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Tribute to Columbus



As indicated by their smiling expressions the Officers of our Councils enjoyed a delightful and sunny day at the Union Township Columbus Day Parade. L-R: Henry Mey, Jim Moran, Ken Pinney, Bill Patania and Julius Kiss.

Military

The "Military Servicemen's Committee" is currently making plans to send Christmas packages to all Brother Knights, or their sons or daughters, who are serving in the armed forces of the United States. If you know of anyone in the military service, please submit their full name, rank, complete military address, and home telephone number to the council, on or before November 15th. This information should be given to Michael A. La Motta, Committee Chairman, who can be reached at 688-7167. If, after submission of a name, there is a change in the address, please notify the chairman or Grand Knight, so that this worthy cause can be facilitated in a timely manner.

Mike La Motta-Chairman

Memorial Day Mass

Brothers, each year we offer our Sunday Mass for the happy repose of the Soul's of brother Knights. This year the mass will be held at Saint Michael's Church on Sunday, November 21, 1976 at 9 o'clock.

It is a fitting tribute to our brothers who have gone to their final reward. Please make every effort to attend and bring your families along. The council will hold their memorial services at the regular meeting on November 22, 1976. Make your plans to attend and bring a brother knight along.

Joseph Saegner
Chairman

To Sponsors of New Members

Every member who enters our Order has a proposer. It is a most commendable achievement to propose a candidate for membership. Like all honors being a sponsor also carries with it definite obligations. As a sponsor it is your duty to see that the stranger is escorted about and given the chance to become better acquainted. There is nothing so discouraging and cold as to enter an organization that boasts of brotherly love and good fellowship, only to find that you are not acquainted with a single individual. Placing your name on someone's application is not a hit and run matter. Make sure you know him to be a good Catholic. Proposers should accompany their candidates when the newcomers are asked to appear before the Admission Committee. Not to be present when your candidate takes his admission degree, except for serious reason is really an insult to him. It is difficult to convince a man he is joining a fellowship if we fail to guide him in getting to know the members of that fellowship. Only when the new man has become active in committee work and is made aware of his responsibilities and the advantages of his membership, can you truly say you've done your duty as a sponsor.

Knights Celebration

OUR 19th Anniversary! Join us on Sunday, December 5th, 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. at our Columbian Club. FREE HOT DOGS, BEER AND SODA. Bring the family. Come see our new expanded facilities — New Conference Room — Enlarged new TV Room — Game Room — Completed Enlarged Hall and get a preview of our future expansion projects in progress now for our ever expanding members and their family. COME AND BE SURPRISED! Enjoy the present new facilities and socialize with your brother members.

DON'T FORGET OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5th programmed for your enjoyment. Guided tours for your family. You will be proud of our progress.

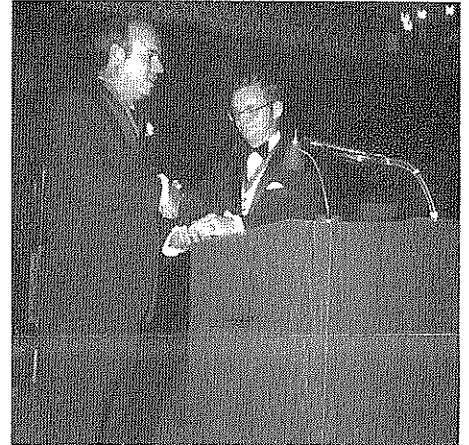
Edward Stonack
Arthur Reinhard, Co-Chairman

Official Notice

During the Regular Council Meeting of November 8th, the proposed replacement of a new Bar Cooler will be discussed and voted on. The expenditure for this capital improvement will not exceed \$2500.00.

This expenditure is in accordance to the Columbian Club By-Law article VIII.
Columbian Club-President
Martin Farrell

P.G.K. A. Popp Honored

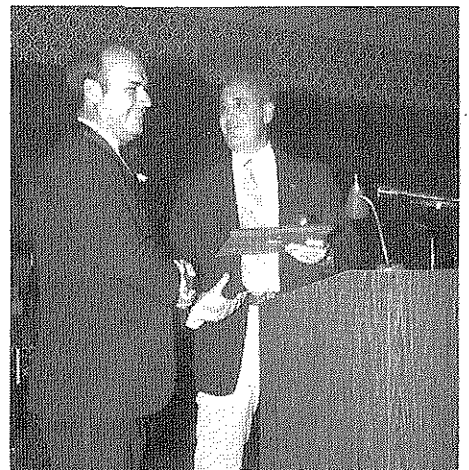


Union Council 4504 Knights of Columbus honored their Past Grand Knight Andrew F. Popp at a Dinner Dance on Saturday, September 25th, 1976 at the Council Home.

