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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Santa Visits Council For Children's Party

Shown below are just some of the overflow of children who tip-toed into Union Council to partake of the goodies and frivolity not to mention a meeting with Santa Claus himself during the Children's Christmas Party. The children were treated to sound cartoons in addition to meeting Santa in person.

Youth chairmen, Joe Leahy and Tom Hornig outdid themselves in providing a wonderful afternoon for the kiddies, and Sal Tavaglione, (as you know who), was positively superb.

Harold Leary P.G.K. acted as Master-of-Ceremonies and as usual, performed masterfully, though upstaged by some of the younger guests who sang Christmas songs.

Bowling News

At the end of 15 weeks the Minus-1 team leads the league by 10 points. High average in the league to date is Henry Skarbek's 188, followed closely by Joe DeSordo with 187.

High series for the night was gained by Lou Schmidt with a 636 and high game for the night went to Frank Gillick with a 234.

Union Council Celebrates 10th Anniversary

BLOOD DONORS NEEDED

WHEN: Sunday, January 14, 1968

WHERE: Union Council

TIME: 11:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

This, year, because Blood Donor Day falls on a Sunday when a major professional football game will be starting at 2:30 p.m. in Miami Beach, we will start the program much earlier than in past years. Dr. Frederick G. Haid, Director of the Eastern Blood Bank will bring his personnel to the Council at 11:00 a.m. The program will continue through 3:30 p.m.

As in past years, all members and their immediate families can donate to our yearly Blood Bank appeal. All persons 21 years and over are permitted to donate; also all persons 18 years and over may also give with family permission.

There are, however, some simple rules to follow for all donors:

- 1.—Avoid eating a heavy meal for at least 4 hours before the time you expect to be taken (there is some initial time after arrival for blood typing and processing).
- 2.—Avoid ALL types of fatty foods, e.g. bacon, sausage, butter and milk — including milk in coffee.

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Shown above is Grand Knight J. Russell Coen cutting the 10th Anniversary cake at the Gala Birthday Party held recently at the Council.

Among those being honored at this affair were the following Past Grand Knights: Howard R. Leary, 1957-59; John J. Zimmerman, 1959-60; Thomas M. Crimmins, 1960-61; George N. Arnold, 1961-62; James R. Confroy, 1962-63; William E. Taylor, 1963-64; Frank J. Dickerson, 1964-65; B. Warren Hehl, 1965-66, and Walter S. Wasowski, 1966-67, who was presented with a Past Grand Knights ring.

Also sharing honors were the past Columbian Club presidents: B. Warren Hehl, Frederick M. Vollherbst, Wilbur N. Donnelly, John J. Picyk, Bernard C. Raymond and the immediate past president, Clifford H. Morris, who was presented with a motion picture camera.

Supreme Council Treasurer, Daniel L. McCormick, a national officer, congratulated the officers and members on their outstanding accomplishments since being organized. Others who attended to celebrate were: Francis J. Dailey, State Deputy; Frank J. Brady, State Secretary; Patrick J. O'Reilly, State Treasurer; James P. Burke, State Warden; Raymond D. O'Brien, State Advocate; Joseph J. Carlin, Past State Deputy; Frank B. Jackiewicz, Past District Deputy, and Dennis J. Burke, District Deputy, whose jurisdiction covers Union Council.

James C. Conlon, Advocate, was Master of Ceremonies.



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CALENDAR

JAN. 8 — Regular Council Meeting — 8:15 p.m.
 JAN. 14 — Blood Donor Drive at Council — 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. — Roast Beef Dinner for donors
 JAN. 22 — Regular Council Meeting — 8:15 p.m.
 JAN. 24 — Fourth Degree Meeting
 JAN. 27 — Swim Club Dance — Western Motif — Swim Club members only
 FEB. 2 — Winter Weekend — Mt. Airy — \$55.00 per person

Swim Club News

On Saturday evening, January 27th, 1968 the Columbian Swim Club will hold its Fourth Annual Dance at Union Council.

The theme of the dance this year will be "Wild, Wild West". The dress for the evening will be western style or casual attire. Prizes will be awarded for the costumes judged as best individual, best couple and best group.

