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CRIME AND YOUTH IN OUR NATION

Recent statistics published by the Federal Bureau of Investigation indicate that a major portion of the present crime rate in the United States is directly attributable to youths below the age of twenty-one. Appalling as this fact is in itself, it becomes even more startling when one considers the nature of these crimes and the senseless reasons for which they are committed. Assault and violence, so evident in the summer riots of recent years, have become the trademark of what may be termed a "new breed" of criminal. Where crime was once for material benefits or the result of passion, it is now coldly committed for such senseless purposes as achieving a reputation, proving one's self to a group, or just for "kicks".

What characterizes the deviant behavior patterns of these youthful criminals our society is spawning? First, there is a blatant disregard for established authority. Next, there is a dominating egocentricism to which everything else becomes subordinate, including the rights and feelings of others. Finally, there is a lack of social conscience and purpose coupled with an inability to forego one's own comforts and pleasures for higher goals and future security.

We Knights are not without means to combat this steadily increasing crime rate. The first line of battle is in our very homes. Sociologists studying crime rates in areas such as New York's Harlem, have shown a direct correlation between crime and the breakdown of the family structure. The seed of respect for authority is first implanted in the home. There is a normal "chain of command," in which the father is head of his household. Unfortunately, most modern fathers are often caught up in their businesses or professions and assume a passive role, with the already over-burdened mother becoming largely responsible for the rearing of children. A worse condition exists in those homes, where parents caught up in the competitiveness of our society, are locked in a power struggle and permit uncontrolled freedom to their children in an effort to cull their support.

Our modern means of communication and our entertainment media have also eroded the once strong bulwark of paternal authority. Too often in literature, cartoons, adver-

tisements, etc., the father is characterized as a hapless buffoon — the perfect foil for the insults of his wife and children. In this age so marked by the struggle to insure man's rights, perhaps we Knights, acting as an organization, should begin a campaign to re-establish the rights of fathers within their homes and in our society.

We live in an affluent age and are determined that our children will derive every available benefit. This is natural and as it should be. Yet we should be wary in our munificence lest we create a deeper scar than that left by want. Indiscriminate giving may make a child unable to cope with frustrations. Many a child blocked from an immediate goal responds with persistent physical and emotional outbursts of a violent nature. This should not be accepted or tolerated as normal behavior. It is this very characteristic that is responsible for this tendency toward violence in the new breed of young criminal.

It is time that we Knights reconsider our role as parents. Are we fully cognizant of the activities and feelings of our children? Do we tolerate with understanding their shortcomings, humbly aware of our own youthful transgressions? Do we provide the necessary guidance and direction their development requires? Our children can only learn from our example and what better place to learn than in the home.

ICE SKATING PARTY

On Saturday, Feb. 4, the Council will have its Second Ice Skating party of the season, at South Mountain Arena, West Orange, N. J.

The buses will leave the Council Home at 2 P.M. and return at approximately 5:45 P.M.

Skating time is from 2:30 to 5:00 P.M. This party is open to all children of Brother Knights and their friends. Children under 8 years must be accompanied by an adult. Parents are also invited to join in the fun.

The price, which includes transportation and admission to the Arena, is \$1.50.

Skates may be rented at the Arena for an additional 52¢. If you plan to attend the Ice Skating party, please contact Youth Activity Chairman, Joseph McEnroe, MU 6-5346.

Major Degree Held

Our Ninth Anniversary Celebration on Friday, Dec. 2, 1966 was highlighted with the exemplification of our Major Degree. It was indeed gratifying to have the past Grand Knights of our Council attend the dual celebration. The Supreme Council, alerted by our Insurance Agent Gus Cawley, sent a wire congratulating the Council on their nine years' achievements.

Congratulations are extended to the following members of our Council. Rev. Laurence T. Murphy, Joseph G. Collins, Charles J. Boyle, James J. Cahill, Salvatore Tavaglione, Jr., Nicholas Tavaglione, Anthony L. Caroselli, Henry E. Smith, Ralph F. Currie, Walter J. Reinhard, Anthony J. Michalski, Salvatore Longo, Alfred L. Altrelly, James F. Ford, Albert Groblewski, Peter G. Holderlein, Richard F. Dombrosky, George J. Thoms, John T. Scheider, William V. Grosso, Paul R. Rugg, Charles J. Proudfoot, Joseph M. Pizano, John C. Gunther, Joseph C. Jeannette, David Petruzzello, Samuel M. Pennetta, Santo Livera, Anthony A. Majeski, John Marmora, Michael N. Mielnick.

