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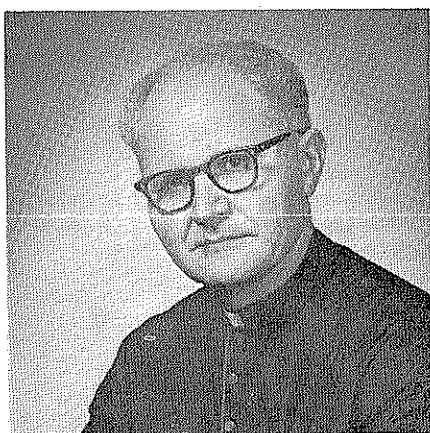
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Rt. Rev. Monsignor G. J. Beck

John Fitzgerald Kennedy General Assembly

FOURTH DEGREE
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

On Wednesday evening February 15th, Rt. Rev. Monsignor G. J. Beck, State Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus will address the members of the John Fitzgerald Kennedy Assembly, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus following their regular business. The meeting will be held at the Council Home of the Union Council #4504, Knights of Columbus.

Monsignor Beck is a native of New York City who has lived since boyhood in Bergen County, New Jersey. He attended Saint Peter's College, Jersey City, and Seton Hall University, South Orange, from the latter of which he took his Bachelor of Art's degree in 1934.

His theological training was obtained at the Gregorian University, Rome, which conferred upon him its Licentiate in Theology, magna cum laude, in 1938. His historical studies were likewise taken at the Gregorian University whence he won his Doctorate in Church History, summa cum laude, in 1948, along with a gold medal presented by Pope Pius XII. His dissertation, thus honored, was published by the Gregorian University Press in 1950 under the title: "The Pastoral Care of Souls in South-East France during the Sixth Century." On July 15, 1958, Pope Pius named him a papal chamberlain, with title of Monsignor; in this rank he has been subsequently confirmed by Popes John XXIII and Paul VI.

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Monsignor Beck has been Professor of Church History at the Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington, N. J. since 1940. He is Historian of the Archdiocese of Newark and in 1962 published the Centennial History of the Immaculate Conception Seminary. Currently he is Area Editor in Medieval History for the New Catholic Encyclopedia. Several dozen articles from his pen appear in the Encyclopedia Britannica and the Encyclopedia Americana. He reviews regularly for The American Historical Review, Speculum, Theological Studies, and The Catholic Historical Review.

He is a member of historical associations in France, Italy and the United States and is active in both the New Jersey and Bergen County Conference on Religion and Race. Msgr. Beck has lectured widely before university and church audiences and has appeared nationally on NBC television and the CBS Church of the Air. He participated in the First American Ecumenical Dialogue at Saint John's University, Collegeville, Minn., in December, 1960, and was a panelist at the Harvard University Colloquium on Catholicism and Protestantism in March, 1963. He attended the Second Vatican Council in September-October, 1964, as Theologian to the Bishop of Bridgeport.

Appointed Pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Lyndhurst, February, 1965. Elevated to the rank of Right Reverend Monsignor December, 1965. Retired after 25 years teaching at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington in May, 1966, and this year is teaching at Drew University and Seton Hall University.

Msgr. Beck became State Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus in September of 1966. This visit will mark his first to Union since he assumed this post. A cordial invitation is extended to all to visit with and hear the new State Chaplain.

Remember

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 8, 1967

ARE YOU GOING TO THE GRAND BALL?



The Grand Ball, one of the leading social events of the Knights Calendar will be held on SATURDAY, April 1, 1967. The evening festivities will begin with a cocktail hour at 7:30 to 8:30. Dinner will be served at 9: An unusual amount of preparation and planning are being expended to ensure the success of the Grand Ball.

We will be tipping the light fantastic in our semi-formal attire to the music of Buddy Dee and his orchestra.

The cost for all this enjoyment is \$20.00 per couple which includes a set up at every table. The sale of tickets will be announced at a later date. Since all our affairs are sold out almost immediately, we recommend that brother knights make plans early to attend this Grand Ball.

THINK TWICE

Pray don't find fault with the man
who limps

Or stumbles along the road,
Unless you have worn the shoes he
wears

Or struggled beneath his load.
There may be tacks in his shoes that
hurt,

Though hidden away from view,
Or the burden he bears, placed on
your back,

Might cause you to stumb'e, too.
Don't sneer at the man who's down
today,

Unless you have felt the blow
That caused his fall or felt the shame
That only the fallen know.

You may be strong, but still the
blows

That were his, if dealt to you
In the selfsame way at the selfsame
time

Might cause you to stagger, too.

