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CATHOLIC ACTIVITY COMMITTEE SCORES AGAIN

Our Catholic Activity Committee, chairmanned by Brother Art. Weber, has again planned and conducted an outstanding success in the field of Catholic Action.

On Sunday, January 17, the 9:05 A.M. Mass in St. Michael's Lower Church was filled to overflowing as members and their families attended a Family Corporate Communion.

In our last issue, Brother Weber stated "We would like to make this an annual, or even a semi-annual event, but until we have some idea as to the response of the members, it is difficult to make specific plans." It is apparent, by their gratifying response, that the members are very much in favor of such an event, and we feel that the Catholic Activity Committee now has a solid basis for formulating such plans.

Brothers are reminded that the ANNUAL DAY OF RECOLLECTION will be conducted on Sunday, February 14, 1960, from 2:00 to 5:00 P.M. in St.

Will Your Prospect Be Our 500th Member??

Membership Chairman, Mario Henriquez has disclosed that his committee plans a special occasion for the reception of our 500th member, and that member's sponsor. Among other things he will be presented with a free key to our future Columbian Club.

Brother Henriquez advises that he is planning a First Degree for early February, and Major Degrees for late in February and March. Applications are needed now, or candidates may have to wait for May and June classes. (Those members who were unable to take their Third Degree in December may do so on February 7th, at Dean Gessner Council, in Elizabeth.) This is not the time to slacken in our membership drive. Several councils in the state may be catching up, and of late, we have not done too much. Do you remember that friend, neighbor, or business associate you were considering for membership in our Council? Does our Council need his particular abilities to accomplish its objectives? Would the Council help make him a better Catholic?—In either event, CAN WE AFFORD THE LOSS???

Michael's Church. Reverend Laurence Thomas Murphy, a member of St. Michael's Parish, who was ordained in June 1954 will be the guest speaker. Father Murphy is a graduate of Annapolis, and during World War II, held the rank of Lt. Commander. Following his service, he entered the priesthood and is now Associate Editor of the religious publication "World Campus", and a teacher at the Maryknoll Seminary in Buffalo, New York.

Non-catholic and non-member males, 18 years of age and over, are invited. The Catholic Activity Committee urges you to attend, and asks that you bring along a friend or neighbor. Refreshments will be served in the School Hall following the concluding devotion, Benediction of the most Blessed Sacrament.

Six Point Chairman Report

Brother Bill Donnelly, Six Point Committee Chairman reports, "At this time, we have reached the half way mark in our program for the 1959-60 council year."

"After reviewing our accomplishments to date, I am pleased to announce that we, of Union Council, are far ahead of our requirements for the Membership Honor Roll, and this places us in line for the Contest of Champions sponsored by the Supreme Council. This is an award which we should strive to attain. The prospective members are within our reach, if a little effort is extended. I know that Membership Chairman, Mario Henriquez, will accept our five hundredth member in the next group to be initiated. The Council should then look forward to the other major affairs of our program, scheduled for the next few months: Catholic Activity: Day of Recollection, Father and Son Communion Breakfast, and the Retreat. Chairman Art Weber has set up a retreat captain to supply you with further information, and to accept advance payments. Council Activity: Square Dance, and Anniversary Ball. The Anniversary Ball is the major source of revenue to carry out the charitable and fraternal activities of our Order."

"Once again I would like to take this opportunity to exhort the general membership to take an active part in these affairs. It is only with your co-operation that these functions can be successful."

Knight of the Month

The selection committee has, this month, chosen to honor Brother Hugh O'Neill, Chairman of the Youth Activity Committee.

Hughie has created a feeling of complete co-operation and comradeship among the members of his committee. He typifies the ideal Knight, and one we all look up to.

Those who attended the Youth Sports Night will agree that a superlative job was done. His next event, the children's Christmas Party, was a huge success, and further testifies to the wonderful work which Brother Hughie, through his Youth Activity Committee, is contriving to effect. He is presently in the throes of leading a group of youngsters in the Municipal Basketball League. After carefully planning for the league, he has successfully "put the show on the road."

