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BILL A-768 PASSES SENATE, BUT FIGHT HAS JUST BEGUN

Gov. Hesitates Signing Bill A-768

As you may have read in the local papers in December, Bill A768 defining obscenity and making it illegal for the sale of pornographic material to our youth under age 18, was passed by the New Jersey Senate by an 18-0 vote on December 13th.

According to the newspaper accounts, the bill created one of the hottest debates in the State Senate in some time, but the bill received strong support and was passed with two Senators not voting.

Your support of this bill over the past few months as concerned parents and citizens, and the many letters sent to your State representatives seeking their support, contributed greatly to the passage of this bill.

But let's not become complacent yet, for as of this writing the bill has not yet been signed into law by Governor Hughes. Strong opposition to the passage of the bill by the State Senate is already under way, including telegram campaign to the Governor requesting him if possible to allow those opposed to it to meet with him.

This committee is headed by the same Methodist minister who a year ago put the Woodbridge Committee for Decent Literature out of business. Taking the same position now as he did when fighting this committee for Decent Literature for its extra-legal methods of enforcement, Rev. Mr. Seamans said bill A-768 flies in the face of the first amendment.

We suggest that you follow the newspaper accounts of the progression of this bill, and the opposition thereto in order that you will be well informed should the need arise for action on your part in the best interests of the youth of your community.

Indoctrination Night

An invitation is extended to the new Third Degree Knights and their ladies for an evening of information and enjoyment on Friday, Jan. 7th.

This indoctrination is open to all members of the Third Degree in the Council chamber.

Their ladies, in the meanwhile, will enjoy refreshments and entertainment in the Council game room.

A Dollar Night will follow for everyone with music and dancing for all.



Santa just assured me there will be no coal in the G.K.'s stocking.

CHRISTMAS DINNER MEETING

The annual Council Christmas dinner meeting held on December 13th, was a huge success. In all 108 brothers attended, and the meal cooked and served by our own Walter Holderlein and his staff was superb to say the least.

Entertainment was provided during the evening by the Marsh-mellows, a family barbershop quartet. They are the only 5 person, one family quartet, and not only do they sing but they play string instruments as well.

The evening was very entertaining, and of course was climaxed by the arrival of good ol' Santa at the close of the meeting.

COMMUNION BREAKFAST

On Sunday, January 23rd The Catholic Activities will hold the annual Council Communion Breakfast, following the 8:05 Mass at the Council home. All Brother Knights are requested to attend this function.

Our speaker for the breakfast will be Father Clancy from the Loyola Retreat House in Morristown.

Tickets for the breakfast may be purchased from Brother Frank Gillick at \$2.25 per person.

SWIM CLUB NEWS

On Friday, January 21st the second annual Swim Club meeting will be held at the Council home beginning at 8:15 P.M.

All swim club members are urged to attend this important meeting and exercise your right to vote and to be heard on all matters to be brought before the membership. The viewpoints of the ladies are most welcome, and all members are encouraged to submit suggestions or ideas.

The nominating committee has recommended Kalman Engle to serve for a period of three years on the Board of Governors. Any additional nominations may be made from the floor.

We would like to remind you also that the annual Swim Club dance will be held on Saturday, January 29th at the Council home, with a cocktail hour beginning at 7:30 P.M. Music will be afforded by the Fun-Aires, and dress for the affair is INFORMAL. (Please, no shorts).

Tickets are priced at \$3.50 per person and will be available to Swim Club members only, until January 21st, at which time they will be placed on sale to the public. Tickets are available now at Kay's Hardware, 1344 Stuyvesant Ave., Union.

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YOUTH ACTIVITIES

On December 19, 1965 the annual children's Christmas Party was held at the Council home.

After the scheduled entertainment, refreshments were served, followed by the feature of the day, "Santa Claus".

Santa distributed gifts and good cheer to the three hundred children in attendance. After which Santa retired to the North Pole to rest for Christmas Eve.

The parents also had a very enjoyable afternoon attending to their children and really getting into that Christmas spirit.

A good time was had by all.

