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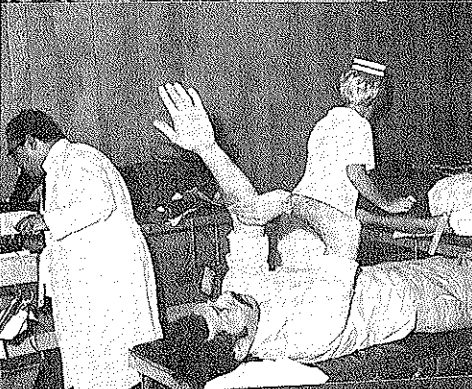
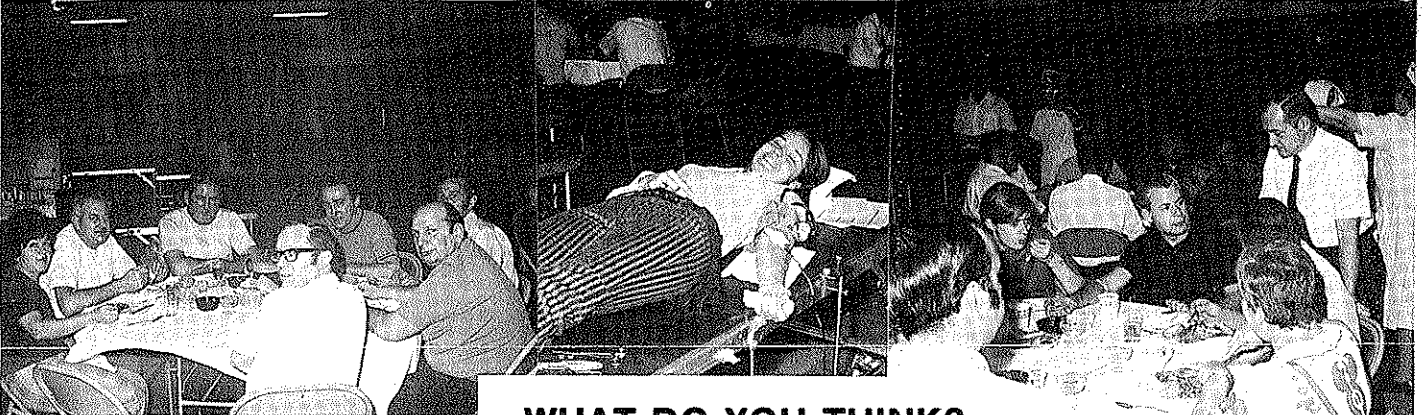


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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

The date Nov. 22nd 1970. The place - our Council Hall. A conversation supposingly overhead between two Brother Knights.

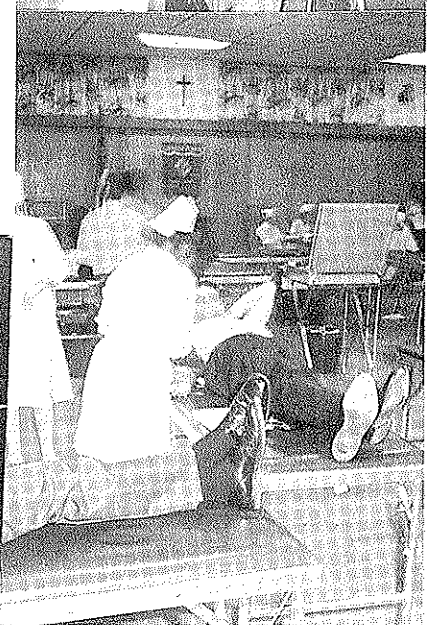
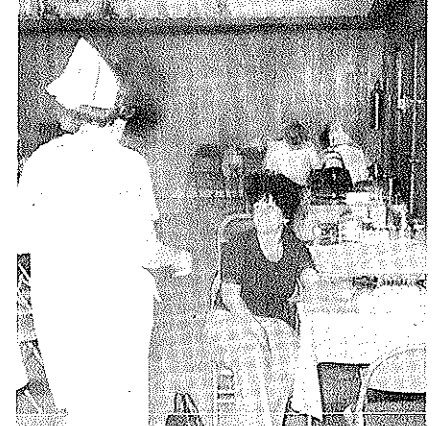
"Well Brother, it looks as if the blood drive this year was pretty successful. According to the final count, 90 pints of blood were collected which was almost double last year."