CATHOLIC ACTIVITIES

A Christian family is a little mystical body. Its members are meant to be holy with the indwelling divine life. Therefore the members must respect, love, and help one another to live together happily.

In a Christian family, anywhere in the world, the father is the spiritual head who takes the place of Christ.

On January 8, 1967, the Feast of the Holy Family, the Council will have a Corporate Communion at St. Michael's Church at 9:00 A.M. All members, their wives, and their children are cordially invited to join together and receive the Blessed Sacrament in honor of the Holy Family.

Coffee and donuts will be served, free of charge, at the Council Home, following Mass.

Although this will be the only Corporate Communion sponsored by the Council this year, may it be only one of many family communions celebrated by every Knight of this Council.

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CALENDAR

JANUARY 8 — SUNDAY
Corporate Communion Banquet
9:00 Mass, St. Michael's Church

JANUARY 9 — MONDAY
Regular Council Meeting
8:15 P.M., Council Home

JANUARY 13 — FRIDAY
Columbian Swim Club Meeting
8:15 P.M., Council Home

JANUARY 16 — MONDAY
First Degree — 8:15 P.M.
Council Home

JANUARY 18 — WEDNESDAY
Regular Council Meeting
8:15 P.M., Council Home

JANUARY 23 — MONDAY
Regular Council Meeting
8:15 P.M., Council Home

JANUARY 28 — SATURDAY EVENING — Columbian Swim Club Annual Dance

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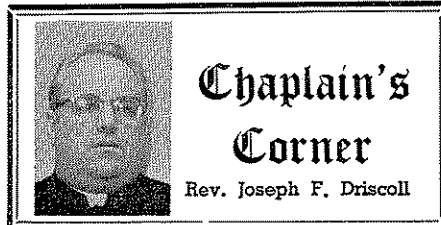
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Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Joseph F. Driscoll

Your Catholic Activities Committee is busy preparing a day for spiritual betterment to succeed our annual day of recollection. They are preparing under advisement a day in which you will be able to participate more fully and hopefully make definite resolutions for continued effort on the part of all the members to accentuate in their Council life the improvement of their spiritual program.

We have long realized that the spiritual program which is at the core of Columbianism cannot be meaningful when relegated to a Committee or the Chairman and his faithful few. To do something about it is the aim of the Sunday we shall have in Lent called "Confronting Christ".

Please make every effort to read and become excited about the advanced publicity.

Any and all members who, from time to time have suggested that the program of the Council should be spiritually oriented can now have the opportunity to incorporate their ideas with a strong study and resolve. What shall we do for the new year? We should try holiness as a program of Council life.

Swim Club Dance

On Saturday evening January 28, 1967 the Columbian Swim Club will hold its Third Annual Dance at the Council Home.

The theme of this year's dance will be "Sound of Music". The evening's activities will start with a cocktail party from 7:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. The dance music will again be provided by the "Fun-aires" that have proved to be so popular in the past years.

The highlight of the evening will be the drawing for a membership for the 1967 season for some lucky person who is in attendance. Additional door prizes as well as the usual abundant buffet will be provided.

This year it is strongly recommended that the members bring a camera and flashbulbs to acquire pictures that they will enjoy for some time to come.

This dance is limited to Columbian Swim Club members only. The tickets are now on sale at Kay's Hardware, 1344 Stuyvesant Ave. The price is \$3.50 each.

If Swim Club members have not purchased all the tickets by January 20th the remaining tickets will be placed on general sale.

Brother John J. Guidera is serving as General Chairman of the dance for the third year.

PUBLIC DECENCY

What are you doing to stop pornography? The following is taken from a recent article of the Sunday Visitor.

Pornography was described by a U. S. Senate subcommittee as "wanton, depraved, nauseating, despicable, demoralizing, destructive and capable of poisoning any mind at any age." Much of the material cranked out in California is so vile that it is banned in foreign countries. Much of it is banned in many of our states. The more Californians looked into the situation, the more alarmed they were. They listened as the national council of juvenile court judges explained how pornography had changed youthful misbehavior from mere mischievousness to acts of rape, armed robbery and even homicide. They quoted Cardinal Spellman:

"Pornography encourages brutality, violence, injustice, irreverence, disrespect for authority, illicit pleasure seeking, abnormality, degeneracy, and other signs of mental maladjustment."

They realized that halting this cancerous growth in children's minds was much more vital than cleaning up our highways. They heeded the words of J. Edgar Hoover:

"Filthy literature is creating criminals faster than jails can be built to house them." Since 1961, salacious peddlers have been heading for California in even larger numbers. As one publisher declared, after France had thrown him out, "You can publish anything here in California."

