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6-POINT PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

The final phase of the planning of the activities of our council has arrived. What has been accomplished is already recorded in the history of the council. It is time, therefore, for the chairmen of the various groups to arrange their records so that their successors for the 1959-60 year will receive considerable benefit from your experience and the material accumulated, which you deemed most helpful in working out your plans.

Do you remember back to the time when your grand knight announced to you that you were appointed as chairman of your group? Do you remember your first reaction?

Unless you already had quite a bit of experience in organizational work, you were probably doing some mental scrambling for a solid basis upon which to begin your planning for the term.

You can well appreciate then, the feelings that your successors for the 1959-60 term will experience. One of the finest fraternal gestures you could make would be to draw up an itemized schedule of the projects which your own group conducted in the past term, with comments as to how you feel your efforts could be bettered as revealed by post mortem discussions of the affairs.

In view of the above I would recommend additionally compiling material in your files devoted to your projects than can be used for reference at all times. Lastly, that evidence of the same spirit would be demonstrated if you would offer your services and advice to the new general program chairman when he is appointed.

Remember, this will benefit your council and that is the basic objective of ALL your work.

--- Weldon C. Arner

THREE MEMBERS AILING; PRAYERS, CARDS URGED

Members are requested to remember Brothers Rev. Edward J. Begley, Joseph Sink and Edward Cook in their prayers. The brothers are recuperating at their homes after undergoing treatments for illness.

Members are also asked to stop in and visit the brothers or mail them a card. Sink lives at 1322 Shetland Dr. and Cook resides at 301 Salem Rd.

1,200 Are Expected Tomorrow At Second Annual Charity Ball

More than 1,200 persons are expected to attend the council's gala second annual Charity Ball tomorrow night at the Elizabeth Armory.

The council activities committee has already arranged for decorating the mammoth hall, which was foreseen to be needed to house the anticipated throng of members, friends and wives. Decorated in blue and gray, lighting will be provided through overhead lights strung throughout the building.

Wilbur N. Donnelly, general dance chairman, stated more than enough room will be available to accommodate all persons attending the dance. He stressed the fact that those persons arriving at the dance without a table reservation will easily be accommodated.

A buffet dinner will be served from four tables spaced throughout the armory at 11 P.M. The drawing for the color television set to be raffled off, will precede the dinner. There is no additional cost for the dinner.

Refreshments will be served by council members. Liquor may be purchased by the bottle, at \$10 for scotch or rye. The cost includes soda mix which may be refilled at no cost. Beer will be sold at a quarter per bottle. A large bar will also be available to all in attendance.

Dancing will be from 9 P.M. to 1 A.M. to the Billy Early band.

Proceeds from the dance will (continued on page 4)

CALENDAR

April —

4 - Tomorrow - 2nd Annual Charity Ball at Elizabeth Armory, 9 P.M.

6 - Monday - Special meeting at VFW Home, 8:15 P.M.

13 - Regular business meeting; exemplification of First Degree, 8:00 P.M.

20 - Special meeting; exemplification of Second Degree at VFW Home, 8:00 P.M.

24-26 - Weekend Retreat to San Alfonso

27 - Regular business meeting, 8:15 P.M.

May —

1 - Exemplification of Third Degree at Elizabeth Columbian Club, 7:00 P.M.

1st, 2nd DEGREES SLATED IN APRIL

Approximately 40 men will receive honors of the First Degree of the order next Monday, April 13, during ceremonies at the VFW Home.

Membership Committee Chairman Frank J. Murphy, however, says the number of candidates to take the degree is still dependent on each member of the council.

Murphy, stating his committee is aiming for a class of 40 candidates, has urged all members to submit applications of prospective members at Monday's special meeting.

Attainment of 40 candidates for that degree class will enable the council to present about 70 members for honors of the Third or Major Degree May 1. Members who are awarded honors of the First Degree next week will join those members who took the degree March 16, to form a class which will receive honors of the Second Degree April 20 at the VFW Home.

Observers from State K. of C. offices will be on hand April 13 to witness how Union Council officers exemplify degree honors.

Murphy suggests that all members attending Monday's special meeting bring with them an application of a prospective Knight.

FINAL CALL IS OUT FOR RETREAT APRIL 24-25-26

The final call for council members to attend the First Annual retreat to San Alfonso, Long Branch, goes out this month.

