



# Knight Digest



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## G. K. RESUMES FIGHT TO STAMP OUT SMUT

### STAMP OUT SMUT

Letters are needed urging the members of our new legislature to enact suitable laws that will stop the flow of pornographic material in New Jersey. State Deputy Stuart Schoder, Jr. and our Grand Knight Warren Hehl have pledged to continue the campaign for public decency until this goal is achieved.

The Union County Senators are the Honorables Mildred Barry Hughes (D) and Nelson F. Stamler (R).

Members of the Assembly from Union County are the Honorables Henry F. Gaven (D), Robert E. Henderson (D), Joseph J. Higgins (D), Nicholas S. LaCorte (R), Francis X. McDermott (R).

We should also urge our Governor, the Honorable Richard J. Hughes, for immediate action on the pornography problem.

All mail for the above people may be addressed to the State House, Trenton, N. J.

### Putting the Cart Before the Horse

Several weeks ago an article appeared in a local newspaper concerning the establishment of a standard code of ethics for our governing bodies in New Jersey.

The organization that proposed this approach must be given credit for a well intended effort, but when you consider the cause for this action you wonder if this is the correct approach.

When you look about our country and see the scandal in all branches of government, it would appear that some of the men selected to represent us, in both parties, are not of the highest moral standards. A code of ethics for some individuals would only lend to license them to proceed with any venture not covered in the code.

If we have men in government who do not properly represent the people, we as practical Catholics have an obligation, not to establish a code of ethics for these individuals but, to replace them with people of good moral and ethical standards.

WEAR THE EMBLEM

### PUBLIC DECENCY

"Obscene literature is wanton, depraved, nauseating, despicable, demoralizing, destructive and capable of poisoning any mind at any age. Obscene publications mock the marriage vow, scorn chastity and fidelity, and glorify adultery, fornication, prostitution and unnatural sex relations."

Sounds like an excerpt from a Sunday morning sermon, doesn't it? But this quotation is no vapid pulpit utterance. It is from a training bulletin of the Chicago Police Department, whose Superintendent is O. W. Wilson, one of the country's top criminologists.

A few intellectual and literary liberals may believe there is little harm in salacious literature. The professionals know better.

In an address to the Fourth National Convention of Citizens For Decent Literature, Rev. Frances X. Lawlor, O.S.A. stated ". . . After Hehner, I think the greatest let-down comes from the American Library Association. How many of you realize that the American Library Association, through its intellectual freedom committee, hired a firm of lawyers—one of the largest in Chicago—to prepare an Amicus Curiae brief in defense of *Tropic of Cancer*? This is a fact. A condensed version of that brief actually was printed in the pages of the monthly bulletin of the American Library Association. It is not beyond belief that the United States Supreme Court was influenced to some degree by this plea, which was made by a committee from an organization claiming a membership of 25,000. After all, we all know that librarians are sweet, quiet women who love and promote only the best of books. I, personally, believe that the librarians of America were betrayed and misrepresented. I do not believe that they were aware of what happened until it was too late. I firmly believe that they have a duty to the nation to repudiate the action taken by the handful of extreme liberals who, identified as the intellectual freedom committee, are delivering our libraries and librarians over to the bondage and debasement of mind that results when good people let themselves be used for evil ends."

ACT CATHOLIC

### NEW 4th DEGREE MEMBERS

On Sunday February 20th, the exemplification of the 4th Degree was held at the Robert Treat Hotel in Newark, for — candidates from the 1st New Jersey District.

The newly formed John Fitzgerald Kennedy General Assembly was well represented having a total of 61 candidates present for the exemplification. The number of candidates from each of the Councils in the General Assembly were as follows:

Union Council #4504	34
Springfield Council #5560	14
Summit Council #783	6
Kenilworth Council #4186	5
Hillside Council #3197	2

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate those Brother Knights of Union Council on their becoming 4th Degree members of our Order.

In alphabetical order, our new 4th Degree members are as follows: Sir Knights, Rev. Raymond P. Waldron; Joseph R. Bizzaro; Barney M. Capriglione; Joseph D. Deo; Robert E. Drew; Homer F. Dukes; Donald J. Ebert; Robert L. Emery; Martin J. Farrell; John A. Fleno; Francis X. Gillick; John J. Guidera; Edward V. Harrington; Walter W. Hoelderlin; Vincent E. Iannuzzi; William F. Jones; Frank A. Jordan; Robert W. Kolster; Howard R. Leary; Milton J. Lepski; Edward A. Majeski; Anthony J. Martin; Wenzle Maurer; Clement E. McKeon; Frank Pribula; Frank P. Rygiel; Stanley J. Seidl; Jerome Shaw; Anthony Sibilia; William H. Stuart; Andrew L. Tobia; Anthony Venezia; Frank E. Vollherbst; Murdock C. Walker.

### COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

On Sunday March 27th the Council will sponsor a Square Dance. The dance will start at 5:00 P.M. and end at 11:30 P.M. due to Lenten regulations.

The price of the tickets will be \$2.50 per person. Refreshments will be served.

