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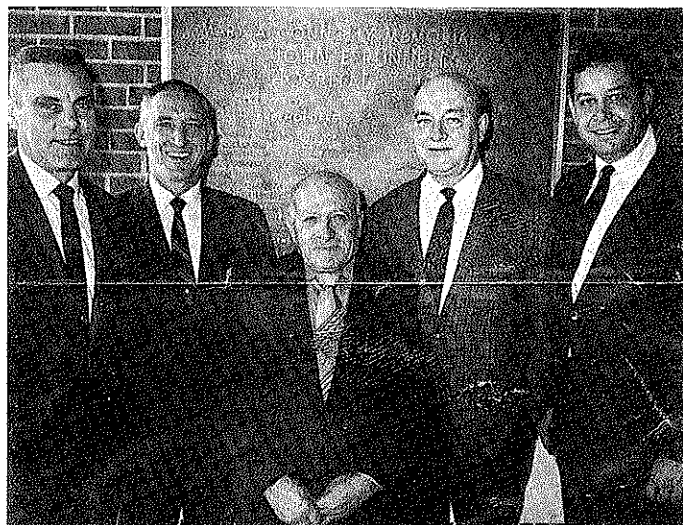
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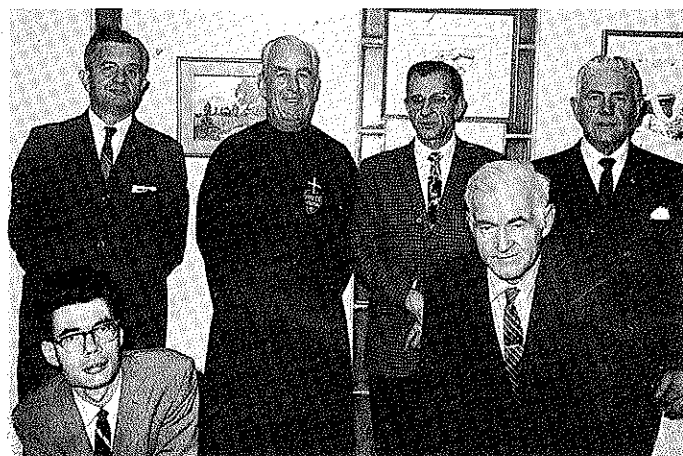
Given at Lyons Veterans Hospital
This 13th *day of* December 19 70.

S. T. Ginsberg
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Hospital Director

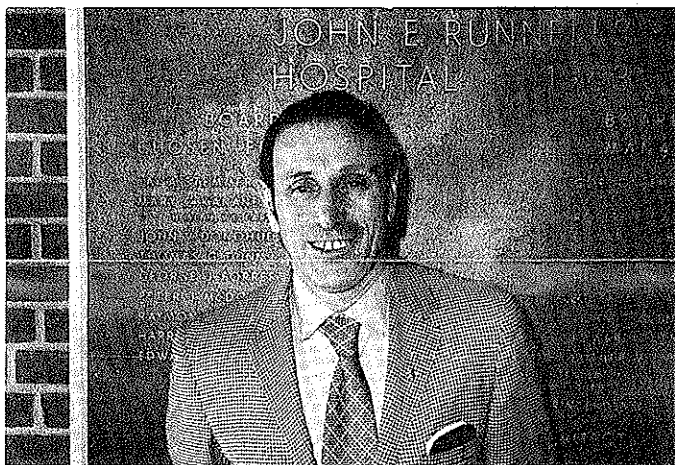
Award received from Lyons Hospital in recognition of the help rendered by Union Council 4504.



From left to right — George Bryne, Pete Genova, Vince Zambolla, Art Foster and Jack Poepoe.



From left to right — Bruce Bentz, Mike Tomko, Father Nicholas of Runnels, Mike Bizon, Matty Petrusiak and Lou Denesh.



Mike Romeo — Captain of the Wheel Chair Brigade.

The Charge of the Wheel Chair Brigade

Can you hear a bugle in the distance? Perhaps you can't but you should for the dedicated men that form the Councils' Wheel Chair Brigade. For over seven years, these men have gone to Runnels and Lyons Hospitals in a true show of charity and have assisted helpless people attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. If there ever was a group of men who live up to the pure spirit of the K of C these men are they.

What actually happens is simply this. Every few weeks a group of Brother Knights meet at the Council Hall early Sunday morning and after stopping for

breakfast either go to Lyons or Runnels Hospital to help their patients attend Mass. Many of the patients become very friendly with the men and look forward to seeing them every month. The patients the Brigade help are indeed in dire need of assistance and as a result deeply appreciate our Councils' helping hand. All the members of the Brigade will tell you the deep satisfaction they receive from helping these people.