"You are right. But do you know we fell 10 pints short of what the Council promised the Red Cross. I don't know if we will be able to get them back again. Besides, it really was not a good showing considering we have close to 1100 members. I wonder if the Council members really want a blood bank."

"Oh, I'm certain they do since the benefits are so great. Free blood for all members and their families whenever they need it."

"Yes you are right, the benefits are great. However, some of the members have suggested dropping the blood drive and just having volunteers supply blood when it is needed. You know it cost the Council a few dollars to supply those first class meals and it is so disappointing to the men who work so hard to run the blood drive to have less than 10% of the members show up."

"You are right but I still hate to give up all those benefits. Perhaps we should give it another try next year. I wonder what the rest of the Council thinks."



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CALENDAR

- JAN 10 Corporate Communion
9:05 Mass St. Michaels
Lower Church
 - JAN 11 Regular Meeting
 - JAN 15 Swim Club Meeting
 - JAN 25 Regular Meeting
 - JAN 30 Swim Club Meeting
 - FEB 8 Corporate Communion
Dinner - 7 P.M. Council
Meeting Night
 - FEB 13 Children's Ice Skating
Bus Ride
 - FEB 22 Regular Meeting
 - MAR 8 Regular Meeting
 - MAR 22 Regular Meeting
 - MAR 28 Day of Recollection
2:00 P.M. St. Michaels
Lower Church
- JFK General Assembly meets at the Council Hall every 3rd Wed. at 8:30 P. M.

Children's Ice Skating Bus Ride

On Saturday, February 13th, the second Ice Skating - Bus Ride to the South Mountain Arena will take place for children of Brother Knights. The fee (which includes bus fare) is \$1.80 per person, and, children under 9 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. For those needing skates, these can be rented for \$0.70 per pair at the arena. Buses will leave from in front of the Council Home at 1:30 p.m. and return around 5:15 p.m. Reservations for this affair must be made by means of a permission slip available at the Council Home. The signed slip should be returned to Bruce Bentz or Bob Yavoroski at the Council, either by mail or in person, on or before January 30th to insure adequate transportation. However, the fee will be collected on the bus the day of affair.

Knight of the Month

January, 1971



John Poepoe

The member selected as January's Knight of the Month is a quiet, congenial active worker who says little but does much.

Jack, as he is better known throughout Council 4504, is a member and worker of our Columbian Swim Club. He can often be seen working in the kitchen, serving behind the bar or assisting on committee functions.

Jack and his lovely wife, Margaret, reside at 864 Pennsylvania Ave., Union, and are the proud parents of four children: Margaret 12, John 10, Andrew 8 and Gina 6.

Jack has been a member of our Council for the past 5 years. He is currently employed at the Tenney Engineering Inc., Union as a Data Processing Co-ordinator. He holds a B.S. degree in both Accounting and Electrical Engineering, having earned these degrees at Fordham University and Fairleigh-Dickerson College, respectively. He also earned his M.B.A. degree in Industrial Management at Fairleigh-Dickerson College.

When Jack is not working at Tenney Engineering or helping at the council hall, he can be seen coaching the boys at the Union Little League baseball field or as a counselor at the Boys Club, that is, when he's not teaching during the evenings at Union College.

Jack's other activities include his being Program Director -- Data Processing Management Club, Publicity Director - National Association of Accountants, and President - Computers User Group.

It is our delight to add to this Council, and to the many titles of Jack Poepoe, "Knight of the Month" - January 1971, Knights of Columbus - Union Council 4504.



Father Grant of St. Michaels and Father Drexler from Holy Spirit are shown with Grand Knight Robert Armstrong and Deputy Grand Knight Dominick Clementoni after being honored at the annual Christmas Dinner.

