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K of C DECLARES WAR ON SMUT

Grand Knight to Lead Council in Fight

Grand Knight, B. Warren Hehl, at the September 27th meeting dedicated the Council to an all out campaign to fight and stamp out indecent literature in our community, state and country.

He emphasized the timely need for this action in order to stem the ever rising tide of Juvenile Delinquency and the re-establishment of high moral standards in our communities. We can wait no longer, the time for action is now, and we must all join in the fight to rid our news stands of this smut.

To kick off this campaign the Council at the September 27th meeting had a showing of an anti-smut film "Perversion for Profit" which demonstrates the type of trash which is infiltrating our lives.

The principal speakers at this meeting were: State Public Decency Chairman, George Emory; State Assemblywoman, Mildred Barry Hughes, and State Assemblyman, Peter J. McDonough, all of whom highlighted the dangers and crippling effect this garbage has on our families and society today.

Stop for one minute and answer these questions: Do I purchase any

literature that could not be shown to my wife, children or parish priest? How would you react to finding your children reading pornographic literature?

Brothers this is a fight we are all involved in. As Catholics we have no choice. The responsibility for the education of our children and a good Catholic home is ours, not the schools, not the church and not some Youth Organization. They only supplement the education the children receive at home.

If we ever hope to give our children the future they are entitled to, then we must get behind this action and put the pressure on every publisher, distributor, and retailer who handles these books.

TAKE A STAND TODAY! If you see these books at a store you patronize, tell them you cannot continue patronage of this store until the books are removed.

On November 2nd, you go to the polls to elect men of your choice to governing bodies. Before you vote for a candidate find out how he stands with regard to indecent literature Legislature.

WITH SOME HARD WORK AND THE HELP OF GOD THIS WAR WILL BE WON.

GOD! GIVE US STRENGTH

I recently read a reprint of an article in a local newspaper which clearly illustrates strength in the face of death. It was concerned with the crash of an Army B-25 bomber into the Empire State Building on July 28, 1945. The following detailed description was given by one of the survivors: "There were seventeen of us in the office. Suddenly something hit the building. We had no idea what it was. The building shook violently, and five or six seconds later there was an explosion that consumed about three-fourths of the office. From the floor to the ceiling there was nothing but a sheet of orange flames.

"Ten people died instantly. Another person, Joseph Fountain, was right in the middle of the explosion. We could see him behind the fire. I called to him, 'Come on Joe,' and he walked out of the fire like superman, but he was burned over 60 percent of his body. There was nothing we could do for him. Fountain died on Tuesday.

"The six eventual survivors and Mr. Fountain took refuge in another office and within minutes all the smoke got black and poured through the transom into our office. We got a south window open and arranged ourselves in two layers trying to breathe.

"But there was no panic and no one got terribly excited. Mr. Fountain was a great consolation to us. We were all Catholics and he told us, 'This is what you've been taught by your parents and teachers — to be ready. Death is the moment we have to face.' He suggested we all make an act of contrition and we did it together."

Expulsion from this life and the experience of natural and inevitable death remains an uncomfortable and apprehensive thought for most men. These emotions seem to stem from two sources: the fear that death may be painful, and the fear of non-being — the loss of that conscious and sentient self which experiences the world. Yet, toward the end, there is often present a God-given strength that infuses men with serenity rather than fear and makes the mind and body assent to death.



G.K. Warren Hehl cuts 10'x4' Council Anniversary Cake, as baker Cliff Morris and Activities Chairman John Fleno look on.

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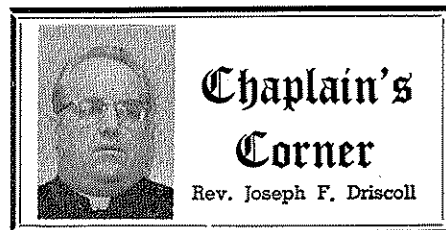
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MEMBERSHIP

The month of October celebrates the birthday of Christopher Columbus. You are all well aware of what he had accomplished and against strong odds. We who are named after this Catholic Adventurer, can we do as well? Can we chart a course into an unknown world? Do we find our way to Sunday Mass on time? Do we set a strong example for other members of our community? Do we try to find that one brother who is not a member of the Knights of Columbus?

