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COUNCIL ACTIVITY REPORT

The Council Activity Committee takes pleasure in announcing that our Knight's Night, held on October 31st, was a tremendous success. It wishes to thank those members who attended, and to commend them on their excellent co-operation with the committee.

It is we, the general membership, who should thank and commend them for an excellent evening of pleasure and entertainment. This affair ranks among our finest social events. The committee is deeply gratified by the many congratulations they have already received on the manner in which this social highlight was conducted.

Council Activity Chairman, Bill Taylor states: "I would like to take this opportunity to thank, and congratulate, the following chairmen and their staffs. General Chairman Martin Hayes, whose efficiency and drive made the success of the affair possible. Ticket Chairman Vincent Squazzo, and the following members of his committee: Ed. Kononowicz, Tony Rusciano, Joe Mageean, Al. Ballar, Joe Lynch, Gus Armstrong, Jom Connell, Al. Ring, Sr., and Al. Ring, Jr. Food Chairman Frank Palanowich, and his capable assistants, Nick Reininger, Phil Spalletta, Ray Moore, Ed. Kononowicz, Ray Karpinski, Andy Merbler and Oscar Ernst. Bar Committee Chairman Jim Walsh, and his hard working aides, Paul Fredericks, Tom McCue, Charles Kelly, Walter Kuczynski, Al. Regenye, Sal Scarlato, Jim Donlon, Jim Gardner, and Mike Tomko." "I also wish to extend my very warm and heartfelt thanks to Ed. Pawlowski and Joe Haggerty, who were instrumental, in no small degree, in aiding our cause."

Not to be outdone by the men, the followings members of the distaff side assisted the committee tremendously by adding the artistic touch to the decorations: Mrs. Wilbur Donnelly, Mrs. Thomas Drogan, Mrs. Martin Hayes and Mrs. James Walsh. Another special "thank you" to Margaret Fredericks, who operated the automatic dish washer at clean-up time, and kept the committee busy boxing the glasses and other utensils. Last, but certainly not least, on a long list, a very special "thank you" to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kaiser, and Mr. and Mrs. Westerman, who prepared all the deli-

cious food that was enjoyed by the three hundred guests.

Brother Taylor further states: "We of the committee, and I am sure all the guests who were present, are mighty proud of the tremendous job these good people did. It is possible that the committee has unintentionally missed one or more of the people who worked with us. If so, we offer our humble apologies, and suggest that you contact us so that we may rectify the error. For those brothers who were unable to attend, we can assure you that we will have another Knight's night in the not too distant future, and for those interested in the financial aspect, we can say that we anticipate breaking even."

Six Point Committee

Six Point Chairman, Bill Donnelly reports as follows:

"As your general program chairman, I would like to take this opportunity to extend to all the brothers and their families, the very best wishes of the holiday season."

"As all of you know, Christmas is Christ's birthday. I, therefore, urge each and every one of you to obtain one of the posters from your Catholic Activity Chairman, Art Weber, and display it in your window."

"The program for the first half of the council year has been successfully planned for your pleasure. If you have been unable to attend any of the scheduled activities, please try to do so in the future. I know that the remainder of the program will be well balanced so that each brother may enjoy an active part."

Holy Hour Date Set

In conjunction with the decent literature drive, State Deputy, Joseph J. Carlin announced that a Holy Hour, under the auspices of The Legion of Decency, will be held at 3:00 P.M. on December 13th, at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Newark. His Excellency, Archbishop Thomas A. Boland, is expected to preside and speak. It is hoped that as many council members as possible will attend.

