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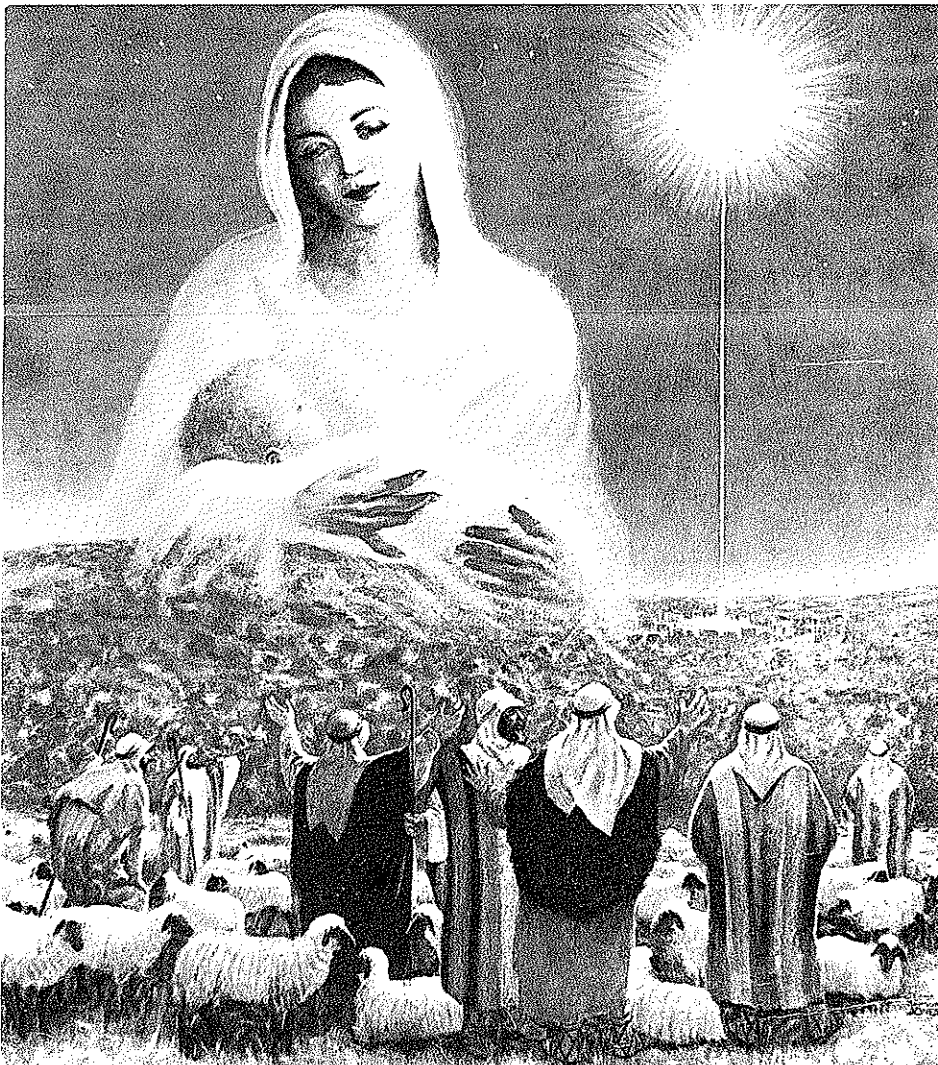
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KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS



HE WHO KEEPS THE WORD OF CHRIST GROWS PERFECT IN THE LOVE OF GOD.

Knights Collecting for Honduras Relief

Union Council 4504, Knights of Columbus, is serving as a collection center for the Union County K of C aid project for the people of Honduras.

Warm-weather clothing, linens and other bedding, shoes, canned and dried food, medicines and other items are being collected at the Council Home, 1034 Jeanette Ave., after 7:30 every evening and from 2 to 6 p.m. Saturdays.

