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OUTSTANDING FIRST DEGREE

On Monday, October 12, at V.F.W. Hall, our recently installed officers conducted an exemplification of the First Degree. The following members were welcomed to our ranks:

Bernard Baranowski, Casper Barbera, Anthony Capriglione, Paul Corrigan, Eugene Campanero, John Christie, Anthony Crea, Dante DeNino, Joseph DiNicola, Harold J. Fox, Vincent J. Frankovitch, Guido Ferrara, Joseph Graziano, Michael Herrightly, Michael Kane, Joseph Militano, Raymond Mayer, Richard Owens, Victor Orlando, Edward A. Pawlowski, Steven Petersak, Samuel Plaia, Joseph Russomano, Arthur Reinhard, Jr., Robert J. Schmidlinger, John P. Smith, Alfred Yersevich, Eugene Zelazny, and Franklin Zusi.

Our officers are to be congratulated for the splendid manner in which they conducted the degree. Their technique in performing the difficult ritualistic work was considered by many of our older, and more experienced brothers, to be the finest displayed, in this area, for some time. If this, their first endeavor, is any indication of their abilities, there is scant reason to doubt that our council will again win first place honors. The conferring officers were: Grand Knight, John S. Zimmerman; Deputy Grand Knight, George N. Arnold; Chancellor, Thomas M. Crimmins; Warden, James Confroy;

Financial Secretary, Alvin A. Dietlein; Inside Guard, Charles Howes; and Outside Guard, Oscar Ernst.

A very large assembly of brothers was present to greet the newly inducted members, and welcome them to our council. While plaudits are being extended, they must also include the membership for their attendance, not only at special affairs, but at our regular meetings. This is an obvious indication that our members are not Knights "in name only," but take an active interest in the affairs of their council.

Our next First Degree will be held on November 9th, with an expected class of approximately twenty candidates. Second Degree is scheduled for November 16th; be sure to turn out for this special meeting to encourage the candidates, and help prepare them for their Third Degree on December 5, 1959.

Fraternal Activity Chairman, Bernard Raymond, and Membership Chairman, Mario Henriquez are planning a surprise combination affair for all members at the regular meeting on November 23rd—Memorial Services and Indocrination Night. This affair is for both new and old members. Both men refused to reveal any details concerning this event honoring our departed brothers, except to promise the members that they will be amazed and impressed by the ceremonies.

Council Activity Program

Chairman Bill Taylor, and his Council Activity Committee, has planned a Christmas party for December 12. At press time, several details remained to be ironed out, therefore, the brothers are requested to be on the alert for full details in next month's issue of the Digest. We can tell you that it will be styled after Knight's Night, and if you enjoyed that affair, we know you will be looking forward to the December 12th date.

The committee is making rapid strides towards producing a minstrel show. "At our last council meeting we signed-up twenty-eight prospective 'Hams,'" reports Chairman Taylor. "We invite all who are interested to contact me, as soon as possible. We will especially welcome any brother who has some special talent. Do not, however, let the lack of any special talent deter you from joining with us to make this venture a howling success. Anyone can sing in a group, so let's go fellows—sign up now!! It is our belief that we can successfully stage this show, and have a grand time doing it." The committee has several scripts ordered "on approval", and by the time the Digest reaches you, they expect to have chosen a specific show. They have the ball rolling, brothers, now it is up to you to keep it moving. Jump on the band wagon, and help make their first theatrical attempt—a huge success.

Brothers, keep this date in mind—jot it down on your calendar of future events—February 19, 1960—Square Dance at Evergreen Lodge.

6 Point Committee Report

Six Point Chairman, Bill Donnelly, has issued the following statement:

"As your general program chairman, it is my earnest desire, in planning our functions, to have a varied program in order to reach each and every brother."

"I am in a position to observe, and to help carry out, the activities planned by each committee. The chairmen have selected and planned their programs for the year. This requires a tremendous amount of working and planning, which means many hours of discussions by the members of each and every committee. Their only hope of a reward is that you will attend the affairs which they have planned for you."

If, and when, you are asked to reply to a planned affair, please do so, as it is very important to the committee.

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Memorial Mass

On Sunday, November 15, 1959, at the 9:05 A.M. Mass in St. Michael's Lower Church, we will pay tribute to our departed brothers. All members are urged to attend, and to receive Holy Communion in a body, in memory of Brothers Paul A. Desseault, William C. Fay and Raymond E. Vollherbst.

