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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY UNION COUNCIL 4504

COUNCIL TO CELEBRATE 9th YEAR IN UNION

This September will mark the anniversary of our Council Home. We have reason to be proud of our accomplishments in this short span of time. Many councils cannot enumerate the projects in twice as many years as our brother Knights have in the past nine. Looking back it seems like only yesterday that Rev. Father Driscoll welcomed us in the parish hall at St. Michaels.

Union Council was officially recognized as an organization on Dec. 2, 1957; and received its Council Number, 4504. District Deputy Frank Jackowitz of Roselle Park installed Howard Leary, our first Grand Knight, on December 23rd, 1957.

From the beginning, Union Council was destined for greatness, having for its' initial enrollment, 200 members eager to serve. In December 1957 it required two nights to confer the First Degree on 143 candidates. This First Degree was conducted in honor of Rev. Joseph Driscoll, newly appointed Chaplain of our Council.

The Second Degree was in honor of Rev. Frederick Eid. The First Major degree was dedicated to our late, beloved Monsignor Edward J. Begley.

Through the years Union Council 4504 has earned many honors and has grown accordingly. From meager beginnings we have arrived at our present home for which ground was broken on December 10, 1960. The Knights of Columbus clubhouse was blessed and dedicated by our late beloved Monsignor Edward J. Begley on Saturday, September 9th, 1961.

A short three years later, the Columbian Club swimming pool was officially opened; another credit for Council 4504.

Congratulations Brother Knights, not only for the Ninth Anniversary of our Council, but, also for the diligent leadership given in the past enabling us to be proud working members of Council 4504.

May the spirit which has moved our Council in the past continue to flourish.

CATHOLIC ACTIVITIES

Union Council Plans Annual Trip to Williamstown - Sunday September 18, 1966

At our first council meeting of the current year, our worthy Chaplain, Father Driscoll opened his remarks with the statement, "this will be a Catholic Activities year."

On Sunday, September 18, 1966, we will have our first "Catholic Activity", the annual family pilgrimage to Williamstown, New Jersey. We urge all Brothers and their families to join us in this demonstration of Catholic unity as we pray the rosary with councils from the entire State of New Jersey.

Union Council is the third largest in the State; let it be number one at Williamstown.

The bus transportation is FREE. Bring the entire family and lunch. We leave the Council Home at 11:00 A.M. and a good time is promised for all. Make your reservations now with your Catholic Activities Chairman, Robert Ralasis.

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First Degree Ceremony

An exemplification of the First Degree for 14 new members was held on Monday evening, July 25, in the Council Home.

The newly appointed officers for the 1966-67 year officiated the First Degree and we must extend our congratulations for a job beautifully executed. The participating officers were:

Grand night Walter Waskowski
Deputy Grand Knight

J. Russell Coen
Chancellor Henry Skarbek, Jr.
Warden James Moran

The new members to our Council are: Richard V. Groblewski, Albert Groblewski, Ralph F. Currie, Joseph M. Pizano, Anthony A. Majeski, James J. Cahill, Samuel M. Pennetta, John F. Haggerty, Joseph C. Jeanette, Charles J. Boyle, John T. Scheider, Anthony L. Caroselli, Emil J. Celani, George J. Thoms.

The officers and members welcome the new members into our Council and wish them success.

FILTH FOR PROFIT

Until the early 1950's obscene materials were sold privately. Now hard-core obscenity has emerged into the open. On countless newsstands, paperback books by the score present explicit accounts of sexual perversion. "Stag" movies and slides, records of obscene songs and humor, pornographic pictures and comic books—all are available on the open market, to buyers of any age.

According to Henry B. Montague, chief inspector of the U. S. Post Office Department, at least 100 million copies of "objectionable" publications go through the mail each year. The Department estimates that a half-billion-dollars' worth of obscene materials is distributed, by mail or truck and express.

