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DATES SET FOR 58-59 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Six Point Program Committee Chairman Weldon C. Arner has received tentative dates for programs of activities of activities of the respective committees which should be finalized within the next few weeks.

At that time, a complete calendar will be presented to the council through the KNIGHT DIGEST. In particular, Mr. Arner said, the Council Activities Committee has definitely established the date and place for the Second Annual Charity Ball. The dance will be held April 4, 1959 at the Elizabeth Armory.

The Youth Activities Committee has two projects planned for next month. One of these will be the second annual collection of food-stuffs for the orphans at N. J. Boystown, North Arlington. The other will be a Christmas Party for children of council members.

The Fraternal Activities Committee is working on a program for establishment of a council blood bank.

Annual Budgets for each of the six committees have been submitted to the Board of Trustees for action at Monday's meeting.

Chairmen of the respective committees "are working diligently and very hard toward affecting a successful and well rounded program of activities toward the receiving of a Star Council Award," Mr. Arner said.

49 NEW MEMBERS JOIN COUNCIL

Forty-nine new members were welcomed to the Knights of Columbus and Union Council 4504 after exemplification of the First Degree at the Veterans Memorial Home Oct. 13. The degree, conducted during impressive ceremonies by council officers, was the first of the 1958-59 year and the first exemplification held at the Veterans Home.

The council membership received a major boost with the addition of the 49 men and, coupled with the approximate 35 members scheduled to receive First Degree honors in

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PLANS FOR COLUMBIAN CLUB TO BE OUTLINED

CALENDAR

Monday, Nov 10-Regular council business meeting, 8:15 p.m.

Nov 17-Special meeting for exemplification of First Degree at Veterans Memorial Home, 8 p.m.

Nov. 24-Regular council business meeting.

Dec. 1-Special meeting for exemplification of Second Degree at Veterans Memorial Home, 8 p.m.

Dec. 5-Exemplification of Third Degree at Columbian Club, Elizabeth, 8 p.m.

1st, 2nd AND 3rd DEGREES ARE SET

The council will exemplify honors of the First, Second and Third Degrees of the Knights of Columbus at three special meetings within a 17-day period beginning Nov. 17.

An estimated 35 members are scheduled to receive honors of the First Degree during ceremonies in the Veterans Memorial Home on Monday, Nov. 17. Two weeks later, on Monday, Dec. 1, the council will hold a second degree at the Veterans Home. Both degree ceremonies, scheduled as special council meetings, will begin at 8 p.m.

The first Third or Major Degree of the 1958-59 year will be exemplified Dec 5. at the Columbian Club, Union Ave., Elizabeth. That degree, scheduled for a Friday night, will begin at 8 p.m.

Grand Knight Howard R. Leary and Frank J. Murphy, membership committee chairman, have urged all members, particularly sponsors of the new members, to attend the special meetings at which the degrees will be exemplified.

The degrees to be exemplified at the Veterans Home were scheduled as special meetings, Grand Knight Leary said, in order to maintain a brief time schedule which, if a regular business meeting were held, would last probably four hours.

A resolution which would create a Columbian Club for membership of Union Council 4504 will be introduced Monday during the regular business meeting at the Veterans Memorial Home.

The measure, which must be read at two meetings, would be placed on the council floor for hearing and final approval Nov. 24.

The Columbian Club, which would be a separate holding corporation composed solely of members in good standing of Union Council, is to be formed "in anticipation of the purchase of land for construction of a clubhouse for Union Council," Grand Knight Howard R. Leary said.

Grand Knight Leary urged all members to attend the council meetings on Monday and Nov. 24. Describing the two coming sessions "as probably the most important ever held by the council," Leary said he hoped for a 100 per cent turnout at the meetings.

Grand Knight Leary has instructed Advocate Weldon C. Arner to prepare a resolution which would create the Columbian Club, for presentation Monday. Although final action on the measure cannot be taken until Nov. 24, the proposal will be open for discussion on its introduction.

The decision to form the Columbian Club came during a special meeting Monday called specifically for that purpose. More than 125 members attended the session to hear William J. Farley, president of the Elizabeth Columbian Club, describe the formation and operation of a Columbian Club.

If formed, the Columbian Club would operate independently of the council, electing a slate of 12 officers from its membership. Officers which would be elected are a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, controller and a seven-member board of directors.

Anticipating the formation of a Columbian Club, about 100 members attending Monday's meeting enrolled for membership. Should the resolution be approved, the club would open its membership to all council members and hold its organization meeting in early December. Election of officers and the drafting of club by-laws would be done at that time.

