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KNIGHT OF THE YEAR — FRANK DICKERSON JR.

First, let us realize the importance of being considered as the Knight of the Year of our Council 4504. Ours is a Council of approximately 1100 members, it is therefore necessary to require the assistance of many of its members in order to maintain and survive our existence. Although there are numerous members who devote their efforts and time to the good of the order, the selected member must stand out above all others who have not already been selected for this honor.

This year after much deliberation and consideration the nominating committee bestowed the title of "Knight of the Year" to a most worthy, congenial, conscientious and wonderful person by selecting Frank Dickerson, as the recipient of this award.

Past Grand Knight Frank Dickerson Jr. prior to his consideration for the offices of this Council served as chairman of the Athletic Committee and Council Activities. After many years as an officer of our Council, Frank was elected to our highest office, that of the Grand Knight. Serving this office with distinction and honor Past Grand Knight Dickerson continued his activity by accepting an appointment to the State Council's Good of the Order Committee. Frank was later appointed to serve three years as a District Deputy, he declined reappointment to a fourth term as District Deputy in order to once again contribute his services to Union Council.

Not being satisfied to being just a past officer, Frank took on the Chairmanship of the Wheelchair Basketball Games. (Proceeds of these games were donated to charity.)

Presently, Frank serves on the Board of Directors for the Columbian Swim Club, Board of Directors for the Columbian Club, Chairman of the Building Expansion Committee and is the Financial Secretary of our Council.

To you, Frank, and your lovely wife Mary, for her patience and understanding, and to your family, many thanks.

So with great pride, appreciation and gratitude Worthy Past Grand Knight Frank J. Dickerson we proudly add to your many titles "Knight of the Year 1974" Union Council 4504, Union, New Jersey.



Be Active

This article is being printed in order to emphasize briefly the activities of the Council Chairmen in hope that this will enlighten, or give a clear concept, to the new members of our council who have joined us in the past year, or those members who have never served on a committee.

CATHOLIC ACTIVITY initiates programs which furnish the opportunity for members to practice their Catholic duties in the field of charity, devotion and education. In addition, strive to sponsor activities which enables the individual Knight to set constant and worthy examples as an ideal Catholic to his family, his community, and his fellow members.

COUNCIL ACTIVITY, aims at providing a diversified program of activities which furnishes enjoyment, entertainment and benefit to the members of the council and their family and friends. The responsibility for planning and execution of all activities in the fields of entertainment, athletics, civic, culture and social affairs rests with this committee.

FRATERNAL ACTIVITY, aim is to maintain a high spirit of fraternity in this council. To encourage constant recognition of outstanding service and ability. To show tangible appreciation of each members fraternal and personable problems and take constructive steps when possible to help solve those problems. To pay homage to our sick and indistressed members and respect to our deceased brothers.

MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITY. Building membership is a council responsibility and every member should participate actively in this endeavor. Each member should be aware that he is responsible for the building of council strength through recruiting new, able and desirable members.

PUBLIC RELATIONS ACTIVITY consists in getting across a message. Effective communication with the members of each council is by far the most important part of the public relations program. Through the councils Knights Digest, members will know what is going on, this tends to interest members in attending meetings. You should make it a prime concern to get to know the editor and become a part of his staff.

FAMILY ACTIVITY develops a strong motivation for programs to draw families closer together. Here your assistance can be valuable, and you can be near your youngsters by serving on the youth activities program.

Serving on any of the above committees can be very rewarding, it will make you a knowledgeable member and you will certainly get to know many more of your brother Knights.

Your new chairmen took office on July 1st.

BE ACTIVE JOIN THE ACTIVITY
Sam Bruzzi
Program Director

Show Time

Union Council 4504 will once again perform their musical review a "Knight of Nostalgia" on Friday Evening, October 4th and Saturday Evening, October 5th at Union High School. Proceeds from the show will be distributed to Cerebral Palsy Bed Fund of Union and Deborah Hospital in Browns Mills, N. J. Tickets will be available shortly. Keep the date open and get your tickets early. Read the bulletin for further details.