Membership Drive Successful

The result of the industrious campaign by the Membership Committee, under Chairman, Mario Henriques, was evinced at the exemplification of the Second Degree held at V.F.W. Hall on November 16. The following candidates were advanced to that status in the order:

Michael W. Barry, Bernard S. Baranowski, William J. Bauer, Casper C. Barbera, William C. Bentz, Eugene Campanaro, Anthony P. Capriglione, Gerard Chaplinski, John J. Christie, Paul D. Corrigan, Frank Cosenza, Anthony J. Crea, Frank Dante, Dante T. DeNino, Joseph DeNicola, Nicholas A. Dorando, Theodore J. Ebner, Bernard R. Fallon, Martin J. Farrell, Guido Ferrara, John P. Fleming, Harold J. Fox, Vincent J. Frankovich, Donald M. Giblin, Joseph A. Gluck, Joseph Graziano, Michael J. Herrightly, Walter W. Hoelderlin, Thomas G. Imfeld.

Also, George J. Jacko, Joseph M. Jacobovitz, Fred M. Jordan, Michael E. Kane, William F. Kane, Francis X. Kenny, Herbert J. Kleniewski, Michael J. Lenio, Raymond E. Mayer, Joseph P. Militano, Clifford H. Morris, Victor T. Orlando, Vincent Pascucci, Edward A. Pawlowski, Albert P. Petracca, Samuel S. Plaia, Arthur J. Reinhard, Jr., Rosario Rizzuto, John F. Robbins, Joseph W. Russomano, Robert J. Schmidinger, Anthony B. Shans, Frank J. Simone, John P. Smith, Leo J. Spirito, Frank W. Stanislawczyk, Rudolph Steiner, Clarence J. Wilson, Rene P. Wittevrongerl, Alfred J. Yersovich, Joseph Zeilmeier, Eugene W. Zelazny and Franklin E. Zusi.

The general membership is urged to be present at the Columbian Club, in Elizabeth, on December 5, to honor these candidates when they are elevated to full Third Degree knighthood. With the completion of this Major Degree, our council membership will be in the neighborhood of five hundred. A vote of thanks is due to our hard-working Membership Committee—the state report of October 20, indicates that we are second in net membership increase, being surpassed only by Barrington Council #4816.

"Wear The Emblem"



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Notice to Brothers and Their Families

If you know of the death or illness of a Brother, please notify, immediately, Fraternal Activities Chairman, Bernard Raymond, 2218 Berwyn Street, Union, MU. 8-4343.

CALENDAR

- Dec. 5—
Exemplification of Third Degree, Columbian Club, Union Street, Elizabeth.
- Dec. 12—
In the spirit of the Advent Season, the Christmas party scheduled for this date has been cancelled.
- Dec. 14—
Regular Council Meeting, V.F.W. Hall, 8:15 P.M. The entire Adult Choir of St. Michael's Church will sing Christmas Carols.
- Dec. 18—
Children's Christmas Party, V.F.W. Hall.
- Dec. 28—
Regular Council Meeting, V.F.W. Hall, 8:15 P.M.

Special Notice

Council members are reminded that dues and insurance fees are due January 1. Financial Secretary, Alvin Dietlein, suggests that, if possible, members pay dues on an annual basis. Brother Dietlein will accept payments at any meeting. Checks should be made payable to Union Council 4504, Knights of Columbus.



Chaplain's Corner

--- Rev. Joseph F. Driscoll

Prepare The Way

The Catholic and, more so, the Knight of Columbus takes on the spirit of John the Baptist in preparing for the feast of the Birth of Christ. John, in announcing the coming of Christ, called the people to penance and good living. Some listened and followed the directives of John. They were led to know Christ and become his disciples.

Regularly each year in the cycle of feasts the Church would have us gain from a re-living of these directives of the messenger of God. Patiently the Church teaches us, by a requested conduct, to have a constant character likeness to the true Apostle of Christ.

During Advent we are asked to receive the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist more frequently. We are asked to attend Mass daily, if possible. What a great spiritual life our Council would gain if every member, who goes to church on Sunday because he is obliged to, would also attend on another day of the week because he wanted to. The Christ Child only asks for Christmas what He has

given to us. Could our Council offer Him a spiritual bouquet of four Holy Communion, for the four Sundays of Advent, from every member. John the Baptist threw the challenge, "Make straight the way of the Lord."

