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YOU CAN STOP LIBERALIZATION OF NEW JERSEY ABORTION LAWS

During the past six years the movement to liberalize abortion laws has increased steadily throughout the nation. To date seventeen states have changed their laws to permit abortion on request, or for reasons of health. Statistics indicate that over 165,000 abortions have been performed in New York, with almost half of the women coming from other states.

The Catholic Bishops of the State of New Jersey have on two occasions clearly stated their opposition to the liberalization of the abortion law. Last September they supported the efforts of the New Jersey Right to Life Committee to alert the community and the Legislators of our State to the evils of permissive abortion laws. The enthusiastic cooperation of the public and the clergy on that occasion helped to tie up the Crane Abortion Bill in committee, thus preventing a vote in the Legislature.

Our efforts at promoting the sacredness and dignity of life must continue with renewed vigor. **THERE ARE STRONG INDICATIONS THAT FURTHER ATTEMPTS WILL BE MADE TO INTRODUCE A NEW PERMISSIVE ABORTION BILL FOLLOWING THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS.** It is therefore imperative to alert our Catholic people to the problem at hand.

Last year, the New Jersey Right to Life Committee observed September as RIGHT TO LIFE MONTH in opposition to pressure for liberalization of the New Jersey State Abortion Laws and in upholding the sanctity of human life. This program met with tremendous success: The Crane Bill recommending sweeping

abortion liberalization failed to win the "expected" legislative support and was thus remanded to committee. Pro-Life forces united throughout the State to organize BIRTHRIGHT. This is an emergency counselling service offering positive alternatives to abortion for any distressed pregnant woman, regardless of race or creed.

Since last year pro-abortion forces have turned their attention from the legislature to the courts, claiming that abortion laws are unconstitutional because they (a) are vague; (b) infringe upon the woman's rights to do what she wants with her body; (c) represent only the viewpoint of a minority — usually meaning Catholics. (There is presently a case to this effect pending before the New Jersey Supreme Court. A judgment has not yet been rendered.)

There has been an increase of propaganda maneuvers for abortion liberalization. For example: (a) abortion is now a matter of "civil rights"; (b) abortion is a basic plank of women's lib organizations; (c) abortion is necessary as a solution for over-population, ecology and "equality of life".

Pro-abortion forces have made great inroads with our national government calling for national councils of population control and two-child families with tax repercussions. (Presently Senator Packwood of Oregon has submitted a bill — S-1750 — calling for a national abortion reform law. **(The two New Jersey Senators should be contacted concerning opposition to this bill.)**)

This November the entire New Jersey Legislature is up for election. **All can-**

didates must be informed and polled concerning the Right to Life. There are reliable indications that following the elections legislation to reform or to repeal New Jersey abortion laws will be pushed. All candidates must be made to realize the strength and determination of pro-life forces in **this State and that this question of Right to Life is an essential part of their political campaign for election. To keep informed.** Respond to the propaganda of the mass media. Be alert to the activities of the over-population groups in the community, **and especially in the schools. To become politically involved.** Contact the legislators and make known your position respectfully, but firmly. **To spread the message of BIRTHRIGHT.** Despite our strong opposition to any unjust attack on the Right to Life, we must be equally committed to the personal and social issues which make abortion seem the answer to the distressed, pregnant woman. **THIS IS WHY WE HAVE OPENED THE BIRTHRIGHT OFFICE.** Birthright believes that BOTH the woman and her unborn child are worthy of assistance and protection. BIRTHRIGHT, A POSITIVE ALTERNATIVE TO ABORTION, HAS BEEN OPENED BY THE NEWARK CHAPTER OF THE NEW JERSEY RIGHT TO LIFE COMMITTEE AND IS LOCATED AT:
290 Mt. Prospect Ave.
Newark, New Jersey 07104
Telephone: Area Code 201-485-1677
MORNINGS — MONDAYS THROUGH FRIDAYS — FROM 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.
EVENINGS — TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS — FROM 7 P.M. to 9 P.M.

