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On Sunday, December 15, 1985 the Annual Christmas Party was held for approximately 250 of our more special children, adults, and their families. The party was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Jeanette Ave., Union, N.J.

Entertainment was provided by Mr. Bill Patania, and the telephone Pioneers of American Clowns. Each participant received presents and a picture with Santa. Pictures were taken by Mr. & Mrs. Harry Mey and Mr. & Mrs. Andy Popp were wonderful as Mr. & Mrs. Claus.

Luncheon was served at 12 p.m. and refreshments at 3 p.m. A cotton candy machine was provided by Michael Scalgione. Mr. Harry Stanley from the A & P was a great donator to the event.

Santa arrived by a horse drawn cart to the Knights. Courtesy of Mr. Harry Swift.

Camp Fatima is a non-profit, non-sectarian camp and weekend program for mentally and physically handicapped individuals in New Jersey. No handicap or age is excluded. The camp and weekend program is free of charge, and counselors and also workers receive no salary.

Because of the generous donations of people of St. Michael's parish, Union and good friends of Camp Fatima the party was a great success.

Anyone wishing to receive information regarding our camp and weekend program should contact or send donations to Sister Ann Domenic O.P., 1211 Orange Ave., Union, N.J. 07083.

Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus for the use of their hall, and other individuals for their time and energy toward this worthwhile event. Thanks to all.

Sister Ann Domenic O.P.

CAMP FATIMA CHRISTMAS PARTY



(MORE PHOTOS INSIDE)

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Children and Christmas, a perfect combination of unbridled excitement and merriment that arrives each year, made its appearance at our council hall in December with the annual Children's Christmas Party.

150 bright-eyed children anxiously awaiting the arrival of Santa were treated to McDonald's burgers and fries, roaming clowns, and a very special exhibition of sleight of hand by our very own brother Knight Bob Emery. With the arrival of Andy Popp, I mean Santa Claus, each child anxiously awaited their turn to receive a gift from their favorite man in red.

A special thanks to Mike Gasser, our Youth Activities Chairman, for making this year's Children's Christmas Party a huge success. Thanks also are in order for the many Brother Knights who played a big part in making this event successful.



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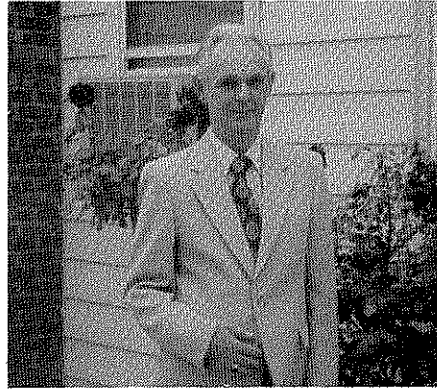
Next month will bring with it a new column in the pages of the Knights Digest. This column will concern itself with some of the "behind the scenes" activities that are routinely performed at our council and those special brothers who take of their time and talents to complete these activities.

The idea for this column comes from John Peters who has some wonderful ideas for this paper. This idea resulted from John investigating how all the "little jobs" around the council happen to get done. What he discovered is that what is accomplished at our council is not a result of some accident but rather from hard work by dedicated men."

The title of this new column is called the "KNIGHT SPOTLIGHT." We plan to run the column periodically as opposed to each month and would hope to hear from you, our readers, about your reaction to this new column and to the digest in general. Both John and I would be pleased to take with you.

Tim O'Shea

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH FEBRUARY 1986 WILLIAM J. MC DONALD



Bill, his wife Kay, and their son Bill Jr. are communicants of St. Michael's Church in Union. He is retired from the La Cross Division of Del Laboratories Company of Newark and New York where he worked as their purchasing agent for twenty-eight years.

Bill enjoys reading, gardening, fishing, and traveling. He's very sports minded and is a frequent visitor at the Bocce Ball court in our Council picnic area. He is a Life Member of D.A.V. and also holds membership in the local chapter of V.F.W. Bill, incidently, has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for 45 years.

Bill was elected to the Board of Directors of the Columbian Club in 1985 and is presently responsible for Council purchases. He helps out at Columbian and Swim Club work parties, and also attends Council meetings. Bill and his wife Kay regularly attend Columbian Club social functions.

William J. Mc Donald exemplifies the principles of Columbianism and Union Council 4504 is, therefore, proud to honor him as our Knight of the Month for February, 1986.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| | February |
| 15 | Camp Fatima Valentine's
Dinner Dance |
| 21 | Cheap Charlie's Night 7:30 p.m. |
| | March |
| 7 | First Friday 7:30 p.m. |
| 8 | Irish Pub Night 8 p.m. |
| 23 | Family Dinner 3-5 p.m. |

Grand Knight's Column MIKE WARD



"All One Family"

1. The Dictionary of Sociology defines prejudice as "an attitude, usually emotional, acquired in advance of adequate evidence and experience." It represents a pre-conceived judgment towards persons, beliefs or objects, thinking ill of others without sufficient warrant — something like rash judgment. The individual is not born with prejudices any more than he is born with a knowledge of mathematics or biology. The way a person thinks about others or other groups is at bottom the result of social indoctrination. These indoctrinations take a firm hold on an individual and sometimes remain with him throughout life.

