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# **COUNCIL 4504 EXTENDS A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO** ALL ITS MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

# SWIM CLUB EVENTS

## Swim Club Meeting

The Annual Swim Club Meeting will be held on Friday, January 21, 1977. All members are urged to attend. This important meeting at which time there will be election of officers. The following men have been nominated by the Swim Club nominating committee to serve for three years.

William Renner Frank Conzenza Nomination will be accepted from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

#### Swim Club Dance

Swim Club Members -Make Your Reservations Now. Dance - January 22nd \$25.00 per couple Cocktail Hour — 7:30-8:30 p.m. Dinner — 9:00 p.m. Dance till 1 a.m. Call Vinc lannuzzi for reservations 687-9381

#### Swim Club News

Well the pool has been put to BED and by now it must BE FROZEN. But before you know it, we will be swimming again. However, before we open again the board of governors are in need of a pool manager. If anyone is interested or knows of anyone who would be interested in bidding for the job of pool manager please contact John Kilian. It is with deep regret that Mr. Gag will not be back next year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank him and his staff for a job well done.

Swim Club President John Kilian announces the following appointments to the Swim Club Board of Governors for a one year term. Appointed by the G.K. Andy Tobia. Appointed by the C.C.P. Art Reinhardt.

# **Dinner Dance Honoring** Sister Ann Dominic

The Phil Portnoy Humanitarian Association is honoring Sister Ann Dominic as the Humanitarian of the Year at a Dinner Dance January 29, 1977. The affair will be held at the Town and Campus, West Orange. Tickets are \$42 per couple. Proceeds from an ad journal will go to Sister Ann's favorite charities. For tickets, ads or (\$1.00) boosters, for the journal, contact Joe Porter -687-2847.

# Communion Supper

Union Council 4504 will again join with the Court of Immaculate Heart of Mary #1360, Catholic Daughters of America in honoring the priests of the parishes and the area chaplains of the CDA and KofC for their much needed guidance and support.

The Catholic Daughters and their husbands along with the K of C Brothers and their wives will join on February 4, 1977 at 7:30 p.m. in celebration of Holy Mass and Communion followed by a roast beef supper. The only speaker will be MOST REV. THOMAS A. BOLAND, retired Archbishop of Newark. Tickets are only \$3.00 and there will be a limited number of tickets sold. Last year many persons were disappointed. They waited too long to purchase their tickets. So if you are planning to attend, tickets can be obtained at the Council Home or from me.

Dominick Clementoni, PGK Church Activities Chairman Phone 688-3618

#### The Ice Capades Are Here!

Come see the charming and talented Dorothy Hamill as she performs in her greatness at Madison Square Garden. Tickets are available to all members and their family women and children included. This exciting show is scheduled for Friday, January 14, 1977 at 7:30 p.m. Ticket price per person is \$7.00, which includes admission and round trip bus accommodations.

All tickets are on a first come, first serve basis, so don't delay. Bus will leave the Council parking lot at 6:00 p.m. SHARP. For ticket information or reservations contact Roger Schur at 245-6605, or see me at the next regular meeting.

Roger Schur Athletic Chairman

# **First Friday Series**

Chaplain's night for the start of the new year 1977 will be held on Friday, January 7, 1977 at 8 p.m. and our speaker will be our chaplain Father Edward Swierzbinski. Subject for the evening:

#### THE HELL THERE IS!

Remember Friday, January 7, 1977 8 to 10 p.m. Dominick Clementoni, PGK Church Activities Chairman

#### A Job Well Done

Many months of hard work has resulted in the completion of our new rooms at the Council. These volunteer workers not only did a splendid job, but saved us a great deal of money. The Council and Columbian Club are grateful to them, and the Building Expansion Committee, whose members supervised the project. All the men listed here have shown what can be achieved when Fraternity and Unity are converted into action.

Members who have worked for the **Building Expansion** 

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# **Knights of Columbus** Mini-Park Approved

The Township of Union has approved Union Council's request to use the Township's property on the corner of Winslow and Stecher Avenues as "Knights of Columbus Park". The purpose of this project is for us to contribute to our community by improving the environment.

In the spring of next year we will clean up the lot, make some small improvements, and erect a Knights of Columbus Park sign. The Civic and Cultural Committee will hold short meetings on January 14 and February 12 to discuss these plans. All brothers are invited to attend. Contact Joe Porter -- 687-2847.

