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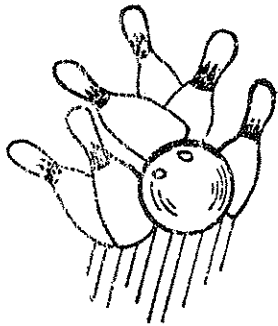


Union Council 4504

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Spare Time for a Striking Event

Join in with your Council to make the State Bowling Tournament a striking success.

It is up to you to help make this major fund-raising effort a success for your Council and a memorable experience for your Brother Knights from throughout this State.

Ladies and Young Adults join the Knight in your family and volunteer your help to the chairmen listed below.
Scorekeeper — Asst. Tour. Dir.

Bill Bucher 687-1224

Substitutes, Pacer Teams

Hank Skarbek 761-5274

Fund Raising

Barney Capriglione... Office 964-3143
687-1566

Treasurer-Souvenir & Squad Prizes

Jim Johnson 964-0735

Kitchen Co-Chairmen

Jack Robbins 688-4378

Joe Gluck 686-4642

Milt Rij 688-2759

Waiters, Waitresses & Service Bar

Ken Pinney 686-5650

The dates and times of the bowling sessions are as follows:

SATURDAYS—MARCH 20 and 27

APRIL 3, 10 and 24 at 6:00 p.m.

SUNDAYS—MARCH 21 and 28,

APRIL 4, 11 and 25 at 2:00 and 5:00 p.m.

We hope that this listing will aid you in determining the dates and times you can assist the Council in this Tournament.

Remember—The success of this event depends upon your active participation.

Julius J. Kiss
Tournament Director
687-5173

Columbian Club

The Columbian Club is now accepting bids for the snack bar and clean-up jobs for the coming season, (Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day Weekend). Interested parties, please contact one of the following: Committee Chairman Bill Bucher—687-1224, Gene LeCompte—687-1770 or Ed Vogel—687-1165.
Bill Bucher

Help the Mentally Retarded Program — 1976

The 1975 Mentally Retarded Drive was a tremendous success. A total of \$188,000 was raised throughout the state, without all 235 councils participating.

This year on APRIL 9 & 10, we will once again go out to our friends and neighbors and solicit donations for these exceptional people. In these two days Friday and Saturday, the whole state will be aware of our commitment to Charity and helping our fellow man.

We will need the co-operation of everyone if this appeal for funds is to be successful. Ask your wife if she would like to join you in this venture for Charity.

Andrew F. Popp
Grand Knight

Swim Club News

Preparation of the pool and picnic area becomes a necessity with action and planning hence, with PLANS, of things to be done, already on the drawing board, ACTION becomes the next item.

Action in the form of work parties will commence on Saturday, April 3rd from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon and Wednesday, April 7th from 6:00 p.m. to dusk and will continue every Saturday and Wednesday until splash time.

Work parties become necessary for two reasons: first, it enables members of the Council and Swim Club to work fraternally side by side. Second, the Board of Governors can continue to hold the cost of annual dues for Swim Club Membership down to a minimum.

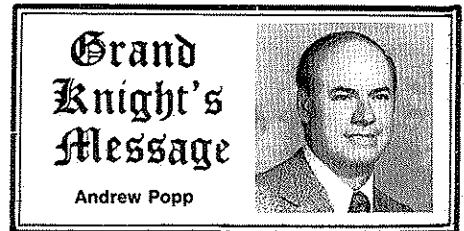
Plan to join the work parties on the above dates, its your club and we're sure that you and your family will benefit from your participation. You **do not** have to be a Swim Club member to participate in these work parties. All Council members are invited.

NOTE TO SWIM CLUB MEMBERS

Notify membership Chairman William Taylor of any change in your membership status since last season. Review the rules in regards to who in your family is still eligible for pool membership. This information is necessary so that proper identification badges can be prepared.

Brothers Pete Martin, Jim Ford and Gene Le Compte are the newest members of the Swim Club Board of Directors.

John Kilian
President



Dear Brothers,

Union Council was paid a compliment at the State Regional Meeting last month. We have been credited with being a leader in Catholic Activities this year.

This credit belongs to all the members and their families who have supported Fr. Ed and Henry Mey in our First Friday programs. Union Council has been recognized for many accomplishments, but this is one all the Officers and Chairmen are especially proud of.

