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Athletic News & Events

Pro Basketball and Pro Hockey Games

Tickets are now on sale for a couple of exciting sporting events.

Coming up first is a Basketball game between the **NEW N. J. NETS** vs. **CHICAGO BULLS** on Friday night, November 11th, at the Rutgers University Gymnasium. Tickets are \$11.00 per person and include: Admission, round trip bus transportation, sandwiches, beer and soda.

Also on sale are tickets for the **N.Y. RANGERS** vs. **MINNESOTA NORTH-STARS** Hockey game to be played at Madison Square Garden on Sunday evening, December 4th. Tickets for this game are \$11.50 per person and include the usual admission price, round trip transportation, sandwiches, beer and soda.

Tickets for either or both events can be purchased by contacting Wayne Williams at 272-7692.

So you can plan ahead . . . the bus for the Nets game on November 11th is going to depart the Council parking lot at 6:45 p.m. and the bus for the Rangers excursion shall leave the lot promptly at 5:30 p.m. on the night of December 4th.

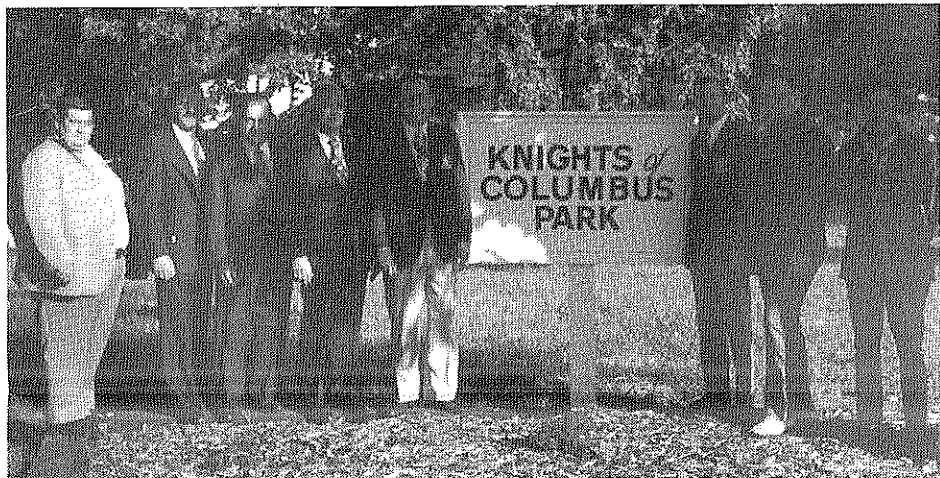
As in the past, tickets are sold on a first come, first served basis, and are available for all Knights, their families and their friends. So order your tickets early for both of these exciting events.

Wayne Williams
Athletic Chairman

Christmas Gifts for the "Military"

The "Veterans Committee" is again 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 currently in the military service, please submit their full name, rank, complete military address, and home telephone number to the Council, on or before November 20th. 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 so that this worthwhile endeavor can be facilitated in a timely manner. For those of you who submitted the names of military personnel last year who are still in active service, it is requested that you inform us of their current mailing address.

Mike La Motta — Chairman



Ed Patterson, Tom Hornig, Bob Armstrong P.G.K., Mayor Goodkin, Grand Knight Ken Pinney, Jim Moran P.G.K., Roy Trupiano and Bill Patania.

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EDITION ON
CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS
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Union Council to Sponsor a Wheelchair Basketball Game

On Saturday evening, November 12, 1977, Union Council 4504 Knights of Columbus will sponsor a benefit Wheelchair Basketball Game at Burnett Junior High. Game time will be at 8:00 p.m. Donations are \$2.50 per person.

The Jersey Wheelers are a group of handicapped men who participate in almost every sport that an able bodied person would participate.

The entire proceeds from the game will be donated to the Wheelchair Teams to subsidize wheelchair athletics in New Jersey.

This worthy group exists mainly through the efforts of organizations and dedicated citizens who take their time and effort to plan programs for their support.

