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Capriglione's Colossal Caper



P.G.K. Ball Outstanding Success

Amemorable evening it was for P.G.K. Barney Capriglione and his lovely wife as over 200 knights and friends paid tribute to Barney. The affair sparkled with the presence of the J.F.K. Color Corps, who escorted the guests into the hall to the final mouth-watering piece-de-resistance — California fruit cake.

Bob Armstrong P.G.K. acted as master-of-ceremonies introducing Mrs. Tomko and Mike for presentation along with George Luppold D.D., Vince Iannuzzi and Joe Bilikiska.

From the opening champagne cocktail hour to final taps, the particularly jovial crowd goured on prime rib and waltzed to the music of the "Sentimentals."

For Ray Sullivan and his hard working committee it was orchids for a fine job: Roy Trupiano, Bob Yavoroski, Lenny Schlizzi, Bill Patania, Vinny Mirizio, Mike Tomko and so many, many more out did themselves. And a special thanks to Dominick Clementoni for his thoughtfulness in supplying a small gift to everyone present.

From the top of the Galiano bottle to the bottom of our hearts we salute our latest P.G.K. — Barney Capriglione.

Date to Remember

Swim Club Members Only

11th Anniversary

Swim Club Dance

January 26, 1974

Time: 7:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Limited Sales

Tickets: \$12.50 per person

Ticket Committee:

Peter Martin — Chairman

Rocco Corbo — 688-8842

Herb Kay — 688-6292

Building Fund

There are many misconceptions about the present building fund as it is unlike the one conducted some ten or more years ago. In the early life of the council there were fewer members and less money available.

Then, the one hundred dollars was a gift to the Columbian Club with no hope of return, as one was never promised. Now, the one hundred dollars is a loan with the promise of 4% simple interest per year on the loan. The money is pledged to be returned to the members on a programmed basis on the order in which the loans are made by the brothers.

There is another misconception among some of the older brothers of the council that goes, "I gave before let the other and newer brothers do it now". This is a strange attitude to assume when one is asked for assistance that ultimately is not going to cost the individual anything, but actually provide him with a dividend. Even if your interest has dropped to that of a "card carrier", over the years you undoubtedly received some benefits from the council home. Why not now make a loan to an old friend to give future benefits to others. Maybe someday you will return to the "council home".

Brothers, old and new, support the building fund. Help us reach the phase I goal of \$50,000.

W.H. Stuart

HOT ROAST!



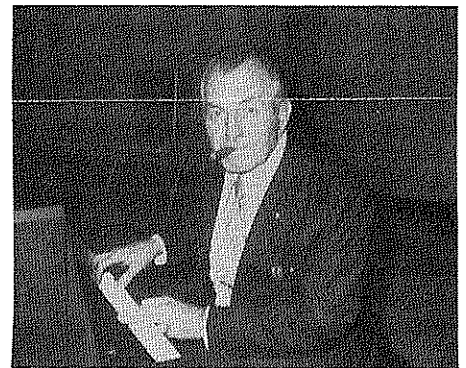
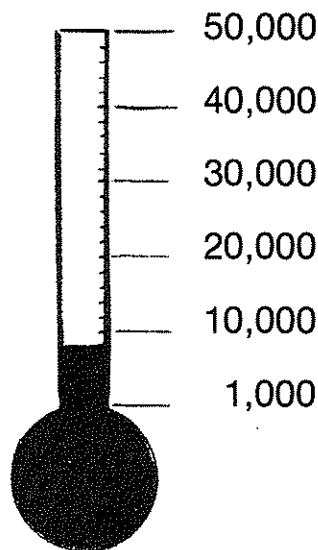
Columbian Club

On Saturday, December 15, 1973 the Columbian Club held their Annual Appreciation Night. Cliff Morris was Master of Ceremonies and did a terrific job — Hosting and Roasting. Gifts were presented to Walter Guthreau Past Columbian Club President and his lovely wife Helen. Other men receiving awards for their outstanding service to the Columbian Club were Lee Linfante, Tony Piatkiewicz, Pete Kozloski, Bill Stuart and Tony Sibilia. Door prizes were donated by the Columbian Club and Mr. William Renner. All in all, it was an evening well enjoyed and deserving for all those, who participated through the year, donating and giving a little of their time to make the Club what it is today. Thank you and congratulations again Walter.

James F. Ford
Columbian Club President

BUILDING FUND

PHASE I



Dinner Meeting Held at the Council

Monday night, December 10, Union Council had its dinner meeting. 136 members were present and all enjoyed the meal. Congregatulations to the chefs Walt Holderlin, Ed Vogel, Jack Bruno and the whole kitchen crew. The above picture shows Al Dietlein playing a few songs.

