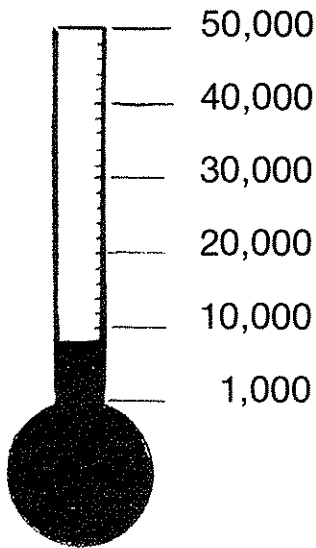


BUILDING FUND

PHASE I



There is an old axiom that goes "what-ever isn't growing soon dies". If one takes a fairly objective look at Union Council, it could be said the Council is slowly slipping into a period of non-growth. At this point, it is not necessarily the growth of more members, somehow a large number of members don't make a strong, vibrant Council.

After some two years of study, the building committee has produced a long range growth program and one of the objectives is to make the Council home a better place for all members. The facilities are now ten years old plus. The hall was built for 400 members and now there are 1100 members. The hall should be used more often by the Brother Knights for all types of functions.

It is not the objective of the planning committee to make the hall bigger, but to re-arrange the location of the kitchen,

expand the bar area, give a larger recreation area, provide storage space and administrative office facilities. The hall may hold a few more tables, but it is not significant. Under the proposed arrangement of the hall, it is planned that the hall can be divided into areas that will accommodate individual parties of 100, 200, or 300 people by the use of sliding door construction. The thought that we are making a larger hall for the sake of a larger hall is entirely erroneous.

The committee asks your help by the purchasing of a loan certificate for \$100.00. It is not a gift but a loan for which you will receive 4% simple interest. Now, is there anything more painless than that plan. Put your dollars in a real growth plan, and you will receive more than a monetary interest, but a personal interest of satisfaction in your Council.



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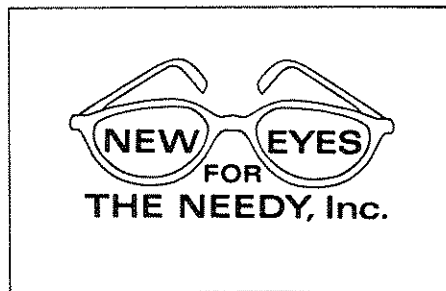
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FIGHT FOR SIGHT

Union Council begins drive in assist of Eyes For The Needy

Beginning in February, a drive will be carried out at the Council in support of Eyes for the Needy. Eyes for the Needy, Inc. is a non-profit, non-sectarian, volunteer organization, whose sole purpose is to help provide better vision for the poor all the world over. Since charity begins at home, we will begin this collective drive at our Union Council in February.

Nearly a million people have been helped by New Eyes. Funds for new prescription glasses, and artificial eyes have been established in 93 hospitals and agencies in 34 States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Quotas of new glasses and artificial eyes are guaranteed in 82 agencies in 28 states and the District of Columbia. By various arrangements New Eyes pays for glasses in 43 states for screened patients to whom no other private or public funds are available. Upon specific requests, New Eyes ships re-usable glasses to such areas of the free world as Africa, Central and South America, Burma, Canada, India, Indonesia, Korea, New Guinea, Phillippines, South Vietnam, Thailand and the West Indies. This large magnitude of generosity should also be shared by us, and we want all of you who can help to do so.



What does New Eyes ask for? Never money! It solicits: metal frames in any condition, unbroken plastic frames with single vision lenses, sunglasses, brown artificial eyes, cataract lenses, soft cases **AND** precious metal scrap such as old

watches, any real, costume or antique jewelry (even bits or pieces such as one cufflink, a single earring or a broken chain), dentures with bits of gold, silver-ware, etc. Unfortunately, they cannot use loose lenses, contact lenses or hard cases.

Thanks to thoughtful individuals and organizations, New Eyes receives many thousands of packages every year. Processing is carefully done by volunteers working year round. Metal framed glasses and metal scrap are sold to a refinery and redeemed cash is used to purchase new prescription glasses and artificial eyes for the needy in the United States. Reusable plastic framed glasses are tested, classified, and sent abroad to medical missions and welfare agencies for re-distribution.

