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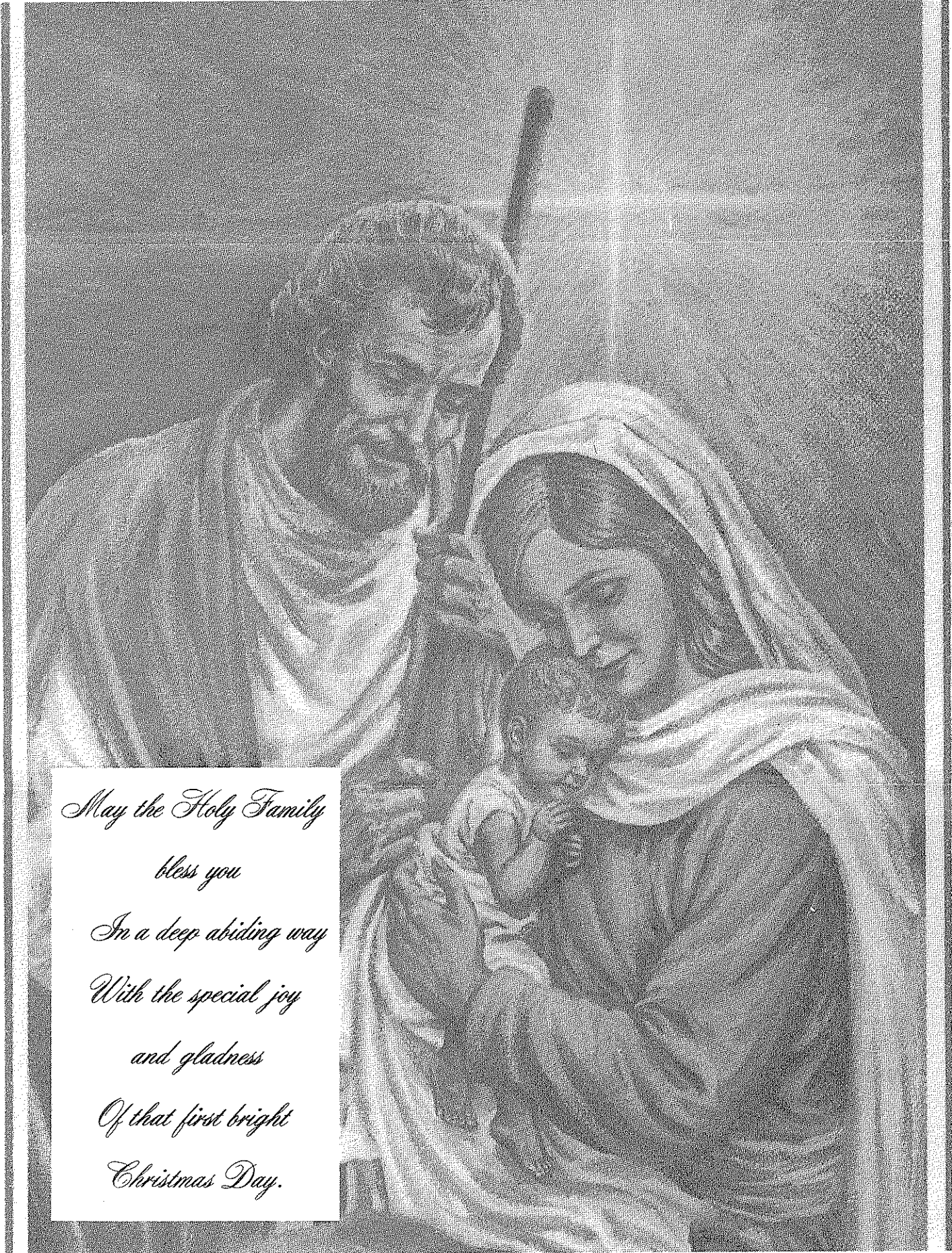


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*May the Holy Family
bless you
In a deep abiding way
With the special joy
and gladness
Of that first bright
Christmas Day.*

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

- 1st Mon. Council Officers
- 2nd & 4th Mon. Regular Meetings
- 3rd Mon. Swim Club
- 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

Wanted Gate Attendant

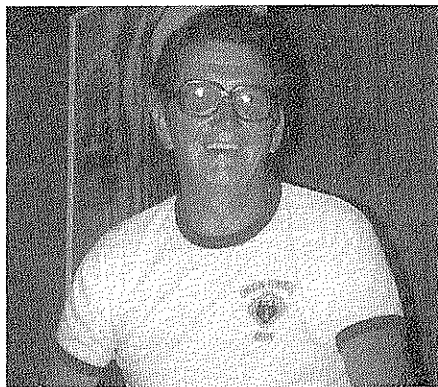
The Columbian Swim Club is actively seeking responsible adults to be considered for the position of "GATE ATTENDANT" for the 1981 Columbian Swim Club Season. While the position is not open until May of 1981, the Swim Club Board of Governors wishes to provide potential applicants with a maximum amount of time to consider applying. The financial compensation for this position is negotiable. Board President Jack Kilian suggests that this would be an ideal position for one or two retired persons to use to supplement their pension. To receive detailed information call either Jack Kilian or Vince Iannuzzi at 686-4504 or write to the Columbian Swim Club, P.O. Box 1206, Union, N. J. 07083.