Here is your chance as brother knights to further these two causes and enhance the reputation of our Council as an outstanding community leader. Even though you may not be interested in the game itself, purchase a ticket and give it to someone who may enjoy basketball. You will then be practicing the principles of Columbianism that we are so proud of here in Union Council.

Tickets will be available at the following locations:

Frank Dickerson — 687-4353

Wayne Williams — 272-7692

Knights of Columbus Home — 686-4504

Burnet Jr. High — Door Sales Nov. 12

Help us make this venture a success, buy your ticket now.

Fraternality yours,
Frank J. Dickerson, PGK
Chairman

First Friday

Last month we told you about one of the promises Our Lord made to Saint Margaret Mary which has a direct bearing on our Chaplain's First Friday Series. There were twelve promises in all and another one of significance to first Fridays is this:

'Persons who propagate this devotion (to the Sacred Heart) shall have their names written in My Heart and they shall never be effaced therefrom'.

In other words, our Lord is telling us that those who encourage others to love Him in this special way will always be within hearts reach of Him.

The inference here should be obvious. If you encourage someone to attend the first Friday devotions with you, you will be propagating devotion to the Sacred Heart. By so doing, you will be adding to the indulgences already received for attending the first Friday session itself.

November 4 is your next opportunity to reach into the Hearts of Jesus and Mary. As usual, Mass will be at 8 p.m. followed by a short refreshment period. The guest speakers are Joan and Don Warner of the Family Life Bureau. Their topic will be 'Human Sexuality — We Grown-ups find out what teen-agers know'.


If you haven't attended a Mass celebrated by our Chaplain Father Ed, assisted by brother Knight Deacon Tom Arminio, you are missing an experience in brotherly love.

Please join us in this love thy neighbor atmosphere.

Special Note!

Senior Citizens, widows and Nuns wishing to attend the first Fridays but lacking transportation may call 964-0735 or 688-7269 for assistance. Also, have you noticed our new Altar cloth? Our special thanks to brother Frank Jakositz.

**Grand Knights
Column**
Ken Pinney



October was a very busy and productive month. Our plans to honor Christopher Columbus during Knights of Columbus Week, October 9th thru October 16, worked out very well.

The corporate mass at Holy Spirit Church and the breakfast which followed, I feel, was well attended and enjoyed by all. Between 60 and 70 brothers, wives and children weathered the rain storm to attend.

The culminating activity on Sunday was the dinner-dance sponsored by Unico, The Knights of Columbus, St. Anthony's, and the Columbian Civic Club. It was a very enjoyable evening for Deputy Grand Knight Roy Trupiano, his wife Barbara, my wife Ann, and myself.

On Monday, a first degree was held in honor of our State Chaplain, Monsignor Henry G. J. Beck. Fourteen new brothers were admitted bringing our total new members for the year to thirty-six. Al Mench is doing a tremendous job as our Membership Chairman but he still needs your help to attain the 100 new members needed or the year. Let's all give Al a hand by sponsoring a friend or neighbor.

On Saturday, October 15, 1977, our Knights of Columbus Park, at Winslow and Stecher Avenues, was dedicated. Thanks to Joe Porter and his cleanup crew for beautifying the park. Those in attendance included Mayor Goodkin, P.G.K. Bob Armstrong, P.G.K. Jim Moran, Roy Trupiano, Bill Patania, Joe Porter, Tom Hornig, Ed Patterson and myself.

November will be a very active month at our Council. Sunday, November 6th, will be the first of our family dinners. Please won't you join us between the hours of 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. and socialize with your brothers and their families.

On Monday, November 7th, we will hold a second degree and on Wednesday, November 23rd we will have a Knight-hood Degree. Please make every effort to attend both degrees.

The memorial service for our deceased brothers will be held on Monday, November 28th.

In closing this report I wish to extend to all the officers, brothers and their families a very happy and enjoyable Thanksgiving.

