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RETREAT WEEK-END OCTOBER 23-24-25

Here Today, Gone Tomorrow

No one likes to think of death, particularly his own. However, it's necessary to be reminded at times that we are here on earth only on a temporary basis. As Catholics, this is the period to prepare for the future and better life we will share with Christ. Certainly all should enjoy the beautiful aspects of what God has created, during our mortal life. Keep in mind, that the most magnificent gifts man has ever had are as nothing compared to the reward for the Just in God's Kingdom. Heaven and its glories are beyond human comprehension.

Since none of us know when we will die, and few have a warning, it's important to always be prepared. Materially, we can't go around every day getting ready to die; but spiritually, we will be ready by keeping close to God. When an opportunity comes along which allows us to strengthen our ties with Christ, we cannot afford to turn it down. You take insurance out on yourself to provide your family with aid after you're gone. Take a policy payable upon your death, to you. Its premiums are prayer and good works, its value eternal happiness. The men who wish to be ready when God calls, will invest in this policy by attending our Retreat Weekend, October 23, 24, 25. Don't put it off until next year, plan now. Keep in mind, "Here today, gone tomorrow" and "Time Flies, Remember Death". For answers to questions or reservations, call Jim Moran, MU 7-0566, or Tony Quatrone, MU 8-2906.

We Goofed

In our September issue of the Digest, we featured pictures of this year's Council Officers on the front page. Through a publishing error, the pictures of Past Grand Knight and Lecturer George Arnold and Outside Guard Robert Holler were switched. Our apologies fellas — it wasn't intentional.

Baby Sitters

To help you plan ahead to attending the many functions of the Council, we have come up with the names of a few girls who are looking for baby sitting jobs.. These girls are the daughters of Brother Knights Jim Gardner, Jack Robbins, and Joe Bruno. Further information can be obtained by contacting the individual parties.

Sue Gardner MU 6-3842
Virginia Robbins MU 6-4378
Toni Bruno MU 8-6509



"Joe" Noel
Telephone Chairman

Knight of the Month

Each month we try to select as Knight of the Month, a brother Knight who gives freely of his time and efforts in various activities. For the month of September we have selected Brother Joe Noel.

Joe is presently chairman of the council telephone committee, a position which he holds for the second consecutive year, and he is also active with other committees in the council. Joe has organized his committee in such a way that on immediate notice, he can start the ball rolling and like a chain reaction — 'phone calls are going to all Brother Knights in a matter of minutes. Joe's job is an important one and a necessary one in order to expedite information to the membership.

Congratulations Joe, on being selected September's Knight of the Month.

Membership Grows

Grand Knight Frank Dickerson expressed his thanks to all the Brothers for their fine support in the membership drive for our Memorial First Degree, which was held on September 21, 1964.

Forty new candidates received the honor of the First Degree. This was one of the largest First Degrees in which all Union Council candidates participated.

On October 5, 1964, the Council will hold a Second Degree for sixty candidates.

On October 17, 1964, a Third Degree will be held for sixty-five candidates of our own council.

In addition to being practical Catholics, they all possess the highest moral and ethical standards. This is the type candidate which makes the Knights of Columbus one of the top organizations of its kind throughout the world.

Union Council is planning on holding a First and Second Degree in November, with a Third Degree to follow early in December.

Any sponsor wishing his candidate to participate in all three of these degrees must have the application in the hands of the Admissions Committees no later than November 16, 1964. Do you have a friend who possesses the qualifications to become a member of the Knights of Columbus? Get him to fill out an application today. There are thousands of good Catholic men in our community who are waiting to be asked. Tomorrow never comes, sponsor a candidate today.

Financial Secretary's Report

The cooperation of all Brother Knights who have not paid their 1964 dues is requested. A check in the amount due, payable to the Council and mailed to Financial Secretary Alvin A. Dietlein, 1163 Jeanette Avenue, Union, will fulfill this obligation.

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CALENDAR

OCTOBER 5 — MONDAY
Second Degree—Council Home

OCTOBER 12 — MONDAY
Regular Council Meeting
8:15 P.M.