4th DEGREE CANDIDATES NITE

The John Fitzgerald Kennedy 4th Degree General Assembly will hold a Candidates-Ladies Nite on Saturday, January 22nd, at the Union Council home beginning at 9 P.M. All 1966 candidates and their wives are invited to attend this affair (free of charge) to meet your Assembly Officers and Brother Sir Knights and their ladies.

Dance music will be supplied by the Rythemaires, and entertainment has also been arranged for the evening. We urge all Sir Knights and their ladies to attend this affair also, to greet the new candidates. Tickets may be purchased from the dance committee at \$3.00 per couple.

We suggest that you purchase your tickets early, as there are 62 candidates invited and their wives or guest, which limits the tickets available to the Sir Knights and their ladies.

A NEW YEAR

As the new year begins many new undertakings face us in the Council, which should be of major concern to all of us. Your interest in the functions of Union Council as individual members, is the vitality that has kept Union Council on top over the years.

Your opinion and suggestions in support of, or in objection to any of the matters that come before the Council should be made known at the council meetings, and we encourage your participation in this respect.

Running a Council of our size is a big business, and there is a great deal to be done, in order to keep it functioning properly. Frequently, perhaps too frequently, we appeal to the individual members for help on the various committees and for other functions of the Council and Columbian Club. These appeals are made so that we can carry out the proposed plans of the Council, without placing too much burden on any one person.

The same holds true for the business aspects of our organization. The officers of the Council and Columbian Club devote themselves each year to making sound proposals and exercising good judgment in carrying out these matters, in the best interests of the membership.

But YOU are the membership, and you can best assist your Council by actively participating in the business affairs discussed at the regular meetings. YOUR voice in the business of the Council is the support that is needed to keep us on top. Plan now to take an active interest in YOUR business.

DON'T BE REMISS IN '66 . . . BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER!

Knight of the Month

The Knight of the Month for January is:

FRANK PRIBULA

Frank is a familiar figure around our Council home. You will always find him working on one of our committees.

He works on the Kitchen Committee, the Fraternal and Blood Bank Committees.

Congratulations, Frank, for being selected as an outstanding Knight of Columbus.

CALENDAR

JANUARY 3 — MONDAY

Officers Meeting

JANUARY 7 — FRIDAY

Indoctrination Night for new 3rd degree members and wives

JANUARY 9 — SUNDAY

Roast Beef Dinner 1-5 P.M.

JANUARY 10 — MONDAY

Regular Council meeting — 8:15 P.M.

JANUARY 12 — WEDNESDAY

1st Degree at the Council home

JANUARY 19 — WEDNESDAY

Regular meeting of the John Fitzgerald Kennedy Fourth Degree Assembly

JANUARY 20 — THURSDAY

Columbian Club meeting

JANUARY 21 — FRIDAY

Annual Swim Club meeting

JANUARY 22 — SATURDAY

Fourth Degree Candidates Nite

JANUARY 23 — SUNDAY

Annual Council Communion Breakfast

JANUARY 24 — MONDAY

Regular Council meeting — 8:15 P.M.

JANUARY 29 — SATURDAY

Annual Swim Club Dance

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Main Course — Roast Beef

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 1966 — 1 to 5 P.M.

ADULTS \$1.00

CHILDREN 50¢ (13 and Under)

Grand Knight's Message

B. Warren Hehl



As we enter the month of January, we mark practically one-half year in our present Knights of Columbus year. I wish to thank all of the officers and brothers of this Council for the splendid cooperation which you have given me through this period of time.

As we look forward our calendar of events is fairly complete, and I would only ask the brothers of this Council to recognize the job that the Knights of Columbus have yet to perform in order to establish our purposes for which our organization was formed.

I might state in the coming six months there are plans for extended services and conveniences to our members and their families with a view to further family participation in activities and events that will bring us closer to God's work. The officers and committee chairmen have already held a meeting and are planning these events, and if you are called upon to aid your council, please realize that it is for the benefit of all members and for the betterment of the order.

As I informed the Council at its last meeting, our Council would no longer accept applications for membership from persons residing outside the Township of Union, except in a particular case a person so residing outside this municipality may have approval of membership by the officers of the Council. This ruling has been invoked since our records would indicate that for the most part we receive cooperation and payment of dues by those closest to our Council home, and since further there have been Councils established in the immediate area we would, of course, be drawing upon their source of membership were we to allow members from outside our particular area.

