



Once more the Cackle Committee has been able to round up enough readable material to go to press again. This is the second effort of the new committee and it is hoped that you will like it. It is believed that everyone appreciates the fact that this undertaking's success will be in direct proportion to the cooperation of the members in furnishing material in the way of stories, anecdotes, etc. When the editor puts out a call for news, please, back him up by complying promptly.

SEMINARIAN FUND BINGO PARTY HUGE SUCCESS

At the last convention of the Virginia State Council, K of C, a resolution was passed that a Seminarian Fund be created for the purpose of financing the education of a young man for the Priesthood at St. Charles College, Baltimore, Maryland. This proposal received the immediate and wholehearted approval of the Most Reverent Peter L. Ireton, D.D., Coadjutor Bishop of Richmond.

It was agreed that the fund be created by each council contributing in the amount of one dollar per member. This resolution was unanimously concurred in by the Edward Douglas White Council. A Permanent Seminarian Fund Committee was appointed. This Committee then arranged a Bingo Party for the night of February 9, 1945, the proceeds to go towards fulfilling our obligation.

The party was a huge success, thanks to the cooperation of the Regular Bingo Committee and all the other members for their help and assistance. Also, to the ladies, a great big bouquet of thanks for their time, labor, and expense in baking the delicious cakes and donating them to us. The coffee and cake, served by the ladies, was the hit of the evening and make cake eaters out of all of us.

The proceeds of the party were more than sufficient to meet our present assessment. A check for this amount has been forwarded to the K. C. State Treasurer, and the balance has been placed to the credit of the fund for future use.

The Seminarian Fund Committee is already at work devising ways and means of raising additional revenue to ensure the full participation of the Edward Douglas White Council in this very commendable cause.

REACTION OF A THIRD DEGREE CANDIDATE

By Bro. James Bauer

The third degree was exemplified at the Nativity Parish Hall on Sunday afternoon, February 11. Among the hundred or more candidates were nine from Edward Douglas White Council, who joined a District Council in sweating out the third. Speaking as one of the candidates I can say that the third is rugged and from what transpired, "third degree" is a most appropriate cognomen. The psychological build-up was beautiful. The members of the Council were most prolific in their announcements that it was easy, it wasn't easy, wear your long underwear, don't wear your long underwear, wear your tuxedo, wear your overalls, until nothing at all made sense, and we poor eggs hadn't the faintest idea of what was in store for us. Finally the suspense was over and we were going through and I do mean GOING THRU.

SIR KNIGHTS

Congratulations to Brothers Kramer, Exekiel, Daugherty, and Tracy, who after considerable urging by Sir Knights Al Petersilia, Tom Flynn and Basil Molsced received the honors of the Fourth Degree on February 25th in the Washington General Assembly.

Our council was well represented at the initiation banquet at the Hayflower Hotel on Monday, February 26th, which the above-mentioned Sir Knights and their ladies, together with Brother and Mrs. Paul Petersilia attended. All reported a fine time. (Ed. The pictures certainly look like they were enjoying themselves.)

SOCIAL EVENTS

The New Years Dance and Banquet was a grand success. There was a full house, and as usual "Ma" Jacobs catered and served a splendid meal.

The President's Birthday Ball was one of the outstanding events. Carl Edmonds and his orchestra, the old reliables, furnished scintillating music that urged everyone to dance. A profit of twenty-five dollars was realized which was donated to the Infantile Paralysis Fund.

Getting away from the club at 12 midnight, the hope of our wives, has finally been taken care of by a man named Jimmy Byrnes, who slapped

a curfew on us, as well as the rest of the country. Consequently, we were forced to change our St. Patricks Day dance to the day before March 17th. This also pleased the little women, as they could recognize us on Saturday morning instead of the pathetic sight they would see on Sunday.