The Popp family was at hand to hear our Chaplain Rev. Edward Swierzbinski speak and pay one of the highest tributes ever bestowed upon a Past Grand Knight. Chairman Tom Hornig selected P.G.K. Robert Armstrong to be Master of Ceremony for the evening, his personality and wit was acclaimed by all. Presentations during the evening were made by G.K. James Moran who presented Andy with his PGK Jewel and Ring. The officers of Union Council awarded Andy with the gavel plaque which was presented by Past Program Director Andy Tobia. Betty Winters made a special presentation to Marion Popp.

The marvelous Dinner and fine entertainment provided by the Chamberlins was enjoyed by all. State Officials who attended to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. A. Popp were Mr. and Mrs. R. Wade, State Advocate, Mr. and Mrs. J. Luciano, State Secretary, Mr. and Mrs. J. Master-son, District Deputy and State Catholic Activities and Mr. and Mrs. J. Winters.

It was an outstanding and memorial evening for Andy Popp and his lovely family.



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Trustee John Winters, PGK
Trustee Andy Popp, PGK

Calendar of Events

Nov. 5 First Friday Series
(Chaplain's Night)
Nov. 7 N.Y. Jets-Miami Dolphins
Nov. 11 Basketball Free Throw
Nov. 12 Indoctrination Night
Nov. 19 4th Degree Ball
Dec. 3 First Friday
(Chaplain's Night)
Dec. 19 Children's Christmas
Party

MONTHLY MEETINGS

1st Mon. Council Officers
2nd & 4th Mon. Regular Meetings
3rd Mon. Swim Club
1st Tues. FMBA
2nd Tues. Color Guards
3rd Tues. P.B.A.
4th Tues. Girls Club
1st Wed. 4th Degree Officers
2nd Wed. 4th Degree Color Corps
3rd Wed. 4th Degree Regular
4th Wed. Council Committees
1st Thurs. Expansion Committee
3rd Thurs. Cub Scouts
4th Thurs. Columbian Club
1st Fri. Chaplain's Night

Buy An Expansion Bond

WE WANT YOU. Let's get behind the membership who have contributed to our expansion fund. If you haven't purchased a Bond or would like to buy another, call me, Edward Stonack, or send me your donation toward a bond purchase of \$100.00 denominations. Let's reach that goal for expanded facilities, for added recreational game rooms, for the benefit of all the members.

Your support is needed in order to attain these needs in our ever growing Club.

WE NEED YOU.
Edward Stonack, Chairman
688-3523

Knight Club Dance November 27th

The semi-annual Knight's Club dance will be held on Saturday, November 27, starting with cocktails from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Dancing will start at 9:00 p.m. and will be enjoyed until 1:00 a.m.

For the first time, we will reserve tables for ten people under certain conditions. To reserve a table, one must present the names of the ten people and all must be paid in advance. There will be no exceptions to this condition.

We urge all members of the Knight Club to pay their dues to their respective captains as soon as possible, and those who plan to attend the dance must have the \$4.00 per couple charge paid no later than the regular meeting date of November 22. If you have not paid by this date, please do not expect to be admitted. There will be no sales at the door. This is important since food and refreshments must be ordered in advance. Please abide by these simple guide lines and all will have an enjoyable evening. Anyone whose Knight Club dues has not been paid to his captain by November 27, will be ineligible for the awards.

"You Have to Die . . . To Win"

No sir! Not by a long shot! Particularly not if you are participating in the Knights of Columbus Insurance Program. Last year, with more than 3 billion of life insurance in force on members and their families, the order paid out more money in dividends to our living members than we paid out in death claims to beneficiaries . . . There are many living benefits to take advantage of!

Are you aware that if the Knights of Columbus were ranked in comparison with the 1900 commercial life insurance companies doing business today in the United States and Canada, using standard devices for measuring accomplishments, we would be placed in the top 6%!

In the last 10 years, the assets of the order have increased by 111.5%. This happened during a time when a great number of industries were floundering and dogged by uncertainties. During this same period the amount of insurance in force increased by 116.3%.

These feats are remarkable and noteworthy. They have been accomplished by offering a complete program of life insurance at very competitive prices; professional insurance counseling and service; and investment programs that have been very successful.

