

THE NARRATOR

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ANNUAL COUNCIL RETREAT

The next most important item on the Council's agenda is our Annual Retreat coming up very shortly. All Members have received a personal post-card mailing from our Catholic Activity Chmn., Jim Wilkins, reminding us of this beneficial activity.

When: Friday, Feb. 28th, March 1 and 2.

Where: Jesuit Retreat House on State Rd., Parma

Reservations: Call Jim Wilkins at 777-4251 or John Bovenzi at 777-4309

We have been a little lax the past few years in organizing and attending the Retreat. Jim Wilkins is making a sincere effort to get us on the right track again. Not only is the Retreat beneficial to us spiritually, but it is equally useful in relaxing our minds and bodies. For those of us who have attended in the past, we have been accused by our spouses of going away for the weekend simply to escape our responsibilities and more in particular of getting away from the kids. Whatever reason you wish to use, we strongly urge to set aside this weekend.

There is no set cost. At the closing of the Retreat, you are provided with a blank envelope in which to place your donation. By tradition, the usual contribution has been \$15.00, although by no means is there a minimum set. If one cannot afford any money at all, no one will know the difference and nothing will be said. Naturally, the Retreat House has expenses - the suggested donation alone will barely cover the cost of the meals, which are absolutely the greatest.

The Retreat opens on Friday Nite at about 6:00 P.M., and we should be on our way home Sunday afternoon sometime around 2:30 P.M.

COUNCIL ANNIVERSARY YEAR

This is the year for us to celebrate the Council's 10th Anniversary. It was on Feb. 1, 1959 that North Olmsted Council received its Charter from the Supreme Council in New Haven, Conn., Patrick A. Gareau was elected as the first Grand Knight.

It is the concensus of the Membership that we should make a big todo about our Tenth Anniversary. No one has come up with any concrete ideas as to what we should do or have in the nature of special activities or Social affairs to help us commemorate this very special occassion.

Most ideas, plans, and courses of action are generated by the Officers and the various 8-Point Committee Chairmen. This may cause the non-doers or inactivists to feel that they have no say-so in Council matters. The contrary is most certainly the truth. Not only are opinions, ideas, and constructive criticisms welcomed, but they are expected. Therefore, the call is out for all Members in good standing to come forth and be heard. We need some new ideas and thoughts, particularly concerning just how the Council can celebrate this milestone in our history. Surely, with all the talent available among the Membership, it is difficult to believe

COMING EVENTS

Feb. 17 - Isabella Guild Meeting. 8:00 P.M.
Southwestern Savings & Loan

Feb. 19 - Regular Council Meeting. 8:30 P.M.

Feb. 22 - Annual K of C track meet. See Notice for details.

Feb. 28, March 1 and 2 - Annual Council Retreat. See Special Notice.

March 2 - Family Activity Program at Parmadale. Call Joe Skory for details, 267-2729

March 5 - MEMORIAL SERVICE for deceased Members. A brief meeting will precede the Services beginning at 8:00 P.M. See Notice.

March 16 - Exemplification of the Revised First, Second and Major Degrees in Columbus. See Notice.

March 19 - Regular Council Meeting. 8:30 P.M.

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that no one can come up with some good ideas (this includes the Ladies whom we consider to be more clever anyway).

Thought you might like to know that the Council was Chartered with 72 members. Over the years, through deaths, withdrawals, transfers, and suspensions, we have lost 38 of these Members. The 34 remaining original Members are:

Sam Acquino	Melvin J. O'Hara
PGK William A. Beyer	Francis J. O'Neill
Arthur E. Boessneck Jr.	PGK Hubert T. Patton
William A. Brehm	Robert C. Sasena
Anthony Colnar	Michael T. Scanlon
PGK Patrick A. Gareau	Arthur G. Schmotzer
John F. Gifford	Joseph J. Schreiber
William P. Hassett	PGK Adolph E. Spakowski
William R. Kane Jr.	Dr. Eugene E. Stoll
Dr. John A. Kmieck	Richard J. Tayfel Sr.
Robert F. Krecic	Clare T. Tyler
PGK Bernard M. Lyons	John C. Weiskittel (now
PGK Raymond T. Mack	an Honorary Member)
Edward P. Majoros	James J. Wilkins
Gustave J. Muhlan	Edward J. Zarn Jr.
Albert J. Novotny	Gabriel S. Zsigo

So, let's hear it from everyone. LET'S MAKE THIS A GREAT BIG YEAR ! ! !

