NPA Authorizes Council to Build New Home

On Thursday, January 18, at the annual meeting of the Columbus Club, President Tramonte announced joyfully that favorable action had been taken by the National Production Authority on our application for the construction of a new Council Home. This action was taken on the grounds that our particular case warranted an exception to the general building ban under the hardship provision of the regulations.

The President also announced the completion of the detailed plans by the architect and immediate steps will be taken to start construction. The County already has issued a permit to start excavation and this work will be under way shortly.

President Tramonte expressed his gratitude to the Grand Knight and the numerous other brothers who so ably assisted him in the many details incident to filing the application with NPA and following it up to a successful result. In addition to the Grand Knight, Brothers Trainor, Carretta and Hurley were singled out for the valuable assistance rendered.

All brothers interested in sub-contracts for any phase of the building construction are requested to contact immediately the President or any one of the Trustees of the Columbus Club.

COUNCIL BROTHER ENTERS SEMINARY

On Friday, February 2, 1951, Brother Franklin C. Hedrick, wisely forsaking all things mundane, and blessed with the realization of his vocation, enters the Seminary to prepare for Ordination to God's Priesthood.

While normally reluctant to lose a brother, our Council is nevertheless humbly grateful that one of its members has been chosen for such a noble and worthy purpose, and with him go our sincere wishes for success in his new field and congratulations.

Frank is entering the "Order of Canons Regular of the Holy Cross" (usually referred to as the Crosier Fathers), which was founded in 1211 in Belgium but did not appear in the United States until 1916. The motherhouse is in Holland. The Order is found in the dioceses of Duluth, Fort Wayne, Lincoln and St. Cloud; it is devoted to Mission, Retreat and Educational Work. St. Odilia is the Patron Saint of the Order.

Brother Hedrick has requested that we say a prayer that God will bless him with fortitude. He will prepare for six months in Wawasee, Indiana, after which he will be assigned to the Seminary at Hastings, Nebraska. After 5 years of rigorous study, Frank hopes to be ordained.

His address for the next six months will be Our Lady of the Lakes Seminary, Wawasee, Indiana. An occasional word from his former Council brothers will be greatly appreciated by him. Let's drop him a line or two once in a while.

HOLY NAME COMMUNION
Sunday, February 11
Receive with Your Society!!
Family Holy Hour: Despite the forbidding weather on Sunday, January 14, the Annual Family Holy Hour held at St. Ann's Church was a genuine success. It was attended by about 200 Knights, their families and other friends--"little ones and big ones."

Father McLean, Assistant at Blessed Sacrament Church, substituted for our Worthy Chaplain, and delivered a very instructive and appropriate discourse. After Benediction, which closed the Service, the assemblage was ushered to the School Hall, where refreshments were served, including--to the delight of the small fry--ice cream.

Brother Jerome Smith and his Catholic Action Committee have earned our thanks and congratulations for their efforts. We particularly are grateful to Mrs. George Tierney and Mrs. Ben Clarke for their efficient aid in serving and preparing the refreshments, to the EDW Squires who served as altar boys and to Brother Frank Rooney who performed so well at the Organ.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

With sincere condolence and heartfelt sorrow for our Worthy Chaplain, we regretfully have to report the death of his beloved mother. Mrs. Ryder was severely burned in an accident recently in her home.

While our prayers and hopes for her recovery were offered, our Divine Maker saw fit to take her unto His Heavenly Home. With Father Ryder at her side, Mrs. Ryder passed away on January 20, 1951.

May our Good God bless and comfort our Worthy Chaplain in his distress over the loss of his mother and may her soul rest in peace.

Our mission as Knights of Columbus is very plain. Bend all our efforts to the obliteration of secularism in the world--at least in that corner of the world in which we live--and bring back God into the hearts of our neighbors. We can accomplish this by prayer, by example, by instruction, by action. But none of us is big enough to accomplish it alone--we need the kind of concerted action that only a group working well together and all together can give.

If we get together and accomplish our aim, we'll help a lot of people--our neighbors, our community, our Church, our Council, ourselves--and we'll have God on our side.
HIGH SOCIETY

You fellows who failed to attend the meeting for the election of Columbus Club officers missed a one-man show -- better known as the railroad operation, featuring friend Mike Munley -- the boy was really driving until George Kramer [the Senior] laid him low. . . . what prompts Doc Pumphrey to spend a few days in high-priced Florida -- the answer is easy, fellows -- but what in heavens did he look like in a bathing suit? ??

Understand Chick Flaherty declined another term as trustee owing to his new responsibility as den mother to the cub scouts . . . . Mr. Funk: we desire your pleasing personality at the minstrel show rehearsals, and bring your gang . . . . and Tom Protz, we give up on you -- you must have gone the way of Flynn's teeth.

Joe Pettit, pay us a visit -- we found a place next door where the service is great . . . . more things happening to the poker club -- now Alex had himself an operation -- but feels good, now . . . . hear Bill King and spouse are carrying on down in Mexico way -- business that good, Bill?

Quite a shock to hear that Ferd Gilbert is departing from the area -- we wish you lots of luck, Ferd. . . . another good brother also leaving, John McCabe -- both going to Colorado -- don't forget us too quickly, boys.

Tommy Burke spent some time in the hospital -- nothing serious, but extremely uncomfortable -- especially with a neck-stretching harness around his face. . . . Score another for Vince -- authority for building seemed hopeless under present circumstances -- yet Vince, ably assisted by his cohorts, Appel, Carretta, Hurley and Trainor, has that authority -- we're proud of them all.

