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COLUMBIAN SWIM CLUB

The Columbian Swim Club (K of C Union Council 4504) has embarked on its annual spring schedule of "Volunteer Work Parties" to prepare the Pool and the associated facilities for the opening of the 1967 Swim Club Season. The men attending the work parties assemble in the Pool Area at 9:00 A.M. every Saturday starting on April 1, 1967, and every successive Saturday till Opening Day of the Pool.

Mr. William Stuart, President of the Board of Governors, Columbian Swim Club, together with Mr. Bob Kolster and Mr. Kelly Engle; Chairmen of the Pool and Ground Committee are issuing a plea to ALL MALE ADULT MEMBERS OF THE COLUMBIAN SWIM CLUB to participate in this volunteer activity that so characterizes the cooperative operation of the Columbian Swim Club, for the benefit of all members, and is so necessary to keep operating costs at a minimum.

As in many co-operative ventures, a significant contribution by the few, for the good of many is true of the participation in the Columbian Swim Club Work Parties. During the 1966 season the following jobs were completed by volunteer workers: Bath Houses, Showers, and Locker Rooms were Painted; the Pool was cleaned and spot painted, the Sun Deck was painted; deck chairs, lounges and tables were taken out of storage and repaired; new picnic tables were constructed and painted; the Baby Pool was painted; raked and cleared the Picnic and Recreation Area; Enlarged the Refreshment Stand; Constructed Boccie Court; Re-installed the diving boards and life guards chairs and many other small jobs that are required to ready the facility for use. The foregoing list of jobs, completed by volunteers attending work parties, saved the Columbian Swim Club Members Hundreds of dollars in operating costs. A total of 53 members attending 27 scheduled Work Parties in 1966 performed this work for the benefit of the entire 315 Family Membership of the Columbian Swim Club.

A further breakdown of attendance at the Work Parties reveals that 23 men performed 60% of all the work that was completed during the 1966 Swim Club season. The fact that the annual dues are remaining at \$65.00, in spite of rising costs and the installation of additional facilities is indicative of the value of the Volunteer

Work Parties to the ENTIRE Columbian Swim Club Membership.

The Board of Governors are aware that it is not possible for some men to attend the Saturday morning work parties because of business reasons or because of physical limitations. However they do feel that the majority of the men can participate in this vital phase of the swim clubs operation. At the request of men who cannot make the Saturday work parties evening ones are scheduled on request, or as the need arises.

The Board of Governors has instituted a special guest privilege to be awarded to a Male Adult Swim Club member who attends and completes a scheduled work party. This Guest privilege is issued in the form of a card and entitles the owner of it to bring a guest free of charge (subject to the rules of the Club By-Laws) and is over and above the normal paid for guests a member is entitled to bring.

This year the Board of Governors are adding an additional reward as an inducement to members to participate in the work parties. Any member who completes one third of or eight Scheduled Work Parties (Which ever is the Greater) will be eligible to receive an award that is still to be determined by the Board of Governors. Items that are being considered are a party for the husbands and wives (Dinner and the works) or possibly the following year's membership or a part of it. A notice describing the award will be sent to all Swim Club Members when the Board decides upon the form it will take.

Swim Club Members, if you would like to participate in a truly fraternal activity with your Brother Knights, come out and join them on the Saturday Morning Work Party.



Please give this pool a chance to stay, as lovely as it is to-day. Give us some time and you will see how great a place our Club can be.

Family Life Conference

On Palm Sunday, March 19, 1967 The Catholic Activities Committee under Bob Palasits scheduled a "Family Life Lecture"; however, due to the size of turnout, it developed into a more intimate "Family Life Conference." The program was conducted by the Rev. Edmund Murphy and Sister Miriam Theresa, both of St. Aloysuis Church in Jersey City. Eighteen brothers and thirteen wives attended the discussion.

Father Murphy stated that we have acquired more knowledge about our religion in the past ten years than we had in the previous one hundred years. As a result, we will soon witness a boom in the publication of new Catholic text books. Those of us who have children attending either Catholic schools or C. C. D. classes should encourage our youngsters to freely discuss what they have learned so that the entire family can benefit from this education.

Much of what our children are taught may be somewhat different from what we learned as children, or perhaps the methods of teaching may be different. We should not reject these "new teachings," this could confuse or discourage our youngsters.