If this tide of obscenity is to be beaten back, citizens must recognize pornographic materials as the public enemies they are—destructive of the values essential to a wholesome, law-abiding society. We need not stand by helplessly; the multi-million-dollar smut industry is vulnerable to determined, united effort by concerned citizens. The First Amendment to the Constitution, which guarantees free speech, does not make the smut peddlers immune to prosecution. The U. S. Supreme Court has declared: "Implicit in the history of the First Amendment is the rejection of obscenity as utterly without redeeming social importance. Obscenity is not within the area of constitutionally protected speech or press."

Here is a program of action that citizens of any community can follow:

1. Speak out. The spread of pornography results from public apathy and ignorance of the problem. Do not act as a self-proclaimed censor, but make your voice heard. Examining the paperback books, magazines and films sold in your community. If you think some material is offensive, say so. Ask your town attorney if it violates any law.

2. Organize community support. Clergymen, parents, civic, business and labor groups can form an effective committee to demand action from law-enforcement officials. Citizens for Decent Literature, Inc., 3300

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CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 6 — TUESDAY
Bowling season opens

SEPTEMBER 10 — SATURDAY
Youth Bowling opens

SEPTEMBER 10 — SATURDAY
Anniversary Dance at Council Home — 9:00 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 12 — MONDAY
Regular Council Meeting
8:15 P.M. — Council Home

SEPTEMBER 18 — SUNDAY
Annual Pilgrimage for Peace to Williamstown, N. J.

SEPTEMBER 21—WEDNESDAY
Regular Fourth Degree Meeting — 8:15 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 23 — THURSDAY
Columbian Club Meeting

SEPTEMBER 26 — MONDAY
Regular Council Meeting — 8:15 P.M. — Council Home

Early Reminder

MONDAY

OCTOBER 3, 1966

Communion Banquet

7:30 P.M. Mass

St. Michael's Parish

Dinner to follow Mass

at Council Hall

— MORE TO FOLLOW —

Support Our Advertisers

Thanks to their generous support we were able to print the Digest again this year. Return the favor.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

SATURDAY — September 10, 1966

SATURDAY — October 29, 1966

SATURDAY — November 26, 1966

SATURDAY — December 31, 1966

Please mark these dates on your calendar and keep them open. For these are dates which we hope you will long remember. Each one will be a special occasion for you to bring your best gal out to the Union Council Home.

Saturday, September 10, 1966 is the day of the Anniversary Dance, the theme of which will be "The Gay Nineties". The dress will be optional, either your "Sunday Best" or dressed for the theme. We have engaged an excellent orchestra, "The Fun Aires".

Tickets will be sold on a "first come — first served" basis, which selling date will be announced at one of the regular monthly council meetings.

Help us celebrate the anniversary of our Council Home by making this and the rest of the affairs a huge success.

October 29, 1966, we shall have our annual Halloween Dance. Again, dress will be optional, costume or otherwise. There will be food, drink, music and prizes for the best groups of costumes. Remember, in the past, each one of us had a grand time! Plan on this one! Don't miss it!

November 26, 1966, is the date which is set aside for our annual "Snow Ball" dance. This is the affair at which we honor the Past Grand Knight and the Past Columbian Club President.

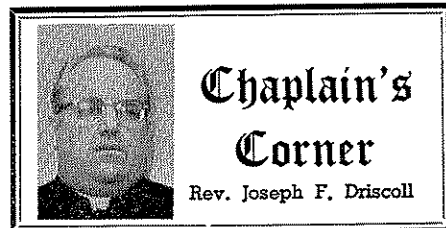
The "Snow Ball" dance will consist of a cocktail hour, dinner and dance. Again, I urge you to attend this one, I know that you will help us show our appreciation to those 2 grand fellows, Past Grand Knight, B. Warren Hehl, and Past Columbian Club President, Bernard Raymond, for the great job they did.

December 31, 1966, Last but not least — need I say more?? HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

FILTH FOR PROFIT (Continued)

Carew Tower, Cincinnati, Ohio, has helped to establish 300 such committees across the country.