Carretta?? where has he been?? a note to his wife may help in getting him out . . . .

Further query: did Bannister leave the area; if so where? Germany? Oklahoma? Michigan? Bye now -- see you all at the minstrel show rehearsals.

Another mystery -- before closing -- news of the whereabouts of Tony Tramonte badly needed -- where's he been lately?

COLUMBUS CLUB ELECTIONS

The more than 40 members present at the January 18 meeting of the Columbus Club were of the unanimous opinion that, because of the important developments which have taken place and will continue to take place regarding our new Home, the present Administration should be continued in office for the coming year. Accordingly, the following will serve until January 1952:

President Vincent Tramonte
Vice President Leonard A. Hurley
Secretary C. F. Paradise
Treasurer Geo. J. Kramer, Sr.

The following four Trustees were elected to serve for a term of two years:

George A. Dowden Thos. W. Pumphrey
Wm. R. Herron Walter Spauls, Jr.

"Pattern for Survival", a 20-minute sound film, is expected to be shown at the February 1 Council meeting. The film outlines in detail personal and organized preparations for an atomic attack.

Our Worthy Lecturer is to be commended for his thoughtfulness in arranging for this showing -- no subject is more pertinent in view of the present international situation.

Capt. Al Bagot hopes to save the Worthy Lecturer the cost of securing the film by arranging to get it gratis from the Government.

SPECIAL NOTICE: The Annual Memorial Service for our departed brothers will be held following the Council Meeting on February 15. Honor Our Dead!!

SQUIRES: Brother Molseed, who devotes quite a bit of his time and energies to the cause of the Squires, states that it now has become physically impossible for him to supervise the weekly dances.

This is indeed discouraging and should have the thoughtful consideration of all members. Bringing these youngsters along is one of the Council's most important responsibilities and it would be a tragedy if these dances were to be discontinued. Volunteers to the fore!!
WILL YOU BE A BLOOD DONOR?

Are you tired of hearing this plea? Did you ever stop to think that you or a member of your family may require one or more transfusions without delay? Do you realize that because of the Korean War, Arlington's quota for that front has increased to 100 pints daily? Are you aware that, despite a membership of about 450, our blood bank contains about a dozen pints?

The bloodmobile will be at St. George's Church on North Nelson St. from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, February 12th--Knights of Columbus Day. Our Council is sponsoring the bloodmobile on that date and will be given public recognition for all donations. Moreover, since it is difficult for some brothers to be in Arlington during the day, arrangements have been made to accommodate them at the main Red Cross Building on E St., between 17th and 18th, from 5 to 9 p.m. the same date.

To make the venture a success, all members physically able to do so should contribute. Bear in mind that your family and friends can donate to the K of C blood bank; merely mention it is to be credited to us.

In order that we may have some indication of the number to expect, please phone Sam Hayden (FA 3648) or George Tierney (OX 1230) the location at which you will contribute...DO IT NOW!!

Santa Forgotten: Our apologies to Clarke Conway who did his usual splendid job as Santa Claus at the Council Christmas Party. In the last issue, we overlooked paying him a well deserved tribute.

OFFICERS INSTALLED

The Ritual of the Order's Installation of EDW Officers was ably and effectively em-emplified by Worthy District Deputy Martin Greene on Thursday, January 4.

Brother Greene, a Past State Deputy and for 23 years a member of the Tidewater Degree Team, was assisted most capably by our own Brother George Kramer, Sr., himself a Past State Deputy. Thus, our officers and Council were honored by having two Past State Deputies officiate at the ceremony.

The officers of the Council present for the ritual were made keenly aware of the responsibilities of their respective offices, and indicated their intention to perform them with equity and acumen.

Congratulations and best wishes for their success!

Welcome to Paul Perry who was re-admitted to our Order in the EDW Council on January 18. Paul hails from Buffalo, N.Y., lives at 454 Bellevue Drive, Falls Church, and is a member of Blessed Sacrament Parish.

THE FIRST DEGREE of our Order will be exemplified in the basement of the Old Dominion Bank Building, 2926 Columbia Pike (across the street from the Arlington Theatre) on Thursday, February 22.

It is the responsibility of sponsoring members to be sure that their candidates put in an appearance by 8:30. Let's have a large class and a large attendance.

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Calendar of Coming Events

Feb. 1 EDW Regular Meeting
Feb. 2 WGA Regular Meeting
Feb. 5 Minstrel Show Rehearsal
Feb. 12 Bloodmobile Unit
Feb. 12 & 19 Minstrel Show Rehearsal
Feb. 15 EDW Regular Meeting
Feb. 18 4th Degree Exemplification, WGA
Feb. 19 WGA Testimonial Banquet
Feb. 22 EDW First Degree Exemplification
Feb. 26 Minstrel Show Rehearsal
Mar. 1 EDW Regular Meeting
Mar. 5 Minstrel Show Rehearsal
St. Ann's Hall
1601 R Street, N.W., Washington
St. Ann's Hall
St. George's Church, N. Nelson St.
St. Ann's Hall
St. Ann's Hall [Memorial Service]
Mayflower Hotel [1 p.m.]
Mayflower Hotel
Old Dominion Bldg., Columbia Pike
St. Ann's Hall
St. Ann's Hall
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