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NEW CEREMONIALS ANNOUNCED

THE UPDATED AND REVISED CEREMONIALS FOR INITIATION OF NEW MEMBERS INTO THE ORDER HAVE BEEN APPROVED AND WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON FOUNDERS DAY, MARCH 29, 1969, ACCORDING TO AN ANNOUNCEMENT BY SUPREME KNIGHT JOHN W. McDEVITT.

The new initiation rites are designed to give special emphasis to the responsibilities of Knights as Christian laymen in the modern world.

The announcement by McDevitt culminated a three-year study and revision of the ceremonials undertaken at the request of the state deputies in 1965. Work on the revision was carried on by a special 11-man commission appointed by McDevitt with Deputy Supreme Knight Charles J. Ducey serving as chairman. The new ceremonials have received the unanimous approval of the board of directors. The ceremonials were demonstrated and explained at a special October meeting of the state deputies in Alexandria, La.

The first three degrees will be known as the admission degree, the formation degree and the knighthood degree. All are based on lessons contained in the documents of the Second Vatican Council, particularly the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church and the Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity.

A Christian formation course has been introduced which requires new members to study the full implications of Christian lay responsibility in the modern world. Completion of this course and assimilation of its contents must be achieved before third-degree members can advance to the order's fourth degree, McDevitt emphasized.

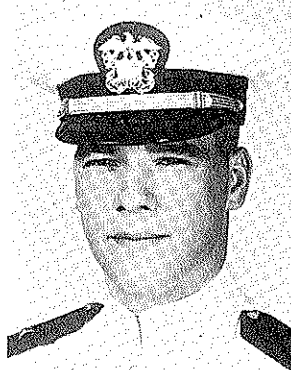
"The new ceremonials will have solid attraction for all Catholics and should appeal particularly to young college graduates because of the intellectual and spiritual stimulus they contain," he said.

Old Digests Wanted

Anyone having copies of the following old Knight Digest's please contact the Editor. Copies will be returned after duplication:

- 1958 - September
- 1959 - January, March, October
- 1961 - Jan., Feb., March, April, May, June
- 1966 - April
- 1967 - April

Catholic Action-Overseas



Lt. J.G. Walter M. Wasowski

Catholic Action doesn't stop - even though you're fighting a war, as evidenced by the activity of Brother Walter M. Wasowski, shown above who is serving aboard a Destroyer in Vietnam.

For the second year in a row he has spent his Christmas both at a polio clinic and orphanage in Saigon on a special job, teaching a class of six French nuns and as a teacher in an orphanage in Japan.

Since June, Lt. Wasowski has been at the DMZ and at Da Nang and was recently transferred to the Saigon area. This is his second tour of duty in Vietnam, the first for eight months, the second for seven months. A qualified paratrooper, Walt is a Line Officer on a four year hitch; and may just make a career out of it.

A journalism major out of Penn State, we hope to have a column in a future issue on his series of travels. Shortly, his wife Frances will meet him in Hawaii where he will be going for some deserved R and R.

EDITORIAL

Recently we were asked to stand in our local Church and take the Pledge not to attend objectionable motion pictures and as I listened to the Pledge being recited it was with a bit of a smirk.

It's not that many years ago that the Catholic War Veterans, Holy Name Society and Knights of Columbus were picketing the local movie houses for showing a picture called "The Moon is Blue". Today, not only is this picture considered mild fare, but other pictures that aroused the air of the Catholic community (e.g. "Never on Sunday") have already played on television!

The thing that brought the smirk, however, was recalling that the National Catholic Office of Motion Pictures awarded best picture to "Bonnie and Clyde", an off-beat obscenity that glorified crime and doted on violence and perversion. With that one stroke NCOMP lost my total respect and made a mockery of the Pledge of Decency. It is with bated anticipation that I wait for their 1968 selection . . .

And while we're discussing movies, we might mention the new film rating system, which is an industry standard. Films are broken down into one of four categories:

- G - For general audiences;
- M - For mature audiences (adult) - (Youths will, however, be admitted);
- R - Restricted - Young people admitted only if accompanied by parent or adult guardian;
- X - Youths will not be admitted.

It seems hardly necessary to point out that children should be allowed to go only to movies rated G; and then with some trepidation; there are already signs that the film producers are indiscriminately rating pictures as G simply to obtain the greatest attendance.

CATHOLIC ACTION

ANNUAL COMMUNION DINNER

Monday

February 24th, 1969 - 6:30 p.m.

