



# Knights Digest



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## VALENTINE DANCE

Our annual Valentine Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, February 13th at our council home. Proceeds from this affair will go to Sister Ann Dominic for

Camp Fatima. Donations  
\$15.00 per person.  
The cut off date is  
February 8th.



For Reservations contact:  
Barney Capriglione at 964-3143  
Andy Popp at 688-6951  
or Tom Hornig at 688-5867.

### HUMANITARIAN HUNGER HARVEST

#### 75,000 Pounds & Counting

As of the date of this article, sixty councils have reported the collection of a total of 75,000 pounds of food. This food has been distributed to churches, food pantries and municipalities in their area.

State Deputy Robert Mate has no higher aspiration than to lead the Brother Knights of our order in this battle to end the plight of hunger for the poor and disadvantaged.

When speaking the Grand Knights and their chairmen, the feeling was the same; hunger is a desperate situation that many people suffer. Once we can get people to recognize this problem we will be halfway to solving it.

A special thank you to the Brother Knights and their families who, through their charity, have lessened the pain of hunger for many people.

The first part of this food drive had been a great success, but we cannot  
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### Military Servicemen's Committee

The Military Servicemen's Committee sent Christmas packages to the following Brother Knights, their sons or daughters, who are presently serving on active duty in the Armed forces of the United States. A Christmas greeting was also sent to those serving in the National Guard or Reserves.

- Commander Thomas J. Arminio - USN
- CTO1 Christopher Carr - USN
- Captain James Chitures - NJARNG
- Lt. Col. Daniel French - USA
- Captain Thomas Gwiazdowski - USN
- T/Sgt. Juliana Hamilton - USAF
- S/Sgt. John Hamilton, Jr. - USAF
- Commander William C. Kolster - USN
- Captain Kenneth Konicki
- CPL Raymond M. Reilly - USMC

Please keep all of these men and women in your prayers, since some are currently involved in Operation Restore Hope.

John Pallitto, Chairman

### SUPER BOWL PARTY

Sunday January 31, 1993  
at Union Knights of Columbus Hall

Time: One Hour Before  
Commencement  
Features: Roast Beef Buffet Dinner  
Beer & Soda

Hot Dogs at Half Time  
Large Screen TV.

Price: \$13.00 per person  
(before Jan. 25th)  
\$15.00 per person  
(after Jan. 25th)

The proceeds will be used to defray the cost of repairing the K of C Nativity set displayed in front of the Union Township Municipal Building.

Call now for tickets and more information: Bob Wozniak  
201-386-7734 (8:00AM-4:30PM)  
908-964-4632 (after 4:30PM)  
Fountain Realty: 908-964-3143

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## MONTHLY MEETINGS

1st Mon. .... Council Officers  
2nd & 4th Mon. .... Regular Meetings  
3rd Mon. .... Swim Club  
1st Wed. .... 4th Degree Officers  
2nd Thurs. .... 4th Degree Color Corps  
3rd Wed. .... 4th Degree Regular  
4th Wed. .... Council Committees  
4th Thurs. .... Columbian Club

## Friday Night Dinner

Chicken Dinner

Jan. 29th, 1993

7PM - \$5.50

For Tickets:

John Relton 388-8655

Rich Santangelo 964-5258

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan. 8.....First Friday  
Jan. 15.....Annual Swim Club Meeting  
Jan. 29.....Chicken Dinner  
Jan 31.....Super Bowl Party  
Feb. 5.....First Friday  
Feb. 13.....St. Valentine Dance

## KNIGHT of THE MONTH January, 1993



**Peter Deo**

Our Knight Of The Month for January 1993 is Peter Deo. Peter resides with his wife Ethyl in Murray Hill and is the father of two sons George and Joseph and his wife are parishioners of Our Lady of Peace in New Providence.

Peter, a well recognized brother knight, has been with Union Council since 1966. For twenty-six years Peter has given of himself in every conceivable manner. He has helped many committeeman insuring them of a successful affair.

Mr. Deo has given many unselfish hours to our swim club. He has participated in work parties for many years adding his expertise in plumbing. He was always on hand to help his brothers to make the summer months at the council the country club that it is.

Peter has shown the true spirit of charity away from the council as well. He is well known for helping neighbors in need either by mowing their lawns, shoveling their snow, or by repairing a broken appliance. This award to Peter is well overdue.

Before retiring Peter worked for Schering for 19 years as an air-conditioning and refrigeration supervisor. His hobbies include playing pinochle, gardening, and helping those in need.

Union Council is pleased to congratulate Peter Deo as our Knight Of The Month for January, 1993.

## HUMANITARIAN HUNGER

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rest until we complete the second phase which is scheduled to take place from March 1st through March 29th.

Andrew F. Popp, P.G.K.  
State Hunger Chairman

## Grand Knight's Column

Jim O'Connell



As you read this article, we have just begun a new year. With it comes the opportunity to set our goals to be accomplished in 1993.

It is also traditional to make New Years resolutions. The trouble with resolutions is that we either make too many of them or we make them too difficult to keep.

I have a suggestion as to how to resolve this problem. Make ONE SMALL resolution that will help Union Council be better than we already are. It doesn't take much, and I'll even give you a few ideas.

When each of you became a member, you received a blank Form 100. If you haven't used it yet, make 1993 the year that you do. Sponsoring a new member can greatly help our council be even better. And be a good sponsor. Attend your candidates degree's, help him understand more of the Knights of Columbus and our council. Setting a good example can mean all the difference in the world. I can tell you that it was my sponsor who got me more involved.

