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Anniversary Dance

Our Council Activities Chairman, Bob Holler, and his committee have planned an Anniversary Dance to be held on September 7.

This will be a dance to remember, as the committee has acquired the nationally known band of Buddy Dee, who has been seen on the Ed Sullivan show, Steve Allen, the Tonight Show and many more. His best known records are "Long Gone" and "Royal Garden Blues."

Tickets are priced at \$2.50, which includes some refreshments. Since this is our first dance of the year, tickets will go fast. Order yours now. Reservations will be taken for tables of 6 to 10. As a new feature, we now have round tables for our affairs. For this dance and all future events we will have a hospitality committee to welcome you and make you feel at home whether you are in a group or come alone. Let's see you on Sept. 7 at the Anniversary Dance. Tickets are available at the Knights Lounge, Kays Hardware, 1344 Stuyvesant Ave. or call Bob Holler, MU 6-1367, Jerry Shaw, MU 8-2451, or Al Petracca, MU 8-4695.

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Extra Vacation Time

How would you like a few days added to your vacation this year? Naturally, the answer is yes. Our council is offering you a brief vacation that will be a change of location, away from the cares of everyday life, a time to become mentally and spiritually rested. Enjoy three wonderful, full meals a day, table tennis, pool, billiards, a walk by the ocean, grounds to roam and informative discussions with fellow Catholics. It will be a time and place to think and talk of problems, hopes and dreams, with devoted listeners who are interested in you. All these things are yours if you join your brothers at the San Alfonso Retreat House, West Long Branch, New Jersey, on October 18, 19, and 20. See Tony Quatrone or Jim Moran. Sign up NOW!!

Williamstown Bus Ride

On Sunday, Sept. 15, the Catholic Activities Committee is sponsoring a family bus ride to Williamstown. It is not often that a social good time and religious benefits are combined in the same event. Such an occasion is our Annual Pilgrimage for Peace.

A two fold purpose is served on this day. As a Knight of Columbus we have an opportunity to demonstrate our devotion to the cause of peace. It also gives us an opportunity to take our wife and children out together with us.

In the past, members have brought their picnic lunches and beer. One stop is made on the way there and one on the way home. Everyone should be at the Knights of Columbus parking lot by 11:00 A.M. so the busses can leave promptly. There is no charge for busses nor facilities at Williamstown. Costs are paid in full by your Catholic Activities Committee.

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Another First!

The Columbian Club has initiated plans to build a Family Swim Club for members of Union Council 4504. Prompt action by a sufficient number of interested members will insure a swim club at the Council Home to be in operation for the 1964 season! Members are requested to be put on the PRIORITY list by remitting a check for \$2, payable to the Columbian Club, to Fred Vollherbst, 1374 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, N. J. Include card listing date, name, address, and telephone number.

Brothers Vollherbst, Kay, Sheridan PFN, Morris and Raymond formed the initial swim club committee. The officers of the Columbian Club and Council, at a joint meeting, approved tentative plans which will be submitted to the Council for approval at the September 23rd meeting. Lecturer John Zimmerman PGK will use his part of that meeting for a general discussion on the swim club. Come on out and hear the latest details!

Reception for Father George Drexler of Holy Spirit



Left to right, Monsignor Begley, Father Drexler, Bishop Costello, Grand Knight Taylor.

Union Council had the pleasure of tendering a reception honoring the Rev. George Drexler, pastor of the new Holy Spirit Parish, on Saturday July 27, at the Council Home.

Many parishioners, friends of Father Drexler, members of the Clergy and Brother Knights and their wives came out to welcome the new pastor. The most Rev. Joseph A. Costello, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, a life-long friend of Father Drexler, also attended the affair and delivered a most inspiring address extolling the qualifications of the new pastor. Monsignor Begley extended a welcome hand to Father Drexler. Father Driscoll our Chaplain and Grand Knight, William Taylor, offered full support and assured the new pastor of any aid he may desire at any time.

James C. Conlon, Master of Ceremonies, introduced other guests including Freeholder, Mary C. Kane; Assemblywoman, Mildred Barry Hughes; Township Committeemen, Kolman Kiss and Anthony Russo; Rabbi Elvin Kose, President of the Board of Trustees of the library; Justina Hunt, Librarian; Frank M. Pitt, President of the First State Bank and the Chamber of Commerce. Refreshments were served after the formalities.

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CALENDAR

SEPT. 7 — SATURDAY

Anniversary Dance
Council Home 9:00 P.M.