This Month is the time to push ourselves to make Union Council #4504 stronger. This can only be done by getting at least one new member this year. When we approach this new prospect, make sure that he is a Practicing Catholic and the type you would want for a brother member. And above all, speak to him about the insurance plans of the Knights of Columbus. Also, ask yourself if you are fully protected. If not, ask for information about the types of insurance available for you and your family.



Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Joseph F. Driscoll

The Brother Knights of Union Council intend to move up to their responsibility as men dedicated to the Mother of God in this month of October. With the close observance of the deliberations of the Ecumenical Council, it becomes increasingly apparent that the real purpose of the Council is the renewal of spirit of every Catholic in order to present to the world the image of Christ in our time. Each day of the month we should say the Rosary recalling the chief truths of the faith as Mary intercedes with God for the grace to form us as she formed her son, Jesus. All should publicly proclaim in the Living Rosary the fulfillment of our private prayers of the month.

A new venture in the spiritual order is undertaken. Since we cannot get away for retreat in large numbers we will bring a week-end retreat to you at the Council Hall. The time will be spent under the guidance of a director in bringing our spiritual life in order, and setting clear standards of conduct and attainable objectives of the Council year. Your cooperation with the Catholic Activities Committee in the month of October will spell out the success of the Council for the entire year.

CALENDAR

OCTOBER 4th — MONDAY

Officers Meeting

OCTOBER 11th — MONDAY

Regular Council Meeting —
8:15 P.M.

OCTOBER 16th — SATURDAY

Charter Ball — Fourth Degree
Hotel Suburban

OCTOBER 20th — WEDNESDAY

Regular Meeting — Fourth Degree — 8:15 P.M.

OCTOBER 25th — MONDAY

Regular Council Meeting —
and 1st Degree

OCTOBER 26th — TUESDAY

Living Rosary — St. Michael's
Church

OCTOBER 30th — SATURDAY

Halloween Dance at the Council
Home

Pilgrimage for Peace

The annual Pilgrimage for Peace to Williamstown held on Sunday, September 19th, was a huge success, as 142 persons boarded the buses for the excursion. This was the largest turnout we have had and we feel certain that the number will exceed this next year.

To be part of a line of march over 2 miles long reciting the Rosary aloud, as we proceed through this quiet south Jersey town is an experience that cannot be easily forgotten.

To the newcomer, (this was the first time for your reporter, but not the last) the impression of seeing thousands of men marching and reciting the rosary aloud, is a tremendously rewarding experience.

For the women and children, the grounds of St. Mary's is a most impressive and beautiful sight. The chapels, grottos, outdoor Altars, and Stations of the Cross surrounding the grounds are a beautiful sight to behold, and can only be surpassed by the thousands of persons kneeling throughout the area as Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament is offered at the outdoor Altar.

This rewarding experience can only be realized through participation in this tremendous outward demonstration of our faith. Union Council this year had the second largest turnout of men in the procession, and we're confident that next year we'll be first.

FOURTH DEGREE

The John Fitzgerald Kennedy Assembly will hold their Charter Ball at the Hotel Suburban, in Summit, on Saturday evening, Oct. 16.

The charter for the newly found Assembly, which consists of members from Hillside, Kenilworth, Union, Springfield and Summit, will be presented to Faithful Navigator, George J. Sheridan by James C. Rochford, Master of the First New Jersey District of Knights of Columbus.

The guest speakers for this affair will be the — Honorable Governor Richard J. Hughes — Vice Supreme Master, James J. Rooney, and an invocation presented by Right Rev. Msgr. Francis X. Coyle.

The evening's activities will begin with a cocktail hour followed by dinner, presentation of the Charter, and dancing.

Dinner chairman Fred Vollherbst, announced that early indications are, that several hundred persons will attend this first formal affair of the season.

TRICK OR TREAT

Make it a treat for our wives on October 30. Take her to the HALLOWEEN DANCE at the Council Home. Tickets are on sale now. Make your reservations early.



As Grand Knight may I express for myself and officers of this Council that your splendid reception of your obligation to attend at members wakes has been received with great response by those families of members who have unfortunately passed from our ranks.

As you know, this is one of the prime obligations of membership in our council and I can only stress that this important fact must be carried out to the best of our ability when we find a member sick or in distress since it is heartwarming to know that those who are in need of aid have not been forgotten by their Brother Knights.