OCTOBER 17 — SATURDAY
Major Degree
Council Home

OCTOBER 23-4-5 — FRIDAY,
SATURDAY, SUNDAY
Retreat — St. Alphonso's
Retreat House

OCTOBER 26 — MONDAY
Regular Council Meeting
8:15 P.M.

OCTOBER 27 — TUESDAY
Living Rosary — St. Michaels
Church, 8:00 P.M.

OCTOBER 29 — THURSDAY
Columbian Club Meeting

OCTOBER 31 — SATURDAY
Halloween Dance 9:00 P.M. 'til?
\$3.00 per person

Corn-ee But True

Following our regular council meeting of August 24th, Lecturer George Arnold, with the help of the kitchen committee, put on a corn fest which featured a corn eating contest.

George immediately disqualified the "big eaters" of the council by making them judges of the contest and ineligible for any of the prizes. In spite of his efforts, we did come up with a winner who consumed a "fair share" of the corn, — 15 ears to be exact. Cheers (and a bromo-seltzer) to "Mal" Shanley of 53 Ellen Street — Corn eating king of the council.

Blood Bank Day

You can answer a cry for help in many different ways — with time, money, intelligence, or with just plain effort. But the only way to respond to the special need for blood is by giving.

Remember, while it only takes a matter of minutes to donate a pint of blood, the value derived at time of need is priceless.

Our annual blood bank day will be Sunday November 15th, and we urge all Brother Knights and any immediate member of their families over 21 years of age, to help us in this appeal. As in the past qualified technicians will be on hand to conduct the program

A full course dinner will be served to all donors. Remember — Sunday November 15th, at the council home, — Blood Bank Sunday. Mark your calendar now. Let this be your Charitable act for the month of November.

The Living Rosary

'God made us to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this world . . .', is a lesson taught to our children early in their Grade School education, yet it is a lesson easily forgotten as we grow older.

On Tuesday October 27th we are giving you the opportunity to serve that end, by becoming a living bead of the Rosary. Don't miss this opportunity to take part in this outward demonstration of your Faith.

Remember, October 27th, 8:00 P.M., St. Michael's Church. For further information contact Catholic Activities Chairman Jules Pruszkowski at MU 8-2846.

Friday Night Socials

The fall season is now upon us. The season's shortened days together with the end of Daylight Saving Time, mean longer nights and an end to gardening chores, painting, and other joyous (?) summer activities.

To help our Brothers in adjusting to the changing seasons, Union Council 4504 offers regularly scheduled Friday Night Socials which have, over the years, proven extremely popular and relaxing to our Brothers and their wives.

In planning your relaxation, give some thought to joining us at the Lounge for our Friday Night Socials. And don't forget to bring the Missus, (she needs some relaxation, too).

Remember, there is never a cover charge, and we are looking forward to enjoying your company.

Council Activity

On Saturday Evening, October 31, 1964, our Council will hold its annual Halloween Party. This gala affair is eagerly anticipated by many of our members. Whether to come in costume or not, is optional. Prizes will be awarded to those attending in costume for the following categories: (a) the funniest individual costume; (b) the prettiest individual costume; (c) the most original individual costume; (d) the most originally costumed couple; and (e) the most originally costumed group. Buffet style refreshments will be served and dance music will be offered by the "Swinging Softtones". Tickets will be \$3.00 per person and go on sale at the regular Council meeting, October 12 — again on a first come, first served basis.

The Council Activity Committee hopes to be able to serve "coffee and" at the end of our gatherings for those who desire to partake. This means the committee members will do a little more for you. I am quite sure that you all realize the effort necessary to conduct our social functions. For each party, these men set up the hall, sell tickets, listen to your complaints (with a smile) and when you are being served, it is usually by a committee member. In order to do these things, wives and guests must, at times, be temporarily abandoned. The reason I make mention of all this is that in the event of a beef after one of our parties, (it's only remotely possible), don't burden these good men. Come see me, Bob Armstrong. I'm the chairman of this Committee and I get all the "big money" for our efforts. Seriously, though, please at the end of our parties, after you've had an enjoyable evening, remember our neighbors. They are trying to sleep. Please be courteous and consider these good folk. Remember, at 1:00 or 2:00 A.M., voices and slamming doors carry far, and can be annoying. Thank You.