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Calendar of Events

Jan. 14 Regular Meeting
Jan. 18 Annual Swim Club Meeting
Jan. 19 Bohemian Nite
(To be rescheduled)
Jan. 26 Swim Club Dance
Jan. 28 Regular Meeting
Feb. 11 Regular Meeting
Feb. 16 Valentine Dance
Feb. 24 Family Dinner
(Sunday 1-5 p.m.)
Feb. 25 Regular Meeting
March 11 Regular Meeting
March 23 St. Patrick's Dance
March 25 Regular Meeting

Proud But Humble

Sometime when you're feeling important, sometime when your ego's in bloom, sometime when you take it for granted you're the best qualified in the room, sometime when you feel that your going would leave an unfillable hole, just follow this simple instruction and see how it humbles your soul.

Take a bucket and fill it with water; put your hand in it, up to the wrist. Pull it out — and the hole that's remaining is a measure of how you'll be missed. You may splash all you please when you enter, you can stir up the water galore — but stop, and you'll find in a moment that it looks quite the same as before.

The moral in this quaint example is, do the best that you can. Be proud of yourself, but remember, there's no indispensable man.

R. J. Corbo
Program Director

Knight of the Month



Daniel Neroda, many times called "Danny", has been a member of our Knights of Columbus 4504 for the past three years. During those three years, Danny has contributed a lot of his time on the different activities.

This year Danny is Youth Chairman of the K of C and really lives up to the title. If you go up to the Four Seasons Bowling Alley on Saturday, you're sure to find Danny right there with the youth. On Friday nights for the past few months Danny has been preparing refreshments for the people that come out for a "night out." Though not a member of the Swim Club, on Saturday mornings during the Spring, Danny is there helping getting the pool and picnic grounds ready for the Swim Club members to enjoy their summer. The Children's Christmas Party was held under the supervision of Danny.

Danny lives in Colonia, New Jersey, with his wife Kathleen and a daughter Michelle and in April they're having another addition to the family. Good Luck Danny and Kathy. Danny is a member of St. Cecilia's Church of Iselin. He works as a Sound Recordist with the Magno Recording Studio in New York City.

It is indeed appropriate to add the name of Dan Neroda as the Knight of the Month for January 1974.

Grand Knight's Message

Michael Tomko



Brothers:

As we emerge on a brand New Year let us evaluate briefly our recent achievements. Most areas were fairly commendable while others were lacking the spontaneous success desired. Realizing this, we should continue to look forward to further improvement. Can we dare to be ourselves? Are we closer to God — who moved?

I am convinced that we can accomplish anything we want IF we have the zeal and the determination to do so. We need each other more today than ever before. So in a unified action let us resolve; ONCE MORE IN '74; that if we have not attended any of the meetings, dances, projects, etc.; we should do so this year. I am not charging you to make all of these activities, but it would be really gratifying to see you at least ONCE this year.

So stand up and be counted, re-activate yourselves, aid your hard-working brothers, they need your help. Remember we can never spell SUCCESS without U.

Notes on Membership

On November 26, 1973 the Admission Degree was exemplified on eight candidates at the Council Home. The new 1st Degree brothers are: Frank G. Arace, James J. Colangelo, Edward W. Cole, William P. D'Elia, Felix A. Del Mauro, Richard R. Evers, Joseph J. Saenger, and Matthew J. Scola.

Welcome and congratulations! You have taken the first step to Knighthood. In the K of C our message is simple; get involved and take an active part in the council and its activities. Attend your bi-monthly meetings and get to know your officers and members of YOUR council.

Frank Rafferty
Membership Director

DATE TO REMEMBER FAMILY DINNER

On Sunday, February 24th, between the hours of 1-5 p.m. the Columbian Club will sponsor another dinner for the members of Council 4504 and their family.

MENU

Fruit Cocktail Celery and Olives
Lettuce Leaf with Pot Cheese
Spaghetti and Meatballs
Jello Cake Coffee

Tickets are available at \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 14 years of age. Tickets are limited and will not be sold at the door. Tickets can be obtained from the following members or location:

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Herby Kay
Tim Hayden
Council Hall

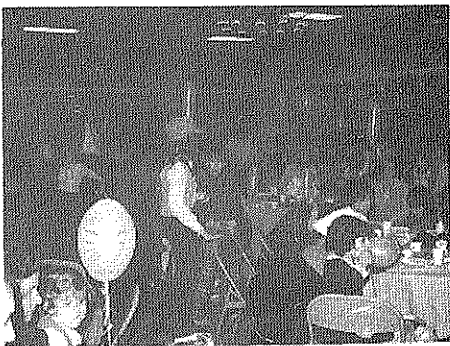


Santa Visits Council For Children's Party

December 16, 1973 the Annual Christmas Party was held at Union Council and over 150 parents and children partook in the goodies and frivolity, not to mention the meeting with Santa Claus himself. Santa delivered presents to all boys and girls.

Youth chairman, Dan Neroda outdid himself in providing a wonderful afternoon for the kiddies, and Ed Izbicki, (as you know who), was positively superb.

P.G.K. Bob Armstrong acted as Master of Ceremonies. Cartoons were shown, lots of goodies to eat, and a good time was had by all!