3. **Secure expert legal advice.** The battle against pornography is often won or lost in the courtroom. Convictions depend upon vigorous prosecution backed by strong laws. Make certain that the anti-obscenity statutes in your state are powerful and consistent with the latest Supreme Court decisions, and that your police officials know the proper procedures to enforce them. Urge that all cases be tried in a criminal court before a jury, by an attorney experienced in obscenity law.



Chaplain's
Corner

Rev. Joseph F. Driscoll

CHAPLAINS CORNER

My brother Knights, we have laid to rest in the parish churchyard of Saint Michael a member of the Council who was the instrument, under God, who brought the Council into existence. It was his approval and guidance that brought the meeting of formation for the Council at Saint Michael's auditorium. I have always indicated that my presence as chaplain was in his name and in his spirit.

You are to be commended for your proper and attentive consideration during the day of tribute to Monsignor at his burial.

We turn now to a new year of Columbianaism in the church of Christ. Your Supreme Knight has called for a greatness in the brothers becoming involved in the words of Christianizing our generation and sacrificing to assist the Father La Fargl Foundation, named for a Jesuit priest of outstanding jurisdiction social justice. The foundation will provide all the councils with material for study in the spirit of the Church of our day.

We intend to start the year in Catholic Activities with a great attendancy of knights at their evening Corporate Communion on Monday Evening, October 3rd.

A knight should be known in our community as an extraordinary Catholic. Are you?

Prayers Requested

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of the following:

Monsignor Edward J. Begley

Mother of Jack Martin

Pat Gillen

And for the recovery for those who are ill:

Sister Vincentta

Joseph Bizzaro

Louis Giaccone

Barbara Bonaski

If you know of the death or illness of a Brother Knight or a member of his family, please notify immediately Fraternal Activities Chairman.

Andrew Tobia
MU 7-9348

Charity

The Sacrament of love is the Eucharist. We ought to love one another with that love with which the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus loves us. Jesus loves us with the love with which He loves the heavenly father. We should love our brethren with the love with which we love Jesus.

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IN MEMORIAM



RIGHT REVEREND MONSIGNOR

EDWARD J. BEGLEY

Born: July 19, 1887

Ordained: February 23, 1918

Died: August 4, 1966

MSGR. BEGLEY DIES AT 79, 'A SHY, DILIGENT MAN'

"A shy, retiring and diligent man," was the way one of his assistant described Msgr. Edward J. Begley, 79, first pastor of St. Michael's parish, who died Aug. 4 at St. Michael's Hospital, Newark.

Ailing for the past six year — he had at least one operation in each — Msgr. Begley entered the hospital for the last time in April. His passing saddened the parishioners, but was no shock to them., Rev. Joseph F. Driscoll said.

"They had been prepared for it."

Nearly 700 persons, including some 50 priests and 40 nuns, crowded into St. Michael's Church, Union, Monday morning, Aug. 8, 1966 to attend a solemn high funeral mass for Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward J. Begley who led that parish through three decades of spiritual and physical growth.

Msgr. Eugene Gallagher, pastor of St. Paul's Church, Irvington, was the celebrant at the funeral mass Monday. The Rev. Lawrence Murphy, a Maryknoll priest from Union who heads Newman International in New York, was deacon. The sub-deacon was the Rev. Paul Manning of Seton Hall University, one of ofur supply priests who serve St. Michael's on weekends.

Archbishop Thomas A. Boland of Newark officiated at the mass. Other prelates in attendance were Auxiliary Bishops Martin W. Scranton and Joseph A. Costello.

After the funeral, the body of Msgr. Begley was interred in a section of the church yard next to the north door of the church which had been designated for a single burial. Msgr. Begley, a priest for 48 years and pastor of St. Michael's since 1936, died last Thursday morning in St. Michael's Hospital, Newark, after a long illness.

Msgr. Begley, 79, resigned earlier this year from the Union Public Library Board of Trustees which he had served as a member for 28 years. He had been described by Mayor F. Edward Biertuempfel, upon his last five-year appointment in 1963, as "diligent in his attendance" at board meetings.

