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COUNCIL PRESENTS HUMANITARIAN AWARDS

Exemplification of True Love for his Fellow Man

At the regular Council meeting of November 22nd, Grand Knight Hehl presented the first Union Council "Humanitarian Award" to Philip Portnoy, for his efforts in behalf of the family of the late Theresa Gargalowitz. Mr. Portnoy, a member of the Board of Education, was chairman of the fund drive which helped to defray the family's hospital and doctor bills over the past 18 months.

Mr. Portnoy was selected for the award because of his humanitarian efforts, service, and charity toward his fellow man beyond normal expectancy.

A second award was presented to Erwin Falkenheim, editor of the Union Leader, for the continuous and outstanding coverage of the Theresa Gargalowitz story, which contributed greatly to the continuous flow of donations to the fund.

It is amazing that Phil, who incidentally is not a member of the Knights of Columbus, or for that matter not even a Christian, has shown us true brotherly love and acted in a more Christ-like manner than many who profess the faith.

This is a man who is acting in the light of what the Ecumenical Council in Rome has promulgated recently. He does not stand and talk of brotherly love and charity, but would rather have his actions speak loud and clear for him.

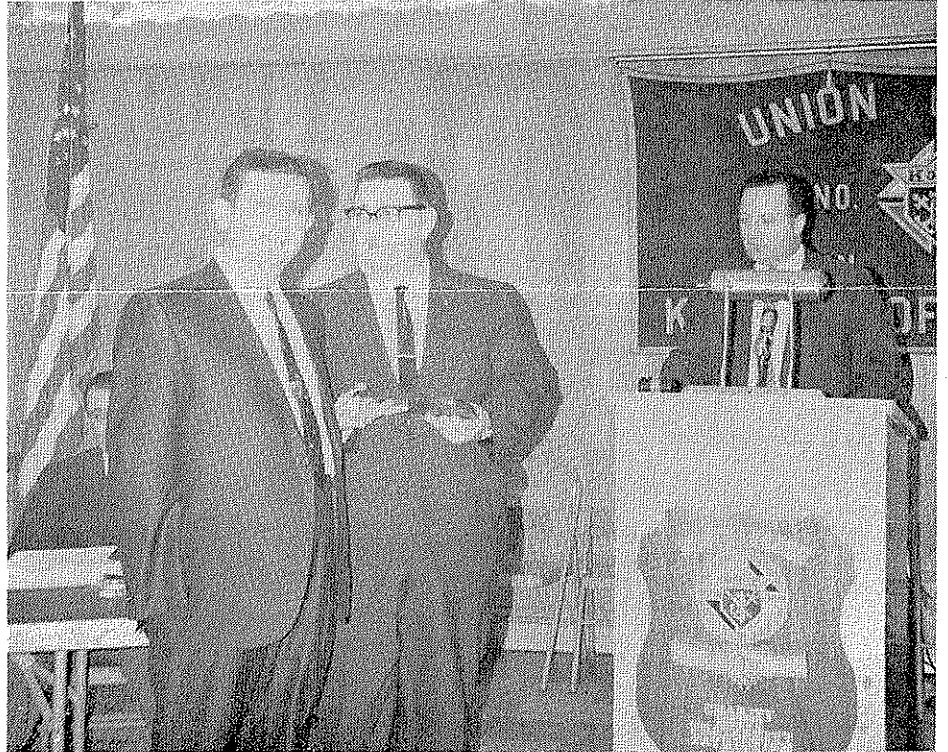
Brothers, let us all take a good look at the act of Charity this man has performed and than look in the mirror and ask, "How do I measure up?"

I'm fearful that the answer to this question will shock many of us. Now is the time to start anew, stop thinking of what I can do to benefit me, and find out what I can do to aid my fellow man. Face up to it men, stop with the good act and start with the good actions.

Thank you Phil for this lesson you taught and thank you Lord for giving us men like this who can open our eyes during these trying times.

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WEAR THE EMBLEM



Mr. Portnoy receiving presentation from Civic Chairman Fred Vollherbst.

CHRISTMAS DINNER MEETING

The annual Christmas dinner meeting of the Council will be held on Monday, December 13th at the Council home beginning at 6:30 P.M. Tickets are now on sale at \$1.50 each.

Business of the council will be held to a minimum, in order to make the evening more enjoyable. Don't forget, as in the past Santa will be here to give out the gifts before the evening is over. You are asked to bring a gift for the grab bag costing approximately \$1.00

Come on out and join us for an excellent dinner, and an evening of fun and relaxation.