His unselfish and profound leadership, as well as the handling of the planning and carrying out of these various functions leaves no doubt that our esteemed Knight of the Month justly deserves this honor.

KNIGHTS OF THE MONTH ? KNIGHT OF THE YEAR ?

June	—	—
May	—	—
April	—	—
March	—	—
February	—	Hugh O'Neill
January	—	Anthony Mack
December	—	Arthur Weber
November	—	Bernard Godesky
October	—	William C. Fay (Deceased)

COUNCIL AIDS MARCH OF DIMES

Recently, Grand Knight John Zimmerman was called upon, as leader of Union's Knights of Columbus organization, to assist in the March of Dimes campaign. A committee was hastily formed, whose job it was to distribute the familiar contribution boxes throughout the town. It is indeed gratifying to hear, that in true knightly fashion, the members of the committee responded so wholeheartedly, and efficiently, to this call for help.

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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

- FEB. 8—
Regular Council Meeting, The "Fun-attics" barbershop quartette will entertain.
- FEB. 14—
Day of Recollection—St. Michaels Church, 2:00 P.M.
- FEB. 19—
Square Dance—Evergreen Lodge.
- FEB. 22—
Regular Council Meeting.
- MAR. 14—
Regular Council Meeting.
- MAR. 20—
Father and Son Communion Breakfast.
- MAR. 28—
Regular Council Meeting.

CONVENTION

1960
State Council Convention
Atlantic City
May 6 and 7



Chaplain's Corner

--- Rev. Joseph F. Driscoll

HOW? — — NOW!!

Please God, it will be the good fortune of our Council, this month, for every man to take advantage of the special graces to be offered on Sunday the fourteenth, at the Day of Recollection, to be held for the Council at St. Michael's Church. The Council, and the Church, cannot benefit from this activity unless all the members participate.

At this time, I should like to draw your attention to the words of inspiration given at the National Convention held in St. Louis. Bishop John Cody, of Kansas City, urged all Knights to "become mediators between the Church and the world." He told them not to waste the resources of their organization on the "pursuit of

the trivial. As individuals you cannot rest in your efforts to know Christ, and to make Him known to others." "In essence, to be a Christian is to be one with Christ. Keep always before you what it really means to be a layman, a member of Christ's Mystical Body, and therefore, a person called to fulfill Christ's mission."

Certainly, all worthy brothers are stirred by the eloquence and sincerity of Bishop Cody. As a local Chaplain, I think I may express the mind of the individual Knight with the question, "HOW?"

I bid you all come and bring fellow Catholics, and non-catholics, to hear the answer to the question, "HOW?" You will also be inspired to do it "NOW."

CALLING ALL SQUARE DANCERS

Council Activity Chairman, Bill Taylor, announces that our next social affair will be a square dance to be held at Old Evergreen Lodge, located on Evergreen Ave., Springfield, on February 19. The admission price will be one dollar per person.

Since our rental arrangement entitles us only to the use of the dance hall, all refreshments must be purchased on the premises from the Evergreen Lodge.

Brothers, if you are not square dance fans, DO NOT stay away. There will also be conventional dancing, as a change of pace. If you are not familiar with square dance routines, so much the better, it will only add to your fun. A letter, outlining all the details, will shortly be sent to each member.

The time has come for us to begin preparations for our Third Annual Ball, to be held in the Elizabeth Armory on April 23, 1960. Brother Pete Rakowski, who has graciously consented to handle our Souvenir Journal, is in need of a great deal of help from the members. Covering all the sources of advertisements in the Town will be a large and lengthy job. Like all major projects, however, many hands make light work. Won't you pitch in and help us make our journal a success?? Dwell on this thought—This is your Council and only you can make it a successful one. Please contact Brother Rakowski, or any member of the Council Activity Committee, if you wish to help.