Happy New Year

Union Council will hold its Annual New Year's Eve Party on Tuesday, December 31st at the Council Hall.

Tickets \$30.00 per couple. For reservations, call Vince Iannuzzi — 687-9381.

Christmas Party

The annual children's Christmas party will be held on Sunday, December 22nd from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. All children, of 4504 Brother Knights, up to and including nine years of age are invited. The party will be held at the Council Hall.

You are asked to bring one gift for each of your children attending. Gifts will be distributed by Santa Claus. The cost of the gift should not be less than \$3.00 and should have your child's name clearly printed on the outside of the package. Goodies and soft beverages will be donated by the Council.

If you are planning to have your child or children attend, please call one of the following co-chairmen on or before December 15.

Bruce Bentz
688-3603

Dan Neroda
382-9177

Grand Knight's Message

John Winters



My Brother Knights:

As the year 1974, is rapidly drawing to a close and we approach the most joyous of all seasons — CHRISTMAS — the celebration of the birth of our Blessed Savior I would ask at this time that all brothers and their families renew their faith in Christ.

We have reached a time with many mounting problems in our nation that one might ask "what has not failed"? The answer brothers is simple — Jesus Christ nor his Church have failed. It has survived through countless termois since the beginning of time. Each time it has risen to greater hopes and strength.

The Knights of Columbus draw all its principles from God's Holy law. Perhaps we would do well at times to review the teachings that our honored order is based on by occasionally attending a degree or by your presence at a business meeting or by perhaps a little conversation after the meeting. This can only strengthen our belief in the Knights of Columbus, our Holy Mother Church and in our own council.

At a recent business meeting our Worthy Chaplain encouraged all members to come forth and present to him their ideas on the programs you wished him to conduct. He is willing and most certainly capable of providing the membership with what we need to strengthen our faith. He asks only your attendance.

I would also at this time brothers mention the importance of attending the wakes of our departed brother knights. It is the obligation of the entire membership to try to lighten the burden of the families of our brothers.

I have high hopes and stone-like confidence that Union Council will move forward in all areas of Columbianism with the start of the New Year. Your program director and his committees have some new and interesting programs soon to be instituted. My foremost thought and hope is that all my brothers will support this great council. I ask every member of Union Council to review the degrees of our order and with the start of the New Year to generate the drive and enthusiasm it takes to keep Union Council the Great Council that it is.

On behalf of myself, my wife Betty and my entire slate of Officers I want to wish every brother and his family a Happy and Holy Holiday. May God shower his graces on all of you.

Fraternally yours,

John J. Winters Grand Knight

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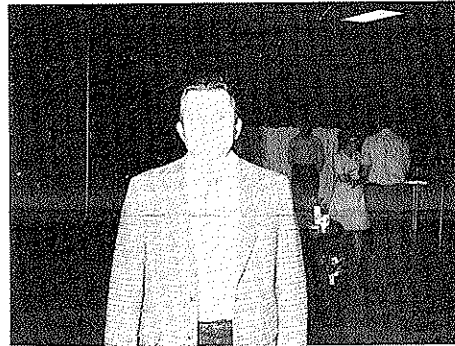
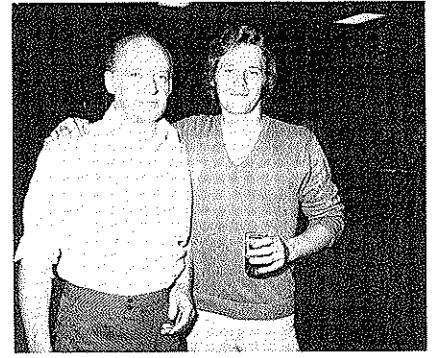
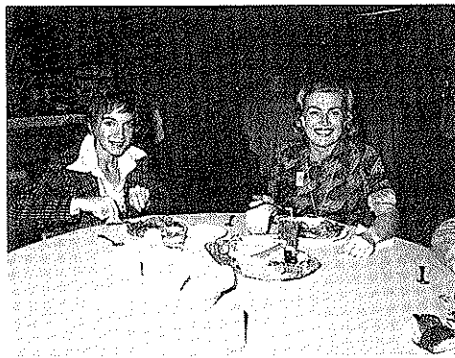
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BLOOD BANK DAY



