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A Retreat? Who Needs It!

Maybe the very thought of giving up a whole weekend (it's only really until Sunday, 1 p.m.) turns you off. You're not that pious, right? You don't want to listen for a weekend to some priest hammering away about your failings. Brothers, if that's your idea of a retreat, you have not been on one in our modern church. San Alfonso Retreat House, on the ocean at West End, Long Branch, is more like a vacation motel. The peaceful atmosphere there offers a rare opportunity for you to combine physical rest, release from tensions, freedom to think and talk to God.

Today's retreats are absorbing, interesting and inspiring. As far as being pious is concerned, it's just a group of sinners getting together. The attitude will be a positive one. It's an exhilarating experience! Thought provoking talks are given by a group of priests not only well informed on our religion, but aware of all the problems of today's Catholic men. There is time to get help on personal problems from these experienced counselors. You'll enjoy fine meals, periods of rest and recreation. Bring a friend or your son (18 or over) along too.

Our weekend dates this year are October 17-18-19. For information, questions of any kind, or reservations contact Retreat Captain Julius Kiss, P.G.K. at a meeting or call Julius at 687-5173.

Father Driscoll Our First Chaplain Returns to the Class Room

Father Driscoll, 4504's first chaplain has resigned as pastor of St. Andrews where he was assigned from St. Michaels. Father has been accepted as a candidate for special chaplaincy intensive study courses at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Washington, D.C. It is a 6½ day per week, homework, in and out hospital attendance and he will have no time to leave the Washington area. He would like to hear from his Union friends.

Rev. Joseph F. Driscoll, Catholic Chaplain's Office, National Institute Mental Health, Saint Elizabeths Hospital, Washington, DC 20032 — (202) 574-7018 or St. Thomas More House of Studies, 650 Jackson Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20017 — (202) 529-4500.

PAST GRAND KNIGHT DINNER
Honoring
JULIUS KISS
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Dancing — 9:00-1:00
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Reservations Call —
P.G.K. Barney Capriglione
P.G.K. Andrew Popp



Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Ed Swierzbinski

When you came in this evening, we had you greet one another — to show that we are at home. Ready to celebrate and enjoy being with God and one another. This outreach to community or family of God began with Jesus. Everytime Jesus spoke of God's kingdom, He always began with God — but never stopped there. Jesus didn't just say, "Love God," He quickly added, "Love yourself," and "Love your neighbor." He didn't just say "Be good," but urged by example and teaching that His followers reach out to serve someone in the community.

Our Church teaches us this family concept in our every Mass. At the beginning of every Mass, from the Pope in the great Vatican cathedral, to the newest Catholic, we all begin by asking for forgiveness. From the Pope to each one of us, we say, "Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner," but we also add, "Forgive us as we forgive others." In every Mass, we reach out to the community and ask for forgiveness, at the same time forgiving others.

As we continue the Mass, there comes the time to recite the "Our Father," notice the community concept, it's not "My Father," or, "Your Father," it's "Our Father." We are truly brothers and sisters. Just before communion, we reach out and say "The Peace of Christ be With You" — the answer comes — "And With You Too." Again, by work and deed, we reach out to our neighbor.

Every Mass should remind me and my brother Knights of this needed outreach to our community. The Knights give us the opportunity and challenge to live the message of the Mass in our daily life.

Our council is complex, made up of many different people — our council has accomplished a lot. It's the joining of many different personalities. We don't always agree — we are not always right. If we follow the teachings of the Mass and Columbianism, we are reminded to forgive and forget and to work together to bring Jesus into our neighborhood. Picture our lives and the life of our council as a mozaic, made up of many differently shaped and colored pieces, some large, some small. We are only a very small part of that picture and if we don't stand back and look at the whole picture, we exaggerate the importance of the pieces and our vision is narrowed.

Perhaps if we stand back with courage and humility, we will see that the picture

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Information from the State Deputy Meeting

At the annual meeting of the State Deputier held at Supreme Headquarters in New Haven, reports were given that should be of interest to all members. Supreme Knight Virgil C. Dechant, noted that both the physical and spiritual health of the order appeared in excellent condition. He pointed to a growing membership which reached 1,333,210 at the end of May. That is a sharp increase in the number of councils which has surpassed the 6,800 mark and a record high of life insurance in force now standing at 5.35 billion dollars. "The spiritual health," he said "as evidenced by a recent fraternal survey indicates that the Knights, mainly at the local level, distributed more than 26 million dollars to charitable and benevolent causes during the past year, and gave more than 8.4 million hours to community services."

