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Knight's Night

The Council Activity Committee, under Chairman Frank Dickerson, is arranging what should prove to be a very interesting calendar of social events for the coming year.

To open the season, a Knight's Night will be held on Friday, November 4, at Immaculate Conception Auditorium, Union & Prince Streets, Elizabeth. The Affair will be limited to Knights and their wives, or, in the case of bachelor members, to their dates. There will be dancing from 9:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M. to the music of Fred Sleckman's Orchestra. The admission charge of \$2.00 per person will include beer, soda, ice, potato chips, pretzels, and peanuts.

Other plans by the committee includes a Sports Night in January, our Annual Charity Ball on April 15th, and a picnic in June.

The committee has promised to do its utmost to make this a banner year for our council, and feels certain that the membership will cooperate as it has done in the past.

Dance Committee; Oscar Ernst, Ed Pawlowski, Mark Hayes, Jim Walsh, Jim Gardner, Vince Squazzo, Ed Kononowicz, and Tony Rusciano.

Pause & Reflect

The life of a man is a precious thing. Too often, we Catholics seem only concerned with how a human life ends, whereas we should devote more thought to how a life is spent, for it is the way a person lives that has a direct bearing on the way that person dies.

We use our human life to gain heaven. Through sanctifying grace we share God's own Divine Life and He lives in our souls. The Christian can ever increase in sanctifying grace through reception of the Sacraments and through the proper carrying out of his duties.

God has placed each person in a situation which He knows is best for that person to save his soul. He has also given the talents and abilities needed to carry out well a state of life. Thus a man must live his life as best he can in accordance with God's will, and hope for salvation.

Why then, should one make a retreat? Is it necessary to go away?

COLUMBIAN CLUB NOTES

With the advent of the Fall Season, our first Council meeting certainly demonstrated that there is the ever present need for a new Council Home in Union.

Your Columbian Club has made every effort to bring this purpose into being and now faces its last step in order to accomplish that goal. All chairmen and officers of the Council are united in this common effort to make this earnest desire possible.

The first event, as previously announced, will be a card party to be held on Friday, October 14th, the proceeds of which will go to the Building Fund for the new Knights Home. The announcement of this date is made a sufficient time in advance for every loyal Knight and his family to make this a momentous occasion. The tickets are but \$1.00 each and there should be no excuse why every Knight is not present with his lady. This type of event is the first of its kind, and if successful, will be continued throughout the year in order to supplement the pledge drive.

The Columbian Club is happy to announce that within the next week and a half application will be made for a Club liquor license, which is a necessary step to be taken prior to the breaking of ground for our new home.

Enough stress cannot be made upon the fact that the goal to be

Can't the same thing be done at home?

No one can really look at anything objectively if he is completely involved in it. He must withdraw from whatever he is doing, and look at it through critical eyes. We all step back from our work, from time to time, if only to look at it from a different angle.

This, then, is why there is a need for a retreat. We are doing just that; retreating from our own lives for a short time in order to take a really good look at ourselves. The weekend of October 21st to 23rd is your opportunity to take stock of your life, and put it in order. Please don't pass it by; you may not have another chance.

For details call Tom Vigliotto at MU. 8-1385.

achieved — our new home — is not a desire for the future but certainly is a "present necessity". We have seen in the past where our several committees have had difficulty in obtaining places to rent to use for the several activities of the Council.

Let us now all join in the forthcoming year, in an earnest effort to build our new Council Home.

COLUMBIAN CLUB	
Pledge Goal \$40,000.	
_____	40
_____	35
We are here	
_____	30
_____	25
_____	20
_____	15
_____	10
_____	5

Pledges can now be paid at regular Council meetings. A committeeman will be on hand to receive them.

We Miss You

Attendance at Council Meetings is less than twenty percent of membership.

It is the obligation of each Brother to reserve this night for his opportunity to voice an opinion and have first hand information on the progress of his Council.

Let's show the officers and committee chairmen that they can count on our help. "Don't leave it up to the next Brother."

"Be A Knight - Give A Night" — attend the meetings.

Attendance Chairman,
Joseph Seibert

Holy Name Parade

Grand Knight Thomas Crimmins urges all members to participate in this manifestation of our faith, the Holy Name Parade, Sunday, October 9. Our council, as has been its custom every year, will form a "High Hat Brigade" as a part of St. Michael's ranks. Members interested in becoming "High Hatters", please contact Howard Leary, MU. 6-4141.

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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 Activity Chairman, Edward J. Wargins, 948 Townley Ave., Union, MU. 8-8835.