Support this local drive, so that we may make our contribution to the Eyes of the Needy, a generous one. All donations should be placed in the basket in the Council Home and any further questions and later donations should be forwarded to the Fraternal Activities Chairman.

Cardinals Corner

The Exemplification of the Fourth Degree takes place in early April of this year. We urge all officers of the third degree who are not Sir Knights to consider a fact; that to be a complete Knight of Columbus, there are four degrees of Knighthood. You are not really a complete brother in the Knights until you have attained all four degrees.

The Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus have been accused of being over selective in choosing brother Knights to become members of the Fourth. Maybe we are! But, look around your Councils, and we will see that about ninety percent of our members are card carrying members and that ten percent or less are the workers in the Council. If any brother Knight qualifies for Fourth Degree membership and you have not been approached to join, come forward yourself and ask any sir knight how you can join. If you have the desire we have the want. Think it over.

At this time — I would like to thank the Columbian Councils of our four councils for their open handed welcome to the Assembly in their activities past. Without their help it would have made our task a bit harder than we found it.

Now for a look at our upcoming activities. As most Sir Knights know our meeting nights are always the Third Wednesday of the month unless you are notified otherwise. February, March, April are our travel months, and to start, the February meeting will be in Hillside. You will be notified where the others will be in your monthly letter.

Thursday, February 28th a county-wide Renewal of Obligations will be held in the Rahway Council Home starting at 8:30 p.m.

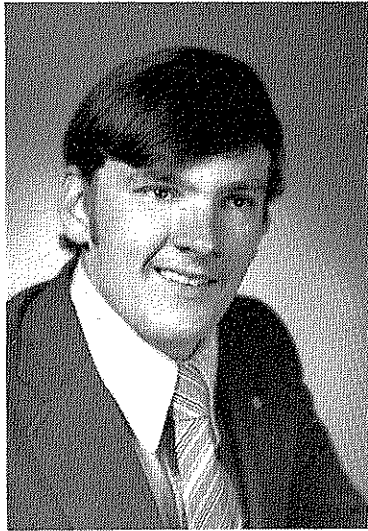
The Color Corps is looking for more Sir Knights to join in our ranks. The Color Corps functions at all wakes, patriotic parades, patriotic functions and ceremonies, installations and at the beck 'n call of the Hierarchy of the Church. The function of the Color Corps adds honor, dignity and refinement to all ceremonials and is an organization that make members of the Knights of Columbus hold their heads high with pride. Our meeting nights are held on the third Monday of the month at the Union Council Home at 8:00 p.m. sharp. We need new members to swell our ranks. Don't wait to be asked, come out and join, now.

The JFK Assemblies will sponsor a professional Luau at St. Theresas School hall in Kenilworth on May 25th. This will be a professional Luau with authentic Hawaiian music, floor show and Polynesian food to make the evening complete. Ticket sales will be limited and by reservation only. Tickets will be \$17.00 per couple. Dress will be casual, with Hawaiian shirts for the men and mu-mu's for the ladies encouraged. Mark your calendar for this one early.

Till next month I remain.

S.K. Leo E. Lupia
Faithful Captain

Knight of the Month



Edward F. Izbicki

Ed Izbicki, our latest selection for Knight of the Month is probably our youngest recipient of this award. Ed who is 20 years of age, joined Council 4504 in 1973. He immediately became an active member upon being accepted into the order.

Ed is presently active as a member of the Membership Screening Committee, is the Secretary for the Program Committee meetings, a bartender for the Columbian Club and can be found every Saturday morning at the bowling alleys assisting the youth activities chairman. He is also a member of our Volley Ball Team.

Although not a member of the Swim Club, Ed can be found lending his assistance as a worker prior to the opening of the pool.

Ed is a junior at Seton Hall College, majoring in Accounting. After school he maintains part time employment as an accountant at the Rectory of Saint Paul the Apostle Church, of which he is a communicant.