The price for tickets is \$3.75 each and will only be sold to members of the Swim Club. Music will be provided by the Fun-Aires. The Chuck Wagon will provide a good larder for the hungry appetites of the Cowboys and Cowgirls. Door-prizes will feature, as usual, next year's membership for some lucky family.

It is urged that you bring your cameras to take advantage of recording the Western Scenery that will be provided including the gay and colorful costumes that will be in evidence. Last year many were disappointed that they did not bring cameras with them.

Tickets will be on sale at Kay's Hardware, 1344 Stuyvesant Avenue in Union. Jack Guidera is Chairman.

Blood Donors Needed

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3.—A light snack up to 3 hours before giving is o.k. A light snack would be black coffee or tea, with sugar, and some plain toast or rolls.

The committee is quite aware of the fasting hardship on our members and their families, therefore a Roast Beef Dinner will be provided as soon as each person is completed in turn.

The Fraternal Activity Committee is most anxious to see a very large turnout. We have restricted our appeal to only one day a year, so please come out so we may keep our blood credit units high for availability to our members and their families. Remember — it may be your family that will need help in 1968.

As a final note we wish to point out that a color television is set up in the lounge and one or more portable sets will be provided for those waiting their turn.

Fraternallv,

Thomas Hanlon, Chairman

Knights of Columbus Pocono Winter Weekend

February 2, 3, 4, 1968

Mt. Airy Lodge

\$110.00 Per Couple

- ★ Departure by bus from Knights of Columbus Club House, Union, at 6:00 P.M.
- ★ Deluxe Accommodations, with private bath
- ★ Saturday, breakfast, lunch and dinner; Sunday, breakfast, lunch and dinner
- ★ Return at 7:00 P.M., by bus, to Knights of Columbus Club House
- ★ Indoor Swimming
- ★ Cocktail Lounge
- ★ Ice Skating, Sleighing
- ★ Tobogganing, Skiing
- ★ Music nightly

Sick Call

Anthony Ammiano of 790 Andover Rd. is home from the hospital and recuperating, also Michael J. Bizon of 603 Duquesne Terrace has been released from St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

Andy Popp is home at 1313 Barbara Ave. for the holidays but will return to Overlook Hospital for fitting of walking crutches. Pete Rakowski is improving at home, 869 Lafayette Avenue.

Two brothers lost a parent over the Holiday period: Carl Stampf of 75 Isabelle Ave., Newark lost his father who was buried on December 28 and Mario Henriques of 125 West 8th St., Roselle, lost his mother on December 22nd.

Please remember all in your prayers.

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Fr. Driscoll Discusses Education

In discussing religious education in parochial schools Fr. Driscoll pointed out that there has been a marked change in the whole educational process, and this change could be broken down into three phases:

- 1.—Insistence on the use of the Catechism to give as much information as possible.
- 2.—The period of 1935-1939 where a different system utilizing the Catechism, text books and guest lecturers was used. This phase was called the spirit of Catholic Action.
- 3.—This phase was inaugurated by Pope Pius XII and is one in which Catholics joined with Protestant and Jewish scholars — this started with the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls. During the past 15 or 20 years the problem has been to develop a new approach. In this phase the catechism is not used with memorization. This era is called the use of the initiation which the Christian has in Baptism.

This 3rd phase involves a full educational program; sending Pastors and Sisters back to school under a program of the Paulist Press, explained Fr. Driscoll. Youngsters will begin their religious training in a program which will include records and lessons. Meetings with the Pastor will be encouraged including the participation of the parents. The parents will actively participate with frequent meetings with the pastor also.

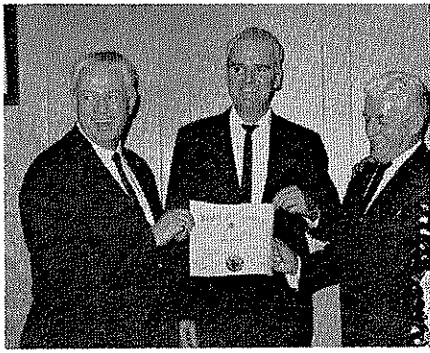
This is the answer that the Church is putting to the question "Is God Dead", so often asked by college students, and high schoolers." The psychology of Madison Avenue must be combatted with the psychology of Religion," stated Fr. Driscoll.