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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

- Nov. 9—
Regular Council Meeting, and
Exemplification of First De-
gree, V.F.W. Hall, 8:15 P.M.
- Nov. 15—
Memorial Mass for deceased
members, St. Michael's lower
church, 9:05 A.M.
- Nov. 16—
Exemplification of Second De-
gree, V.F.W. Hall, 8:15 P.M.
- Nov. 23—
Regular Council Meeting,
V.F.W. Hall, 8:15 P.M.
- Dec. 5—
Exemplification of Third De-
gree, Columbian Club, Union
Street, Elizabeth.
- Dec. 12—
Christmas Party—Kenilworth
Veterans Center, Kenilworth,
N. J.
- Dec. 14—
Regular Council Meeting,
V.F.W. Hall, 8:15 P.M.
- Dec. 18—
Children's Christmas Party,
V.F.W. Hall.
- Dec. 28—
Regular Council Meeting,
V.F.W. Hall, 8:15 P.M.



Chaplain's Corner

--- Rev. Joseph F. Driscoll

Whenever we speak of death, we always refer to it as belonging to someone else. We are saddened by the death of a brother knight, and speak well of him. As we pass middle age, we note the obituary columns of the newspapers with ever increasing concern. However, it takes the times of retreat to force us to consider our own death.

It should not be that way for us. We are regularly reminded to pray daily for the grace of a happy death. Now, in the month of November, we are asked to pray for the souls of the departed. We are urged, as well, to think of our own souls.

In the past year, our Lord called home several of our brother knights, of our own council. Should we not ask "Why were they called and not us?" It was certainly within God's power to call any one of us in their stead. If we had been called, would we have been prepared? Not only do I mean preparation through being free from sin; there should be a positive

expectancy that God may call at anytime.

A good attitude to build, with the help of God, is to consider yourself already within the mansion of God. The only separation between yourself and the presence of God, as Judge, is the door to the next room. This door is death. Death, therefore, is not the end, but the beginning of glory and joy. Death is the means of entering into eternal life.

The knight, as a good Catholic, must not fear death, but pray that God may bring death in His own good time, and welcome us into His chambers.

Throughout the month of November, knights should remember all the members of their families, and brother knights, in their Masses, prayers, and Rosaries. Further, we should pray for all the souls in Purgatory, so they may obtain Heaven.

We should like to commend brother Arthur Weber, and his Catholic Activity Committee, for their zealous implementing of their program to the entire council.

We're All Members of the Public Relations Committee!

Whether we realize it or not, we are all members of the Public Relations Committee! In the eyes of the general public, we are associated with the Knights of Columbus, and what we do, what we say, and how we act, day in and day out, reflect on our Order.

We are continually in the spotlight—we are observed by non-Catholics who expect us to be good neighbors and take an active interest in civic affairs; we are observed by Catholics because we are referred to as the "cream of the crop" and are expected to set the good example and finally we are observed by the members of our own household who usually form their opinions by what we say and what we do.

Our deeds, expressions, and actions are noticed and remembered, and help form the public's impression of us. If that impression is favorable, our Order benefits. Also, good public relations build good community relations, and if the Knights of Columbus stands high in our communities, we can take pride in being identified with it. High esteem, like a good reputation, must be earned by continuous effort, and once established will long endure.

Because we are our Order's representatives, we should be well informed about our Order. We should know such facts as: that dedicated to the principles of

charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism, the Knights of Columbus offers an ideal outlet for Catholic men who desire to participate in fraternal affairs, an outlet which enables them to set worthy examples as ideal Catholics to their families and community. In addition, its program of Catholic Action, Fraternal, Council and Youth Activities, Membership-Insurance and Public Relations touches in intimate ways the lives of millions with spiritual or material enrichment, and help guide us in the practice of our Catholic duties in the fields of charity, devotion, and education.

To sum it all up, we are the ambassadors of Columbianism—so let's build and *maintain* sound and productive public relations.

Silver Anniversary

On October 1, 1959, Brother and Mrs. James Walsh, of 921 Lafayette Avenue, Union celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary with a family dinner at Patricia Murphy's famous eatery in Yonkers, New York.

"Have you said to someone 'You should be a Knight' and then let it go at that."

"Don't talk Knights of Columbus, Be a Knight."

Grand Knight's Message



Brothers:

The month of November presents the most active and challenging period, thus far, for the officers of the Council, and the chairman of the various committees. In a period of fourteen days, the Council will have the privilege of witnessing the exemplification of all three degrees of the Order. During this same period, Fraternal Activity Chairman, Bernie Raymond, with the assistance of the officers, will present our first commemorative exercise. Also, by the time this news reaches your homes, Brother Art Weber, who is doing a very commendable job at Catholic Activity, will have demonstrated our first Living Rosary at St. Michael's Church; while Bill Taylor, and his committee, will have catered to your social delights at Knight's Night. And so it goes—from Brothers Mario Henriques and Tom Duhig at membership and admissions, to Vince Squazzo, and the refreshment committee, who lend their services at every council meeting.

This may seem like a reiteration of my part, (commending the loyalty and duration of the men who direct and serve on our many committees) but it is my only means to reach the entire membership, and have them understand the reason why our council has gained such

renown in its brief existence.