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SAFETY TIPS

Passing school buses: On highways having roadways not divided by safety islands or physical traffic separation installations, the driver of a vehicle approaching or overtaking a bus which is being used solely for the transportation of children to or from school and which has stopped for the purpose of receiving or discharging any school child shall stop such vehicle not less than 10 feet from such school bus and keep such vehicle stationary until such child has entered or left said bus and reach the side of the highway; provided such bus is designated as a school bus.

On highways having dual or multiple roadways separated by safety islands or physical traffic separate installations, the driver of a vehicle overtaking a school bus which has stopped to receive or discharge school children shall stop his vehicle not less than 10 feet from the bus and keep his vehicle stationary until the child has entered the bus or alighted and reached the side of the highway.

On highways having dual or multiple roadways separated by safety islands or other physical traffic separations, the driver of a vehicle on another roadway approaching a school bus which has stopped to receive or discharge students shall reduce the speed of his vehicle to not more than 10 m.p.h. and shall not resume normal speed until he has passed the bus and any children which may have alighted from the bus.

When a school bus is parked at the curb for the purpose of receiving children directly from school or discharging them to enter a school which is located on the same side of the street as that which the bus is parked, driver's shall be permitted to pass said bus without stopping but at speeds not exceeding 10 miles per hour.



CHAPLAIN'S

CORNER

- - - Rev. Joseph F. Driscoll

There is this truth for all of us to know clearly if we truly desire to be men of Catholic action.

It is the Holy Ghost, the Third Person of the Most Blessed Trinity, who works in us and through us. It is our complete work in life to make ourselves available for his inspirations and opportune to the carrying out of his work.

The election of our new Pope John XXIII is a dramatic expression of what no less truly happens in the lives of each of us. The Cardinals besought the inspiration of the Holy Ghost in prayer. Separate from the work of their everyday life, they deliberated with their own intelligence on the suitability of the man chosen and then decided upon the one whom the Holy Ghost will keep free from error in matters of faith and morals.

As Knights of Columbus, we should in the privacy of our prayers dedicate our knighthood to loyal service to our Holy Father. He will be comforted by your advance in the interior life. His example of

125 MEMBERS ATTEND MASS-COMMUNION

More than 125 council members attended the First Annual Memorial Mass and Communion last Sunday at the new St. Michael's Chapel. Rev. Frederick Eid celebrated the Mass which was in memory of all deceased Knights of Columbus and Pope Pius XII.

B. Warren Hehl, Catholic Activities chairman, noting the great success of the Communion, hoped that his committee's plans for early 1959 will attract as much attention.

The Catholic activities committee has set dates for a Day of Recollection, Father and Son Communion Breakfast and weekend retreat at San Alfonso between Feb. 15 and April 24.

Hehl said the Day of Recollection will be held at St. Michael's Church Feb. 15. Committee chairman of that program will be Thomas Arminio, assisted by Anthony Martin and Julio Bonnano. The Second Annual Father and Son Communion Breakfast will be held at St. Michael's March 15.

Arthur Weber, Stephen Raffo and William Fay will be co-chairmen of

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following closely the inspiration of the Holy Ghost is the leadership that you must follow in seeking God's inspirations and courageously living a Catholic life.

The practical consequent for the individual knight is the applying of himself to the specific program of the Catholic activities. Shortly, your committee will set-up a program of parent education in the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. This is your part in the overall program of the Holy Father of giving cradle-to-the-grave instructions in the truths of the faith.

BIRTHDAYS

- Nov. 8 - James Murtha
- 11 - James J. Connell
- 12 - Edward J. Casey
William T. Conroy
- 13 - Anthony J. Martin
- 15 - Julius List
- 16 - Peter Fresulone
Joseph F. Seibert
Joseph A. Kenny
- 18 - Dr. Stanley J. Neiber
Joseph Priccainte
- 20 - John Zarinko
- 22 - Oscar Ernst
- 23 - Martin A. Hayes
Andrew J. McCarrick
John J. Vassallo
- 24 - Frank W. Fackelman
- 25 - Otto J. Mende Sr.
- 27 - Raymond T. Moore
Frank Brown
- Dec. 1 - Harold J. Mensinger
- 2 - Frank Palanowich

CIVIC NIGHT PLANNED

Lecturer Joseph V. Milo said his portion of Monday's meeting will be devoted to Civic and Service Organizations.

Milo said he will briefly outline the purpose and workings of various township organizations. Council members who belong to certain business and civic groups in the township will then outline in greater detail their organization's workings.

The Lecturer said the program for the second monthly regular business meeting, Nov. 24 will be concerned with the United States radar defense of the Arctic Circle. A film, "The Dew Line," will be shown at the meeting. The Dew Line (Distant Early Warning) depicts the tightly woven radar net which the U. S. Air Force maintains about the far Northern outposts.