Charity, being the basic principle of our Order was once again demonstrated on Valentine's Day, when the council sponsored a sellout charity ball for Camp Fatima. This camp is run by all volunteers for exceptional children. The thanks for the success of this affair goes to Cliff Morris and Vince Iannuzzi. Without Catholic and charitable works, no council is worth its salt.

I hope all our brothers re-evaluate their personal lives as Catholics and as members of the Knights of Columbus during this Holy Season of Lent, which begins Ash Wednesday, March 3, 1976.

With the coming of Easter, we can look forward to the Resurrection of our Lord and the start of a new life.

Yours in Christ
Andrew F. Popp
Grand Knight

P.S. To all our Irish brothers and Fr. Ed I wish you a HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

Notice

The Revised By-Laws of Union Council #4504 will be presented to the Membership for approval at the regular meeting on March 8, 1976.
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The Revised By-Laws of the Columbian Club of Union Council #4504 will be presented to the Membership for approval at the regular meeting on March 22, 1976. These By-Laws will be presented in the Columbian Club Section as directed by the By-Laws.

Both of these meetings are very important. Please take the time and interest in your club. Plan now to attend on the Eighth and Twenty-second of MARCH.

Andrew F. Popp
Grand Knight

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Calendar of Events

Mar. 5 Sacraments of Penance '76 Style (Chaplain's Night)
Mar. 6 Knicks-Bullets
Apr. 2 Western Prayer and Eastern Mysticism (Chaplain's Night)
April 9-10 Mentally Retarded Program
April 11 Palm Sunday
April 16 Good Friday
April 18 Easter
May 7 Husband, Wife and God (Chaplain's Night)

MONTHLY MEETINGS

1st Mon. Council Officers
2nd & 4th Mon. Regular Council
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

Invest in the Growth of Your Council

Brothers as the membership of our council continues to grow, so must our facilities.

Recently, you received a letter explaining briefly how you can invest in the Council Building Expansion Bond. Your co-operation is needed for the growth and success of this latest venture.

Questions pertaining to the investment, its purpose and its rewards can be directed to any of the following Committeemen:

Roger Schur 245-6605
Andy Tobia 687-9348
Ed Stonack 688-3523
Bill Bucher 687-1224
Bill Taylor 686-3120
Ken Pinney 686-5650
Frank Dickerson, Jr. 687-4353
Building Expansion Chairman

Knicks-Washington (Tickets Available)

In store for Saturday nite, March 6, the Knicks vs. Washington Bullets.

Tickets are still available at \$13.00 each. Price includes admission, round trip bus transportation, food, beer and soda.

Contact Roger Schur — 245-6605 or at Council Hall during the next regular meeting.

Bus will depart from Council Home parking lot at 6:00 p.m. Buy your tickets now for this exciting evening to the Garden.

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A reminder relating to the upcoming big and exciting RINGLING BROS. CIRCUS.

Plans have been started for obtaining a tentative date sometime in MAY.

The young and the old should make plans to attend this marvelous day at the circus.

Roger Schur
Athletic Chairman

Spiritual Refreshment

A retreat is an enjoyable, uplifting week-end experience. San Alfonso at West End, Long Branch offers this and more in a beautiful by the sea atmosphere. It is a time away from the daily grind and distractions of our modern living. It offers welcome, physical rest, release from tensions — mental peace — and above all spiritual refreshment. You'll enjoy a few days of quiet, the chance to relax, and privacy to think things over. You can get help on personal problems from experienced counselors. You'll enjoy the good meals and the periods of rest and recreation. Retreats are held for men, women, and married couples. Union Council's annual, for members, is October 22-24 this year. However, any individual or group, may go at another time, that may be more convenient. Men's retreats go from May 14-16 until October. Women's retreats are Mar 5-7 through April 30-May 2. Married couples, October 1-3 and October 29-30. Retreats are conducted by a team of five priests. These priests are available for consultation any time during the retreat. Reservations must be made at least one week in advance. For individual or group reservations call 222-2731 or write: Retreat Director — San Alfonso Retreat House — 755 Ocean Avenue, West End, New Jersey 07740. Tell them, Union Council Knights of Columbus recommended you. For more information contact, DGK Jim Moran at a regular meeting or call him at 687-0566.