Slavin Accepts Award

Vincent DePaul Slavin, Newark News reporter who spent 5½ months in Vietnam is shown above accepting an award from Grand Knight J. Russell Coen while Chaplain Fr. Driscoll and Lecturer B. Warren Hehl, P.G.K., look on.

Vince, a charter member of Union Council, discussed his impressions of the war and then opened the floor to a lively question and answer period, which was quite illuminating.



Shown above accepting a Third Degree Certificate are Martin J. Veale of 1416 Summit Avenue, left, and Alexander E. Scripp of 896 Galloping Hill Road. Others who received the honors of the Third Degree are: Giovanni Bongiovanni, William L. Giordano, Anthony J. Dondona, Anthony G. Cioffi, Anthony S. Gwiazdowski, Donald P. Matrale Jr., Anthony Tobia, Andrew J. Knox Jr., Carmine R. Venes, Edward J. Brzoska, Stephen R. Celusak, Richard A. Wyzalek, Joseph J. Roman, Peter A. Growney, Edward J. Ford, John J. Cunningham Jr., Robert T. Hillock Jr., Joseph P. Nazdan, William A. Kole, Patrick J. Catino, William W. Novick, Anthony A. Magnier, Edward J. Ruzicki, Thomas H. Franzen, William E. Grady, Robert Boucher, Frank Santora, Ronald J. Czajkowski, Joseph M. Stamer, Walter E. Hulsen, William J. Ryan, Frederick A. Watts, Carl S. Mattina and Edward J. Olas.

Congratulations men and may we see you at ALL our meetings. There is much to be done and only through your active participation may we attain our goals.

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DON'T QUIT

When things go wrong, as they
sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging
seems all uphill,
When the funds are low and the
debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you
have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a
bit—
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.

Life is queer with its twists and
turns,
As every one of us sometimes
learns,
And many a fellow turns about
When he might have won had he
stuck it out.
Don't give up though the pace
seems slow—
You may succeed with another
blow.

Often the goal is nearer than
It seems to a faint and faltering
man;
Often the struggler has given up
When he might have captured the
victor's cup;
And he learned too late when the
night came down,
How close he was to the golden
crown.

Success is failure turned inside
out—
The silver tint of the clouds of
doubt,
And you never can tell how close
you are,
It may be near when it seems
afar;
So stick to the fight when you're
hardest hit,—
It's when things seem worst that
you mustn't quit.

—Author Unknown

RANDOM THOUGHTS

By JIM MORAN

I'm passing on to all the family men in our Council some interesting tips for modern parents garnered from the Christopher News Notes. Included is some humor that may strike a familiar note at your house that I've come across in my reading. I don't want the Christophers to get the blame for that! . . . Parents who stress the "do's" more than the "don'ts" with their children find that they develop and mature more quickly. Young people long for reassurance. Ask the best from them and you may be surprised at the results . . . Live according to a high morality and your children will too. God expects no less . . . There is a new folk group of four fathers; they sing protest songs about high phone bills.

Your children will have to come to grips with a challenging world. If they are to make their rightful contribution to it teach them to treat all people with respect, encourage their idealism, praise their efforts in behalf of others, place a value on healthy competition, point out that new ideas are rooted in honored traditions of the past, and help them to keep up with a changing world; and change it for the better.

One mother to another, "I never knew the value of education until the children went back to school" . . . Children in their hearts like laws. Authority implies an ordered world. In law there is freedom. Be too permissive and they feel lost . . . In a Catholic school baseball game a small boy hollered from first base, "Hey Father, is it o.k. to steal?" . . . Achievement requires sacrifice. Nobody knows this better than the dedicated father or mother. The devoted artist, the struggling intern, and the selfless public servant all pay the price for whatever they may accomplish. Long hours, loneliness and frustration are part of the game. But it's worth the effort.