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Calendar of Events

Aug. 10 Patio — Splash Party
— Movies
Aug. 12 Regular Meeting
(Installation of Officers)
(7:30 St. Michael Church)
Aug. 14 4th Degree —
Color Corp Meeting
Aug. 17 Patio —
Surprise Night
Aug. 21 4th Degree Meeting
Aug. 23 Teen-age Dance
Aug. 24 Patio —
Dancing 9 to 1
Aug. 26 Regular Meeting
Aug. 31 Patio —
Splash — Races
Sept. 4 4th Degree —
Officers Meeting
Sept. 9 Regular Meeting
Sept. 18 4th Degree Meeting
Sept. 23 Regular Meeting
Sept. 28 Grand Ball
Oct. 2 4th Degree —
Officers Meeting
Oct. 4-5 Show Time
(Knight of Nostalgia)
Oct. 9 4th Degree —
Color Corp. Meeting
Oct. 13 Family Dinner 1 to 5
Oct. 14 Regular Meeting
Oct. 16 4th Degree Meeting
Oct. 26 Halloween Dance
Oct. 28 Regular Meeting

Thanks

To Ann Pinney and Joan Barber for the marvelous job they did in kicking off our Patio Party, Saturday, June 29th. On that afternoon, these wonderful girls labored for two solid hours slicing 30 pounds of pastrami, then prepared various dips and snacks. This work they did after the usual shopping requirement. Ann and Joan also stood behind the snack table that evening and Sunday noon preparing sandwiches loaded with pastrami. Summer Program Director, Rocco Corbo

4th Degree

At the June meeting of the JFK Assy. the following officers were elected to serve the 1974-1975 year. Faithful Navigator Leo E. Lupia, F. Capt. Martin Reiff, F. Pilot Ray Oakes, F. Admiral Thomas Laffey, F. Comptroller John Murphy, F. Purser Philip Sammarco, F. Scribe David Schardien, F. Inside Sentinel C. Kraemer, F. Outside Sentinel (to be elected in Sept.), F. Trustee 3 years, Fred Fuchs. Congratulations Sir Knights and may you have a successful and productive year.

This year the assembly will be active in many activities that will keep all its Sir Knights busy. Starting with October 5th, the Singer Corp. is sponsoring and will donate all its proceeds from their ad book and dinner dance to the JFK Assy. Camp Neejida Sugar Diabetic Camp Fund. This fund is supported by the Assy. in the up-keep of the Camp and to send needy children to the camp in the summer time. The support of all brothers is needed to keep this project going.

On October 12th, the Assy. will have its 10th Anniversary Dinner Dance to be held at the Ramada Inn in Clark. At that time the Sir Knight of the year Award will be made. Also for the first time the lay person of the Year Award will be made. This award will be presented to the person that best qualifies in the area of Catholic, Charitable, civic and patriotic contribution to his community. Applications (resumes) will be screened and the selection will be made and presented on the night of the dinner dance.

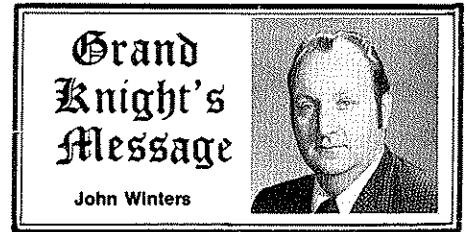
On Wednesday, October 16th the Assy. will have an open installation and dignitaries will be invited from the American Legion, V.F.W., Masons, Shriners and Elks. Also the four Mayors will be invited to participate and observe the installation of the officers. It is anticipated that there will be a large gathering of personages at the installation. The Master of the 1st N.J. District will preside.

November the 30th the Assembly will host the 1st N.J. Regimental Color Corps Ball at Holy Spirit in Union. Representation by the 17 companies will be in attendance along with dignitaries from Supreme, State, District and the clergy. A drill demonstration by the Reg't. Drill Team will highlight the evening.

This year we celebrate the tenth anniversary of the JFK Assy. and the 75th Anniversary of our order. This should be a year of brotherhood with our Brother Knights. A time to unite for a better understanding of why we are what we are. United in charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. Happy birthday my brother Knights.