Mass At Council Home

DINNER

Guest Speaker

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CALENDAR

January 27

Regular Council Meeting - 8:15 p.m.
"How to Burglar-proof Your Home"
Capt. Don Ebert-Det. Walt Leamy

February 1-3

Winter weekend - Kass Inn

February 10

Regular Council Meeting - 8:15 p.m.
Italian night - Special program

February 12

Lincoln's Birthday - Regular Meeting
4th Degree J.F.K. at Hillside

February 14

St. Valentine's Day

February 15

Valentine Dance - \$3.50/person

February 17

Second Degree

February 19

Ash Wednesday

February 22

Washington's Birthday

February 24

Regular Council Meeting - Annual
Communion Dinner at Council - 6:30 p.m.

February 27

Columbian Club Meeting

May 16-18

State Convention - Contact, C.
Calgano or A. Dunelewicz

May 28 - June 1

Puerto Rico Holiday - \$235.00/person

Safety Tip

RELY ON YOUR BRAKES
NOT ON YOUR HORN

Random Thoughts

by
Jim Moran

Some thoughts to ponder: Happiness follows the person who is grateful to his God, comfortable with his conscience, in favor with his friends, in love with his labors, and in balance with his banker . . . Anyone who thinks he is indispensable should stick his finger in a bowl of water and notice the hole it makes when he pulls it out . . . Plenty of people miss their share of happiness, not because they never found it, but because they didn't stop to enjoy it . . . Progress always involves risks. You can't steal second base and keep your foot on first . . . Although most people are well advised to be themselves, a few really ought to be somebody else.

A sign on a theatre-marquee in Covington, Kentucky reads "This movie for adults only. Children under 12 free" . . .

Let every man be occupied and occupied in the highest employment of which his nature is capable, and die with the consciousness that he has done his best . . .

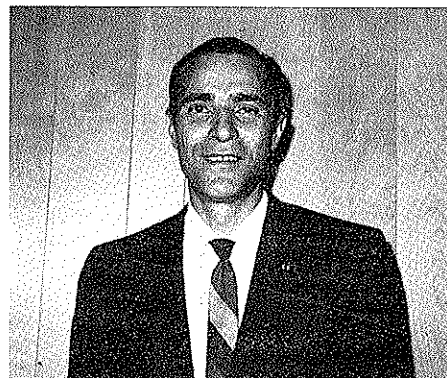
Can we give the children directions for a better life unless we are aware of a better one ourselves? We can only give them love and confidence and point towards a way, but it finally is up to them . . . How pleasant life would be if people with money used it the way people who don't have it would use it if they had it . . .

When one door closes another door opens. But we so often look so long and regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the ones which open for us . . . An excellent way to knock the chip off your neighbors shoulder is to pat him on the back . . . A book is a friend. It will talk to you when you want it to talk and it will keep still when you want it to keep still, and there are not many friends who know enough to do that.

Advise given to the president of a state college: "Always be kind to your A and B students. Someday one of them will return to your campus as a good professor. And also be kind to your C students. Someday one of them will build you a two-million dollar science laboratory" . . . Most people commit the same mistake with God that they do with their friends; they do all the talking . . . Our future as a nation is going to depend, not so much on what happens in outer space, as to what happens in inner space, the space between-our-ears.

LET'S ALL
ATTEND
OUR NEXT
MEETING

Knight of the Month JANUARY



Mr. Lelio M. Linfante

Our selection as Knight of the Month for January could best be described simply as a loyal 3rd degree Knight. From his inception into Union Council a few years ago, Lee has been active in every conceivable way. Bartender, kitchen worker, committee helper, you name it . . . in addition, though not a swim club member, he has been active as a worker in the swim club. Whether it be cleaning the patio or plugging sod, Lee has proved to be a tireless worker for the whole Council.

Employed by Public Service Electric and Gas for the last 12 years, Lee works in their Photo Laboratory. He lives at 1690 Van Ness Terrace with his wife Harriet and two children, Steven 10 and Nancy 7. Coming to us from Jersey City, Lee attended P.S. 23 and Dickinson High School. An Army veteran, he served 17 months in Germany. He is a communicant of St. Paul's Church in Irvington.

Our sincerest best wishes to our Knight of the Month for January, Mr. Lelio M. Linfante. Keep up the good work.

