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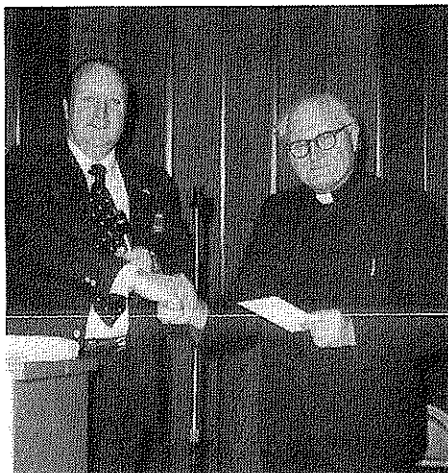
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## MONSIGNOR BECK HONORS COUNCIL



The Annual Christmas Dinner Meeting was held on December 9th at the Council Home. A delicious Ham Dinner with all the "trimmings" plus coffee and cake was served. The kitchen crew did its usual outstanding job in planning and serving. Advanced ticket sales indicated about 60 members would be present and 115 members came. In spite of this inconsideration by some of our brothers, the kitchen crew, from past experience, was able to serve a complete dinner to everyone present.

Our guest speaker Monsignor Henry G. J. Beck, State Chaplain of the New Jersey Knights of Columbus, gave the membership an inspirational Christmas message and a brief education of the poeverty problems of Honduras. After his talk Grand Knight John Winters presented Monsignor Beck a check for \$500.00 from the Union Council 4504, which will be used for "Operation Honduras".

The money was from the proceeds of our "Knight of Nostalgia" show which we gave during the past Spring. The profits were held in the charitable fund for a worthwhile cause. The officers agreed that the feeling of fraternity and brotherhood towards our fellow man could be served by giving this money to aid the poor flood victims of Honduras whose average income (before the flood) was \$300.00 per year.

Accordian music, during the dinner, was furnished by Rickie Ernst. Rickie gave a tremendous performance in playing his renditions of Christmas Carols.

### Notice

Columbian Club announces that bids are being accepted for the managing of the Snack Bar for the 1975 swim season.

Interested members please contact the following committeemen:

Jack Bruno  
Peter Kosloski  
Art Reimers

## Abortion — A Medical View

"The increased acceptance of abortion as a legitimate and ethical medical procedure is indicative of the general deterioration of human values and respect for life", according to Dr. James Delahunty, an obstetrician of Somerville, New Jersey. Doctor Delahunty is the co-founder of a group of 700 physicians from all over the country who are opposed to abortions. Although he himself is a catholic, his group is nondenominational. He has said the church has taken "too weak" of a stand against abortion. On the catholic action front and abortion he said further "I've spoken to a number of bishops on the subject, and I think the church is genuinely remiss in not condemning and opposing abortion far more strongly". Catholics and other people who oppose abortion are often criticized for supposedly forcing the views on other people, but in actuality every law on the books forces ethical opinions on people by telling them what they can and can't do. Surely society is forcing its anti-murder view on citizens by forbidding them to kill, yet no one questions that. Doctor Delahunty is not against abortion solely on moral grounds, but says "my whole education as a gynecologist and obstetrician teaches me that abortion is murder".

On the subject of abortion on demand, Dr. Delahunty had these words "I have no respect whatever for someone who calls himself a doctor who would perform an abortion on demand without any indication of medical need. It's normally repugnant, and worse than that, it's bad medicine because it's a non-indicated medical procedure".

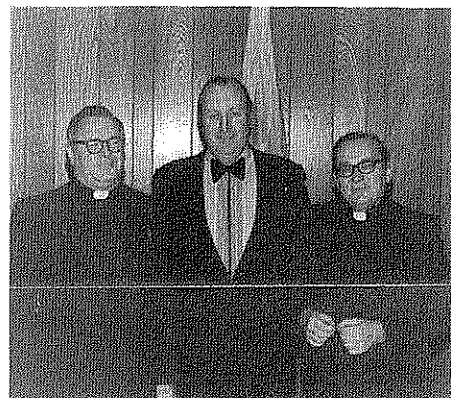
The doctor ended a recent interview with this comment "the pro-life people have gotten a generally bad press and I'm not certain that's unintentional. We need better spokesmen and the professionalism that will get the truth across to the people about what abortion really is, why it's wrong, and the social implications of what it can lead to."