Mike Romeo has been "captain" of the Brigade for the last 3½ years and has done an outstanding job. Need-

less to say, the Wheel Chair Brigade is always in need of new volunteers. If you have talked a lot about charity but have never done anything about it like so many of us, here is your chance. Just see Mike at the next meeting or phone him at 688-2740 and tell him you would like to be on his team.

Members of the Brigade missing from the pictures are Frank Bruno, John Inessina, Charlie Kraemer, John Lennon, Steve Lister, Robert Pankuck, Henry Smith, Dan Soos, Ray Sullivan, Frank Trenta, Stanley Wayne, John Winters, John Woodhour and Ignatious Zrebiec.

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CALENDAR

FEB 8 Corporate Communion
6:30 P.M. (Dinner-Meeting)
FEB 13 Children's Ice Skating -
Bus Ride
FEB 22 Regular Meeting
MAR 3 Widows Night
MAR 8 Regular Meeting
MAR 22 Regular Meeting
MAR 28 Day of Reccollection
2:00 P.M. St. Michaels -
Lower Church
APR 3 Egg Hunt (tentative)
APR 12 Regular Meeting
APR 17 Grand Ball -
Council Hall
APR 26 Regular Meeting

JFK General Assembly meets at the Council Hall every 3rd Wed. at 8:30 P. M.

At Meetings

After every meeting (except during Lent) all the men are invited to have a sandwich or snack and a few beers. There is no charge for this pleasant practice. There is, however, a glass bowl as you sign in at the meeting called the Beggars Bowl. It's begging you to drop some change into it, to help cover the cost of your fine refreshments. It has been very empty lately. Today you could not go anywhere and get a good sandwich and a few beers for \$1.00. So if you put a dollar in the bowl you'll get more than your moneys worth. It's a downright bargain. At the next meeting drop in some change (everyone can afford at least \$.25) or even a dollar. Maybe some day the contributions will completely pay for the food and brew. Miracles are possible. Do your share!

Knight of the Month

February 1971



Michael Romeo

There are certain names that are synonymous with Union Council 4504. Such a name is Mike Romeo, a Knight who has given endless hours to the Council.

Brother Mike has been a member of Union Council for five years and for the last few years has contributed a great deal of his Sunday Mornings in working with the disabled veterans at Lyons and Runnells Hospital. As chairman of the Wheel Chair Brigade, Mike has been the forceful guiding light behind a well formulated plan of Catholic action which has encompassed both public and private religious manifestations. It is in acknowledgement of these efforts that this tribute is bestowed.

Mike resides in Union at 2638 Spruce St. with his charming wife Millie and their son John. Another son Mike Jr., is married. Mike is employed with Callahan Equipment Co., Kenilworth N. J. and is an usher and communicant of St. Michaels.

It gives Union Council great pleasure to honor Mike Romeo as our Knight of the Month for February 1971.

SWIM CLUB SPLASHES

It is time once again to remind our sun lovers that the annual dues are due. The deadline of course is as usual April 1, 1971. On behalf of the Board of Directors we ask that the members please pay as soon as possible so the work load may be lightened. The amount is \$65. Make check payable to Columbian Swim Club and mail to P.O. Box 1206, Union, N. J. 07083.

To anyone who is contemplating his resignation from the pool we direct a fervent plea that he make his wishes known to the Membership Chairman as soon as possible. Give the fellow on the waiting list the same consideration you would wish. Be a good Knight.

Last October we directed a request to twenty-nine members for the dates of birth of their respective families. To date fourteen of these good brothers have not responded. We again appeal to these people to send us the desired information. With the advent of the new badge system to be instituted this year it becomes imperative that we are afforded this information. If the request is ignored the offending families will not have badges for the pool opening, nor for as long as the information is withheld. We would appreciate your cooperation in this and in fact in all matters concerning the club.

As a distant early warning keep in mind that the work parties to prepare the pool for opening will begin in late March or early April depending on the weather conditions. Please try to spare a few Saturday mornings and come out and meet and join with the best people in the world. We work and we love fun but most important of all we help the club and in the long run help ourselves by keeping the dues at a reasonable rate. Give it a try - we think you will enjoy the few hours shared with your brother Knights. There is a bonus for those who engage in the prescribed amount of work parties. We have an appreciation night, to which we invite you and your lovely wives to a show and then back to the Council for refreshments.

Bill Taylor

Gumption

Gumption is a compound of courage, determination and common sense. It is one's inner force, the blazing urge that gets things done regardless of the odds. Gumption can carry you to success if you'll go after it with all the energy, enthusiasm and know-how you possess. It's the ones who go about their work with unruffled calm, who are not afraid to cooperate, who are always willing to learn, who keep an open mind. It's the ones with an attentive ear and an observing eye, who give the best that's in them day in and day out. These are the people who are sure to get ahead. This takes real gumption and endless patience. But the rewards are great, the opportunities unlimited.



Walter Wasowski presenting a gift to Michael Pacyne in honor of his fine job as post Columbian Club President.