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



The principal holiday in November is Thanksgiving Day. This year the members of Union Council have much to be thankful for. During the past year with the grace of God we have progressed in leaps and bounds. We now boast a membership of more than 300 men. It is hard to believe that so much has happened in so little time. I am sure that the success of our council has been brought about by the fact that last year on Dec. 1 the day before the inaugural Degree of our council, the membership received Holy Communion in a body and, in silent prayer we asked God to bless our organization and grant us success in abundance.

I am sure that if we continue to strive for the spiritual benefit of our members, God will grant us much success in the future. So this Thanksgiving Day as we sit with our families around the dinner table, let us all offer a prayer in thanks for the spiritual and temporal benefits bestowed upon our families and add a prayer of thanks for the advancement and success of our organization. Our organization can become a great force for good if the members of the council will live up to the principles taught in the degrees and live the life of a true and loyal Knight.

Our Council was deeply honored to learn that our Deputy Grand Knight, John Zimmerman, was selected by the local Police Benevolent Assn. as Union's Outstanding Citizen of the Year. John received this great honor because of his outstanding and unselfish work for the youth of our community. This was

DICKERSON TRANSFERRED TO BRUNSWICK HOSPITAL

Fraternal Activity Chairman James Confroy this week reported the only council member remaining on the sick list is Frank Dickerson.

Frank, who was stricken with polio in September, was transferred to the New Brunswick Rehabilitation Center Monday. He was released from Alexian Brothers Hospital, Elizabeth, last Friday and entered the New Brunswick hospital after spending a weekend at home with his wife and three children.

Confroy again urged all members of the council to offer prayers for Frank's speedy recovery.

a well deserved award and I personally know that John has been a devoted worker for youth for many years. The council is greatly honored by the fact that Union's Man of the Year is not only a member of our Council but holds the important position of Deputy Grand Knight. Brother Zimmerman is an outstanding example of a true and loyal Knight. Our most sincere congratulations to John.

It has been necessary to change the original dates we had set for our degrees. Please note the new degree dates ... First Degree on Monday, Nov. 17, ... Second Degree on Monday Dec. 1, ... and the major degree on Friday evening, Dec. 5. The Major Degree will be held in the Elizabeth Council Club House on Union Ave., Elizabeth, promptly at 8 p.m. A large attendance at these degrees is necessary so mark the dates on the calendar and plan to be there. If you are sponsoring a candidate it is a must that you attend the degrees with your candidate. We have scheduled the degrees on special meeting nights so that there will be no other business transacted and will make the evening shorter. Be on hand to welcome our new members.

St. Michael's annual show will be held on Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 24 and 25, at Union High School. I urge all members to patronize the show. The presentation will be "Roberta". It is very capably directed by Mr. Donald Gage. This is a very light and enjoyable play and I am sure that all who attend will enjoy themselves. Our Chaplain, Father Driscoll, is in charge of the play and will appreciate the support of the Knights of Columbus.

We have a very busy schedule for the month of November. Plan to attend all meetings and events and you will have that wonderful feeling that you are doing your part for the success of our council activities.

Fraternally,
Howard R. Leary
Grand Knight

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY PAUL!

Brother Paul Bodner and his wife, the former Patricia Johnson, received a unique present Oct 27 on occasion of their second wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Bodner gave birth to a seven pound, six-ounce girl at St. Eliza-

beth. The Bodners will name the new arrival, their first child, Cynthia Ann. Mother and daughter are doing fine, Paul reports.

K. OF C. EMBLEM DESIGNED IN 1883

The Knights of Columbus emblem dates from the Second Supreme meeting May 12, 1883, when it was designed by James T. Mullen, who was the first Supreme Knight.

A quick glance at the emblem indicates a shield mounted upon the cross of Malta. The shield is that associated with a medieval knight. The cross of Malta is the representation in a traditionally artistic design of the Cross of Christ through which all the graces of redemption were procured for mankind. This, then, represents the Catholic spirit of the order.

Mounted on the shield are three objects, a mace standing vertically and, crossed behind it, an anchor and a dagger or short sword. The mace from Roman days is symbolic of authority which must exist in any tightly bonded and efficiently operating organization. The anchor is the mariner's symbol for Columbus, patron of the K. of C., while the short sword or dagger was the weapon of the knight when engaged upon an errand of mercy.

Thus, the shield expresses Catholic knighthood in organized merciful action and with the letters "K. of C.", it proclaims this specific form of activity.

The red, white and blue colors in the background of the shield and foreground of the Cross of Malta are the colors of our beloved country. As such, red is the symbol of stout hearted courage, of pulsing activity and a full measure of devotion. Blue is the symbol of hope, of calm tranquility under God and of confidence in the protection of our country, established under God. White is the symbol of nobility of purpose, of purity of aim and of crucible tried ideals to be carried out.

