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Make Your Reservations Early

COUNCIL PICNIC

Saturday Sept. 19, 1981
1 to 6

- Hamburgers
- Hot Dogs
- Sausage & Peppers
- Spare Ribs
- Corn on the Cob
- Clam Chowder
- Soda & Beer
- Ice Cream
- Pony Rides
- Watermelon
- Games & Prizes

Raindate Sun. Sept. 20, 1981

For Tickets See Mike Herrigty or Barney Capriglione

P.G.K. DINNER

Saturday, Sept. 26, 1981

Cocktails 7:30

Prime Rib Dinner

Dancing

Open Bar

22.50 per person

45.00 per couple

Honoring

P.G.K. James Johnson



Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Ed Swierzbinski

Recently in speaking and visiting with many people I noticed one common theme — there is a great deal of stress and unhappiness among good people. I'm thinking of the increase of teenagers with stomach troubles and ulcers; the increase of women with heart attacks and ulcers; a great deal of unhappiness in families, friendships, work situations.

At first, I thought career competitiveness and material concerns were the cause. But I find so much stress in families without money worries, whose children are grown, that I must conclude stress is caused by something more basic than competitiveness or material worries. I think it is caused by doubts, fear and uncertainties in our lives. If I were to look for a formula — God and His Presence have become a compartment but not part and parcel of our daily life. We are trying to go it alone and we don't fully realize that. I am talking about good people who somehow have placed God on a shelf with our valuable curios but forget that God's presence has to be as much a part of our daily life as breathing is to sustain our physical life. It's easy to see this intellectually and agree or disagree. It is much more difficult to make God and faith in God an automatic part of the essence of our experiences.

Recently we had the reading from Elijah — he was told to go to a certain place and experience the presence of God. First there was a tremendous wind — rocks were crushed, trees were uprooted but God was not there. There was an earthquake — great damage but God was not there. Then there was a destructive fire but God was not there. Finally a whisper of sound and Elijah experienced the presence of God. Without fully realizing it we often look for the spectacular. We look for spiritual thunder and lightning, or beautiful rainbows but God is not there. As I said before God is like the gentle air around us — always there, waiting for us to breathe. We only begin to gag when we can't or won't breathe. God is ever present, kind and loving. He cannot stop loving us. We must learn to love His Presence and appreciate it not just in our heads but in our total being. We do this by daily prayer, frequent Mass and Communion, reading of His Work, especially the New Testament. We allow our faith and trust to build until it is like the air we breathe.

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Don't Miss The First Second Friday Program!!

Perhaps it would be more proper to refer to it as the SECOND FIRST FRIDAY. Either way, what's happening is this — Since the first Friday in September is part of the Labor Day weekend, our First Friday Program will be held on September 11, the second Friday of the month.

The program, which is the first of the new Columbian year, will begin at 8 P.M. with the celebration of Mass by Father Ed. Following Mass, refreshments will be served. We will then introduce our guest speaker, Father Joseph Petrillo, who will explain recent revisions to the sacrament of Baptism.

Mark your calendar now — Remember, it's the second Friday, September 11, at 8 P.M. The topic is "Baptism, The New Rite".

Roger Burns
Church Activities

Installation Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to publically thank all those who helped in the preparation of and participated in our recent installation of officers on July 13th at the Church of the Assumption in Roselle Park. It was a beautiful and memorable ceremony.

In particular, I thank the installation chairman Past Grand Knight Barney Capriglione for his time, effort and creativity; a dear friend indeed. I would also like to express my appreciation to Ed Olas for his beautiful photography, Maria Politano for making this installation special to me, to Paul Daly and the 4th Degree Color Corps. Finally, thank you for sharing this memorable occasion with my family and me.

Roger F. Schur
Grand Knight

How Is Your "E.S.P."?

As our first guest speaker of the new fraternal year, we are happy to have one of our own members, Henry St. Laurent. His talk is called "How is your 'E.S.P.'?" (Eventful Successful Personality) It consists of information, inspiration and humor. Henry is a professional author and speaker. We know from his past talks, he will offer information and an amusing evening. It's my aim as the Lecturer of the council to give the membership programs that will inform or entertain and if possible do both. Sandwiches, soda, and beer will be served after the meeting and guest speakers will be available at least once a month. We hope to have brief efficient business meetings, followed by a short program or time to socialize and still get you home at a reasonable hour. The only way we can tell if our efforts are working is by good attendance. It is being done for your benefit so come out to the meetings.

