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A group led by Grand Knight Taylor to pilgrimage at Williamstown.

Williamstown

Twenty-eight members represented Union Council at Williamstown in the Pilgrimage for Peace. Sixty wives and children of the brothers accompanied them on the ride.

Congratulations to Frank Scheres, the Chairman for the affair. The participating brothers were:

Bill Taylor, Frank Dickerson, Jim Confroy, Walter Wasowski, Ted Kocal, Cliff Morris, Frank Pribula, Larry Pribula, J. Guidera, Robert Holler, Ed Flammer, Don Betz, Bill Zurich, Bruce Bentz, Joe Zeilmeier, Homer Dukes, John McCarthy, Joe Miller, Al Ring, Bob Matheis, Ted Ebner, Jim Moran, Gene Zelazny, Tom Duhig, Joe Noel, Hank Skarbek, Oscar Ernst, Fred H. Bosel.

Membership

On October 21, 1963, there will be a First Degree. All brothers who have friends or anyone interested in becoming a Knight must submit their application as soon as possible. Blank forms may be secured from Jim Gardner, Membership Chairman, or Joe Cantalupo, Admissions Chairman, or at the Council Home. The application must be processed and the person interviewed. Please give applications to Jim or Joe. They may also be left at the Council Home with either of the above names on them. It is important that the sponsor be present with the applicant the night of the interview.

Fraternal Activities

Attendance at meetings generally averages from 90 to 100 brothers or approximately fourteen per cent of the total membership. If you are one of the brothers who generally attends these meetings, you are well aware that these are the same men who are active on the many committees that it takes to run an organization as large as ours. Therefore, if you know of some brother who has not been coming to the meetings, refer his name to one of the six-point chairmen. This chairman will then contact him to see if he will partake in some of the council activities. Remember, the man who has some job to do, no matter how small it may be, definitely has a greater interest in attending meetings and therefore a greater interest in the Knights.

If you know of any brother who is ill or in need of any assistance, be sure to contact the Fraternal Activities Chairman, Gene Zelazny, at CR 3-9272, or the Grand Knight, Bill Taylor.

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Pray for the quick recovery of the following brother Knights:

Jim Gardener
Mike Crimmins

We ask you to pray for the repose of the soul of Ernest Gluck, son of Brother Joseph Gluck, who passed away Sept. 18, at the young age of 15.

Anniversary Dance

Our Anniversary Dance was an overwhelming social success. Only a half capacity crowd was able to attend, but those that did make it "had a ball." Excellent music and entertainment was provided by Buddy Dee and his Orchestra, especially his version of the Hootenanny. We'll have to remember his name for future dances.

The introduction of the hospitality committee at the door was also a success. Many brothers and their ladies who ventured in alone and without reservations were seated in a manner befitting the Waldorf. Congratulations reception committee, this will be continued.

The groundwork is being laid for the Halloween Dance on October 26. Please try to schedule your plans so you can attend. Table reservations are available at Kay's Hardware, 1344 Stuyvesant Ave., Jerry Shaw, MU 8-2451 or Al Petracca, MU 8-4695.

Blood Bank

Do you realize that with 701 brother Knights, there are approximately 1500 people who are eligible to draw from the blood bank? At present there are about 38 units on hand. It certainly would not take too many serious illnesses from the above group to quickly deplete this amount. During one period alone last year, 12 pints were given to one brother.

It is our intention to have only ONE major blood donor's day for this council year. The tentative date is November 10, 1963.

People who are eligible to give are brother Knights, their wives and children twenty-one years of age or older — the very same people who are eligible to receive.

Remember, if you are able, be present at the next donor's day with the thought in mind that the blood you may be giving now may be returned to you or your family at some future date.

If for some reason you cannot give at this time but still want to at a future date, contact the Fraternal Activities Chairman, Gene Zelazny, at CR 3-9272, or Ron Pikor, MU 6-6051.

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CALENDAR

OCT. 11 — FRIDAY
Third Degree
8:00 P.M. — Council Home

OCT. 13 — SUNDAY
Holy Name Parade

OCT. 14 — MONDAY
Regular Council Meeting
8:15 P.M. — Council Home

OCT. 18, 19, 20
Retreat — San Alfonso

OCT. 20 — SUNDAY
Football Game
N. Y. Giants vs. Dallas
Cowboys

OCT. 21 — MONDAY
First Degree
8:00 P.M. — Council Home

OCT. 26 — SATURDAY
Halloween Dance
9:00 P.M. — Council Home

OCT. 28 — MONDAY
Regular Council Meeting
8:15 P.M. — Council Home

OCT. 29 — TUESDAY
Living Rosary
8:00 P.M. — St. Michael's
Church

Knight All The Way

Be a Knight of Columbus all the way by doing your part. There are workers needed on the Mailing and Telephone Committees. If you would like to help, please call Brother Roger Baetsch at CH 5-1681 for mailing, or Brother Joe Noel at MU 6-0829 for telephone.



