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STATE CONVENTION ... MAY 14, 15, 16

SWIM CLUB NEEDS HELP

Although ALL Swim Club members have been contacted regarding the need for help on week-ends preparing the pool and surrounding area for opening on Memorial Day, the response has been anything but good. A handful of men can't possibly do what has to be done — these are not jobs that one or two persons can do by themselves, but rather 10 to 12 men working as a team. Visualize if you can, 2 men trying to scrub and clean the pool — its not an easy task. But it can be if 10 or 12 men do it at the same time.

We need MANPOWER badly, and if we can't get it from the Swim Club membership we will be forced to hire outside contractors, which will increase the financial burden of the club, which in turn could affect you as a member.

There is little time left, less than thirty days in fact, to get the work done so you and your family can enjoy a relaxing summer.

This is YOUR Swim Club, a CO-OPERATIVE VENTURE. How cooperative have you been? "UNITY" of action is what we need. Won't you help us — and help yourself at the same time. We need 50 men each Saturday and Sunday in May, in order to finish on schedule. Can we count on you?

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THE CARDINALS NEST

On April 21st the first organizational meeting of the newly formed John Fitzgerald Kennedy Fourth Degree General Assembly was held at our council home, under the direction of Former Faithful Navigator George Sheridan.

The new Assembly, recently set up by directive from the Supreme Office, will be composed of those Fourth Degree members from Hillside, Kenilworth, Springfield, Summit, and Union Councils. A second new Assembly has also been organized in the Paterson Diocese.

PUBLIC DECENCY

At the 1964 Convention of the Military Chaplain's Association, with Chaplains from various religions participating, the following resolution was adopted:

"WHEREAS the publication and distribution of salacious printed matter continues to flood the market and corrupt the minds of immature people,

"BE IT RESOLVED that all Chaplains use as a guide for evaluating printed matter of this sort, the National Office of Decent Literature publication and such research material that is available from the National Office for Decent Literature. Furthermore, it is recommended that Chaplains take action to have this National Office for Decent Literature publication used officially as a guide in the commands in which they serve."

The NODL lists are prepared by carefully selected, competent reviewers who must have a college background. Many members of the Protestant and Jewish faiths serve on the NODL reviewing board.

Publications are listed as objectionable for youth which:

1. Glorify crime or the criminal;
2. Describe in detail ways to commit criminal acts;
3. Hold lawful authority in disrespect;
4. Exploit horror, cruelty or violence;
5. Portray sex facts offensively;
6. Feature indecent, lewd or suggestive photographs or illustrations;
7. Carry advertising which is offensive in content or advertise products which may lead to physical or moral harm;
8. Use blasphemous, profane or obscene speech indiscriminately and repeatedly;
9. Hold up to ridicule any national, religious or racial group.

Over 700 stores throughout our Archdiocese make use of the NODL lists to combat the lascivious type of literature which threatens moral, social and national life.

Do the stores that you patronize sell only good literature?

Scholarship Fund

The Scholarship Committee of the Council will begin to accept applications for the annual scholarships for the 1965-1966 school year beginning May 1. The closing date for applications will be June 1. Early filing with the committee will be appreciated because certain confidential information must be obtained to aid in a fair determination of the worthy recipients.

The \$100 scholarships are available to one boy and one girl each year. To qualify the applicant must be the child or brother or sister of a member in good standing of this Council (or of a deceased member of this Council). They must pass the Archdiocesan High School entrance examination and be accepted by a Catholic High School. Preference for the scholarships will be decided by the committee on the basis of need as well as scholarship ability.

The recipient of the scholarship will be awarded an additional \$100 each year upon proof of satisfactory fulfillment of the scholarship requirements of the high school. The maximum will be \$400 payable each year in \$100 increments.

Applications may be obtained from P.G.K. James R. Confroy, 410 Bergen Street, Union, N. J. 07083.

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ELECTION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS

Grand Knight Frank Dickerson advised us this week, the annual ELECTION of COUNCIL OFFICERS will be held the first meeting in June, — MONDAY, JUNE 14. All council members are requested to attend this meeting, and participate in the voting.

This is your opportunity to elect the men you feel are going to do the best job for you and for the general good of the council and our order. The nominating committees' slate of officers will be presented to the membership at the regular council meeting of May 10.

