass, for our departed Brothers, has been arranged by our Chaplain, Father Driscoll, to be held on November 13, 1960 at 9:05 o'clock in the Lower Church. Realizing, as we do, the uncertainty of life, let us pay our proper tribute to the memory of the Brothers of our Council and Order who have preceded us to the great beyond. May the prayers of their Church and our Order never end.

We will hold a Memorial Service at the Council Meeting on November 28, 1960. This is an impressive ceremony and should be attended by every member of the Council. If it is at all possible I would request every member to attend this Memorial Service.

Fraternally yours,
Thomas M. Crimmins

"Driving is a full time job." That statement was forcefully impressed upon me last week. In searching for a certain address, I slowed my car so I could check the house numbers. When my eyes swung back to the road I found a car, parked broadside, right in my path. My slowing down had lulled a resident into thinking that I had braked so that he could back out of his driveway.

Is driving a pleasure or a chore to you? Your answer would depend upon your attitude towards other drivers. For example, your car is second in line when the light turns green. The first car starts normally enough, but you, with a Super 8, are impatient so you gun your motor and roar past the "slow poke".

Driving can be a pleasure, no matter how much you do of it, if you remember that everyone can't drive as well as you, and you therefore make allowances for other drivers' mistakes. Also fellow motorists are enjoying their ride because they won't let your driving errors upset them.

This very week is the time that the wise motorist winterizes his car including the changing to snow tires. You avoid the long line that forms when the first snow or freezing weather visits us.

Carry a large box of bicarbonate of soda in your car as a fire extinguisher. Costs but 15 cents and is very effective. Keep one in the kitchen, too.

To start a cold motor in the winter, pump twice, and twice only, on the accelerator before turning the key.

Day or night, on the road be always a Knight.

SPORTS NEWS

INTRA-COUNCIL BOWLING LEAGUE

Team Standings	Won	Lost
Kilowatts	10	5
Bandits	10	5
Untouchables	9	6
G-Men	9	6
Plungers	8	7
Jackals	8	7
Shellbacks	7	8
Right Handers	7	8
Diggers	7	8
Merits	6	9
Shamrocks	6	9
Spoilers	4	11

Individual Standings High Average

Hank Skarbek	181.13
John Burke	181.5
Ed Burke	179.3

High Game

Jim Bradley	247
Hank Skarbek	232
Ed Burke	223
A. Czajkowski	223

High Series

Jim Gardner	592
Ed Burke	592
Matt Simon	576

BASKETBALL

Members interested in playing basketball on our council team, please contact Athletic Committee Chairman John Vegura, MU. 8-1066.

Can You Help Us?

Public Relations Chairman, Matt Simon, has disclosed that he is in the process of assembling a scrapbook of Council history, which will be installed in our proposed new council home.

He has requested that anyone who has photographs, newspaper clippings or other published articles, depicting events in the growth of our council, kindly contact him.

The Knight Digest is pleased to offer a copy of each issue published since its inception in September 1958.

Random Notes

At Columbus Day ceremonies held at Columbus Park, Newark State College, Civic and Cultural Chairman Anthony Rusciano presented a wreath in the name of our council.

St. Michael's Holy Name President, Brother Henry Chemidlin expresses his thanks to the brothers who participated in the "High Hat Brigade" in the Holy Name Parade.

Hank and Elaine Weismantel are proud parents of new daughter, Victoria Ann.

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine announced that Thomas Duhig, Aloysius Ring, Robert Slavin, Matthew Simon, Robert Buob, and Joseph Kenny are teachers at St. Michael's High School of Religion.

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Church Etiquette

As Knights of Columbus we should set a good example for our other parishioners by observing the following rules:

1. Bless yourself with holy water upon entering and leaving the church.
2. Genuflect fully upon entering your pew before Mass, and when leaving it after mass.
3. Refrain from all unnecessary conversation while in church.

Council Bulletin Gems

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