

GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE

At that time, there went forth a decree from Caesar Augustus that a census of the whole world should be taken. This first census took place while Cyrenus was governor of Syria. And all were going, each of his own town, to register. And Joseph also went from Galilee out of the town of Nazareth into Judea to the town of David, which is called Bethlehem—because he was of the house and family of David—to register, together with Mary his espoused wife, who was with child. And

it came to pass while they were there, that the days for her to be delivered were fulfilled. And she brought forth her first-born Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were shepherds in the same district living in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold an angel of the Lord stood by them and the glory of God shone round about them, and they feared exceedingly. And the angel said to them,

“Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which shall be to all the people; for today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you, Who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign to you: you will find an Infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men of good will.”



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Blood Bank Set for Jan. 5th.

Union Council's reinstated Blood Bank program will launch itself on Sunday January 5th from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. Bill Zurich, Fraternal Activities Chairman has everything arranged just waiting for YOU to show-up.

Anyone from 21 to 59 can give blood and over 18 with the parent's consent. Donors should also be brother members or members of their family. Enough time has been allotted for all to be taken care of, but if there is a particular timing problem, call Bill Zurich at 688-9474 and he will arrange an appointment.

Our Blood Bank is just about depleted and it will be necessary to build-up a rapid supply. At least 150 donors are needed to participate on January 5th. A roast-beef dinner and cocktail will be served to each donor. Donors should refrain from food for 4 hours prior to showing-up at the Council, particularly from milk, cheese, eggs, etc.

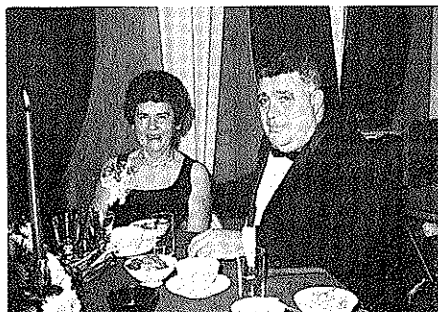
We cannot stress too much the need for an overwhelming turnout on Blood Bank Day. It may be you or your family that will be in need next. Please don't let us say no to anyone. Both you and your wife will never miss the blood, but it's like money in the bank. So plan NOW to be available on Sunday January 5th between 12:30 and 5:30.



RUSS COEN AND HARVEL LEWIS HONORED AT SNOWBALL DANCE

The Annual Snowball Dance honoring Past Grand Knight J. Russel Coen and Past Columbian Club President Harvey Lewis was a glamorous social success. Superb decorations and music enchanted the sell-out crowd; and a special thanks goes to Larry Kuntz's septuagenarian mother who made all the floral decorations.

Numerous gifts were presented to the Guests of honor and their wives. Shown above is J. Russell Coen PGK and his wife as they relaxed during the evening. Below, Harvey Lewis and his wife are shown during a pause in the activity.



EDITORIAL

RIGHT TO PRY?

Does a citizen's right to privacy supercede the Government's need for information? This is a question which we will have to face in 1970 when the government plans its next census-taking. The Census Bureau plans on including 120 mandatory questions in the census, failure of which to answer would carry a possible \$100 fine or 60-day jail sentence.

In the 90th Congress a bill was introduced to limit the mandatory questions to seven to wit: Name and address, relationship of head of household, sex, date of birth, race or color, marital status, and visitors in the home at the time of census.

That bill died in subcommittee though sponsored by 47 congressmen. Plans are to reintroduce it this coming session.

The purpose of the census is to count people - not T.V. sets or toilets. We all know that information transmitted to any governmental agency has a way of finding its way into private hands. This move towards Orwellianism should be stopped at the grass-roots - by you. Write your Congressman.

— Safety Tip —

APPROACH INTERSECTIONS
WITH CAUTION

ICE FORMS QUICKLY
FROM CARS STOPPING

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CALENDAR

Dec. 31

New Year's Eve Party \$20.00/couple

Jan. 1

Feast of Circumcision

Jan. 2

Columbian Club Meeting

Jan. 5

Blood Bank at Council

Jan. 12

Corporate Communion Breakfast—Light Breakfast at Council

Jan. 13

Reg. Council Meeting — 8:15 p.m.

Insurance Program—Gus Cawley

Jan. 15

Reg. Meeting—4th Degree

Jan. 23

Columbian Club Meeting

Jan. 26

Reg. Council Meeting — 8:15 p.m.

"How to Burglar Proof Your Home"

Capt. Don Ebert—Det. Walt Leamy

Talk and Film

Feb. 1-3

Winter Weekend—Kass Inn \$120.00/couple

Feb. 15

St. Valentine Dance

New Year's Party.

Why travel to out-of-town expensive places for New Year's Eve when for a nominal fee you can stay close to home and enjoy an evening with old friends?

Union Council's Annual New Year's Eve Party supplies a full night at only \$20.00 per couple — and tickets are still available. Call Larry Kuntz or Herb Kay for reservations. You'll be glad you did.