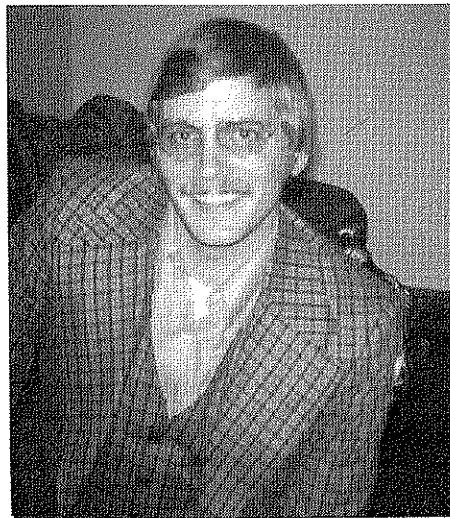
Wayne Williams Knight of the Month

Our Knight of the Month, Wayne Williams joined our council in 1976 and has immediately become one of our elite, an active member. Wayne was asked by our Grand Knight, Ken Pinney, to handle the Athletic Chairman's job for this year and he gladly accepted, turning out to be one of the many bright notes during the first part of this year. A man who puts his pride into his work, Wayne has gone all out to schedule us for some excellent trips, including tickets for the Ice Capades, Ranger Hockey, Knick Basketball, Yankee Baseball and golf just to mention a few.

Wayne is also a regular bartender, working the often times heavy Friday nights, and he has also helped out in many of the cleanups around the council. For a relatively new member, he has shown a great desire for putting his ideas to work for the good of Union Council.

Wayne resides in Cranford with his wife Terry and their daughter Gina. He is a member of Assumption Church, Roselle Park.

One of our leaders of the future, Wayne will be an asset to the Knights of Columbus for years to come. our Knight of the Month — Wayne Williams.




Family Dinner

On Sunday, November 6, 1977 we will have our first Family Dinner of the year. Walt Holderlein will be the Chef for the dinner, to include meatloaf, potatoes, vegetables, bread and butter, coffee and cake.

Dinner will be served from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. The price is just right for your family, \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 10.

Tickets can be obtained at the Council Hall or by calling Ken Pinney — 686-5650. Cutoff date will be November 2nd.



**Chaplain's
Corner**
Rev. Edward M. Swierzbinski

Good advice from St. Francis de Sales — Read it prayerfully; read it daily; ponder its meaning.

COMPLETE TRUST IN GOD

Do not look forward to the trials and crosses of this life with dread and fear. Rather, look to them with full confidence that, as they arise, God, to whom you belong, will deliver you from them.

He has guided and guarded you thus far in life. Do you but hold fast to his dear hand, and he will lead you safely through all trials. Whenever you cannot stand, he will carry you lovingly in his arms.

Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow. The same Eternal Father who cares for you today will take good care of you tomorrow and every day of your life. Either he will shield you from suffering or he will give you the unflinching strength to bear it.

Be at peace then and put aside all useless thoughts, vain dreads, and anxious imaginations.

St. Francis de Sales

Also — in addition to telling each other often — how much you love each other — I hope husbands and wives will keep this handy and pray for each other.

PRAYER OF SPOUSES FOR EACH OTHER

Lord Jesus, grant that my spouse and I may have a true and unstanding love for each other. Grant that we may both be filled with faith and trust. Give us the grace to live with each other in peace and harmony. May we always bear with one another's weaknesses and grow from each other's strengths. Help us to forgive one another's failings and grant us patience, kindness, cheerfulness and the spirit of placing the well-being of one another ahead of ones self.

May the love that brought us together grow and mature with each passing year. Bring us both ever closer to you through our love for each other. Let our love grow to perfection. Amen.

Then come and pray with us on the First Friday — We need each other!