Members desiring to attend the weekend retreat, to be held April 24, 25 and 26, are urged to contact Thomas Vigliotta, retreat chairman, as soon as possible.

Purpose of the retreat is to withdraw members from the sights, sound and distractions of the external world and enable him to give undivided attention to the affairs of his soul.

The retreat is said to be a "48-hour excursion in the wondrous (continued on page 4)

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NOTICE TO BROTHERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

If you know of the death or illness of a Brother, please notify one of the following immediately:

Grand Knight Howard R. Leary, 1222 Schmidt Ave., MU. 6-4141.

Fraternal Activity Chairman — James R. Confroy, 187 Indiana St., Maplewood, SO. 2-8634.

BIRTHDAYS

April

- 11 - Philip J. Pantano
- 12 - Wilbur N. Donnelly
- 13 - Fred A. Faszewski
James L. Stitch
- 16 - Francis J. Comiskey, Jr.
- 17 - William M. Connell
Bernard Godesky
- 18 - August D. Walter
- 20 - Peter Matta
- 24 - Frank Zurawski
- 26 - Joseph A. Despres
- 27 - John J. Picyk
Richard Bischoff
- 29 - Robert J. Traynor

May

- 1 - Hubert J. O'Neill, Jr.
- 5 - John A. Vergura

We omitted two birthdays last month and now wish belated birthday greetings to Grand Knight Howard R. Leary (April 22) and Frank S. Maiellano (April 27).



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

--- Rev. Joseph F. Driscoll

The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is the great proof of His claim to be the Son of God. We should not be astonished to see the thoroughness which God has proved to us the fact that Christ was indeed dead, not merely in a state of suspended animation and that he afterwards actually manifested Himself to be alive.

All the circumstances surrounding the death and resurrection of Christ present evidence which issues in a very strong proof. Indeed, granted that one accepts the gospels as true history, it is difficult to see how one could accept any other fact of history, if he refuses to accept the fact of the resurrection of Christ on the evidence provided in the gospels.

At His trial, the Jews recognized that Jesus was claiming to be the Son of God, the equal of God the Father, and they condemned Him to death precisely for making that claim.

On various other occasions Jesus claimed to be God. For example, He had announced to a paralyzed man that his sins were forgiven. The Pharisees thought, "who is this man who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God only," Luke 5:21. Jesus, understanding their thoughts worked a miracle that all could see to prove that He could indeed forgive sins, that in truth He was God.

We establish that Jesus actually died for He stretched on the cross for three hours. The Roman soldiers broke the legs of the two thieves who were crucified with Christ in order to hasten their deaths. But when they came to Jesus they saw that He was already dead; there was no need to break His legs. One of the soldiers took a lance and opened up the side of Christ, piercing His heart. Could He be but dead?

After His death, the soul of Christ descended to the place where the souls of the just who had died before Him were awaiting their entrance into Heaven. Then, arising from the dead, Jesus remained on earth for 40 days. At times he instructed His Apostles, at one time He preached to as many as 500 followers. And finishing His work He ascended out of their sight into Heaven.

At the end of time Christ will come again to judge the living and the dead. Meanwhile true to His

promise, He remains on Earth in His Church through which He continues to act in the world. And, although visible only to the eyes of faith, He is present under the appearances of bread and wine in the Eucharist.

This is a simple statement of the basis of our faith. Our eyes of faith tell the story inspiring our soul to receive frequently this very body of Christ in Holy Communion. It is through our frequent reception of the body of Christ that the presence of Christ will be felt in our World.

MORE THAN 260 ATTEND FATHER-SON BREAKFAST

More than 260 council members and their sons attended the second annual Father and Son Communion Breakfast March 15 at St. Michael's Lower Church and the Elizabeth Carteret Hotel.

New Jersey Superior Court Judge Victor S. Kilkenny of Summit and Msgr. John J. Feeley, pastor of Our Lady of the Valley Church, Orange, were principal speakers, Louis J. Giacona was toastmaster.

A special medal carrying the blessing of Pope John XXIII was presented to all fathers and their sons.

HONORS OF 1st DEGREE AWARDED TO 26 MEMBERS

Twenty-six new members of Union Council were awarded honors of the First Degree during ceremonies at the VFW Home, March 16. The degree was conducted by Carroll Council Grand Knight Stanley Heller of Union City. He was assisted by officers of Carroll Council.