# Knight Digest

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#### Calendar of Events

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| Jan. 21 Swim          | Club  |
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| Jan. 22 Swim Club Di  | ance  |
| Feb. 4 Holy Mass — Di |       |
| Feb. 12 Valentine Da  | ance  |
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| Apr. 1, 2, 3 Tootsie  | Roll  |
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#### MONTHLY MEETINGS

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| 1st Mon Council Officers                |  |
| 2nd & 4th Mon Regular Meetings          |  |
| 3rd Mon Swim Club                       |  |
| 1st TuesFMBA                            |  |
| 2nd Tues Color Guards                   |  |
| 3rd Tues P.B.A.                         |  |
| 4th Tues Girls Club                     |  |
| 1st Wed4th Degree Officers              |  |
| 2nd Wed 4th Degree Color Corps          |  |
| 3rd Wed4th Degree Regular               |  |
| 4th Wed Council Committees              |  |
| 1st Thurs Expansion Committee           |  |
| 3rd Thurs Cub Scouts                    |  |
| 4th Thurs Columbian Club                |  |
| 1st Fri Chaplain's Night                |  |
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# Editor's Wish for 1977

#### May You Have

Enough Happiness To Keep You Sweet, Enough Trials To Keep You Strong, Enough Sorrow To Keep You Human, Enough Hope To Keep You Happy, Enough Failure To Keep You Humble; Enough Success To Keep You Eager, Enough Friends To Give You Comfort, Enough Wealth To Meet Your Needs; Enough Enthusiasm To Look Forward, Enough Faith To Banish Depression, Enough Determination To Make Each Day Better.

# Grand Knights Column

Jim Moran



This month of January brings my term as Grand Knight to the halfway point. With this column I'm reporting on some of my impressions of what has taken place so far in this council year. On the night I was elected G.K., and later in this digest, I said "the by-laws of our club will be actively operating as a guide for the proper direction of our endeavors." In attempting to apply these laws I've received a bitter attitude from certain individuals. Regardless of how you view my decisions in enforcing the authority of the Grand Knight, please know that I have made them and will continue to do so in the future, based on my firm conviction that it is in the best interest of our Council. All decisions will be made due to their correctness, never by their popularity. No group will be permitted to work beyond their lawful authority. As Grand Knight, I am responsible for "every aspect" of our club. Those who work closely with me know I am inclined to be frank, and at times blunt in my manner. After 30 years of having this as a part of my personality, it's difficult to become a United Nations Diplomat in a year as the Grand Knight. It's important to keep in mind all divisions of our organization have their place in the plan for a properly operated council. Within that all activities under the program director have priority over any other function of our organization!

On the more favorable side of our situation, Jules Pruszkowiski, our Program Director and all his individual directors and chairmen are doing a splendid job in having events for the members. I can say without exception all of these men have done well in their duties. In details and results, I am very proud, and the entire council should be. on what they have done so far. The response of the brothers in attending these events is good, but we are always looking for greater attendance. My officers have worked hard on degrees and various jobs I've requested of them. Advice requested and volunteered from the Trustees and other P.G.K.s (some of which I accepted, others I rejected, but both) are deeply appreciated.

I've lived up to my idea of starting meetings on time and have streamlined the necessary business to a minimum. Barney Capriglione, our Lecturer, has provided interesting programs and time to socialize after meetings. Columbian Club president, Marty Farrell, and I have come to present positions through different channels in the Knights, yet, I think we have surprised each other, as well as some others, in our ability to work together. It's been my pleasure to visit other councils for degrees, federation meetings, etc., and I have found respect and admiration of Union Council's progress. The praise was given to me, but it belongs completely to you, the active membership.

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#### **Memories**

In April, 1958, a letter was received from Supreme Knight Luke E. Hart congratulating the Council on its Six Point Program achievements and explaining the requirements for Star Council Award.

The Council agreed to enter a marching unit in the Union Sesquicentennial celebration in response to a request from May Edward Bierteumpfel. The parade was scheduled for June 14. St. Patricks band from Jersey City was hired to lead our contingent at a cost of \$175.00. The cost of the band was to be defrayed by selling a K of C pennant to each member for \$1.00—the pennant to be carried in the parade.