Come on out and enjoy some different entertainment. Wear your old farmer clothes, relax and enjoy yourself.

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## CALENDAR

MARCH 4 — FRIDAY  
Retreat at Council Home —  
8:30 P.M.

MARCH 5 — SATURDAY  
Retreat at Council Home —  
10:00 A.M.

MARCH 5 — SATURDAY  
3rd Degree at Council Home —  
7:30 P.M.

MARCH 13 — SUNDAY  
Hockey Game

MARCH 14 — MONDAY  
Regular Council Meeting

MARCH 16 — WEDNESDAY  
Regular 4th Degree Meeting

MARCH 21 — MONDAY  
Regular Council Meeting

MARCH 27 — SUNDAY  
Square Dance — Council Home  
5 - 11:30 P.M.

APRIL 16 — SATURDAY  
Anniversary Ball

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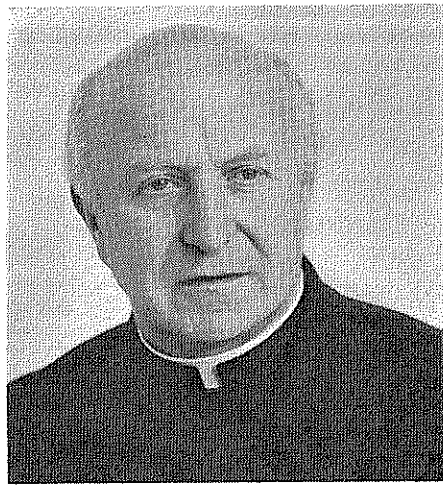
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On Monday evening March 14th, Monsignor John M. Oesterreicher, Director of the Institute of Judaic-Christian Studies of Seton Hall University will speak to the members of Union Council #4504, Knights of Columbus at their regular meeting.

Monsignor John M. Oesterreicher besides being the Director of the Institute is also editor of its organ, **The Bridge**, a collection of studies in various fields on the relationship between Christians and Jews, which had to be suspended for the duration of the Vatican Council. Among his early writings is **Racisme-Antisemitisme-Antichristianisme**, which was published first in Paris in 1940 and republished in the United States in 1943. The book combatted the racial heresy of Nazism, described the early stages of the persecution of the Jews under the Nazis, and documented the stand taken by the Catholic Church against the Nazi philosophy and atrocities. Monsignor Oesterreicher's most recent work is on the Old Testament roots of the Christian faith. Entitled **The Israel of God**, it is used in many colleges throughout the country.

As consultor to Cardinal Bea's Secretariat for Christian Unity, Monsignor Oesterreicher is one of the architects of the conciliar declaration on the spiritual bond between Christians and Jews.

On the eve of the proclamation of the declaration on the Church's relationship to non-Christian religions, Monsignor Oesterreicher went to thank Pope Paul for the alacrity with which he had decided to publish the document, thereby ignoring the concerted attack of world anti-Semitism on himself as an antipope and on the Council as a heretical synod. Before Monsignor Oesterreicher could say his first word, the Pope took his right hand into his own hands and said with great feeling: "Tomorrow will be a great day for you. I shall pray for you and your people—for its peace," thus showing that the sentiments of the declaration were his sentiments, its convictions, his convictions.

## Knight of the Month

The selection of the Knight of the Month for March is a Brother who needs no introduction. If you are at the Council home you will find him doing something.

In addition to the Job of Admission's Chairman, you will find Andy Tobia working as a bartender, serving on the Council Activities Committee or helping the Degree Team. Where you find work you'll find Andy.

The Council will have to go a long way to find a more dedicated Brother. He is a firm advocate of charity and Brotherhood.

Andy makes his home with his wife Gilda and children Michael, Andrain and Ann Marie at 1773 Colgate Place, Union.

Congratulations to a nice guy. P. S. Congratulations also to you for your exemplification into the Fourth Degree.

## ATTENTION SPONSORS

As previously announced by Grand Knight Hehl at our Council meetings, several changes have been made in the procedures for sponsoring candidates, as well as for membership in Union Council. These are local changes and requirements as unanously adopted by the officers of UNION COUNCIL.

The changes are as follows:

1) Attached to each application for membership in our Council are **INSTRUCTIONS TO THE SPONSOR** that should be read thoroughly prior to giving the application to the prospective candidate.

2) The prospective candidate **MUST** be a resident of the Township of Union.

3) Candidates **MUST** receive Holy Communion within two weeks prior to taking their First Degree, and have the Communion Certificate signed by their parish Priest.

The responsibilities and obligations of a good sponsor go beyond the mere signing of a candidates application for membership. It is the added responsibility of a sponsor to be present with his candidate at the time of his interview, **AND** at the time he takes each of his Degrees. Beyond this also, you can best help this man by bringing him to the regular Council meetings and introducing him to his Brother Knights.

By meeting your obligations as a sponsor, you will ease the indoctrination and orientation for the candidate to our Order, and at the same time stimulate his interest in the functions of our Council.

There is no better way to stimulate his interest, than through **YOUR EXAMPLE**.