Christmas Dinner

Don't forget the Christmas Dinner meeting on December 8, at 6:30 at the Council Hall. There will be no ticket sales at the door. So buy your tickets now.

For more information call Mike Herrightly — 964-3841 or Jim Johnson — 964-0735.

Knight of the Month December 1980



Thomas Burke

Our Knight of the Month honor for December is awarded to Thomas Burke. A member of our council for only a few years, Tom has clearly demonstrated his dedication to the ideals of Columbianism by his activities on council committees. Tom is presently chairman of the Youth Activity Committee and the success of that program is attributed to his hard work and enthusiasm with our children. Such programs as the council picnic and the Halloween party illustrated the excellent time all our children experienced.

Tom is supported by his wife Marilyn and their two children, Judy and Linda. They reside in Union and are communicants of St. Michael's Parish. Tom is also active as a Finance Officer in the American Legion. He is employed at Fisher Scientific in Springfield as a warehouse supervisor.

Our council is proud to salute Tom Burke as Knight of the Month for December.

Why Term Insurance?

Generally people invest in term insurance contracts believing they are getting a bargain — the same quality at a reduced price. But are they? Economists ask?

Arthur L. Williams, Associate Professor of Insurance and Real Estate at Penn State University, has published an article for the Fall Issue of the Journal of Risk and Insurance regarding the fate of Term Insurance Policies. The study includes over 20,000 Term Policies with an aggregate face amount of \$120,000,000. It includes 1 Year, 5 Year, 10 Year, 15 Year, and 20 Year and Term to 65 contracts, which contained renewal and/or conversion features.

Here are some interesting conclusions:

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Columbian Club Corner

The Columbian Club is now accepting bids for the operation of the snack bar for the 1981 season. Interested parties should send bids to the Columbian Club, 103 Jeanette Avenue, Union, N. J. Attn.: Frank Dickerson.

Bids are also being accepted for the cleanup of the patio and picnic area for 1981. Retired members are encouraged to bid for this service. Send bids as above.

Twelve Reasons Why You Should Be A Knight of Columbus

1. To unite with 1,300,000 men in the largest society of Catholic men in the world working in nearly 7,000 local councils situated throughout North America and the Pacific.

2. To gain a unique opportunity for personal leadership development through its organizational structure.

3. To share in the Knights' apostolate for the Catholic Church — the promotion of vocations, prayer (particularly the Rosary), religious education and parish activities.

4. To participate in the Family Life movement of the Knights, a family organization of some six million men, women and children.

5. To work in the community for others who need you. Last year more than \$26 million and over 9 million man-hours of service were given by Knights in charitable and community endeavors, particularly for the retarded, the deaf, the blind, youth, the poor, the aged, the sick and many others.

6. To help build future leaders through the Knights' own Columbian Squires, and through Scouting, CYO, Big Brothers, 4-H Clubs, etc.

7. To enjoy with your family in your local council a wide variety of social, cultural and athletic activities.

8. To have available to yourself and your family a fraternal low-cost life and health insurance program.

9. To qualify for college student loan and scholarship programs for yourself and your family. (Even after the death of a member, his spouse and dependent children continue to qualify for these benefits.)

The children of full-time police, fire-fighting and regular military personnel who are killed or permanently and totally disabled may qualify for a Catholic college education with all expenses paid.

10. To receive COLUMBIA, the largest Catholic monthly magazine in North America. After the death of a member his spouse continues to receive COLUMBIA for life.

11. To be remembered with your family in a monthly Mass offered by the Supreme Chaplain. Deceased members are remembered in a daily Mass at St. Mary's Church, the birthplace of the Order in New Haven, Connecticut.

12. To take pride in helping the Holy Father bring the message of Christ to the world by providing annually for global telecasts of the Christmas and Easter liturgies and other papal ceremonies from Vatican City.

Remember to take time out during your holiday festivities to sponsor a neighbor, a friend, a co-worker, or a family member who you may feel will make a good Brother Knight.

Also the promotional from Supreme — sponsor two new members and receive a cap; sponsor six new members and receive a jacket.

For additional information please contact Bill Heady — 964-3263.

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DECEMBER '80

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Planning Calendar

Tel. 686-4504

SUN.	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.
	1 Officers Mtg 8:00	2	3	4	5 1st Friday Mass 8:00	6
7	8 Council Dinner Meeting	9	10	11	12	13
14 Rose Sunday Holy Spirit all masses	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Children's Christmas Party <u>2:00 - 5:00 p.m.</u>	22	23	24	25 Merry Christmas	26	27
28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve Dance	HAPPY NEW YEAR		



**Chaplain's
Corner**
Rev. Ed Swierzbinski

In a cave on a windswept Italian mountainside, St. Francis of Assisi assembled the first Christmas Crib in 1223. The Christ child, placed on the altar of stone, and two live animals — an ox and a donkey — were its only occupants. The idea of the crib was to make the story of Christ's birth more vivid in the minds of the farmers and shepherds who lived there. The people were delighted. They were the ones who suggested the ox and the donkey.