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CALENDAR

Oct. 11 Regular Meeting
1st Degree
Oct. 16 St. Michaels' Monastery
Retreat 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Oct. 25 Regular Meeting
Speaker — Howard Leary
Oct. 27 ... Program Directors Meeting
Oct. 30 Halloween Dance
9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Nov. 8 Regular Meeting
Speaker — Joseph Willmore
JFK General Assembly meets at
the Council Hall every 3rd Wed. at
8:30 p.m.

Youth Bowling

The Youth Bowling League got off to a lively start at the Four Seasons Bowling Alley on Saturday, September 11. Over 70 children signed up for the League and our Grand Knight was there to roll out the first ball. Once again our very capable Youth Chairman Bruce Bentz had things well in hand. We were happy to see some of the fathers and better still a few brothers who have no children pitch in on opening day. We appreciate their support and hope to see more of them every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Here's to a great bowling season!

Charles Kraemer
Director of Youth Activities



My Brother Knights:

On August 23, the First or Admission Degree was exemplified at our council home. To my new Brother Knights Donald EICHORN, Joseph GARRUBBO, Salvatore LUIZZA, Edward MAJESKI Jr., Abe POLTRICITSKY, Raymond REILLY, John SALVATORE and John SULLIVAN. I most cordially welcome you and urge your attendance at our meetings and your active participation in committees. You are now part of this great Catholic Fraternal organization. Help it to grow and perpetuate its principals.

October we celebrate the birthday of Christopher Columbus, the seaman of Genoa and the Catholic discoverer of America, from whom we acquire the name Knights of Columbus. It is fitting and proper at this time to stop and reflect on the principals of the order CHARITY, UNITY and FRATERNITY. These principals are the foundation stones on which the Knights of Columbus was established. CHARITY may be defined in many ways; Act of loving all men as brothers because they are sons of God; An act or feeling of affection or benevolence; Almsgiving, Lenience in judging men and their actions. UNITY: State of being one; Harmony; Accord; Continuity without deviation or change as in purpose or action. FRATERNITY: State of being Brothers; A body of men associated for their common interest, business or pleasure; A Brotherhood. It sometimes appears that in an organization as large as Union Council, these principals are pushed aside for one reason or other. Let us all stop at this time and pledge to rededicate ourselves to practice the principals of the order and to work in Harmony for the betterment of Union Council 4504. In order to do this we must be ready to exercise Charity to our brothers, overlooking his human frailties, and Unity by working together with Esprit de corps.

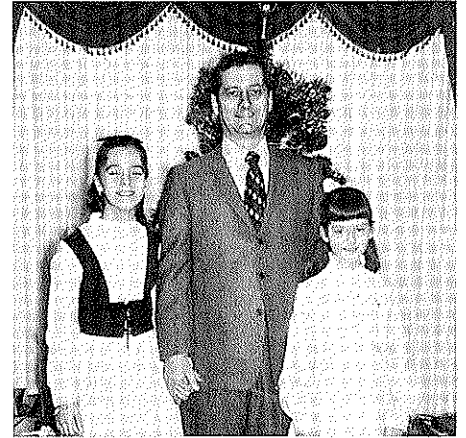
Monday, Oct. 25 is the date chosen by our Director of Catholic Activities Mike La Medica to a Living Rosary at the council home. Our Chaplain, Father McKeon, will lead us in this prayer in honor of the Blessed Virgin. Take this opportunity to participate; I assure you it will be a most gratifying experience.

Sunday, Sept. 5 over 800 Brother Knights and their families attended the council picnic. We can not let this opportunity pass without a word of sincere Thanks to Brothers Rocco Corbo, Leo Lupio, Walter Senko and the members of the Summer Activities Committee. The festivities marked the end of the summer, which came all too soon.

FRATERNALLY YOURS:
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Knight of the Month

October 1971



For the month of November, Anthony (Tony) Piatkiewicz has been selected as Knight of the Month.

Some of us know him as the Friday night bartender, others remember him on their first time over the interviewing table. This past year he has an additional hat with The Columbian Club in keeping the books.

Tony is a graduate of Seton Hall University. He is employed by the Union Center National and has the position of cashier in the branch at Union Center.

He resides at 1947 Haines Ave with his lovely wife Jeannette and two daughters Lennore and Jeanne, Marie.