But there is another symbolism of color in red, white and blue. This is the ecclesiastical symbolism in which red becomes the reflection of the drops of Christ's redemptive blood shed on Calvary, and of the Martyrs' blood shed in defense of the Faith.

Red is then the symbol of Faith, of belief in Christ, in the Redemptive and in the mission of every man to spread the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ. White is the color of the Eucharistic Host, pledge of God's Eucharistic presence among men, of the infinite love God had for man and of the overwhelming affection which the God-man had for each individual. White is then the symbol of Christ-like charity. Blue is the color of Our Lady's mantle, in which she draped her beloved Son, through whom salvation came to a sinful world. Blue is then the symbol of Hope.

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COUNCIL TO ENTER TEAM IN MUNICIPAL BB LOOP

Union Council will be represented in the Union Municipal Basketball League.

John Vigura, acting athletic committee director, has issued the call for all members interested in playing on the council team.

No date has been set for tryouts, nor has the league schedule been planned.

Vigura asked all prospective basketball players to contact him either at one of the next two meetings or at his home, MU. 8-1066.

ZIMMERMAN IS NAMED

"OUTSTANDING CITIZEN"

Deputy Grand Knight John Zimmerman has been chosen the "Outstanding Citizen of Union in 1958" by Local 4, Policemans Benevolent Assn. He was presented with a placque by the local PBA at the annual Police dance at the Club Diana two weeks ago.

Zimmerman, the third recipient of the annual PBA award, was chosen because of his "outstanding and unselfish work particularly with the youth of our community." John is president of the Union Boy's Club and is largely responsible for the growth of that group since its inception three years ago.

WEAR THE EMBLEM

49 New Members

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two weeks, the council membership will surpass the 330 mark.

Membership Committee Chairman Frank J. Murphy said the host of new members, although very gratifying, is still about 30 short of the number of new members required to form a K. of C. Century Club.

Murphy and his committee have urged all council members to encourage their friends and relatives to join the council. Murphy, however, stressed the fact that only practical Catholics should be solicited for membership.

The degree was named in honor of Rev. John A. Palasits, who joined the order.

Besides Fr. Palasits, the new members are: Fred B. Sammarco, Louis Baduini, Peter Matta, Robert J. Buob, Francis J. Comiskey Jr., Henry R. Weismantel, Edward J. Cook, Frank Zurawski, Milan M. Plavac, Walter J. Topolewski, Albert R. Regenye, Edward J. Burke, Norman C. Heim, Victor Pascucci, Louis C. Schmidt, Robert Vesey, Eugene Patrizio and Adam Tanski.

Also, Raymond Puorro, Eugene A. O'Connell, Herman A. Folino, Vincent Riggi, Thomas W. Kachelreiss, Domenic Costello, Emil Demcsak, Joseph Vazzano, Walter S. Wasowski, John Mihalko, Edward P. Petras, Martin J. Farrell, Leo Spirito, Joseph L. Hussey, Bernard H. Hinrichs, James L. Stich, Homer F. Dukes, Andrew J. Merbler and Joseph Naples.

Also, Charles J. Iselborn, Richard Hampp, Joseph Hamryka, Patrick Gillen, Thomas Creamer, Michael Fuller, Francis Gross, Nicholas G. Ferro, Peter A. Granata, Adolph T. Jakositz and George Smolka.

'ROBERTA' SCHEDULED AT HIGH SCHOOL NOV. 24-25

Jerome Kern's musical comedy "Roberta" will be presented Nov. 24 and 25 at the Union High School Auditorium by the St. Michael's Parish players.

Grand Knight Howard R. Leary and Brother Bob Drew have the male leads in the show while Miss Kathleen Conway and Mrs. Eugene Patrizio, wife of Brother Gene Patrizio, have the female leads.

All council members and their families are urged to attend the show. Tickets, which are \$1.50, may be secured from Brother Joe Rocky.

HANDICRAFT APPARENT

A vote of thanks is certainly in order for Brother Pete Fresulone. Pete constructed and donated the lectern, salutation tables and three station stands used by the council at each meeting. The stands and lectern were made soon after the council moved into the Veterans Memorial Home.

125 ATTEND

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that event.

The weekend retreat at San Alfonso, West End, will be held April 24, 25, 26. Thomas Vigliotta is chairman, assisted by Kalman J. Dolgos. The chairman reminded members that it will form a "lay-away" plan for those who will attend the retreat. Cost for the weekend of meditation and prayer will be \$18. This may be paid bi-weekly or monthly to the Retreat Committee.

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