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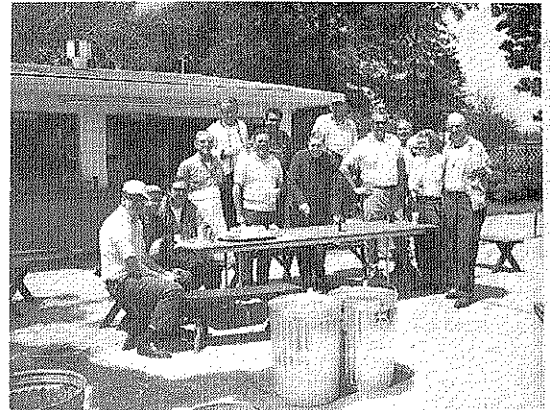
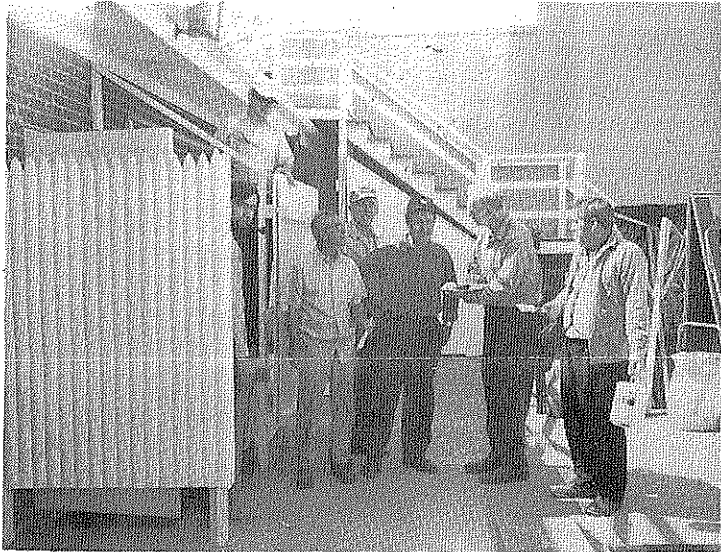


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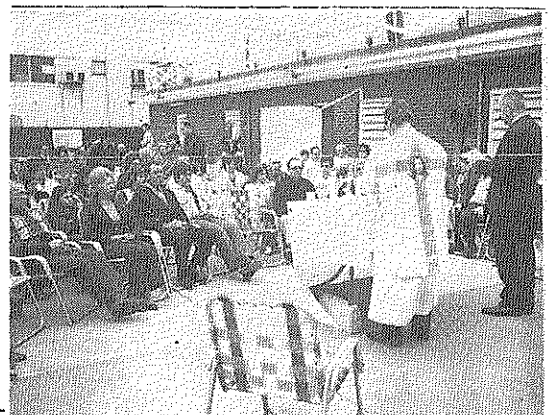


"Are You There"

Shown are a few different poses of the spring work party. Some are around the pool, in the pool and others are in the picnic area. Some are of the work being done and some of a day's work done. This year when you utilize the pool or picnic area the people above and others are the ones who deserve a special "thank you" from all of us.

Opening Day at the Pool

The swim club opened the season with a mass at poolside. Mass was celebrated about 11:00 a.m. and officially opened the gates to the pool. A very good turnout of 75 to 80 members showed for mass. Happy swim to all.



"Our Own Coronation"

This was the scene of our first coronation on our own, outdoor coronation. Our chaplain, Father Swierzbinski led in saying the rosary and G.K. Capriglione crowned the Blessed Virgin Mary statue in front of the council home. A turnout of 85 brothers and family were present.

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Father Turro and the New Bible

Shown above, left to right, G.K. Barney Capriglione, Chaplain Father Edward Swierzbinski, speaker Father James Turro, and lecturer Andy Tobia at a recent Council meeting of the Union Knights of Columbus.

Father Turro's topic was titled "The Words of God". In his discussion, he explained some of the reasons for the changes in the Bible. One of the main reasons was that the education of the average person has been brought to a higher level in the past 50 years. The interpretation of the Bible is an intricate and complicated process. Not only must the period of time be kept in mind, but also the attitude of today's people.

The bible has comforted people of all ages and in many walks of life. With each era it will continue to change. It will never stand still. Father Turro quoted an old saying, "The more a thing changes, the more it stays the same."