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CALENDAR

MAY 3 — MONDAY
1st Degree at the council home

MAY 10 — MONDAY
Regular council meeting

MAY 14-15-16 — FRI., SAT., SUN.
State Convention — Atlantic City

MAY 17 — MONDAY
2nd Degree at the council home

MAY 21 — FRIDAY
3rd Degree at the council home

MAY 23 — SUNDAY
Council family picnic — 1:00 P.M. at the council picnic grove
\$1.00 for adults

MAY 24 — MONDAY
Regular council meeting

MAY 25 — TUESDAY
Living Rosary — 8:00 P.M.
St. Michaels Church

MAY 27 — THURSDAY
Columbian Club meeting

MAY 30 — SUNDAY
Family Corporate Communion
8:05 Mass — St. Michaels Church

**WEAR
THE EMBLEM**

THE PRICE WE MUST PAY

Every day we read in our papers and hear over radio and TV the many complex problems of our society. War in Viet Nam, Red China, the Berlin Wall, corruption in politics, and the violence in our streets.

The average husband and wife follow these problems with concern but consider them beyond their influence or control.

We could never be more mistaken. Many of these problems exist because as a group, our society is complacent or just plain lazy. Our present generation seem to lack the fathers influence at home.

If we are to begin to correct some of our problems, the place to start is in the home. The father, you and I brothers, must assume our responsibilities as head of the family. How many times do we shirk the responsibility of saying 'no' to our children, with the statement, '... ask your mother'. Are we fearful that our children may consider us old fashioned if we supervise their activities? Do the children consider us their buddy rather than giving us the love and respect they should?

Those of us who have assumed the vows of matrimony, have also taken on the responsibility of head of the household. We have the obligation of not only supporting our families financially, but also the moral guidance that is necessary to maintain the standards of a Catholic family.

A leading psychologist informs us that 55% of our total education is received by the time we are five years of age. It stands to reason therefore, that the primary source of moral education is in the home. We cannot rely upon our schools and teachers to mold the moral fibre of our children, although many parents feel this is where it should be done. Every school and every teacher may not have the qualifications or capabilities to do this job adequately.

As practical Catholics we must buckle down and accept the fact that the family is our responsibility, and that working together with the love and assistance of our wives, we can give the proper training to our children.

We must begin today to take a more active interest in what our children read, where they go, what they study in school, and who their friends are. We can no longer shirk this responsibility - - - and personal sacrifice may be necessary - - - but brothers, This Is The Price We Must Pay - - - for a better society.

COUNCIL PERSONALITY

Our personality this month is a familiar person to all of us, a man whose untiring efforts have made our council home more attractive and comfortable for all of us. Stan Rucki, small of stature but big of heart, has been an active member of Union Council since 1961. His handywork is evident throughout the council home, from the shelves in the kitchen to the new sun deck now being built for the Swim Club, Stan was co-foreman of the carpentry and tiling work that went into re-decorating the council chamber last year. Those of you who are parishioners of Holy Spirit Church in Union, can be especially thankful to Stan for the beautiful Altar he built when the parish was first organized.

Mild mannered and soft spoken by nature, Stan does not boast of his accomplishments which are too numerous to mention here in the limited space we have, but if its anything in the carpentry line, he has had a hand in it.

His activity does not consist solely of building for the council, but covers other areas as well. He is a familiar figure at every council meeting and actively participates in every degree held in the council home. He is an active member of the Columbian Club and is presently serving as Houseman.

Stan became a member of the John Dawson Gilmary Shea 4th Degree General Assembly in 1962 and is an active member there also.

Needless to say Stan has been a carpenter since 1918, and lives with his wife Stella at 1012 Warren Ave. He is a member of the Holy Name Society of St. Michaels Church, and is an usher at the 6:45 Mass.

Its nice to have a handy-man around the 'house'. Thanks Stan, for all your efforts in our behalf.



Stan Rucki

Grand Knight's Message

Frank J. Dickerson



My Brother Knights:

A short time ago we made an appeal to the membership to support our Building Fund Pledge drive, and I am very happy to report that our appeal has been answered by many of our brothers. The council and Columbian Club officers, and the pledge committee wish to extend to those who have cooperated, our most sincere thanks. We hope that through your generosity we may make our council home and the surrounding area more enjoyable for all.

I would also like to extend to Brother John Picyk the congratulations of the entire council for the fine accomplishments made during his administration as Columbian Club President. The opening of our swim club, liquidation of two outstanding notes, the tentative purchase of additional land and renovation of our kitchen floor, were among the important accomplishments of the past Columbian Club year. Again congratulations to John, his fellow officers, and board of directors of the Club for a job well done.

Brothers we again appeal to you to remember your obligation to pay your COUNCIL DUES when they are due. We are in the final quarter of our council year and many brothers are not current in their payment of dues. Financial Secretary Al Dietlein and Past Grand Knight Bill Taylor, chairmen of the conservation committee have a difficult job to do. Please make it a little easier for them by paying your dues promptly.

To our new third degree members and their ladies, a reminder that Friday May 7th, is our final indoctrination program for this Council year. Try to make every effort possible to attend this affair. This is one of the most important and informative meetings that you will be asked to attend in your council year.