Congratulations to Tony Piatkiewicz in joining the worker's club.

Financial Secretary's Corner

Just a word to those members of the Council who have attained the status of Senior Citizen. If you are 65 years of age and have served **25 consecutive** years in the Order you are eligible for an HONORARY membership status in the Order. This form of membership results in the payment of \$5.00 per year. If you feel that you are eligible for this type of membership please contact me and we will make application to New Haven for you.

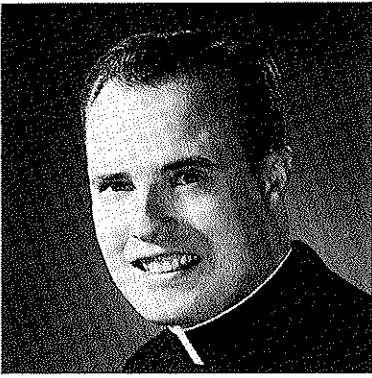
May I direct a word to our Brothers who change their place of residence. It is very important that I be notified of any change of address of a member along with your change in telephone number. This is not only necessary for accurate record keeping, but will allow for a smooth flow of both written and telephone communications between the Council and its membership.

I can be reached at 1367 O'Mara Dr., Union, N.J. 07083. My telephone number is 687-4353.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on any problem you may have in relationship to your membership in Union Council.

Fraternally yours,
Frank J. Dickerson PGK
Financial Secretary

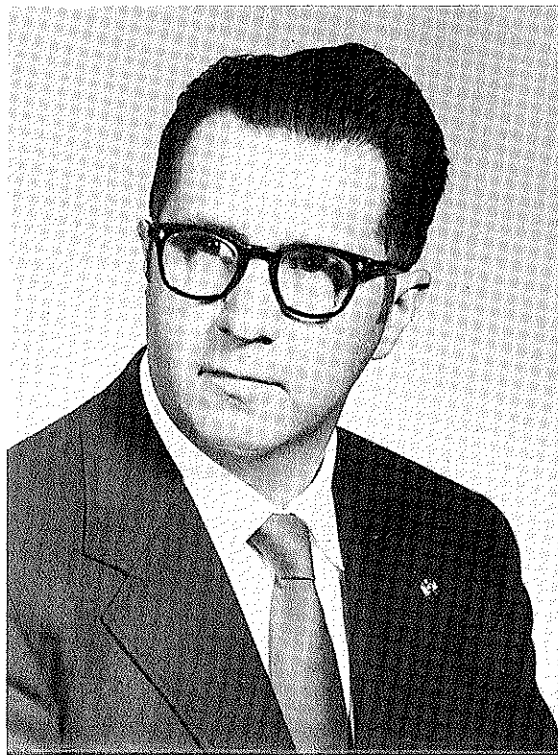
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Chaplain



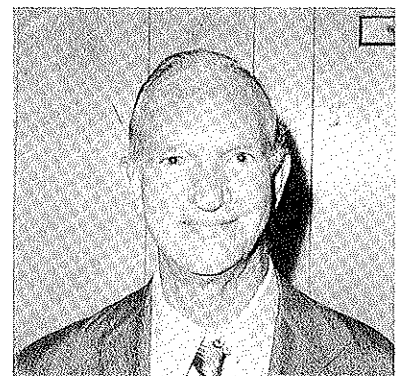
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Deputy Grand Knight
Wife — Myrtle
Employed — Broker-Fountain Realty



Dominick Clementoni
Grand Knight
Wife — Lorraine
Employed — Esso Research & Eng. Co.



Michael Tomko
Chancellor
Wife — Helen
Employed — Worthington Corp.



William Renner
Warden
Wife — Betty
Employed — Schering Corp.



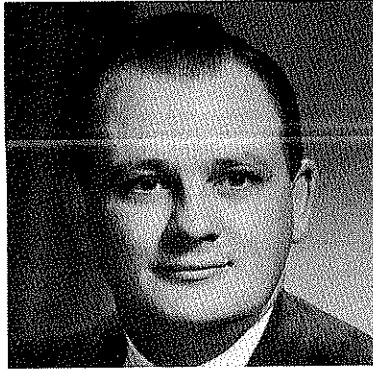
Raymond Sullivan
Recorder
Wife — Ann
Employed — Linde Corp.



