



# Knight Digest



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## Many Thanks

A hearty thank you is in order to those brothers who participated in our annual Retarded Children Campaign on the weekend of April 1, 2 and 3. Their hard work enabled the Union Council to collect approximately \$2500 in spite of the bad weather on Saturday. The campaign committee and Grand Knight extend their deepest gratitude for those who contributed throughout Union Township.

It has been decided by the officers that the donations collected will be split three ways toward worthy organizations. We're sure that the Mt. Carmel Guild, Camp Fatima and the Wuhti-Learning Disability Council of Union will greatly appreciate this gesture.

Roger Schur, Chairman  
Henry Mey, Co-Chairman

## Evening Out

On Friday night, May 20th Union Council 4504 will hold our annual "Evening Out" for the beautiful ladies of our deceased brothers and the widower brothers of our order. Festivities will begin at 7:00 p.m. Grand Knight Jim Moran, the officers, and members cordially invite you to attend. There will be a good meal, entertainment, and good company. If you would like to attend please contact Joe Saenger — 687-5276 on or before May 8th so that we can reserve a place for you.

## New Members

The following brothers recently received the honor of the First Degree: Ronald Angelo, Anthony D'Alessio, Dennis Guidera, John Guidera, Fred Kiebler, Robert Lichtenberg, Terrence Lowe, Patrick Mauriello, Allen Mench, James Mench, Leonard Pannucci, Matthew Rinaldo Jr., Henri Saint-Laurent, Charles Saunders, Brian Schuettler and Chester Wilk.

We welcome our new brothers and urge them to become active members of our council. In addition we would like to thank Brother Allen Mench Sr. who sponsored five of the above new brothers.

James M. McEnroe  
Admission Chairman

## NOTICE

On December 19 during the afternoon of the Children's Christmas Party someone mistakenly took the wrong coat. The coat is a man's beige carcoat with lamb wool trim interior. The coat I now have is a McGregor carcoat of same color and style. To correct this mistake will the Brother Knight please contact Brother William Kole — 687-4497.



Grand Knights  
Column  
Jim Moran

Those who attended the performance of the mentalist Kreskin, sponsored by our council in March, were very impressed by the show. Deputy Grand Knight Ken Pinney and Lecturer Barney Capriglione along with their committee worked hard on the details involved in this project and did all they could to make it a success. Unfortunately, not enough of our members supported this event to allow us to make the profit we had hoped to realize. As they say in medical circles "the operation was a success but the patient died." Ventures like Kreskin and similar events must be supported by more of our members. Too many members sit back and watch instead of participating.

Our weekend collection for the mentally retarded in early April was very successful. Long hours, inclement weather, and asking for money from strangers were among the unpleasant conditions under which quite a few of our brothers worked. Along with our usually reliable older members, new members, wives, sons and daughters were seen collecting throughout Union. Their efforts gave the Union Knights a wonderful public image and showed our fellow citizens how concerned we are for worthwhile causes. The setting up of schedules, locations and overall planning of this program was in the hands of Roger Schur and Henry Mey. This meant sacrificing free time from Friday night to Sunday night to be on the job at the club. We are very grateful to these men and their assistants who helped to bring in over \$2,000 for the mentally retarded.

Activities like the two mentioned are very enlightening experiences for a Grand Knight and officers close to the situation. It permits us to observe the weak and strong points of many of the members. The "do-nothings" become more noticeable when they are in contrast to the active volunteer kind of brother. The majority of those who criticized the Kreskin Project did not attend. Most of those who would have conducted the mentally retarded program differently could not even spare one hour of their time. The contrast of the passive and active men of a council must always be with us. The passive provide the incentive and challenge that the active need to make programs in a rightful cause. Throughout my term I have received satisfaction from working with both groups. Naturally, the active

## Columbian Thanks

I would like to extend my appreciation to all members who assisted in the semi-annual clean-up on Friday, April 8th, 1977. My apologies to all those who came in the evening. It is highly unusual but, with the tremendous turnout in the early hours, we were able to finish earlier than we normally did in the past. Thanks again for a job well done!

Marty Farrell  
Columbian Club President

## Swim Club News

Work parties for the Swim Club will start on Saturday, April 2nd and will continue every Saturday after that from 8 a.m. until noon. There will also be work parties every Wednesday evening from 6 p.m. until dark after daylight savings time.

All brothers with some spare time are invited to join us in preparing the swimming and recreational areas for the upcoming season. Remember, it is for your own benefit and enjoyment.