Joseph Bilicska
Public Relations

Calendar of Events

EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON
AT THREE —
KIDDIE MOVIES

June 29, Sat. Pinochle
July 7, Sat. Award Night
July 14, Sat. Splash Party,
Happy Hour,
Clams in half shell
July 21, Sat. Swiss Fondue
July 28, Sat. Race Track
Splash Party, Happy Hour,
Baked Clam
Aug. 4, Sat. Jones Beach
Bus Ride
Aug. 11, Sat. Splash Party,
Champagne Splash
Aug. 18, Sat. Pinochle
Aug. 25, Sat. Kielbasy
Sept. 2, Sat. Family Party

UNION COUNCIL #4504
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
AWARDS DINNER
MEETING
AT
COUNCIL HOME
MONDAY, JUNE 25, 1973
7 P.M. DONATION \$2.00

God Is Like

God is like Ford —
He has a better idea.
God is like Coke —
He's the real thing.
God is like Pan Am —
He makes the going great.
God is like Pepsi —
He's got a lot to give.
God is like Standard Oil —
You expect more from Him and you get it.
God is like Dial Soap —
Aren't you glad you know Him? Don't you wish everybody did!
God is like Alka-Seltzer —
Try Him, you'll like Him.
God is like Bayer Aspirin —
He takes the pain away.
God is like Hallmark Cards —
He cared enough to send the very best.
God is like Tide —
He gets the stains that others leave behind.
God is like VO5 Hair Spray —
He holds through all kinds of weather.
God is like a Mattel toy —
You can tell he's swell.
God is like Frosted Flakes —
He's grrrrrrreat!

Annual Message Knights Digest

The Scholarship Committee of Union Council is now accepting applications for the annual scholarships for the 1973-1974 school year. The closing date for the applications will be June 15. Early filing with the Committee will be appreciated because certain confidential information must be obtained to aid in a fair determination of the worthy recipients.

The scholarships are available to one boy and one girl each year. To qualify, the applicant must be the child or brother or sister of a member in good standing or a deceased member of this council. They must pass the Archdiocesan High School entrance examination and be accepted by a Catholic High School. Preference for the scholarships will be decided by the Committee on the basis of need as well as scholastic ability.

The recipients will be awarded an additional sum each year upon proof of satisfactory fulfillment of the scholarship requirements of the high school.

Information and applications can be obtained from P.G.K. Henry F. J. Skarbek, Jr., 778 Prospect Street, Maplewood, N. J. 07040. Telephone 761-5274.

John Fitzgerald Kennedy General Assembly Fourth Degree — Knights of Columbus

PURPOSE:

The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism. To do this the Fourth Degree is designed to strengthen love of country and encourage responsible citizenship.

MEMBERSHIP:

A Knight of Columbus is eligible for membership in the Fourth Degree if . . .

1. He is a Third Degree member 18 years of age and it has been one year since he has taken his First Degree.

2. He has been in good standing in his council for at least six months. If qualified, he may apply for membership on his own initiative or upon invitation by any Fourth Degree member. Grand Knights or financial secretaries will forward the completed application to the proper assembly.

If the assembly accepts the candidates, it will notify him of the time and place for the initiation and forward to him a form to be completed by his pastor.

COLOR GUARDS:

Public appearance of Fourth Degree Knights as honor guards at Civic and religious functions is an important activity of each assembly. Their colored capes and plumed headgear add dignity and a pride of church and country to any event. By these public demonstrations, their loyalties bring credit to themselves and to the Knights of Columbus.



It seems like only yesterday that I was sworn in as Grand Knight and here I am writing my last message as your Grand Knight. The year that has passed was truly a year that will be counted a milestone in my life. I can never express the feeling of honor that becomes a part of you when you achieve the distinction of becoming Grand Knight.

Serving as Grand Knight of any council is an honor, but to serve a council of the magnitude of Union Council 4504 is an extremely coveted honor. This year has had its ups and downs, its frictions and harmonies, its work and pleasures, but I would not have traded it for a million dollars.

The men behind me who have helped me through this year deserve and have my heartfelt thanks. I refer, of course, to all my brothers who served on the many committees necessary to the number of functions we had throughout the year. They have had a time-consuming and often thankless job. Through perseverance and hard work we had a highly successful year.

The accomplishments that have been made are the cumulative efforts of all the officers and the Grand Knight.

You would have to search far and wide to find a better group of men than the officers I had to aid and support me.

My year as Grand Knight was also shared by my wonderful wife and children and without their love, cooperation and unselfish efforts, I could not function in the true capacity as Grand Knight.

Again, many thanks to my sponsor Bill Taylor and Brother friend Dominick Clementoni for all their kind assistance.

Fraternally yours,
Barney Capriglione

Myself

I have to live with myself, and so
I want to be fit for myself to know
I want to be able, as days go by,
Always to look myself straight in the
eye;
I don't want to stand with the setting
sun,
And hate myself for the things I've done.
I want to go out with my head erect,
I want to deserve all men's respect;
For here in the struggle for fame and
self,
I want to be able to like myself.
I don't want to look at myself and know
That I'm bluster and bluff and empty
show.
I never can hide myself from me,
I see what others may never see,
I know what others may never know;
I never can fool myself, and so,
Whatever happens I want to be
Self-respecting and conscience free.