I am indeed pleased to announce, as you already know, that our country will be honored by the presence of His Holiness Pope Paul VI as he attends a meeting of the United Nations in New York City. Your State Council and subordinate Councils will make every effort within their command to prepare proper ceremonies to celebrate this memorable occasion. Let each one of us during this happy time be proud that we are members of his faith and renew once again in your minds your obligations toward your faith and your fellow man be he of your religion or not.

Our State Council has directed this year that we in the Knights of Columbus should make every effort to "stamp out smut" and toward that end your council decent literature committee has prepared a most fitting program to which I admonish each Knight to make himself available on Monday, September 27, 1965 at which time you will be presented a program which will certainly enlighten you on the activities of this filthy business within the confines of these United States. I am sure that when you leave our Council chambers you will go dedicated to the job that we must all join in the fight against indecent literature. In an effort to spread the fight against this literary cancer the Court Immaculate Heart of Mary No. 1360, Catholic Daughters of America, Saint Michael's, Union, New Jersey through its grand regent, Jeanne Kocal, has prepared a similar program for guests and friends of the Catholic Daughters and it would be my suggestion that you advise your wives to attend this meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 28, 1965 so that both husbands and wives may be fully appraised of this most common enemy.

Knights of Columbus Emblem Designed in 1883

The Knights of Columbus emblem dates from the Second Supreme meeting May 12, 1883, when it was designed by James T. Mullen, who was the first Supreme Knight.

A quick glance at the emblem indicates a shield mounted upon the cross of Malta. The shield is that associated with a medieval knight. The cross of Malta is the representation in a traditionally artistic design of the Cross of Christ through which all the graces of redemption were procured for mankind. This, then, represents the Catholic spirit of the order.

Mounted on the shield are three objects, a mace standing vertically and, crossed behind it, an anchor and a dagger or short sword. The mace from Roman days is symbolic of authority which must exist in any tightly bonded and efficiently operating organization. The anchor is the mariner's symbol for Columbus, patron of the K. of C., while the short sword or dagger was the weapon of the knight when engaged upon an errand of mercy.

Thus, the shield expresses Catholic knighthood in organized merciful action and with the letters "K. of C.", it proclaims this specific form of activity.

The red, white and blue colors in the background of the Cross of Malta are the colors of our beloved country. As such, red is the symbol of stout hearted courage, of pulsing activity and a full measure of devotion. Blue is the symbol of hope, of calm tranquility under God and of confidence in the protection of our country, established under God. White is the symbol of mobility of purpose, of purity of aim and of crucible tried ideals to be carried out.

But there is another symbolism of color in red, white and blue. This is the ecclesiastical symbolism in which red becomes the reflection of the drops of Christ's redemptive blood shed on Calvary, and of the Martyrs' blood shed in defense of the Faith.

Red is then the symbol of Faith, of belief in Christ, in the Redemptive and in the mission of every man to spread the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ. White is the color of the Eucharistic Host, pledge of God's Eucharistic presence among men, of the infinite love God had for man and of the overwhelming affection which the God-man had for each individual. White is then the symbol of Christ-like charity. Blue is the color of Our Lady's mantle, in which she draped her beloved Son, through whom salvation came to a sinful world. Blue is then the symbol of Hope.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



"Mike" Reilly
Attendance Chairman

Whenever we enter the council meeting hall prior to any of the regular council meetings, we are greeted with a warm and friendly "Hello Brother, how are you tonight. Would you sign the book please." Brother Mike Reilly is on the job bright and early as Attendance Chairman of the Council, a position which he holds for the sixth consecutive year. We hear again from Mike during the council meeting when he is called upon by the Grand Knight to report on the attendance at the meeting. Mike is a nexpert at attendance, as he has missed only 8 meetings since Union council was started in 1957.

Mike has been a member of the Knights of Columbus since 1919, when he joined Scranton Council #280, in Scranton, Pa. Among his souvenirs Mike has a membership card dating back to 1922, and a picture of the Pilgrimage made by the Knights of Columbus to the Capitol in Washington, D. C., which dates back to October 17th, 1926.

Prior to his retirement 4 years ago, Mike was associated with Weston Instrument for 18 years as a stock selector and as financial secretary of the union.

Among his more recent accomplishments are his becoming a fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus in February of this year, and his appointment as attendance officer for the Holy Name Society of Holy Spirit Church here in Union. To say that Mike is proud to be a Knight of Columbus is an understatement.

By the way, if you're interested in baseball, Mike can tell you some colorful stories of one of baseball's most talked about players — his nephew — Jimmy Piersall.