Further, the Church established Advent as a time of penance and joyful mortification. She clothes the priest in purple at the altar in a dramatic announcement of the spirit of Advent.

While she permits marriages during Advent, she forbids the solemnity of the Nuptial Mass, and the special blessing.

Though she does not impose rules of fasting and abstinence except on a few days, she exhorts the people to assume some practice of mortification in the spirit of the season.

The spirit of John the Baptist, announcing the coming of the Savior, was a spirit of prayer and penance. Make this your spirit during the season of Advent. It is the spirit of the Church to which you belong. She announces to you that this is the way to prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas.

Christmas is Christ's Birthday

Bowling News

As of this writing, the standings in the hot intra-council league are as follows:

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| 1. Rebels | 5. Ying Yangs |
| 2. Sinkers | 6. Four Jays |
| 3. Knight Knicks | 7. Crusaders |
| 4. Merits | 8. Knight Owls |

High Game; M. Simon 240 High 3 games; F. Gross 613

The "200 Club" membership is growing, and a few men are in the "225 Circle".

The team representing our council in the Union County League is currently in 11th place. The boys can use some moral support. Stop at the Hy-Way Bowl at 9:00 P.M. on Wednesday and root for them. Remember we can use another trophy for the display case in our soon to be built Columbian Club.

Bowling Chairman, Ben Godesky, is currently working up a mixed league for a once a month, Saturday night schedule. Further details will be announced.

COLUMBIAN CLUB Pledge Goal \$40,000.

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We Are Here

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Treasurer, Brother Jim Cappeto, announces that the Columbian Club has reached 58% of its goal.

Brothers, if you have not as yet been contacted regarding your pledge, please call Chairman, Fred Vollherbst, DR 6-4388, or Co-Chairman, Joe Gaynor, MU 6-8112. This is very important.

Correction

In the list of new members inducted to the First Degree on October 12th, we omitted the name of John P. Fleming. We apologize for our error, and welcome him to our ranks.

Grand Knight's Message



SAFE DRIVING CORNER

Oscar Ernst

Brothers:

This edition of the Digest marks the closing of another glorious and eventful year in the brief history of Union Council. It has been a year highlighted by our Father and Son Communion Breakfast, Day of Recollection, the start of a retreat movement, commemorative exercises for our deceased brothers, the exemplification of the Living Rosary, and the Pilgrimage for Peace to Williamstown, to mention a few of our activities.

Socially and fraternally we experienced success, with large turnouts and gratifying enthusiasm on the part of our members and their families.

Appropriately, our Major Degree, in honor of William C. Fay, on December 5th, closes out our degree work for 1959. This will be a capacity class of candidates, as was our initial class held during the first week of December 1957. When we reach the end of our council year, in June

1960, our membership will be in excess of five hundred.

Let us take time to thank God for the graces He has bestowed upon us this year, and pray that He will continue to bless our work in the year 1960.

Brothers, in a few weeks the holy Christmas season will again be with us. This year, let us strive to minimize the commercial aspect by completing all necessary shopping early, and thus permitting ourselves more time to participate in the spiritual benefits of the season. Let us, as Knights of Columbus, help bring back Christ in CHRISTmas.

On behalf of my brother officers, and myself, may I offer our sincere wishes that you and your families are blessed with a most holy and joyous Christmas, and a peaceful and happy New Year.

Fraternally yours,

John S. Zimmerman

Human failure is blamed by most safe driving experts as the greatest contributing factor in the mounting death toll on our highways. This is not a new disclosure, and yet it is a shocking and alarming revelation. It at once makes safe driving a problem of morality—and morality has its roots in the human heart.

Let's take a look at this number one killer roaming our highways. This failure of so many of our fellow-men to live up to their responsibility (and we all have our weak moments) can be broken down into patterns of physical and mental fitness.

