



# Knights Digest



Union Council 4504

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## Christmas Blessings



## COLUMBIAN CLUB

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Dear Brothers,

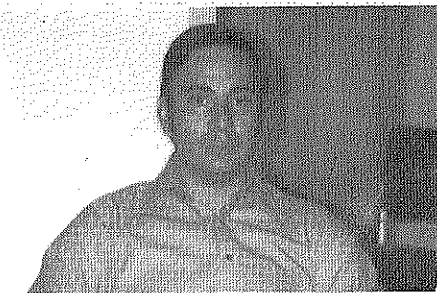
As of January 2, 1974, the Snack Bar Committee will accept bids for the managerial position of running our Snack Bar this coming summer. Contracts have been written by this committee and applicants should please contact Lee Linfante, Jack Bruno or Art Reimers.

A contract has been prepared by the aforementioned committee for the daily clean-up of the patio area. Anyone who is interested please contact one of the Columbian officers mentioned above.

On behalf of the Columbian Club, I would like to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,  
James E. Ford

### Knight of the Month



**ROBERT BASMADJIAN**

Robert Basmadjian has been selected at the latest Knight of the Month, a selection well deserving.

Brother Bob, presently is our Council's building maintenance supervisor, a Director of the Columbian Club, a member of the Swim Club, and had for many years served as a bartender. He was instrumental in promoting the installation of the macadam table pads located in our picnic area and has for the past few years assisted in maintaining the grounds of the picnic area. Occasionally Bob can be found lending assistance to the kitchen crew.

Bob and his lovely wife Clair reside on Tyler St., Union. They are the proud parents of two children, son Robert 15 attends Union High School and daughter Barbara 14, attends Burnet Junior High School. He and his family are communicants of St. Michaels Parish.

Bob is a salesman for the Clearfield Cheese Company.

It is indeed honorable to add to our list the name, Brother Robert Basmadjian — Knight of the Month, Council 4504, December 1973.

## Notes on Membership

The Formation Degree was conferred on eligible candidates, at Union Council on October 29, 1973. There was a total of 22 new 2nd Degree Brothers in attendance from Council 4504. Also in attendance were 2nd Degree Candidates from councils in the surrounding area.

On Friday evening, November 9th, a Major Degree was conferred on a total of 45 2nd Degree Brothers, 22 of whom were from Union Council. Their names are as follows: John E. Alcamo, Carl F. Anello, Leonhard Balling, Paul J. Bentivegna, Frank J. Czarniak, George N. Davies Jr., George F. Hoadley, Louis A. Izzi, James M. Mc Enroe, Salvatore Massimino, William F. Matlosz, Henry F. Maulbeck, Ralph Merlucci, Vincent J. Minneci, John Pacheco, James L. Rudowski, Dennis J. Sauer, Thomas F. Sauer, Francis D. Scalza, Mark J. Swetley, Thaddeus A. Ziegert, and Frank M. Colantuono.

Congratulations, Brothers your journey to Knighthood is complete. Wear our emblem proudly, and be a credit to our great organization. BE INVOLVED!

### Swim Club News

As all good things must come to an end, so it was with the Columbian Swim Club Pool when the last "work party" buttoned up the pool. A good turn-out of volunteer workers performed the necessary work of dismantling and storing the equipment and deck furniture for the winter.

Swim Club President Andy Tobia, announces the following appointments to the Columbian Swim Club Board of Governors for one year terms:

Appointed by the Grand Knight, Union Council 4504: Vincent Iannuzzi, and appointed by the Columbian President, Lee Linfante.

Membership Committee Chairman Bill Taylor, requests that any Columbian Swim Club Member, who does not plan to renew his membership in the Swim Club for the 1974 season, to PLEASE NOTIFY HIM NOW or as soon as possible, when they know they are going to withdraw. This will give our Brothers, on the waiting list, ample opportunity to raise the necessary fees, and prior time to making commitments causing them to pass up a chance for membership this year and revert to the bottom of the list.

The Board of Governors unanimously voted for Frank Gagliano to manage our pool for the 1974 season, and our beloved Wally Moutner will be back as gateman.



Brothers:

Down through the ages from the Three Wise Men to the present time, mankind has been searching for a sign, from someone, to lead the way. We come to the feet of our Leader, the Baby Jesus, and know that He is, our way.