Thomas of Calano, one of the companions of Francis wrote about the opening of the crib: 'The friars from different localities had come. The men and women took their places bringing candles and torches to light the night. The crib was put in place, the hay brought in, and the ox and the donkey led forward. Simplicity was honored, poverty was exalted, humility praised . . .

'The words rang out and the rocks echoed the hymns of joy. The saint preached to the people about the poor King of Bethlehem. At the end of the vigil everyone returned home full of joy.'

As we gather around our cribs — in our Churches and in our Homes — could we remember the simplicity and humility of Jesus who 'emptied himself' to become man and was born in a cave. In a sad and worried world may Christmas bring a renewed assurance that no matter what — the love that God has for each one of us is always present and from our Christmas Mass may we all experience the wonderful gift of St. Francis' congregation experienced: 'May everyone return home full of joy.'

WHY TERM INSURANCE?

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1. Almost 90% of all policies are terminated or converted.
2. 45% of all policies are terminated or converted in the first year.
3. 72% of all policies are terminated or converted within the first 3 years.
4. The average duration before termination or conversion is 2 years.
5. Less than 1 policy in 10 survives the period for which it was written.
6. After 15 to 20 years of exposure, less than 1% of all Term policies are still in force.
7. Only 1% of Term Insurance resulted in death claims.

Many premium dollars are going for naught for those who buy Term Insurance thinking it will give adequate protection.

Harold A. Maus, M.D.R.T.

Patrick J. Coyle, M.D.R.T.

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The Family II

In regards to the family unit there is both good and bad news. Among the evidence that weakens the family is that the use of drugs widespread among young people. Abortion is legally available. Among half of all marriages end in divorce. Unmarried couples living together (more politely called cohabitation) has increased 130 percent in less than a decade. Poverty remains a reality for a substantial number of families and is considered the most important single factor in family breakdowns. In the midst of such stresses there are encouraging developments. Many surveys indicates continuing confidence in the possibility of happiness in marriage, realization of these expectations and quite traditional views on permanency, fidelity and commitment. The marriage rate has stabilized the average age of newlyweds is rising and births are ending their decline. Although family size is smaller it remains constant. What does it take to have a successfully family? Here are some patterns that they have in common. (A) Family members make themselves available to each other. (B) They communicate their own needs and are considerate of the needs of others. (C) They develop a healthy atmosphere and attitudes about sexuality in the family. (D) Disagreement that arise are worked out intelligently. (E) Each person is seen as an individual respecting the rights of all with each sharing the family work. (F) They do things as a family (celebrations, experiences and spiritual activities). (G) They look outward to the needs of other families and engage in church and community programs.

Our thoughts on the family ends with a quote from Pope John Paul II, "Each member of the family has to become, in a special way, the servant of the others and share their burdens. Each one must show concern, not only for his or her own life, but also for the lives of the other members of the family: their needs, their hopes, their ideals."

Jim Moran P.G.K.

In Memoriam
PRAY FOR THE REPOSE
OF THE SOUL OF OUR
BROTHER
* * * * *
John P Gately
Oct. 30, 1980
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Telephone

Brother Mike Skiro — 686-8947, is now Captain of Team #67 replacing our departed brother Al Ring. Members of Team #67 are:

- Jerome M. Shaw 688-2451
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Mike, as you may or may not know, has been acting as a substitute Captain for some time now. In that capacity he has done an excellent job for which we are most grateful. We can be sure that, as a Captain, he will carry on in a similar manner.

Will the following Captains please call me any day between 5:00 and 9:00 p.m.

- Paul Blume
- Tom Brady
- Sam Bruzzi
- Gerald Caprignano
- Dick Churlin

Art Weber — 688-7269

**Columbian Swim Club
News**

1. The Columbian Swim Club Annual Meeting will be held on Friday, JANUARY 16, 1981. President Jack Kilian is identifying the date of the meeting early in the hope that more than the usual 40 voting members will be in attendance. The meeting provides a platform for reviewing past performance and future programs. It is also the place for critical comments and recommendations. PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND.

2. Any qualified person seeking information on the position of Pool Manager can receive the necessary information by contacting Vince Iannuzzi or Jack Kilian. Phone 686-4504 or write Columbian Swim Club, P. O. Box 1206, Union, N.J. 07083.

3. Membership Committee Chairman Bill Taylor would like to hear from any C.S.C. member who plans to withdraw their membership prior to the 1981 Season. The sooner Bill is advised the earlier an opportunity to join the club will be presented to the next person on the waiting list. The updating of your membership for eligible members in your family is also requested. e.g. A Son or Daughter who leaves the parental home does not qualify for family membership.

4. The nominating Committee, Chaired by Mr. Jules Pruszkowski PGK; would like to hear from any qualified Columbian Swim Club member who would like to be considered as a candidate for a term on the Board of Governors for a three year term commencing January 1981. (688-2846).

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