We are in need of a snack bar manager for this summer. If anyone is interested in the job please contact Columbian Club President Marty Farrell as soon as possible.

The pool will officially open on Saturday, May 21st with a MASS AT 1 P.M. We are still in need of a gate house attendant. Anyone interested in the job please contact Jack Killian. Our pool manager is Marty Farrell. Rocco Corbo will serve as our activities chairman and would appreciate help from anyone interested. Vince Iannuzzi and Bill Kale are in charge of Swim Team activities, and hope to have another Swim Team Dinner this year. Bill Taylor is our membership chairman. Please notify him of any changes in your family structure. **Remember**, only those persons living within your household are eligible. Anyone disregarding this rule will be penalized.

Directors for the 1977 season are as follows:

- President ..... John Killian
- Pool Director ..... Vince Iannuzzi
- Assistants ..... Peter Martin  
Jim Ford
- Treasurer ..... Herbie Kay
- Pool and Grounds ..... Frank Cosenza  
Eugene LeCompte
- Secretary ..... Art Reinhard
- Assistant Secretary ..... Bill Renner
- Admissions ..... Bill Taylor
- Accountant ..... Charlie Lynch

brother gave me the most pleasure and pride and made the responsibilities of the position of Grand Knight well worth the time and effort.

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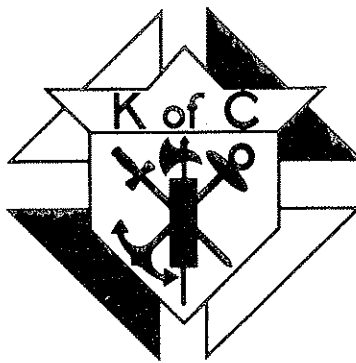
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### COUNCIL OFFICERS

- District Deputy ..... John Masterson, PGK
- Grand Knight ..... Jim Moran
- Chaplain ..... Rev. Edward Swierzbinski
- Deputy Grand Knight ..... Ken Pinney
- Chancellor ..... Rocco Trupiano
- Warden ..... Julius Kiss
- Recorder ..... James Johnson
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- Lecturer ..... Barney Capriglione, PGK
- Advocate ..... James Conlon
- Inside Guard ..... Roger Schur
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- Membership Director ..... Joe McEnroe
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- Trustee ..... John Winters, PGK
- Trustee ..... Andy Popp, PGK

## Our Emblem



The emblem of the Order dates from the second Supreme Council meeting, May 12, 1883, when it was designed by James T. Mullen, who was then Supreme Knight.

A quick glance at the emblem indicates a shield mounted upon the Cross of Malta. The shield is that associated with a medieval Knight. The cross of Malta is the representation of a traditionally artistic design of the Cross of Christ through which all graces of redemption were procured for mankind. This then represents the Catholic spirit of the Order.

Mounted on the shield are three objects: a mace standing vertically, and, crossed behind it, an anchor and a dagger or short sword. The mace from Roman days is symbolic of authority which must exist in any tightly bonded and efficiently operating organization. The anchor is the mariner's symbol for Columbus, patron of the Order, while the short sword or dagger was the weapon of the Knight when engaged upon an errand of mercy. Thus, the shield expresses Catholic Knighthood in organized merciful action and with the letters, K. of C., it proclaims this specific form of activity.

The red, white and blue in the background of the shield and the foreground of the Cross of Malta are the colors of our beloved country. As such, red is the symbol of stouthearted courage, of pulsing activity and a full measure of devotion. Blue is the symbol of hope, of calm tranquility under God and of confidence in the protection of our country. White is the symbol of nobility of purpose, of purity of aim and of crucible-tried ideals to be carried out.

Red is then the symbol of Faith, of belief in Christ, in the Redemption and in the mission of every man to spread the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ. White is the color of the Eucharistic Host, pledge of God's Eucharistic presence among men, of the infinite love God had for man and the overwhelming affection which the God-man had for each individual. White is then the symbol of Christ-like Charity. Blue is the color of Our Lady's mantle, in which she wrapped her beloved Son, through Whom came salvation to a sinful world. Blue is then the symbol of Hope.

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## Memories

July 14, 1958, the first meeting of the new term marked our first meeting in the V.F.W. Hall on High St. in Union. Al Dietlein presented a bill for \$12.00 covering the cost of our new mailing address, P. O. Box 344.

The second meeting in July and the first meeting in August were cancelled due to the lack of air conditioning at the meeting hall.

It was announced by D.G.K. John Zimmerman that a softball game had been scheduled with Fathery Canty Council of Hillside for July 25th at 6:30 p.m. The results of this game were not recorded, we trust not intentionally.