As a result, all of our members can share with a great deal of pride our past accomplishments. Our associate members can well recognize that our program is dynamic and vibrant and worthy of their participation. Our entire membership can well realize the tremendous potential within our grasp if we can harness the forces of enthusiasm, motivation and cooperation.

For information, help and assistance contact: John W. Gallagher and Harold Maus, your Supreme Council Representatives.

Grand Knights Column

Jim Moran



There are certain priorities in life which include activities that have precedence over others. If given complete freedom of choice, we would rather go to parties, take trips, loaf, and spend money on pleasure. However, such a method of living would not be facing the realities of life. All of us must pay rent or a mortgage, take care of bills, and budget our money. These necessities have to be handled before we can enjoy other pursuits. The same situation applied to our Knights of Columbus life. When you became a member, the Christian ideals that we stand for were clearly pointed out to you. No one can truthfully say this was not known to him as he proceeded through our three degrees. This fraternity cannot exist without our "Surge to Service" programs. We would be a men's club minus a cause or purpose. The only requirement for membership is to be a **practical** Catholic. The most important group or groups in the Council are not the Council officers or the Columbian Club Board. No one out ranks the membership in value. Our large club house and swim club are not the prime interest, but the results of the correct priorities of the past.

I am bringing all this up because I feel we must constantly be on the alert so we do not forget what we are trying to accomplish in our brotherhood. We always need workers to assist in arranging details for our varied events. Any successful endeavor we have is the result of a group, each person in that group, taking a percentage of responsibility to achieve the final goal. Without these individuals, many of them doing behind the scene work like the Mailing Committee, we could not manage. Some members make no contribution of their time nor support any programs. There is too much loquaciousness and misanthropic conversation at our cocktail lounge. Still others only offer criticism and make no move to correct or change the faults we have. Unfortunately, fraternities and groups of all kinds have this brand of member that are a burden to progress. I ask the membership to recognize this kind of member by their actions. Continue to strive for the right principles and results that you **know** are required. The powerful influence of the Knights for the furthering of Christian ideals will prevail only through **your** devotion to them. The social good times and benefits of brotherhood will be enjoyed more fully by those that earn them.

Date: DECEMBER 3rd, 1976
Time: 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Speaker: FATHER MORLEY
from The Family Life Apostolate
Subject: IS NATURAL FAMILY
PLANNING VATICAN ROULETTE!



Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Edward M. Swierzbinski

In November, we celebrate the Feast of All Saints. Whenever we pray the Creed, at Mass or otherwise, we profess — I believe in the Communion of Saints. Now more than ever, we need to devote attention to this area of our religion. During the past decade, so much stress was put on change on the present, on ourselves, that we have forgotten the most excellent of all fellowships, the Communion of Saints. Witness the elimination of saints' status from churches and homes. I must be considered "corny", but I have statues and crosses and pictures all over. But, when is the last time you heard about a saint (with one exception last year — at the canonization of St. Elizabeth). When is the last time you heard a quotation from the writings or lives of saints. When did you pray the Litany of Saints. I believe in the Communion of Saints. How about some suggestions, reflect on how much you remember about the saint to whom the parish church is dedicated; read about the life and virtues of your own patron saint; realize that among your own family and friends, there are now new members of the Communion of Saints; reason out how the ideals of saints, if now applied to contemporary problems, offer good solutions; pray the Litany of saints; think of some more suggestions.

SEE YOU FOR PRAYING AND SHARING ON THE FIRST FRIDAY!
Father Ed

New Members

On October 11, the following gentlemen received the honor of the Admissions Degree.

Michael Ambrosio	John McCormack
Anthony Braccioforte	Edward Patterson
Antonio Giordnlista	Henry Rothfuss
Ronal Izzi	Michael Sadvary
Donald Lourenco	Victor Schimmenti
John Lynch	Michael Ward
Patrick Lynch	Ted Wedzilowicz

We welcome our new brothers, and urge that they become active in our Council activities.

James McEnroe
Admission Chairman

Cardinal's Corner

November 19, 1976 is the date for the Annual Ball of the John Fitzgerald Kennedy General Assembly. This year it will be held at the Chanticleer in Millburn and the Committee has been hard at work to make this Ball the best yet. The Cocktail Hour will begin at 7:30 and will be followed by dinner at 8:30 p.m. with dancing at 9:00 and an OPEN BAR all evening. Don't miss this one! Contact any officer for tickets at \$25.00 per person.

Color Corps News. S.K. Philip Sammarco has been appointed by the Master of the First New Jersey District John Murphy to be the Company Commander for Company Q. We all wish Phil the best in carrying out this important function. We would also like to recruit

Knight of the Month November 1976

CLIFF MORRIS

Cliffy . . . Knight of the Month for November. A man of many talents, Cliff our Council Activity Decorator Expertise was in 1964 selected as Knight of the Year.