Calendar

- OCT. 9—
Holy Name Parade.
- OCT. 10—
Regular Council Meeting,
8:15 P.M. Elk's Club, "Catholic Information Forum".
- OCT. 14—
Columbian Club Card Party,
Union High School, 8:00 P.M.
- OCT. 21 thru 23—
Weekend Retreat, St. Alfonso's Retreat House, West Long Branch, N. J.
- OCT. 24—
Regular Council Meeting,
8:15 P.M. Elk's Club, First Degree.
- NOV. 4—
Knight's Night, Immaculate Conception Hall, Elizabeth.
- NOV. 13—
Memorial Mass, 9:05 A.M.,
St. Michael's Lower Church.
- NOV. 14—
Regular Council Meeting,
8:15 P.M., Elk's Club.



Chaplain's Corner

- - - Rev. Joseph F. Driscoll

Your sons and daughters will know happiness and security only in proportion to the degree that their home offers those qualities. Your problem, as parents, is to make your home as happy and as holy a place as you possibly can. It is your task to offer the good, safe, and joyous elements of life in abundance.

Home is the starting point. The "coaching" of your new teen-aged youngster began even before birth. It actually began before the altar, at your own Nuptial Mass, when you took the sacred marriage vows and became a team — husband and wife — in close cooperation with God.

The graces which came to you then have continued graciously and plentifully ever since. They are now flowing into your souls so that you may carry on your present duties with competence and wisdom. Because this is true, you shouldn't worry, overmuch, about the problems which beset you now. Certainly there are problems! How could anything so vibrant, and intricate, as a human being arrive to this stage of near-adulthood without problems?

The responsibility for these problems is not yours alone. Since they arise out of the current needs of your offspring, they are as much the concern of God the Father as they are yours. Try to remember this. It will help you in all sorts of circumstances. Take God at His word. Realize His presence. Lean on it, and cherish it mightily. Your son or daughter, is now the person he or she is, because of the important training you have given at home. The hours he or she will be away from home increase as outside activities demand attention. But actually, home is never left behind; it has left its mark forever on

your child. School life, social life and religious life are like compartments which take over fully the seemingly brief hours of a youngster's day. We may list them separately, but actually they cannot be divided.

In the case of a Catholic child, (or any child who would know true happiness) religion must be an integral part of each and every phase of his life. It is, then, your task to do all in your power to establish this proper foundation for living. It is your constant duty to strive to make religion a vital attractive thing, which a boy or girl may enjoy, a great reality in which he or she may find a sense of fulfillment and completion.

You have been teaching religion since the birth of your child. You must continue to teach it throughout his lifetime. The lesson will be well taught only when he has learned how to reach heaven. Therefore, you parents of high school boys and girls, will do well to keep in mind the truth that the only thing which will count for your child is for him to arrive "safe at home." He came from the hand of God, and back he must go, if he is to realize his destiny.

The cheers on earth aren't important! Merits, and high grades in school, are not the only goal of an education. Friendship is not enough in itself. Athletic prowess isn't everything. Beauty, charm, social prestige, economic security — all are relative. They are to be desired only if they can be won with young eyes fixed unwaveringly upon their True Home.

This may sound like the wording of a framed motto on the wall, but it is sound enough to quote: "Heaven is our Home". We can reach it only if we make heaven the goal of our earthly homes.

Open House

Approximately fifty prospective members attended the Open House Meeting, arranged by Membership Chairman Tom Butler, on September 20th.

The guests were addressed by District Deputy Frank Jackiewicz, and George Leary. Columbian Club President Warren Hehl outlined plans for our new home. Pamphlets and

circulars were displayed which outlined the activities of the Order, and the film "Noble Heritage" was shown. A general atmosphere of friendliness and unity prevailed, topped off by the serving of refreshments.

It is hoped that most, if not all, of the prospective candidates will meet the membership requirements, and be available to receive the First Degree of the Order on October 24th.

Grand Knight's Message



Safe Driving Corner John Foley

BROTHERS:

The month of October presents several important dates in our council calendar. I wish to call to everyone's attention the Annual Retreat to be held at St. Alfonso's Retreat House, West Long Branch, N. J. on Oct. 21, 7:30 P.M. to Oct. 23, 4:00 P.M. This is a wonderful opportunity to implore God's help in our everyday endeavors. As man gets closer to God, his purpose and end in life, the more his joy in living increases.

The life blood of every council is membership and for survival and advancement, every member must recognize this. We have had our "Open House Meeting" but there is still time to bring in that friend or relative who was never asked to join. Tentative plans have been set to hold a 1st Degree on Monday, October 24th, the second meeting in October. The membership and admission committee are in need of work.

The month of October is always Holy Name Rally Time for all Catholic men. We as members of the Knights of Columbus and Holy Name men are expected to attend this public profession of our Faith. I would personally ask each member of the council to march with his parish Holy Name Society on this day; to live up to your responsibilities as members of your Church, your Country and your Society.