Members awarded the degree were: Adrian J. Burke, William M. Connell, Richard T. Dean, Joseph R. DeLuke, John J. DeMarzo, Merle L. Dunn, Anthony W. Emm, William J. Feighery, James A. Flaherty, Henry L. Kacol, Zygmunt A. Kempczynski, Anthony Mack, Thomas J. Miskovich, Joseph P. Moeltner, Angelo F. Orchardo and Robert J. Paci.

Also, Faust M. Pascucci, John J. Picyk, William A. Ruocco, Salvatore S. Scarlato, Jerome M. Shaw, Henry F. J. Skarbek, Jr., Edward T. Sullivan, Edward J. VanKirk, Jr., Edward J. Wargins and Frank G. Weber, Jr.

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



Congratulations to our Catholic Activities Committee Chairman, Brother Art Weber, and his committee for the very successful Father and Son Communion Breakfast. It was a very impressive sight to see some 300 members and their sons march into church led by the Color Guard. The breakfast was indeed an enjoyable one and the speakers were outstanding. Brother Lou Giacomoni did an excellent job as Toastmaster. It was another red letter day for Union Council and it will go down in our history as another achievement in keeping with the splendid success we have had so far.

The month of April will be by far, the busiest month we have had since the Council was organized and we can all look forward to the coming events with great enthusiasm. First, our Second Annual Charity Ball on April 4 at Elizabeth Armory. Brother Bill Donnelly and his committee have been working extremely hard to make this affair a big success.

The advance sale of tickets has been very good. When it was first announced that the committee had hired the Elizabeth Armory many thought that we were taking on more than we could handle. It is our sincere wish that we can prove to everyone that Union Council can achieve anything it sets out to achieve. We are anticipating an attendance of more than 1,000 persons. Many brothers have reserved tables in advance **BUT** we wish every brother to know that there will be ample room for all who wish to attend, whether you have a reserved table or not. The armory can comfortably seat between 1,200 and 1,500 persons. This affair is a **MUST** for every member of the Council as it is the only affair we run each year to raise funds. Brother Pete Rakowski and his journal committee are going

to have an outstanding report to make on the journal. The spirit and hard work of this committee should be an inspiration to all of us.

Two Degrees are set for April, a First Degree on April 13, and a Second Degree April 27. This will be followed by a Major Degree on May Day, May 1 at Elizabeth Council on Union Ave., Elizabeth. If you want to sponsor a candidate in the last Major Degree for this season, then please get your application to our Admissions Committee Chairmen, Mario Henriquez or Bob Browne as soon as possible. Applications can also be submitted to Membership Chairman Frank Murphy or myself.

We need about 35 new members to reach a total membership of 400 . . . **WILL YOUR APPLICATION HELP US REACH THIS GOAL . OR WILL THE LACK OF AN APPLICATION FROM YOU KEEP US FROM REACHING THAT GOAL ? ? ? ?**

Our First Annual Retreat will be held April 24, 25, and 26. This is the first time we will spend a weekend at the San Alfonso Retreat House in West End and it is my fervent wish and desire that this weekend be well attended. I have attended several retreats at West End and I can highly recommend it to everyone. The retreat house is a very fine one with comfortable accommodations for all. The Spiritual Benefits you can derive from this weekend cannot be numbered. You will leave the Retreat House on Sunday afternoon with a new lease on life. You will be closer to God than you have ever been. The peace and contentment derived will be well worth the sacrifice of attending. The committee would like to have 100 men in attendance and I feel this goal is a reasonable one. I am confident that all who do go will come back en-

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YING YANGS SET TO CLINCH TITLE

With the Ying Yangs having all but mathematically clinched first place, a two-way battle for the second spot gets underway Tuesday when the final round of action in the intra-council bowling league begins at the Hy-Way Bowling Alleys.

The Ying Yangs, which have made a shamble of any race for first place, needed only nine victories to clinch the title before loop action Tuesday. Results of those games were not available at press time.

This Tuesday's activity will see the second place Crusader five take on the last place Knight Strikers, while the Knight Knicks, riding in third, meet the fifth place First Knights. The Ying Yangs meanwhile, will engage the fourth place Vigilantes.

The Ying Yang's Matt Simon set a new series high last week by blasting out a sizzling 621 against the Knight Strikers. Matty's efforts came after games of 210, 208 and 203. The Knight Strikers' Adolph Czajkowski was high for his squad with a 561, the big game being a neat 221.

