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## KNIGHTS MEET THE CHALLENGE

### Union Council Helps In Battle Against X-Film

After a long hard fight over the past few years an opportunity arose for the Council to show its opposition to X-type films in Union.

On Monday, November 10th, Bro. Bob Emery, called Township Committeeman James Conlon with his complaint against the movie De Sade and also alerted the Council of his move.

On Tuesday, November 11th, the Township Committee unanimously condemned the movie and the management of Union Theater for the showing of the X rated film.

The Grand Knight and other members of the Council took up the fight and complained to the management of the local theatre and their New York office. Both managements responded with indifference, apathy, and no action.

The Grand Knight with the assistance of both St. Michael and Holy Spirit parishes, and other township organizations called for a picket line in front of Union Theater on Sunday evening at 7:00 P.M. Over two hundred men and women responded to this call. A picket line of one hundred people was maintained for a two hour period in front of Union Theater.

This group received many compliments from the people of Union for their positive action and stand in the fight for morality in movies. It was a great show for the silent majority.

On Tuesday, November 18th, the management announced the withdrawal of the film without comment.

The Grand Knight would like to thank all the brothers and their fam-



ilies who participated in this program. It is another demonstration of Catholic action by the Knights of Columbus for which we should be proud.

Thank's again for a job well done. "Caution: We won only one battle, not the war".

Andrew F. Popp



### THE NOTRE DAME VICTORY MARCH

When the "Singing Irish" of THE NOTRE DAME GLEE CLUB perform in concert in Union on Feb. 2, 1970, the famous "Victory March" of the "Fighting Irish" football teams will, as always, close the concert.

Once the inspiration of gridiron greats such as George Gipp, Johnny Lujack, and Johnny Lattner, the strains of the "Victory March" have been carried to the far corners of the earth by alumni, students, and just plain fans. The melody has been

adopted by numerous high schools across our great nation. It has also been sung by American troops going on to battle, and its tuneful tempo rallied the spirits of many an Allied prisoner in World War II concentration camps.

The 1908 Indiana-Notre Dame football game served as the inspiration for the "Victory March." Two Notre Dame students, Mike and Jack Shea had often fit improvised lyrics to

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### Blood Donors Day

As in the past, each year we ask all members of this council, who is physically able, to give one pint of his blood, so that we can replenish the blood replacement given to our Brothers or Members of their family who were in need. To a council of over one thousand members such as ours is, we must continue to make this request as our blood replacements are many.

On January 4th, 1970 the volunteer Doctor and Nurses of the Eastern Union County Chapter of the American Red Cross will again be present at our Council Hall to direct this Blood Donors Day.

Donors are requested to be at the Council Hall, between the hours of 12:30 to 5 P.M.

Donors are requested to refrain from eating of fatty foods prior to donating.

The request for blood is not limited to members only. Relatives and friends are welcomed.

Roast Beef dinner will be served to each Donor.

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## CALENDAR

DEC. 8—Council Dinner Meeting  
DEC. 21—Children's Christmas Party — 2-4:30 p.m.  
DEC. 31—New Year's Party 9 p.m. - 3 a.m.  
JAN. 4—Blood Donors — 12:30-5 p.m.  
JAN. 9—Dance Lessons  
JAN. 10—Old Fashion Night — \$1.50  
JAN. 11—Family Corporate Communion — St. Michaels — 9:05  
JAN. 12—Regular Meeting  
JAN. 26—Regular Meeting  
FEB. 2—Glee Club

## Dance Lessons

Gain confidence, smoothness and grace by learning the modern American and Latin American dances such as Cha-Cha, Rhumba, Merengue, Tango, Fox Trot, Waltz, Jitter-Bug and many others. If you're a beginner on the dance floor these lessons will enable you to dance anywhere with confidence. If you're a real pro you can develop new patterns and styling. All this and a fun way to relax and spend a pleasant evening with old and new friends.

Mr. Joe Ruddy and his assistant will conduct 1 hour lessons every Friday night for approximately 10 weeks starting January 9th, 1970. The fee is \$2.00 per couple per week. \$4.00 in advance is requested. Mail

## MEMORIUM

It Is With Deep Sorrow That We Mark the Passing of our brother

MICHAEL CRIMMINS

the deepest and most sincere sympathy of the Council is extended to his family.

reply and deposits to Peter Martin, 381 Broadwell Ave., Union 07083. Tel. — MU 7-4393.

## Organizational Obligation

Every move in our lives is motivated by something within that guides us in the direction or those paths of action which we select. Recall if you can just what was your own motivation when you signed an application to join the Knights of Columbus. I am sure that all of you had it in your minds that you wished to become involved in what this Council is doing. When you filled out your interview papers you all selected a particular program in which you wished to participate. Have you become involved?