HELP WANTED

From time to time, one makes important decisions about his vocation and gives intense thought to his future. The Supreme Knight, through the Agency Department, has announced the new agent's contract, which will offer a career opportunity, above average income and a future in the management of the Knight of Columbus insurance program.

In your employment with the Knights of Columbus, you will receive fringe benefits of life insurance, health and accident insurance, non-contributory pension plan and the opportunity to be the financial adviser to your brother Knights. We also offer training allowance, leads and life-time renewals.

This is an ideal opportunity for an active member who is interested in working with the officers of his respective councils and his brother Knights.

Several openings are now available. Will you please contact me for further information at 687-6500.

Fraternally yours,
Raymond J. Reed, G.A.

Grand Knight's Message
Henry F. J. Skarbek



E Scriptis Equitis Magni

As Union Council starts another calendar year, we look forward to a year of hope and great accomplishments. We are full of many resolutions. We promise to lose weight, not to smoke, be kind to neighbors, etc. Many of these resolutions are expressed in a negative way. I won't do this — I won't do that.

Let us commit ourselves to positive things. As far as your Council is concerned let us say, I **will** pay my dues on time, I **will** attend meetings, I **will** bring a brother Knight with me, I **will** help on the standing committees. These are worthwhile intentions. They will help you and your Council.

Our Holy Mother Church is enacting changes to go along with modern times. So we too, in the Knights of Columbus, are experiencing changes in our Order. The Supreme Office in New Haven has given us new insight as to how we should run our Council and has changed many of our long-standing rules and regulations. In January 1968 came the directive from New Haven of the elimination of passwords. A new application form was introduced soon afterwards. Then in October 1968 came word that the three degrees, as we knew them, would be altered. These new degrees will be in force on Founder's Day, March 29th 1969.

Changes, changes — all the time changes. It is not easy to live with these changes but if we don't move forward with today's thinking, we surely will fall backward. Bear with us, your Officers and committee chairmen, as we try to comply with these new rules. It certainly will make for a better Council, and a better world to live in.

First Dance Planned

The first Council Dance of the 1969 season is planned for February 15th, it was announced by Larry Knutz, Council Activities chairman. "A full schedule has been planned for the evening for this first gala affair of the year" announced Kuntz "having it on St. Valentine weekend" went on Larry "we know the fellows and their wives or girl friends will want to stop down. The price at only \$3.50 per person is a real bargain — and it includes beer and a light buffet".

So mark off that calendar NOW for Saturday, February 15. Tickets are available from Herbie Kay.

The Joy and Sadness of Christmas



Shown above is Sandra Palawasta of 2015 Gless Avenue in Union as she sang a song at the recent Children's Christmas Party held at the Council. In the background is Howard Leary P.G.K. who acted as master-of-ceremonies.

Below we see Paul Sullivan, who appears less than overjoyed at meeting Santa Claus. Over 200 children attended the Christmas fete in weather that was cold, icy and windy.




Chairman Joe McEnroe, Tom Hornig, Howard Leary and Sal "Santa" Tavigione are shown with some of the children who came to the Council to receive their presents from Santa.



HAVE YOU SPONSORED
A NEW MEMBER

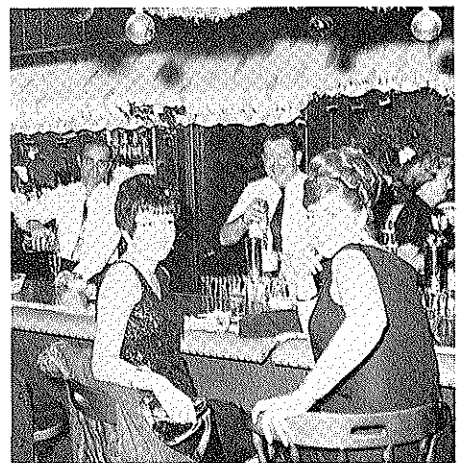
INSURANCE ADVISER
Gus Cawley
233-8298



"SOMETHING NEW" FOR A \$1.10

A man age 40 can now have a guaranteed income for as little as \$1.10 per week, in case of any accident, on or off the job. Secondly this plan is guaranteed renewable to his age 65. Thirdly it could pay you for a lifetime if you remain disabled. Now you ask, how much do I at age 40 get for my \$1.10. Would you believe \$100.00 every week the rest of your life. I have given you the first four steps. The next one is up to you. Call me at 233-8298, and I hope you never have to use it.