Columbian Club News

At a meeting, at V.F.W. Hall, on January 11, President, Warren Hehl made an annual report of the progress of the club, and presented to each member who had a paid up pledge of one hundred dollars, or more, a key to our future home.

Brother Hehl urges those members who have signed pledges to bring their accounts up to date. Any member who has not been approached to sign up is asked to contact Fred Vollherbst, DR 6-4388, or Joe Gaynor, MU 6-8112.

Although a definite date has not as yet been set, construction is expected to start in the not too distant future. Progress in this direction is, of course, dependent upon receipt of pledged monies. Donations of building materials will be gratefully accepted. Any member wishing to make such a contribution is urged to contact Brother Hehl, or any member of the Building Fund Committee.

COLUMBIAN CLUB Pledge Goal \$40,000.

_____	40
_____	35
We are here	30
_____	25
_____	20
_____	15
_____	10
_____	5

Grand Knight's Message



Brothers:

The months ahead presently picture a seemingly insurmountable challenge with regard to both the spiritual and fraternal activities of our council.

I am asking our Catholic Activity Chairman, Brother Art. Weber, to show increased participation at our forthcoming Day of Recollection, and also at our Communion Breakfast, and Week-end Retreat. Council Activity Chairman, Brother Bill Taylor, has advised me that he will strive to bring twelve hundred members and friends to our Anniversary Ball to be held in the Elizabeth Armory in April. Membership Chairman, Brother Mario Henriquez, has advised the Council that he plans a special occasion for the reception of our 500th member, and sponsor. Columbian Club President, Brother Warren Hehl, has visions of our new home on Jeanette Avenue. Your Council officers will again seek recognition as they are observed in the performance of the ritualistic ceremonies of our Order.

The above mentioned affairs, together with the many other sports and social events, planned for the remainder of our Council year, will certainly find us worthy of consideration for the "Star Council Award" in May.

The successful operation of the Council for the second half year again depends completely upon our membership participation. Your program is very intelligently and completely planned in every phase by the various committee heads. Their reward is your kind acceptance of their efforts. Please note the dates on the Council Calendar, and try to arrange your schedule so that you can be present at every Council function. This, in a sense, is only your duty as a true and loyal Knight of Columbus.

I again offer my sincere appreciation to all who have assisted in the many phases of Council activity thus far, and I pray that God will continue to bless our work, as He has in the past.

Fraternally yours,

John S. Zimmerman

SPORTS NEWS

BOWLING

At this writing, standings in the intra-council league have again been re-shuffled. The fast moving Merits have assumed the lead, followed by the Rebels and the Ying Yangs. The former leaders, the Sinkers, have sunk to fourth position. Present standings:

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

Al. Dietlein, with a 246 effort, has overshadowed Joe Gluck's 245 to set a new high game record. Frank Gross' 613 set is still high for three games, and John Burke remains high average leader with 179.

60% of the bowlers are in the "200 Club." Jim Riggi leads the field with ten games over 200, closely followed by John Burke with nine.

It was certainly nice to see the large contingent of wives and girl friends in the cheering section on Sunday, January 17th.

BASKETBALL

The Council's senior five made its debut in the Municipal League, on January 7, in a losing 46-33 effort. The Knights were off in their shooting and had difficulty getting untracked. Schedules have been given to the Council Recorder, and are available to members. You are urged to attend the games and lend your moral support. Remember also, those future Knights, who are playing in the Junior and Midget Leagues, would like to know that we are behind them.

REMINDER

Square Dance
at
EVERGREEN LODGE
Springfield, N. J.

FEBRUARY 19

SAFE DRIVING CORNER

Oscar Ernst

December 21st marked the beginning of winter, and by this time most people have long since heeded the insistent warnings of the radio and television commercials, and newspaper advertisements, to winterize their cars. Anti-freeze and lighter oil have been added, the thermostats have been adjusted, and tire chains are handy—the cars are all set for a rough winter, but what of the drivers???