Cliff besides serving as President of the Columbian Club, has been active as Kitchen Manager, Chairman of Council Activities, Bar Houseman and Bartender. He has served on the Program Directors Committee and as Toastmaster and Roaster at various Council functions.

Cliff a sheet metal worker is a communicant of St. Michael's Church.

A merit slow in the making, we welcome you Cliff, as Knight of the Month, November 1976 — Union Council 4504.

Maturity

MATURITY is the ability to control anger and settle differences without violence or destruction.

MATURITY is patience. It is the willingness to pass up immediate pleasure in favor of the long term gain.

MATURITY is perseverance, the ability to sweat out a project or a situation in spite of heavy opposition and discouraging setbacks.

MATURITY is the capacity to face unpleasantness and frustration, discomfort, and defeat, without complaint or collapse.

MATURITY is humility. It is being big enough to say "I was wrong", and when right, the mature person need not experience the satisfaction of saying "I told you so".

MATURITY is the ability to make a decision and stand by it. The immature spend their lives exploring endless possibilities, then do nothing.

MATURITY means dependability, keeping one's word, coming through in a crisis.

MATURITY is the art of living in peace with that which we cannot change, the courage to change that which should be changed, and the wisdom to know the difference.

Our Thanksgiving

Let our lives be our Thanksgiving
To our Father up above
Let us worship Him with kindness
Let us praise Him with our Love!

Let us honor Him with virtue
Let good deeds become our prayer
Let our lives be our Thanksgiving
For the bounty that we share.

Edward Cunningham

Bicentennial Notes

"No matter how honest and decent we are in our private lives, if we do not have the right kind of law and administration, we cannot go forward as a nation. We must have the right kind of character that makes a man, first of all, a good man at home, a good father, a good husband."

Theodore Roosevelt

new members for the Color Corps and welcome anyone who would like to join. Contact Phil Sammarco or the undersigned.

Charles Kraemer

Memories

March 1958: A letter of thanks was received from Supreme Secretary for the mass for the repose of his late wife's soul at St. Joseph's Shrine in Sterling.

The State Council requested that a first degree be held in March in honor of Msgr. Charles G. McCorristan, State Chaplain for 28 years.

Brothers Michael Reilly, Arthur Weber and William C. Foy were reinstated at the first meeting in March.

A letter of thanks was received from Ray West, Captain of the North Jersey Major Degree team for the courtesy extended the team at the last Major degree.

John Zimmerman reporting for Council. Activities Chairman Bill Barrow reported excellent progress on the Inaugural Ball journal. He thanked brothers Bill Donnelly and Pete Rakowski who have already acquired some \$400.00 in ads. He also thanked Ed Pawlowski for donating the refreshments at the Major degree held on March 2.

G. K. Howard Leary thanked the Council members and Catholic Activities Chairman Weldon Arner for the splendid attendance at Holy Communion and the ensuing breakfast. The guest speaker at the breakfast was Rev. Fr. John E. O'Brien, Professor of History at Seton Hall University. 300 breakfasts were served at our first communion breakfast.

D.G.K. Jim Connell reported brother Bodner was released from the hospital and in attendance at the March 24 meeting.

Brother Weldon Arner reported that the initial draft of the Council by-laws had been turned over to G.K. Leary who immediately appointed brothers Warren Hehl, Bill Darrow and George Sheridan to assist him on this committee.

Chancellor John Zimmerman reporting for Bill Darrow, who was out of town on business, noted that the dead line for ads for the journal was March 27. He also requested members to make definite commitments regarding attendance at the Inaugural Ball so final arrangements for buffet supper can be made.

It was agreed not to publish the Council paper in April in order to give Vince Slavin more time and help in securing additional ads.

It was unanimously agreed to donate \$100.00 to Father Begley, pastor of St. Michael's parish on the occasion of his 40th anniversary in the priesthood. A spiritual bouquet will also be presented.

P.G.K. Bill Taylor-Historian

Basketball Free Throw

Thursday evening, November 11, 1976 at 7:30 p.m., Union Council 4504 will entertain a basketball free throwing contest. Contest is open to any boy or girl between and including the ages of 11 to 14. One winner from each age group will be chosen. Winners will be eligible to compete in the County contest and if successful, in the State Contest.

Contest will be held at the Battle Hill School, Union.

Further information can be obtained by contacting:

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