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## Council Honors Father Swierzbinski



On Saturday, December 7, 1974, the Annual Anniversary Dance was dedicated to our Council Chaplin Father Edward Swierzbinski. 280 members, wives and guests came out to honor Father Ed.

Master of Ceremonies Bob Armstrong did his usual fine job as M.C.

Some of the dignitaries present who came to honor Father Ed were Monsignor McGennis, Robert Wade, State Warden and District Deputy John Masterson.

Grand Knight John Winters presented the honored guest with a purse and a plaque. Vince Iannuzzi, co-chairman of the dance, also presented Father Ed with a gift. The scroll was made by our program director Sam Bruzzi.

Council activities chairman Cliff Morris should be congratulated for another successful dance which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who attended.

Ken Pinney

## Cardinal's Corner

Renewal of obligations of the Fourth Degree for Union County will be held on Friday, January 17, 1975, at 8 p.m. at the Roselle Council Home located at 112 First Avenue, Roselle. Shea Assembly will be host.

Anyone who would like to become a member of the John F. Kennedy Assembly Fourth Degree is invited to contact the undersigned in order to obtain an application and further information. Exemplification of the degree will take place in April at the Robert Treat Hotel in Newark. More details will follow. Membership applications for admissions should be turned in as soon as possible.

Company Commander David Schardien of Company Q Color Corps has requested that anyone who is a member of the Fourth Degree and interested in joining the Color Corps should contact him at 687-0111. Applications are now being welcomed and accepted.

Charles Kraemer — 964-7261

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## Calendar of Events

### COMING EVENTS

- Jan. 17 ..... Swim Club Meeting  
Jan. 25 ..... Swim Club Dance  
Feb. 12 ..... Ash Wednesday  
Mar. 22 ..... Easter Egg Hunt  
Mar. 23 ..... Palm Sunday  
Mar. 30 ..... Easter Sunday  
Apr. 12 ..... Grand Ball

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### MONTHLY MEETINGS

- 1st Mon. .... Council Officers  
2nd & 4th Mon. .... Regular Council  
3rd Mon. .... Swim Club  
1st Tues. .... Cub Scout Fathers  
3rd Tues. .... P.B.A.  
3rd Tues. .... Girls Club Officers  
1st Wed. .... 4th Degree Officers  
2nd Wed. .... 4th Degree Color Corps  
3rd Wed. .... 4th Degree Regular  
4th Wed. .... Council Committees  
1st Thurs. .... Expansion Committee  
4th Thurs. .... Columbian Club

## 13th Anniversary Columbian Swim Club Dance

JANUARY 25, 1975  
7:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

**SWIM CLUB MEMBERS ONLY**  
Limited Sales

- Price: \$10.00 per person  
Social Hour — 7:30-8:00 p.m.  
Prime Rib Dinner — 8:00-9:00 p.m.  
Open Bar — 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.  
Dancing — 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

For Reservations:

- Rocco Corbo — 688-8842  
Pete Martin — 687-4393  
Herb Kay — 688-6292

## Swim Club News

Although we are five full months away from the opening of the 1975 swim season, January is a very active time for the Swim Club Board of Governors. Listed below for your information are some dates to remember, some plans for the future, and facts to consider for the annual meeting.

### Management

The Board of Governors has signed a pool management contract with the able Mr. Frank Gagliano and his staff for the 1975 season.

### Dues

The Board of Governors are happy to announce that the annual dues will remain at \$65.00 per family for the 1975 season. **Dues are payable between January 1 and April 1, 1975.** Anyone paying dues after April 1 will be assessed an additional \$10.00 per family. Please take note of this fact as it constitutes notice that dues are payable during that period.

### Membership

After close observation by your pool management and the Board of Governors at the 1974 attendance, a proposal will be made at the annual meeting to add an additional 20 members from the current waiting list to the active roster of members starting with the 1975 season.

### Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the general membership will be held on Friday, January 17, 1975 at 8:00 p.m. We urge all members to attend. This is **your** meeting. This is **your** opportunity to express ideas and feelings that will aid the Board of Governors in directing the operation for better enjoyment of all the members.