Another suggestion would be to give at least two hours of your time to the council. We are a totally volunteer organization that has a roster of nearly 1700 members. We could achieve so much more if each member donated just two hours of his time to the council. There are many, many ways that you could do this. We have committees such as Membership, Children's Activities and the Humanitarian Hunger Drive that can always use an extra hand. We have the Retarded Citizens Drive that always has one more intersection that needs attending. We have Council work parties to help maintain Council home, grounds and swim club. The two hours that you spend will not only help our council, but will also give you an opportunity to meet new friends.

Union Council is your council, and things happen within the council that are not always covered in this digest. There for, resolve to attend at least ONE more meeting this year than you did last year. You will get a chance to see the council at work, and be able to be a voice in forming its direction.

These are but a few suggestions. I have many, many more and if you would like to hear about them, give me a call.

The key to any New Years resolution is that it gets done. Lets make 1993 Union Councils best year yet.

## Chaplain's Column

Rev. Leonard E. Dembow



With all the happiness and wonderment the Christmas season brings, it is not necessarily bestowed on all equally. For some, it

is a melancholy time and for others a realization of need when there seems to be so much plenty. Peace on earth to people of good will seems to be an elusive reality in Somalia, Bosnia and in the Middle East. The very birthplace of Jesus is a place of contention for so many.

But the birth of Jesus should awaken in us all the realization that with Him much of the contention and want can cease. With Him peace need not be just a word. With Him we realize what we can be for ourselves and for our brothers and sisters.

The birth of Jesus awakens in us all the child that needs a God. A God who will strengthen and affirm and direct us. Our Father who art in Heaven is now tangibly present to us all and we are again thankful.

Allow me to share this meditation with you when we think of what is possible with God.

*It is God that enables you  
to smile in spite of tears;  
to carry on when you feel like  
giving in;  
to pray when you are at a loss for  
words;  
to love even though your heart  
has been broken  
time and time again...  
It is God who enables you  
to sit calmly when you feel like  
throwing up your hands in  
frustration;  
to be understanding when nothing  
seems to make sense;  
to listen when you'd really rather  
not hear;  
to share your feelings with others,  
because sharing is necessary to  
ease the load.  
Anything is possible,  
because God makes it so.*

..... Faye Sweeney

## Candle Light Bowling Fund Raiser

On February 20, 1993, Union Council will host a candle light bowling night at Hyway Bowl, Route 22 in Union. The cost is \$6.50 per person which will include 3 games and prizes. For reservations call Pat Sheridan at 688-0106 or Ray Fluet at 381-9513. Cut off date is February 13th for reservations. Proceeds will support the Pro-Life Bill Board and other Council activities.

## St. Patrick's Day Dance

On March 20th, 1993 Union Council will celebrate St. Patrick's Day. The festivities will begin at 7 PM and will include a corned beef and cabbage dinner served family style with Irish soda bread on each table. Refreshments for the evening will be beer, wine and soda. Mixed drinks and cordials will be available at a cash bar. Entertainment will be provided by "The Bantry Boys" with an intermission act performed by the Step Dancers from the Sheridan School of Irish Dancing. The ticket price is \$14.95 per person until February 28th - after that the price is \$18.00 per person. Tables of ten may be reserved for \$50.00 until March 1st at which time they must be paid in full. No tickets will be sold after March 13th. Please help us help you. Plan to attend - buy your tickets early. Expect to have a great time. For tickets call Pat Sheridan at 688-0106, John Peters at 964-6968 or John Relton at 388-8655.

## Reflection

Thank you, Lord, that I can see;  
so many are blind.

Thank you, Lord, that I can hear;  
so many are deaf.

Thank you, Lord, that I can walk;  
so many are crippled.

Thank you, Lord, that I have food;  
so many are hungry.

Thank you, Lord, that I have shelter;  
so many are homeless.

Thank you, Lord, for the touch of a  
friendly hand;  
so many are lonely.

Thank you, Lord, for sharing your cross  
with me it helps me to grow and discover  
who I am.

Thank you, Lord, for all your blessings;  
so many deserve them better than I do.  
Help me always to be grateful.  
Amen.

## Which Came First Fraternalism or Insurance?

Field Agent Rich Fuentes  
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I'm sure you remember the puzzling question: Which came first, the chicken or the egg? Let me pose a new but similar question to you. Which came first, fraternalism or the insurance society as it pertains to the Knights of Columbus?

Well, here we go again with the debate, but if you actually know the history of our society it is not difficult to answer. They are one in the same. Father Michael J. McGivney envisioned a society that would render financial aid to its members and beneficiaries if its members while providing a social setting for Catholic family support.

Today, 110 years later, our society has reached out to its 1.5 million brothers and supplied families with \$67 million in death benefits and \$158 million in living benefits consisting of dividends and retirement funds.

Each fraternal year, the Order's insurance program helps support the many charitable and benevolent endeavors undertaken by the Order. These millions and millions of dollars that do so much good throughout the world are available, in large measure, due to our program's success.

By the way, what are your dues? How much of it goes to your local council? How much of it goes to the state council activities? Now what is left goes to Supreme for national and international programs. Do you think that that adds up to what it actually costs to maintain one of the largest Catholic societies in North America?

You may be asking what's the point? The point is that fraternal brotherhood and the insurance society are the proverbial chicken and the egg paradox. Together, hand in hand, we can accomplish anything; separate, we would be much less. Let's support each other in every way, towards a more fulfilling and successful Knights of Columbus.

**LOOKING AHEAD IN MARCH**  
**50's & 60's Dance**  
**Details to follow**