Father to a teenage son, "Maybe you should start shifting for yourself now, while you still know everything." . . . Especially as children get older, one of the most perplexing problems is that of maintaining a frank, respectful and uninhibited exchange of ideas with their parents. This is never simple. Anyone who really tries to communicate makes himself vulnerable to rebuff. One writer went so far as to say "Parent-hood is an easy job, only if you don't care about the results."

STAMP OUT SMUT!

CONSERVATION

You recall last month we were discussing the saga of an imaginary fellow called K. C. Buster who, because of delinquent dues had inconvenienced quite a few people.

The role of the Conservation Committee is to determine if Mr. Buster wishes to remain as a Knight. They advise the delinquent dues payer that he may pay-up his dues and request a withdrawal card. This card will permit him to rejoin any council of his choice at a future date for the payment of a fee of 50 cents, and prevents him from suffering the stigma of having been expelled from the order.

But K. C. Buster will do nothing and keep getting more and more people involved. After being contacted by the Conservation Committee, K. C. still does nothing and the investigating committee will report back to the Officers at the next Officers Meeting, thus adding another 15 men to the growing list. After this the Grand Knight must contact Mr. Buster, add one more to the list. If he still does not cooperate the Conservation Committee Chairman is instructed to mail a final notice to Mr. K. C. Buster by certified mail; add one more to the list.

After the expiration of the date stated in the final notice — and no dues have been paid — the Financial Secretary must fill out a form and forward same to New Haven; add one more to the list from our Council and at least one (God knows how many more!) in New Haven. Now this has amounted to some 38 people that Mr. K. C. Buster has inconvenienced directly. One other thing that K. C. has done to his Council — On July 1 every Council must pay per capita tax to the Supreme Council and to the State Council. This amounts to \$4.00 per member of record as of July 1. Since our inconsiderate "Brother" K. C. Buster has not paid dues beyond June 30, his share of per capita tax will be paid out of the treasury of the Council — out of your dues and mine. Now Mr. K. C. Buster has inconvenienced over 1,000 members of Union Council also.

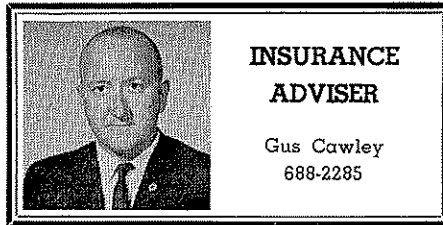
Brothers, don't be a K. C. Buster—be a K. C. Booster. Pay your dues yearly in advance.

Faternally,

William Taylor, P.G.K.
Conservation Chairman

Safety Tip

A Safe Following Distance
Gives YOU Room
TO AVOID AN ACCIDENT



"Financial Planning"

We who counsel The Knights of Columbus Insurance constantly search for means to improve our service and assistance to the members.

Financial Planning is one special area where we can help you. For example is your Bank Account, Investment or Retirement plan growing with your age? It is very difficult in this day and age to save any money. However, with proper counselling and thrift practices, you can become financially secure in later years with a K of C financial plan. The next step is up to you. Happy New Year to all

Youth Bowling League

BOYS

At about the mid-point the "Dips" are still leading with a 27½-14½ record with the "Dodge Boys" in second place at 23-19. The closeness of the league can be seen when you realize there are only 10 games separating the first and last place teams.

High game so-far goes to Jack Shea with 222, along with high average at 161. High series goes to John Fleno at 576.

Those bowling 200 games are: Ed Stefanik—200, John Kazor—214, Ken Barbera—218, Frank Calvaruso—202, John Fleno—208, and Jack Shea with his 222.

Triplicate winners are Frank Laudati at 88-88-88 and Bob Leahy at 128-128-128.

GIRLS

The "Minus-5" team maintains its lead at 30-12 with the "Paisley Prints" coming up at 25-17. The "Doughgirls" bring up the rear with a 13-29 record.

High game to date goes to Margaret Spencer with a 180 while Debby Donnelly takes high series with 472 and high average with 138. Others bowling over 150 are: Debby Donnelly—177, Barbara Moses—170, Janet Plaia—170, Pat Rygiel—168, Gertrude Panico—168, Diane Smith—167, Sue Heffers—167, Celeste Kunz—165, Janice Kaczor—162, Mary Dooner—161, Lorraine Salk—158 and Sue Faber—157.