Swim Club Splashes

The Annual Swim Club Meeting will be held on Friday January 15, 1971 at the Union Council Meeting Hall. All members of the Swim Club are urged to attend. The meeting will start at 8:15 p.m. On the agenda for the business meeting will be reports of various Committees concerning the operation of the Club for the past year and plans for the ensuing year. There will also be a detailed financial report by our accountant.

Pursuant to the change in our by-laws last year concerning the method of choosing the members of the Board of Governors, there will be an election for two members of the board for terms of three years each. The Nominating Committee has been appointed and will report their recommendations at the next meeting of the Board - Dec. 21st. The selections of the Nominating Committee will appear in a letter to our members regarding the Annual Meeting and Annual Dance to be mailed immediately after Jan. 1st. Our Constitution also provides that nominations may be made from the floor up to and including the meeting night designated for the elections. We would like to remind the brothers at this point that running the Swim Club is a very serious operation and those chosen to be directors must be willing and able to devote many hours and give unselfishly of their talents in the pursuance of the assigned duties of the Board Members. It is a twelve month a year job not merely a summer season chore. We sincerely trust that anyone desirous of nominating a brother from the floor give the matter serious consideration and thoroughly discuss his plans with the person he desires to nominate. This should not be a popularity contest - we need dedicated people just as the Council and Columbian Club do.

Also on the agenda will be a proposed change in the Constitution and By-laws which will require any member of Union Council #4504 who ceases to retain his membership in Union Council by virtue of transfer, suspension or withdrawal or for any other reason must also surrender his pool membership. The reasoning behind this is that if a member does not support the Council, he should not be entitled to membership in the pool. This would have no effect on those members who are currently on our roster in this category. It is strictly for future guidance.

We will also discuss a new badge system to put in effect next season. This should prove of interest to all and simplify entrance to and exit from the pool area.

Recently we sent a request to some of our members for dates of birth of your families. Please respond as soon as possible so we may up-date our records.

Keep in mind the date of the Annual Dance - last Saturday in January - the 30th. More on this later.

Bill Taylor



**Chaplain's
Corner**
Rev. John A. Palasits

The following is from the CHRISTOPHER NEWS NOTES.

A hotel desk clerk received a long distance call about an overnight reservation. "Do you want a room with a tub or a shower?" the clerk asked. "What's the difference?" the caller replied. "Well," came the patient response, "with a tub, you sit down."

Communications failed here because each party had understood the word "difference" in his own way. To the caller it meant variation in price. To the clerk it was variation in function. There was no "meeting of meanings" - which is one way of defining communication. Not all lapses in communication are so amusing or so easily remedied. Many result in hurt feelings, missed opportunities, wasted effort. Frequently the innocent suffer, and peace, God's great gift receives a setback.

A Short Course in Communication

* You're communicating all the time. The way our eyes meet people, the expression on our faces, the movement of our hands, our bodily posture - all these reveal whether we are giving and receiving meaningful signals.

* Everybody looks for consistency. Always say what you believe (with charity) and believe what you say.

* You owe it to others. God entrusts certain elements of truth to you alone. He wants you to share your treasure.

* Little things mean a lot. Expressions like "you people . . ." or "obviously . . ." might indicate that you put yourself on a pedestal.

* Nothing stands up like truth. Even when you are compelled to say unpleasant things, remember: truth is preferable to deception. But it should be presented in a truly loving way. Candor is no excuse for caustic comments or personal attacks.

* Communication is a two-way street. Ask yourself if **you** are as willing to take the advice of others as you are to dispense yours to them.

Communication is the outward expression of love. "God is Love." (1 John 4:16)

Father Palasits

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Charles L. Lynch Jr. on the birth of their son Richard Charles born Dec. 3rd.

Dinner Meeting

February 8th, we are going to have a Mass followed by a full dinner. This will be a regular meeting night, so I hope to see you there. The Mass starts at 6:30 and the dinner will be at 7:00 o'clock.

Tickets for this affair will be for sale at the lounge and at all meetings. So make it a point to buy a ticket the next time you drop in.