Twenty different bills were introduced into the legislature at Sacramento, but every bill was mysteriously blocked before it ever reached the floor for open discussion. The people were caught between a useless law and a lawmaking body that afforded no protection. De Tocqueville wrote a century ago: "America is great because she is good. When America ceases to be good, she will cease to be great."

It is only through love of God and love of Country, that we can really produce a clean America.

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Grand Knight's Message

Walter Wasowski



The first issue of the Knight Digest for the year 1967 finds Union Council embarked on the tenth year as a subordinate council. To signal the occasion, the Major Degree of the order was exemplified for a class of candidates on December 2nd, 1966. Many more events will be held — reaching a climax on our Tenth Birthday on December 2nd, 1967. The planning is in the capable hands of a competent and dedicated group of committee chairmen. Your cooperation and support will insure the success of their efforts. As we look back on the enormous strides we have made in the past, let us not become complacent. The vision, drive and dedication so much in evidence in the past must be continued in order that we might reach other goals.

A note of thanks goes to our Fraternal Activities Chairman Andy Tobia, for his efforts and enthusiasm in making the blood bank and Christmas Dinner Meeting a highlight of 1966. I must commend our worthy cook Walter Holderline, for the sumptuous repast served at our Christmas Dinner Meeting.

Both these well attended affairs are indicative of the spirit within our council.

We are happy to welcome back to action, recovered from his recent illness, our Membership-Insurance Chairman Jim Connell. Through the efforts of his committee and the yeoman work of our Insurance representative Gus Cawley, we are well on our way to meeting the Membership-Insurance quota for Star Council recognition. A little additional help from the general membership in sponsoring a "practical Catholic" will insure attainment of that goal.

The members of the Council who have not been in regular attendance since the start of the council year have been missing the efforts of our Lecturer Homer Dukes. Homer has been doing an outstanding job in presenting timely and interesting programs. A pledge to commence meetings punctually is being kept and your officers and committee chairmen are making every effort to expedite the business portion of the meeting. This makes it possible for those who must "rise early" to enjoy the programs and a period of fraternity with their brother knights and still return home at a reasonable hour.

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

Dues are now \$16.00 per year. All dues are due and payable January 1st, 1967.



Knight of the Month

JANUARY 1, 1967

Anthony W. Venezia

It is fitting to begin the calendar year with new resolutions and a new Knight for 1967. The first Knight of the Month for 1967 is golf enthusiast Anthony W. Venezia.

Tony, a native of Union, has been with the Township Fire Department for 16 years.

Tony and his wife, the former Ann Ammiano of Newark, reside at 891 Salem Road with their four children Nancy Carole, Roseanne, Anthony, Jr. and Doreen.

Tony's time and energy not expended on the golf course, is utilized at Holy Spirit Church working with the Holy Name Society and Boy Scout troop.

May we make mention Tony, that golf, with all its desires and frustrations for a hole in one, is not comparable to the hole in one you've made in our Council.

The members of our Council extend to you and yours, a blessed and healthy New Year.

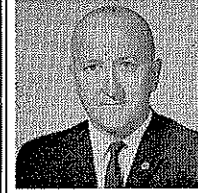
John Fitzgerald Kennedy General Assembly

FOURTH DEGREE
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

On Wednesday evening, January 18th Rev. Joseph E. Schuh, S.J., associate professor of biology at St. Peter's College, Jersey City, will address the members of the John Fitzgerald Kennedy Assembly, Fourth Degree following their monthly meeting.

Father Schuh has recently returned to the faculty of Saint Peter's College after an absence. This time was spent on the science faculty of the Federal University of Lagos, Nigeria. Father Schuh returned to this country after a political upheaval disrupted the operation of the Federal University.

Father Schuh was born in Brooklyn, New York. He received his college education at Georgetown, Woodstock, Weston and Fordham. From the latter he received his Ph.D. in Biology in 1951. Father Schuh is a member of the Board of Directors of the Jesuit Research Council of America and has done extensive work at the Marine Biology Laboratory, Woods Hole, Massachusetts.



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I would like to wish every family a Happy and Holy Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

A Night of (K) nights



Annual Snow Ball Dinner Dance
November 26, 1966

Left to right: Rev. John Palastis, Frank Dickerson, P.G.K., Grand Knight Walter Wasowski, B. Warren Hehl, P.G.K., Chaplain Rev. Joseph F. Driscoll.



The family of B. Warren Hehl, P.G.K., were present on the evening of Nov. 26, 1966 to join with us in congratulating him for a memorable year as Grand Knight