Much has been made of the necessity of winterizing the car, but nothing is heard about winterizing the driving habits of the person behind the wheel. Winter is the season when Death takes his greatest toll on our nation's highways. Need proof? Just take a look at what happened over the holiday season—

Last year, 38% of all auto accidents in our state occurred between dark and dawn. That doesn't sound alarming until you realize that there is far less than 38% of the total daily traffic volume on the roads during these hours. "Yes," most of us say, "but don't worry about me, I'm an experienced driver." Do we experienced drivers know that, in 1958, more than 56% of the auto accidents in New Jersey involved drivers with eleven or more years of road experience?

These rules of the road should help to keep us out of trouble: DON'T OVERDRIVE YOUR HEADLIGHTS. At 50 MPH, low beam headlights simply do not throw sufficient light far enough ahead to prevent a possible collision.

DON'T TAILGATE. (Tailgate — A trucker's expression meaning to drive too closely to the vehicle ahead) Give yourself ample stopping room. Allow approximately one car length for every ten miles per hour of your speed, and more than that on wet or slippery roads.

DON'T CLOSE ALL THE WINDOWS. Despite complaints of your passengers, who are not so much in need of mental alertness, a little fresh air will keep both your head and the windshield a bit clearer.

Remember, brothers, an average of 110 Americans die on the highways every day. Let's all unite in the battle to prevent this needless slaughter. THE LIFE YOU SAVE MAY BE YOUR OWN.

FATHER BEGLEY ELEVATED

On January 3, Archbishop Thomas A. Boland invested our distinguished brother, Rev. Edward J. Begley, with the vestments of a Right Reverend Monsignor. The honor of Domestic Prelacy was conferred on Monsignor Begley by Pope John XXIII, on December last, for his scholarship, zeal and holiness of life in administering St. Michael's Parish.

BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY

- 16—Charles L. Lynch
- 17—John J. Reynolds
- 18—Lawrence Brew
- 19—William H. Stuart
- 20—Richard Hampp
Frank F. Janus
Francis J. Johnson, Jr.
- 21—George N. Arnold
- 22—John Heiszer
- 23—Charles O'Connell
- 24—Raymond L. Moy
Thomas E. Waters
- 26—Michael E. Pacyna
Bernard C. Raymond
- 27—Mario A. Genova
- 29—Stanley F. Majkrzak

MARCH

- 3—Robert J. Lynch
Anthony Mack
Philip J. Spalletta

MARCH (Contd.)

- 4—Richard Kaiser
- 5—John J. Bendokas
Joseph P. Moeltner
Matthew S. Simon
George Smolka
Edward T. Sullivan
- 6—Joseph Malone
- 7—James T. Bradley
- 8—Joseph Crilly
- 9—Joseph J. Fitzsimmons
Frank M. Pitt
- 10—Andrew J. Merbler
- 11—Henry R. Weismantel
- 13—Joseph Naples
- 14—Nicholas A. Reininger

WANTED

A Barbershop Quartette

Lecturer, Howard Leary has announced that a Barbershop Quartette Contest will

be instituted at the regular council meeting on February 8th. Howard has arranged for the "Fun-artics", a barbershop quartette, to appear on this night to entertain us, and to give brief instructions on how to form a quartette and sing in harmony.

Leary would like at least ten quartettes to enter the contest, which will be run at each meeting, until all teams have had a chance to entertain. At a special presentation night, a suitable trophy will be awarded to the winners. Members who are interested should start to form their quartettes, and submit their names to Leary. If the members will get into the spirit of this contest, it should prove to be a lot of fun for all. Almost everyone likes to sing barbershop harmony. Here's a chance for all the tenors, basses, etc. to really sound off. Form your quartettes and start practicing now, and let's have a large attendance on February 8th for the appearance of the "Fun-artics."

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