### Annual Dance

The annual Swim Club Dance will be held on Saturday, January 25, 1975. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Reservations are available by contacting:  
Rocco Corbo — 688-8842  
Peter Martin — 687-4393  
Herb Kay — 688-6292

## Knight of the Month

A man who's catholic and charitable duties goes beyond his activities of our Council has been selected as our Knight of the Month of January 1975.

George is a charter member of our Council and was our 4th Grand Knight. He is an active member of our bartending crew, our present telephone chairman and has served on various committees.

George and his lovely wife Betty are the proud parents of three sons George Jr., Dennis and Jeffrey. They are also the grandparents of two grandsons George and Drew. The Arnold's are communicants of the Holy Spirit Church in Union where George is a trustee of the Parish Council. He is employed by the Hartford Group Insurance, New York City, in the Inland Marine Department. A charter member of the Union boys club and at one time was the President of its men's council. He has been a proud knight for twenty years.

It is befitting to add to our list, the name of Past Grand Knight George Arnold "Knight of the Month" January 1975, Knights of Columbus, Union Council 4504.



My Brother Knights:

As the Christmas Season is concluding I sincerely hope that all had a Joyous and Happy Holiday.

We now approach the New Year, a year with new hopes for our nation, our church and our order. As you New Year's resolution I would ask each member to resolve that he will become involved in some way with our council.

Our capable Program Director, Mr. Sam Bruzzi, has a diversified bundle of activities which I am sure will stimulate your interests if you will only make the initial effort to become involved. Our Lecturer, P.G.K. Walter Wasowski, has some very fine lectures programs lined up.

Perhaps a promise to yourself to attend a meeting and sit down after the meeting for some conversation might lead to the beginning of becoming involved. I know that family commitments prevent some members from becoming heavily involved but I also assure you that whatever or however small the contribution you can make of yourselves to your council is needed — **YOU ARE NEEDED.** Come out — Join in — make 1975 the year that you became involved.

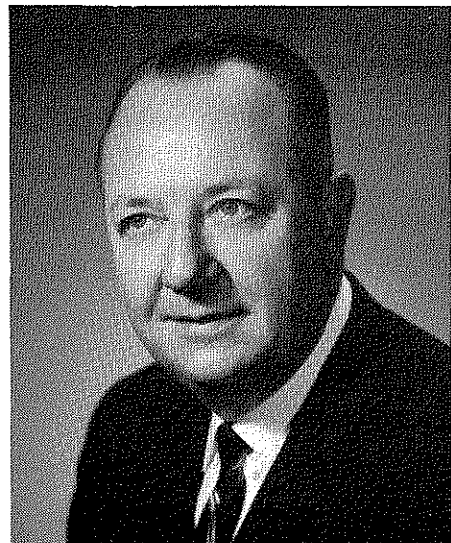
I must comment on the fine turnout we had for the evening of recollection. I have heard many favorable reports on the program that was presented. Those who did not attend missed a very inspiring evening.

Again brothers I ask for your ideas and thoughts. I will see that if proven worthy they will be given every consideration. An idea is what founded Union Council. New ideas are what keep our council and our honored order growing.

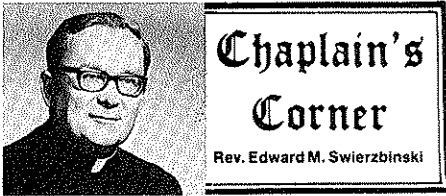
Hope to see and to speak with you at our next meeting.

Remember that resolution.

Fraternally yours,  
John J. Winters  
Grand Knight



P.G.K. GEORGE ARNOLD



## Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Edward M. Swierzbinski

In St. Paul's first epistle to Timothy we read — "seek after integrity, piety, faith, love, steadfastness, and a gentle spirit, Fight the good fight of faith."

This tells us clearly what we should be or in least in what direction our life should go. We must have integrity — say what we mean, mean what we say. We must have faith — trust in God — act as if everything depended on God. We must have love and a gentle spirit — true love which means we get to know, like and respect all individuals. We are brothers and sisters of God, our Father.

This is where we are or should be — Our goal is salvation and resurrection. This was promised us by Jesus Christ — through his becoming man, dying on the cross and rising from the dead. We are children of the living God destined for eternal union with Him.