2. During the early years, the child begins his life without prejudice and during the period before school seems almost incapable of displaying antipathies upon any particular group. The seeds of prejudice are nurtured in our homes, in our neighborhood and in our business, by our parents, by our friends and by our associates. In our formative years, many ideas are built up around us, especially our attitudes towards persons and certain groups of people. The child then learns, for example, that he belongs to a certain national group, that he is a member of a particular race, that he is a Protestant, a Catholic, a Jew. Attitudes are then acquired and formed.

3. Racism is the dividing of human beings into groups and then effecting discrimination against some of them. *Racial prejudice* usually deals with a particular individual, while racial discrimination tends to be directed at an entire race. In either of these categories of prejudices, race prejudice or racism, the position of the Catholic Church is clear — the practices are condemned.

According to Catholic teaching, man was created by Almighty God to His own image and likeness. The likeness of God is found in every man of whatever race or color or national origin he may be. All are one in their common origins. We are all children of the one Heavenly Father, as all are the children of our common first parents. All men have been created by the same God and Father and, therefore, all enjoy the same fundamental human dignity and rights. God makes no distinction because of race or national origin when He determines the eternal reward of a person and for that reason we are in no position to determine a person's dignity by his race or nationality.

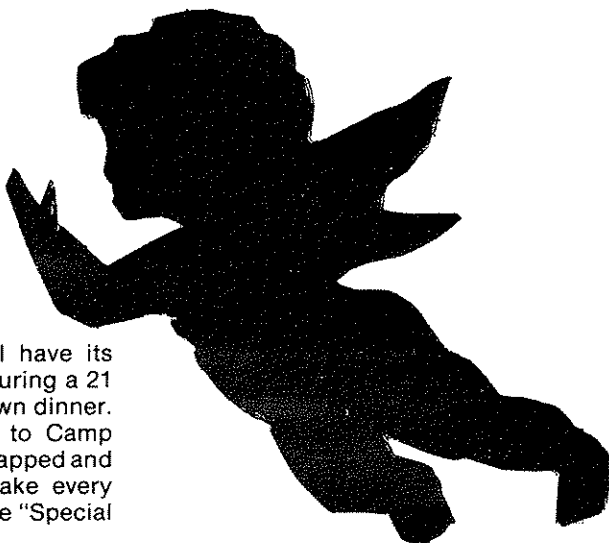
4. Add to this reason, also, the fact that Christ died for all men, and that He has made Himself the Brother as well as the Savior of all men. We are, therefore, brothers also in Christ, and hence should treat each other as brothers.

ATTENTION

Anyone interested in submitting a bid for the SUMMER SNACK BAR please contact Mike Herrigthy at 964-3841.

**Camp Fatima
Valentine Dance & Dinner
February 15, 1986**
 Complete Roast Beef Dinner
 Beer & Soda
 Big Band
 Make Reservations Early
 Bob McArdle
 687-8524
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Feb. 15th the council will have its annual Valentines dance featuring a 21 piece orchestra, plus a sit down dinner. All of the proceeds will go to Camp Fatima, a camp for the handicapped and retarded children. Please make every effort to attend and help these "Special Children."



CAMP FATIMA CHRISTMAS PARTY



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY





Right to Lie — (Continued)

Rights do not exist in a vacuum, however, they beget corresponding responsibilities. The right of citizenship, for example, creates such responsibilities as taxes, jury duty and service in the common defense. Democracy demands that this crucial balance be maintained.

But in America today the scales are tipping. We have come to regard the benefits of freedom as rights which are unencumbered by responsibility. And in our permissive society, just about anything anybody wants to do can be justified by calling it a right.

The obsession with rights has affected every area of life. Let us consider some recent examples:

On "Good Morning America" recently, Susan Baker, co-founder of a campaign to put warning labels on offensive rock music cited records extolling everything from incest to satanic worship. A music critic glibly dismissed her concerns, shrugging, "You can't repeal culture." The lead singer of a popular rock group added, "It's really an issue of rights. As a song writer, I have a right to express myself."

It may not be fashionable to say this nowadays, but the First Amendment is not a blank check. As Oliver Wendell Holmes wrote, the right of free speech does not extend to shouting "Fire!" in a crowded theater. Nor does it include polluting the minds of a generation of young Americans.