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

- 1st Mon. Council Officers
- 2nd & 4th Mon. Regular Meetings
- 3rd Mon. Swim 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
- 4th Thurs. Columbian Club
- 1st Fri. Chaplain's Night

Calendar of Events

- Nov. 4 First Friday
- Nov. 6 Family Dinner
- Nov. 7 2nd Degree
- Nov. 12 Wheelchair Basketball
- Nov. 23 3rd Degree
- Nov. 24 Thanksgiving
- Nov. 26 Memorial Service



Personality Profile — Christopher Columbus (Part One)

When Father Michael McGivney organized our fraternity in 1882 he set certain goals and standards that were to be observed by those who would join it. Its foundation consists of christian principals, its method of development was to be through the ideals of knight-hood and its model and standard bearer, Christopher Columbus. Through activity in our order we are reminded of the principals and ideals we are to follow. One area where we lack knowledge is about the man whose name is part of our title, Knights of Columbus. The majority of the men of our order have only a grade school level background on the life of Columbus. Realizing I am among this majority my curiosity on the subject led me to look up several books that would inform me on a more mature plane, of Columbus' background. The material I uncovered made fascinating reading and showed that Columbus was a unique personality who changed the course of history and whose religious devotion was worthy of being followed. I think we knights should have more than a passing knowledge of our name bearer. Therefore, in a series of brief articles to appear in this publication, I will pass along some of the interesting aspects on the life of the man under whose name our fraternity serves the Catholic Church.

(Please note that a great deal of time and research has gone into this project. Therefore, if anyone wishes to use the series in any other publication, please pay us the courtesy of including the following statement: "The source of this material is the Knight Digest of Union Council #4504, Union, New

20th Anniversary Dance

On Friday, December 2, 1977, Union Council Knights of Columbus #4504 will be in existence twenty years. Many, many wonderful things have happened to our Council since its inception on December 2, 1957. The hundreds and hundreds of men who have made contributions are all proud of their accomplishments, which have made #4504 one of the leaders in the state.

To commemorate this milestone in our history, a buffet dinner-dance will be held on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1977, commencing at 8:00 p.m. also including cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Tickets will be limited to 300 people. Please make your reservations early. Call Vinnie Iannuzzi — 687-9381.

Jersey.")

To many historians the records of Columbus' birth and early life leave some facts in question. This is because there were few documents in the explorers handwriting and he never dealt at great length on his childhood. Using the documents available, most official historians agree that Christopher Columbus came from a very humble family of weavers, known to have lived in Genoa, Italy for several generations. From his own statements we know that he went to sea at the age of 14, which was not unusual for a youth of the Fifteenth Century. Sailors of that time were expected to be handy with a sword as well as a marlin spike. Taking part in the rough merchant trade life in the Mediterranean Area was not an easy calling, but a happy alternative to his father's wool business. While still in his twenties he earned the equivalent of a masters papers. By the time Christopher was thirty he had become a master seaman and qualified ship commander. Part of his early education included a knowledge of geography and mathematics as well as dexterity with drawing instruments and good penmanship. Columbus' appetite for exploration began with a trip to visit his brother Bartholomew in Lisbon, Portugal. (Be sure to look for part two in next month's Digest.)

Jim Moran P.G.K.

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Sports Quiz

1. Who played shortstop for Boston in the '67 World Series?
2. Ruth, Gerhig, Huggins and Stengel all have plaques in centerfield at Yankee Stadium. What former cardinal also has a plaque there?
3. Who holds the record for most consecutive home run titles?
4. Who is the only pitcher to win 200 career games and not win 20 in one season?
5. Who was the last Triple Crown Winner in baseball?
6. When Baltimore had four 20 game winners in 1971 who were they?
7. When was the last time Boston won the World Series?
8. What pitcher won the most games in the 68 World Series?
9. Who holds the record for stealing home the most times in one season, a record 7?
10. Who was the only amateur golfer ever to win the Grand Slam of Golf?
11. Who won the 1966 game between Notre Dame and Michigan State?
12. Who holds the record for the most pass receptions in a career?
13. What is the record for most passes completed in a single game?
14. Name the four "minutemen" of the 1969 Knicks.
15. Seven former or present NBA players averaged 20 points and 20 rebounds in their college career. Can you name them?