Grand Knight Bill Taylor, throws first bowling ball to start 1963-64 House League. This year 70 brothers are bowling.

Softball Champs To Be Honored

On October 14th, Union Council will hold recognition night for its championship softball team. A special program is scheduled by the Lecturer. Let's have a good turnout to do honor to our team.

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The Athletic Chairman announced the formation of a shuffleboard tournament (doubles) for all members in good standing. Register at the shuffleboard table in the Council Home as soon as possible because the cut off date is October 28th, with the tournament scheduled to start the following week. The tournament will be a process of elimination, with a firm schedule as to game dates and times. Partners will be available for singles who wish to participate in this doubles tourney. A singles tournament is scheduled for later in the season.

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Friday nights will see a mixed doubles tournament in ping pong for Knights and their ladies. Schedules will be made up and eliminations held the same as the shuffleboard matches. Winners trophies will be awarded at the end of the season.

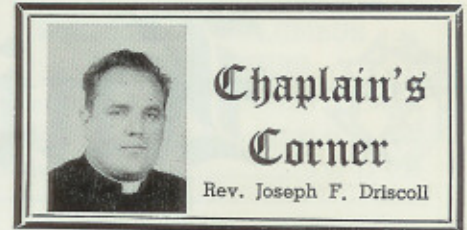
Sign up now — avoid disappointments later.

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On Sunday, October 20, there will be a bus ride to Yankee Stadium to see the New York Giants play the Dallas Cowboys. Tickets, priced at \$7.00, will be sold on a first come, first served basis.

The price of the ticket includes the bus ride and refreshments.

For reservations, call brother Gerald Petricci, EL 2-2409.



You have chosen to be Knights in the most important era, in the history of the Church. The importance can be realized by a mere casual reading of even the secular press. However, the full story so influential in your lives should be carefully read by you in your Diocesan paper or current Catholic magazines.

The doctrine of the Church as the Mystical Body of Christ will be carefully explained in the early phase of this second session of the Council. Certainly, as the responsibility of the individual is outlined, the Church should expect every Knight of Columbus to follow closely the findings of the Council and act generously with the renewal of Christ's charity, charging a genuine awareness of your individual strength and purpose.

In order that all Knights may have an opportunity to come to personal knowledge of their role in our day of history, the Catholic Activities Chairman is arranging dates for discussion on basic truths of the faith and current comments on the Council. We urge your attendance. We urge as well that you make use of the Chaplain's Question Box which will be answered at each meeting.

May we ask all Knights of Columbus to pray daily that Catholic parents will come to realize the seriousness of their obligation to have their children receive religious instruction in the Grammar and High Schools of religion in their parish.

Youth

Youth Activity Chairman, Donald Betz, happily announces the appointment of Michael Pacyna of 1272 Coolidge Avenue, Union, New Jersey, as Youth Bowling Chairman. Last season's League was a huge success and we expect this year will be even greater. It is not essential that a child know how to bowl, since arrangements have been made to have a qualified instructor in attendance.

All parents are invited to attend each session. If there are any children wishing to register who have not already done so, please call Mr. Michael Pacyna, MU 8-7018.

Let's all remember our Youth Slogan for the coming year: "WHAT HELPS YOUTH, HELPS YOU".

Grand Knight's Message



Brothers:

It is on a very happy note that we start this message, since on this day our council enjoyed its largest representation on our Annual Pilgrimage for Peace to Williamstown. While the figures are not yet available, it appeared that this was the most successful year ever in this state-wide Catholic action. Since our hard working Catholic Activities Chairman, Jim Moran, and our Pilgrimage Chairman, Frank Scherer, will make a detailed report on this, suffice to say the officers of Union Council are extremely happy and proud of the progress made this year.

Our elation on this particular day was tempered, however, by the fact that in Birmingham, Alabama, an atrocity was committed that shocked the nation. Certainly those responsible for the bombing of the Negro church that claimed the lives of four children could not have been schooled in the rudiments of God's Holy Laws, whether the interpretation of those laws be Catholic, Protestant or Jewish.

