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THE DRUG SCENE

John F. Kennedy Gen. Assy. 4th Degree News

The J. F. K. Assy. hosted the First N.J. District Union County Renewal of Obligations. The combined Color Corps formed the Guard of Honor, escorting the Master S.K. Alfred Morse and his staff. There were 120 Sir Knights from Union County in attendance. S.K. John Murphy from Union performed as Master of Ceremonies.

The newly formed Color Corps from Union is meeting on the 2nd Wednesdays of every month at the Union Council Home at 8:00 p.m. The Corps is under the command of Lt. Stan Ricki, Lt. J.G. Leo E. Lupia and Ensign Mehrhoff, Sr.

Capes and chapeaus have been ordered and it is anticipated that the Corps will be uniformed in early March.

The Color Corps is also at the call of the Grand Knight for certain functions.

The exemplification of the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus will be conducted at the Robert Treat Hotel on Sunday the 20th of February. The J.F.K. Assy. will have seventeen members that will be exemplified. Any 4th Degree member desiring to go to the Ball please call S.K. Fred Fuchs for reservations.

All S.K. are reminded that the Annual Dues are now due and remittances should be made as soon as possible to S.K. John Murphy.

Sir Knights are reminded that the February meeting will be held in Kenilworth Council Home, the March meeting in Springfield and the April meeting in Hillside.

The third Wednesday of every month is your meeting night, so see you there Sir Knight.

Sir Knight
Leo E. Lupia

Spelling Bee

A spelling bee for 8th grade students in Union Catholic and Public Schools will be held at the Council Hall on Sunday, February 20, 1972 at 2 p.m. Awards will be given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. The County finals will be held at Kenilworth Council 4186 on March 12, 1972. The State finals will be held April 16, 1972. For further information contact Charles Kraemer, Director Youth Activities, at 964-1126.

A plague which is more tragic than anything we have ever experienced before is spreading throughout America. It is attacking and crippling our youth of today. It contaminates our school rooms, our playgrounds, and street corners in every community throughout America. We as parents read and talk about it, hear about it, worry about how to prevent it from happening to us, but how many parents really know the true facts about this plague known as "Drug Abuse." It threatens every family . . . including yours. Stop here for a moment and think about that. You are probably asking yourself, "What can I do?"

You as a parent can do something to prevent the spread of this plague. You should become better informed about various classes of drugs, how to identify them, how to tell if a youngster is experimenting with drugs, and what affect they have upon the user. Often a watchful parent with some knowledge of drugs can head off trouble by knowing the symptoms of drug abuse and catching them early.

Starting next issue of The Knight Digest I will present a series of articles on specific types of drugs and how they affect the user. If you are concerned about the drug problem look for the next article on "Marijuana" in the "Drug Scene."

Henry Toby

Let's Go To Mass "Together"

Our regular second meeting on Monday, Feb. 28 will be our annual Mass and Meeting. Mass will be celebrated by our own Chaplin Father McKeon in the main meeting room at 6:30 p.m.

Immediately following the mass we will have a hot and cold buffet to which all members are invited. Bring your sponsor if you need help in locating the Council Hall.

This will be a perfect time to perform your Easter Duty by receiving Holy Communion at this Mass. What better way to show Christ and your fellow brothers your love for "HIM" that gave his life to save ours.

So remember Feb. 28, Monday night we start at 6:30 p.m. with a mass followed by a buffet and topped off with a meeting. With this, Lent will seem to be half spent.

Yours in Christ
Fraternal Chairman
Joseph Bilicska

Random Thoughts

God gives us the ingredients for our daily bread but He expects us to do the baking . . . If folks profit by their mistakes some of us ought to be rich . . . Have you tried a Ralph Nader cocktail? After one you have total recall . . . Some young people seem to have dentist confused with barbers. They see their barbers twice a year. . . These are the days when two can live as cheaply as one large family used to . . . I saw a preview of a picture that has so many bedroom scenes, the premiere is going to be held at a mattress company . . . Do the ends justify the means? . . . Fellows who hoot all night with the owls seldom ever soar with the eagles the next morning . . . Some of us get letters after our names, but more of us get letters after our money . . . All the world loves a lover except those who are waiting to use the phone . . . What some people don't know about driving would fill a hospital . . . A girl becomes a woman when she stops looking for the ideal man and starts looking for a husband . . . If at first you don't succeed try, try again; then quit — There's no use being a damn fool about it . . . It's easier to imagine feeling bad when you're feeling good than it is to imagine feeling good when you're feeling bad . . . The cruelest thing a parent can do these days is to push a bright child through school too fast. What if he arrives at college too young to grow a beard? A man was hauled into court for non-support of his wife and explained to the judge "I was hoping her father would repossess her" . . . One good thing about a snowfall is that it makes your lawn look as good as your neighbors' . . . The psychiatrist believes you shouldn't keep too much to yourself, and so does the tax collector . . . A business executive offered \$25 for employees money-saving ideas. First prize went to a man who suggested that the prize be cut to \$10 . . . It was woman who first tempted man to eat, but he took to drink on his own account thereafter . . . Horseplaying makes no sense; The jockeys get the ride, the horses get the exercise, the book-makers get the money and the horse-players get the headaches . . . The two toughest problems in America today are: how to lose twenty pounds, and where to find a place to park.