Among the guest speakers at the meeting was Msgr. John F. Meyers, president of the National Catholic Educational Association. Msgr. Meyers noted there are both sad and hopeful developments in Catholic education. "The sad aspect is the fact that almost half of all Catholic youths, 44% to be exact, are not enrolled in any form of religious education either

through CCD or Catholic schools. The hopeful part is the marvelous success story of the Catholic schools today. Despite the loss of thousands of nuns and religious brothers and the closing of many schools in the late 1960's and early 1970's, there are still 9,640 Catholic schools in the United States educating 3,139,000 students."

Included among family activities that were suggested at the workshop held for the State Deputier, were the encouragement of family prayer, family Mass and special efforts of family dinners held at the councils.

In his remarks to the State Deputier the Supreme Chaplain Bishop Greco noted the problems created by differing interpretations of the rule that only "practical Catholics" can be Knights of Columbus. He stated that the issue generally arises because a member is in an irregular marriage. The bishop pointed out that family break ups have affected Catholics as well as other members of today's society. After much decisions in these problems it was recommended a special commission be set up by the Supreme Council to examine these issues and make a recommendation.

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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

First Friday

The First Friday series will resume on September 5th. All are welcome to attend.

A Note From Your Lecturer . . .

As we start our 1980-1981 Council year, as Lecturer, I will strive to provide wholesome, enjoyable and informative programs at Council meetings. With the help of all Brothers, we can work together to make this an exceptional year.

In order to work for the enjoyment of all concerned, I would appreciate knowing where your interests lie. There are a myriad of subjects that can be broached using audio/visuals, film, speakers, etc. on topics ranging from sports to politics, to current issues (including controversial subjects) as well as facts about the Order and the Church.

While I have formulated certain ideas of my own, I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the desires of my fellow Brothers. So don't hesitate to let your wants be known. Either call me at home — 241-0126 or **gently** tackle me at a Council meeting and let me know where your pleasures lie.

Bill Chafatelli

. . . a thought for the month . . .

"GOD'S ON THE LINE,
DON'T HANG UP!"

Vocations are everybody's business.

Knight of the Month September 1980



Frank Simone

The designation of Knight of the Month for September is awarded to Frank Simone. A brother of our council for many years. He has become a quiet contributor to our council affairs by giving of his time and talents behind the kitchen door. Frank has helped prepare and serve the food we enjoyed at our Communion breakfast, Nuns and Widows night and many other occasions.

Frank is also a charter member of the Knights of Columbus Bowling League.

He is employed as a finisher with Sears. Frank and his wife Mary reside in Union with their children, Larry and Diane and are communicants of St. Michael's Parish.

We are pleased to have Frank Simone added to the distinguished group of members honored as Knight of the Month.

Wanted!

We are looking for anyone who graduated from St. Michael's Grammar School, Union, New Jersey. If you, or someone you know, are a graduate, kindly send your Name (Maiden and Married where applicable), Address and Year of Graduation to:

Sr. Margaret William O.P.
1211 Orange Avenue
Union, New Jersey 07083

Information needed to compile a list of graduates covering the 50-year history of St. Michael's School.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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is of Jesus Christ, perhaps with symbols of our order in the border. The pieces of mozaic make sense and are beautiful is seen in their proper perspective in the picture.

This year, stress the whole picture; see Jesus; be ready to reconcile differences; be ready to forgive and be forgiven.

We will be reminded of this every time we come to Mass — to ask for forgiveness; to forgive others; to say the "Our Father" — to give the sign of peace.

May the picture of Jesus be before you always and remind you — you are an important part of it — join with the others — we will disagree, but always we will be ready to forgive and be forgiven — what a great opportunity for our council and new officers. What a glorious Columbian year it will be. Be a part of it — for Jesus' sake.

Amen

Grand Knights Column

Jim Johnson

The beautiful weather combined with the well planned summer activities have added to a happy and enjoyable Swim Club season. We appreciate the hard work of the many brothers who prepared and maintained the pool for our pleasure, and all the committeemen who planned the summer activities for the members entertainment deserve our thanks for jobs well done.