Bowling 50 pins over their average are: Margaret Spencer—85, Carol Ann Reister—73, Celeste Kunz—65, Susan Goetchius—65, Barbara Moses—63, Gertrude Panico—63, Debby Schaeffer—61, Maureen Bachefski—59, Lorraine Salk—57, Lisa Fazzari—56, Phyllis Zezza—55, Mary Dooner—55, Kathly Hanlon—54, Linda Kocur—51, and Marge Grimm—50.

PORNOGRAPHY

In two previous issues of the Knight Digest we covered various aspects of the moral decay that has set in and allowed pornography to get its foothold into our society. The acceptance, yes, by you and me, of offensive and salacious books and films, an almost apathy, is not new, but it is a signal — a warning signal.

Almost 700 years ago an Islamic philosopher, Ibn-Khaldun wrote that every civilization passes through successive phases. (1) A victorious tribe settles down to enjoy its conquest. (2) As social relations become more complex, a more concentrated authority is required for the maintenance of order. (3) In this settled order wealth grows, cities multiply, education and literature develop, the arts find patrons. Advanced urbanization and comfortable wealth mark the beginning of decay. (4) The enriched society comes to prefer pleasure, luxury and ease to enterprise, risk or war; religion loses its hold on human imagination or belief; morals deteriorate, pederasty grows, the marital vows mean nothing, love of country gives way to love of pleasure; mercenaries are hired to defend the society; these lack the ardor of patriotism or religious faith; the poorly defended wealth invites attack by the hungry seething millions beyond the frontiers. (5) External attack, or internal intrigue or both together, overthrow the state. Such was the cycle of Rome, Spain, Islam, Syria, Iraq, Greece, Persia; and "it is always so."

What phase are we in — recognize some of the warning signals? Can we reverse a trend? We can try! Let's start by stamping out smut by embarking on a positive program:

1. Make sure your own home is God-centered, formed with religious values.
2. Be sure to give your own children adequate and accurate instructions in the full meaning of sex so that every period of their lives the children have their natural curiosity satisfied with information that is geared to their intelligence and at the same time is reverent and wholesome.
3. Cultivate in children a desire for good reading, a love of good books, a discriminating taste so that they may choose the good because they can recognize it.
4. Be informed — as so many parents are not — about the true nature of the depravity of a business that exceeds two billion dollars, much aimed at "hooking the young".
5. Support the work of organizations dedicated to fighting the pornographers.



Dear Brothers:

As we commence with the New Year of 1968, let us resolve to continue to help our council grow in and develop the principles of Columbianism. With the first half of the council year behind us, it is time to pause in a moment of thankful recognition for the efforts of our members. Success, as we have often seen, only comes with hard work and a sincere dedication to the project at hand.

Dispensing with the traditional comments about New Year's resolutions, which are more frequently gestures than true commitments anyway, I would like to present one thought for consideration in '68. This idea is one of evolution. This is an unavoidable word which we must cope with more and more today. Contrary to what many still hold, it is a desirable term. Evolution is the gradual process of development in which the good is repetitively replaced with something better. Evolution applies in every field of human interest — men's physical makeup, his intellectual capacity, and in his religious life. We are seeing a rapid evolution in all of the major world religions today. We hopefully look forward to an evolutionary pathway of development in world ideologies. It is along these lines that a true understanding of one another will be made possible and in such a process a lasting world peace will also be in sight. What does the evolution cost us? It costs nothing more than making our own attitudes flexible. This should be the new image of Columbianism — an image "with" the times. This will eventually give our organization a trademark which will find no dispute. How do we know if we are contributing toward this goal? Each one of us must ask himself these questions: Is my contribution to the council multi-phased and prominent or is it single-phased and obscure? Would the council be at a great loss without me or would I be missed at all? Are the opportunities for me to act as a real Knight of Columbus going unresponded?

A means of properly fulfilling our role is afforded each member during this first month of the New Year. Our January 14th Blood Bank Day at the Council Home is an excellent example.