MEMORIAL SERVICE -- March 2

Fraternal Activity Chmn, Ray Lieb, is in charge of arrangements for our Memorial Service set for Wed., March 2nd at which time we eulogize the deceased Brothers of the Council. The Service will immediately follow the brief regular Council Meeting which has been advanced to 8:00 P.M., a half hour earlier than usual.

PLEASE NOTE. The Memorial Service is an open ceremony with the widows of the deceased invited as well as the wives of the Members. We consider the Memorial Service to be the most impressive and beautiful ceremony in the Knights of Columbus. The deceased Council Brothers are: Joseph A. Somerville; William T. Vasey Rev. John P. Culliton, our first Chaplain John J. Comray; Edward J. Krejci; Jack J. Luttner; Louis B. Markling; John N. Martin.

MAJOR DEGREE OF FEB. 2

Groundhog Day, 1969, will long be remembered by all who attended the Major Degree and Dinner at Fr. Ragen Council. It is with nostalgia that we who have been in the Knights for years will remember this Degree for it signalled the passing of an era--one more nice, traditional thing to pass into history--all for the purpose of "modernizing" and up-dating the K of C. So, who really felt the need for "modernizing" in the first place?

However, the Major Degree will be remembered more vividly by the Brothers who were exemplified in the Degree on this day as it were they who were run through the mill. It is with open arms and heartfelt congratulations that we greet the newly knighted Brothers as follows:

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| Don Boll | Tony Savarino |
| Dan Butkiewicz | Bill Skory |
| Mike Kagel | Charles J. Szabo Sr. |
| Pat McCafferty | Charles J. Szabo Jr. |
| Joe McCauley | Tony Vitello |
| Lee Rasgaitis | Ken Vosniak |
| Carmen Savarino | Frank Zinser |

We hope you men will display an active interest in our Council. There is a lot of work to be done. The Church is in dire need of the Knights of Columbus, and the K of C is in need of you.

SOCIAL ACTION

You will note that the words Social Action are new in the K of C programming, and a Social Action Committee is to be a part of every Council by directive of the Supreme Council. Basically, it means involvement in the problems existing in today's society, whether they be civic, religious, social, etc. Bro. James Justice is our Social Activity Chmn.; and to learn what it is all about, he travelled to Columbus a while ago for a Statewide Seminar. From here on in, the Seminars are to be conducted on a local level.

The next Seminar will be held on Sat., Feb. 22nd. at Padua High School for talks and discussions on Juvenile Delinquency, Smut, and Poverty. Anyone is invited and welcome to attend this Seminar with James. If you can see your way clear, give him a call at 777-6887 for details and time.

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Know Your Emblem - Wear It - Proudly

The emblem of the Order dates from the Second Supreme meeting on May 12, 1883, when it was designed by James T. Mullen, who was then 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 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 efficient operating organization.

The anchor is the mariner's symbol for Columbus, patron of the Order, while the short sword or dagger was the weapon of the Knight

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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 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 in which red becomes the reflection of the drops of Christ's redemptive blood shed upon Calvary, and of the martyrs' blood shed in defense of the Faith.

FAITH, HOPE, CHARITY

Red is then the symbol of Faith, of belief in Christ, in the Redemption 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 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 came salvation to a sinful world. Blue is then the symbol of Hope.

REUNION DANCE

Bill Cech and John Bovenzi did a wonderful job in heading up our Dance on Jan. 31. Working with them were Don Boll and James Justice. Thanks a heap, fellas, for providing us with a fine evening - the music was good, the atmosphere was right, and lots of door prizes. We had 104 couples in attendance, which is very good considering the Friday Nite date. We would have liked to have seen more Council brothers present and lending support. Sometimes we wonder what it takes to get you guys interested. Do we have to physically pull you out of your lethargy?

EDITORIAL

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed?
Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meeting, and mingle with the flock?
Or do you stay at home, and criticize and Knock. Amen.

K OF C TRACK MEET

Bro. Clare Tyler is Council Ticket Chmn. and has a limited number of good tickets available at \$3.50 and \$4.50 in Sections 30 and 28. Call Clare at 777-3651 for this great, big, annual event. The Meet is on Sat. Nite, Feb. 22.

STATEWIDE DEGREES

Exemplification of the "New" First, Second, and Major Degrees on Sunday, March 16 at the Fair Grounds in Columbus. A bus will be hired for transportation if enough men are interested. Leave at 7 AM - home by 7 PM. Call GK Kucharik at 777-4853 or Henry Klienhenz at 777-4615.