PUBLIC DECENCY

Following is an article from the Newsletter of the National Office for Decent Literature.

"What do I say to these people who say there are obscene passages in the Bible?" writes a mother of three from Tacoma, Washington.

"How do I answer," she continues, "when people say that if we clean up our newstands we will have to throw out Sophocles' Oedipus Rex, which is about incest, many of the works of Shakespeare, and hundreds of titles regarded as classics?"

Smoke screens, that's all these arguments are, Mrs. M. Mere smoke screens, clouding an issue that is clear in the mind of anyone who will apply simple common sense. There is not a line in Oedipus Rex that is even suggestive; to couple it with a pocket book which reeks of lesbianism and washroom wall sentiments is to stand a nursery rhyme alongside Paradise Post because both are poems.

The Supreme Court's definition of obscenity pretty well answers these comparisons: "The proper test is whether, to the average person, applying contemporary community standards, the dominant theme of the material in question, when taken as a whole, appeals to prudent interest."

The key phrase is "the dominant theme . . . when taken as a whole." Remember it for it consistently and conveniently slips the memories of the apostle of everything-goes. Next time the subject comes up, ask which book of the Bible or which Shakespearean drama has a dominant theme which, considered as a whole, appeals to prudent interest—"that is, a shameful or morbid interest in nudity, sex or excretion, and . . . goes substantially beyond customary limits of candor in description or representation of such matters."

In our endeavor to stamp out smut, we ask you to write to our State Senators urging them to have Bill A768 brought out of Committee and given a positive vote. A copy of the New Jersey Legislative Roster was sent to each Council member for this purpose. Also write to the Honorable Richard J. Hughes, State House, Trenton, N. J.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

On September 13, 1965, the Union Council Scholarship Committee announced the recipients of the 1965-1966 awards.

Scholarships were awarded to Patricia Lynch, Patricia Herrighty, Joseph Gardner and Edward Konowicz.

The scholarship committee meets each year to select one boy and one girl for this tuition grant, from the applications submitted to them.

To qualify, the applicant must be a sister, brother, son or daughter of member, in good standing, of our Council or a deceased brother of our Council.

BLOOD BANK

Blood bank chairman, Eugene Ecklund advises us of a change in procedure for drawing blood from the council blood bank.

It has come to his attention that in the past some confusion had arisen due to the misunderstanding of a brother Knight or the Hospital and some delays in the replacement of blood have been encountered.

To avoid this problem in the future the chairman requests that the brother Knight who wishes to draw blood from the council blood bank, have the Hospital Blood Bank involved contact:

THE EASTERN BLOOD BANK
555 COMMUNIPAW AVE.
JERSEY CITY, N. J.

The necessary blood will be transferred from the council bank to the Hospital.

If any difficulty is encountered the brother is requested to call the chairman Eugene Ecklund at his home, 2046 Gless Ave., Union, MU 7-9554 or the K of C Council home MU 6-4504.

His needs will be promptly processed.

As a reminder any brother Knight of Union Council is entitled to draw on the Blood Bank for his wife and children as well as himself.

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

Faithful Navigator George Sheridan announced this week that a special and informative program on pornography will be held at the next regular meeting of the John Fitzgerald Kennedy General Assembly, at the Council home.

The speaker for the evening will be Detective Magnuson of the Essex County Sheriff's Office, who is assigned as a Special Investigator in charge of pornography. Detective Magnuson has been addressing civic and fraternal groups on the subject of pornography, through the Optimist Club of New Jersey for several years.

In an effort to form a united front against the multi-million dollar smut industry, and to reach as many of the citizens of our community as possible, the speakers portion of the meeting will be open to the general public. Letters of invitation have already been mailed to the various civic, fraternal, and veterans organizations throughout the township, and we urge all of the members of the Knights of Columbus to attend in support of the anti-smut program.

Mark this date on your calendar now; Wednesday, October 20th beginning at 9:30 P.M. at the Council home.

Certain other qualifications that must be met will be explained at the time of application by our scholarship awards chairman, James Conroy.

"GOAL"

Webster defines goal as "an object of effort". The goal of the Membership and Insurance Committee this year is 60 new members over the number of suspensions, 30 of whom are to be insurance members. If we in Union Council can meet this goal, we will be in the running for the Star Council award.