We are believers, otherwise there is no sense in being Knights. We must also be doers — faith motivating our daily speech and daily conduct. If we believe enough, do enough, pray enough, we can help God convert this world. What a beautiful goal for the new year. Don't be afraid, there are many like us and we shall overcome.

## Direction

1974 . . . How did you use it? Can you look back and say you used it well? No one has a second opportunity of re-living time that has already been spent. But 1975 is a new year. How will you spend the next 365 days? Plan it now and plant it well and at the end of the year you can say "I used it to the best advantage for all mankind and didn't waste a single second of it".

Your membership . . . How did you use it last year. Can you look back and say you contributed your share to the Council? No one knows better than you yourself just what kind of a member you were. But now comes 1975 and you will start a new year. Just how do you intend to share it with your brother Knights? Will it be the same as last year — full of good intentions, never quite getting off the ground. Don't let this happen to you. Get involved and maybe others will say "There is a true member of the Knights of Columbus."

Our programs are varied with something for everyone. Don't say you can't help — say let me try to do something for the Council. Be that member you always planned to be. Start the New Year with good intentions and then make them a reality.

Thank you.

S. Bruzzi  
Program Director

## You Gotta Believe!

Union Council like any other K of C council, is suppose to be run for the benefit of its members. The officers are responsible to YOU to put on degrees, conduct meetings, and perform the duties you elected them to do. The General Program Director and his individual directors all run projects of various types to give the members all of the advantages of our Catholic Fraternity. They have the needed programs, all they require is YOU as a worker and participant. Are you there when a chairman needs you? The Columbian Club, of which you are also a member, is in existence to serve the best interest of the membership. Our club house is known as the council home, and the Columbian Club has the duty to provide and maintain club house facilities for the members of Union Council Knights of Columbus #4504, Union, New Jersey, and to promote the health, comfort, religious, educational, moral and social betterment of our membership, by providing a suitable meeting place for Union Council Knights of Columbus #4504 wherein the ideals of the Knights of Columbus will prevail.

All the people mentioned in this article so far have been elected by you or appointed by the Grand Knight. Their job in one word is "service". Sometimes these men may fail in their efforts to obtain the proper objectives. Why? Because being human we make mistakes. We are also able to correct our mistakes. We occasionally need to stop and examine our directions. Has service to fellow members slipped into self-service? Is your council home becoming a house of adoption for other groups? Oh, yes we need to make money to run our programs, give to charities, but not for the sake of profit alone! If any elected or appointed man in this council is not engaged in a project that will help "benefit the council", he is mis-using our organization.

As Knights we have the moral obligation to promote charity, unity, and fraternity. These are not just ideals to look up to, but workable, living action for today. How we lead our own life is proof of whether we practice what we preach. Each member has a "duty to keep alive a personal responsibility, a drive for excellence, a thirst for knowledge and a deep appreciation" for what it means to be a Knight. Attend meetings as often as possible to know what is being done for you, to complain when you don't like something, compliment someone when you are pleased. Do you know how the Columbian Club is handling the business end of our Council? Attend the monthly Columbian Club meeting (the 4th Thursday). Only the director may vote, but you can ask questions, or just observe.

Start a debate, ask questions! Right or wrong is not as important as sitting there not thinking or worse not caring. If you don't care, your elected officers will **stop** being concerned with what you need or want. Has this article upset or confused you? If it has, wonderful! That's just what it was meant to do.



## Students Honored at K of C

The six winners of the "Keep Christ in Christmas" essay contest and the Christmas Poster Contest were presented savings bonds of \$25.00 each by Grand Knight John Winters.

The contest was a project promoted by Youth Activity Chairman Dan Neroda and Bruce Bentz. Students from both St. Michaels and Holy Spirit schools of Union were eligible for the contest.

Officers, committee chairmen and members of 4504 judged more than 100 posters which were created by 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. Winners of the poster contest were:

They also spent several hours reading the many essays which were written by 6th, 7th and 8th graders.

These articles of "Keep Christ in Christmas" denote the winners of the contest and each article is printed exactly as they had been presented to the council committee.

## Winners

### ESSAY

Grade 6 Stephanie DeCorte  
Grade 7 Dana Filipourcz  
Grade 8 Eugene Krohn

### ARTS

3rd Grade Joseph Dell Sola  
4th Grade Robert Bender  
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