Random Thoughts

by Jim Moran

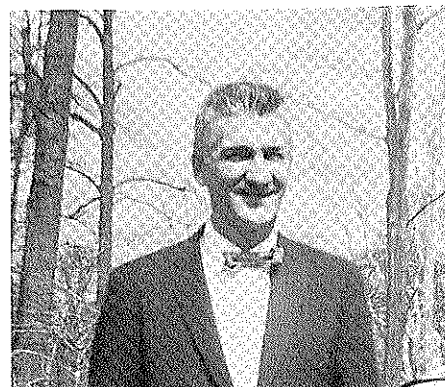
Bear in mind that children of all ages have one thing in common, they close their ears to advice and open their eyes to example...I saw a girl who was built like a telephone building, every line was busy...A lot of molehills become mountains when someone adds a little dirt...A Canadian football player has shoulder length hair: Does he go "tiptoe through the backfield?"...Some people are always with the "in" crowd: In debt, in doubt, in trouble...If the meek inherit the earth, who will drive the trucks and buses?...Show us a spot on earth where we are not in a jam and we'll show you an uninhabited cave...Out of the mouths of babes come words we shouldn't have said in the first place...Will-power is the ability to eat one salted peanut...Why do they deduct so-much from your paycheck? Well sin has its wages, virtue its rewards. Somebody's got to pay for it...The best combination of parents is a father who is gentle beneath his firmness and a mother who is firm beneath her gentleness.

Little things: Little drops of water, little grains of sand, make the mighty ocean and the pleasant land. Thus the little minutes, humble though they be, make the mighty ages — of eternity...When we have picture phones and dial wrong at least we'll have the satisfaction of speaking face-to-face with a recording...Have you heard about the CIAA? Its an organization of secret drinkers...On a modern campus, when a student goes to see the Dean, it's the Dean that worries that he has done wrong...Learning about women is like being a beginner at poker, It'll cost you money to learn the game...An old philosopher says the trouble with good advice is that it usually interferes with our plans... There are few cases of mental indigestion what with the brain seldom being over-worked like the stomach...As I interpret the Supreme Courts guide lines on police interrogation,, if the motorcycle cop asks you where the fire is, you don't have to tell him...Thirty years ago most people thought that television was impossible; and lots of people still do...Tact is what it takes to explain how the baby resembles both parents...Every era has its crises but todays papers suggest that there is no tense like the present...Man is still the most expensive, all-purpose computing system that is capable of being mass-produced by unskilled labor.

George Arnold P.G.K. was seriously injured when he was accidently pushed under a rail car at the Path Terminal in Newark. His right arm has been severed along with other multiple bruises. He is in intensive care at St. Michael's Hospital.

Knights of the Month

DECEMBER



ARTHUR J. REINHARD JR.

Our Knight of the Month for December is one of those genial fellows who can always be seen doing something around the Council, either tending bar, working for the swim club, or assisting at affairs. An affable and popular guy, Artie Reinhard is well-deserving as Knight of the Month.

He Resides at 820 Pinewood Rd. in Union and is a communicant of St. James Church in Springfield, along with his wife Peggy and three children; Tom who is enrolled at Rider College and Dennis and Theresa who go to Union High.

Along with Council activities, Artie has been active for years in the St. James Little League and the Union Little League. Also, until recently he was the "voice of Pop Warner" having announced their home games.

Artie is employed by the Bell Telephone Co. in Millburn. He has been with Bell for 22 years and holds the position of Supervisor. Our best goes to Arthur J. Reinhard for his long over-due selection as Knight of the Month for December.

CATHOLICS in ACTION



Once again, Union Council presented itself at Lyon's Hospital on a Sunday morning to assist in wheeling non-ambulatory patients to mass. This dedicated group has never failed to honor its obligation. Shown above l. to r. front are Mike Romeo, Hank Smit, Pete Genova, and Mike Tomko. Back row; Bob Pankuck, George Byrne, Bruce Bentz, Matt Potrusiak and Lou Denesh. Not shown is Ray Sullivan, who took the picture.

GIFTS FROM GOD

GOD, for Christmas I want: Strength and courage, and a renewal of faith, that I may perform kindly and unselfishly each hour of the day. May I pass to others the many blessings that you have given to me. Cleanse me in mind and heart my Heavenly Father and give to me clear vision. Teach me tenderness toward the weak and ill, and make it easy for me to be kind and considerate, towards all with whom I come in contact. Each new day may I dedicate my life anew to thee, and to those who most need me. Give me patience, humility, a devotion to the highest ideals and help me to live the triumphant life from day to day, meeting all emergencies with courage and no complaints.