SEPT. 9 — MONDAY

Regular Council Meeting
8:15 P.M. — Council Home

SEPT. 15 — SUNDAY

Pilgrimage for Peace
Williamstown

SEPT. 22 — SUNDAY

Kreskin — "Command
Performance"
3:00 P.M. — Council Home

SEPT. 23 — MONDAY

Regular Council Meeting
SWIM CLUB DISCUSSION
8:15 P.M. — Council Home

OCT. 14 — MONDAY

Regular Council Meeting
8:15 P.M. — Council Home

Thomas J. Butler - New Public Relations Head

Nothing has less value than old news. For this reason all items of interest to our Council should be submitted as soon as possible to Thomas Butler, Public Relations Chairman, 2252 Hobart St., MU 6-7703. This will help Tom get timely news into the local papers. Closing date for all items for the Knight Digest is the 15th of the month preceding publication.

Help Wanted

Our mailing committee chairman, Roger Baetsch, is looking for help in getting your mail out. If you can help one hour a month, please call Roger at CH 5-1681.

Sports

Union Council 4504 had a most successful year in softball. The team had a 10 win — 0 loss record this season.

The star pitchers were brothers Don Spriet, 5 wins and 0 losses, and Walter Barbella, 5 wins and 0 losses. Each had a .357 earned-run average. Some of the top hitters were brothers Jerry Petrucci, .500, Buddy Neher, .500, Andy Nadzan, Jr., .459, and Richie Bachevski, .440.

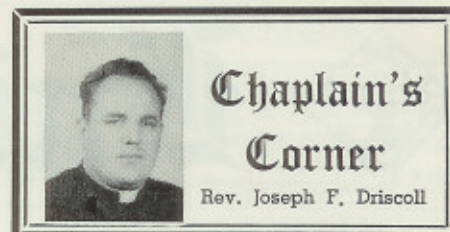
The ninth annual New Jersey handicap golf tournament of the Knights of Columbus will be held Sunday, Sept. 29, 1963, at the Asbury Park Country Club. The tournament will start at 8:30 A.M. The entry fee, including dinner, will be \$11.50, while golf alone will be \$8.00. An entry blank is on the bulletin board at the Club House. All participants must be paid up members.

In the near future there will be shuffleboard tournament nights for members only. Also, a mixed ping pong tournament will be held for patrons of the club on Fridays.

If you are interested in bowling for the Knights of Columbus on Tuesday nights for next year, 1964, now is the time to sign up with Brother Hank Skarbek.

Command Performance

Union Council #4504 will present a Command Performance by Kreskin at 3 p.m. Sunday, September 22 in the Council Home, Jeanette Ave., Union. Kreskin, who holds degrees in psychology, and who has recently performed for a stadium group of 8,000, will give a new show of magic, mysticism and hypnotic demonstrations that will amaze his audience. The Kreskin show at Union Council has always been a treat for members and their friends. Tickets at \$1 per person may be obtained from the ticket committee or at the Council Lounge.



Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Joseph F. Driscoll

A man is accepted for Knighthood in Columbianism from the fact that he is using the ordinary means offered by the Church for the sanctification of his soul. In his advancement toward Knighthood, he is impressed with the need for the development of virtue if he is to be truly a Knight.

It is well to concern ourselves, in these paragraphs, with a consideration of this virtue.

The virtuous man is such from his attainment of many virtues. Firstly, the natural virtues that are associated with manliness are a prerequisite for the exercise of supernatural virtues. The Knight must be truthful, considerate, a man of his word, uncompromising with principle in the performance of his duties.

Then such a person, by grace, is endowed with the power of faith, the power of hope, and the power of love. He expresses his faith in the God he serves; his trust in the God who is fashioning Heaven for him; his love of that God by the service he offers his fellowman through his faith and trust in God.

His personal conduct is helped by the powers given to him by God. He must make a choice of all the means necessary or useful to attainment of his supernatural end. He does this through the virtue of prudence. He must respect the rights of others. This he does through the virtue of justice. In order to defend, without fear or violence, both himself and his possessions from the dangers that threaten, he does through the virtue of fortitude. He must use the goods of this world moderately. He has the power to do so through the virtue of temperance.

The virtuous Knight is built on manly character. God is the author of the nature and the grace for the development of virtue. A Knight of Columbus must oblige himself to receive the Sacraments every week if possible. He must be prayerful every day, with particular emphasis on the consideration of the power for good with which he has been endowed. He is a Knight who is recognized by his fellows as a man of truth, with a deep faith, who translates love as the desire to spend himself in the service of others.

Grand Knight's Message



My Brother Knights,

In this, my initial message to you, I would be remiss in my moral duty if I neglected to express my appreciation to all the brothers of this council for having voted me into the Grand Knight's Chair. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve you in the coming year.