CATHOLIC ACTIVITIES

The Living Rosary held on October 26th was very gratifying. A total of 85 Brother Knights were present, and in addition some 75 members of their families also attended to join in the recitation of the Rosary.

On behalf of the members of the Catholic Activities committee I would like to take this opportunity to extend to you and your families, our sincere wishes for a joyous and holy holiday season.

Frank Gillick
Chairman

ESSAY AWARD

During the month of October, we were blessed by the visit of His Holiness Pope Paul VI. His visit was primarily for a special message of Peace before the United Nations General Assembly.

Union Council, using this visit as a theme, selected as a title for the annual essay contest, "What Pope Paul's visit to America and the United Nations Meant to Me."

All eighth grade students from St. Michael's and Holy Spirit School were invited to participate.

The task of selecting the winning essay was generously accepted by Sister Roberta of St. Michael's and Sister Lucille Marie from Holy Spirit.

As it is every year the responsibility of selection of the best essay, when many excellent ones are presented, is difficult. The winners this year were:

Mr. John Robbins, St. Michael's
Miss Patricia Reilly, Holy Spirit

The Presentation of Awards will be at the December 13 Christmas meeting. The awards will be presented to the winners of the contest by Grand Knight B. Warren Hehl.

The parents of the winning students and the good Sisters who selected them will be invited guests.

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CALENDAR

DECEMBER 6th — MONDAY
Officers Meeting

DECEMBER 13th — MONDAY
Christmas Dinner Meeting —
6:30 P.M.

DECEMBER 15th — WEDNESDAY
Regular Meeting Fourth Degree
8:15 P.M.
Renewal of Obligation
Dress Formal — If possible

DECEMBER 27th — MONDAY
NO MEETING

DECEMBER 31st — FRIDAY
New Year's Eve Dance

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Tabor, Stanley P.
Andrade, Anthony J.
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Blake, John J., Jr.
Blume, Paul C., Jr.
Bruzzi, Saverio A.
Dickerson, Frank F.

Durso, John A.
Hreben, George — ^{house - FROM}CIEL
Kurylo, Stephen
Liotta, Alfred R. ✓ ^{MACY}
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Pizzolato, Gerald S.
Romano, Robert G.
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Bahr, Peter F. ✓
Bergen, Robert J.
Bland, Eugene J.
Brilly, Patrick J.
Bucher, William A.
Dinsmore, Paul F. ✓
Fantuzzi, Alfred C.
Hickey, Edward J. — ^RPHILIS
Hrevnack, Peter J.
Onorato, James C. — ^{FR}LOWMIE
Penk, Medford A.
Polewka, Joseph J.
Romeo, Michael J.
Stefanski, Stanley J.

SWIM CLUB NEWS

The second annual Columbian Swim Club dance will be held at the Council home on Saturday, January 29th.

The theme of the dance this year will be "Gangplank to the World" and a gala time is planned for all. Once again dress for the affair will be strictly INFORMAL.

Tickets will be priced at \$3.50 per person which includes a cocktail hour and buffet. Further details concerning the availability of tickets will be in the mail shortly.

Some Assistance is needed on the dance committee and anyone who would like to help is asked to contact Jack Guidera.

In keeping with reminders, the ANNUAL SWIM CLUB BUSINESS MEETING will be held on Friday, January 21st at 8:00 P.M. at the Council home. It is important that all members of the Swim Club attend this meeting (including the women) for discussion of plans for the coming year. The financial report of the Club will be read and the general status of the Club explained. Elections will also be held of a member of the Swim Club to the Board of Governors.

SPECIAL ELECTION

In accordance with Art. II, Sec. VI of the By-Laws of the Council, a special election will be held at the regular Council meeting of Jan. 10, 1966 to fill the vacancy of Council Recorder.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

The Knight of the Month for December is our Decency Chairman . . .

ROBERT EMERY

Bob as we all know is an outstanding Catholic and a credit to our Council. Congratulations for a job well done.

We urge all members of the Swim Club to attend this all important meeting, not only in support of your Board of Governors, but also to voice your opinions and suggestions for the betterment and improvement of the Club and its facilities.



We are fast approaching the Holy Christmas Season and it is for us only to reflect upon the many assets which we are to be thankful for in recognizing that we celebrate truly Christ's birthday.

