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Greetings from the Grand Knight

It is my happy privilege to extend to all my Brother Knights sincere greetings in this the first issue of "Monroe Council 1266 News Notes." We hope that you find this little paper informative and entertaining. In it, we hope to keep you informed of all of the many activities of Monroe Council and its members. I hope that each of you will send items of interest to the editors and any comment you may wish to make. Also, in succeeding issues you will find various advertisers listed. It behooves us to help our friends so patronize them as far as possible. If you are interested in placing an ad, call the editor.

Again thanks to all of you. Resolve this year to attend as many meetings as possible, and help to make Monroe Council the best in the state.

Eli Allore, Grand Knight

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sept. 9 State Officers Nite.
Special Guests
- Sept. 23 Special Ladies Nite.
- Sept. 26 Boysville Gas Sale at
Bud's Pure Oil 7: to 10:.
- Oct. 11 Columbus Day Banquet
- Oct. 25 Initiation.

SPECIAL STATE OFFICERS NITE

September 9th will be a special one for Monroe Council. Guests for the evening will be all the State Officers. The program will be a short one and Lecturer Bud Miller promises a good lunch. Plan on being there, we need at least two hundred members on hand to greet our State Officers.



Eli Allore, Grand Knight of Monroe Council No. 1266, Knights of Columbus.

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YOUR SIX POINT PROGRAM

The Six Point Program is formulated out of years of experience to advance the cause of Columbianism. They include: Council Activity, Catholic Activity, Youth, Athletics, Internal and Publicity. It will be the intention of your various chairmen to give Monroe Council a well rounded program for 1959 - 1960. However, we need your support, for anything we do is useless if it does not benefit the Council and the Order. We would appreciate your suggestions and your criticisms.

This is **your** Council and we are here to serve you. Every man who has taken a job as chairman has pledged himself to do the best job possible. When these programs are promoted make a special effort to attend. It will make each one of us happy in the thought that you appreciate the effort to promote the principles of the Order.

Arden Westover, Gen. Program Chairman

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

You, as a member of Council 1266, a Knight of Columbus, must have at one time or another asked . . . What are the duties of council officers? Where did the Financial Secretary get his authority? Why should I be present at all council meetings? When can my son become a member?

These and other questions about your council which you may like to ask will be answered in the future publications of the K. C. News. The question being of general interest will be answered in this column; otherwise in a personal letter to you.

I would like to thank all the officers and members for their full support and cooperation they have shown me since my term in office began in January. And at any time I can help you, feel free to call me.

Closing, I will leave you with this "after thought."

A saintly-looking old fellow, who might have been a deacon, was running to catch his bus. It was raining and the street was full of puddles. Just as he appeared to be winning the race, the bus driver, with a fiendish smirk, pulled away from the curb and the wheels splashed a shower of muddy water over the old man.

Softly, this kindly one murmured, "May his soul find peace." Still more softly he added, "And the sooner the better."

Bernard Hammer, Financial Secretary

NEW COUNCIL HOME

Some six years ago the Council purchased the property on Roessler Street known as the Otto Herman Estate with the idea of relocating the Council Chambers. Plans for the Hall have been in the formative stage for the last several years and are now fairly well set. They include an auditorium with an open beam ceiling and ranch style exterior and which will seat approximately 600 people. Adjoining the auditorium but completely segregated will be the club rooms consisting of a lounge room, card rooms and game rooms. Also included in the present plans are an efficiency apartment for the caretaker. Parking will be provided for 275 cars.

The present downtown property will be retained as income property.

Years ago a survey was taken to determine whether the membership would finance the building of the new hall. The results show that over \$100,000.00 could be obtained from the members in the form of interest bearing bonds. Accordingly the New Building Committee will shortly start contacting all members for their pledges with the idea of starting the new building in the Spring. More on this will follow in the next edition of "News Notes."

THE JOKE BOX

Overheard on a bus:

"You must have been up pretty late last night, Mrs. Felding. I saw your light on at 3 a.m."