John Winters
Treasurer
Wife — Betty
Employed — Irving's Auto Body



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Program Director
Wife — Millie
Employed — Callahan Equip. Co.



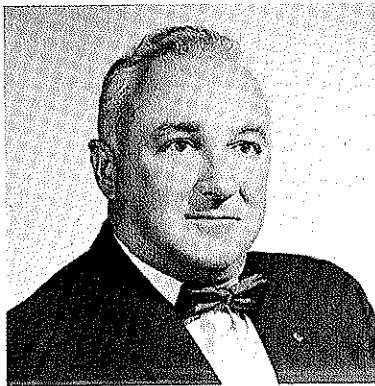
Frank L. Dickerson PGK
Financial Secretary
Wife — Mary
Employed — Singer Kearfott



Michael A. LaMotta
Inside Guard
Wife — Martha
Employed — Federal Reserve Bank



Robert Yavorski
Outside Guard
Wife — Patricia
Employed — Singer Kearfott



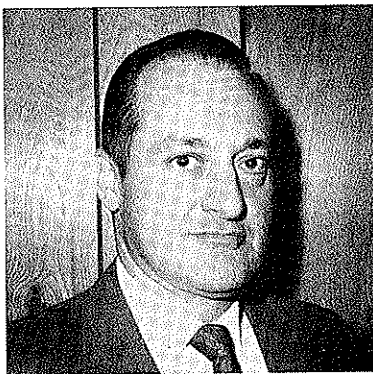
William E. Taylor PGK
Lecturer
Wife — Lillian
Employed — Public Service



Robert T. Hillock, Jr.
Membership Director
Wife — Peggy
Employed — Western Elec.



James Conlon
Advocate
Wife — Joan
Employed — Attorney-at-Law



Robert E. Armstrong PGK
Trustee
Wife — Marie
Employed — Linde Corp.



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Trustee
Wife — Ruth
Employed — Berkley Savings & Loan



Julian Pruszkowski PGK
Trustee
Wife — Pat
Employed — Inter Chemical Corp.

Chaplain Report

I am very happy to have this opportunity to introduce myself as Chaplain to the Union Council, #4504, Knights of Columbus, Union, N.J.

The following are a few biographical details: I was born and raised in the Valley neighborhood in Orange, attended Our Lady of the Valley school, graduated 1955. I attended Seton Hall for beginning my studies for the priesthood; went to Darlington Seminary for my philosophy and theology courses. I obtained a degree as "Bachelor of Sacred Theology" from the Catholic University in Washington, D.C. I was ordained May 25, 1963. My first assignment was Saint Rose of Lima, Short Hills. Next assignment was Blessed Sacrament, Newark, in 1968 and came to Saint Michael's in Union as associate pastor in March 1969.

Besides my parish duties, I am director of the following: Catholic Youth Organization, Confraternity of Christain Doctrine, Altar Boys Society, Spiritual Director of Boy Scout Troop #69 and Member of the Advisory Board of the Union Township Recreation Dept.

My official date of appointment as

Chaplain was July 14, 1971, and I have enjoyed these few months of association with my brother Knights. I feel, to be with my brother knights socially, is part of our fraternity. What I would like to emphasize is that I feel in Christ we certainly have our brotherhood and our unity, one with another. No man lives as an island, that is, no man is isolated from his fellow man; we are social beings and, as Christians, our togetherness is heavily underscored by the Lord Jesus in the message he gives us in the gospels. We can grow in our Faith and in our Commitment to Christ because the fraternity and brotherhood the Knights of Columbus has, adds, deepens and increases that which we all enjoy as baptized Christians; it fits so well into all the richness that is your precious treasure the Holy Catholic Faith.

I would like to compliment the membership for the excellent turn out for the prayers for Don Brown and Ernie Hannig. Don and Ernie were outstanding members of St. Michael's parish and also beloved and esteemed members of the Knights of Columbus.

