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DAY OF RECOLLECTION --- FEBRUARY 14th

CATHOLIC ACTIVITIES

The dictionary defines the word recollect as 'the power to recall . . . the knowledge of; revive in memory; call to mind'. Yes, to recall the knowledge that belongs to us from childhood, revive in our memory the things we know, and to call to mind the thoughts that are important. It is a light shining on our inner self. It is a tranquilizer in this world of tension.

On Sunday February 14th, from 2-5 P.M. at St. Michaels Church we will have our annual Day of Recollection. This is your opportunity, my brothers, to invite the "light that shines", "the tranquilizer that calms", "the doctor that heals" and the "comforter who soothes the heavy heart".

We have close to 1000 brothers in our council, but we know from past experience that only about 10% or 100 of them will attend a religious function. Where are the rest? Do they not need any aid?

Join us brothers on this all important day. These few hours cannot be better spent.

MORTALITY

Nearly 29 years have been added to the average length of life of a man living in the United States since the middle of the last century, according to an announcement of statisticians of a large insurance company. The need for retirement insurance to provide income becomes greater each decade.

Almost 40 per cent of the total mortality among men at ages 25-34 is attributable to accidents. Between the ages of 35-44 one out of every three deaths is attributed to heart disease. Accidental injuries account for 1/8th of the total mortality in men at ages 35-44. This emphasizes the need for Life, Accident, Health, Hospitalization and Monthly Income Insurance.

For additional information, consult your Knights of Columbus insurance representative. His 'phone number can be found on your "pocket card" of committee chairmen.

SWIM CLUB NEWS

The first annual swim club meeting was held on Friday January 15th at the council home, and in spite of the cold weather, the attendance was very good. The meeting was held specifically this year to discuss and vote on the by-laws of the swim club, to elect three members of the swim club to the Board of Governors, and to inform the membership of the financial standing of the club after its first full season.

Considerable interest was shown in every aspect of the data presented, as was evidenced by the inquiries and replies from the membership at large. It was apparent from the outset, that everyone had read the by-laws thoroughly, and were prepared for discussion and open comment.

The by-laws, after some discussion, will be amended to show that all members of the Swim Club Board of Governors must be members of the Swim Club itself, including those board members appointed by the Grand Knight and the Columbian Club president.

The three nominees recommended by the swim club committee for the board of governors were elected with no opposition from the floor. They were: Fred Vollherbst for a term of 3 years, Bill Stuart for a two year term, and Jack Guidera for a term of one year. The remaining members of the Board will be selected by the new columbian club president in April to fill three seats, and the last three vacancies will be filled by appointees of the new Grand Knight in June.

The biggest contest of the evening, was the discussion over the authority of the Board of Governors to increase the membership of the swim club to 350 families, should it be deemed necessary in their judgment. This was the only issue that went to a vote, because of the discussion from the floor. This was resolved in favor of the by-laws as they were written, leaving the board of governors with power to increase the family membership, if and when necessary to 350 families.

Other highlights of the meeting were:

1) Average family membership in the pool is 5.1 persons.

2) It is planned to have bigger and better social and aquatic events this season.

3) Memorial Day is the target date for opening the pool.

4) It is hoped that the hours of operation of the pool can be extended later in the evening. Details are being worked out now with the Town Council.

5) The club had a good year financially, and there will be no increase in the annual dues this year.

Brother Bill Stuart advises us as we go to press, that in the early spring, work parties will be organized to get the pool and surrounding areas in shape for the summer season. There is a great deal of preparation necessary to insure a relaxing season, and there is much we can do ourselves to save the expense of having it done by outside organizations. Membership will be advised of the details in the near future.

HAWAIIAN NITE

With the Christmas holidays behind us, the council activities committee has come up with another schedule of activities for the second half of our council year.

The first affair of the season will be our Hawaiian Nite to be held on Saturday, February 27th. Since this is the first time we have held an Hawaiian type affair in the council, any suggestions or help you may wish to offer would be greatly appreciated. We want to go "all Hawaiian," decorations, food . . . the works.

Dress for the affair will be optional, grass skirts, sarongs, maumaus, beachcomber outfits, or any Hawaiian outfit. But don't stay away because you lack Hawaiian garb, conventional dress is o.k., too.

Tickets for the affair are now on sale at \$4.00 per person. Let's make this "first" an all out success. Relax and enjoy yourself in the Hawaiian moonlight. No airline reservations are necessary, but "come on down" anyway.