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CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 3 — FRIDAY
Indoctrination Night for New
Third Degree Members.
1.00 Night to follow

FEBRUARY 4 — SATURDAY
Ice Skating Party

FEBRUARY 12 — SUNDAY
Confronting Christ
St. Michaels Church
2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

FEBRUARY 13 — MONDAY
Regular Council Meeting
8:15 P.M., Council Home

FEBRUARY 15—WEDNESDAY
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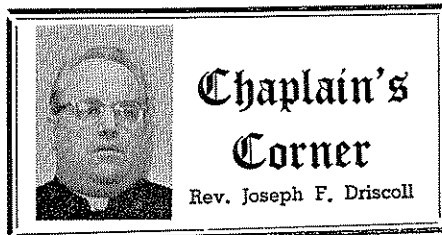
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Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Joseph F. Driscoll

The Family Corporate Communion Sunday on the Feast of the Holy Family was a marked success. We trust that the theme of the year, "The Sanctification of the Family of the Knights Through the Sacrament the Euchrist", seems to be taken to heart. If every Knight makes a positive effort there will be a ground swell of effective Catholic action. Perhaps more than sixty members of the council attended the service for Christian Unity in Union High School. Any of the brothers who have ideas or a follow up of that service should contact the Catholic Activities Chairman. February 12th from two to five o'clock should be marked on your calendar with a circle of the brightest color. It is a definite must for every Knights schedule. We are diligently planning a replacement for the day of recollection. The happening is called, "Confronting Christ" as the name indicates we are proposing a technique whereby each one present will make a positive advance in the knowledge of Christ and personnel dedication to Him. Members of the council have made a new kind of four day closed retreat to prepare themselves to give leadership to your program on February 12th. Father Gerard Graziano of Assumption Church, Bayonne will be the moderator of the program. The sharing of an afternoon with Father Graziano is well worth any sacrifice. We can give leadership in the area of Catholic Activities according to your cooperation on

FEBRUARY 1th, 1967.

Youth Bowling

The Saturday Morning K. of C. Youth Bowling Activity has completed 15 weeks of intense competition at Four Seasons under the fine supervision of Joseph Mc Enroe, assisted by Tom Hornig and Bruce Bentz.

There are approximately 100 boys and girls participating at this Saturday Morning Bowling.

After 45 games, the boys division is currently being led by The Strike-outs sporting a 32-16 record, with the Playboys 31-17 and Splits & Misses 27-24.

Boys Highest Average goes to Tony Houch 159, second place Brian Byrne 157.

High Series Jack Shea a 574; High Game Kenneth Barbero 250.

The Girls division is being led by The Swingers with a 27-21, with Puellae Bonae 31-17 and "Jalopy 5" 27-21. Debbie Dunn leads the girls division with high average of 132 with Pat Rygiel trailing with a 124.

Swim Club News

It is that time of year when the membership Committee of the Swim Club starts preparing for a few hectic months of whirlwind activity.

To start the ball rolling we would like to pass on a few reminders for the members of the swim club first, then to prospective members.

For those who are already members may we remind you that your annual dues of \$65.00 is due on April 1st. (We hope we are not being presumptuous since this is being written prior to the annual meeting.) We simply wish to give you this reminder so you can start saving your pennies towards that end. The Board of Directors would appreciate it greatly if the dues were paid long before that date however, if it is at all possible.

We would also like to remind the brothers that their council dues must be paid before membership cards will be distributed.

You will be asked to display your traveling card when you pick up your membership cards. Don't forget that dues in the K. of C. is payable in advance.

One last word to the swimmers of record. If you are planning to relinquish your membership in the coming year please send us a letter stating your intention so we may offer your place on the roster to one of your brothers on the waiting list.


Do not wait till April or May — Give your replacement a chance to plan his summer vacation and finances.

Now for the eager ones on the waiting list. We have two separate waiting lists, one for Union Council members and one for outside council members. We only will use the outside council list if and when the Union Council list is depleted. It is simply a case of taking care of our own members first.

To have your name put on the waiting list you must mail your name, address, phone number and Council number (Union 4504), plus a check or money order for two dollars payable to Columbian Swim Club, Box 1206, Union, N. J. The post mark on your envelope determines your position on the waiting list.

It is important for a member to be in good financial standing (due paid in advance) in the council. Before the membership Committee calls a prospect his name is checked with the financial Secretary first. If he is in arrears the committee will by pass his name and he is automatically relegated to the bottom of the list. There is no notification given and no warning is issued. There is really no burden on any member since all members are supposed to be paid up. If you have any question on the Swim Club seek out a director at any Council Meeting and he will be happy to assist you.

Grand Knight's Message
Walter Wasowski



The success and vitality of a fraternal organization depends a great deal on a steady influx of new members. They are required to compensate for normal attrition caused by transfers, death and those who fall by the wayside for lack of interest.

Union Council, to date, has been very fortunate in keeping the last named at a minimum. The principal reason, in my estimation, is the tremendous task being performed by Past Grand Knight William Taylor as Conservation Committee Chairman.