This terrible act points up a definite lack of religious training in our lives in this day and age. At every turn in our daily lives, it has become a definite challenge for those of us who believe in God to stand up and fight against the forces who would destroy religion and forbid its teaching or even the smallest reference to it in public life. These anti-religious fanatics must be recognized for the menace they are to our society.

The time has come for each and every one of us to take a long hard look at our personal attitudes toward the situation in which we find ourselves. We can not curl up and hide in some corner with the thought "It can't happen here", or "It can't happen to me," nor can we continue with a complete disregard to the apparent deterioration that is setting in and gnawing at the innards of our society.

Our apathy is rubbing off on our children and is shown by the complete disregard for law and order in many instances. The children are not wholly to blame for this. We parents must assume our proper responsibilities in the raising of our children. If we can not lead our children, teach them right from wrong

and instill the fear of God in them, what will our society be like in the next generation?

The parents who do not make certain that their children receive a good religious education are doing them a grave injustice. They can only grow into cynical, materialistic men and women with no capacity for love nor understanding. Failure to insure their religious education will surrender their impressionable minds to those who are constantly striving to drive a wedge between God and man. They can not be considered equipped to face these pitfalls of life if they are not schooled properly. They are then easy prey to the forces of evil. Giving them the physical training without the spiritual knowledge is akin to pitting a rank amateur against a polished professional. It simply is no contest.

We as Knights can and must by leading exemplary lives do much to combat these evils. Be then, a true Knight of Columbus.

Fraternally yours,
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR

Knight of the Month

Our current Knight of the Month, Larry Pribula, is a fine example of a real volunteer worker. As soon as a chairman for some function is appointed, you'll find Larry volunteering to lend a hand. Some of the past activities that he has helped with are the Circus Committee, the Souvenir Journal Committee, the Kitchen Committee and the blood bank. At present Larry is chairman of the Pledge Committee, assisting with the blood bank, serving as a bartender, and aiding the Kitchen Committee on Friday nights. Furthermore he finds time to be a champion shuffleboard player. We feel that Larry is an excellent choice for Knight of the Month.

Sea Scouts Seek Shipmates

Sea Scout Explorers of Ship #69 B.S.A. operate their ship, the Sea Lion, from a base on Woods Ave., Linden. It is a 45 ft. Air-Sea Rescue vessel used by the Navy during World War II. The craft is now running, and the boys use it and work on it Saturdays to improve its condition. Weekly meetings are held in St. Michael's Auditorium on Thursdays at 7:00 P.M. under the direction of capable, enthusiastic leaders.

Interested boys between the ages of 14 and 16 are invited to join this rapidly expanding activity of boating. Call MU 6-6496 for details.

Safe Driving Corner

John Foley

While the law enforcement agencies and traffic engineers strive through safety films, news releases, etc. to educate the public to help reduce the accident rate, the number of accidents climb steadily. It is granted that the volume of traffic is mounting annually, but that does not mean that the accident rate should keep pace. Will stiffer penalties slow the rate? The answer might be in the issuance of restrictive licenses.

Develop the habit of pulling up the parking brake when momentarily stopped for conversing with others outside the car.

Actors for Christ

"All the world's a stage, the men and women merely players", Shakespeare's true and famous words. Our world is a stage, made by God, and we are the players, each placed in a certain role. Between the time of our entrance and the last exit, we are expected to play our part to the best of our ability. How we act in our role will determine whether the play ends sad or happy for our character. Naturally, we want a happy ending, because it means we will join the Master Playwright in Eternity.

All successful actors must plan, study and keep practicing their lines. They have to be ready to pick up their cues and take all opportunities to strengthen their character.

We, as Knights of Columbus, are major actors in God's play of life. Having this responsibility to ourselves and towards the audience, we should keep our part strong. Constant rehearsal is needed. At least once a year we should look our role over, retreat from the stage of life for a time, meditate, pray, increase our knowledge of our part, review our goals, and ask guidance from knowing directors. A retreat will reduce the inclination to evil. It will give you a peace of mind and soul, the likes of which only a retreat can do. If you make a retreat just once, you'll never need anyone to encourage you again. Every year it will become a must item, to aid you in carrying out your part in this play of life. Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today. No one knows how many tomorrows he has left. To keep up on your role, make a retreat with your brothers. October 18, 19, 20 is the week end for our council. Contact Tony Quatrone or Jim Moran, MU 8-2906 or MU 7-0566.

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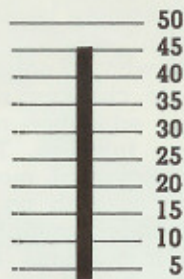
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