The Council should feel proud of the fact that they graciously turn over the clubhouse to the teen-agers for a lively dance session every other Sunday night. Chaplain Father Summers, and chaperons preside and maintain decorum. The dances are well attended and provide a very useful function in the life of the young people. Father Summers made a plea for the purchase of a juke box at the last meeting. He cited the difficulty he and others had each time in borrowing record players. By unanimous vote the Council referred the matter to the Columbus Club where we all hope it will receive favorable action.

PINOCHLE

The Pinochle Tournament is entering its final stages and it is anyone's game. The lead changes from week to week. Some of the past champions are looking for good card players to substitute for them.

BOWLING

The bowlers are still blasting the pins every Tuesday night and have a lot of fun and get plenty of exercise. Most of them need it.

The latest standings are as follows:

<u>TEAM CAPTAIN</u>	<u>WON</u>	<u>LOST</u>	<u>TOTAL PINS</u>
Pinta	42	27	33,402
Nina	40	29	33,301
Christopher	36	33	33,955
Santa Maria	37	35	34,503
Columbus	30	39	33,038
San Domingo	25	47	34,148

High Individual Average, Cox, 112; High Team Game, Pinta, 581; High Individual Game, Norton, 148; High Team Set, Christopher, 1551; High Individual Set, Cox, 410; High Strikes, Norton, 42; High Spares, Deppert and Cox tied, 147.

Chick Flaherty, the "Bowlers Guiding Light", reports that due to illness of the regulars, and other reasons, he needs substitute bowlers in order to keep teams up to top strength. It's a chance for some others to display their prowess.

BINGO

The Bingo Committee is still holding regular bingo games every Saturday night. The Council owes Chairman, "Bingo Kid"; Pumphrey and all his workers a vote of thanks for the splendid job they are doing. The revenue derived from this enterprise is a significant factor in retiring the club's indebtedness. To insure continued success Doc needs the support of everyone, not only a packed house of players but some additional workers to relieve his faithful crew. Let's all get behind this worthy activity. "Wienie King Brody", still dispenses luscious hot dogs to the hungry crowd. The OPA has raised the meat points and has Harry moaning. He says that he will have to get a red point with every dog he sells.

THIS AND THAT

A lot of superstitious people carry lucky coins, etc. but Chick Flaherty takes the prize. He carries a dollar bill neatly folded in his moth trap (billfold to you laymen). He feels that it is heap powerful medicine particularly so since the buck was won on a bet from Bill King. Brother Bill now calls Chick, "Sure Thing Flaherty".

Old Bishop Corkery has gone into the coal business. Mike had two tons for sale and Old Dep bought it. Dep says that it turned out to be $2\frac{1}{2}$ tons so he's now $\frac{1}{2}$ ton up on him.

Saw Bones, Doc, Sullivan has gone to Florida for a much needed rest and plans to stay a month. Ye editor envies such a delightful vacation but doesn't envy him the hard work Doc has put in to earn it.

Steve Smith has given up cigars for Lent. Most of the Brothers don't recognize him these days as they are so accustomed to the big fat cigar he usually hides behind.

The editor tried to give up dish drying for Lent but the little lady stopped that deal quick.

Brother Joe Foley haunts the Patent Office hoping some genius will invent auto fenders that will spring back into shape after colliding with an immovable object. Let's hope it's not in vain, 'cause he's always putting accordion pleats in his fenders and dents in his pocket book.

Brother Tom Tracy is now a firm believer in insurance on his automobile but it is too late to lock the door after the horse is stolen. His car was pretty badly wrecked but no one injured. Attention insurance agents - Tom is now a red-hot prospect.

Harry Brodie nearly lost what hair he has left last week. He was on the Bar that week and when he checked up on the cash, he was \$25.00 short. After counting the cash over several times, he remembered that Brother Tracy had taken some of the cash home for safe keeping. Was he relieved and happy. Better team up with the Council's C.P.A. members next time you are on the Bar, Harry.