Physical fitness concerns the ability to hear, see, react, etc. It is relatively easy to convince drivers that eyeglasses, or a hearing aid, are a must, when the corresponding faculties are impaired, but how many venture on the roads in a state of partial or complete intoxication? They have a false sense of security when, indeed, they are not fit to sit behind a steering wheel.

Mental fitness, for those of sound mind, is a matter of the human heart, and the solution of our moral problems lies therein. There is so much talk of the "split personality" which permits a man to be God-fearing at work, home, and in church, and yet to resemble a beast when he is behind the steering wheel of a car. He not only has a "split personality", he suffers from "SPLIT MORALITY".

We want to be a Christian nation, yet where is our Christian morality? On the eve of Christ's birth, let's pray to God that He will permit a rebirth of our Christian principles which in turn will improve our morality. Let's all do our share so that we can look forward to a promising New Year.

Knight of the Month

The selection committee has chosen to honor Brother Arthur Weber as the December "Knight of the Month". There is no more appropriate time than the Christmas season to designate the Chairman of the Catholic Activity Committee for this honor. The entire council is well aware of the splendid job Brother Weber is doing in his phase of our six point program. Outstanding among his successes were the Pilgrimage for Peace, the Living Rosary enacted at St. Michael's Church, and the recent Memorial Mass honoring our departed brothers.

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Annual Retreat in Planning Stage

Chairman, Art Weber, has announced that the Catholic Activity Committee is in the process of arranging the council's 1960 retreat, and is anxious to secure the necessary reservations. In order to do so, the committee must know how many brothers are desirous of attending.

"We are considering several retreat houses," stated Weber, "the selection of which will be determined by the number of members attending, and the dates available. Reservations and dates at these houses are rapidly being filled for 1960, so we must act promptly in order to be assured of a suitable week-end."

Reservations can be made by contacting brother Tom Vigliotta at MU 8-1385, or Art Weber at MU 8-7269.

Congratulations

Bob Caesar—Winner of the Sportsmen's Golf Tournament at Asbury Park on October 31st.

Joe Kenny—Winner of the Western Electric Golf Tournament.

Wally Moeltner—For the beautiful and masterful hand carving of the bas-relief plaque of Phil Spalletta, which you presented to him on November 12th.

The Public Relations Committee extends to all members, and their families, its very Best Wishes for a Joyous and Peaceful Christmas, and a Holy and Happy New Year.



BIRTHDAYS

DECEMBER

- 17—Richard J. Graybush
Peter P. Tricune
18—John F. Dowling
20—Walter J. McGinley
Joseph J. Shaeffer
23—William Tarnoski
26—Stephen A. Raffo
28—Richard B. Tavis
29—Raymond A. Williams
30—Robert K. Browne
Norman C. Heim
Arnold Memoli

JANUARY

- 1—Francis J. Johnson
John J. Plewa
3—Jerome M. Shaw
4—Neal F. Dante
5—Genario M. DePalma
John T. Sherry

- 8—John H. Mott
9—Robert J. Buob
Adolph DiMartino, Jr.
12—Gus W. Armstrong
John Dzuna
15—James J. Donlan
We missed your birthday.
Belated best wishes.
November 19
James Connell

Church Etiquette

As Knights of Columbus we should set a good example for our other parishioners by observing the following rules:

1. Bless yourself with holy water upon entering and leaving the church.
2. Genuflect fully upon entering your pew before Mass, and when leaving it after Mass.
3. Refrain from all unnecessary conversation while in church.

Welcome Home

Brother Leo Baumann is among us once more after serving, for the last two years, as an army officer in Korea. Welcome back, Brother Baumann, to an active part in our council which has so vastly expanded in all phases of Columbianism during your absence.

Oldest Knight

In our September issue, we stated that Brother Vince Squazzo, with 40 years of continuous membership in the Order, was the oldest knight (by virtue of membership) in Union Council. Brother Daniel O'Sullivan has challenged Vince's exclusive right to the title. He, too, has 40 years of membership to his credit, and thereby becomes co-holder of the title. Can anyone top this? If so, we'd like to hear about it.

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