May I, too, use this message as a reminder to those who have not already made their pledge in support of the Columbian Club, to please do so, if it is financially possible. Our President, Warren Hehl, is most anxious to call in the contractors to commence the erection of our clubhouse; thereby presenting the fulfillment of the most fantastic accomplishment in the state history of our Order. This dream can be the reality of tomorrow if we can depend on our every member who is in a position to help our drive.

Brothers—now, at the third writing of our monthly digest, I can advise you of the serious concern that I knew when I fully realized that I had been elected to the office of Grand Knight. However, with the development of time, assuring me of the ability and talent of the men who head our committees, and the genuine co-operative spirit of the entire membership, I can only foresee another brilliant year for our records. Please continue to work and pray together, and our union will continue to bring assured success.

Fraternally yours,

John S. Zimmerman

District Deputy Award Announced By Carlin

State Deputy Joseph J. Carlin has announced the creation of a new, special award to be known as, "The District Deputy of the Year". This award will be made to the District Deputy whose district shows the largest net increase in membership, on a percentage basis.

The State Deputy's great interest in the contest is evinced by his personal preparation of the District quotas which have been arranged to give all contestants an equal opportunity to win the award. Periodic reports on the standings will be furnished to the District Deputies to enable them to keep informed on their achievements.

Now, while we are engaged in our own membership drive, we can win not only another "Century Club" award for our Council, but can greatly assist our own District Deputy, Frank Jackiewicz in his efforts to win this new and coveted award.

Conservation

A member saved is the equivalent to your council of a new application. It is a matter of simple arithmetic—a member lost, and a new member gained still leaves the total membership at the same level. Get after those "Half Hearted" brothers, encourage them to attend meetings and join with you in enjoying the many social activities which the various committees have planned. Most important, remind them to pay their dues and other assessments on time in order to preserve their good standing.

Brother Warren Hehl enjoyed a golfer's "morale booster" on September 26th, by scoring a "Birdie" on the ninth hole at the Roselle C. C.

Will you say daily:

"BLESSED BE THE IMMACULATE
HEART OF MARY"

Ask your friends to do likewise

SAFE DRIVING CORNER

Oscar Ernst

Among Catholic car owners, in our country, it has become a wide-spread practice to display, in their cars, statues of Christ, our Blessed Mother of God, and other saints. This move does not meet with opposition from our spiritual leaders. They, perhaps, trust us with the knowledge of our faith, and hope that we may derive many spiritual benefits from this practice. Whatever their thinking, it might well be a good idea to look into and discuss the reasons for displaying these objects.

The foremost purpose would be that it serves us as a reminder of Christian virtues, and of Catholic teachings in particular, which we are to apply and put into practice during our daily life; i.e., driving a car on our crowded highways.

What then are some of these Christian virtues we are to be mindful of?—Christ gave us one great commandment when He said "LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF." To the driver, this simply means practicing charity on the road. It means being courteous to everybody—giving a helping hand. It means giving in an inch once in a while, and, believe it or not, it also includes obeying traffic laws which are made to protect you and your neighbor.

Furthermore, the presence of a statue in a car should inspire its occupants to frequent prayer. This should be a little hint to all of the "backseat drivers"—It definitely is more beneficial than arguing, and other such practices, which divert the driver's attention from the road.

The display also shows other drivers that you are a Catholic. This is well and fine IF you act like a Catholic gentleman should act on the road. If you are of a contrary opinion in this respect, then you better not display any statues, or someday you, might end up in jail and that is one kind of treatment GOD does not deserve.

Church Etiquette

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

1. Arrive on time for Mass.
2. Concentrate on the Mass.
3. Stay until the end of Mass (which includes the foot prayers).

WEAR THE EMBLEM . . .
and live the principles it represents.

BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER

- 16—Peter Fresulone
Joseph A. Kenny
Joseph F. Scibert
Adam Tanski
- 17—Gerard Chaplinski
- 18—Dr. Stanley J. Nieber
James Priccacinte
- 20—John Zarinko
- 22—Merle L. Dunn
Oscar Ernst
- 23—Martin A. Hayes
Andrew J. McCarrick
John J. Vassallo
- 24—Frank W. Fackelman
- 25—Otto J. Mende, Sr.
Julius Nick
- 27—Frank Brown
Raymond T. Moore
Carl B. Murphy, Jr.

DECEMBER

- 1—Harold J. Mensinger
- 2—Frank W. Palanowich
- 9—B. Warren Hehl
- 10—Frank A. Perina, Jr.
- 11—Frank Dickerson
John L. Dukes
- 14—Vincent Riggi

Knight of the Month

The committee has selected as our second "Knight of the Month", Brother Bernard Godesky. Brother Godesky is probably best known for his ceaseless and untiring efforts as Chairman of the Bowling Committee. In this capacity, he lends his talents, on a year round basis, as the driving force behind our Council's Winter and Summer Bowling Leagues. His newest endeavor is the entry into the Municipal League of a team representing Union Council #4504.

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