Wanted

CATHOLIC MEN who can qualify for membership in the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

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Sponsor a Practical Catholic Today!
For information call:
Tom Kachelriess,
Membership Director — 686-7410
or
Jim Johnson,
Admissions Chairman — 964-0735

Memories

The second section of the huge charter first degree class was held December 9, 1957 and the following were honored at that time:

T. G. Arminio	J. Lynch
R. Armstrong	E. Mack
W. Ballar	J. Malone
R. Bischoff	W. Mayer
G. Bonamo	H.A. Mayer
F. Brown	H. Mesinger
W. Bukowski	J. Murphy
J.R. Confroy	T. Owens
J. Crilly	E. Powlowski
J. Cocuzza	F. A. Perina, Jr.
J.R. Coen	F. Pitt
G. DePalma	S. Pribula
D. DiMartino	J. Quinn
P. Donatiello	S. Roffa
R. Dondona	N. Reininger
J. Dougherty	D. Rinaldo
J. Despress	A. Ring
F. Faszewski	J. J. Schaeffer
P. Fresulone	J. Seibler
J. Futej	J. Seidler
G. P. Gantler	W. J. Smith
J. Gardner	R. J. Tavis
B. Gosesky	B. Torbick
G. Greener, Jr.	J. Vassallo
L. Giacona	E. Weingartner
J. F. Haggerty	J. Zarinko
M. Homer	W. J. Ziess
T. Irwin	R. Bernauer
W. Kiziukiewicz	N. G. Chomick

There are many familiar names in this group — still active and some who are still around but inactive. Wouldn't it be nice to contact one of the inactive brothers and bring him out to a meeting or Two? If you know one, give it a try. Or better yet, if your name appears here and you haven't been around, come on out and let's reminisce a little and then give a little for the future — stir the ashes of your memory.

W. Taylor P.G.K.

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Editor's Corner

THE JOY OF BEING AN EDITOR

Getting out the Knights Digest is really no picnic.
If we clip items from other newspapers, we are a lazy bunch.
If we don't we are stuck on our own stuff.
If we omit news that we're never told about, we should have picked it up at a meeting.
If we print news about anyone who reports it to us, we're showing favoritism.
If we don't print contributions, we are unappreciative.
If we do print them the paper is full of junk.
If we make changes to a member's write-up, we are critical.
If we don't, we're asleep.
If we request early articles, there's plenty of time.
If the article is late, we should have waited.
If our ideas come from other articles you're right, this is one of them.



Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Edward M. Swierzbinski

"This Book (the Bible) contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers.

Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable.

Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy.

It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you.

It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter.

Here paradise is gained, heaven opened and hell disclosed.

Christ is its grand object, our good its design, and the glory of God its end.

It shall fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet.

Read it slowly, frequently, and prayerfully.

It is a mine of wealth, a Paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure.

It is given you in life, will be opened in the judgment, and remembered forever.

It involves the highest responsibility, promises the highest reward for labor, and condemns all who trifle with its sacred contents.

Read it regularly. It is effective medicine for the soul."

Remember — Come and praise God with us on the first Friday.

Father Ed

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Thanks

On behalf of Father Ed and myself, I wish to thank each and everyone of you for coming to last month's Chaplain's Night. Our guest speaker, Father Robert Grady from Seton Hall University gave a very interesting talk on "Conscience" and was well received by all.

In response to questions concerning our religion, he suggested an excellent book entitled "The Catholic Catechism" for \$5.00. Another choice is a book entitled "The Teachings of Christ" published by our Sunday Visitor Press for \$4.00. Anyone interested in one or both of these books may contact me at home or at a regular meeting, or better yet on the First Friday of March.

This month's Chaplain's Night will continue with First Friday Mass starting at 8 p.m. — the date March 5th. The subject of the evening will be the "Sacrament of Penance '76 Style". Father Ed will tell us about the changes which are to occur with the Sacrament of Penance.