An organization becomes a success or failure not only on the actions of its officers, but on the amount of cooperation that they receive from the membership. You are the important factor in determining how great our Order can be. If an officer does not fulfill his obligations, he can be replaced, but if the membership fails in its responsibility then the entire Order tumbles. It is you who must always support all the officers and their endeavors to make this a greater organization.

Resolve with the coming New Year to join together in unity with all of your Brother Knights and there will be no task too difficult for us to accomplish. We need all of the support each and every one of you can give for even the smallest job can be of the utmost importance. There is no job so small that it is of little importance or no task too great that we, in unity, cannot complete. Always keep in mind that it is the responsibility of each and every member to support his particular share of the load, for failing to do so you will add an extra burden on your Brother Knights. Select a committee and join with them. The things you accomplish together will give you great pride. In this way, you will fulfill your obligations and you will become involved... and truly a Knight of Columbus.

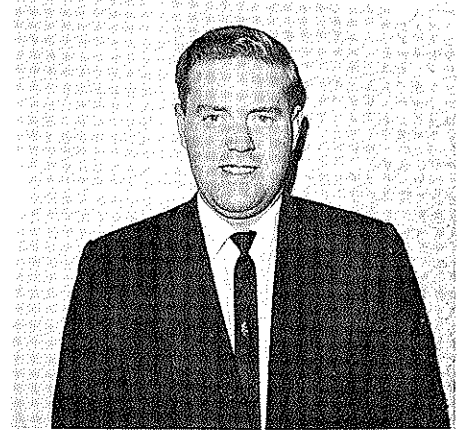
Your Six-Point Chairman and his Committee wish you a Merry Christmas and pray that God may bless you and your family in the coming year.

Sam

## Admissions Degree

Council Holds Admission Degree on Nov. 10. Our Council welcomed to its ranks fourteen new brothers: GEORGE L. DEO, LOUIS J. CAMPAGNA, A. JOHN ZAMBOLLA, JOS. M. McDERMOTT, HENRY TOBY, JOHN MENZIONE, WILLIAM J. TAYLOR, ALFRED J. LIPARA, FRANCES M. KENNEDY, REV. RAYMOND T. McKEON, JAMES A. KENNEDY, SAL C. DENTE, JOHN J. HAMILTON, WILLIAM P. McGOVERN.

## Knight of the Month



It is only fitting that as Knight of the Month for December we select a man who has worked his way into the hearts of all our children. Joseph E. McEnroe has done just that for the past several years. He was a favorite of all the children in the family activity affairs. Joe always worked his hardest and was always at his best when making arrangements for skating parties, Easter egg hunts, Christmas parties, or guiding our Junior Bowling Team to become one of the best in the County. He has been active on all of the general committees and can be seen working as a bartender. Joe resides at 2219 Norrison Avenue with his parents. We wish him all the happiness in the world in his future marriage, this coming May, to Miss Beverly Kornacki.

## Wills

Most men I visit do not have a will and fail to realize that without one their property would be distributed according to state intestacy law. This could result in expenses, delay of bonding and guardianships. Most men spend a lifetime building an estate, however, rarely take the time to do serious estate planning.

We recommend that you consult your attorney and have a will prepared. We could be of great assistance in other areas of estate planning, such as information on life insurance trusts. If it took most of your working life to build your present estate, why not take a few hours to protect your lifelong effort.

Gus Cawley  
233-8298

## Children's Christmas Party

On December 21, we will have a Christmas party for children of Brother Knights, up to and including age 9, to be held from 2:00 to 4:30 P.M. Please bring one gift per child — \$3.00 and under, clearly printed with child's name — to be given out by Santa Claus.



## Grand Knights Message

In the holy month of December our central thoughts must be directed to the birth of our Saviour. It is a time of great joy and hope, a time of peace and love. "Keep Christ in Christmas" must be our main objective. The world runs wild in our directions searching for answers. Let us in our small way restore some sanity in this wonderful universe. The obvious answer lies in the simple message of loving one another.

The year 1969 was a milestone for our Council. We have progressed and many wonderful things have been accomplished. It was accomplished because you wanted it to happen.

The officers of our Council thank you for the support we have received in 1969.