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CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 1 — MONDAY
Officers and 6 Point meeting
FEBRUARY 8 — MONDAY
Regular Council meeting at
8:15 P.M.
FEBRUARY 14 — SUNDAY
Day of Recollection
2-5 P.M.
St. Michael's Church
FEBRUARY 15 — MONDAY
First Degree, 7:30 at the
Council Home
FEBRUARY 22 — MONDAY
Regular Council meeting,
8:15 P.M.
FEBRUARY 25 — THURSDAY
Regular Columbian Club
meeting.
FEBRUARY 27 — SATURDAY
Hawaiian Nite, 9:00 P.M. at the
Council Home. Tickets \$4.00
per person.

You're Faded

Attention amateur gamblers. Now's your chance to see how good you are at any of the "games," you have always wanted to try, without going to Las Vegas.

Monte Carlo Day will be held at the council home on Sunday afternoon, March 28th. Tickets for this affair will not be sold in advance. Admission of \$1.50 will be collected at the door. Come out and try to beat the "professionals" . . . it's a lot of fun.

We still have a few openings for "housemen" that afternoon, so if you're interested, please contact any member of the council activities committee.

Bowling Tid-Bits

Bowling Secretary "Red" McMahon advises us that the Tuesday house league will sponsor a "couples" bowling get-together at Four Seasons Lanes in Union, on Saturday evening, February 20th.

Reservations must be in prior to February 14th, so time is short. For reservations and further information, contact "Red" at 752-4064.

COUNCIL PERSONALITIES

For many years the name Walter Hoelderlin has been synonymous with hard work. For the most part Walter is a "behind the scenes" man, and although few of us actually see him in action, we all enjoy the results of his labors very frequently. Walter is the mainstay of our kitchen staff, preparing everything from refreshments for our regular meetings to full course meals served at the many council affairs.



Walter Hoelderlin

For a few short months this summer, Walt came out from behind the "scenes" to continue his culinary skills at the pool snack bar. Walter "assumed" the job of setting up the snack bar for the daily onslaught of hungry and thirsty swimmers (?) like it was his own business. After work when relaxing at the pool, Walter could usually be found behind the counter making sure everyone was well taken care of. Occasionally, we have been told, Walter has even been seen in the water — how 'bout that.

Walt is married to the former Helen Okragly of Newark, and has been blessed with three children, his daughter presently attending Immaculate Conception College in Lodi, and two sons, one attending Union High School and the other at Kawdamee Jr. High.

A Knight since joining Union Council in 1958, Walter is also a member of the Holy Spirit Holy Name Society, where he serves as an usher at the eight A.M. Mass.

In his "spare time" Walt is employed at Ballentines Brewery as an over the road trailer driver, and is a dedicated Ballentine man.

Wheelchair Basketball

On Saturday evening March 6th, the council will sponsor a wheelchair basketball game featuring the Jersey Wheelers vs. the New England Clippers. Proceeds of the game will be given to the Theresa Gargolowitz fund.

This is an event the entire family can enjoy and will long remember. The Jersey Wheelers, a team of paraplegics from the Bergen County area is very proud this year of teammate Frank Colletti, who was selected for the United States paralympic basketball squad that went to Tokyo last year and won all ten of its games to give America the gold medal.

Additional details regarding tickets, where the game will be played, time, etc., will be in the monthly flyer. Watch for them . . . get your tickets early, as a capacity crowd is anticipated.

Council Library

Catholic Activities Chairman Jules Pruszkowski has recently received the first 20 volumes for our council library, and more are expected in the near future.

The library has been set up in the small meeting room, for your convenience and reading pleasure. In order that the books be available to everyone, we ask that you not remove them from the council home, but rather use the facilities of the meeting room.

It is planned to supplement the reading material from time to time, with timely books that will be knowledgeable to everyone. Any inquiries concerning the library or reading material should be directed to the Catholic activities chairman of the council.

Hockey Game

Athletic Chairman Ted Koccal announced this week that arrangements have been completed for tickets to the Montreal-N.Y. Ranger hockey game, on Sunday evening, March 14th. Game time is 7:00 P.M., and buses will leave the council home at 5:30 P.M.

Tickets will be available after February 14th at \$5.00 per person. Seats are in the upper end arena. Reservations will be taken in advance and can be arranged by contacting Ted Koccal at MU 6-2138, or "Red" MacMahon at 752-4064. Reservations and tickets should be purchased early, as only a limited number are available.

Has your wife or girl friend seen a hockey game? Why not bring her along for an enjoyable evening? We have no objections.

Grand Knight's Message

Frank J. Dickerson



At the second council meeting in November, brother Robert Emery conducted the first formal program of the Public Decency Committee. Unfortunately many of you were not in attendance at this meeting and were unable to see the very pertinent film and hear Dr. McCue's remarks in connection with indecent literature and its effects on the youth of our nation.