To maintain the momentum generated by the founders of the Council, it is imperative that we constantly strive to bring new members into the order. They will be the ones to supply the new ideas, energy and spirit required for Union Council's continued progress.

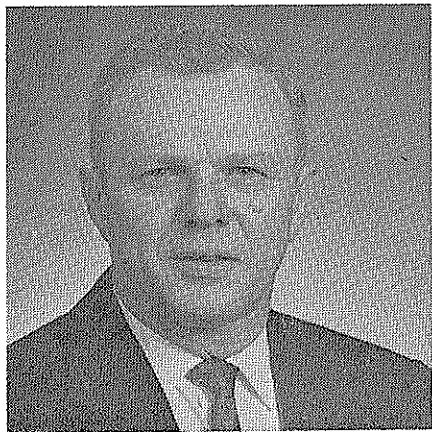
We therefore, urge every member to make every effort to tap the reservoir of Union's "practical Catholic men" and make February a banner Month for the Membership Committee.

Catholic Press Month should serve as a reminder for all to examine the type of reading material available in the home. We might also give serious consideration as to what course of action will be required to rid the land of the "printed garbage" flooding the land. Are we to sit by idly as the moral fiber of the land is being eroded? Is this great nation of our's, for which so many shed their blood, to be destroyed from within by a cancer of decadence? Should we not determine that our legislators on a state and national level be constantly reminded of our concern? Is not "pollution of the mind" worthy of as much concern as pollution of the water we drink and the air we breathe? Is not a healthy mind as important as a healthy body? Our complacency in the past has contributed to conditions as they exist today. Should we not be concerned with reversing the tide?

In closing, I would like to commend Public Relations Committee Chairman Barney Capriglione and his staff for their splendid work. Also, worthy of special commendation, Catholic Activity Chairman Bob Palasits and his committee for the recent Family Corporate Communion.

Bits of Wisdom

Most men who berate their luck never think to question their judgment.



Knight of the Month

FEBRUARY, 1967

Joseph E. Hemryka

Honored by our council for the month of February is Joseph Hemryka.

Joe can be counted as a hard-core member of our council, available for work of any nature. Married 28 years to his wife Helen and the proud dad of two children a son Danny of Hillside, N. J. and a daughter Jeanette at home.

An avid bowler Joe still finds time to be a wheel chair pusher on Sunday mornings at Lyons Hospital. As very recent residents of Clark, Joe and his family are Communicants of Saint Agnes Church.

Steady and very dependable he has been employed at Western Electric Co. for 35 years.

Should you be in need of a willing heart and hands get in touch with our Knight of the Month, Joseph Hemryka at 1220 Lake Ave., Clark, New Jersey.

Knights of Columbus State Convention - 1967 -

Plans are now underway for our Annual State Convention at Atlantic City, on May 26th and 27th.

Reservations are available at the Colony Motel at \$12.00 per couple.

Hospitality room fee is \$10.00 per couple. All brother Knights who are interested in attending this Convention please contact Bill Donnelly, Ben Raymond, John Picyk or Ed Stonack.

Please keep posted for further plans . . . See you on the boardwalk!!!

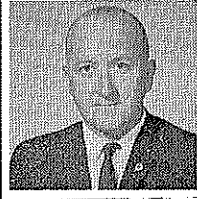
First Degree Ceremonies

First Degree ceremonies for 8 new candidates were held on Monday January 16 at our council home.

The new candidates were Louis J. Caproni, William U. Cicetti, Anthony J. Deo, Eugene O. Drury, Joseph E. Gull, James E. Marzarella, Carmine R. Venes, Joseph J. Verderese.

Congratulations new members and may you have continued success.

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Flag Waver?

I remember not so very long ago climbing a willow tree in my backyard, eight tremendously dizzy feet above the ground. It was then I realized what a birdseye view was. Another time as I walked through the woods on a gorgeous fall day, I looked up at the bright sky so blue it was almost blinding! The leaves rustling in the trees were such beautiful shades of orange, red, and yellow it hardly seemed possible that they weren't created by man's fancy. They were too vivid to be real! Then one dreary winter night, as the wind howled outside my window, I went to bed and awakened in the morning to find great billows of snow covering winter's debree, making the evergreen almost artificially beautiful!

Have you ever been to a football game and watched the sixty-thousand spectators rise up as one, every eye turned toward the flag as the band burst out the Stars' Spangled Banner? Have there ever been times at a parade when you chucked up with pride as a sudden gust of wind unfurled the flag? Look at that flag, at those fifty white stars on that blue field, each star a state of major historical importance, each state another glorious page in our history books.

Do you think I'm a flag waver? I am Marine Sergeant Joe America and for the honor of that flag I lost my eyesight in Viet Nam.