How do we get these new members? How did you become a member of the Knights? Someone, a relative or friend, asked you, after of course, being certain you were a practical Catholic. This is the first and only requirement for membership in our Order. There are many men who are desirous of becoming Knights, and need only to be asked. All too often a new candidate, when asked why he waited so long to become a Knight will answer, "Because no one asked me". You can help us by observing the men who attend the Communion rail every Sunday. Surely one of them has never been asked. Why not make it an object of effort to ask him.

As our new members attend the Council meetings, make it an object of effort also, to extend your hand as a Brother Knight and introduce yourself. Your approach to them is the key to fraternity, which can lead to this man's active participation in Council functions.

CATHOLIC ACTIVITIES

The annual Retreat to San Alfonso Retreat Home will be held on October 22nd, 23rd, and 24th. This retreat affords each brother an opportunity for complete meditation; a chance to reflect and put one's own house in order. Retreat Clergy will be available for confidential consultation for those who need spiritual guidance.

In addition to the retreat at San Alfonso's, the Council has made arrangements for a retreat to be held at the Council Home on October 22nd and 23rd, for those who cannot attend at San Alfonso's. A retreat master will conduct an inspiring program.

Full particulars and program agenda will be forthcoming in the form of a special notice, and will be mailed to each brother prior to the retreat date. We urge all brothers to take advantage of this opportunity.

On Tuesday evening, October 26th at 8:00 P.M. in St. Michael's Church, we will hold our Living Rosary.

All brothers are requested to attend this outward sign of faith. What can be more fitting than an assembly of Catholic men, in the formation of a living rosary to demonstrate adoration to our Blessed Mother.

These are important dates in our calendar this month; make a special note of them now.

COUNCIL PICNIC

Sunday, September 5th was a day of relaxation and fun for over 200 adults and almost 700 children, who attended the Council picnic at the grove in the rear of the Council home.

For the men-folk, the day was especially relaxing, as the food was served by more than 50 "bunnies" throughout the day. These women certainly did a splendid job tending our needs throughout the day. Our thanks to the chairladies of the serving committee and their "bunny" helpers for the fine job they did.

The egg throwing contest, which was won by the Gilligans of Roselle Council, took its usual 'goosey' toll of victims in short order. This time however, some of the more cautious persons who prefer to be bystanders, got the yoke, as some of the throws went into the crowd.

This proved to be a day of all days, in the true spirit of family unity and fraternalism. The festivities marked the end of the summer, which for many of the Council members who took advantage of the outdoor facilities of the council, came all too fast.

We cannot however let the opportunity pass without a word of sincere thanks to brother Ed Stonak and the members of his Social Activities committee for the really fine program they put on throughout the summer months for the enjoyment and relaxation of all.

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EXPANSION

Our expansion committee is hard at work planning for improvements in the picnic area, as well as expansion of our present building facilities. This is a tremendous undertaking, however with the rapid growth of the Council in the past few years, it is necessary that discussion meetings and plans be made now to allow for growth.

As most of you know, the funds for our expansion, operation of the building etc., are derived to a great extent from our Pledges. Our ultimate goal in our pledge campaign is \$40,000.00. This is not an easy task for a small handful of men, and help is badly needed on the Pledge Committee. We are very fortunate this year in having as Chairman of this committee brother Tony Shans. Tony has had considerable experience on this committee in the past, and last year served as assistant chairman to Harvey Lewis.

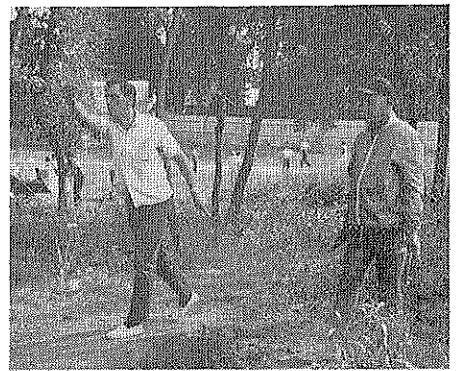
Our appeal to you now is two-fold. 1) If you haven't pledged, won't you do so NOW?? 2) Join our pledge committee. This is a golden opportunity to help your Council grow in two ways — by pledging, and by helping on the committee. Help yourself and your Council to a bigger and better future . . . PLEDGE NOW.



Part of "Bunny" serving committee as they appeared at Council Picnic.



"DETERMINATION"



"CONFIDENCE"



"INDECISION"