As Catholics, we have a serious obligation. Smut, in the form of filthy literature, obscene writings and pictures, is not only a menace but has

reached proportions that are ominous. Recently Senate Bill 3736 was passed unanimously and sent to the House of Representatives for action. This bill is of vital importance to everyone in this country for by its adoption, it can sound the death knell of obscenity. In the meantime may we ask your cooperation — **FIGHT INDECENT LITERATURE.**

At the first meeting in September the final plans or working drawing of our Council Home were received. These will be available at every meeting for your viewing. Every member present was impressed with the excellent job done by the architect and the choice of building materials and design of the structure. The members of the Columbian Club, the officers and myself are convinced that with your continued support, we can have a home this year. The drive to solicit pledges from the new members is progressing nicely and the response has been gratifying. A member of the council will be at every meeting to fill out the pledge card for you brothers who have not as yet been contacted. The cost of renting halls for our council affairs has increased steadily over the years, so the quicker we erect our building, the quicker we will receive revenue from this source. In Union there is strength, the Union of our Knights of Columbus Council and our holding company, the Columbian Club. One cannot exist without the other.

Fraternally yours,
Thomas M. Crimmins

You felt proud of your car as it brought you through a flooded section of the street and other drivers were stranded in the middle of the water because they didn't slow down to avoid splashing the ignition wires of their car. A block or so later you discover that you can't stop your car because the brakes are wet. If your car is parked and exposed to a heavy prolonged rain you can experience the same situation. Drive a block or two with a slight pressure on the foot brake to help dry the brake linings.

The fall season is here with all its hazards such as piles of fallen leaves in which a child might be playing, same leaves when wet making the road like ice and also visibility becomes poor as dusk settles during the home-rush hours.

It has been said that a man's true self is revealed by the way he drives. If you wish to know a person better, take a long drive with him. You might be surprised.

Do you make driving easier for fellow motorists by observing the following courtesies?

Signalling your intention to turn off a busy street so that a drive on the side street can enter or turn safely at the same time.

Signalling well in advance your intention to double park momentarily so that you can back into a parking space thus enabling the drivers behind, room enough to swing around you. By not blocking the entrance or exit to a side street while in slow moving traffic.

DRIVING TIPS

In traffic, keep an eye on the second car in front of you by looking through the windshield of the vehicle directly ahead of you so that you can have advance warning of any sudden slowdown or change in traffic flow.

Never pull into traffic with a cold motor. Let it idle for a few minutes. This also helps to conserve the battery.

paved the way for the Merits, John Burke's 563 was the high series for the night. "200" games were registered by Matt Simon 218, Al Ring 209, Lou Schmidt 209, and John Burke 202.

Many thanks to the members of the Bowling League for cancelling their bowling night and for participating at the "Open House" meeting.

SPORTS NEWS

INTRA-COUNCIL BOWLING LEAGUE

	Won	Lost
Shellbacks	2	1
Kilowatts	2	1
Right Handers	2	1
Untouchables	2	1
Merits	2	1
Bandits	2	1
Spoilers	1	2
Plungers	1	2
Shamrocks	1	2
Jackals	1	2
Diggers	1	2
G-Men	1	2

Grand Knight Tom Crimmins opened the 1960-61 Season on Tuesday, September 13, 9:00 P.M. at Four Seasons Lanes. The standings after the first night were rather unusual, with half of the teams tied for first place and the rest tied for last place.

John Clapinski with a 521 series paced the Shellbacks, while Joe Gluck's 504 led the Kilowatts double win. The Right Handers were led by Hank Skarbek's 534, and the Untouchables by Frank Gross' 478. For the Bandits, Matt Simon registered a 515 series and Ed Pawlowski's 491

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Begley New Post Commander

On September 24, Brother Joseph H. Begley will be inducted as Post Commander of Connecticut Farms Post 35, American Legion.

An employee of P. Ballantine & Sons, the forty-two year old Begley is the father of four children, and resides at 1651 Kenneth Avenue, Union. He has risen to the office of Post Commander in the short span of approximately three and one half years of active membership in the Legion.

Eight Degrees of Charity

The works and words of a charitable man may be graded according to his intentions and the way in

which he bestows charity. In ascending order:

1. He who give grudgingly, reluctantly or with regret.
2. He who gives less than he should, but gives graciously.
3. He who gives what he should but after he is asked.
4. He who gives before he is asked.
5. He who gives without knowing to whom he gives, although the recipient knows the source.
6. He who gives without making his identity known.
7. He who gives without knowing to whom he gives and the recipient does not know the source.
8. He who helps a fellowman to support himself.

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