Now, I would like to put a plug in for Mike LaMedica's program: the Knights of Columbus Christian Formation Course. Mike brought this up at the August meeting and, in these days when everyone is asking questions about their Faith, the Knights of Columbus have given us an excellent program. I hope many of the Knights will get in touch with Mike and avail themselves of this opportunity. The course envisions small groups of men (6 or 8), using the pamphlets that are supplied by the Knights with the aid and assistance of a discussion leader.

Since I have been at St. Michael's just shy of three years, many do not know me or of me, but I will certainly try to serve you all to the best of my ability. I view my role as Chaplain as a brother to all members and their families.

Let us look forward then to a year that will be pleasant and socially rewarding, but most important, spiritually enriching for all of us, keeping in mind that the Knights of Columbus is a Catholic family, fraternal, organization and in that proper order.

Sunday Afternoon Happy Hour Returns

Commencing on Sunday, October 17, 1971; the Columbian Club of Union Council 4504 will conduct a "Happy Hour" in the Columbian Club Lounge from 3:00 p.m. till 5:00 p.m.

During the period of time designated for the Happy Hour, the normal operation of the bar will be modified, in order to present the "Happy Hour" as a specialty.

During the "Happy Hour" all — Drinks — will be 50¢ each. They will be individually mixed to order. No Draft Beer will be sold during the Happy Hour. Snacks and/or Hors d'Oeuvres will be served with the compliments of the Columbian Club.

This event was well received by our members and their guests last year. The Special Events Committee, under the direction of Pat Brilly are issuing a cordial invitation to come and participate in a pleasurable Sunday afternoon respite with your wives, sweethearts, guests and brother Knights.

The complete schedule of Happy Hours is as follows:

- October 17, 1971 (Piano by Len Manzie)
- November 28, 1971
- December 19, 1971
- January 16, 1972
- February 20, 1972
- March 19, 1972 (Special Program)
- April 16, 1972
- May 21, 1972 (Final Happy Hour)
Art Reinhard

Could You Part With a Pint?

Once a year, each and every member, of Council 4504, is asked to part with one pint of blood for the Council Blood Bank.

This year, Nov. 21, 1971, Sunday afternoon, between the hours of 12 noon to 5:00 p.m. we will accept blood donors. The main council hall will be prepared for this function.

On this day we will have Doctors, Registered Nurses and Aids. They will supervise the drawing of blood. "All's we need is your body."

After you donate a pint of blood you will be fed a roast beef dinner and refreshments. So we take a little and we give a little.

If you cannot give blood for some reason, that doesn't disqualify from helping out. We need servers, dish washers, waiters, bartenders, etc. This is not a one man operation. We need "all of you".

Remember: this Blood Bank Drive is for you. Make no mistake as to who it helps. It helps Council 4504 and its' immediate family. In today's time and age we must help each other whether it be with friendship or monetary, with a sacrifice of time serving the committee or a pint of blood. Together we will form a better union — in union: with God's help

HALLOWEEN DANCE

30 October 1971

9 p.m. — 1 a.m.

Dress — Informal — Casual — Costume
Prizes — Music

Come In Your "GHOSTING" Best.
Get Into The Right Spirit of Things
At Your Favorite "HAUNT"
Union Council 4504

Come & Enjoy Yourselves.

Only \$8.00 A Couple.

Call Herbie Kay

for Reservations 688-6452

Help Needed

Retired Brother Knight looking for room and board in private home. Please contact Joe Billieska — 687-0827 or Barney Capriglione — 687-1566.

One Day Retreat

A One Day Retreat will be held at St. Michaels Monastery at Union City on Saturday, Oct. 16th from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Lunch will be served. Please call Michael La Medica at 688-7936 for further information.

Lecturer's Program

The speaker for the October 25 meeting will be Union Council's most distinguished member, the father of our council and our charter Grand Knight, Howard R. Leary. His subject will be "Property Tax and Exemptions". Howard is eminently qualified to speak on this topic since he has served Union Township in the capacity of Tax Collector since his election to the post in 1959. He was voted in to the position in ensuing elections and subsequently acquired tenure in the job. He is 1st vice president of the State Tax Collectors Ass'n. and a member of the Executive Committee. Howard initiated, assisted in the writing of, and campaigned for the passage of the bill giving tenure to Tax Collectors in the state of N. J. He has also assisted in the writing of the text for the Rutgers University course for Tax Collectors, which every one must pass if he is to gain tenure in the job.

