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62 MEMBERS RECEIVE MAJOR DEGREE

On December 5, at Columbian Club, Elizabeth, 62 of our Council brothers were elevated to third degree status in the Order, thus culminating a successful drive by the Membership Committee, headed by Chairman Mario Henriquez. The ceremonies were held in honor of our departed brother, William C. Fay.

The following candidates were received into the major degree: Bernard Baranowski, Casper C. Barbera, Michael E. Barry, William C. Bentz, Eugene Campanaro, Anthony Capriglion, Gerard Chaplinski, John J. Christie, Paul D. Corrigan, Frank Cosenza, Anthony J. Crea and Frank De Marzo.

Also, Frank Dante, Joseph DeNicola, Dante T. DeNino, Nicholas A. Dorando, Theodore J. Ebner, Bernard R. Fallon, Guido Ferrara, John P. Fleming, Harold J. Fox, Donald M. Giblin, Joseph A. Gluck and Henry J. Golda.

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Also, Robert J. Schmidinger, Anthony B. Shans, Frank J. Simone, John P. Smith, Frank W. Stanislawczyk, Rudolph Steiner, Clarence J. Wilson, Rene Wittevrangel, Alfred V. Yersevich, Joseph Zeilmeier, Eugene W. Zelazny and Franklin E. Zusi.

The membership drive has resulted in our Council becoming eligible for the "Contest of Champions" being sponsored by the Supreme Council. To be eligible, a Council must first qualify for the Membership Honor Roll. This we have done. That Council in each jurisdiction that shows the highest percentage of its membership quota obtained by April 20, 1960, will be awarded a specially designed trophy as the "Champion" in its jurisdiction, in that feature of the membership program. These trophies are in addition to those that will be awarded a Council in each jurisdiction that shows the largest

number of additions over suspensions by June 20, 1960.

Consequently, in order to be eligible to compete in the final decision, a Council must qualify for the Membership Honor Roll, and then attempt to obtain as high a percentage increase in its quota as possible. It is imperative, therefore, that each member do his utmost to bring in a candidate during the next membership drive, soon to be launched.

Columbian Club News

Columbian Club President, Warren Hehl, has announced that an important meeting of the club will be held immediately following the regular Council meeting, at the V.F.W. Hall, on January 11.

The purpose of this session is to give an annual report of the progress of the club, and to present, to those members who have paid-up pledges of one hundred dollars, or more, a key to our future home. All members of the Council are urged to attend, since, as you know, at a Township Committee meeting, held on December 8, we were declared the successful bidder on the Jeanette Avenue property, upon which we propose to erect our clubhouse.

On January 18, at the V.F.W. Hall, the Columbian Club will sponsor an orientation program, primarily for the new members who received the Major Degree on December 5. The purpose of the program will be to bring to their attention the present fund drive, and the details and ideas on our future home.

Council Activity Committee Plans Social

The Council Activity Committee, under Chairman William Taylor, has arranged a social evening for January 9, to be known as "Get Acquainted Night." The affair will be held at the Kenilworth Veteran's Center, 33 South 21st Street, Kenilworth. Music for your dancing pleasure, from 9:30 P.M. to 1:30 A.M., will be furnished by Freddy Sleckman's Orchestra. Refreshments, including beer, soda, ice, potato chips, pretzels, peanuts, etc., are included in the admission price of \$1.50 per person. Those who prefer Liquor are requested to bring their own.

It is the feeling of the committee that since we had such a large group taking the Major Degree on December 5, this would be a most appropriate occasion for these new brothers, and their wives, to meet and get acquainted with some of the older members, as well as with each other. It is the belief of the committee that the purposes and aims of the Knights of Columbus, and particularly of Union Council #4504, can be more clearly visualized, more readily understood, and more easily performed if we are one large, closely knit organization, rather than a large group of strangers, or a collection of small cliques.