I would consider it an aid to the Council if any member has any suggestions for improvement of the Council functions in all its respective phases, not to hesitate to call upon myself or any of the officers of the Council relating such suggestions for better improvement of our order.

WANTED:

Practical Catholics for membership in the Knights of Columbus.

AS A PROFESSION OF YOUR FAITH,
WEAR THE EMBLEM.

Why a Conservation Committee?

It is doubtful that all or even a majority of our members know that such a committee exists in Union Council. That those who do know of its existence are aware of its purpose is problematic.

When we speak generally of conservation, the thought of our mighty forests, lakes, rivers, and natural resources come to mind. Yes, this is conservation. The K. of C. leaves this type of conservation to the knowledgeable experts on this subject.

Our conservation is somewhat different in that we deal with brother Knights or shall we say Knights Errant? Our committee members do not claim to be experts on the subject but as the saying goes "they will have to do until someone better comes along."

To get to the meat of the subject the purpose of the conservation committee is to conserve our membership. Primarily, it is our duty, by direction of the Grand Knight, to contact those brothers who have inadvertently become delinquent in the payment of their dues. We say inadvertently, since we are naive enough to think that a Knight of Columbus would never deliberately allow his obligations to his Council and the Order lapse into such a state.

This does not mean we condone this lethargy on the part of these unthinking brothers. This sort of lackadaisical attitude toward ones obligations places an added burden in at least two separate places. First, the Financial Secretary must send out a notice of payment due, prior to this quarter. Should the brother choose to ignore this notice—(if all the dues notices that brothers claim they never received were laid end to end we could pave a road to the moon with them), the Financial Secretary must now send a second notice and a third notice, if necessary. The chronic delinquent — we do have quite a few — has thus cost the council 15¢ and some valuable time. Multiply this by the usual 200 or so members per quarter who invariably forget to pay and we have anywhere from \$25 to \$50 in postage. This is only one quarterly notice. Now multiply this by 4 and you may readily understand why we are concerned. The Financial Secretary has written some 1000 extra notices. For those of you who are inclined to write this off as a minor chore, try sitting down and writing your name, address, date and an amount of money on a piece of paper some 200 times. Think about this. One light slap on the face would mean little, but suppose you were to receive 200 slaps? I suspect this would become rather annoying, don't you agree?

FIGHT SMUT!

BE CATHOLIC, FIRST.

YOUR CHILDREN

Teachers in the lower grades of school teach children to understand and remember what they read. Once the teacher has started this two-fold habit, parents must provide proper material to feed the open mind of their youngsters. In school children acquire skills and knowledge that aid them to understand our past and modern world. At home their minds pick up all material available and add it to their mental picture of life. As parents you mold the bodies of your children with the right food exercise, and living habits. An even greater responsibility is the proper feeding and advancing of their brain. At a young age let them get into the routine of visiting the library often. Quench their appetite for knowledge with clean books. After they are taught to use the library at school, show and demonstrate interest in the books they bring home. If they have anything objectionable be quick to complain. This also applies to adult material you obtain. When something offends your morals, make the objection known to the librarian. Books should reflect the town's moral standards. One of the most convenient sources of good reading is the library of our own council. In the small meeting room, we not only have books that cover all phases of religion, but also interesting novels. Take a look. Show your offspring the majority of life is not full of violence, loose morals, high living, free shooting gangsters and other distortions, shown on TV and in novels.

Two main methods to guide young people to good reading habits are: (1) Periodically check what they read. (2) Only have in your home books that are fit for them to see. The strongest control you have over your child is good example. If you read paperbacks, novel, magazines, or other publications that show sex or attractive and out of proportion to life, then all your efforts are wasted. Get rid of anything objectionable, doing so without brashness, with understanding and intelligence. If present reading habits are bad, change them. The mind controls the body. A minimum effort today, can have the maximum of affect tomorrow in the strong Catholic man or woman that will result from your direction. Not only does your faith demand your service as an example of good moral men, but as a guide of human character, you have to answer to God for your part in training future generations. To falter in this, is to fail your calling in life as a parent.

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