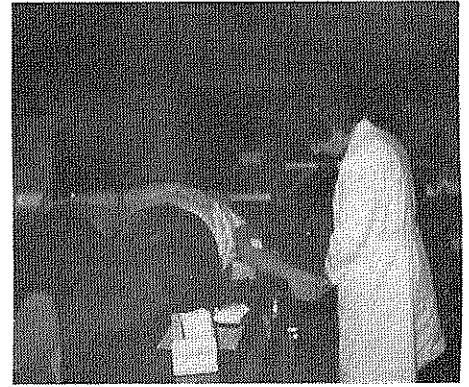
Where Is My Brother?

In our organization of the Knights of Columbus and Union Council in particular, we belong to a brotherhood, a fraternity. This means to aid and assist each other in a common cause. As we go about our various functions we have begun to lose some of the basic elements of our reason for existence. Acting as brothers to each other, individually not in groups, has faded away. The fault is partly because we are such a large council and the other part is just neglect or carelessness. The lack of concern for each other is reflected in several ways. A group sitting at the bar ignore one or two men setting up chairs or tables in the hall, instead of helping for a few minutes. No one will steal your drink, and with more fellows the job only takes a brief time. Helping is brotherhood! It's the Warden's job to clear the hall after the regular meeting. He would be grateful for your assistance, but I'm sure he is quite content doing it on his own. If you just put away your OWN chair it would be an act of brotherhood. Do you only attend social affairs or events that you get something material in return, and not give any time to help your council? If yes is your answer, then your not practicing brotherhood just selfishness. Don't criticize or complain about another member unless you know both sides of the problem. He may have good reason why he acts the way he does. Any man holding a job of responsibility in our organization should be open to suggestions or criticism. Don't talk about it behind his back or in the lounge, but present your view to him in a fraternal way. That's a gesture of brotherhood! All of these and others, small in their singular way are large and important in the end result. Unless an improvement in brotherhood between each other becomes a main feature in Union Council starting right now, our work will slip in effectiveness and success. Words of fraternity and brotherhood are meaningless without practicing them. Our activities will become empty acts with no truth or real reason. Our physical facilities can be just a house instead of a home. Yes, its that serious. Where is my brother? By your action I'll find you, and I'll try to show you by my behavior I am your brother. Then we'll have the foundation to rebuild a true brotherhood. **We have to do it now, or it will never be!!**

Anonymous

Random Thoughts

Remember the good old days when "topless" meant waitresses and not prices? . . . The rule for traveling abroad is to take our common sense with us, and leave our prejudices behind . . . Two fleas started out for a walk. One soon tired, turned to the other and asked, "Shall we take the dog?" . . . The husband was primping in the mirror before leaving for his big speech, "I wonder how many great men there are in the world?" His wife answered, "One less than you think" . . . Our car was running fine but got recalled anyhow. The manufacturer was just trying to figure out what he'd done right . . . Now that they are showing X rated movies at the outdoor theaters, the birds and the bees can learn a thing or two from us . . . Show me a happily married couple and I'll show you two people unworried about who's the better half . . . From a small town newspaper: "The ladies of the country medical-society auxiliary plan to publish a cookbook. Part of the money will go to Sacred Heart Hospital to purchase a stomach pump" . . . Income tax is the fairest tax of all. It gives every one an equal chance at poverty . . . One never opens his wallet in this credit card society. He shuffles it . . . "And what do you plan to do when your as big as your mother?" asked the priest. "Diet", was the reply . . . Faith will not always get for us what we want, but it will get what God wants us to have . . . To do what others cannot do is talent' to do what talent cannot do is genius...An interviewer asked a famous what books had most influenced his life. Without hesitation he replied, "my mother's cookbook and my father's checkbook" . . .



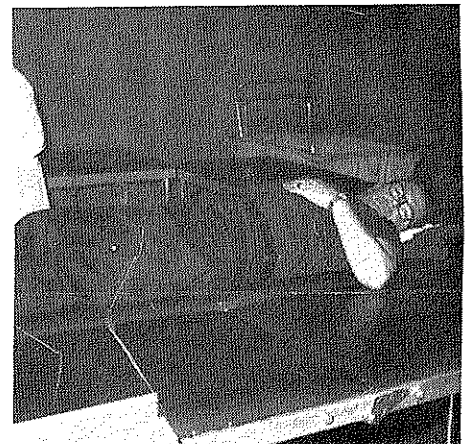
Blood Donor Success

On Sunday, November 18, many of our brothers and their wives and their children came out to donate their blood for the benefit of their families and yours. There were 94 accepted and 5 postponements which was a 40% increase over the 69 which appeared last year.

This increase was due very much in part to the work of our phone committee but most of all to Bill Patania who personally worked on the phone for a period of 3-4 hours calling donors to come to the blood bank.

Also we owe many thanks to Jack Bruno, Walter Holderlein, and Ed Vogel and their kitchen crew for the preparation of the tasty hot roast beef dinner.

For those of you who were unable to make the blood bank and would like to fulfill your obligation to your brother Knights and your families, contact me, Frank Jordan, 688-7108 to make arrangements for you to go to the blood bank itself to make a donation in the Council's name.



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