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CORBO AWARDED "KNIGHT OF THE YEAR"

First Friday

The first Friday Series will be resumed commencing September 9, 1977. **Please note the date.** Because the first Friday of September conflicts with the Labor Day weekend holiday it was deemed advisable to advance this session one week. All the other sessions will, of course, be held on the first Friday of each month through June 1978.

Holy Mass will be offered at 8 p.m. in the Council Home. As usual, our guest will be a prominent speaker with an interesting topic.

To you brothers that have been attending the First Fridays in the past there is nothing one could say that would make the series more attractive than your actual experience. We ask though, that during the coming season you try to bring along an extra friend, relative or neighbor to swell the attendance. For you brothers who have not yet enjoyed this experience, why not give it a whirl this month. If you want to see love of God and love of neighbor in action, this is where it's at. Not only will you have a very pleasant evening but you will be storing up treasures in Heaven at the same time. All are welcome. Let's make an extra effort and demonstrate to Father Ed that we appreciate the time he take out of his busy schedule to give us this opportunity to do something pleasing to God.

Art Weber

Football Outing

On Sunday, September 25th, at 1:00 p.m. the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus will sponsor a trip to see the Jets play the Baltimore Colts. The price will be \$12.50 and will cover tickets and transportation to the Meadowlands. Checks may be made payable to John Fitzgerald Kennedy Assembly. The bus will leave at 11:30 from the Council Hall. If you are interested contact Bruce Bentz.

State Council Golf Tournament

On Saturday, September 25th the State Council Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a golf tournament at Atlantis Golf and Country Club, Tuckerton, N. J. The cost will be as follows: \$14.00 for just golfing or \$24.00 which covers golfing, dinner, trophies for various achievements and locker room facilities. Any members interested please call Wayne Williams, the Activities Chairman for reservations.

Rocco Corbo, Knight of the Year for 1976-1977, was highly praised at our recent awards dinner meeting for his personal qualities and the great amount of work he has done for Union Council. James Moran P.G.K. in his presentation of this bestowed honor said of Rocco "He is the kind of individual who has the ability to be both a good follower and a competent leader. Dedication to the Knights is an important part of his life and personality. In the category of charity it is not a word or ideal to him but an automatic response. It is never an obligation but a call to voluntarily take part in any situation where help is needed."



"As to unity, as a member of a work force or any project he is an important element. His leadership capacity brings to the surface a vast amount of talents. Under fraternity, the Knights of Columbus is a second home to this individual and all the times we depended upon him he never failed to come thru in an excellent manner".

Jim pointed out that brother Corbo has spread his abilities to all phases of our operation and is a familiar personality in both the council and the Columbian Club areas. Some of the activities Rocco assisted on were: the construction of our building expansion, work on the Blood Bank for many years, more time in the club's kitchen than in his kitchen at home, helped run family dinners on Sundays, served on the Annual Swim Club Dance Committee, conducted the summer program, was appointed twice as the council Program Director, served as Knights Digest Editor for four years, and for the coming term he will be the First Vice President of the Columbian Club.

The decision of the committee that picked the recipient for this award was reflected in the enthusiastic reaction from the membership. Everyone felt a proper tribute was bestowed to a most deserving member, our Knight of the Year, Rocco Corbo.

Annual Retreat

Many a prospective retreatant hesitates to make his first retreat because he half suspects it may turn out to be a sorry affair. He is content to leave well enough alone. He does not want to trace in memory the footsteps of his past or reopen doors that are better left closed. If that were really the meaning of a retreat, most persons would be well advised to avoid it. But that melancholy picture bears no resemblance to a retreat. The annual retreat is positive, not negative. It is constructive, not destructive. He knows from personal experience that it is more like taking a tonic than submitting to surgery. The purpose of a retreat's seclusion is not that a man may live closer to **himself** but that he may live closer to **God**. People make retreats for the same reason they swim, jog and play golf. They feel they need the exercise. In this case it is a spiritual exercise. He leaves the experience feeling spiritually invigorated, refreshed and reacted.

Sign up for this special time, our annual retreat to be held on Friday evening thru Sunday afternoon, October 21, 22 & 23 at the San Alfonso Retreat House on the ocean in Long Branch. Contact Church Activities Director Art Weber — 688-7269 or Retreat Captain Jim Moran P.G.K. — 687-0566 for information and reservations.

Council Picnic

On Saturday, September 17th the Council will hold its annual FAMILY PICNIC from 12 noon to 6:00 p.m. Ticket prices are as follows:

FAMILY TICKET — \$15.00

ADULTS — \$6.00

CHILDREN UNDER 12 — \$3.00
(NO GUESTS ALLOWED)

The family ticket includes anyone who lives in your household. In case of rain a rain date will be Sunday, September 18th. The menu for the picnic will include roast beef, hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage, corn, clams, clam chowder, watermelon, beer and soda.