Random Thoughts

So now we are in the beautiful month of June. This is the month when, if you're not wedding, you're weeding . . . June is when the kids get out of school and into your hair . . . A traffic safety slogan "Belt your wife and save her life" . . . Money is like a sixth sense, without it you can't make the best use of the other five . . . Tact is the art of building a fire under people without making their blood boil . . . Meat is getting so expensive that one housewife bought a Swiss steak that had a secret bank account number . . . Sleep, riches and health to be truly enjoyed must be interrupted . . . The horse would have a good laugh today if he could see the motorists adjusting their shoulder harnesses . . . The phrase "To tax one's thinking" is becoming increasingly dangerous, because one of these days the politicians will come up with a way to do it . . . Hospital costs are high, but where else can you get bankrupt in bed? . . . The guy who screams the loudest for the right to dissent is usually the first to deny it to those who disagree with him . . . It would be far easier to lose weight permanently if replacement parts weren't so handy in the refrigerator . . . The line between two properties is never more clearly defined than when your neighbor mows his lawn . . . There was a father of four sets of twins who sued for divorce on the grounds that his wife was overbearing . . . More and more people are saving pennies today — they don't know what else to do with them! . . . One of the most effective time-saving devices is agreeing with your wife right away . . . Personally, I don't trust Red China. Any country that has 800 million people and claims table tennis is their favorite indoor sport, will lie about other things too . . . All you need to grow fine, rigorous grass is a crack in your walk . . . The milk of human kindness is sometimes skimmed, sometimes condensed, but most often evaporated . . . Only a fool believes he can fall into a woman's arms without falling into her hands . . . An airline is having a Senior Citizen Flight — coffee, tea or Geritol?

Jim Moran

Meaty Problem

On the subject of high meat prices, why don't we boycott it in our language? We beef about prices, make pigs of ourselves and hog the conversation. We ham it up, get into spots where we have to chicken out, take it on the lam(b) and occasionally bring home the bacon. In Congress pork barrel bills are a legislative way of life, and if there were still a Frankfurter on the Supreme Court some of them might end up in the judicial meat grinder. Should there be a law against tripe like this?

Swim Club News

Where is the sun? Here at Union Council 4504 Swim Club.

Three dates have been set aside, so ALL Union 4504 members and their families (NOT just members of the Swim Club) can enjoy the pool facilities — July 18 (Rain date July 19), August 8 (Rain date August 9) and August 22 (Rain date August 23). Just show your paid up Traveling Card and Enjoy — Enjoy — Enjoy.

Since your safety as well as your enjoyment is our concern; PLEASE pay heed to our pool manager and his guards.

A job well done to Frank Cosenza, in charge of pool and grounds, and all those who came out and helped on the work parties. It is a big job each year and a lot of work to prepare and get ready all pool facilities so all of you can enjoy and be proud of. Thank you for all your hard labor and attendance. Special thanks to Sam Bruzzi, for that beautiful work of art — the K of C Emblem in our pool. I am deeply grateful to all.

Swim Club President,
Andy Tobia

Food for Thought

Ralph Nader, the consumer crusader, on being a patriot in today's America: "We need a new kind of patriotism. It must be once again rooted in the individual's conscience and beliefs. Patriotism begins at home. Love of country in fact is inseparable from citizen action to make the country more lovable. If it is unpatriotic to tear down the flag, why isn't it more unpatriotic to desecrate the country itself—to pollute, despoil and ravage the air, land and water? Patriotism does not have to be heavily associated with the military." Everything Nader says is based on the responsibility of the citizen. Especially politics. He said "Politics is in such a low state of response its necessary to go to the citizen to see if he'll wake up. Politics will improve when the citizen improves. "If", he says " this form of government of ours is to be more responsive, its got to be preceded by a new form of citizen and community action, such as environmental groups and consumer groups. "Politics today is a mirror image. What you see on one side is a set of powerful lobbyists and on the other side a set of abdicating citizens. That's what politics comes to today." Ralph Nader has managed to focus public attention on problems that went unheeded for too long. He has awakened the American citizen. The rest is up to you! How much do you really care about your well-being, the country you love? Let's take an example. The degree to which you care is reflected in how well informed you are on the activities of your Congress. You put the men and women from your state in these offices, watch how they use the authority YOU delegated to them. As a branch of government that allocates some 250 billion dollars of taxpayers funds every year, dollars and cents, plus common sense, points to the fact you must be informed about your government to truly say you practice patriotism.

Jim Moran