Answers on Back Page

Random Thoughts

Remarks on marriage and the two sexes involved: the honeymoon is over when he finds out he married a big spender — and she finds out she didn't . . . Too bad some marriage ceremonies now omit the word "obey", it was the only thing that lent a little humor to the occasion . . . the man who didn't want his wife to work has been succeeded by the man who asks about her chances of getting a raise . . . A woman to her friend "the psychiatrist told me to share Bill's intents, but I'm not too keen on watching girls in bikinis through a telescope!" . . . in older days men rode chargers. Now they marry them . . . the new marriage vow goes as follows: "I promise to take you for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, in war and in peace, in order and in chaos, for as long as both shall dig it . . . the only state that permits a woman to work more than eight hours a day is matrimony . . . trial marriages are nothing new. They are all a trial now and then . . . having a wife is like walking in a cow pasture. It keeps you on your toes . . . a little exercise can ruin a man's life. Like a short walk down an aisle . . . wives are unpredictable. You never know next why your going' to be wrong about what . . . "if I could do it over again" a man sighed, 'I'd marry a Japanese girl. They're graceful, obedient, attractive and your mother-in-law is in Yokohoma!" . . . marriage is no gamble. When your gambling you can win once in awhile . . . any man who thinks he's won an argument with his wife doesn't realize it isn't over yet.

Jim Moran, P.G.K.

Ghuzzi Cops Open

Aided by the beautiful skies, the cool temperatures, slight breezes, and the Grand Knight's influence, Tom Ghuzzi fired a blistering 80 gross with a 65 net round to win the Fireside Open Golf Tournament by 1 stroke over our own Sam Snead, Lew Denesh. Ghuzzi, the new Johnny Miller of the K. of C. P.G.A., immediately stormed into the Cranbury Club House wearing a new line of sport jackets and singing "White Christmas" to a wild throng of ten.

The Council's Final 1977 Tournament, The Fireside Open, closed out Columbus Week in Grand Style. Pre-tournament ceremonies saw our Thrift Award Winner, Jack Killian, test taste the keg of Michelob. After about six glasses, both Jack and the keg were ready for the long, gruelling round. Grand Knight Ken Pinney opened our tournament in the traditional manner, lining a screamer down into the right rough, sending a flock of birds on their way south for the winter and reminding us of Carl Yaz.

On the 7th hole, our first closest to the pinhole, Barry Carton hit a high fly which landed on the front edge of the green and died. However, it was the closest to the pin for \$15.

With all the drama of a cock fight on Friday Nite, the longest drive was won by Dennis Reinhard, the last man to attempt the feat. He took three glasses of beer, cranked up and socked the ball almost 330 yards — almost 25 yards past the existing marker. Dennis won a 60 second hamburger cooker as a gift donated by Patterson's Auto Supply of Morris Ave., Union. The many who saw the shot thought he was personally launching our space shuttle. Denny had a 10 on the hole!

George Cristow won our 2nd closest to the pin prize of \$15 on the 16th. George blasted a liner which went through the sand trap and onto the green about 20 feet away.

Wait Guthreau announced that his new product, the Venetian Water Scooper, was going on sale soon at Korvette's and Macy's. The light weight gadget is made of two sections of venetian curtain rods and a hanger hook, retailing for \$19.95.

A special thanks goes to Frank Dickerson, Jr. who again M.C.'ed our day. Frank was always in plain view . . . at the keg on the 10th tee. Thanks again Frank!

In all, 48 golfers had a super day to send them into the chill of winter. I would like to thank you members who participated for making my efforts worth while.

Gary Guthreau



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Read This Column If You Want To Find A Date

This is a note to all the young members of our Council. This is a suggestion to all the beer and pretzel experts who joined our Council to do just that. You gentlemen joined a FRATERNITY. A group of men with a common interest and goal in mind. Becoming a member is the easiest part, because your in! BUT, proving you are a member of this fraternity is the toughest part. It is, however, the most rewarding.