Gala New Year's Party



Two of the sell-out crowd who attended the New Year's Party are seen above being ably served by bartenders Jim Ford and Lee Linfante. Larry Kuntz, Chairman, outdid himself in arranging a superb evening of entertainment and food for the revelers.

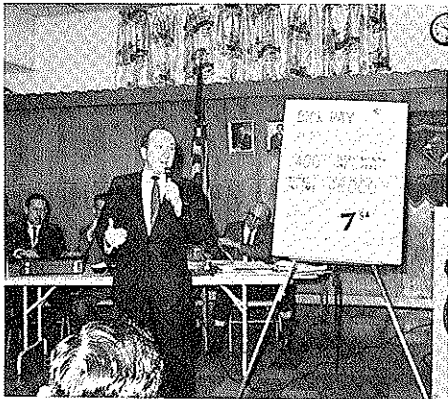
Below, Mike Pacyna, genial master-of-ceremonies is shown relaxing with his wife during a lull in the festivities.



Robert Bernot

Democracy is a way of life based upon equality for all individuals — their equal right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Surely as Christians we have a duty to see that there is equality for all peoples. In the New Testament Mark relates the words of Jesus telling us that the greatest commandment is to love — God first, and then all others. It is therefore plain that we have a Christian duty to be concerned about each other. And again we find in Luke, Jesus using the parable of the Good Samaritan to stress the great commandment of loving each other and showing concern for each other. If Christ so strongly tried to impress upon us the greatness of the commandment to love each other to really care about each other, then surely this is our Christian duty. Therefore, it seems evident that we must remember our Christian duties when taking part in political campaigns, when choosing leaders for our Democracy, when serving on boards and committees where we may possibly exercise some form of power. It matters very little if we all agree that equal rights for everyone is right, but to do nothing to insure these rights, then, is a failure in the practice of this Christian duty. But on the other hand to fight for what we say is right for all mankind, to push for proper legislation, to do whatever we must to help a so-called democracy become a real one, this is carrying out our "Christian" "Duty".

Cawley's Caper Catches Council



Amiable Gus Cawley, Insurance Advisor for Union Council is shown above as he recently addressed the Council on the Knights of Columbus updated insurance plans for all members and their families. Fielding questions from the floor with the ease of a Jet receiver, Gus covered the various facets of the Knights Insurance program which includes retirement income, sick pay, family plans et al.

Witty and pleasant, Gus took what could be a rather dry subject and livened it up to the edification of the over 100 members present. If you haven't reviewed your insurance or estate recently, may we suggest that you contact Gus Cawley.

Gerald Faughnan

In a democracy every citizen has an obligation. A democracy is a government ruled by the people and for the people. So each of us has obligations, perhaps a Christian has more.

In the United States all people no matter what their creed, race, or religion can live in peace with each other. We have this right to be what ever we choose. Because we are Christians, we can set a better example to our neighbors and to our children. God, Himself, while here on earth, showed us many times how important it is to show respect and love of neighbor. He showed respect of the government and laws. He directed us to do the same. Just attending our Christian churches on Sunday is not completing this direction of God. Our Christian example come from our daily living.

How do we behave towards the people we meet everyday, the milkman, the postman, the policeman, and the bus driver? Is our attitude pleasant? Do we respect their position? Do we obey the simple rules, like crossing the street at the proper place, or waiting at the proper location to get on the bus?

We are so lucky to be able to help share and make the laws of our government, to be able to be a Christian and a first class citizen in a democracy. For this reason we should try to set a very high example of the true teaching of Christ. In our everyday life and each day of our lives we should try to make a good impression on the people with whom we come in contact. It sometimes isn't easy to be pleasant, especially if someone else is pushing ahead or causing a disturbance. This is the time when our religious training comes to our aid. This is our time for example. Show that there is a difference. That you know your obligation as a Christian and that you are willing to make the necessary sacrifice. Be proud to be a Christian and to live in a democracy.

Children's Ice Skating Planned

On Saturday, February 15th there will be an Ice Skating Party at South Mountain Arena. The fee, including transportation will be \$1.75 per child. Children under 9 years old should be accompanied by an adult. Buses will leave from in front of the Council at 1:30 p.m. Skates are available for rental at 65c per pair. Buses will return at 5:00 p.m. Please call Joe McEnroe at 686-5346 or Tom Hornig at 688-3870 for reservations so we know how many buses to order.