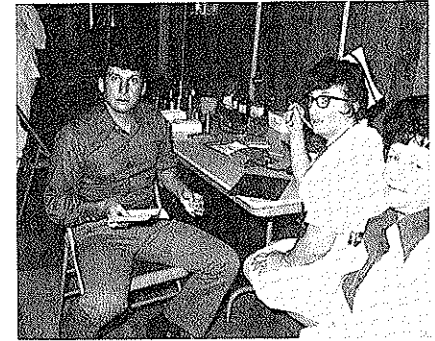
Calendar of Events

COMING EVENTS

- Dec. 7 Honor Ball
- Dec. 9 Christmas Dinner Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 13 Night of Recollection
- Dec. 21 Appreciation Night (by invitation)
- Dec. 22 Children's Christmas Party
- Dec. 25 "Keep Christ in Christmas"
- Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Dance
- Jan. 17 Swim Club Annual Meeting
- Jan. 25 Swim Club Dance

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



Where Were You?

On Blood Bank Day we looked for you but somehow we didn't see you. Oh yes! some members were there, in fact, some were there with their wives, while others were seen with their sons and daughters, our Chaplain Father Ed was also on hand as was a stranger from the boys club. But for some unknown reason we didn't see you.

Maybe you were too busy watching a football game, or reading the Sunday newspaper, or maybe because it was such a nice sunny day you took a drive. However, unimportant as you may think a blood bank is, "we missed you". Maybe you'll consider it important next year.

Thanks

Our thanks go to the following members who gave their time during the Blood Bank Day to help feed and serve the Blood donors and the crew of the Red Cross Chapter.

Frank Dickerson, Sr.
 Bill Dress
 Dan Neroda
 Lee Linfante
 Marty Farrell
 Richie Evers
 Jim Hayden
 Bill Bucher
 Walter Hollderlein
 Dominick Clementoni

Bill Patania
 Jack Bruno
 Tony Sabilia
 Ed Vogel
 Vinnie Mirizio
 John Gill
 Rocco Corbo
 Stan Rygiel

Cardinal's Corner

The Regimental Ball for the First N. J. Regiment was held on November 30 at Holy Spirit Church Hall. Approximately 250 members of the district were in attendance. Company Q of the 4th Battalion was the host on this occasion. Representatives of the 17 companies were in attendance along with dignitaries from the Supreme, State and District level. After a delightful dinner there was a drill demonstration performed by the Reg't Drill Team. Music was provided by "The Cheaters" headed by Charles Sammarco.

At a recent Assembly meeting, the proceeds collected from the Singer benefit dance were given to Dr. Grass for Camp Neejida. Mr. Ben Godesky, Chairman of the dance committee for Singer's presented a check in excess of \$900 to the Camp.

On December 18 the annual Christmas party of the Assembly will be held after a short business meeting at the Union Council Home. Anyone interested in attending this party please contact Charles Kraemer at 964-7261. The donation will be \$1.50 per person. Come and join us for the festivities!

May the spirit of Christmas in this holy season be always with you. Peace!
 S.K. Charles Kraemer

Family Ice Skating

We are interested in formulating a family ice skating day. This event will include mom and dad as well as the children. Arrangements are to hold this affair at Warinanco Park located between Elizabeth and Roselle.

If we could get a big enough response, we may be able to rent the arena for just our Council members, wives and children.

This designated event is being considered for late January or early February 1975. To have a family activity such as this or any other, we must have your support. If interested, please contact your co-chairmen as soon as possible.