If, in future articles, the pronoun "I" is used, you may be assured it is purely unintentional or there is some sound reasoning behind it for a particular occasion. Being cognizant of the fact that much time and effort must be expended to produce a successful program that will benefit the brothers spiritually and socially and fraternally, it becomes quite obvious that "I" must be replaced by "we". No one man, nor one group, can successfully undertake a task such as this. Hence, from now on it shall be "we" and by "we" is meant each and every brother on our rolls pulling in a concerted effort with one goal in mind — a determined effort to exemplify the main principles of our order, Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Brothers, remember in the coming year that the officers and committee chairmen are only brothers the same as you. The principal difference that sets them apart is that they chose to work at being a Knight of Columbus by serving you. They are not paid for their efforts — that is materially. Morally and spiritually they are enriched by the knowledge of having served their fellow man, no matter how menial the task. Your membership in Union Council may be likened to a savings institution. You can only take out something if you put something in. Then the more you do put in the more interest you may draw. Please do not sit back and say a clique is running the club or that you were not asked to help. You are cordially invited to assist any committee chairman. You will be more than welcome. Speak up — Act up — Be a real Knight of Columbus. Do not sit back and let George do it. Draw some interest from your membership by putting some effort into the 4504 bank. May God bless your every effort.

Fraternally yours,
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR

Fraternal Activities

A new year is just beginning for our newly elected officers. In order for them to get into full swing working toward a successful term, they will need the full cooperation of all brothers. To be sure, the Knights of Columbus is primarily a Brotherhood of Catholic men.

We'd like to call upon the more active brothers to recruit our newer members to serve on the various committees and to participate in the wide range of activities the council plans for the next year.

The best way to keep the Knights of Columbus ever in the mind of a brother is to keep him busy, striving toward the successful completion of all council endeavors.

If you know of any brother or his family who is ill or who may be in need of any type of help, whether it be financial, legal or other, be sure to notify the Fraternal Activities Chairman or the Grand Knight. Remember, the brother who may be in need of help may be too proud to ask for it. Therefore, you will be doing him a service by bringing it to our attention.

Pray for the following to have a speedy recovery:

Martin Merbler
Dominick Ponte
James Priccacinte
Frank J. Segale

Mistakes?

Big mistake vs. little mistake: "Mr. Prospect, you're thinking of waiting a year because you don't have the \$300 this year for the premium. You've got a decision to make, but it involves the difference between making a big mistake or making a little mistake. We're all human. We all make mistakes. But nobody's going to get hurt in this world if they keep their mistakes down to little ones.

"You have a choice, Mr. Prospect. A choice between two things—if you don't buy this policy and die, you've made a big mistake—\$20,000 worth to your family. If you do buy this policy and don't die, you've made the mistake of putting aside \$300 you might have spent on something else. What kind of a mistake do you want to make for your family? The big mistake — the \$20,000 mistake — or the \$300 mistake?

"It actually turns out, Mr. Prospect, that you don't make a little mistake at all, because all you've done is banked your money. Remember the old saying, 'The best things in life are free'? You might add Life Insurance to that."

Safe Driving Corner

John Foley

There are two trains of thought on the value of the rear view mirror. One group holds that the rear view mirror gives the motorist an idea of the traffic conditions in the rear. The other belief is that the driver should forget the mirror and drive as if there were a vehicle following his car all the time. The reasoning behind this thought is that the giving of signals for changing lanes, turns, etc., will become automatic. Combination of both reasonings should be the correct solution.

Take your car to your mechanic immediately if it pulls to either side when the brakes are applied. This braking action usually indicates that a brake cylinder on a wheel is leaking.

If you are going to make a left turn, check the crosswalk of the street you are about to enter; there may be a pedestrian crossing directly in front of you.

Most schools are opening now. Become more alert and watch for school busses which are stopped. If you approach a school bus that is picking up or discharging passengers, you must not pass it, regardless of your direction of travel. You may pass the school bus, no faster than 10 miles per hour, if it is parked at the curb in front of a school or if a highway divider or stanchion is between your car and the bus.

Did You Know?

Walter Hoelderlein is the luckiest man in the Council.

Al Petracca should get a free ticket to the Kreskin show, paid for by Kreskin. What a subject!

Nearly 300 guests showed up for Father Drexler's reception in spite of the heat.

There is still need for more bartenders.

Another Family Life Conference is scheduled to begin in October.

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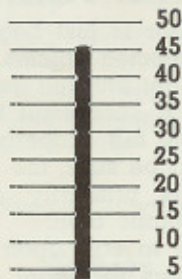
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