Born in Newark, Msgr. Begley attended Seton Hall University and Immaculate Conception Seminary, then both in South Orange. He was first assigned to Our Lady of Grace Church in Hoboken, where he remained for two years. After a year's service at St. Mary's Church in Elizabeth, he returned to the Hoboken church for another 17 years.



In September, 1963, Msgr. Begley was named administrator of St. James Church in Springfield and the first pastor of St. Michael's Union. The two posts were held simultaneously. He operated both churches from the Springfield rectory until St. Michael's rectory on Kelly St., Union, was completed in 1938.

The growth of St. Michael's parish paralleled the population boom in Union that occurred following World War II. The parish which had already constructed a combination church and school under the leadership of the late Rev. Thomas Larkin who founded St. Michael's in the late 1920's, built a new convent in 1951, and a new church in 1955. The size of the school was then doubled through use of the former church section of the school building. The new church accommodated 900 parishioners. This was found to be insufficient, however, and, two years later, another church was established in the basement to accommodate 500 communicants. Regularly 11 masses are said in the church every Sunday.

Until 1963, St. Michael's was the only Catholic parish in Union, and had a membership of some 3,000 families. About 1,400 families were taken away last year, however, when the Holy Spirit parish was formed.

Msgr. Begley continued with progressive steps in his own parish, saying that "by the time Holy Spirit is fully developed, the people who were taken out of St. Michael's will have been replaced." In 1964, he had air conditioning installed throughout the church building.

Msgr. Begley decided upon a church vocation rather late in life. After graduating from St. Patrick's School in Newark, he worked for sev-

eral years before enrolling at St. Benedict's Preparatory School at the age of 21. He completed his course in three years, and did the same at Seton Hall College. Msgr. Begley felt that three years of college sufficiently long enough. He once said that "They hold them back a year to let them grow up." Msgr. Begley was ordained at the age of 30.

In recent years, Msgr. Begley was aided in his priestly duties by the Rev. Joseph Driscoll, the Rev. Raymond Waldron and the Rev. John Palasits, whom he termed his "three excellent assistants."

In addition, the St. Michael's was also served by supply priests from Seton Hall University. The four — the Rev. Albert B. Hakim, the Rev. Francis J. Nead, the Rev. William R. Giblin and the Rev. Paul R. Manning — usually heard confessions on Saturday and said masses on Sunday.

Father Driscoll, who has served as temporary administrator of the parish during Msgr. Begley's illness, will continue in that capacity until a permanent pastor is assigned by Archbishop Thomas Boland of Newark.

Until his final illness, Msgr. Begley usually said the 8 a.m. mass at St. Michael's and preached the sermon at that service. He was also chaplain for the parish's Rosary Society and Court Immaculate Heart of Mary, Catholic Daughters of America.

The priest was elevated to the rank of domestic prelate, with the title of right reverend monsignor, in 1960 by the late Pope John XXIII. In 1958, the parish had held a number of events to honor Msgr. Begley upon the occasion of his 40th anniversary in the priesthood.

The huge St. Michael's parish complex on Kelly St., at Vauxhall Rd., has been debt-free since 1963.

Msgr. Begley is survived by one sister, Miss Anna Begley of Belleville.

Three requiem masses were held for Msgr. Begley over the weekend, beside the funeral mass on Monday morning. Two were held on Friday at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. for parishioners. Another was held Saturday at 8 p.m. for township residents and officials. Msgr. Begley lay in state in the church rectory from Friday afternoon until Sunday afternoon. The viewing was moved into the church on Sunday evening where the office of the dead was said.

Grand Knight's Message

Walter Waskowski



The beginning of a new council year brings to your newly elected officers a keen awareness of the tremendous responsibility before them. The recently concluded council year, under the able leadership of Past Grand Knight Warren Hehl, saw Union Council add to the laurels of the past. For the fourth successive year, we were awarded a ceremonial trophy at the State Convention. Recently, we were informed that we were the winners of the Contest of Champions in the New Jersey jurisdiction. This award is for the Council having the greatest net intake for the council year. A suitably inscribed trophy will be presented to the council in the near future.