Building Committee Chairman Kolomon Koss reported he has been busy looking over possible building sites and established buildings for our future Columbian Club home.

The Council gave the officers a standing ovation for the splendid exemplification of the first degree, the very first by our officers.

Brother Bill Donnelly reported the Council Activities Committee will realize a profit of \$1800.00 from the Inaugral Ball. A good job well done!

Fraternal Activities Chairman Jim Connell reported brother John Latero is in Alexian Brothers Hospital. He also reported that Tom Crimmins and Gene Le Compte had donated blood recently.

Bowling Chairman Al Dietlein reported the formation of a summer bowling league to be held on Wednesday nights at 8:00 p.m. at the HyWay Bowl on Rte. 22.

By-laws Chairman, Weldon Arner urged all members to carefully read the proposed council by-laws mailed to each member so they could be thoroughly and intelligently discussed at the next meeting.

Grand Knight Howard Leary appointed the following brothers to the nominating committee at the May 12 meeting. Chairman Joseph Milo, Walter Golonka, Henry Chemidlin, Ed Flammer, Warren Hehl, Neil Hurley, Frank Johnson, Frank Janus, Anthony Martin, Bob Drew, Frank Murphy, Ed Pawlowski, Oscar Ernst, Tom Waters, Pete Rakowski, Tom Owens, Wilber Donnelly, Martin Reddington, John Dukes and Charles Ruloff.

Three words that describe my feelings at this half year level are, opposition, cooperation, and rewards. The opposition has helped strengthen me in my aim for what I believe to be right, and the cooperation and rewards have proven the struggle is worthwhile. It's rewarding to work with so many men who unselfishly give time and effort to our council. On the overall view of Union Council, agreement and disagreement, it's good to know members care enough to express their views. Our membership can do themselves a big favor, not just for the rest of this term, but for the future -- don't ever stop caring!



# Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Edward M. Swierzbinski

At Christmas there is much emphasis on gifts — and while we take care of each other — it is good to remember and thank God for the greatest of gifts. Jesus, our God, became man like us in all things except sin. He demonstrated extraordinary love and compassion! WE ARE NEVER ALONE. WE ARE OF GREAT VALUE. Jesus is near and shows us the way.

Jesus felt hunger, thirst, and fatigue — read Luke, chapter 4 verse 2; John, chapter 19, verse 28

He was fond of children — read Mark 10, verses 13 to 16.

Jesus felt sorrow and wept — read John, 11: 32 to 36; Luke, 19, verses 41 to 44.

He knew loneliness — read Matthew, 26, 37 to 46.

Jesus enjoyed human companionship—read John 2, 1 to 12.

He visited the homes of his friends — read Luke, 19, 1 to 10.

He felt keenly the betrayal of Judas and the denials of Peter; Jesus experienced physical pain — read all of the Gospels, especially from the Last Supper to the Crucifixion.

What a consolation and a joy for us!
Praise Jesus, our God and Redeemer

remember to love one another.

Have a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

# **New Members**

The following Brothers recently received Degrees on their road to Knighthood.

**Third Degree** 

Rev. Raymond Gura, Michael Ambrosio, J. Michael Blake, Anthony Braccioforte, Joseph M. Conti, Michael DeJura, James P. Gaffrey, Antonio Giornalista, Ronald Izzi, Donald Lourenco, John P. Lynch, Patrick A. Lynch, John C. McCormack, Richard E. McKune, Diego Martielli, Victor Marzarella, Edmund Palmieri, Edward Patterson, Henry O. Rothfuss, Michael Sadvary, Manfred Schellscheidt, Victor Schimmenti, John P. Testa, Anthony W. Venezia, Michael J. Ward, Ted L. Wedzilowicz.

**Second Degree** 

Walter Wrzesinski, Frank A. Fisher, Peter Leonardis, John J. Mead, James Melegh, Edward Stonack, Jr., James Stonack, Michael Stonack, Anthony Terrezza.

#### First Degree

Gerald Lynch.

We congratulate our Brother Knights and encourage them to make their presence felt by taking an active part in our council events and committees.