S.K. Charles Kraemer
F.I.S. Publicity Chairman

DATE TO REMEMBER
September 28th
Past Grand Knight's
Dinner Dance



My Brother Knights:

This being my first message to you as your newly elected Grand Knight I would dwell with you on the importance of Council Brotherhood.

In our many busy functions in moving Union Council forward we may lose sight at times of the principals of our honored order. I would ask that at this time every brother Knight review within himself the true meaning and purpose of being a Knight of Columbus.

Again I beckon to you as I did at the election to come forth and join with me in making our Council #1 in the coming Columbian year.

Let us put aside our differences and exemplify true meaning to the words Knight of Columbus.

Speaking for the entire slate of officers and chairmen we will always avail ourselves to your new ideas and comments. I will make every effort to make myself available at 7:30 p.m. on our regular meeting nights for any brother who wishes to discuss any matter with me privately.

In closing I sincerely hope all brothers will make the effort to attend the regular meetings and enjoy the new format we have instituted. May all brothers and their families have a safe and enjoyable summer.

God Bless Union Council and its membership.

Fraternally,
John J. Winters
Grand Knight

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Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Edward M. Swierzbinski

I joined the Knights Brotherhood about 21 years ago. The Council was new and so the stress was on getting members and getting started. We met in the school cafeteria. Everyone knew the other members and their families. I could see the good attendance at meetings, the involvement of the members in the community and especially their activity in the church. I was pleased and proud to be a member of the Brotherhood.

Now years later we have grown — we have grown in numbers and in buildings. I am not sure if it was a good growth. There is a great deal of stress on maintaining and increasing our membership; there is a great deal of stress on maintaining our buildings. The activity of our councils is heavily weighted toward social events which support our building and our extensive charitable programs. The number of activities are overwhelming and, now, competitive. There are social events sponsored by the Knights, Columbian Club and for us the Swim Club. You see different people at each of these events. Add the regional and State events and you see why an officer needs a social secretary and a strong stomach to survive. A chauffeured car wouldn't hurt either, I sometimes think only politicians are called out more than the officers.

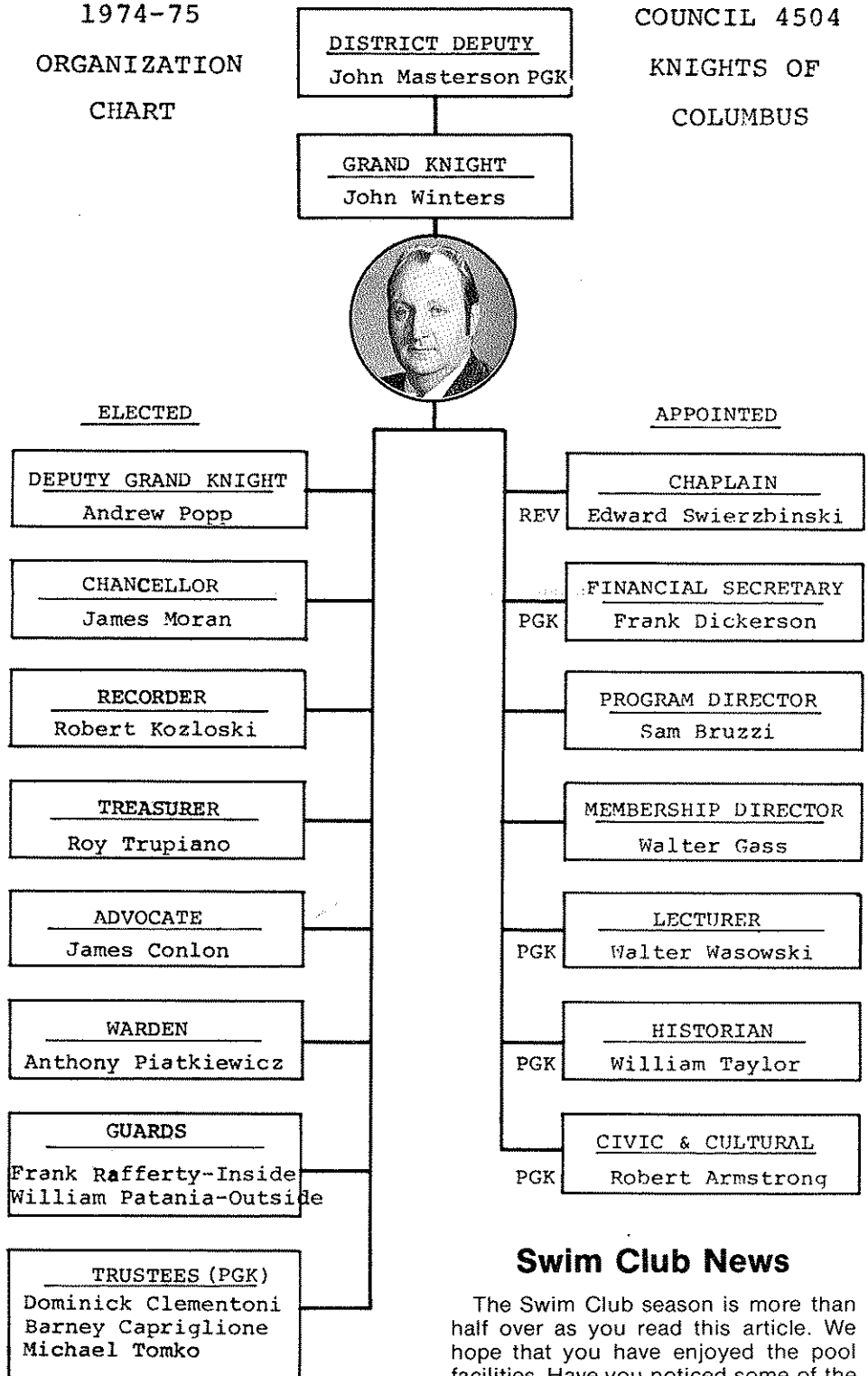
Maybe it is time to consider how we are spending our time! Maybe it is time to consider our value systems. Maybe it is time to wonder why 85% of our members do not attend meetings and we don't even know each other. Maybe it is time to be bold and think of alternatives. I can think of two: one business meeting a month — the other a social, religious or recreational sharing. (Getting to know one another). The other suggestion — every fifth or sixth meeting should be open. It should be husbands and wives with a joint committee planning the activity. Also these meetings could become family nights or father-son or father-daughter nights.