At this joyous season do nothing but enjoy your loved ones and all the things you hold dear. This is the wish we have for you, from myself, my wife Helen, and all in our family to each and every one of you and yours. Merry Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

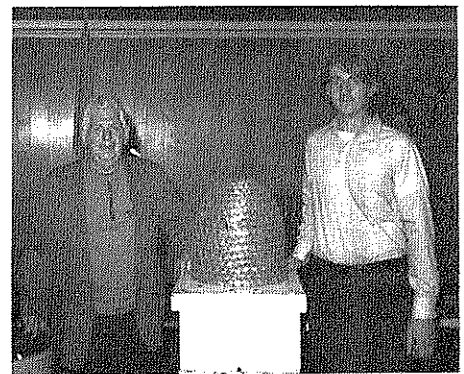
Fraternally,  
Michael A. Tomko  
Grand Knight

### Children's Christmas Party

Brothers as the joyful season of Christmas draws near, so again does our annual children's Christmas party. This year's party will be held on Sunday, December 16th, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the council home. All our Brother Knights' children or grandchildren up to 9 are invited. Brothers, you are kindly asked to bring one gift for each of your children attending, to be distributed by Santa Claus. I would request, that you please print clearly your child's name. Santa and his helpers will serve your children refreshments and entertainment will be provided. Please contact Ed Izbicki or me before December 12, so we can have an accurate number. Have a Merry and Holy Christmas and a Happy New Year. Santa's helper hopes to see you Dec. 16th and your children.

Youth Chairman  
Dan Neroda 382-9177  
Co-Chairman  
Ed Izbicki 372-7249

### Bees Come To Union Council



On October 22, 1973 Conrad Oberle of Union gave a short talk on beekeeping. He also showed a film and demonstrated some of his beekeeping equipment. Conrad owns and runs his beekeeping concern on Indiana Street in Union.

### Calendar of Events

Dec. 1 .....	Honor Ball (PGK)	Dec. 31 .....	New Years Eve Party
Dec. 10 .....	Regular Meeting	Jan. 14 .....	Regular Meeting
	Christmas Dinner 7:00 p.m.	Jan. 18 .....	Annual Swim Club Meeting
Dec. 15 .....	Columbian Club Appreciation Night	Jan. 19 .....	Bohemian Nite Council Dance
Dec. 16 .....	Children's Christmas Party 2:00 p.m.	Jan. 26 .....	Swim Club Dance
Dec. 30 .....	Family Services 9:05 a.m.	Jan. 28 .....	Regular Meeting
	St. Michaels, Lower Church (Return to Council for Coffee and Cake)	Feb. 11 .....	Regular Meeting
		Feb. 16 .....	Valentine Dance
		Feb. 25 .....	Regular Meeting



**Chaplain's  
Corner**  
Rev. Edward M. Swierzbinski

Christmas means many things to many people. To us it should mean — Jesus Christ is Lord —

1. The name Jesus — means "God is saving". Here we tie in all of salvation history, which finds its climax in the Incarnation Mystery (Christmas — God becomes man) and the Paschal Mystery (Easter — Jesus dies on the cross and arises from the dead — for us.) God saves man and man must cooperate to be part of that saving action. Books have been written about salvation history, but words to remember are "believe" and "repent". In prayer it means that I must include the words, "I am sorry" and "Jesus must increase and I must decrease".

2. This sets the stage for the meaning of Christ — "The anointed one". Scripture tells us how Jesus Christ was led by the Holy Spirit and gives us His first gift — The Holy Spirit. As His followers, led by the Holy Spirit, cooperating with the Holy Spirit we say yes to God everyday of our life — we imitate the Blessed Virgin Mary's — "Let it be done to me according to Thy will". This means that we are willing to listen and to adjust as God requires.

3. Once we think and pray about Jesus Christ we know what the Lord means. Lord means "Kingdom". In Christ God, the Father, establishing the pilgrim people of God, builds the Body of Christ — the Catholic Church. Here our use of the Christ — builders — the Sacraments play a key role. Through the sacraments, daily prayer, and reflection we become serving lovers of God's people, as they are, warts and all.

These are the thoughts, the meaning of Christmas — Easy to read, tougher to live. May you all at this time and through the New Year — learn and practice the meaning of Jesus Christ is Lord in your daily lives.

Father Swierzbinski

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**Announcement  
Christmas Dinner  
Meeting**

Launch the Holiday season by attending the Christmas Dinner Meeting. Come and enjoy your brothers.

Date and Time — December 10th at 7:00 p.m.

Price — \$2.50

Menu — Good and substantial

Tickets — At the Council Home — Any of the Officers — Contact Frank Jordan — 688-7103

Please help the committee by not waiting to purchase tickets at the very last moment — help us to insure ample portions and a successful dinner.