Change Your Address?

If you have recently moved, you can help us on the mailing committee and yourself, by reporting your new address to the Financial Secretary, Al Dietlein, as soon as possible. We cannot make any changes on the mailing list without official notification from the Financial Secretary. Your prompt attention to this matter will enable us to up-date the council records as well as the mailing list, and assure you of prompt delivery of your mail.

Grand Knight's Message

Frank J. Dickerson



My Brother Knights:

October is the month in which we pay honor and tribute to the patron of our order, Christopher Columbus. The early officers and founders of the Order felt that the name of our organization should relate to the Catholic discoverer of America, reminding us that Catholics discovered, explored, and colonized the North American Continent. Further that our Order should embody knightly ideals of service to the Church, Country and fellow man. Thus the name Knights of Columbus was adopted.

State Deputy Stewart A. Schoder, Jr. has called upon each of the 166 Grand Knights in the State of New Jersey to pace before their local Municipalities the idea of proclaiming the week of October 11 thru 17 as "Knights of Columbus" week. A resolution to this direction is being prepared by Union Council and will be presented to the Township Committee requesting such a proclamation here in Union. The "highlights" of the week's activity will be a council meeting on Columbus Day, Monday October 12, and the conferring of the Major Degree on Saturday October 17th, in honor of Past Grand Knight Thomas M. Crimmins. I urge everyone to make an effort to attend these functions.

As this publication reaches you, four major events of the calendar for this year have been completed and each a most wonderful success. My congratulations to Catholic Activities Chairman Jules Pruszkowski on a successful Family Corporate Communion and Pilgrimage to Williamstown; to Bob Armstrong of Council Activities on the Sept. 5th Anniversary Dance; and to Andy Popp, Membership Chairman and William Daly, Admissions Chairman on a successful First Degree. Congratulations also to Jim Gardner and his entire Six Point Committee who gave their willing support to all of these programs.

On behalf of all the officers and members of Union Council, I wish to extend our heartiest congratulations to P.G.K. Jim Confroy on his appointment to District Deputy and to Walter Wasowski who is serving as District Warden to both Deputy Dennis Burke and Jim Confroy.

COUNCIL PERSONALITIES



"Mike" Reilly
Attendance Chairman

Whenever we enter the council meeting hall prior to any of the regular council meetings, we are greeted with a warm and friendly "Hello Brother, how are you tonight. Would you sign the book please." Brother Mike Reilly is on the job bright and early as Attendance Chairman of the Council, a position which he holds for the fifth consecutive year. We hear again from Mike during the council meeting when he is called upon by the Grand Knight to report on the attendance at the meeting. Mike is an expert at attendance, as he has missed only 8 meetings since Union council was started in 1957.

Mike has been a member of the Knights of Columbus since 1919, when he joined Scranton Council #280, in Scranton, Pa. Among his souvenirs Mike has a membership card dating back to 1922, and a picture of the Pilgrimage made by the Knights of Columbus to the Capitol in Washington, D. C., which dates back to October 17th, 1926.

Prior to his retirement 3 years ago, Mike was associated with Weston Instrument for 18 years as a stock selector and as financial secretary of the union.

Among his more recent accomplishments are his becoming a fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus in February of this year, and his appointment as attendance officer for the Holy Name Society of Holy Spirit Church here in Union. To say that Mike is proud to be a Knight of Columbus is an understatement.

By the way, if you're interested in baseball, Mike can tell you some colorful stories of one of baseball's most talked about players — his nephew — Jimmy Piersall.

ALLEY CHATTER

The council bowling season officially got under way at 9:00 P.M. Tuesday, September 8th, when Grand Knight Frank Dickerson rolled the first ball of the season. From then on it was go, go, go, with everyone concentrating on their game, looking for that all important opening "sweep", and analyzing the potential of their team for the season ahead.

At this writing, no statistics were available on the results of the evening, however we can say the team to watch this year is the "Spoilers", (your writers team), who shut off "The Faucets" on opening nite by taking 2 out of 3, as well as high team series for the night with a 899 second game. Need we say more?