Notwithstanding, many of our blessings there are those in this country and others who seek to downgrade the effect of this Holyday of December 25, 1965, to a more commercial and mercantile effect in an attempt to take away from our Lord and Master due respect and reverence on His birthday.

As Knights of Columbus it is our duty to exemplify in all of our actions, words and deeds, the continued pronouncement that this day belongs to Christ and for his honor, do everything we can to continue this respect, love and admiration for our standard bearer.

Let us, therefore, invoke our will to display bumper stickers, pronouncement by words and deeds when we are able to do so to our friends, not only of our faith, but otherwise that this day belongs to our Lord and Master and not other commercial businessmen who so ably and cleverly seek to put profit above respect.

We cannot complain for the lack of respect of this day ourselves when we, too, are guilty of providing the respect and dignity that is due our Lord. Henceforth, be so admonished to upgrade our personal feelings in this respect.

We should further make every effort to instill in our families and children, the remembrance of what this day means to them over and above their joy in receiving gifts, for were it not for the birth of Christ, there would be no Christmas Day.

The Officers,
Chairmen and
Digest Staff
wish to extend to all
the Brothers and
their families a
Holy and Happy
Holiday!

PUBLIC DECENCY

Dr. John W. McDevitt, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus presented an address titled "A Moral Counteroffensive" to the Fourth National Convention of the Citizens For Decent Literature at New York.

Following are a few excerpts from Supreme Knight McDevitt's powerful address: "... The said and oft repeated lesson of history teaches us that in vain does a bronze shield defend the heart of a country if the innermost core of the nation's heart is eaten away by the dry rot of immorality.

Most Americans will simply ignore your efforts for decency. Some will deride you. Because you want decency, they will call you Victorians; because you resent smut, they will call you pruders; because you resist immorality, they will call you old-fashioned; and because you want to help our youth, they will call you 'do-gooders.' And cruelest of all, some misguided ultra-liberals who think that any curb on pornography is a threat to our constitutional rights of free speech, will even call you unpatriotic.

But despite this rather sad picture of general apathy and even hostility I am optimistic about achieving the basic aims of the movement for decency in literature.

My optimism is based on the tremendous reservoir of good will and good sense that the American public has ever shown when given the full facts on a problem . . .

I believe that the great initiative that individuals and organizations can take in this area is to alert the American public to the menace . . .

These points should be brought home emphatically to the public.

1. Pornographic material is readily available to our young people, in astonishing quantities and at relatively low cost.

2. Pornography is having a decisively deleterious effect on the young as indicated in the rising rate of sex crimes.

3. Even if a parent feels that his or her children are being protected from this debauching filth, they may become the victim of another youth who has become depraved by it.

4. There already exist some safeguards against this virus, which generally need only proper implementation . . .

I also can report that the Knights of Columbus succeeded in having the National Fraternal Congress, representing 98 societies and nearly ten million members, take note of the menace of pornography and pass a unanimous resolution pledging a campaign against it at the association's September meeting in Washington."

PARISH COMMITTEE

In the Newark Archdiocesan Campaign for decency in literature and in motion pictures, it is Archbishop Boland's specific and urgent request that a permanent committee for this purpose be erected in each parish throughout the four counties of the Archdiocese. This committee must have a Spiritual Director, Lay Chairman and a membership depending on the number of merchants and movie houses in the parish area. The membership must be chosen with great care since they are asked to shoulder a great burden which is perennial and thankless. Both men and women make up this membership. Women are especially needed since visitations are called for during the daytime.

Join your parish committee and help in this request of Archbishop Boland. Encourage others to join.

Council Bermuda Holiday

Once again Brothers (and ladies), Brother Cliff Morris has come up with an event to top all previous events—a Bermuda Holiday. That's right — 4 days and three nights in Bermuda.

This will be a special "club" trip open to only 50 couples — 100 persons. The trip includes air transportation to Bermuda and return, class "A" hotel reservations including meals, a reception cocktail party, beach cocktail party, golf course fees, etc., etc. Believe it or not all this and more can be yours for only \$150.00 per person.

The trip is scheduled for May 26th, 27th, 28th, and 29th, 1966, and reservations are limited.

This is an excellent opportunity for that long sought after vacation, at a cost that can't be beat. Think it over — details and additional information will be sent to you shortly — but don't delay. If you're interested, see Cliff now for further details.

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