Are you a **GOOD SPONSOR???**

## Grand Knight's Message

B. Warren Hehl



In the past months, I, together with other officers of the Council, Columbian Club and Swim Club, have had an opportunity of reviewing the financial position of the Council, Columbian Club and the Swim Club, and the membership should be happy to know that as a whole all branches of Union Council Knights of Columbus are in a very satisfactory financial condition.

This accomplishment is certainly in part due to the wonderful cooperation of the membership in all of its support and active participation in council activities, both religious and social. The spirit of cooperation to aid in making of this success has been demonstrated in the true spirit of Columbianism.

The success also has been the responsibility of those persons primarily responsible for the financial problems of the Columbian Club and Swim Club, and a special congratulations should go out to past Grand Knight, WILLIAM TAYLOR, for his splendid work with the Conservation Committee which has caused a prompt payment of all membership dues.

During this Holy Season of Lent, let us dedicate our lives to the religious spirit and foster our religion in every respect by demonstrating these problems in our place of employment and in the home. With respect to the demonstration of such feelings within our home, I believe it is our duty in the light of the world condition to make ever more pronounced the sense of religious respect of every member of the Council so that his family will continue to grow in a proper Catholic atmosphere. If we do not participate in this type of activity, we only have ourselves to blame when those who seek to destroy our beliefs with success in the attack against our great principles.

It is most pleasing again to receive suggestions concerning the bettermen of the Council and I stand ready, as do the other officers of the Council, to receive suggestions at any time for the success of the Knights of Columbus in Union.

### SOFTBALL

All members interested in playing for the Council's softball team are urged to contact Jerry Petrucci (352-2409) as soon as possible. We always field a fine team and new talent is needed. Lets make this year no exception!

## Why Must a Youngster Suffer

The other night a young mother left a meeting in her Parish Church with a sick feeling. She had just attended a lecture on obscene literature and was awakened to the impact it will have on her children.

As this young women expressed, "I knew here were risque books on the newstands but never did I dream this sadistic filth existed!"

When you hear someone speak of this problem of obscenity either they know and understand it or they do not. If you know the problem and have young children it is even more frightening to see the potential hazard they must face.

The means of driving this garbage was within our grasp, but it seems that Gov. Hughes was more concerned with the constitutionality of the bill and if it violated any rights of the filth peddler then he was with the well being of the citizens of this State.

When our legislature comes back into session we must again initiate a bill to continue our fight. These people must be made to understand the K of C is an organization of action and not just noise.

How many youngsters will be murdered, raped, or die due to this trash this year? There must be a stop to it. The sooner the better.

### PHYSICAL FITNESS

Can your son do more push-ups than you? (Would you believe more chin-ups?) If you would like to limber up before Spring, come on out with us to the Boy's Club on Sunday afternoon, 2-5 P.M. beginning March 6th. Sneakers are required and a nominal individual donation will be appropriate. Sign up now!

### BASEBALL PLUS

An event of unusual interest is being planned for Saturday, June 25th when the Order and the N. Y. Yankees will sponsor K of C Day at the Stadium. In addition to the ball game between the Yanks and White Sox, there will be a ceremony for the dedication of a special plaque for Yankee Stadium to be presented by the Order in commemoration of the Mass celebrated there by Pope Paul VI last October. More information will follow as received from Supreme Headquarters.

## There's Nothing to It

Raising children is no bother  
When you are a perfect father.  
All you have to do is show them  
That you really, truly know them  
Be understanding, kind, gladsome,  
Just as I would be—if I had some.

## SOUVENIR JOURNAL

One of the major sources of income to Union Council each year, is the monies received from the ads in our souvenir journal for our Grand Ball.

Our journal committee has been hard at work for the past 6 weeks securing these ads, which will ensure adequate funds in our Council treasury for the operation of YOUR Council for the next council year (July 1966-1967).

This is never an easy task, as can be attested to by anyone who has ever worked on this committee. The work continues long after the Ball is over, with the task of billing and collection.

Help is badly needed on this committee, not necessarily to chase around for the ads, but more to refer GOOD LEADS to the committee members. Better still if you or any member of your family is in business, perhaps you or they would favor us with an ad. You are our best contact with your employer, and here again you can be of great assistance with a minimum of effort.

Time is running out — our cut off date for the printer is MARCH 23rd. Won't you take a few minutes to help us — and help your Council at the same time. Contract forms are available at the Council home, or if your prefer, contact Don Brown at 688-3424. Ten minutes of your time now, can make our campaign a lot easier. Won't you help us to help your council?

## ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES

### COUNCIL BOWLING

House League: Standings after 24 weeks of bowling (first 8 of 16 teams)

TEAM	W	L
1. Beetles	76	44
2. Go-Go's	71	49
3. Champs	68	52
4. Giants	66	54
5. Pussy Cats	64	56
6. Big Five	62½	57½
7. Al's Pals	62	58
8. Colonials	62	58

Individual honors are as follows:

Average	
Hank Skarbek	181
Jim Riggi	180
Series	
Jim Riggi	663
K. C. Barbera	662
Game	
Jim Riggi	277
Bill Ryan	267

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