We wish you and your families a Holy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

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## Random Thoughts

The first moonmen Armstrong, Collins and Aldrin have the same initials as the first earthmen, Adam, Cain, and Abel - - - It's funny how a dollar can look so big when you take it to church and so small when you take it to the grocery store - - - If you meet no opposition in this life, you'll meet very little success either - - - Drive carefully, remember its not only a car that can be recalled by its maker - - - What is life's most unforgiving failure? The failure to at least try. - - - They caught a guy trying to smuggle marijuana in a shipment of frozen chickens, a little pot in every chicken - - - Falsehood is in a hurry it may be at any moment detected and punished. Truth is calm, serene, its judgment is on high, its king cometh out of the chamber of eternity - - - A parking space is a place where you take your car to have those little dents put in - - - Upon announcing that the Woodbridge New Jersey Town Council would start its meetings with a prayer, read from the Congressional Record, Council President Joseph Nemyo said "this Country has been in trouble for the last five years. Prayers were knocked out by the Supreme Court, because of one woman and a small group of her followers." He explained such a prayer should never have been made illegal. I think its about time we listen to what the silent majority wants, and not the noisy minority - - - Sign in an antique shop "Early American furniture at Revolutionary

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many college fight songs from the East. The two brothers hit upon the idea that day of attempting an original song for "Old Notre Dame." Back in Sorin Hall the following morning, Mike had the melody and Jack had the lyrics, but they were unable to use the piano in the reading room to put their creation together. Mike, who was an accomplished organist, led his brother to the loft of nearby Sacred Heart Church, and there it was that the "Victory March" was played for the first time. In the decades to come, it was to be played softly and slowly at the weddings and funerals of many Notre Dame men.

The first public performance of the song came on Easter Sunday in 1909, when the campus band played it in the rotunda of the Administration Building as part of the traditional Easter exercises. It wasn't long before the "Victory March" won acceptance on the Notre Dame campus, and its popularity increased when the Irish football teams began to take on Army and other formidable teams from the East. It assumed an international character during World War I when Notre Dame men went overseas, and found it good for marching.

And so, Notre Dame's "Victory March" came to life in old Sorin Hall, and spread across the campus, throughout the nation, and around the world. Its melody uplifted the spirits of weary football players and soldiers alike. Its lyrics have reminded Notre Dame men everywhere, and others too, that victory can often be won, ". . . . what though the odds be great or small."

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The committee in charge of the University of Notre Dame Glee Club Concert requests the cooperation of all council members in making early returns. The amount of work required to insure a capacity audience depends on your response.

prices" - - - Don't confuse brilliance with education. I know a man who can speak 12 languages and is a liar in all of them - - - Here's a good question — Why is the virus so hard to find, when its so easy to catch? - - - It's not hard to meet expenses these days. In fact you meet them every time you turn around - - - An actress turned down a tour with a nude show. She hates having some place to go, and nothing to wear - - - Interesting thoughts from the teachings of Buddha: "To utter pleasant words without practicing a good life, is like a fine flower without fragrance. To control oneself is better than to control others, to conquer oneself is a greater victory, than to conquer thousands in a battle".

Jim Moran



## Chaplain's Corner

Rev. John A. Palasits

In these times when we are more than ever groping for the right answers to basic problems, we so easily reject the lessons that history has taught and, as a matter of fact, still teaches. One of the significant facts of history involving the birth of Jesus Christ, is that He came when the civilized western world was enjoying the "Pax Romana" — the Peace of the Roman Empire. The "Prince of Peace" as great Isaiah had called Him in prophecy, came to a world at peace. We know that the "Pax Romana" was comparatively short-lived. Since then, war has followed upon war, man has repeatedly turned against his brother to imitate not the way of Christ where brother loves brother, but the way of Cain and Abel where brother kills brother.

If we want to welcome the Prince of Peace this Christmas, we must prepare for Him not by the external sham of drinking parties, reluctant gift-giving, cheap lights and tinsel, but by an inner peace — the peace of Christ — within ourselves. Jesus, our Brother, provides the ingredients: the peace of the confessional to unload the yoke of our sins, the peace of the Eucharist to nourish and sustain us in the love of Christ. Thus fortified with inner peace, we can then without shame or hypocrisy proclaim to others the message of the Prince of Peace: have love one for another. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## — Gala — New Year's Eve Party

Welcome the New Year at the  
COUNCIL HALL

Buffet — 7 Hot Meats  
Coldcuts - Salads - Pickles etc.  
Rolls — Cake — Coffee

An exquisite offering. For the traditionalist, herring in white and wine sauce. Serving from 11:00 to 1:00 A.M. and plenty of food. Rye and Scotch set-up at each table. Noisemakers. Music to dance till 3:00 A.M. by Pat Conte and the Four Pearls.

Extra attraction, entertainment by talent from our own council. See talent chairman Tony Capra, 688-2763 if you would like to contribute your specialty.

Tickets are available thru Herb Kay and Tony Sibilia. Twenty dollars per couple and hall will be open from 9:00 P.M.