In an answer to His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman of New York who made a direct appeal for the Knights of Columbus to join with other leaders to combat the appalling spread of this salacious literature, our Order adopted the following resolution at the Supreme Convention in New Orleans:

Resolution

RESOLVED, That the Supreme Council joins His Eminence and the other members of the Hierarchy in this crusade against the smut merchants and joins with them as an organized body to create a force for good which must and will be mightier than the force for evil.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That under the leadership and direction of the Supreme Council, the State Councils undertake forthwith to organize committees in each council to approach and appeal to City and Town Officials to establish Citizens' Commissions comprised of parents, educators, business leaders, labor leaders, members of fraternal, business and political associations, lawyers and members of religious bodies, and that when this Citizens Commission is once formed that it be charged to assume the civic and moral responsibility for taking necessary, appropriate and legal means of protecting all youth and the family life of our communities from the influence of salacious literature. Let us here in Union Council join in and wage an active war against the further spread of this dangerous material. It has been reported that almost 75% of the dollar sales in this multi-million dollar smut industry, is to the youth of our communities. We must be positive in our campaign. Good literature is necessary to our way of life and to the education of the minds of our youth.

I urge each of you to accept the challenge and do everything in your power to help brother Emery in his campaign to provide only good literature for the youth of our community. By helping him you may be saving yourself from personal hardship that could result if we fail in our efforts to stem the tide of salacious literature that is being forced on our children. Let our motto here be that of the Supreme Council — RESOLVED . . . WE WILL PROTECT OUR CHILDRENS' MINDS.

Knight of the Month

Our Knight of the Month for January is brother Ernest De Luca. Ernie, who resides with his wife and three children at 1579 Walker Ave., Union, has been employed at Western Electric Company for the past 21 years. He is president of the Wenewark Credit Union.

During his years as a Knight in Union Council, Ernie has served on many of our council committees, and is an active participant in all of our social and business affairs. For the past three years he has served on the Fraternal Activities committee, devoting a great deal of his time to the annual blood donor drive each year. He is also active on the kitchen committee, and last year served as chairman of the annual Communion breakfast as part of the Catholic Activity program.

Although quiet by nature, Ernie makes his presence known by his actions and his willingness to help whenever possible. Serving on three committees at the same time, takes quite a bit of his time, but the feeling of being part of the team is worth the effort. Its men like Ernie De Luca who, through their untiring efforts, help keep Union Council on top.

Congratulations Ernie, on being selected Knight of the Month.

September	Joe Noel
October	Gene Zelazny
November	Matt Rinaldo
December	Pat Gethins
January	Ernie De Luca

Skating Party

A second Ice Skating Party will be sponsored by the youth activities committee on Saturday, March 6th, at the South Mountain Arena in West Orange.

Bus transportation will be supplied and is included in the ticket price. Buses will leave the council home at 2:00 P.M. and return approximately 6:00 P.M. Admission, including transportation, will be \$1.50. Skates may be rented for an additional 50¢.

Further information will follow later in the month.

PUBLIC DECENCY

Letters of objection against obscenity which help establish our true community moral standard can greatly help the courts to make the correct decision in obscenity cases. An example of such a case is as follows:

A U.S. Court of Appeals has upheld the conviction of publisher Ralph Ginzburg and three of his publications on charges of obscenity. The court said that Ginzburg and his publications were in "the shoddy business of pandering to, and exploiting for money, one of the great weaknesses of human beings."

Ginzburg faces a five-year jail term and he and his publications have been fined \$42,000 under terms of the conviction.

The opinion of the Court of Appeals was that "The appellants' fundamental objective was and is to, more or less openly, force their invitations to obscenity upon the American public through the U. S. mails."

Ginzburg, a resident of New York, was convicted June 14, 1963, by U. S. District Judge Ralph C. Body of mailing obscene material. Also involved in the case were three Ginzburg operations—Documentary Books, Eros, and Liaison newsletters. Ginzburg and his publications were found guilty on 28 separate counts.

At the time of Ginzburg's indictment by a grand jury in Philadelphia, D. Jamison Cain, deputy special assistant to the Postmaster General, confirmed that the publisher's operations prompted 25,000 complaints — more than those of any other publisher in recent history.

One Post Office official said that letters of objection concerning unsolicited direct mail advertisements from Ginzburg had come from parents, university professors, ministers, teen-agers, service men and other persons. Nearly 200 complaints were passed on to the Post Office Department by members of Congress who received them from constituents. Most, however, were relayed by local postmasters, many of whom had been visited by angry parents, it was said.

In a single day more than 900 complaints were received.

THE CARDINALS NEST

The exemplification of the Fourth Degree will be held on February 28th at the Robert Treat Hotel in Newark. Seventeen members of Union Council will participate in the ceremonies. The new candidates will be received at a cocktail party in their honor sometime in March at the council home.

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