Anyone interested in attending please contact Vinnie Iannuzzi.

Council to Honor James Moran P.G.K.

On Saturday, September 24th the Council will hold the annual GRAND KNIGHTS BALL, this year honoring James Moran. Tickets are \$22.00 per couple. The fare will include cocktails, dinner, a presentation and a show. Any members interested in attending please contact Vinnie Iannuzzi — 687-9381 for reservations.

Grand Knights Column

Ken Pinney



Help!

Another summer has come to a close at our wonderful Swim Club. The hundreds of members, their families and hundreds of guests enjoyed our facilities at poolside, at the snack bar and in the picnic area.

This marks the 13th year that our Swim Club has been in operation and over that period of time, thousands of work hours have been invested to make this facility possible. On Saturday, Sept. 10 and Saturday, Sept. 24, work parties will be held to close the area until next year. I am personally asking for more members to volunteer their services. Don't let the same men do all the work. Let's see some new faces at these work parties.

The committee chairmen have been planning their programs all summer and I'm sure all our members and their families will find all of these programs interesting and enjoyable.

On Friday, Sept. 9 the First Friday Series commences under the fine leadership of Father Ed. Attendance at these religious programs has been improving each year but there is still room for more members and their wives. Art Weber is the Church Activities Chairman for the coming year. Maybe he can use your **help**. Call him.

Vinnie Iannuzzi and his committee have completed plans for the Family Picnic on Saturday, Sept. 17. Plenty of food and refreshments for all members and their families who attend. However, I'm sure Vinnie will need a great deal of **help**. Don't wait for someone else to volunteer. Get your name on Vinnie's helpers list.

The third event in the month of Sept. is the Past Grand Knights' Dinner-Dance in honor of Jim Moran. Already it looks like this event will be a huge success. Vinnie Iannuzzi and his committee are doing all the cooking and serving. I'm sure anyone who attends will have an enjoyable evening and I'm also sure it will be a financial success. Why don't you ask Vinnie if he needs some **help** in the kitchen.

By now, I think all readers have gotten the point I'm trying to make. Your brother knights who have volunteered their services as chairmen of the various committees, do need a great deal of **help** to fulfill their programs and goals for the coming year. Brothers, we do have a great council, but it wouldn't be, if our members sat back and waited for someone else to do the work. Step forward and be counted. Give the chairmen your support.

Important Information From the Financial Secretary

At meeting of the Supreme Council Section 118(e) of the Lawk of the Order was amended as follows:

"Any member who has reached his 55th birthday and who shall have become disabled by bodily injuries or disease and is thereby prevented from engaging in any occupation or employment for remuneration or profit and shall have been so prevented for a period of no less than six consecutive months may, on due request in writing to the Supreme Council and upon certification by evidence satisfactory to the Supreme Council of such disability, be relieved from the payment of all council dues and Supreme and State per capita taxes as of the date of approval of said request and any suspension of such member for non-payment of such dues and tax shall cease as of the date of such approval."

The guidelines concerning application for relief under Section 118(e) are as follows:

1. Applicant shall have been a member of the Order in good standing for a period of one year prior to making application for relief under Section 118(e).

2. Evidence of total disability and acceptable to the Supreme Council in support of an application for relief shall be one of the following:

- Certification from Health, Education, Welfare
- Certification from Internal Revenue Service
- Certification from Veterans' Administration
- Statement from Attending Physician

3. The decision of a committee comprised of the Supreme Secretary, Supreme Advocate and Supreme Physician shall be final in all cases but if the decision is one of rejection the applicant shall have appeal to the Board of Directors.

4. Application shall be by completion of prescribed form furnished by the Supreme Council, signed by the member and the disability must be attested to by the Grand Knight and Financial Secretary. The signatures of the council officers shall be certified by the District Deputy.

5. The period of relief following approval of the application by the committee shall not exceed one year terminating on December 31 of each year.

Applications are available to those who qualify by contacting Financial Secretary Frank Dickerson.

Youth Bowling League

Council 4504 Junior Bowlers will begin their season on Saturday, Sept. 10 at 9:00 a.m. This season Council Junior Bowlers will bowl in the Four Season League. All junior bowlers are requested to register before start of bowling date, at Four Seasons Play and Recreation Center, West Chestnut St., Union, N.J.

Youth Chairman
Fred Kiebler



Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Edward M. Swierzbinski

Of course we are pleased with the emphasis of the Knights on Church activities and family. We are especially proud of our Worthy Grand Knight's emphasis on the First Friday Chaplain's Night program.