We made some interesting observations while "hanging around", noticeably the land-slide business done by the Bowling Aids vending machine as the mad rush for thumb guards, resin, and shoe laces began, as well as the other paraphernalia that are so essential to improved (?) bowling. Of more interesting note however, is the form that is displayed in the course of the evening, that cannot be left go without some comment. Fellas like Don Spriet — using his pipe as a "gunsight" to line up the pocket; Mike Pacyna — and his "flying Eagle" pose at the foul line; John McCarthy — and his "sitting Bull" starting position; and of course the "cannon-ball" fired by Jerry Shaw.

King of the Kids

Did it seem quiet in your neighborhood on Saturday mornings lately? If so its because Harold Cortese and the Youth Bowling Committee have 72 of our youngsters at the Four Seasons Lanes every Saturday from 9 A.M. 'til 12 noon.

Harold and his committee have done a fine job organizing the group, and we're sure the results will be most beneficial to our youth.

Most of us are busying ourselves doing the necessary weekend chores around the house, but it would be worth your while to take a few minutes off and drop in at the alleys to see these youngsters in action. Some of us could probably pick up a few pointers from them that would improve our own game.

What Is A Columbian Club?

By order of the Supreme Council, Knights of Columbus Councils, per se are not permitted to own property. For this reason, a Columbian Club is formed.

Each and every member of the Council is automatically a member of the Columbian Club. The purpose of the Columbian Club is to provide, maintain, and manage the club house facilities for the entire membership of Union Council, wherein the ideals of the Knights of Columbus prevail. The Columbian Club has the right to acquire property, to sue and be sued, and also to dispose of any property which has ceased to be of any benefit to Union Council.

The management of the Columbian Club is vested in its Board of Directors (of which there are twelve), and the officers of the Club. The officers consist of the President, three Vice Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer and an Assistant Treasurer. The Board of Directors also consists of one ex officio member, who is the Grand Knight of Union Council. The officers and the Board of Directors recommend to the Council the transfer of funds which may be necessary to provide more or better facilities, or to maintain the Club on a sound business basis.

A regular Board of Directors meeting is held on the fourth Thursday of each month. An annual meeting is held each year on the second Council meeting in April. Elections of new officers are held and a complete audit report is given at this meeting. Each and every member of Union Council should attend this meeting, without fail.

The makings of a good Council and Columbian Club rests on cooperation. Without this cooperation, the success with which we have been blessed would never have been possible.

Your Columbian Club is in a sense a holding company of Union Council. We should always bear in mind that it is not a separate organization from the Council, it is an organization within Union Council, united Together. With this unity, we are sure to be blessed with continued success for union Council 4504.



Anniversary Dance Huge Success

The first social event of the season, the Anniversary Dance, was a huge success. An overflow crowd was on hand and a good time was had by all. The demand for tickets was great, and many were disappointed due to the speed with which they were grabbed up.

As you know due to the limited capacity of the hall, only a limited number of tickets can be sold for any affair. We're sorry if you were one of those disappointed this time, and we hope you won't be again. The next affair of the season is the Halloween Dance to be held on Oct. 31st. Tickets for the affair go on sale at the October 12th meeting, again on a first come first serve basis. Plan ahead now.

Report of Degree Review Committee

The proper exemplification of the First Degree of our Order is a vitally important function of the local Council.

In order to elevate the tone, improve the quality and to standardize the format of this ceremonial, the New Jersey State Council will hold a model First Degree exemplification in your area in the near future. Council officers and interested Brother will be cordially invited.

A carefully trained exemplifying group will demonstrate, in detail, every step in the First Degree ceremonial.

The demonstration will outline what will be considered standard operating procedures which will be strictly adhered to in the future. The model exemplification will be interrupted from time to time with a standardized commentary which will highlight, underscore or otherwise call attention to important details.