The Six Point Committee Chairman have been very active in the past few month organization the many functions which make for a successful program. The success of their efforts depends on the cooperation and support they receive from the general membership.

Your council officers have spent many hours this summer preparing for the exemplification of the degrees of the Order. Those who attended the First Degree at the second July meeting will attest that once again your duly elected representatives will do a commendable job.

I would urge every brother, when possible, to assist in the many tasks required for the continued success of our organization. Remember that the greater the participation the lighter the burden becomes. Approach a committee chairman, the Columbian Club President or the Swim Club President and volunteer your services.

In conclusion, Brothers, I would like to impress on all the importance of attending the wake of any Brother of this Council called to his eternal reward. This is a tremendous source of consolation to the family and certainly is a small sacrifice to be made by those who were joined together by the bonds of fraternity.

A Letter to a Sailor

Hi Ray:

Your brother Knights extend to you their heartfelt wishes for a successful hitch in the Navy. We take this opportunity to thank you for all the time and energy expended on the youth group of our Council.

May God keep watch over you Brother Raymond Koslowski and bring you back safely to the Fold.

Fraternally yours,
Brother Knights
Council 4504



Anthony Sibilia

Knight of the Month

SEPTEMBER, 1966

The first Knight of the Month for the 1966-67 season has been selected for his all around participation in Council Activities.

Tony, well known for his outgoing personality and leadership in the Boy Scouts, can be found in the middle of practically every activity.

A member of our Council for three years, Tony is a Fourth Degree Knight with the John Fitzgerald Kennedy Assembly and a member of Saint Michael's Holy Name Society.

When not actively working about the Council home, Tony can be found at 2178 Vaux Hall Road, with his charming wife Betty and his four lovely children:

He is the proud father of three daughters, Donna, Barbara Ann and Deborah and a son Wayne.

Tony is self employed as a painter and decorator.

Congratulations, Tony Sibilia, Knight of the Month.

LYONS HOSPITAL WHEEL CHAIR PUSHERS

Our latest venture is now taking place at Lyons Hospital, for the Catholic men who are confined there. We are the wheel chair pushers on Sundays, scheduled by the chaplain at Lyons Hospital, Reverend Austin P. O'Donnell. Fifteen brothers of our council are giving time for this service. We were equally impressed by the sights we saw and realize only too well, the great need for this duty which is rightfully ours. As Knights of Columbus members, we must at all times remember our organization stands first for charity. Brothers, our next scheduled date is set for September 18th, 1966. Let's make this a one hundred per cent turn out. If any Brother Knight is interested in going, please contact Joseph K. Hamryka.

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RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

In order to bake a cake, you have to assemble the ingredients, read the recipe carefully, and mix the right proportions. The result should be a good cake. It will please those that eat it, and if you baked it, a feeling of accomplishment and pleasure will be yours. There is a recipe for success in the Knights of Columbus too. You take one practical Catholic, full of interest, (you had it when you joined us) and send yourself to a few meetings to experience what's going on. Be on a committee to help in some project, give us a pinch of "thyme", and you'll get back a full cup for friendship. Mix together your interest, a goal to achieve, time, and new found friends, until you get a rich batter — add a dash of enthusiasm, and frequent attendance at council affairs (Catholic Activities, Degrees, etc.). Line your cake pan with devotion to the ideals of Columbianism, put the batter in, place it in the oven of brotherhood, and it will be heated by our warm feeling toward you, as a contributor to Union Council. When a chairman or officer, announces the finished cake tastes fine and everyone enjoyed and benefited by it, you can sit back with rightful pride, knowing your mixture made it all possible.

NO FEAR

When life fades away
I shall not know fear,
For in that last hour
My God will be near.
Just think of the joy
When, after all odds,
I grope for a hand
And find it is God's.