We have had a good attendance up to now! Maybe we ought to recall a few things. First Friday of the month was chosen for **two** reasons: 1. It's easier to remember and to plan ahead so your time is free. We hoped that you would act as missionaries in getting people to come and also to mention it when other organizations are planning their activities. 2. First Friday is the traditional day to honor the Sacred Heart — We honor the Sacred Heart because it is Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God. It is the same Jesus who is really and truly present in the sacrifice of the Mass. It is the same Jesus who is really and truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. The Feast of the Sacred Heart is immediately after the Feast of Corpus Christi. The Church wishes to show us the close relationship of these two holy days honoring Our Lord. At the same time, we have tried to have interesting people come and share some of their experiences with us. The Committee has chosen some interesting speakers and topics. Remember though — we don't just come to learn. Knowing something doesn't mean we will do or follow it. What we want is to come together to pray, to share in the Mass as brothers and sisters; to be with Jesus; to praise God, Our Father.

These Chaplain's nights are open to all; members, their wives, the adult members of their family, to all friends and anyone else you care to invite.

It begins with Mass at 8 p.m. — followed by coffee (often terrible) and some cake or cookies (often good) — then the program. We end the formal part at 10 p.m. but we invite anyone who can to stay as long as they wish.

Our first program will be Sept. 9th (pushed back because of Labor Day). Then the First Friday of every month until June.

Be a missionary, bring a Brother Knight and his lady or some friends or some friendly neighbors.

Spread the word — Prayer can light up the world and remind us of the presence of Jesus in our lives — Jesus who said, "I am the Way, the Trust and the Life".

Bartenders Needed

ANY MEMBERS INTERESTED IN BARTENDING AT THE COUNCIL HALL ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS PLEASE CONTACT BOB YAVORSKI OR LEAVE YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER AT THE BAR.

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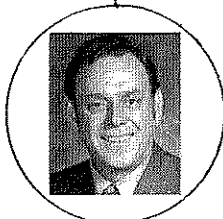
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Memories

On September 15th, 1958 an open house was held for the purpose of introducing prospective new members to the work of the order. Grand Knight Howard Leary introduced District Deputy Frank Jackiewicz as the introductory speaker. He was followed by Post State Deputy Ted Osbahr of the Department of Insurance of the K of C. He encouraged the members present to enroll in the insurance program. He noted a new feature introduced by the order is mortgage insurance. It was pointed out that the Knights of Columbus is the largest insured Catholic organization in the world. Currently covered by \$800,000,000 worth of insurance it is also the fourth largest insurance organization in the world.

The Grand Knight then introduced Membership Chairman Frank Murphy who continued the program by showing a film titled 'These Men Called Knights'. Following the movie Grand Knight Leary presented prospective member Father Palasito with an application for membership.

The next speaker was Father Driscoll who spoke of the high regard the church has for the Knights of Columbus, noting that Pope Pius XII called the K of C the right arm of the church. He also stated that our bishop regarded the organization highly as does our Pastor Father Begley who has been a knight for 19 years. Father concluded with a papal blessing for the success of our council in its endeavors as a catholic organization. Grand Knight Leary spoke of the accomplishments of our council thus far, noting the following highlights: the gold star award by the state council, our donations to the Father Mc Givney Shrine and Kearney Boys' Town as well as our aid to a brother in distress, Catechism Spelldown, the formation of a Blood Donor Program, the founding of a council bulletin the 'Knights Digest'.

Catholic Activities Chairman Warren Hehl was the next speaker and his topic was the annual pilgrimage to Williams-town. He urged all to attend and participate in this affirmation of our faith. The principle speaker for the evening was Post State Deputy George Leary, brother of our grand knight. A gifted and dynamic orator, George held his audience spellbound as he spoke of the history of the founding of the order by Father Mc Givney for the protection of the widows and children for deceased members thru a system of insurance. He spoke for knights who were the first to come to the aid of fellow men in distress, men who argued our position before the supreme court for the rights of our children to ride school buses. He stressed we should defend our basic freedom of religion. He noted that catholics were the largest group of all faiths to defend our country in World War II. He urged us to continue to protect our country and God from the godless encroachment of communism and defend the teachings of Christ. He stated we should seek good practical catholic men to form our order and march with the Knights of Columbus in defending our country and keep God on America's side. There is no doubt that George was an outstanding, patriotic, catholic gentleman — a model for all Knights of Columbus.

History of the Order

March 29, 1882, was a significant date in the annals of North American fraternal societies.

It was the day on which the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut granted the charter to the Knights of Columbus, "for the purpose of rendering mutual aid and assistance to its members and their families."

It was also a glorious day in the life of a young Catholic priest, the Reverend Michael J. McGivney, curate of St. Mary's Parish in New Haven, for it marked the fulfillment of his dream to unite Catholic men in a society through which they might advance the ideals of their Faith.