Fraternal Activities Chairman J. Conroy in his first report to the council asked the members to send cards to our ill brothers. He noted that we had three at the moment on our get well list. They were Ed Stonack, John Arminio and Peter Trincune.

Recognizing our need for a home we could call our own, G.K. Howard Leary appointed Koloman Kiss and William Bauer as co-chairmen of our first building committee. He charged them with the duty of seeking out a suitable building or plot of ground for this purpose.

Bill Taylor and Matt Simon were appointed to represent the council at Sister Kenny's Fund Meetings and Tony Rusciano was appointed our representative to the Cerebral Palsy Drive.

Lecturer Joe Milo, in addition to presenting suitable programs for the entertainment of the council members at the conclusion of the meetings, conducted at 60-40 raffle at each meeting to help defray the cost of refreshments served after the meetings. Tickets were \$1.00 each.

Chaplain Father Joseph Driscoll, expressed the pleasure of Father Begley, Father Ed and himself at having a K of C Council in their parish.

A filing cabinet was purchased for the sum of \$45.

## Calendar of Events

- May 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21 ..... Work Parties
- May 6 ..... Chaplain's Nite
- May 13-15 ..... State Convention
- May 20 ..... Evening Out
- May 21 ..... Swim Club Open
- May 22 ..... Golf Tournament
- May 31 ..... Volleyball Open

### MONTHLY MEETINGS

- 1st Mon. .... Council Officers
- 2nd & 4th Mon. .... Regular Meetings
- 3rd Mon. .... Swim Club
- 1st Wed. .... 4th Degree Officers
- 2nd Wed. .... 4th Degree Color Corps
- 3rd Wed. .... 4th Degree Regular
- 4th Wed. .... Council Committees
- 1st Thurs. .... Expansion Committee
- 4th Thurs. .... Columbian Club
- 1st Fri. .... Chaplain's Night

## Editor's Corner

### WHAT GOD HATH PROMISED

God hath not promised  
Skies always blue,  
Flower-strewn pathways  
All our lives through,  
God hath not promised  
Sun without rain,  
Joy without sorrow,  
Peace without pain.  
But God hath promised  
Strength for the day,  
Rest for the labor,  
Light for the way,  
Grace for the trials,  
Help from above,  
Unfailing sympathy,  
Undying love.

## Tumbleweed Invitational

The May Flowers should be in full bloom when 68 of the steadiest Duffers from Union Council 4504 take to the beautifully flowing greens of Cranbury County Golf Course on Sunday, May 22nd.

A field of 17 foursomes will begin teeing off at approximately 10:15 a.m., while television coverage will begin at 3:00 p.m. EST.

The winner of this tournament will sit atop the money list for 1977 after pocketing a near record \$20. Many big names will be there. It is hoped, however, that they remember to bring their golf clubs. Among the favorites will be Tim Havden, last year's HA winner, Ron Matuziak and Ray Reilly, last year's accuracy winners and a host of newcomers. The early leaders in the clubhouse could come from Pete Martin or Art Reinhard. Other prizes will be posted at the 1st tee.

Directions to Cranbury will be posted at the bar in the hall between May 8th and May 22nd.



## Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Edward M. Swierzbinski

We continue an examination of the Sacrament of Penance — (From notes sent by Office of Divine Worship)

WHAT DID I DO?

WHY DID I DO IT?

HOW CAN I DO BETTER?

How often in the past did we dash into Church and if no one was in the confessional, we'd go immediately to confession? No preparation, no awareness that sin affects others adversely, no examination of conscience, no appeal to God's mercy, no grateful praise for forgiveness?

Before our private confession of sins, one of two approaches will be important:

**Pray first.** The word of God will be a valuable help to you in reflecting on the goodness, the holiness, the justice of God, the sufferings of Christ.

**Join the group assembled at the hour of celebration of Penance to hear portions of God's word,** illustrating the call to conversion, the mystery of reconciliation through the death and resurrection of Christ through the gift of the Holy Spirit. This second approach makes us very conscious of the social nature of our sinfulness, reminds us of the mutual help we give to one another by praying in common, and affords a greater chance of true contrition as the result of preparation — calling to mind the sins choose not to face up to or prefer to neglect.

Leaflets are available in examining your conscience. The ten commandments alone are not enough. Rather the two commandments of Christ — upon which the ten commandments are based — are more wide-ranging and are more sensitive in the probing of one's life as a Christian. One of the things that tended to make the Sacrament of Penance less fruitful in the past was the limited and shallow examination often used.