Howard was born in Jersey City, attended parochial grammar school there and St. Michael High School in Union City and Regis H. S. in N. Y. He attended Seton Hall University. Prior to answering the call to the political arena he was area sales mgr. for Lever Bros.

As a past Grand Knight of Carroll Council in Union City, the organizers of our Council, recognizing his great

talent, as one of the leaders of the movement, wisely chose him to be the charter Grand Knight of Union Council in 1957-58. He was re-elected in 1958-59 and is the only G. K. to hold two terms of office in the history of our Council. He was subsequently appointed by the State Deputy as a District Deputy, a position he held for two terms serving the State Officers with great dignity and aplomb.

Howard lives at 1263 Coolidge Ave., with his lovely wife, Evelyn and three of their five offspring. Timothy, a recent grad of Union H. S., Maureen, a student at Union H. S. and Brian, a student at Burnett Jr. H. S. Howard R., Jr is married and a member of Nutley Council. Son Dennis is married and a resident of Florida.

The speaker for the first meeting in November, on the 8th, will be another of Union Council's talented members, brother Joseph Willmore. Joe is essentially foreign to these parts, having been born and raised in the Bronx. He was educated in Sacred Heart Grammar School, Manhattan Prep and Manhattan College from which he acquired a Bachelor of Science Degree.

Joe finally saw the light and became a "citizen" of Union when he married his charming wife Joanne, a localite.

They reside at 832 Savitt Pl., Union with their two sons Joseph age 5, and James age 3.

Joe had been employed by Columbia Broadcasting System for eight and one half years during which time he was production Supervisor for such shows as: "Dial "M" for Music" for one and one half years, and the launching of Apollo 12. Joe has some interesting stories to relate concerning that Apollo mission since he witnessed the module being struck by lightning at take off from Cape Kennedy. Joe's vantage point was the press headquarters which was two and one half miles away. An interesting note, however, is that had the Apollo 12 blown up, it would have destroyed everything in a five mile radius.

Brother Willmore is currently employed by Benton & Bowles Advertising Agency, as Associate Producer for the past 2½ years of the show "As the World Turns." His presentation will concern the mechanics of putting a show together.

Correction — Please Note

The Director of Council Activities, Roy Trupiano's phone was listed erroneously in last months Digest issue. It should be 687-8497.

Random Thoughts

Inflation is what makes the waiter ask if you'll have the \$3.50 lunch plain or toasted . . . It is easier to organize a conference on the quality of the environment than to stoop over and pick up a gum wrapper . . . The way most fishermen catch a fish is by the tale . . . Boy, saying prayers as father listens, "And please send some clothes to those poor ladies in my daddy's magazines" . . . Anyone who can swallow a pill at a drinking fountain deserves to get well. . . Nothing seems to make a shopkeeper more unpleasant than cheerfully returning your money . . . If you want your wife to pay attention to what you say, address your remarks to another woman . . . One of the new miracle drugs is inexpensive — that's the miracle . . . Shuttle service to the moon is predicted by the end of the 1970's. Some simple way to get to work and back will, of course, take longer . . . Years ago when you asked, "Is it a boy or a girl?" you were looking at a baby . . . A lot of people just can't stand prosperity, but then most people don't

have to . . . If there's so much hate in the world, how do you account for the population explosion? . . . Soon there may be a new TV show about British policemen who don't carry guns, just whistles. It will be called "Stop or I'll Toot" . . . It is frightening to think about the shape the world's in. If Moses came down from Mt. Sinai today, the two tablets he would carry would probably be aspirin . . . Who is the member that sits in our council lounge after meetings, buys a box of pretzels, then sells singular ones for a penny each to his "friends" . . . You can't change the past, but you can ruin the present by worrying about the future . . . Enthusiasm is the sparkle in your eye. It is the swing in your gait, the grip in your hand, the irresistible surge of your will and your energy to excite your ideals. Enthusiasts are fighters. They have staying qualities. Enthusiasm is at the bottom of all progress. With it there is accomplishment, without it there are only alibis.