Ed recently announced his engagement to the lovely Katherine Rheinhard.

To this ambitious young member warrants the title of — Edward F. Izbicki "Knight of the Month" — February 1974. Knights of Columbus, Union Council 4504. Congratulations ED!

WE CARE!



If You Care — Join Us
And Perhaps We'll All Care.
Please call 687-8744.



Brothers:

The present energy crisis may be a blessing in disguise, we may be more dependent on one another in our own locale. It should be good to renew our old friendships, conversations and pleasant memories. Visit your council and lounge, relax and enjoy the comfortable and serviceable facilities wonderfully maintained by Brothers Jim Ford and Lee Linfante and their assistants. Take a little time to smile awhile, no matter what life has to offer.

Attend Joe Ruddy's dance classes on Friday nights to be more capable of enjoying our social activities.

Strive to attend our Dance on February 16, under the able guidance of Ray Sullivan, who is getting the reputation of a magician with his tricks and pleasant surprises at these gala affairs.

Rocco Corbo also is directing the Family Dinner on February 24th, he too has a habit of producing excellent activities. These brothers and their committees are extending themselves only for you. **DO NOT LET THEM DOWN.**

With the coming of Ash Wednesday on February 27th, we know that the Holy Season of Lent will soon follow. Father Ed has an appropriate activity planned, and we should take full advantage of the opportunity of putting our spiritual life in order. Can we afford to do less?

New and old members, please contact me if you can aid your council in any way. Support your Building Fund and I'm sure that you'll enjoy "a bigger piece of the Rock."

Fraternally,
Michael A. Tomko
Grand Knight

Columbian Club

The Columbian Club is now accepting bids for the Snack Bar and Clean-Up jobs for the coming season, (Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day Weekend), for a total of 87 days. Interested parties, please contact one of the following: Lee Linfante, Jack Bruno or Artie Reimers at the Council Home.

Columbian Club President
James F. Ford

Bill Patania
your correct telephone number.
Committee, it's important that we have order to have an efficient Telephone son — 687-4353 or me — 687-8744. In our Financial Secretary, Frank Dicker- number. If you're not sure, please notify perhaps we don't have your correct read my article or your not aware that number, it's either that you haven't of articles asking for your new telephone to five months I've been running a series that's what I've done. For the last four side down to draw your ATTENTION. If it takes my turning this article up-

NOTES ON MEMBERSHIP

This month Brothers, we are going to touch on a subject that is sometimes neglected and overlooked. The subject is "Being a good sponsor".

Needless to say brothers, once you sponsor a candidate into our great organization, it is primarily up to YOU to see that he gets a good start and that his interest does not falter. A sponsor that is lax himself in attending meetings, volunteering for committees, etc. is certainly not a very good example for a new member.

A new candidate needs a lot of encouragement while he is going up the Degree ladder; and although the council and officers help as much as they can its up to you, "Brother Sponsor", to be around when needed, because it was YOU who brought the candidate here in the first place.

Let's make a resolution to stick with our candidates all along the line, right from the first time he is brought down to the Council for his interview and up thru the Degrees.

Brothers, if we follow these few simple suggestions, we can only come out ahead for ourselves and the K. of C.

Frank Rafferty
Membership Director

Steps to Stagnation

- We're not ready for that.
- We've never done it that way before.
- We're doing all right without it.
- We tried it that way and it didn't work.
- It costs too much.
- That's not our responsibility.
- It just won't work.

R. J. Corbo
Program Director

Youth Activity

The old year went out great with the children's Christmas Party, a real success, and a second place finish for two of our boys in the Recreation Tourney. Congratulations to Richie Marczak and Pete Milcik, for their second place finish in the Union Recreation Bowling Tourney. The new year is here and we're half way through the season! Brothers, you all have an open invitation to come down on Saturday morning and watch your children bowl. On Feb. 23rd, we will leave the Council Hall at 1:45 for South Mountain Arena, the ice skating party will begin with the 2:15-4:30 session. The price will be \$2.00 per person, the skate rental charge \$.75. There will be permission slips at the Council and bowling lanes. Anyone without a permission slip will not be taken.