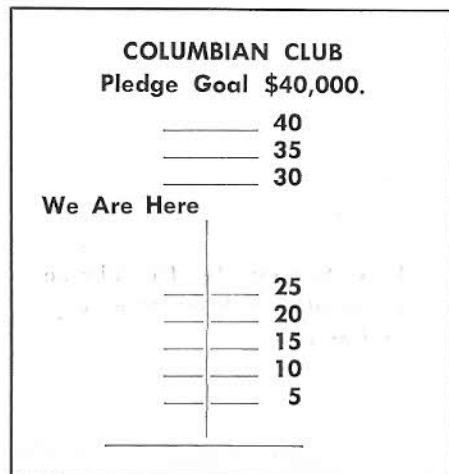
Special Notice

Council members are again reminded that dues and insurance fees were due January 1. Financial Secretary, Alvin Dietlein suggests that, if possible, members pay dues on an annual basis. Brother Dietlein will accept payments at any meeting. Checks should be made payable to Union Council 4504, Knights of Columbus. Don't be a delinquent.

HELP !!

The Editorial Staff is endeavoring to make this Bulletin as interesting as possible for all Council members. We do however need your help. If you have interesting news items concerning the activities of our Brothers—weddings, births, anniversaries etc., we shall be pleased to receive them.

Such information may be given, in writing, to Bill Donnelly, George Arnold, Vince Squazzo, Neil Hurley, Bob Caesar or Norman Hein. Remember, all news items must be received, at the latest, by the fourteenth of the month preceding publication.



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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

- JAN. 9—
"Get Acquainted Night", Veteran's Center, Kenilworth, N. J.
- JAN. 11—
Regular Council Meeting, V.F.W. Hall 8:15 P.M. followed by annual Columbian Club progress report, and presentation of keys.
- JAN. 17—
Family Corporate Communion, St. Michael's Lower Church, 9:05 A.M. Mass.
- JAN. 18—
Columbian Club Orientation Program, V.F.W., 8:00 P.M.
- JAN. 25—
Regular Council Meeting, V.F.W. Hall 8:15 P.M.

Our Face Is Red

In our December issue we extended congratulations to Wally Moeltner for a beautiful hand carving which, we reported, he presented to Brother Phil Spalletta. Actually Phil did the carving, and Wally was the recipient. We apologize to Brother Spalletta, and extend to him our congratulations for a job well done.



Chaplain's Corner

--- Rev. Joseph F. Driscoll

At the beginning of the year, it is well for us to know something of the Goodness of God. No matter how many times we are urged to meditate on the perfections of God, the immediate necessity, or mere opportunity, of doing something else draws us away from this most worthy consideration of God.

The goodness we are most acquainted with is the goodness of men. We consider a person good who is constantly performing good works. He seems to bubble over with such goodness that he is concerned with good works being constantly performed. Such a person is a mere reflection of the goodness of God.

With God, the seeing of the good, and bringing it into existence is the one Divine Act. We witness this about ourselves. There is no good that we have, or good action in which we participate, unless God is the author of it. God has made us, He continues our life, He gives us our health, our friends and our family.

With this consideration of God, we should fall down and adore Him, with this knowledge, we should think through the theme for our practical life as Knights of Columbus. Our order, the Knights of

Columbus, depends on each individual Knight being convinced that this new year must begin with the knowledge of God's goodness in himself. Then the real Knight of Columbus spends sufficient time and effort in the patient instruction of the family in the goodness of God, and how God's goodness may be reflected in the family life. He sees to it that his fellow workers know about God's goodness from their witnessing his expressing his dependence on God. Within the Order itself it is necessary that all the functions, social as well as religious, give evidence of our dependence on the goodness of God.

Our Council is entering another year when gradually the adjective, "new" will be less and less used. We shall have to stand with decisions made by the entire group standing together. The strength to attain this goodness is not available through any natural means for the development of character. We must work for this high tone of our Council by making every effort to have all the members receiving Holy Communion every week at Sunday Mass. "I live, now not I, but Christ lives in me." (Gal. II, 20)

Family Communion

Chairman, Arthur F. Weber has announced that on Sunday, January 17, the Catholic Activity Committee will attempt a new council innovation—A Family Corporate Communion, at the 9:05 A.M. Mass in St. Michael's Lower Church.