SERVICE MEN'S CORNER

Brother Jack Spates reports that son, S/Sgt. Arthur V. has arrived in France. His address is below. Son, Cpl. John E. Spates, now stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. has completed training at the Ordnance Auto School at Fort Crook, Nebr. He was home on furlough March 2 and is to have an operation on his hand when he returns to duty.

Brother Alec Kirchner's son Donald A., EM 3/c U.S.N. had the privilege of being a participant in the history-making occasion of the Yalta Conference. His ship carried President Roosevelt and his party to the Conference. Donald is also the proud father of a new daughter born Dec. 26. Only missed one day of being a Christmas package.

To most all of the brothers in the service all over the work and at home, Pfc. John A. Miller, better known to all of us as "Tom's Son", is still stationed in Burma. Our meetings are usually headed with a letter from him. He was with the famous 5307 Provisional Unit of Merrill's Marauders in Burma from January to May, 1944, when they marched over 700 miles through steaming jungles, sleeping on the ground, and having their supplies dropped to them by plane in order that they might capture their objective, Myitkyina Air Field. They were so tired and worn out at the end of their journey that they had to be flown back to their base. For this achievement, the unit was awarded the Presidential Citation, which all members are entitled to wear. His letters say that he has been stationed, at various times, in Assam, India and Burma. At the present time, he is stationed on the new finished Ledo Road, where he was at the time it was dedicated and opened. We are hoping he was one of the unit to go with the first convoy through to China. Keep up the good work John, we are all backing you up. John wrote about a funny thing that happened to him one morning while on patrol. "I was going along the road at about 25 M.P.H., when a Chinese came running out of a house waving his hands at me. I stopped and he came over to my jeep. The funny part of it was that all he had on was a pair of long woolen underwear. He wanted a ride into town. Darned if he didn't go just as he was dressed." Just try to walk down Wilson Blvd. in your long handles and see how quick you'd be in the clink.

John is one of our regular correspondents. How about some of our members writing him a few lines. His address will be found below.

Brother J. B. Morgan after a period of training at Wellesley College is now at sea as an Ensign in the Supply Corps as Disbursing Officer. Better see that the boys get their pay on time, and that they have plenty to eat.

Brother Henry Bastien is a paratrooper in the Pacific Area. Better not land in the water as Arlington needs your services when the army is through with you.

Brother Tom Muldowney has been visiting the Pacific Islands and has promised to give his version of the Hula Hula with grass skirt and lee when he gets back. We hope it will be soon.

Brother Charlie Grady is dodging the buzz bombs in England but nearly got chased out of Ireland. Watch out, Charlie, the Irish are tough people with a club.

Brother Basil Molseed, our Recording Secretary, has received some snapshots from his brother, a member of the Sioux Falls, S.D., Council K. of C., who is on Leyte Island with the Seabees. Maybe some of you fellows in that area, big as it is, might meet up with this brother knight.

Cpl. Ferd Gilbert is trying to keep warm up in the Aleutian Islands and sent us a snapshot of himself in his office. He is making the top of the world safe for democracy and stud poker. Handball, movies, and basketball are the chief entertainments, after the pasteboards. He is anxious to get back to Clarendon to show the sharks how it is done. His charming wife is in Chicago. Clarendon's loss, Chicago's gain.

Christmas cards were received from the following brothers in the service:

Tom Muldowney - South Pacific	Charles Sterling - Randolph Field Texas
Charles Grady - England	Henry Bastien - South Pacific
Frank Appel - Somewhere in the European Area.	J. B. Morgan - European Area

CASEY CACKLE POSTAL EXCHANGE

Below are listed as many addresses of brothers in the Services as we now have on the books. It is hoped that all of you boys can and will correspond with the other brothers listed. How about all of you members at home writing them, too? We are sure that they will appreciate it. Letters from fellows in the service to the Council will also be appreciated and can be used by the Casey Cackle to keep all of you informed of your activities and experiences. Let's all get behind this department. The more response, the more interesting the Casey Cackle can be made. Any criticism of the paper, knocks or boosts, are welcome as it is printed for you service men.

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