Jim Moran PGK

What God Is

*I have seen a mother at a crib;
So I know what love is.
I have looked into the eyes of a child;
So I know what faith is.
I have seen a rainbow;
So I know what beauty is.
I have felt the pounding of the sea;
So I know what power is.
I have planted a tree;
So I know what hope is.
I have heard a wild bird sing;
So I know what freedom is.
I have lost a friend;
So I know what sorrow is.
I have seen a star-decked sky;
So I know what the infinite is.
I have seen and felt all these things;
So I know what God is.*

John Bowen

Knight Digest

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

Calendar of Events

October

2 First Friday
11 Columbus park ceremony
12 First Degree
24 K of C Bingo (Boys Club)
25 Family Communion
Breakfast
31 Octoberfest

November

1 Children's Halloween Party
6 First Friday

New Column

Starting with this issue a new column called Personality Profile will begin. Its purpose is to give the membership a brief background of the recently elected officers who are working for you the members. The Grand Knight and his officers together as a unit form the policies and make the decisions that direct the council. They were given their power by you upon their election. They need and want your support, encouragement and prayers so they may have the wisdom to exercise their authority with justice and charity. Knowing their personal background will help you know them better as individuals. The column will deal with only elected not appointed officers, due to the lack of months to cover all of them in one term.

Knight of the Month September 1981



John S. Zimmerman

The designation of Knight of the Month for September is one of the twelve men who founded our council. His deeds in our town are too numerous to mention.

One of the founders of the Union Council, first Chancellor, second Grand Knight, Founder and First President of the Boys Club of Union, Member of the Township Committee and Mayor of Union.

He has been honored by numerous social, fraternal, youth and church organizations both locally and nation wide.

From the above it is easy to recognize our Brother Past Grand Knight John S. Zimmerman.

John is supported in all his endeavors by his wife Edith, children Jane, Ellen, and John, and his grandchildren David, Brian, and Leigh Ellen. John and his family are members of Holy Spirit Church where John is an Usher at the 11:15 Mass every Sunday.

John is never too busy to be of assistance to the council if they have need for his talents. He is always available in his quiet and efficient manner.

Union Council is pleased to honor as our Knight of the Month, Past Grand Knight John S. Zimmerman.

Telephone

We welcome brothers Bob Pfarr, Herb Herm and Tom McGarvey as new Captains. Because of the lack of volunteers to assist the Committee we have had to eliminate from the calling lists, all brothers living outside of Union Township. We had been calling brothers residing in adjacent towns but that luxury is no longer possible. Also, we will no longer send an inquiry to the brothers when the Telephone Captain finds that a phone number is incorrect, disconnected or unpublished. In the past we had been sending an inquiry in these situations, asking the brothers to furnish us with a corrected phone number. The response to this, however, has been most disappointing. Therefore, in the future in the interest of saving time and postage we will simply eliminate these brothers from the calling lists.

Art Weber

Grand Knights Column

Roger F. Schur



As we begin the new Columbian year, we must turn our attention to the principles of our order; Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. We must never lose sight of the foundation stones of our order and its aims and accomplishments. This year, in particular, will be a memorable one for all of us. We will be marking the 100th Anniversary of the birth of this great organization by Fr. Michael McGivney in March of 1882. One hundred years of service programs for our fellow human beings. The Knights of Columbus is no longer just an organization; it's a **tradition**. Under the direction of the General Program Director, Bill Heady, we plan to present you, the membership; with the programs so important to the principles of Columbianism. Our most important program this year is that of our Chaplain Fr. Ed; the Sacred Heart Devotion. As in the past, on the First Friday of every month Fr. Ed in conjunction with the Church Activities Director, Roger Burns, presents an informative speaker. Prior to this, Fr. Ed will say Mass, which will be followed by light refreshments. This program will commence on Friday, September 11th at 8:00 P.M. Our guest speaker will be Fr. Joe Petrillo from Assumption Church in Roselle Park, Fr. Joe will discuss the new rite of Baptism in the church today. You are all welcomed to come and pray together.

Our Council Activities Director, Mike Herrightly is planning the festivities for our annual picnic to be held on Saturday, September 19th. Make your reservation now so you don't miss out on the good food, drink and fun for all.

Also, on September 26th we will honor our recent Past Grand Knight, Jim Johnson. A Beautiful evening is planned. Let us show our appreciation for the time and effort Jim gave to our council this past year by sharing in this happy occasion with him. To secure a table contact Mike Herrightly or Barney Capriglione, PGK or just mention it to me. I look forward to seeing you there.

Through **Unity**, Union Council has achieved the accomplishments that fill our past history. That same spirit of unity is what we need **now**, to move forward and continue to make progress.

Fourth Degree

I wish to sincerely thank all those who helped make our cook book *RECIPES FROM THE ROUND TABLE* a huge success.

The tremendous amount of time and effort involved in the publication of the book was well worth it.

Whether you helped by submitting recipes, purchasing a book, or investing your time in any other way on our fundraiser, you can feel proud of your contribution to the many "Special Olympians" who will benefit from your generosity.

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Chaplain's Corner (con't from Page 1)

It sounds easy but it is not. It takes time and effort. It takes some education and spiritual direction. It's worth the effort — St. Peter could walk on water as long as He saw and believed in the power of Jesus. Its the complete trust that a child has in parents.