Dan Soos
Catholic Activities

Random Thoughts

Bits of Wisdom: Respect for your self guides your morals, respect for others guides your manners . . . the first qualification of a leader is the ability to endure unpopularity . . . Good citizenship calls for action. The good citizen gets off the side lines and takes part in the struggle. He recognizes that humanity moves forward not only from the mighty shoves of its great leaders, but also from the tiny pushes of the rank and file. He uses the humble ounces of his weight to help tip the scale of what he thinks is right . . . It's easy to see the difference between ourselves and our inferiors but much harder to see the difference between us and our superiors . . . To have striven, to have made an effort, to have been true to certain ideals, this alone is worth the struggle . . . Never mind what has been. Remember that every morning brings a new day, a day for fresh endeavor. Each day may be and should be filled with hope. Don't add to your previous blunder by condemning yourself for your errors of the past. Better folks than you have made worse mistakes and bigger failures . . . the art of becoming rich is simply to live richly in body, mind, heart and spirit . . . When a man begins his fight within himself, he is worth something . . . Civilization is a stream with banks. The stream is sometimes filled with blood from people killing, stealing, shouting and doing things historians usually record. Meanwhile on the banks, unnoticed, people build homes, make love, raise children, sing songs and write poetry. Historians are pessimists because they ignore the banks of the river. The story of civilization is the story of what happened on the banks . . . Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life, as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed . . . To be born a gentleman is an accident; to die one is an achievement . . . There is an element of truth in every idea that lasts long enough to be called corny.

. . . A short course in Human Relations: The Six Most Important Words: "I admit I made a mistake." the Five Most Important Words: "You did a good job." The Four Most Important Words: "What is your opinion." The Three Most Important Words: "If you please." The One Most Important Word: "We." The Least Important Word "I."

Jim Moran



Julian Pruszkowski, Past Grand Knight 1969-1970, was honored at the "Honor Ball". Appearing with Jules is his lovely wife Pat, daughters Barbara and Donna and son Raymond.

**Grand
Knight's
Message**



Robert Armstrong

During the month of January most business firms and department stores have their inventory and clearance days, at which time they take "stock". So at this time I would like to give you an inventory report of the first six months of my term.

Union Council is now listed as having 1067 members of which 252 are insurance members. As you know insurance in all forms except home and auto is available for K of C members who desire to purchase it.

We have held three First Degree's and 1 Second at our Council. Do you have someone in mind who you think would be a good K of C member? If so, give him an application as there will soon be another First Degree.

All the Six-Point Committee's are going full steam and are doing excellent jobs, but as always we could use more help. The functions are planned with you in mind.

The associated clubs, Columbian and Swim, are formulating plans for bigger and better things. Their direction is in excellent hands.

The social part of our meeting nights led by our Lecturer, has been entertaining and enlightening and has caused lively discussion among our guest speakers and members.

It is most sad to report during the months of Oct. and Nov. Union Council lost 6 members. They and all our deceased brothers, will not be forgotten in our prayers and thoughts.

Except for the last item, I think that it has been a good year so far and so that it may continue I only ask your help and direction. If I can be of any assistance to you please contact me.

STATE CONVENTION

Brothers, this year the annual Knights of Columbus State Convention will be held on Friday and Saturday May 14 & 15, 1971. Your committee has reserved three floors at the new modern FOUR SEASONS MOTEL located on Beach Block and Missouri Avenue which is a few blocks south of the State Convention Headquarters, The Hotel Traymore, where all business will be conducted. The committee outdid themselves this year by being able to obtain the Four Seasons Motel which features spacious bedrooms, All Weather Pool, Sauna, Sun Deck, Sheltered Parking, and last but not least, an exceptionally large Hospitality room.

Price for accommodations, are \$22.00 per nite for a double. Hospitality room will be in line with last years price. So make your plans to attend the Convention. Reservations are now being accepted. The committee would be grateful for any additional help towards making this convention a success.

Larry Kuntz
John Winters
Dominick Clementoni

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