Please contact Dan Neroda t 382-9177 or Ed Izbicki at 372-7249 before Feb. 16, so we have an idea on the number of people coming. We will need chap-erones, so if your available, please let us know. Upcoming events will be the spelling bee, a date will be posted. Let's make the rest of "74" better than 1973.

Dan Neroda
Youth Chairman



Satours Saturday

On Saturday, January 19, 1974, the Satours celebrated their 1st Anniversary at Union Council. A delightful cocktail hour was provided by them for the members of the Council. Their name originates from (Saturday at the hour of two), and they consist of six generous and devoted Knights. Devoted is 100 years of service between them; Generous is John Foley, president; Town-ship Committeeman John Zimmerman, Tim Hayden, Frank Dickerson, Sr., Jack Bruno and Herb Kay. Each and everyone of us would be wise and a better Knight, if we followed just one element of their fine example. Congratulations Satours, and let this be the first of an infinite number of anniversaries.

Knights of Columbus Bowling League Mid-Season Standings

Name	W.	L.
Ryans Express	51	34
Five Knights	49½	35½
JV's	48½	36½
Watergates	48½	36½
Pinkie N His Gang	45	40
Sam's Raiders	44	41
Billy's Bums	44	41
Barney's Googles	44	41
G & 4 J's	42	43
Spoilers	41	44
The Late Five	29½	55½
No Name 5	23	62
Season High Game — T. Kachelriess	259.	
Season High Series — B. Giordano	616.	

Calendar of Events

Feb. 11	Regular Meeting & Admission Degree
Feb. 16	Valentine Dance
Feb. 24	Family Dinner (Sunday 1-5 p.m.)
Feb. 25	Regular Meeting
Mar. 11	Regular Meeting
Mar. 23	St. Patrick Dance (Cancelled)
Mar. 25	Regular Meeting
Apr. 8	Regular Meeting
Apr. 21	Family Dinner (Sunday 1-5 p.m.)
Apr. 22	Regular Meeting
Apr. 27	Grand Ball

Random Thoughts

They can trace marijuana all the way to prehistoric times. They didn't call it the Stone Age for nothing . . . Don't talk about what you have done or what you are going to do, do it and let it speak for itself . . . A politician thinks of the next election, a statesman of the next generation . . . It's a good idea to see if you're on firm ground before you put your foot down . . . When a woman meets a man who looks her straight in the eyes, she'd better do something about her figure . . . Our capacity to survive a crushing blow in almost any department of our lives is phenomenal, so long as some compensation exists elsewhere. So long as the sun can be glimpsed somewhere along our psychic horizon . . . I went shopping the other day. I couldn't afford the large economy size so I bought the small expensive size . . . A good example of slow motion is a woman entering her thirties . . . He who cannot forgive others, breaks the bridge over which he must himself pass . . . In a San Francisco pastry shop "Our dough is inflated too. We'd like to exchange it for yours" . . . The real tragedy of life is not in being limited to one talent, but in the failure to use that one talent . . . If there's "always room at the top", why is there so much shoving going on up there? . . . Co-operation is not a sentiment, it is an economic necessity . . . If a movie is rated G, the hero gets the girl; if it's R, the villain gets the girl; if it's X, everybody gets the girl . . . Know how to listen, and you will profit even from those who talk badly . . . The income Tax people will make it easy for us this time. The form will only have two lines (1) How much did you make in 1973? (2) Send it . . . A girl invited to her date's apartment later reported indignantly, "It turned out he had an eight-track stereo and a one-track mind."

Jim Moran

EMPLOYMENT

If you know of any employment available, to aid our less fortunate Brothers, notify Frank Jordan — (688-7108)

College Basketball at M.S.G.

NOTRE DAME vs. FORDHAM
and

FAIRLEIGH DICKERSON
vs. FAIRFIELD

Thursday, Feb. 14, 1974 — 7:00 p.m.

Bus leaves Council at 6:00 p.m.

Price: \$8.00 per ticket

Includes: Sandwiches, Beer & Soda

Call Ken Pinney — 686-5650