**Chaplain's
Corner**
Rev. John A. Palasits

Off To A Good Start

A first grader proudly showed his mother the gold star he had earned in school.

"We get these for what we do best?" he explained.

"And what do you do best?" she asked.

"I'm the best restler!" beamed the boy.

Everyone wants to be good at something.

And most of us are.

Young, old or middle-aged, we all have a built-in drive to excel.

This yearning is as fundamental to life as the need for food and drink.

God made us that way.

But faulty training, inhibitions or the misreading of mistakes often rob us at an early age of the reasonable self-confidence required if we are to excel.

If ever the world suffered from a shortage of capable, compassionate and confident men and women -- it does so today.

What you do -- or fail to do -- may have far-reaching effects on countless people you will never meet this side of eternity.

From Christopher News Notes
Father Palasits

Let's Keep In Tune

To do this will require tenors, baritones and bass singers.

Plans have already been started for this Council to have a choral group of its own, the response from verbal contact of members has been good and practice sessions will soon be getting underway. Singing is fun and a good way of relaxing.

Brothers interested in participating need only to contact our Council Activities Chairman, Vincent Iannuzzi - 687-9381 or General Chairman - Rocco Corbo - 688-8842.

Random Thoughts

Cheer up, birds have bills and they are still singing . . . Adolescence is the age when the boy's discover girls, and the girls discover that they're been discovered . . . Blue Cross Insurance: A company that docks my pay to pay my doc . . . There is a midget who's an expert ice skater - He does figure 4's . . . Years ago suffragettes guaranteed that when women got the vote there would be no more wars, depression or racial discrimination. So what happened? . . . Parking meters should remind us that we lose money standing still . . . The years are beginning to add up if it takes you longer to rest than it did to get tired . . . Congressional harmony comes from wind instruments . . . Newly married, that's the bachelor who just lost his liberty in the pursuit of happiness . . . Did you hear about the termite that favored swanky apartment buildings, it had a suite tooth . . . Confusion is one woman plus a left turn. Excitement is two women plus one secret. Bedlam is three women plus one bargain. Chaos is four women plus one luncheon check . . . Childhood begins with a youngster asking where he came from and ends with his refusing to tell where he is going . . . All the talk about the high cost of living is just propaganda put out by people who eat . . . Don't be afraid to take a big step if one is indicated. You can't cross a chasm in two small jumps . . . A girl can learn to love a man, depending on how much he is willing to spend on her education . . . America is the only country in the world where a man can build a three car garage and fill it with cars he doesn't own . . . Fixed ideas are the enemy of the old. They more than anything else, build the wall against youth . . . I see that the price of feathers is increasing. Inflation is really out of hand when down is up . . . If we stopped to think more, we would stop to thank more . . . Hate is not the opposite of love, apathy is! Of course you don't hate anybody. But if you turn your back on people and problems its really the same thing. Love is an active verb. Love means getting involved. Love means giving something of yourself. "Love your neighbor" is a lot easier said than done. But there's no better time to start trying than right now.

Jim Moran



Santa made his yearly visit to Union Council.

**Grand
Knight's
Message**

Robert Armstrong



My Brother Knights:

I spent the most part of today (Jan. 9th) at the Robert Treat Hotel in Newark attending a meeting of the State Council K. of C., the major subject of the meeting was "The Papal Tribute" a concentrated membership recruitment program in honor of his Holiness Pope Paul VI. In line with this end, each Grand Knight received a kit to help him direct his Council to an effective and successful implementation of this program. In this day it is most necessary that we do try to increase our membership with good practical Catholics. What we need today is more united action against those who would tear down all that we and our nation stand for. Your membership in the K of C can afford you this strength for positive Catholic action for God and Country. If you extend yourself you will also respond with Friendship, Fraternity and Faith, toward your fellowman but it is you who must make the first move. One of your first moves could be to bring in a new member or just to resolve to get to a regular meeting if you have'nt been attending. It is the start of a new year, why not try to change some of the old habits that we have gotten into. A guide could possibly be the answer to the question "Am I the Knight I used to be?"

In the past few weeks, our Financial Secretary sent out dues notices for the "71" year. Your prompt attention to this can result in a savings for the Council and effort on the part of the Fin. Sec. The savings occur when we do not have to send out reminders which requires stamps and envelopes and the effort necessary to address and contact those who do fall behind is a big one. Won't you please remember the lesson of the first degree and make it easier by your prompt reply.

Notice

If anyone knows of any Brother who had died or is ill please contact Grand Knight Robert Armstrong at 688-8548 or Deputy Grand Knight Dominick Clementoni at 688-3618.

Meet Mike Mazzeo

He's our new insurance representative. Mike comes to us loaded with experience having worked for the Prudential for 8 years, the last five as sales manager. The Knights insurance is now his full time job so why not pick his brain if you have any questions, Mike's home phone number is 667-8217.