"Oh. I was just removing some spots from Irving's pants."

"At that hour? Were they very big?"

"Not very — just two ten-spots and a five."

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"When I was your age, Johnny, my parents never had any trouble with me."

"Well, Dad, up until now I haven't had any trouble with you either."

MANREASA RETREAT

Members desiring to attend the three day laymen's retreat at Manreasa on October 2, 3 & 4th, should get in touch with chairman Eugene Poupard. Men who cannot attend the week-end retreat or would rather attend the first of the week, may go on October 5, 6 & 7th. This is the 19th annual retreat sponsored by the Monroe, Wyandotte and Adrian councils.

BOWLING NOTES



Bowling starts **September 14th** at the Godfroy Alleys for all K. of C. bowlers. Anyone interested in bowling, if not already scheduled on a team, please contact Jerry Windels or report at Godfroy Alleys. Bowling starts at 6:45 sharp (we do mean sharp) and also, second team bowling at 9:00 p.m. sharp.

ATTENTION SENIOR MEMBERS

To the senior members of the council, here is some important information relating to your status in the membership. When you have attained the rated age of sixty-five and have been a member of the Order for twenty-five years, you are entitled to the designation of **Honorary Member**. The dues of a honorary member is \$4.00 a year, payable quarterly in advance. Insurance members should understand in addition to this \$4.00, they are also required to pay any insurance assessments or contributions for which they continue to be liable.

When you have attained the rated age of seventy-five and have been a member of the Order for Twenty-five years, you are entitled to the designation of **Honorary Life Member**. A honorary life member is exempted from the payment of all council dues and per capita assessments.

If you, as a member, come under one of these categories, but are still paying the full amount of dues to the council; contact me - the Financial Secretary - at once.

Bernard Hammer, Financial Secretary

EDITOR'S NOTE

The K. of C. News Notes is dedicated to all council members to promote the best in Catholic Action and further the interests of Columbianism.

News deadline is the last week of each month. Please direct all news items to the editor, Norman Smith, Cherry. 1-8077.

All news of direct interest to the council is welcome — along with any wholesome jokes.

Monroe Council 1266 is once again on the move. Do your part to help us grow — we need your full support.

K. of C. NEWS NOTES HISTORY

by Joseph A. DeSloover
Commander of the Honor Guard

As Commander of the Fourth Degree Honor Guard, you will be reading a column now and then written by me. but for this issue, I would like to go back briefly some 36 years.

Early in 1923, upon a motion by Brother Alfred C. Maurer and supported by Brother Leo Boudinet, a committee was appointed to look into the possibility of publishing a monthly council newspaper. This committee of Frank N. Maurer, Julien Lamour, Andrew R. Soleau and Martin D. May established the paper and the first issue was printed in February, 1923.

The first three issues were under the name of "The Monroe Casey." Objections were made and the "Monroe Kay See" was chosen and submitted to Supreme Council for approval. The reply from Supreme was that the name would have to be the "Monroe K. of C."

Not much is available on what happened or how many issues were printed and all we have been able to find is one copy of the Fourth Edition in the collection of Brother Leo Boudinet. It is believed that the paper gave way to the newsletter which we have today and has been printed by various sources over the years.

A move was made when I was Grand Knight in 1953 to re-establish the paper. we did not succeed and now after many years, I am happy to see the first issue again and congratulate the men who brought it about. We are on the road with the new Grand Knight, Eli Allore, who pledges "A continued forward movement in the coming year."

WERE YOU THERE?

If you were not — you missed out on one of the best K. of C. Parties - Initiation Night.

The officers of the Council were installed by District Deputy Sam Gambino assisted by his warden Frank Nogoski.

Then the fun began — Square Dancing, Round dances, Polkas, Waltzes, etc; buffet lunch — all on the house.

Everyone there had a wonderful time — why don't you come and see how good these parties are at our next scheduled event?