Fraternally yours,

COUNCIL CREDIT UNION

Under the Lecturers portion of our meeting of April 12th, the membership was addressed by Mr. John Keiderling, of the New Jersey Credit Union League, Inc., on the workings of a credit union and the possibilities

of establishing a credit union in our council. His talk covered the history of credit unions and a very interesting comparison of interest rates charged by lending institutions and that charged by a credit union.

He indicated that the interest rate on loans in a credit union is never more than 1% per month on the unpaid balance, or one cent per month on each dollar unpaid. The amount a member may borrow varies, but is usually enough to meet all ordinary requirements.

In many credit unions, Mr. Keiderling pointed out, members may borrow up to \$750.00 on their own signatures with no collateral required. Loans in excess of this amount must be covered by security, such as chattels or co-signers.

The credit union is also a convenient method of savings, and no matter how little we save, it soon mounts up. The maximum amount any one member may have in his share account varies in different credit unions. Credit unions are permitted to pay dividends after operating expenses have been paid and the required reserves are set aside.

All money received and not loaned or invested is deposited in insured banks. The treasurer and others handling credit union money are bonded, and the books are examined by GOVERNMENT EXAMINERS at regular intervals. Credit unions operate under the supervision of State or Federal governments.

Your savings may be withdrawn at any time, and all disbursements are made by check.

The establishment of a credit union in our council is a very good possibility, but a great deal of work must be done in preparation. Because of the state or federal government control or supervision, approval for a credit union must come from Washington.

Before any further action can be taken by our committee, we MUST know how many members of our council are interested in joining or forming a credit union. Our filing with the government must include

K of C Youth Bowling Banquet

The Knights of Columbus Youth Bowling League, under the auspices of Union Council #4504, held their annual Bowling Awards Dinner at the council home on Jeanette Ave. on Sunday, April 25th.

The league, comprising 100 youths between the ages of 9 and 14, completed their 26 week season at The 4 Seasons Lanes on Saturday, Mar. 20th.

Awards presented at the dinner were as follows:

High Individual Average, Jack Sherry — 177, and in the girls division Linda Stawski — 128; High Series, Andy Horishny — 594, and Valerie Spirato — 475; High Ind. Game in the boys division was won by Gary Collins — 232, and in the girls division by Deborah Knox with a 215. The first place team trophy in the boys division went to the Odd Balls, Dennis Spriet, Thomas Cortese, Edward Stefanik, William Famula, and Gary Collins. In the girls division the team trophy for first place was awarded to the Tiger Tails, Linda Bruno, Deborah Dunn, Rosemary Guidera, and Suzanne Heffers. Trophies for the most improved bowlers in each division were awarded to Robert Rygiel and Kathy Armstrong.

To Harold Cortese and the members of the Youth Bowling Committee, we extend a sincere Thank You for giving so freely of their time and efforts in the interests of our youth. These men gave up their Saturdays every week for 26 weeks to supervise these activities and they certainly did a fine job.

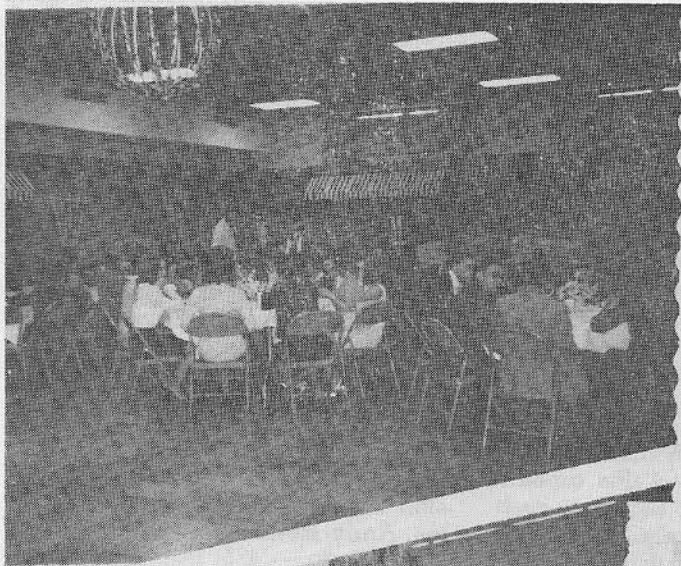
this information. In order to determine this, we ask that you take a few minutes to fill out the form below and mail it to Chairman George Arnold at the address shown or drop it in the Public Relations envelope on the bulletin board at the council home, prior to June 1st. Don't hesitate Brothers, time is of the essence.

TO: Mr. George Arnold
375 Burroughs Terr.
Union, N. J.