Brother Weber states "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. This is the primary reason why we are using a regularly scheduled Mass, rather than a special Mass. It would be an imposition on the Priests of St. Michael's to have them arrange for an additional Priest, set up another Mass, prepare the Lower Church, assign ushers etc., when we do not have some guarantee of a fair attendance."

If the brothers, and their families, really want an activity of this type, then they should so demonstrate their desires to the Committee, and the Clergy of St. Michael's, by coming out in large numbers on January 17. Depending upon the outcome of this venture, there is even the possibility of a Family Communion Breakfast. Brother Weber and his committee have done an outstanding job on Catholic Activity (so much so, that

Brother Weber was selected as "Knight of the Month") and are deserving of the whole-hearted support of the entire membership. In the words of Brother Weber, "We can do a better job on our assigned duties of promoting Catholic action only if we have your full support. If you have any ideas you would like to air, we would be only too happy to hear from you."

The Key

The key represents the Chairman, but he alone cannot open the door to a successful activity. He must make use of the key by inserting it in the lock, thus putting the barrels and cylinders into operation. The barrels and cylinders represent the Committee—the men who work so hard and long to plan the activity.

After the door is unlocked, a "push" is required to open it. You, the general membership, supply the "push" by your constant effort and willing co-operation. Let's get behind our Chairmen and Committees, and give them a helping hand. Remember—the key, the lock, and the "push" are all necessary to open the door to a successful activity.

Bill Donnelly
Six Point Chairman

Grand Knight's Message



Brothers:

We have just closed the doors on the year 1959 and we may all look back proudly on our accomplishments and our growth during that period.

The year ahead poses a new and greater challenge than ever before. Our officers and our chairmen and committees will be asked and expected to improve on their already excellent records.

I have asked our Membership Chairman, Mario Henriquez, to plan for another Major Degree in the Spring. I have also asked Mario for the honor of personally accepting our five-hundredth member into the Council during my term as Grand Knight. I also ask all our other Chairmen to again take inventory of activities, and plan, where possible, to show improvement. Much credit for the success of our council calendar is due to the efforts of our Six Point Chairman, Bill Donnelly.

It was most gratifying to hear our District Deputy, Frank Jackiewicz, laud Union Council so highly before so many strangers at our recent Major Degree. I

feel that Frank takes particular pride in Union Council, as he is always so eager to sing our praises. Brothers, our council is rapidly becoming recognized as one of the most active, and fastest growing in the State of New Jersey. I am the first to acknowledge this recognition, and am equally anxious to place the credit where it rightfully belongs—from our Deputy Grand Knight, George Arnold, down to our very last Chairman and committee worker, we owe our deepest appreciation for their outstanding sincerity and loyalty.

I make these comments particularly to our newly initiated members, and invite them to join in our committee work, and to take an active part in our Council. We asked you to join with us, and now we ask you to help us become a larger and stronger council of Catholic gentlemen.

Once again, I say "Thank You" to all for your personal loyalty, confidence and assistance in 1959, and do humbly seek your continued cooperation in the months to come.

Fraternally yours,

John S. Zimmerman

SPORTS NEWS

BOWLING

At this writing, standings in the intracouncil bowling league have been revamped. The Sinkers have taken over first place, and the former leaders, The Rebels, have been dropped to the fourth slot. Present standings:

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

Joe Gluck set a new high game record with a 245 effort. Frank Gross' 613 set is still high for three games. High average leader is John Burke with 179.

On Sunday, January 17, scheduled games will be rolled at 1:00 P.M. All teams are requested to be present.

BASKETBALL

The Council's senior basketball team is holding practice sessions preparatory to the opening of the Municipal League. A

well balanced quintet is anticipated which should do well in competition.

The Youth Activity Committee is sponsoring teams in the Junior and Midget Divisions of the Union Township Recreation Department League. The Junior Team, coached by John Vengura will include James Adams, George Arnold, Ronald Jacobovitz, Charles Lynch, Ronald Mack, Joseph Nadzan, Aloysius Ring, Jr., Atley Cappeto, Edward Moeltner, Eugene O'Connell and Gregg Dante.