Jim Moran



Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Raymond T. McKeon

Perhaps you heard the story of the Jewish psychiatrist? He laughed good-naturedly with Catholic friends about his crowded schedule near Christmas. "So much talk about love for men, good deeds and fellowship stirs up anxiety and guilt feelings for many Christians," he said "It's good business for us, but it shows troubled minds about the practice of charity."

Something like that happens to many of us during Lent. We're all for the big party on Mardi Gras night (we've been working so hard, need relaxing, 40 days is a long stretch"), but we dread those ashes the next day. They jolt us with realities that we've mentally evaded most of the year. We feel guilty about our past sins, all right, but we grow guilty another way about our failure to work at penance and mortification. What ugly words! How we wish they'd just go away.

Even with the changed attitude toward the fast and abstinence rules, one basic reality will never change. That basic reality was put in command form by Christ: "Take up your cross daily and follow Me." The liberalizing spirit breathing in the Church today is not laxity about penance. It is a positive emphasis upon personal responsibility. It is a challenge to each one of us to listen to the Holy Spirit within us, to strive for generosity in self-giving, to perform good works out of love — love for God and all men.

We followers of Christ must develop new patterns of thinking about penance and mortification. We'd better cast out once and for all the pattern of thinking that: "Whatever's hard to do or bear just must be the best. We've got to suffer. That outdated approach makes a virtue of difficulty. You know, the tougher it is the more merit you win in heaven. "It ain't necessarily so," says Gershwin and many good theologians. Any good theologian would grant that a claim to greater merit that is based on difficulty alone is a false claim.

We should all know that greater love is what increases merit or reward in heaven. And the more truly we love, the less we worry about rewards hereafter. So let's think about Lent and penance and mortification in terms of what I will do for Christ and for my neighbors that will be a response of love to their needs.



Lecturer's Program

Our lecturer's program for Feb. 14th, the first meeting of the month, will feature another of Union Council's talented members. Although many people and organizations are flocking around Joe Bizzaro since he has coached the Union High School football team to an undefeated season, we have recognized that he is a cut above the average long ago. We have been trying to induce Joe to participate in our lecturer's program since the very beginning of our term of office. Having been appointed head coach during the early summer he had already been deeply involved in his new task and consequently did not wish to commit himself until he had the time to do a thorough job. This is one of Joe's great characteristics. The football season now over and having had about a week of rest and relaxation, he is once again deeply involved in his coaching activities, but we have prevailed upon him to give us one evening of his time.

Joe is a native of Pennsylvania having been born in Bradford. He attended Bradford schools through High School where, incidentally, he was an athlete of some note, having attained All-State honors as a basketball and football player and also participating in track. He matriculated at Lock Haven Teachers College since his main ambition was to teach and coach young people. Upon his graduation, he taught and coached in Pennsylvania, until being tapped by Union High School in 1958. He managed somehow to squeeze in his his requirement for his Master Degree in Administration from Seton Hall while teaching and coaching in the local High School.

With all of this Joe has managed to give Union Council considerable time. His quiet unassuming air belies the fact that he has in fact risen to the status of Vice President of the Columbia Club. He has been for some years now, quietly and efficiently handling all the bills of the Columbian Club and also has instituted a system of checks and balances whereby all our transactions are now accounted for. He is one of a gang of unheralded and unsung heroes of our council whose dedication and ability makes our Council run smoothly.

Joe and his charming wife Pam reside at South Park Terrace in Union and are the proud parents of two boys Michael and Robert and two girls Becky and Jan. It would appear that Joe will have a couple of his own family athletes to coach in the near future since both Mike and Bob are fine looking prospects.

Joe will present some films of the past season games and add a running commentary. He will also answer any questions the membership may bring up.

Come out and visit with us and be entertained by one of your Brothers.

There will be no lecturer's program on Feb. 28 due to our scheduled Mass and buffet on that evening.

Bill Taylor

Knight of the Month



For the month of February, 1972 our Knight of the Month is John Killian, or better known as Jack.

Jack can be seen doing many jobs at the Council Home. During the summer months he maintains a constant vigil over the height of the grass in our Picnic Area. Before summer he is the one that does the purchasing and seeding of the back lawn. After the summer he is the one that takes the last cut and stores the equipment for the winter months.

Jack is one of Union Safeguards. He is a member of the Union Fire Dept. He also served in the United States Air Force.

Jack resides on Omara Drive with his lovely wife Judy and children John, Jean, Steven, Linda and Lisa. The children are very active on the K of C Swim Team.

So to you John Killian, we say welcome aboard, stand up and be counted among the ranks of the workers.

Special Happy Hour

On Sunday, Feb. 27, the Special Events Committee, under the direction of Pat Brilly, will conduct a "Special Happy Hour."