James McEnroe Admission Chairman

# NOTICE

On December 19 during the afternoon of the Children's Christmas Party someone mistakenly took the wrong coat. The coat is a man's beige carcoat with lamb wool trim interior. The coat I now

# **Knight of the Month**



#### **ANTHONY MALINKOWSKI**

Tony has been a member of Union Council 4504 less than two years. Upon taking his major degree Tony became an active participant of the Mailing Committee. This past June Tony took over the job of Mailing Chairman. He can occasionally be seen assisting in the kitchen or in his own quiet and congenial way giving a hand at the patio summer season work parties.

Tony is actively involved with the Girls Club Bingo games and when not doing his charitable chores he is busy ice skating or roller skating with his two grandchildren.

Tony is employed with the Newark Postal Department. He and his lovely wife Jean are the proud parents of two children. They are communicants

of St. Michaels Church — Union.
It is most certain and befitting that we bestow to Anthony Malinkowski the title Knight of the Month of January 1977, Knights of Columbus, Council 4504

# Christmas Dinner Meeting

The Annual Christmas Dinner Meeting held on Monday, December 13, 1976 was a huge success. May I at this time thank all the brothers who attended the dinner and many thanks to the members that worked in the kitchen preparing the luscious Ham Dinner.

The honored guests for the evening were, State Secretary Joseph Luciano and State Warden, John Hindes. We were also honored by the presence of Monsignor Francis X. Coyle, Pastor of St. James Springfield (G.K. Pastor), Monsignor Thomas J. Tuohy Pastor of St. Michaels and our Dear Chaplain Rev. Edward Swierzbinski.

The spirit of Christmas was highlighted by the 4-G Chorus, a choral group of girls led by conductor Gene Consaldes of Union High School. Their singing and entertainment was overwhelming. Mr. Consaldes and the girls should be complimented.

Dinner music was played by Bill Mueller and Rick Ernst better known as "The Entertainers". Again may I thank all those brothers who worked so diligently in making our annual Christmas Dinner Meeting a huge success

have is a McGregor carcoat of same color and style. To correct this mistake will the Brother Knight please contact Brother William Kole — 687-4497.

# Diary of an Unborn Child

October 5 — Today my life began. My parents do not know it yet, I am as small as a seed of an apple, but it is I already. And I am to be a girl. I shall have blond hair and blue eyes. Just about everything is settled though, even the fact that I shall love flowers.

October 19 — Some say that I am not a real person yet, that only my mother exists. But I am a real person, just as a small crumb of bread is yet truly bread. My mother is. And I am.

October 23 — My mouth is just beginning to open now. Just think, in a year or so I shall be laughing and later talking. I know what my first word will be: MAMA.

October 25 — My heart began to beat today all by itself. From now on it shall gently beat for the rest of my life without ever stopping to rest! And after many years it will tire. It will stop, and then I shall die.

November 2 — I am growing a bit every day. My arms and legs are beginning to take shape. But I have to wait a long time yet before those little legs will raise me to my mother's arms, before these little arms will be able to gather flowers and embrace my father.

November 12 — Tiny fingers are beginning to form on my hands. Funny how small they are! I'll be able to stroke my mother's hair with them.

November 20 — It wasn't until today that the doctor told mom that I am living here under her heart. Oh, how happy she must be! Are you happy, mom?

November 25 — My mom and dad are probably thinking about a name for me. But they don't even know that I am a little girl. I want to be called Kathy. I am getting so big already.

December 10 — My hair is growing. It is smooth and bright and shiny. wonder what kind of hair mom has.

December 13 — I am just about able to see. It is dark around me. When mom brings me into the world it will be full of sunshine and flowers. But what I want more than anything is to see my mom. How do you look, mom?

December 24—I wonder if mom hears the whispering of my heart? Some children come into the world a little sick. But my heart is strong and healthy. It beats so evenly: tup-tup, tup-tup. You'll have a healthy little daughter, mom!

December 28 — Today my mother killed me.

# **Friday Night Disco**

On Friday, January 14, 1977, we will again activate the dance lessons. Lessons will be given every Friday hence (providing it does not interfere with Father Ed's Chaplain Night) which is usually held on the first Friday of the month.

Dance lessons will be given from 8:30 -9:30 p.m. thereafter dancing for your pleasure will continue until 11:00 p.m.

Cost for the evening — \$1.00 per person.

Further information — William Patania — 687-8744.

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