The roster of the Midgets, coached by Bob Boub, is composed of Gregg and Donald Arner, Joseph Burger, Dannis and James Fackelman, Victor Gorman, Jr., Mike Pagyna, Ray Kotchkowski, Dennis O'Neill, Michael Murphy, Dennis Murtha, Bobby Patulo, Byran Reddington, Mike Cappeto and Gregg Waters.

League action is scheduled to start soon after the first of the year. Let's get out to the games, and cheer along these future Knights.

SAFE DRIVING CORNER

Oscar Ernst

In the words of Pope Pius XII—"It is necessary to instill in all drivers a sense of their grave duty to respect the lives of others. A salutary fear of immediate and adequate repressive measures doubtless contributes toward this end, but the police alone cannot prevent perils created by drivers who are not masters over themselves because they are carried away by a passion for speed, or intoxicated."

Brother Knights, a healthy measure of SELF-DISCIPLINE must become a characteristic of our democratic way of life, or it will not endure. Many people look upon the practice of this virtue with contempt; no wonder driving on our highways has become more dangerous than ever.

Men, we face a great task in stamping out this "Free-for-all" attitude among the nation's drivers. Let's employ the help of God, without Whom it will be impossible. Why not begin at home by saying the following:

THE MOTORIST'S PRAYER

Grant me O Lord a steady hand and watchful eye,
That no one shall be hurt as I pass by.
Thou gavest life, I pray no act of mine
May take away or mar that gift of Thine.
Shelter those, dear Lord, who bear me company,
From the evils of fire and all calamity.
Teach me to use my car for others need;
Nor miss through love of undue speed
The beauty of the world; that thus I may
With joy and courtesy go on my way.
St. Christopher, holy patron of travellers,
Protect me and lead me safely to my destiny.

Knight of the Month

The selection committee has designated for January honors, Brother Anthony Mack, Chairman of our Mailing Committee. Tony's efforts on behalf of the Council are probably overlooked by most of the members, who see only the finished product. Any Committee, or Committee Chairman, however, can readily appreciate the true value of his work. The letters, special announcements, return post cards, and this paper, are speedily dispatched to you through the quiet efficiency of this unassuming, and comparatively new member of our Council. Remember that stack of Christmas cards you recently addressed and mailed to your friends and relatives—how much time and effort it required? Consider then the volume of work which constantly flows through the hands of Tony Mack, and you can readily understand why he deserves this honor.

BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY

- 16—Anthony L. Rusciano
19—Fred M. Jordan
21—John M. Arminio
22—Thomas Irwin
25—Sam Cocuzza
James D. Sbarro
26—George F. Donovan
Michael E. Pacyna
28—Patrick J. Gethins
31—William J. Segale

FEBRUARY

- 2—Thomas G. Arminio
John J. Miller
John T. Flanagan
5—Henry E. Chemidlin
7—John J. Murphy
Clifford H. Morris
8—Eugene Patrizio
9—Anthony B. Shans

- 12—Joseph L. Hussey
13—Thomas Creamer
14—Otto J. Mende, Jr.
Dante B. Nosti
15—Walter Moeltner

Santa Came To Town

With the assistance of Chairman, Hugh O'Neil, and committeemen Weldon Arner, Frank Fackelman, Howard Leary, Ben Godesky, Tony Rusciano and Vince Squazzo; Santa Claus arrived at V.F.W. Hall on December 18. The jolly gentleman was guest of honor at a Christmas party, arranged by the Youth Activity Committee, for children of the Council members. An estimated one hundred fifty guests, including parents, were entertained with refreshments, carol singing, and the distribution, by Santa, of gifts for the children, whereupon he took his leave to return, via his eight cylinder sleigh, to the North Pole.

Joe Nightmare Returns

Lecturer, Howard Leary, and Membership Chairman, Mario Henriquez, have disclosed that they will continue to conduct mock orientation meetings featuring the flamboyant Joe Nightmare. These meetings, presented during the Lecturer's portion of our regular Council meetings, are designed primarily to acquaint new members with the proper procedures to be followed in attending and conducting regular Council meetings. They are presented in a very humorous manner, which, while most entertaining, effectively gets across the message intended.

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