Local councils will be required to comply with the approved format as of January 1, 1965. As of that date, the following provisions will become effective:

1. So-called "First Degree Teams" will be eliminated from the First Degree Ceremonial. It is suggested that they undertake an instructive role to prepare Council officers to exemplify properly the First Degree.
2. It will be mandatory that chair officers assume all of the duties of their offices, including their parts in the exemplification of the First Degree.
3. Exceptions to Item 2 above, will be permitted **only in rare cases and only for good and sufficient reasons** which must be stated to and cleared by the Grand Knight with the District Deputy. He, in turn, will be required to report the reasons for any such rare exception to the Chairman of the State Ceremonial Committee in advance of the degree.
4. In the future, only one trophy will be awarded in each geographical area of the State, at the State convention for First Degree ceremonial work.
5. All future council Nominating Committees must be advised by Grand Knights of their obligation to make clear to proposed council officer candidates that every part in the First Degree ceremonial is assigned to a Council officer and it is just as much a part of his duty as is any other task assigned to him.

(Continued above)

6 Point Message

The 6 Point committee now has 63 members working for the good of the Council, to bring each of us bigger and better functions, to keep Union Council on top.

The success of the Family Corporate Communion and the Anniversary Dance early in September, are indications of the time and effort put in by the various committees to bring you closer as families both in the Religious and social aspects of our lives. My congratulations to the chairmen and committee members on the success of these functions. If these are any indication of what is in store for us in future months, the Council is in 'good hands'.

Speaking of good hands, we can still use some. If you are willing to spare a few hours a month to help the various committees with their planned endeavors, we will be happy to welcome you. The world is full of willing people — some willing to work, — others willing to let them. Check now with any of your committee chairmen, they can use the help.

Now is the time to get your experience for the future; from little committee workers, grow big Grand Knights.

DEGREE REVIEW (Continued)

- It should be made clear that this action is merely simple compliance with the Rules of the Order.
6. District Deputies will be required to make an immediate inspection of all Council robes, jewels and degree paraphernalia. Deficiencies must be corrected **immediately**.
 7. Grand Knights are reminded of their obligation to appoint an Admissions Committee in accordance with Section 108 of the Rules of the Order.
 8. A proposed candidate who has not performed his last Easter Duty and who has not received the Sacraments since the last Paschal Time shall not be permitted to take the First Degree until he has been interviewed by the Council Chaplain (or his alternate) and has been returned to good standing in the Church. Grand Knights shall undertake the responsibility for compliance.
 9. The subject matter of this Report shall be read by the Grand Knight at two consecutive council meetings in September, 1964, and shall be posted in the Council bulletin.

Public Decency

In mid August a forum on obscene literature called "Crusade For Decency" was sponsored in Trenton by the 700 Holy Name Societies of New Jersey. Kenneth J. Becker of Metuchen was chairman of the forum. In his address, Becker said that decency is everybody's business. He also said that children are being sold down the river by smut-peddlers and that top rate citizens are being put into second place.

The forum was called to discuss the problems of obscenity in the light of court decisions which have hampered the enforcement of anti-obscenity laws. The forum consisted of many prominent speakers.

Dr. William P. Riley of Jamaica, N. Y., national vice-president of the Citizens for Decent Literature and a member of Mayor Robert Wagner's 21 member citizens commission, recently organized as a new drive against salacious publications and smut-peddlers, told the group, "perversion once created in the mind may be very hard to cure". Dr. Riley also said that any Judge should know deep down in his heart what is obscene and what is not and that the highly articulate and vociferous lawyers of The Civil Liberties Union, The American Jewish Congress, and the American Book Publishers Association are influencing the Courts. Dr. Riley also posed the problem — what will replace decency?

Governor Richard J. Hughes was a speaker at the decency forum. Hughes said that the circulation of obscene literature is "a great national problem" and that the problem is difficult to resolve because of the "unbelievable confusion and chaos in the present condition of the law. He said that perhaps the best way to curtail circulation of objectionable literature is through the local newsdealers, as one good father to another and as one good neighbor to another.

Knights of Columbus State Public Decency Chairman George Emery made a plea to ALL the members of our three branches of government to take positive action to deny to the perversion for profit industry access to and use of our public highways, transportation, railroads, marine terminals, airports and institutions which are subsidized or paid for in whole or in part by Federal, State, county, or municipal funds.

The Knights of Columbus statewide decency program which is being formed will strengthen the Holy Name Society's work.

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