We should, instead, take the necessary steps to become more familiar with the teachings of our church and thereby be better informed Catholics. Sister Miriam Theresa reminded us of the great responsibility we have as parents. Since a persons character and personality are established at approximately seven years of age, the example, discipline and love shown in the home between all members of the family will greatly influence a child during his formative years. Sister quoted a Communist scholar who said "Give me a child from birth to seven years of age and I'll have him for life." In an effort to separate the Sacraments, the children in St. Aloysuis Church have already received Penance but will not receive the Holy Euchrist until May. This is done in an effort to teach the importance of each of the Sacraments.

It is also hoped that a person will not feel obligated to go to confession when ever he wishes to receive the Euchrist, but only on occasion of mortal sin.

The afternoon ended with an interesting and informative discussion about the Sacrament of Penance.

The only regret we can have about an afternoon well spent is that we could not share it with a larger number of our brother Knights.

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CALENDAR

APRIL 1 — SATURDAY
Grand Ball, Council Home
Cocktails 7:30 to 8:30
Dinner at Nine

APRIL 2 — SUNDAY
Youth Bowling Banquet
Council Home — 2:00 P.M.

APRIL 9 — SUNDAY
Wheel Chair Pushers
Lyons Hospital — 8:45 or
10:15 Masses. Contact Bob
Palasits or Joseph Henryka.

APRIL 10 — MONDAY
Regular Council Meeting
8:15 P.M., Council Home

APRIL 17 — MONDAY
Second Degree
8:15 P.M., Council Home

APRIL 24 — MONDAY
Regular Council Meeting
8:15 P.M., Council Home

APRIL 28 — FRIDAY
Major Degree
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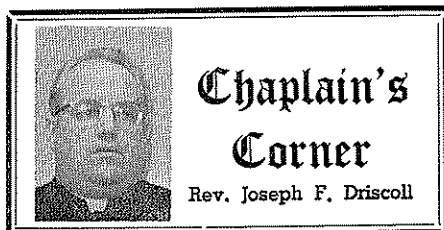
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Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Joseph F. Driscoll

My Brothers in Christ:—

Jesus Christ is the Lord of history. As the Israelites came to listen to Isaiah, we have come together asking pardon for our former sins and weaknesses and seeking direction through the inspired word of God, from the Holy Spirit on how we shall conduct our lives. Isaiah projects the future appearance of the Messiah some 700 years before His coming. We now in our day look back to Christ's coming as the central point of the Christian era, we have of history. We find that in our his-
offended Christ's prayer for unity. We are not here to merely wring our hands and bemoan our guilt, we are here as well to express our Christian joy in the inspiration which we know that the Holy Spirit will offer us. The first reason why we are here is to pray according to the mind of Our Lord, "that we all may be one". We are attentive to the inspiring words of Isaiah "all who thirst, come to the waters". As rain from heaven falls upon all, the prophet indicates so will His grace through God's own word move the minds and hearts of everyone of us to search deeply for what is God's way.

We are cautioned to take God's mind and not our own in the solving of our present difficulties "my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways".

In our liturgical cycle, in today's Gospel reference, Christ repeats the advice of Isaiah. The passage deals with the laborers being hired by the householder at different hours and receiving the same pay. This would not be man's way but Christ indicates we are to seek rather His way than our own in solving of spiritual problems.

All who follow Christ are confronted with a society wherein man is pressing for the purely material answers of power, status, affluence and physical well-being. Against these measured responses, the people of God must bring a renewal of the inner life of our minds, self-denial, unstinting love and the gentle service of others.

Perhaps we could put the statement of our position in terms that are relative to a popular sport. Our present crisis may be likened to the half-time intermission of a football game. The players are called together by their coach who reviews with them, their mistakes. He reminds them of their goal — the winning of the game. He then points out the strategy that they will now use to bring them to victory.

Youth Bowling

The Knights of Columbus Jr. Bowling League has completed its 25 weeks of bowling at 4 Seasons. The league banquet is planned for Sunday, April 2, 1967 at the Council home. Listed below are the league members named in their final standings.

Girls:

High average—P. Rygril	129
High game—P. Rygril	204
High series—D. Donnelly	472
Most improved bowling award goes to C. Kunz.	

Boys:

High average—T. Houch	159
High game—K. Barbera	250
High series—J. Shea	574
Most improved bowling award goes to J. Kaczor.	

Team standings:

Girls:

1st place—Pullace	50	—25
2nd place—Swingers	48	—27
3rd place—Cougars	43½	—31½

Boys:

1st place—Playboys	49½	—25½
2nd place—Splits &		

Misses	48	—27
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3rd place—Strike Outs	46	—29
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Congratulations are also in order for our Youth Activities chairman Joseph McEnroe and his crew for a job well done this year.