Bruce Bentz
 688-3603

Dan Neroda
 382-9177

Halloween Dance



The Halloween Dance held on Saturday, October 26 was attended by 170 members, wives and guests and turned out to be a very successful affair.

There was not as many "costume clad costumers" as there have been at past Halloween Dances but those that came dressed in costumes showed a definite creativeness in their "get-ups".

Some of the winners were as follows: Gilda and Vince Mirigio who came dressed as Sunoco Gas and Domino Sugar (a couple of high priced items).

Antionette Zezza and Norma Furrevig "A couple of youngsters". Mr. & Mrs. Dominick Zezza "An angel and the devil". Tony Sibilia and Loretta Stein "A painter and his girl". Walt Guthreau and Art Reinhart "A couple of Lollipop-sucking lads."

A basketball group which dazzled the audience with fancy passing and dribbling consisted of the following: Jane and Joseph Cavallo, Eleanor and Richard Militano and Doris and Michael Tufo.

Every guest was greeted at the door by Grand Knight John Winters and his lovely wife Betty.

Congratulations to Cliff Morris and his Committee for a very enjoyable evening.

K. W. Pinney

Lecturer's Program

The guest speaker at our regular meeting of November 11 was Edward White, a representative of the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority, he spoke and showed a film on the Hackensack Meadowland Project.

Literature was given to those interested, showing the work completed and drawings of many of the proposed buildings which will be constructed.

The film showed the construction taking place at present and gave the viewers an idea of what the over-all project would look like on completion.

K. W. Pinney

Direction

For the past several months I have been writing articles to encourage more members to take an active part in our Council's activities. To those who have not participated as to date, I express my sorrow. I express my sorrow to you for you have not as yet enjoyed the pride of belonging or the pleasure of accomplishment, but worse still, you have not felt the bonds of brotherhood within our Council. Yes, brotherhood, Brothers, one of the principles of our order. We who share in this joy have offered to you the opportunity to become one of us. Join with one of our committees and help them in their programs. True, the task is sometimes a difficult one — only because those hands which would help make our tasks lighter, all too often, would prefer to reap the rewards of others without becoming soiled by just labor. And yet you who have chosen this method of membership are the loser for you have not learned the meaning of brotherhood nor will you ever experience the inner warmth of this bond which comes only to those who are united in a task which begins from nothing and is brought to life through these united efforts.

Brother Knights, I extend to you my hand in true Christian friendship. Please, step forward, accept it and with it, I will give to you the seeds of brotherhood that you may plant them in soil of your labors for our Council and nourish them in the sweat of your quest for Columbianism and see them grow with each accomplishment; then reap the fruit of this brotherhood, the bonds of new friendships. And with your help there is no task so great that we cannot overcome it and succeed in our combined efforts through this, our Brotherhood.

Sam Bruzzi
Program Director

Our Emblem — An Explanation

Brothers, we all proudly wear the Emblem of the Knights of Columbus. Do you know what it stands for?

There are five different parts to it. The BACKGROUND — THE SHIELD — and THREE DEVICES. The BACKGROUND is a square divided into four equal parts — two are white and the other two are red. They represent the four major principles of the Order. The first is Charity — and true Charity is good and pure and is white. Next is Unity, and where there is Unity there is strength. Any Country, Family or Nation that is united is strong and red blooded and virile, hence the red. The third is Fraternity or Brotherly Love and the love of a man for his brother is noble and good. This is also a White segment. The fourth stands for Patriotism or Love of Country and it is in Red to show that we are ready to shed our blood in its defense. Tie them all together with the Gold Band of Friendship and you have the first part of the Emblem.

Then there is the SHIELD — symbolic of Knighthood — for the Knights of Old carried a Shield into battle. The Blue Field is for Loyalty and the upper part in Gold is the shining example the Knights of Columbus shows the rest of the world.