Father McGivney called together in the parish rectory on January 9, 1882, a small group of young men in whom he had confidence. He described the need for Catholic men to organize and the many possibilities such organization offered. They all agreed with him that the time had come to launch a fraternal society founded upon the ideals and having the objectives suggested by the young priest.

In general, the objectives were to provide a system of fraternal insurance to care for the widows and orphans of members; to provide fellowship among the members, to aid the cause of religion, and to perform charitable, educational and patriotic work for the benefit of their fellow men and their nation.

On February 6, 1882, the name Knights of Columbus was chosen and the decision made to apply to the state for a charter.

The early officers and founders of the Order felt, in the preliminary meetings, that the name of the new organization should relate to the Catholic Discoverer of America — to emphasize the fact that Catholics discovered, explored and colonized the North American continent and that it should embody Knightly ideals of service to Church, Country and fellow-man.

Charter from Connecticut

The following excerpts from the charter set forth briefly the purposes of the Order:

"RESOLVED, By this Assembly that Reverend Michael J. McGivney, Matthew C. O'Connor, Cornelius T. Driscoll, James T. Mullen, John T. Kerrigan, Daniel Cowell and William M. Geary and all other persons in the society with them under the name of the Knights of Columbus, together with all such persons as may hereafter become associated with them, and their successors, are constituted a body corporate and politic by the name of the Knights of Columbus for the following purposes:

"(a) of rendering pecuniary aid to its members and beneficiaries of members;

"(b) of rendering mutual aid and assistance to its sick and disabled members;

"(c) of promoting such social and cultural intercourse among its members as shall be desirable and proper;

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Nobody walks alone. Down the path of life you walk at the head of some sort of procession. Somebody sees your footprints in the sand and is unconsciously going your way, perhaps because he knows no better direction to take. Unconsciously, even more than consciously, you are making the world a better or a worse place. You are adding to its pile of happiness or its heap of misery.

The Facts of Life

Not all the facts of life are about birds and bees. Here are a few which are seldom reported.

At age 65, 45% of the people are dependent on relatives, 30% depend on charity, 23% are employed, and 2% are self sustaining. (Social Security Adm.)

As a result of stock trading in 1975, 97% lost money, 2% broke even, and 1% made money. (Harvard School of Business Study)

At age 65, eight-five out of one hundred persons do not have a monthly income of \$250. (Social Security Adm.)

Of the men who have failed financially at age 65, 93% admit their failure was due to lack of a retirement plan. (LIMRA Cooperative Research)

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work."

Father McGivney and his associates laid the foundations well. They fixed high standards for membership and established sound principles for the guidance of the members. They formulated rules and incorporated into them standards of conduct they regarded as vital to the achievement of the Order's ideals.

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March, 1974, The Cavalcade

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Random Thoughts

Optimist — a person who saves the seed catalogue pictures to compare with the flowers and vegetables he actually grows. A well driven golf ball they say leaves the club head at a speed of 135 miles per hour. This almost as fast as the golfer leaves the office for an afternoon foursome . . . sure cure for a hangover — shake the suffering man's hand and say to him "That's a wonderful girl you married last night" . . . High school girl to her father, "You talk about your troubles, today some of the kids had to park three blocks away from school" . . . A well adjusted person is one who can play bridge or golf as if they were games . . . Age is creeping up when a man doesn't care what the new stenographer looks like, just as long as she can spell . . . Two small boys were standing together when a very pretty girl walked by. One of the boys fervently said "When I stop

hating girls she's the one I'll stop hating first" . . . The best after dinner speech is when the guy with you says "Waiter, bring me the check" . . . The best time to get married is noon. That way if things don't work out you haven't blown the whole day . . . There was a minister who put all his bills in a drawer marked — Due Rent to Others . . . The trouble with being punctual is that nine times out of ten no one is there to appreciate it . . . I hate to date a gal who is like a Polaroid without film, nothing develops . . . Employee opening an envelope which accidentally contains a blank check says "I knew this would happen sooner or later, my deductions have caught up with my salary!" . . . Little boys enjoy picking up pets in the park. So do big boys . . . The popularity of dieting proves that people will go to great lengths to avoid going to great widths.

Telephone Committee

An important function of our Council is our ability to notify the membership on short notice of the death of a brother knight or for some special event when there is not enough time for a mailing. This line of communication is the Telephone Committee. Generally, this group is initiated by co-chairman George Arnold P.G.K., or Mike Tomko P.G.K. They call 10 members known as group leaders who in turn call 81 captains, each of whom call 8 to 10 brothers (if you do not receive calls let George Arnold or Mike Tomko know). This kind of work is of the 'behind the scene' variety and it is easy to overlook these men who are performing an important service. As a gesture of thanks to them we have prepared certificates of merit for each group leader and captain. They will be available at our regular council meetings from the Community Activities Director.

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