In conclusion, may I extend my wishes that God will shower you with joy and blessings throughout the coming year.

J. Russell Coen

Candidates and Sponsors

Union Council is ALWAYS looking for potential, active, Catholic gentlemen as new members. Although we desire to increase our membership, QUALITY is more important than QUANTITY, and our standards of admission should be high.

Just because a man who works in your place of business says he is a Catholic, doesn't mean that he would make a good Knight. It is the sponsor's responsibility to determine the PRACTICAL catholicity of the prospective candidate. When you sign his application you put YOUR reputation on the line; you're telling us that this man will be an asset to Union Council.

In soliciting members give the man some of the reasons for, and aims of the Knights of Columbus. Don't stress the social advantages above all else. Because we have a nice cocktail lounge or good social events are poor reasons to join a Catholic group. If all the man wants is a good time, then take him to some of our dances, as your guest. Our Council affairs are enjoyable facets of our membership, but Council Activities is only one of the six major activities that we are engaged in, NOT the only one. DON'T PUSH MEMBERSHIP ON A MAN WHO HAS NOT EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO ACTIVATE HIMSELF IN COLUMBIANISM. Perhaps, though you have a candidate who is not the best of Catholics but is seeking to better himself. If you feel he would be a good influence, then by all means encourage him.

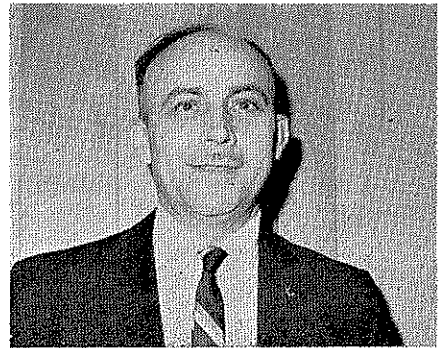
We should be charitable, but not to the point of letting our charity cause us to accept "in name only" Catholics. Unity and strength of moral character are needed in the right arm of the Catholic Church. We must have a fist at the end of that arm, to strike out at corruption and moral decay. The fist needs strong fingers (members) to be effective.

Santa Visits Retarded Children



Barney Capriglione, shown above with Santa and one of the children, made the arrangements for Kris Kringle to make a side trip from our own Children's Christmas Party to entertain the retarded children. Santa (yes, our own Sal Taviglione) had a pretty busy week.

Knight of the Month JANUARY



Our Knight of the Month for January, Mr. Walter Senko, is one of those fellows who shuns publicity, usually because he's too busy working around the Council in one capacity or another.

You don't see much of Walter's activity because he is one of the unsung heroes of the kitchen staff, spending a good deal of time behind the apron. At other times he is engaged as a Guard during most of the Degree workings of our Council.

Walter resides at 186 Renner Avenue in Union and is a transfer from Linden Council (their loss was our gain). Hard work must run in the Senko family for it was Walter's daughter who, a few years ago, won the Columbus Day Essay Contest.

We salute our Knight of the Month for January, 1968, Mr. Walter Senko.

SAFE DRIVING TIPS

With snow falling it's time to review some do's and don'ts about winter driving.

Snow and sleet reduce visibility. Don't hesitate to turn on your headlights in such weather during daylight hours. It may prevent a head-on collision or sideswipe.

However, if the snow or sleet makes driving too difficult and you have to pull over on the shoulder of the road, don't leave your lights on. A following driver may think you are still on the roadway and plow into your rear.

Squirt graphite powder in door locks to avoid sticking or freezing.

When you stow a bucket of sand and shovel in the car trunk for winter emergencies make sure the sand is dry. Otherwise, you'll be stuck with a solid mass of frozen sand.

Don't scrape just a small piece of ice off the windshield at eye level and start driving with the hope the defroster will soon melt the rest of the ice. This is a dangerous practice. Carry a can of windshield de-icer, and clear front and rear windows before moving your car.

When clearing snow off your car don't neglect the trunk lid and roof. Snow flying off these areas can momentarily blind the driver behind you.

Remember that melting ice will throw your car into a skid faster than hard ice.