In the recent drug cases involving professional athletes, many columnists have defended the offenders on grounds that what they snort or smoke in private is their personal right. What about their responsibility to millions of young people for whom they are heroes and the role models?

A few years ago, government assistance programs were called "grants" or "aid," that is benefits the government chose to incur. Today, however, they are "entitlements," which Webster defines as a "right to demand or expect." And a budget full of demanded rights cannot be cut — thus we are facing a \$200 billion federal budget deficit.

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FAMILY DINNERS

On Sunday, January 12 we served 203 pasta dinners to our members and their families. By request we will have another family dinner on Sunday, March 23 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. We will give you a choice of either fish fry dinner or a chicken dinner that will be prepared by Thistles Restaurant. As an added bonus we will have FREE films for your pleasure (no football Giant Films) and Free dessert and coffee.

We ask you to make your reservations early since we must notify Thistles as to the number of dinners that are necessary. The cut off date for reservations is March 20. Cost \$6.50 a person.

**COLUMBIAN
SWIM CLUB**

The annual Swim Club meeting was held on Friday evening, January 17, 1986. George Clark and Jim Johnson, PGK were reelected to the Board of Governors for 3 year terms. There were no nominations from the floor.

Committee reports were given by the Chairmen and financial reports were distributed to the members. 51 members returned completed survey questionnaires, of which 34 contained suggestions which were condensed and reported to the members in attendance. The majority of suggestions will be discussed at the Board of Governors meeting and will be reported in future issues. One important consensus was that every reply received indicated satisfaction with the facilities which is a compliment to those volunteers who report for the work parties. Their dedication not only maintains the pool and grounds in first class condition but helps keep Club dues down.

All members of Union Council are invited to attend work parties which will begin on Saturday, March 29, 1986 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, and evening parties will start on May 7, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. A pool pass will be given to each worker for every work party along with refreshments following each party.

Jim Johnson, PGK

TELEPHONE

We welcome brother Donald Pfarr as the newest member of the committee. Don has been assigned to Team #37 and will be calling Tony Marchitello, Paul Matina, Stan Mazur, John McMurdo, Jerome LaMotta, Carl Landolfi and Carmelo LaRocco. Thank you, Don, for your willingness to assist us in this worthy endeavor.

As for the total scene, there are still quite a few Union resident brothers who are not being called, simply because we do not have enough captains. If you would like to rectify this situation by becoming a captain, please call me or see me after meetings.

Art Weber
688-7269

IRISH PUB NIGHT

Saturday, March 8th is when Irish eyes will be smiling in our council hall in celebration of Saint Patrick's Day. For the price of only \$10 per person, you will enjoy a corned beef dinner, beer, soda, coffee and dessert. In addition, you will be entertained by an authentic Irish band.

The festivities begin at 8 p.m. We look forward to a large turnout and suggest that you make your reservations early.

If you're Irish or always wanted to be Irish, come on out for a night of fun. Contact Mike Herrightly at 964-3841 or John Peters at 964-6869 to reserve your tickets.

KNIGHT CLUB NEWS

The following members of the Knight Club won points at our Semi annual drawing held in Nov., 1985.

- 500 Points to Paul Sandy
- 150 Points to R. Leary
- 50 Points to B. Capriglione
- 50 Points to F. Hunt
- 50 Points to A. Sibilia
- 50 Points to H. Nejman

The new Club starts Jan, 1986. Please keep in touch with your Captain. there are a few openings in our Knight Club call Mr. B. Capriglione PGK at 964-3143 for information.

'CHEAP CHARLIE NIGHT'

On Friday, February 21 at 7:30 we will have a "Cheap Charlie" night. For your pleasure we will have live entertainment (special guest stars). Our tentative menu consists of a hot buffet of roast beef, chicken chow mein, chicken a la Maffie, baked Virginia Ham in Bruno sauce, Swedish meatballs, and a surprise dish. We are planning a dessert of Hungarian cheese cake and coffee. As a special bonus dessert we will have back by popular demand rice pudding a la Maffie and jello with fruit cocktail a la Margie.

In addition, on Cheap Charlie night we will give you FREE beer and Free soda. Call Joe Tortora (688-1422) for reservations.

The only thing cheap about Cheap Charlie night is our price — \$10 a person.

OPEN HOUSE

The open house that was held on January 11 was a tremendous success. A fabulous time was had by one and all. Our award-winning kitchen crew prepared a delicious hot and cold buffet that satisfied the palate.

A special thank you goes out to Lou Sliinsky who entertained the crowd of 296 persons with his playing and singing and literally had the people "dancing in the aisles" until-midnight.

FIRST FRIDAY

The First Friday mass for March will be held at our council hall on March 7th. Our guest speaker will be our newly ordained brother Rev. Armand Matia.

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