Jim Moran

Seventh and Eighth Grade Essay Contest

The theme of our Council's Essay Contest this year is: WHAT IT MEANS TO ME TO BE AN AMERICAN OR A CITIZEN OF THE U.S.A. Children of brother Knights in the seventh and eighth grades, as well as seventh and eighth grade students in St. Michael's and Holy Spirit Parochial Schools are invited to participate. The composition can be hand-written, printed, or typed, and can be furnished on either lined or unlined 8½ x 11 inch paper. A title page bearing the student's name, address, phone number, grade and school is required. The essay should appear on only one side of each sheet of paper and should be at least 200 words in length. Judging will be done on the basis of (1) content, (2) neatness, (3) spelling and (4) punctuation. All compositions must be submitted to Bruce Bentz or Charles Kraemer at the Council Home by mail or in person not later than December 31, 1971.

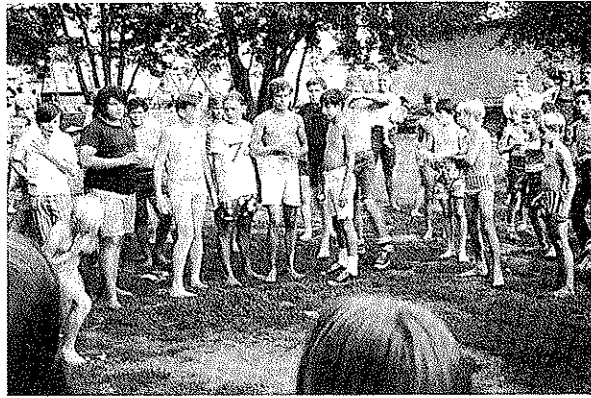
Sports on TV at Columbian Club Lounge

The Columbian Club would like to remind it's members that it has provided TWO COLOR TELEVISION SETS for the enjoyment of the members of Union Council 4504 and their guests. In addition to the normal reception an additional long range antenna has been installed that enables us to receive a **Good Signal** from the Philadelphia Area. Reception of both UHF, and VHF, both local and distant can be achieved by the use of a "Rotor" associated with the antenna.

With one TV set located in the bar and another in the RECREATION ROOM two different programs are available. (It is not necessary to use the bar to avail yourself of the Recreation Room TV.) Since the use of the Recreation Room for meetings or other business functions is TABOO — please feel free to pre-empt any activity of this type should you want to use the Recreation Room and its facilities. When there is an event of significant interest the Special Events Committee will have the Club doors opened early enough to see the event from the starting time.

Art Reinhard

THE LABOR DAY PICNIC — BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE "CANDID CAMERA."



"Calling All Thespians"

In late February, Union Council hopes to present the Broadway Production of Auntie Mame. The cast and staff will all be members and family of Council #4504. Hopefully, an organizational meeting will be held the first week in October and casting will begin about the 3rd week of October. All interested parties please call Joe Willmore at 687-5715.

Children's Ice Skating Bus Ride

On Saturday, November 20th, the first Ice Skating-Bus Ride to the South Mountain Arena will take place for children of Brother Knights. The fee (which includes bus fare) is \$1.80 per person, and, children under 9 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. For those needing skates, these can be rented for 70¢ per pair at the arena. Buses will leave from in front of the Council Home at 1:30 p.m. and return around 5:15 p.m. Reservations for this affair must be made by means of a permission slip published in the Knights Digest. Copies of The Digest will also be available at the Council Home. The signed slip should be returned to Bruce Bentz or Charles Kramer at the Council, either by mail or in person, on or before November 12th to insure adequate transportation. However, the fee will be collected on the bus the day of the affair.

PERMISSION CERTIFICATE

To: Chairman, Youth Activities Committee
Knights of Columbus Council No. 4504
1034 Jeanette Avenue
Union, New Jersey 07083

I hereby give my permission for my (son) (daughter)

.....to participate in the K. of C.
Ice Skating-Bus Ride Activity, and for the K. of C. Council No. 4504
to summon medical assistance should the above named child require
any emergency medical treatment by virtue of any accident or injury
sustained while participating in this activity.

.....
(Signature of Brother Knight)

Child's Name Age.....

Address Phone.....