I don't expect you to agree with these suggestions. I can hear the groans. I do want to stimulate some thinking. There is a great deal of talent on our roster. There is a great deal of good will. Let's activate it. I have, in the past, wondered if anyone reads these bulletins. Perhaps they do and discuss them only in their kitchens or the Club Bar. What a waste! The meetings are the place for discussions.

This is the beginning of a new year. The officers are elected by the members. If they don't function properly it is your fault. Come and make your wishes known. The Knights are often called the right arm of the Church. At the present moment in our history this arm is fat and flabby. Come exercise your rights and shake us up. Push us to serve you better. You start by coming to meetings, examine our activities, suggest changes. Individually we can't do much but together in a loving Brotherhood we can praise God. Let the spirit in and move "mountains".

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Lecturer's Report

The objective of our program this year is to increase the attendance at council meetings by presenting educational, timely and informative subjects. The Grand Knight's goal is to start meetings promptly at 8:15 p.m. It is hoped that normally the meeting and program will be concluded by 10:00 p.m. thus affording those members who must rise early an opportunity for a period of socializing and still be home at a reasonable hour. Programs for the future will include a talk by Congressman Matt Rinaldo, a program on the "energy crisis" by a representative of Exxon and the development and future use of "lasers" or light beams for communications.

P.G.K. Walter Wasowski
Lecturer

Swim Club News

The Swim Club season is more than half over as you read this article. We hope that you have enjoyed the pool facilities. Have you noticed some of the improvements, such as new lounges and carpet on the sun deck, new chairs at the poolside and the stereo sound system?

Please, when calling the Swim Club, the number to use is **688-9631**.

August 21 has been set aside as the next Council Day. All members of 4504 and their families (not just Swim Club members) can enjoy the pool facilities. Just present a paid-up traveling card and enjoy your day at the pool. August 22 will be the rain date for Council Day.

The arts and crafts program has been a great success to date. The program is held Monday thru Friday in the picnic area and is open to all children of Council 4504 members.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

John Kilian
Swim Club President