New Resolutions

The following Resolutions to be voted upon by the council . . .

- In accordance with article VIII of the Columbian Club by-laws. A resolution to be voted upon by council regarding a proposal for alterations to back area behind outdoor snack bar, namely installation of concrete patio with shrubs, flower beds, umbrellas and tables in accordance with plans submitted. The cost for same not to exceed the sum of 5000.00 dollars.
- Article VI, Section 1 of the Columbian Club by-laws to read:
The annual meeting shall be held on the 2nd council meeting in June of each year except that the annual meeting for adoption of these by-laws shall be held the 4th Thursday in April.

First Degree Ceremony

First Degree ceremonies for 11 new candidates were held Mon., March 20th at the Council home.

The candidates are: Robert K. Bas-madjian, George Byrne, Dennis J. Diakunczak, Louis Di Stefano, Henry J. Hammer, Michael J. Korb, Lelio M. Linfante, Anthony C. Patricco, Rocco J. Truprano, Leon A. Yarish, Michael Zibro.

The officers and members welcome the new members into our council and wish them success.

Isaiah 55:1 — "everyone that thirsteth, come to the waters".

"My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways", said the Lord 8.

Grand Knight's Message

Walter Wasowski



The coming of spring draws our attention to the fact that we are now embarked on the last quarter of the current council year. Your six-point program chairmen have completed plans for the remainder of their scheduled programs.

The council officers have been giving serious attention to the position and stature of the council as we approach the end of a decade of Columbianism in the Township of Union.

Our concern over the past ten years has been principally devoted to the planning, financing and construction of our council plant. Undeniably, the efforts expended in this direction have borne fruit and are worthy of commendation.

The area for immediate concern would appear to be a critical analysis of the implementation of the great principles of our order — Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

The first and foremost principle of our Order is Charity and in this area our efforts have been minimal. It is felt that a program must be established which would be a clear indication that we intend to become actively engaged in promoting this and the other principles with the same zeal applied to the building program.

The answer to how we measure up to the second principle "Unity" lies with the individual Knight. A recommendation would be to attend the exemplifications and give serious consideration to the lessons.

A second degree will be exemplified on Monday evening, April 17th and on Friday evening, April 28th a major degree will be held at our Council home. The major degree will be co-sponsored by Union, Springfield and Kenilworth councils. This will be the last major degree to be held this year and all brothers are urged to attend.

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 . . . Let's make it the best ever for Union Council.



Knight of the Month

APRIL 1967

JOHN F. MAGEEAN, SR.

There are certain names that are synonymous with Union Council #4504; such a name is John F. Maguau, Sr. Most of us have come to know Jack through the endless time and energy he has expended within our council walls.

Jack is a very active man, working in all capacities with the Columbian Club.

His donations of labor and materials has helped make our Council Home the success that it is. Jack resides in Union with his charming wife Bette of 21 years, and their three children, Jack Jr., Denise and Terrence.

Jack is employed by the Township Fire Department; his free time is spent bowling, playing golf or taking part as coach of the little league in Union.

Congratulations Jack for these and the many other jobs well done. The officers and members are proud to salute you as Knight of the Month.

I Heard A Voice

I heard a voice from the infinite say:
"What did you do for your soul today?"

Did you help the world sing a happier song?

Forgive someone who had done you wrong?

"Did you help a stranger on Life's hard road?"

Did you try to lighten another's load?

Restore the dreams to an empty heart?

Give a failure a brand new start?

"Did you coax a smile to a tearful face?"

Stand by somebody in disgrace?

Go out of your way for some wandering boy?

Did you build when 'twas easier to destroy?"

I heard a voice from the infinite say:
"What did you do for your soul today?"

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Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee of Union Council will begin to accept applications for the annual scholarships for the 1967-1968 school year beginning April 15. The closing date for applications will be June 1. Early filing with the committee will be appreciated because certain confidential information must be obtained to aid in a fair determination of the recipients.

The \$100 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 of this Council 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 recipient of the scholarship will be awarded an additional \$100 each year upon proof of satisfactory fulfillment of the scholastic requirements of the high school. The maximum will be \$400 payable each year in \$100 increments.

Applications may be obtained from P.G.K. James R. Confroy, 410 Bergen Street, Union, New Jersey 07083. MU 7-2108.