Labor Day officially ends our pool season, but it also is the beginning of our Council program and we can look forward to a well planned year of religious and social affairs. We appropriately begin with our First Friday program hosted by our Chaplain, Father Ed, on September 5th. Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 p.m., followed by a guest speaker. I urge all members and their wives or girl friends to come and share the Eucharist in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere, be informed by a timely discussion and then share a social evening afterward.

On Friday evening, the 19th, we will have a bus trip to Yankee Stadium. Our Annual Council Picnic will be held on Saturday, the 20th, with the next day as a rain date.

On September 27th, we will honor Julius Kiss at the Past Grand Knight Dinner Dance. The Council is indebted to Julius for his leadership of a very successful Columbian year. Your attendance will not only be an expression of appreciation for his many years of service to our Council, but you will be assured of an evening of good food and good dancing with good friends.

"Family Failure"

1. The phrase "*Juvenile Delinquency*" is used to denote that youth has failed and become delinquent. But many sociologists today, after studying the causes and the extent of juvenile delinquency, say that the phrase should be changed to "*Family Delinquency*" Or "*Family Failure*."

The delinquency on the part of youth is nothing new. It has existed throughout the centuries. During the past decades, however, it has become a grave, universal concern. Churchmen, educators, law enforcement officials, social workers, parents and others are coming to grips with this serious problem.

As society is made up of families, and the family is the very foundation of society, we can say: "*As the family goes so goes society*." If our families followed God's moral law, we would have a God-fearing society.

2. The family is the most important social unit within society, but also the most effective unit in the whole rearing process. A normal family is the best assurance against delinquency. On the other hand, a family that is broken by infidelity, divorce, desertion, separation,

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SEPTEMBER '80

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Planning Calendar

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SUN.	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.
	1 POOL CLOSES LABOR DAY	2 COUNCIL BOWLING LEAGUE STARTS	3 Officers Mtg 8:00	4	5 1st Friday Mass 8:00	6
7	8 Council Mtg 8:15	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Swim Club Mtg 8:00	16	17	18	19 Yankee vs Boston Game	20 Council Picnic
21	22 Council Mtg 8:15 Prog Mtg 7:00	23	24	25 Col Club Mtg 8:00	26	27 P.G.K. Dinner Dance 7:30
28	29	30				

lack of discipline, etc., cannot adequately satisfy its full responsibilities toward the child.

Parents are the children's first textbooks, the home is the first and most important school, and much of what we are in terms of attitudes, norms of behavior and values, is brought about by family environment. Research clearly demonstrates that the family vividly colors the entire thinking and behavior of the child and that the lessons in the home have a direct bearing on specific traits of character, such as religion, honesty, moral ideals and habits of the children. The power of example on the part of parents must never be underestimated. The child derives his standards largely from his parents and family circle. Poor example in the home increases the danger of delinquency.

3. A study, by Sheldon and Eleanor Glueck, indicated 90% of the delinquents come from ill-supervised homes, (a) where there was no fixed routine, the children came and went as they pleased; (b) there was no specified time for the

children to go to bed, no specified time for them to do homework, no specified hours for meals; (c) in many cases the mothers were either not at home, or if they were at home permitted the children

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Telephone

Because of illness and vacation we had to use all our substitute Captains. Hopefully, we will be able to get through the balance of the vacation period without a shortage. Nevertheless, if any brother feels so inclined to act as a substitute or active Captain please let me know. To all brothers — if you change your telephone number please let us know so that we can correct our records. Otherwise, we have to remove your name from the calling list. Thanks to brother Lon Pannucci for handling Team 18 during Russ Coen's hospitalization and convalescence at home and to Mike Skiro for calling Team 29 while Art Foster was on vacation.

Art Weber

Random Thoughts

We have finally reached a state of affairs where a man can fly into space safely, but cannot cross the street safely — Students excuse: "I was going to write an essay about my bed but I never got around to making it up" — The cheapest way to have your family tree traced is to run for office — An Englishman, an Irishman and an American were flying low over the Sahara Desert. "Beastly place," said the Englishman. "The Devil's home," said the Irishman. "What a parking lot!" said the American — Shorthand is what your secretary uses to remind herself of what you probably said — He who gets too big for his britches will be exposed in the end — Two women complaining, "Men complain because they have to take out the garbage. But just remember, we had to cook that garbage" — Invest in gold teeth, put your money where your mouth is — Woman to friend, "We dined royally. First he took me to Burger King, then to Dairy Queen"

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