On one side of it we have a sword — not an ordinary sword — but a big double edged one such as Crusaders carried and used in the Defense of the Faith. On the other side is another — the universal symbol of Hope — and we have chosen it because in Unity under God lies the hope that this Order may attain its high aims. In the center is the Fasces — the old Roman Emblem of Authority. The bundle of sticks tied together to indicate the Power and Strength of united people — and the ax to show we have the weapon to defend.

Put them all together and you have the Insignia of the greatest Fraternity on Earth — it should be worn with pride and respect for it tells the world — Here is a Catholic generation — a Loyal Son of Holy Mother the Church — and a mighty good friend to have.

(Thanks to Council #3426, The Shield, Maywood, N. J.)

I'm a New Member

I see you at the meetings,
But you never say "Hello",
You're busy all the time you're there,
With those you already know.

I sit amongst the people,
Yet I'm a lonesome guy,
The "new members" are as strange as I,
And old times pass me by.

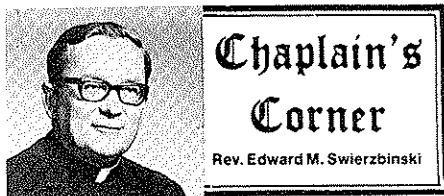
But darn it, you pioneers asked me in,
And you talked of fellowship.
You could just step across the room
But you never make the trip.

Why can't you nod and say "Hello"
Or stop and shake my hand.
Then go and sit among your friends?
Now that, I understand.

I'll be at the next meeting
Perhaps a nice evening to spend
Do you think you could introduce
yourself?

I want to be your friend.

Council 371 Bayonne



Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Edward M. Swierzbinski

Christmas is a happy time. A time for lots of fun and games, a time when people enjoy themselves, a time to celebrate. When you read this may I ask you to take a close look at your "fun" At whose expense? By what means? Why? What's the excuse for the party?

Then take time to consider we are already "gate-crashers". We've got into a party that is going on for centuries now and we still don't know who the party is for, or worse, we don't care.

Christmas is great fun. But what is the reason for true joy.

The Lord is near. But only those who make a place for God in their daily lives can truly celebrate Christmas. Check your calendar. Are "socials" the main celebration of the Incarnation — God becoming man — Jesus being born on Christmas Day.

What spiritual, charitable preparation are you making? What forgiveness is there in your life? Jesus is coming, Jesus is near — Jesus is our God and Saviour.

May this Christmas be truly Christ's Mass in your lives — may your lives reflect Christ's love and be full of joy.

Membership

On October 28th the Formation Degree was conferred upon 28 candidates by your Council Officers. Among these were 7 from our own Council to whom we extend our hearty congratulations.

George R. Clark
James J. Doody III
Morton M. Picone
Robert H. Schwartz
Edward W. Bubnowski
Joseph A. Marone
Carmen F. Quagliato

Remember, brothers, a new member will feel strange at first, therefore, it is very important to escort him to his first few regular Council meetings and introduce him to as many fellow brothers as possible.

The responsibilities of Sponsorship should not be terminated after the prospective member signs his application; this will merely defeat the purpose of increasing our membership, which is to further the principles of Columbianism through the cultivation of new members who will actively participate in one or more of our various programs.

Fraternally,
Frank J. Weishapl
Membership Director

Do You Know

That a true Knight will remember to keep "Christ in Christmas".

That the Knights of Columbus magazine "Columbia" is the world's largest circulated catholic magazine.

That the correct names of the present First, Second and Third Degree of our order are — Admission, Formation and Knighthood Degree.