Henry Skarbek led the Knight Knicks to a double win over the Crusaders with a 527. Joe Siebert took high honors for the losers with a 535 which included a 202 effort. Mike Garrubo paved the way for the Vigilantes' three-game sweep over the First Knights with a 530. Rich Bachevski was high for the losers with a 509.

UNION COUNCIL TO GET 'CENTURY CLUB' AWARD

The Century Club Award, issued by Supreme K. of C. headquarters, will be presented to the council in the near future.

The award is presented to councils which enroll at least 100 new members each year. Under membership committee chairman Frank J. Murphy, the council has already attained that goal.

Murphy said the award will be a noteworthy event in that it represents "the work of group activity by all council members in concentrated effort toward one goal."

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SPECIAL MEETING SET MONDAY NIGHT AT VFW

Grand Knight Howard R. Leary has scheduled a special meeting Monday in order that applications for prospective members may be voted upon so that the candidates will be able to receive honors of the First Degree during exemplification of the degree April 13.

No other regular business is anticipated to come before the council. Leary, urging members to attend, said it will afford them a chance to better acquaint themselves with their brother Knights.

FORMATION OF COUNCIL RIFLE CLUB PREDICTED

Union Council will form its own rifle club providing enough interest is shown by council members.

Any member, or his son, interested in the formation of a rifle club should contact Brother John Vergura at MU 8-1066 or at future council meeting.

If formed, the club would operate under National Rifle Assn. rules.

1200 EXPECTED TOMORROW

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principally be used to carry out the council's social and charitable functions for the 1959-60 year.

The armory is located at Magnolia Avenue and Walnut Street and is easily accessible by car. Coming down Morris Avenue, drivers should turn left at Prince Street (the first traffic light after North Avenue) and continue right around a bend for five blocks. Both on and off street parking facilities will be available.

KNIGHT OF YEAR AWARD WILL BE GIVEN IN MAY

Plans are now being formulated for presentation of a Knight of the Year award to an outstanding member of Union Council at the May 11 council meeting.

The committee, composed of Rev. Joseph F. Driscoll, Grand Knight Howard R. Leary, Weldon C. Arner, six-point committee chairman, Fraternal Activities Chairman James R. Confroy and James J. Connell, past deputy grand knight, is presently studying a lengthy list of candidates proposed for the honor.

Qualifications for the Knight of the Year call for the member's outstanding or consistent service to the church, council or community; performance of some action, or receipt of some honor by the individual candidate, which reflects credit and honor to Council 4504 and the Knights of Columbus.

In order that no worthy candidate may be overlooked, all council members are requested and urged to submit the name of any brother for consideration by the committee. Names should be given to Confroy for presentation to the committee, by the April 13 council meeting.

GRAND KNIGHT'S COLUMN (continued from page 3)

thused with the retreat movement and will be looking forward to bringing more members with them next year. Contact Brother Tom Vigliotta NOW and get your name on the retreat list. You will be happy and glad you did.

Looking forward to success for all our activities during the coming month.

Fraternally, Howard R. Leary
Grand Knight

COLUMBIAN CLUB EYES SEVERAL LAND PARCELS

Columbian Club officers were to meet last night for discussion of several parcels of land in the township which could be a suitable location for construction of a clubhouse. No results of the meeting, held at the home of Louis J. Giacomini, were available at press time.

B. Warren Hehl, club president, said the club officers were to discuss "several parcels of land of which we have become aware" after a report by the club's land survey committee. Hehl declined to give the location of the land or the proposed price of any parcel, pending outcome of the meeting.

Meanwhile Hehl said the finance committee has held a special meeting for discussion of various methods to raise funds for construction of a clubhouse. Further discussion on financing the club was also to be taken up last night.

The club officers announced their next regular meeting will be April 30.

FINAL CALL IS OUT

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region of your soul where you meet and become acquainted with yourself and God. You leave your daily companionships, thrust aside your daily tasks, however important they may be, to see things with fresh eyes; to get true perspective; to see the relation of the things of time to the things of eternity; to get the ultimate realities in focus; to plan your life anew, and to recoup your energies so that you may press with renewed vigor toward the mark, to the prize of your supernal vocation of God in Christ Jesus."

Cost of the weekend is set at \$18 per member.

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