**CARDINALS CORNER**

**REPORT OF  
WASHINGTON D. C. TRIP**

The J.F.K. 4th Degree trip to Washington D.C. on the 10th and 11th of November was an outstanding success. There were over seventy-five persons who participated including Sir Knight Congressman Matt Rinaldo F.M. 1st N. J. District, A. Morse and his secretary Knight Ray Jobst. The entourage departed from Union Council Home at 7:45 a.m. on the 10th and arrived at the motel in Virginia at 1:00 p.m. Shortly thereafter we started our tour of Washington. Our first stop was the J.F.K. Art

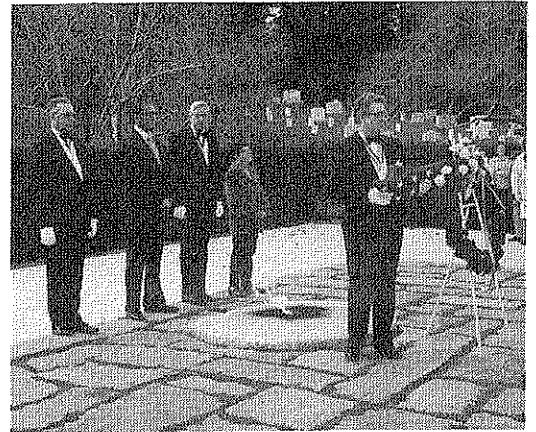
Center for lunch and a look at the beautiful edifice dedicated to President John F. Kennedy. After lunch a tour of the Capitol was in order and we were met by our own special tour guide and taken for a complete tour of the Capitol and its environs. We then returned to the motel for a short rest prior to going to dinner. The Hospitality Room was opened for the Brother Knights and their wives for refreshments prior to the dinner. Dinner was at the Sheraton-Carlton Hotel and was attended by fifty-six of those in attendance. The veal cordon bleu was a repast as only French chefs can prepare. After dinner the buses returned to the motel and the Hospitality Room was again opened until the wee hours of the morning. Singing, dancing and general merriment was the order of the evening. Sir Knight F. N. Thomas Laffey drove down to be with us and arrived to be with us for the remainder of the trip. Sir Knight Bruce Bentz and his lovely wife, Nancy, also drove down Saturday night. On Sunday morning we departed the motel to attend mass at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. The lower crypt church was turned over to the J.F.K. Assemblage for a special mass. Sir Knight Matt Rinaldo and Sir Knight Homer Dukes joined us at the steps of the Shrine and let us into the mass. After mass we were conducted on a private tour of the Shrine by the son of our Master Johnathan Morse, a student teacher at Catholic University. We then took a tour of the Franciscan Monastery a few short blocks from the Shrine. The highlight of the trip came with the wreath laying ceremony at the J.F.K. Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery. Ordinarily buses are not permitted in the Cemetery but we were given VIP treatment and were met at the gate by the Superintendent of the Cemetery and our buses were escorted to the J.F.K. Memorial Site. Police cleared the area for our people and the Company Q. Color Corps personnel. The wreath was borne by the F.M. Al Morse, F.N. Tom Laffey, his son Michael Laffey, Secretary Sir Knight Ray Jobst, and Sir Knight Matthew Rinaldo. The eulogy was given by Sir Knight F.N. Tom Laffey with short briefs given by the Master and Sir Knight Matt Rinaldo. Four flowers were plucked from the wreath and after introductory words by Sir Knight David Schardien explaining their meaning, they were borne by the son of the F.N. Tom Laffey to the gravesite of Robert Kennedy. After the most impressive ceremonies we were again given a VIP escort with the buses to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier to view the changing of the guard. After this we began our trip back to Union.

I would be remiss if at this point I did not give some special thanks to certain individuals, who without their assistance we could not have had such a successful weekend. First, to Congressman M. Rinaldo who arranged the VIP treatment wherever we went while in Washington; Sir Knight Dave Schardien who arranged our tours so well and kept the Hospitality Room stacked with goodies; Sir Knight Stan Rucki, Company Commander of the Company Q. Color and all the wives who made coffee Sunday morning to help ease some throbbing heads.

From the reactions of all who attended, we anticipate returning next year for a longer and bigger weekend for all to enjoy.

More news next month.

Sir Knight F.C. Leo E. Lupia



Left to right Faithful Master: 1st N. J. District F.M. Alfred Morse, Hon Congressman S.K. Matthew Rinaldo, S.K. Secretary Ray Jobst, Michael Laffey (son) of F.N. Thomas Laffey and F.N. J.F.K. Assembly.



Grand Knight Mike Tomko presents to Past Grand Knight Barney Capriglione the Columbian Award for his term as Grand Knight.

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