'Ode for Retirement'

*How do I know that my youth is spent?
Well, my "get up and go" has got up and went!*

*But, in spite of it all, I'm able to grin
When I think of where my "get up" has been*

*Old age is golden, so I've heard said,
But sometimes I wonder, as I get into bed,*

*With my ear in a drawer, my teeth in cup,
My eyes on a table, until I wake up.*

*As sleep dims my eyes, I say to myself,
Is there anything else I should lay on the shelf?*

*And I'm happy to say, as I close my door,
My friends are the same, perhaps even more.*

*When I was young, my slippers were red,
I could kick up my heels, right over my head,*

*When I grew older, my slippers were blue
But still, I could dance the whole night through!*

*Now I am old my slippers are black—
I walk to the store and puff my way back,*

The reason I know, that my youth is all spent,

*My "get up and go" has got up and went!
But I really don't mind, when I think with a grin*

Of all the grand places that my "get up" has been.

*Since I've retired from life's competition,
I busy myself with complete repetition.*

*I get up each morning, dust off my wits,
Pick up the paper and read the "obits",
If my name is missing I know I'm not dead,*

So I eat a good breakfast—and go back to bed.

—Anonymous

Blood Bank draws over 100



The Union Council Blood Bank is well-activated again after a superb organizational job by Fraternal Activities Chairman Bill Zurich and his committee. Over 100 people showed up to again put Union Council out front in its ability to take care of its Brother members and their families in the event of an emergency. Shown above on the table being administered to by Nurse Dorothy Casey is Knight Digest Editor Ray Sullivan. In the background are Bill Zurich, Henry Skarbek G.K. and Ed Stonack.

ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS



Shown above with Grand Knight Henry Skarbek are the Essay Contest winners as they received their Savings Bonds. Winners were Gerald Faughnan and Nancy Orchardo of Holy Spirit and Lauren Lee and Robert Bernot of St. Michaels.

The subject of the Essays "The Obligation Of A Christian In A Democracy" is one we should all ponder. We reproduce these Essays below in their entirety. We suggest that they become must reading not only for yourself but also for your children.

Nancy Orchardo

"Our grand business is not to see what lies dimly at a distance, but to do what lies clearly at hand."

Carlyle

This, I think, is our responsibility as a Christian in a democracy in which we live. We should be concerned with the problems facing us as Christians right here and now and then to look into the future. I think that if people only concern themselves in making the world a better place in which we live right now, they wouldn't have to worry as much about the future. People should learn to love one another at the present time, so that in the future there would be less violence and corruption in the world. If people begin to love and concern themselves more with others now, this would continue to spread throughout the world, thus carrying on the works of Christ and the Church. This is a large but rewarding responsibility for a Christian to live up to, but if all Christians would only realize the great importance of it, the burden would lessen until it was no longer a burden. To love and to have a deeper concern for others really isn't a burden at all when we remember that this Cross of ours to carry could never compare to the Cross Christ had to carry, which was really the sins of mankind.

We must remember that Christ asked us to love our brothers and sisters, and if we do carry this responsibility out, we would also be fulfilling Christ's wish. However, if we are going to try to love others, we must love everyone, having no prejudices. We might feel differently about what a person stands for, but we mustn't have hard feeling against the person himself. We must try to help this person's mistake and only hope that God will help us.

Important also, is never to judge a person. This is for God to do and God only on the day we die. We mustn't judge anyone, since no man is perfect except Christ.

I have tried to mention the most important of our responsibilities as a Christian, although there are numerous ones I haven't mentioned. I do hope that I have stressed the meaning of love, for to love is to live, and without love man cannot live.

Lauren Lee

Since a democracy is not just a form of government but also a way of life, I feel that there are many duties a Christian has

towards democracy. Doing things like serving on a jury when called, voting, paying your taxes, attending town gatherings and so forth are duties towards democracy, of course, but that is not all. These are not the only duties a Christian has. By this I mean that a Christian does all these things and more. He should always have the betterment of all other people in mind. He should want to listen to other people and try to help them with their problems. He should see to it that everyone has his rights.

A good Christian in fulfilling his Democratic duties should help form a new and better world — a world where there is no racism or any religious barriers, where men are treated equally, the little becoming big and the big becoming little to form one happy medium. He should encourage the other people in this world to also fulfill their duties to democracy to unite all men together in one big family where sharing with others is natural. By doing all these things a Christian would be fulfilling his duties toward democracy. Also, he would be proving to others that we are all expected to do our duties in the democracy in which we live, and by doing them we will begin to love God and man more and more and hence become equally deserving of the things to come.