A quote from a visiting past grand knight states that "many young men are willing and able if they get nudged". How many times have you sat and said "why is he always doing the same work, I can even do better", or "he's been a great asset to our fraternity but why doesn't he let someone else do the work now". The two basic answers are "elementary my dear Watson". No one else has offered to do the work than the usual crew. These men have done well in the eyes of their brothers because they have backed up their opinions with actions. But new ideas are needed. These trusty few cannot do it all forever. Someone must step into their shoes — WHY NOT YOU? The other half of the answer is that unless you tell the chairmen of the committees or the grand knight that you are interested how will they know? Well this is a nudge right now. I respect a man's opinions but, if he is one who can only criticize I can only see half a man.

The Grand Knight, Worthy Ken Pinney, has given men like myself and other chairmen a shot when we said that we can do the work, and we are not letting him down. We saw some things worth doing and changing and

ANSWERS TO QUIZ

1. Luis Apareccio, 2. the Pope, 3. Ralph Kiner (7), 4. Jim Maloney, 5. Carl Yastremski, 6. Jim Palmer, Dave McNally, Mike Cuellar, Pat Dobson, 7. 1916, 8. Mickey Lolich, 9. Rod Carew, 10. 11. no one — tie 10 to 10, 12. Charlie Taylor, 13. 44 by Joe Namath, 14. Bill Hosket, Don May, Eddie Mast and Nate 'The Snake' Bowman, 15. George Mikan, Satch Sanders, Bill Russell, Elgin Baylor, Paul Silas, Julius Irving and Kermit Washington.

our ideas are becoming realities. Many more members can do this too. Remember, if you want something you've got to work for it. As a Fraternity we've all pledged to work for the same goals and interests, haven't we? Where are you? Watching Happy Days or Rhoda? Big sense of accomplishment?

Now that I've gotten you to read this column I can promise you a date. MANY DATES. The club has activities and events all year long. Join in!

P.S. Beer and Pretzels are offered after the dates!

The editor

Memories

At the October 13, 1958 meeting the transfers of Ray and Fred Vollherbst from South Orange to Union Council were approved and a first degree was conferred upon 49 candidates. A letter from Mr. Asmus of the Union Township Tax Lien Office quoting a price of \$11,600 for the land in the rear of the Council home prompted Grand Knight Leary to instruct the building committee to meet with Mr. Asmus for further discussion. Six Point Chairman Weldon Arner welcomed the new members and announced that a meeting of the six point chairmen would meet at the High-

way Branch of the First State Bank. Fraternal Chairman Jim Confroy announced the formation of a committee to visit other councils. Membership Chairman Frank Murphy reported his committee was contacting St. James parishioners in a drive for new members. He cautioned the brothers to be certain that any candidate sponsored be a practicing catholic.

Catholic Activities Chairman Warren Hehl announced that the committee members would receive Holy Communion in a body in the new chapel in the basement of St. Michael's Church on November 2nd at the 9:05 mass in honor of our deceased members and our beloved Pope Pious XII.

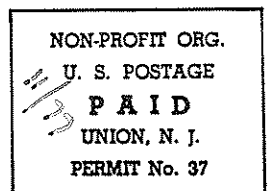
Council Activities Chairman Bill Donnelly stated the annual spring dance would be held in the Elizabeth Armory on April 4th, 1959.

Public Relations Chairman Vince Slavin presented James Connell with a prize since his entry in the contest to select a name for our Council bulletin was selected, the "KNIGHT DIGEST".

Brothers Matt Simon and Bill Taylor represented our Council at a meeting of the Sister Kenny Fund Raising Campaign and noted that a goal of \$3500 was set for Union Township.

Grand Knight Howard Leary introduced District Deputy Frank Jackiewicz who congratulated the officers for their magnificent job of conferring the first degree. He also introduced our Chaplain, Father Driscoll, who congratulated the brothers who marched in the Holy Name Parade and spoke of our Holy Father Pope Pious XII and his teaching of Christ. Father Driscoll also praised the work of the Society of Catholic Women and the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

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