The event will commence at 3 p.m. and end at 6 p.m. A band will be provided for entertainment and dancing. The operation of the bar will be modified and all cocktails will be \$.50. Hors d'Oeuvres will be served. Bring your wife and guests out for pleasurable Sunday afternoon.

Art Reinhard
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CALENDAR

Feb. 12	Youth Ice Skating 1:30 p.m. South Mountain Reservation
Feb. 12	Juke Box Saturday Nite Dance 9 p.m.
Feb. 14	Council Meeting 8:15 p.m. Speaker Joe Bizzaro
Feb. 16	Ash Wednesday
Feb. 20	Wheel Chair Brigade Runnells Hospital
Feb. 27	Happy Hour
Feb. 28	Mass at 6:30 p.m. followed by a Buffet & Council Meeting
Mar. 1	Program Directors Meeting 8:15 p.m.
Mar. 5	Paschal Meal
Mar. 6	Officers Meeting 8:15 p.m.

SWIM CLUB SPLASHES AT ANNUAL DANCE.



The two major events of the Swim Club Winter Season were run on January 21 & 22. The Annual Meeting and the Annual Dance were both very well attended by Swim Club Members and their wives.

At the Annual Meeting, which was a spirited one to put it mildly, over a hundred Swim Club Knights and their wives heard the Board of Governors render the annual reports of the various Club activities. Chief among these were Membership Chairman Bill Taylor's report that there are over 170 families now on the waiting list and that eight club members have paid their 1972 dues. The new badge system worked well in 1971 and will be continued on 1972. Andy Tobia reported on last years pool management and Frank Weber reported the 1972 Pool Management bid has been awarded to the low bidder Guards Unlimited of Philadelphia. Guards Unlimited is a Professional Pool Management organization. Its low bid price included the supply of pool chemicals and pool water testing service. A savings of \$1450 is anticipated because of these factors. During the question and answer

period many of the club members asked for information on this action by the Board. The membership was assured that the Guard Unlimited contract provides for full services and will guarantee the safety of all of our members.

Bill Renner reported for ailing Pool and Grounds Director Frank Zusi. Many improvements were made during 1971 chief of which was the construction of a new Snack Bar. A long list of projects await the 1972 work parties. Club President Renner appealed for more of the Swim Club members to participate in these cooperative work parties so as to spread the work and responsibility among more of the Club members.

Activities Chairman Rocco Corbo reported that there had been a good Summer with many fine social events. The Annual Dance of January 22 was a sell out. Controller Don Faughman gave a favorable report on Club finances. Although, for the first time our expenditures exceeded income, we still have a healthy reserve fund of over \$30,000.

Grand Knight Dom Clementoni conducted the election for two Board of Governor members. Andrew Tobia and

Grand Knight's Message

Dominick Clementoni



My Brother Knights:

Once again the Lenten Season is at hand. February 16th is Ash Wednesday, the day before has been commonly referred to as Fat Tuesday, when in early times Catholics finished all the foods they were forbidden to have during the season of lent. That day is also called Shrove Tuesday. Called so, to remind us to do penance and be absolved. Fortunately, all this has changed. The Church now offers us a choice. **IT LETS YOUR CONSCIENCE BE YOUR GUIDE.** This time of lent is the opportunity for each to stand apart from his every day life.

In this vein our Council is offering a unique opportunity to its members. Monday, February 28th at 6:30 p.m., our Chaplain Father McKeon will celebrate Holy Mass at the council home. This would be a good time for all to make your Easter Duty. After Mass a buffet will be served. This year we are going to do our own thing. My Brother Knights and their families are invited to take part in the Paschal Meal, which is an arrangement of the Last Supper as a Historical Drama. Interested? Contact PGK Bill Taylor for information.

There is much interest being generated in the formation of a Theatrical Group under the direction of our own Brother Knights **JOE WILLMORE & JOE RUDDY.** Rehearsals are in progress for our first production.

A very special thanks go to mailing committeeman Bill Patania and Low Oliveri, who mastered the use of the new addressograph system in time for the December issue of the Knights Digest.

John Killian were elected to new 3 year terms on the Board. A vote was also taken on a proposed amendment to the by-laws to increase the ceiling on Club Membership from 350 to 400 families. This amendment was defeated. Main attention on the question and answer period, after the pool management question, centered on maintenance and cleanliness of the rest rooms during the summer. The Board will discuss more effective means of accomplishing this objective during 1972.

The Annual Dance was a great success. A crowd of 280 people enjoyed good food, good music, good liquid refreshments and good fellowship. A really fine time was had by all who attended. Much praise is due to Rocco Corbo, Dance Chairman and his committee for a fine job of entertainment. A drawing was held for a free pool membership for the 1972 Swim Club Season. The winning ticket was drawn for the family of Brother Knight Frank Santow. Congratulations Frank.

Hang in there everyone. Winter will soon be over and we'll be ready to roll toward a bigger and better Swim Club Season in 1972.