We in the Council can help you in some way. We provide a good Church Activities Program and we offer spiritual direction. The First Fridays are important, not for the information we might acquire, but because we join hands, hearts and minds in prayer at the Mass and Communion. We help each other realize God is ever present. The Retreat in October helps those who go to appreciate God in quiet and in prayer. The Rosary in October reminds us of the loving chain which binds us to the Mother of God and to each other. The Memorial service in November reminds us of those who touched our lives and on whose efforts we are now building for the future. In Advent we will offer a four part series on prayer and scripture. This spiritual direction will stress the love of God for each of us so we can lessen "stress" in our lives. In Lent we will offer a 'Catholic Week-end' — a number of couples will be invited to go away and rethink and pray over their role in Christ's Church and above all the true nature of Christ's Mystical Body and our relationship to each other. In May we will crown the Statue of Our Lady — publicly professing our faith and love for the Mother of Jesus and for one another.

Now we can inform and invite — it's up to you to make the sacrifice of time to attend. Come try it — share your faith and trust with all of us. We might find the future happier and with less stress. You can't lose. You can gain. We need each other. We need God's loving presence in all parts of our lives.

Athletic News and Events

We are planning many activities for the upcoming year that we think will be of great interest to all K of C Members.

Check the Digest each month for upcoming activities and a calendar of events. Notices are also going to be posted on the bulletin board at the council, detailing future outings . . . so be on the lookout. **All** events shall be open to every brother knight, their family and their friends on a first come first serve basis.

Any athletic events that you think might be of interest to members of the K of C, please contact either Jack Kelly or Wayne Williams with your suggestions.

At the present time we are contemplating a camping trip in early October. Please phone Jack Kelly at 925-1539, if you have campers and/or tents. Also being planned is a trip to the Bronx Zoo — it should be a fun family outing!

Jack Kelly & Wayne Williams
Athletic Chairmen

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Membership

By now, every member has probably received a letter from the Council announcing our goal of **200 New Members** to be inducted into the Council during our "Centennial Year," and inviting all members to actively participate in this recruitment campaign.

It is understood that due to personal circumstances, some members are unable to attend the Council meetings, serve on Committees or otherwise to contribute to the growth and success of the Council. However, here is an excellent opportunity for every member to participate in the Council's most important program — the Recruitment of New Members, without venturing too far from home. The Council now has approximately 1455 members. If only one-half of the present members would each sponsor a single new candidate during this period, we would easily surpass our goal of 200 New Members.

For the benefit of all members, following are the requirements for admission of new candidates into the Order:

"Only practical Catholics in union with the Holy See shall be eligible to and entitled to continue membership in the Order. An applicant for membership shall not be less than 18 years of age on his last birthday."

There are no other requirements. Nothing is said about the candidates profession, education, national background, the color of his skin, his nationality, his cultural level, his financial status, etc.

Before a candidate is presented for membership, his Sponsor should be sure that the candidate possesses and manifests the necessary qualifications for membership. These are then appraised by the Admission Committee, and a subsequent ballot by the membership determines acceptance or rejection. This is in keeping with the lodge system under which the Order Of the Knights of Columbus operates.

Let us all reach out to our families, friends and neighbors. They will appreciate you asking them to join our Order.

Wesley Czap
Membership Director

Fourth Degree

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Our next meeting will be held at Springfield Council #5560 on Wednesday, September 16, 1981. There will be an Installation Mass at 8:00 P.M. followed by a social. We look forward to seeing all Sir Knights and guests so please try to attend.

Fraternally yours,
S.K. Michael V. Hrifko
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A Retreat offers you an opportunity to stand aside and get a clear perspective on your life, your family, your plans for the future. Your mind will be open to Divine guidance on pressing problems. You become more fully aware that God is interested in you — that He loves you as you are and will assist you for the asking. This is your opportunity to obtain a policy for "Soul Insurance" to protect you in storms of the future.

So don't hesitate, pick up your phone now and call Retreat Captain Julius Kiss PGK, at 687-5173 to make your reservations to join the other Brother Knights of our Council on October 16, 17, and 18 at San Alfonso Retreat House, West End, New Jersey.

Personality Profile Roger Schur — Grand Knight

Roger and his wife Roseanne live in Roselle with their daughter, 15 month old, Danille. He is employed by the Joseph E. Seagram and Sons Company, as a Purchasing Manager. his work covers printing, advertising and sales promotion of the many Seagram products. Roger is a member of the National Association of Purchasing Managers. In his leisure time, of which he will not have much this year, he enjoys deep sea fishing (out of Belmar) and golfing. He claims to be an average golfer. For reading pleasure Roger goes for autobiography and mysteries. As a member of Assumption Church in Roselle he has served on the parish council for three years, and is currently holding the office of Corresponding Secretary. He also serves as Lecturer. He became interested in the Knights because of its fraternal aspect. Information from his then future father-in-law helped Roger decide to join our brotherhood. He became an officer because he not only strongly supports the type of programs we have, but has enjoyed them, and the friendships that developed with the men who take part in our activities. Personal Traits — Roger has a business-like, well organized and determined way about himself. He usually knows what he wants and goes after it.

Jim Moran P.G.K.

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