Dear Father, walk with me, and talk to me, no matter where I may be. Forgive me all my transgressions, all my errors, mistakes, and unintended injuries, in any manner, toward others. May I emulate the teachings of Jesus Christ while upon His brief ministry here upon earth. I pray for simplicity in my personal life and tolerance toward all, misjudging no-one. Whether there be sunshine or not, may this be a good and useful day to me and to all others. Lord, help me to bear in mind that "the sunrise has never failed us yet" and that all who call upon Thee, the Father of us all, are sure to be heard and blessed.

J. Kenneth Roden discusses Junior Achievement



Shown above is Mr. Roden who is Executive Vice-President of the Eastern Union County Junior Achievement Program, as he addressed members of Union Council at a recent meeting. Mr. Roden also showed an award-winning film which explained, in an entertaining manner, the workings of the Junior Achievement program. Entitled "Opportunity Unlimited" and narrated by Frank Gifford the film was an excellent portrayal. Mr. Roden stated that "Junior Achievement teaches youngsters that nothing comes free; that they (students) do not have rights but responsibilities." In further discussing the programs Mr. Roden explained that nationwide there are 7000 companies with over 200,000 students involved. The Junior Achievement office is at 1203 E. Broad St. in Elizabeth.



E Scriptis Equitis Magni

December is the twelfth month of the secular calendar. It also starts the Holy Season of Advent, the birthday of the Church, the beginning of the calendar for the Church year. This series of events signifies to us the coming of Christmas Day, the birthday of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

During this Holy Season let us blend the old with the new, the decrees of Vatican II with the cherished traditions of yesterday, and the secular spirit of giving with the religious spirit of "Peace on earth, to men of good will". This we can do if we put our minds to it.

Is it not fitting that in this Holy Season — so reminiscent of our origins — we should be mindful of our heritage and the trust it imposes on us? The price the Pilgrims paid for survival, the bloody feet of Valley Forge, the thunder at the Alamo, Gettysburg, the Argonne, at Midway, Bastogne, Pork Chop Hill and the Ho Chi Min Trail.

Let us be grateful for our heritage, for a little pride is the wellspring of courage. Let us endure unflinchingly whatever sacrifices we are called upon to make to defend our free institutions from the night of communism, which is bent on undermining our faith in ourselves. Let us rely not on the gold in our vaults but on the iron in our blood. And let us cling like ivy to the faith of our fathers until, in God's good time, all men are free.

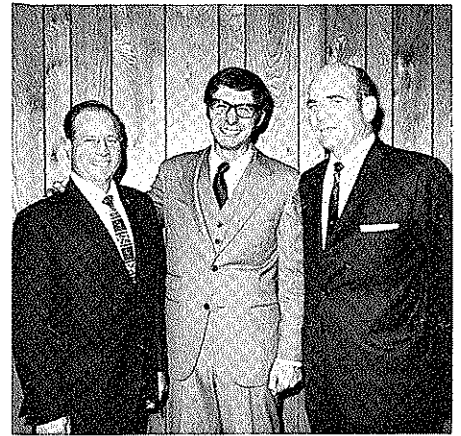
May I, your Grand Knight, along with my wife and son, wish you and your families the most blessed Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

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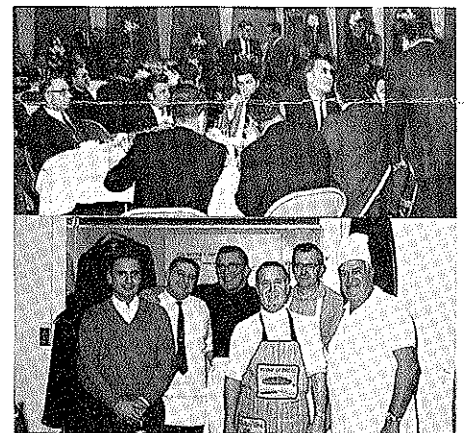
KRESKIN PUTS COUNCIL UNDER SPELL



KRESKIN, mentalist par excellence, visited Union Council as a guest of the J.F.K. General Assembly, 4th Degree, and to a sell-out audience, performed his usual mental feats in the first part of a two-part program. In part two however, Kreskin successfully hypnotized up to 30 people at one time — a feat that would have to be seen to be appreciated. It was all on the level, I assure you, because one of the 30 was the Editor's wife!

Shown above congratulating KRESKIN on his marvelous performance are Al Petraca on the left, Chairman and Dr. Alfred E. Gras. Dr. Gras represents the New Jersey Diabetic Association's summer camp for diabetic children. Proceeds of this affair are to go to this worthy endeavor.

DINNER MEETING DRAWS DELIGHTED DINERS



The Annual Mass and Dinner meeting was, as usual, a sellout as Council members partook of Spiritual and physical food as they sat down and broke bread together. Shown above are a few of the brothers as they relaxed for a pleasant evening. Shown below is the kitchen crew who made it all possible. Orchids go to l. to r. Bob Basmadjian, Skip Sully, Frank Weber, Gus Armstrong, John Boyle and Sal Tavaglione.