Henry Mey —
Catholic Activities Chairman
687-1249

At Random

You have not fulfilled every duty unless you have fulfilled that of being pleasant . . . a teenage girl has been trying to run away from home for a year. Everytime she gets to the front door, the phone rings . . . While nobody condones the epidemic of bank robberies, it is nice to see that so many people still have such a high regard for the dollar . . . When marriage doesn't change a man, he's probably not out of church yet . . . a butcher confided the six little words that have made him wealthy; it's just a few ounces over . . . A housewife complained that someone broke into her parked car and stole \$50 worth of groceries from the glove compartment . . . Psychology tells us that it is bad to be an orphan, terrible to be an only child, damaging to be the youngest, crushing to be the middle, taxing to be the oldest. There is no way out except to be born an adult . . . Airline commercial: "our coach flights now have four hostesses instead of two, and with wider seats too" . . . Some rights are worth dying for. The right of way is not one of them . . . The increased cost of postages goes to pay for housing our letters a few days longer before delivery . . . Thinking people would feel better about the future if we'd stop treating the earth as though it were rented . . . The problem with pulling the wool over the voter's eyes is that they soon recognize the yarn . . . The tip you leave for a meal today would have bought it a few years ago . . . To err is human but to wear out the eraser before the pencil is overdoing it . . . If you will call your "troubles" "experiences" and remember every experience develops some latent force within you, you will grow vigorous and happy, however adverse your circumstances may seem to be.

Jim Moran

Bzzzzzzz

From time to time the Telephone Committee hears of members that do not receive telephone calls. This is usually brought about because we do not have the correct telephone number, there is no telephone answer, or the phone is busy, busy, busy.

If you have not been receiving calls, we would appreciate your contacting one of the following Committeemen:

- Tom Crimmins, P.G.K. 686-2323
- Mike Tomko, P.G.K. 686-3925
- Bruce Bentz 689-3603
- George Arnold, P.G.K. 688-8399
- Jim Doody 686-5344

We are quite proud of our telephone hit. This percentage is usually in the area of 80%, which is quite good when you consider that our membership is well over 1,000 members.

Remember, if you haven't been receiving calls — call one of the above and we promise they will return the call to let you know why you were not contacted in the past.

Committee Chairman
George Arnold
P.G.K.

March

March 29, 1882 was the day the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut granted the Charter to the Knights of Columbus.

You Better Believe It!

Union Council like any other K of C council, is run for the benefit of its members. The officers are responsible to YOU to put on degrees, conduct meetings, and perform the duties you elected them to do. The Program Director and his individual directors all run projects of various types to give the members all of the advantages of our Catholic Fraternity. They have the needed programs, all they require is YOU as a worker and participant. Are you there when a chairman needs you? The Columbian Club, of which you are also a member, is in existence to serve the best interest of the membership. Our club house is known as the council home and the Columbian Club has the duty to provide and maintain club house facilities for the members of Union Council Knights of Columbus #4504, Union, New Jersey, and to promote the health, comfort, religious, educational, moral and social betterment of our membership, by providing a suitable meeting place for Union Council Knights of Columbus #4504 wherein the ideals of the Knights of Columbus will prevail.

All the people mentioned in this article so far have been elected by you or appointed by the Grand Knight. Their job in one word is "service". Sometimes these men may fail in their efforts to obtain the proper objectives. Why? Because being human we make mistakes. We are also able to correct our mistakes. We occasionally need to stop and examine our directions. Has service to fellow members slipped into self-service? Is your council home becoming a house of adoption for other groups? Oh, yes we need to make money to run our programs, give to charities, but not for the sake of profit alone! If any elected or appointed man in this council is not engaged in a project that will help "benefit the council", he is misusing our organization.

As Knights we have the moral obligation to promote charity, unity, and fraternity. These are not just ideals to look up to, but workable, living action for today. How we lead our own life is proof of whether we practice what we preach. Each member has a "duty to keep alive a personal responsibility, a drive for excellence, a thirst for knowledge and a deep appreciation" for what it means to be a Knight. Attend meetings as often as possible to know what is being done for you, to complain when you don't like something, compliment someone when you are pleased.

Start a debate, ask questions! Right or wrong is not as important as sitting there not thinking or worse not caring. If you don't care, your elected officers will **stop** being concerned with what you need or want. Has this article upset or confused you? If it has, wonderful! That's just what it was meant to do.

S. Bruzzi
Knights Digest '75

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