I am interested in participating as an investor in the proposed Credit Union, in the event a charter is granted.

signature:

date:



YOUTH BOWLING AWARDS DINNER
SUNDAY, APRIL 25th

The Youth Bowling Awards Dinner
 was held at the KofC Union Hall
 on Sunday, April 25th. The
 program was presented by Mr. John
 J. ... of the New Jersey Credit
 Union. The program was a
 very successful one and the

INDOCTRINATION NITE

Early June is the date set for our next Indoctrination Night for the new 3rd Degree members of Union Council and their wives, at the Council home.

ALL new third degree members are requested to attend this brief meeting, to familiarize themselves with the operation of our council. This is your opportunity to have all your questions answered, and to learn for yourself what your council can do for you.

While you are attending this meeting, your wife is invited to attend a Cocktail-Get Acquainted meeting in the small meeting room. We will present to the wives a capsule picture of our council, and some of the things we have to offer for their enjoyment.

Our Indoctrination meetings have been very fruitful in the past, for all concerned, and we urge you to attend.

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COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

The Monte Carlo Night was very successful, and we had some 175 persons in attendance, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. The top prize for the evening was taken with a win of over \$2300.00. If this had been Las Vegas, someone would have been very happy.

On Sunday May 23rd we will hold our Family Picnic at the council grounds beginning at 1:00 P.M. As in past years, we are asking the adults for a donation of \$1.00 each to help defray the cost of the refreshments. You are invited to bring your own grill and food if you want.

Those of you who have attended the picnics in the past know of the fun and good times had at this affair, and we hope to have a good day planned for you.

We could use some assistance directing the childrens games and activities throughout the day, and if you have any ideas for games that may be enjoyed by the children or adults we would appreciate your contacting one of the committee members.

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Letter of Appreciation

For the past year I have been honored to serve Union Council as President of the Columbian Club. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Grand Knight Frank Dickerson, the council officers, and the membership of Union Council for their cooperation. My appreciation

and gratitude also to the officers and members of the Board of Directors of the Columbian Club for their cooperation and efforts in furthering the objectives of the organization in the best interests of their Brother Knights. My thanks too to our Chaplin, Father Driscoll, for his guidance and inspiration in all of our endeavors.

Our congratulations and thanks go to the swim club committee for the excellent job they have done in the organization and management of the pool, which has proven to be a tremendous asset to our council. To Harvey Lewis, Tony Shans, and the members of the Pledge committee I extend my sincere thanks for their untiring efforts in this campaign.



John Picyk

We soon begin a new year with many many endeavors facing us which will require the cooperation and support of each and every member of the Council. I urge your utmost support of the newly elected officers of the Columbian Club, the Grand Knight, officers, and committee chairmen of the council in the coming year. Unity of action is what brought Union Council to where it is today, the finest in the State. Your continued cooperation and support will help us to remain "second to none".

I will always remember and be proud of the honor you have bestowed upon me in the past year. Thank you.

John J. Picyk,
Past President

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FEDERATION DANCE

On Saturday, June 12th the Union County Federation Knights of Columbus will hold a social in honor of the 4 District Deputies, in charge of the activities of the 14 member councils.

Food, beverage, and dancing from 9:00 P.M. 'til closing. Tickets are available from P.G.K. Bill Taylor at \$2.50 per person. The social will be held at our council home. All are invited to attend.

Knight of the Month

Have you ever thought about how you receive your council mail each month? Even this issue of the Digest - - - have you ever noticed the mailing label? To the average person its just another name and address, but to the technical programmer of modern day electronic equipment, it means hours of planning, wiring, and testing, — to say nothing of the processing of some 3000 punched cards required to prepare a single mailing to our membership.

Our Knight of the Month for April, Frank Gillick, is the technical mastermind behind this operation. Thanks to his abilities, the mailing committee of 5 to 10 men, now consists of 2 persons, and perhaps 1 hour preparation time as opposed to several hours for the committees in the past.

Frank is presently mailing chairman of the council, and in addition to preparing the labels, is responsible for the preparation of all mimeograph letters, the monthly flyer, and other media that is distributed to the membership. He is a member of the bartenders committee, and worked on the council activities committee, until (unfortunately for us) he broke his finger earlier in the year.

Frank has been a member of the Knights of Columbus since 1957 when he joined Elizabeth Council #253. He transferred to Union Council in 1963, and has been a familiar figure around the council, and a helpful one, since then.

He is married to the former Claire Kelly of Elizabeth, (who by the way is the other member of the mailing committee), who together with their daughter Sharon reside at 2404 Dorchester Road.

Frank has been employed at the Western Electric Corp. in Kearny for the past 27 years, and is presently a Section Chief.

Congratulations Frank, on being selected April's Knight of the Month.

Knights of the Month

Joe Noel	September
Gene Zelazny	October
Matt Rinaldo	November
Pat Gethins	December
Ernie DeLuca	January
Harvey Lewis	February
John Fleno	March
Frank Gillick	April

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