This examination of conscience is not a lot of numbers regarding lesser faults as though they were a grocery list; but rather, a recognition that this or that fault had put in deep roots, and it is time to shape up our attitudes towards it and our plans for the future.

Sin has to be treated and evaluated on more than external actions. Our actions are generally symptoms or signs of basic attitudes, motives which prompt almost everything in our lives.

We must go beyond just listing our actions to the question "Why?" For it is here that we get to the heart of our lives and place before God the exact weakness that needs to be healed.

First Friday Mass is beautiful — **Come! See! Share!**

### First Friday Series

On May 6th at 8:00 p.m. Union Council will present Father Sylvester Livolsi as our guest speaker. The subject will be "Mary and the Sanctuary of the Spirit". Father Livolsi is from Branchville, New Jersey. All are quite welcome to attend.

## Knight of the Month



JIM McENROE

Our recipient for Knight of the Month has been a member of our council for four years. Jim has served on various committees prior to becoming admissions chairman. He has been very busy this year interviewing more than 70 applicants. Jim has been a member of the bowling league for four years and is presently captain for his team, "The Ohmen".

In the past, Jim a Vietnam veteran, has helped with the Wheelchair Brigade at Lyons General Hospital. He also worked on the K of C Park in Union.

Jim is employed as an electrician out of Local 52 I.B.E.W. and recently used his skills with the Expansion Committee.

Jim is a communicant of St. Michaels Church in Union. He is also a member of the J.F.K. General Assembly Fourth Degree.

We are pleased to name Jim McEnroe Knight of the Month for May 1977.

## Volleyball News

On Tuesday, March 1st, 1977 a player draft was held at the Counsel Hall for the 5 Team Men's Volleyball League. Positions for the draft were chosen by lot with the Farmers Captain Art Reinhard getting the top choice and picking Joe Bizarro. Joe was quoted as saying "I will not sign for under \$1 million." The remainder of the first round went as follows: the Rockets Captain Scott Pemberton went for height and chose his 6 foot 6 inch brother Jeff, the Knights Captain Tim Penk drafted Steve Penk to keep things in the family; the Crammers Ron Matrale drafted Marty Farrell Jr.; and the Nutcrackers Gary Guthreau went for the best available player, taking Ray Caswell. All are looking for multi year contracts.

In all, fifty players were chosen and Spring Training will begin on Sunday, May 1st at 1:30 behind the Council Hall. The regular season will begin on Tuesday, May 31st. Please come out and support us.

For all women interested, there will be a meeting of the Girls Volleyball League on Wednesday, May 11th at 7:00 p.m. Please make every effort to attend!

## The Natural Law

The Natural Law is not a precise code imposed on us from the outside. It is rather a universal and changeless part of man's nature. It contains the elementary rules of conduct that all men of all times must be abided by and which can be discovered by the proper use of man's reason.

The first principle of the Natural Law is that "good is to be sought and evil avoided". From this flows secondary principles that men instinctively know in a rudimentary fashion, such as 1) God is to be worshipped, 2) Justice must be served, 3) Stealing, murder, adultery are to be avoided, 4) Parents should be honored, 5) Human rights are to be respected. All through history the words and actions of men have testified that the Natural Law must be the foundation for all human law and activities.

Anthropologists point out that even the most primitive of peoples adopt some form of worship. They also display some belief in a hereafter where they will be held accountable for their deeds on earth. Cicero, the great exponent of Roman Law, held that the Natural Law cannot be altered, amended or restrained by any human power.

The possibilities for peace and order in the world are breathtaking if person after person develops and applies the untrapped potential for good that his Maker has deeply rooted in his very nature.

## People Helping People

Alexian Brothers Hospital, Elizabeth, is looking for people with a few hours to spare — especially recent retirees — to become a part of its expanding volunteer program.

Volunteers are especially needed to help transport patients around the hospital and work in the Gift Shop.

Mrs. Maureen Keller, director of volunteers at the hospital said the Volunteer Corps is one of the newest and most involved in the area, and has openings for "people who want to help people."

Further information about becoming a part of the expanding volunteer program at Alexian Brothers Hospital can be obtained by calling Mrs. Keller at 351-9000, ext. 515, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

## Special Notice

On May 23rd, 1977, the regular council meeting for the Columbian Club, the annual meeting, will be held. The election of Columbian Club officers and directors will be determined at that time by a plurality vote.

Fraternally Yours,  
Columbian Club President  
Martin J. Farrell