Unwanted Child And Human Values

Were **you** an unwanted pregnancy? Think about that for a moment. How many of **your** parents rejoiced totally at the discovery of another conception, at the timing of the birth, at adding another member to the family? How many of **your own** children came exactly when they were wanted? To assume, however, that an unwanted pregnancy will become an unwanted child is totally **false**, as many parents know from personal experience. Adoption and the happiness it brings to parents unable to bear children of their own would be impossible if that "unwanted" baby were never allowed to develop and be borne by a selfless if unhappy mother. Recent studies have shown that very wanted pregnancies sometimes produce neglected children while unwanted pregnancies usually produce very loved children. Once you allow the "unwanted" to be killed, and only the "wanted" to live, you are in serious trouble. History is full of examples. The crusaders called them "infideli". Hitler called them a "defective race". The Supreme Court justices called them "fetuses". The court has legalized that an entire age group (the unborn) can be killed at the request of one other individual (the mother). Is that right in a country which proudly proclaims that "all men are **created** equal, and are endowed by the Creator with certain inalienable rights, among these are life...?"

Supreme Knight John McDevitt, at the Supreme Council Convention said "In January of last year the U.S. high court ruled with stony indifference that the innocent unborn may be slaughtered at the whim of the mother, making an official rejection of the Judeo-Christian doctrine that human life is the creation of God and therefore sacred." He also said that the problems of abortion should not lead us to dejection or pessimism. The Supreme Knight declared "Our reference must be for the things of God and not of the world. We must be active in the world without passively yielding to its standards. Our moral guidelines are set by the teachings of Christ and His Church and not by the opinion polls of the day".

Parts of this article are based on the July-August Cavalcade.

Jim Moran, Chancellor

Christmas Dinner Meeting

Our annual Christmas dinner will be held on December 9th at 7:00 p.m. prior to our regular meeting. Come and join your brothers at this happy event. A wine toast to Christmas will be followed by a full course dinner.

Price of tickets \$3.00 per member.

Tickets can be purchased at the council hall or by contacting the committeemen. Attempt to obtain your tickets as soon as possible, so as to insure ample portions and a successful dinner for all.

Bob Hillock, Chairman

Keep Open! December 13

Advent, by definition is a time of preparation for the coming of the Holy Child Jesus. Union Council's assistance in helping **YOU** prepare for the Holy Feast of Christmas is by celebrating a night of recollection on December 13, Friday, at 7:30 p.m.

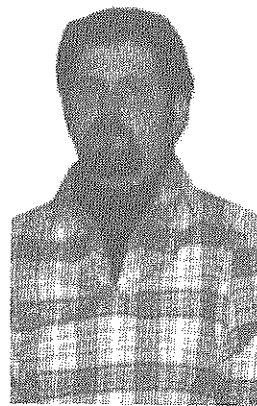
This is a family night . . . so bring your wife and family. Prove to them that the Knights of Columbus is more than a social club . . . that we do practice the principles of our order.

Every once in a while we all must pause to reflect on what our life is all about. The church presents to us two marvelous opportunities for this serious reflection; Advent and Lent. Let's all take time this Advent — we may not be here next Advent — to reflect for an hour or so.

Join with us, you and your family, on December 13 at 7:30 p.m.

R. P. Sullivan
Church Activities

Knight of the Month



RITCHIE EVERS

Our Knight of the Month Ritchie Evers can be described as a participant of every body, committee and or work party. He's a bartender, a kitchen helper, a swim club program aide, a worker when preparing for our swim pool opening (and he's not a member of the Swim Club), active with the blood bank crew, family dinner crew, council clean-up parties etc. Ritchie is not only big in stature but big in heart.

Ritchie is employed with the Interstate Motor Lines, Elizabeth.

Ritchie, his lovely wife Anna and daughter Gina Ann reside on Pleasant Parkway, Union and are recipients of St. Paul's Church, Irvington.

Well suited and well deserving, we add to our list the name of Ritchie Evers, "Knight of the Month", December 1974 Knights of Columbus, Union Council 4504.

I can see how it might be possible for a man to look down upon the earth and be an atheist, but I cannot conceive how he could look up into the heavens and say there is no God.

Abraham Lincoln

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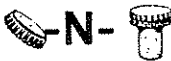
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