



# Knights Digest



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## GRAND KNIGHT TO LEAD MEMORIAL SERVICE

### BLOOD DONOR DAY

In this day of synthetic products which are often superior and less expensive than the original, no one has yet to find a satisfactory substitute for human blood. It can only be obtained by one person giving his blood to another. This is our final public appeal on behalf of our Council Blood Bank.

Arrangements have been made for the Eastern Blood Bank to be at our Council home on Sunday, November 28, 1965, between 1:00 and 4:00 P.M. Your personal and active participation is the only way our blood bank can survive and be successful.

In the past, the blood bank has aided many people who are eternally grateful and it will continue to do so as long as we have loyal and charitable Brothers donating their blood. There is no greater expression of one's love for his brother than in giving of one's self.

Any adult between the ages of 18 and 65, who has not been exposed to a contagious disease and who has not given blood in the last eight weeks, can give blood. We suggest that you fast for four hours before giving blood. Make this the biggest day in our short history.

### MEMORIAL SERVICE

The month of November is Memorial Month. It is a special time of the year set aside in our prayers and hearts for those who have gone before us.

On Monday, November 15, we are observing a Memorial Service in honor of our deceased brothers who have died in the past year. I am sure this beautiful service will be attended by many to show we have not forgotten our deceased brothers.

We would like to publicly invite the families and friends of our deceased brothers to attend this beautiful memorial service.

### MEMORIAL MASS

A Memorial Mass will be offered for all deceased members of the Knights of Columbus, Council 4504, on November 21, 1965 in St. Michael's Lower Church at 8:05 A.M. All Brothers are urged to attend this Mass and to receive Communion. Let us offer this Holy Sacrifice and our Communion for the intention of our dearly departed brethren so that they may ultimately enjoy eternal happiness with Our Lord in His Heavenly Kingdom.

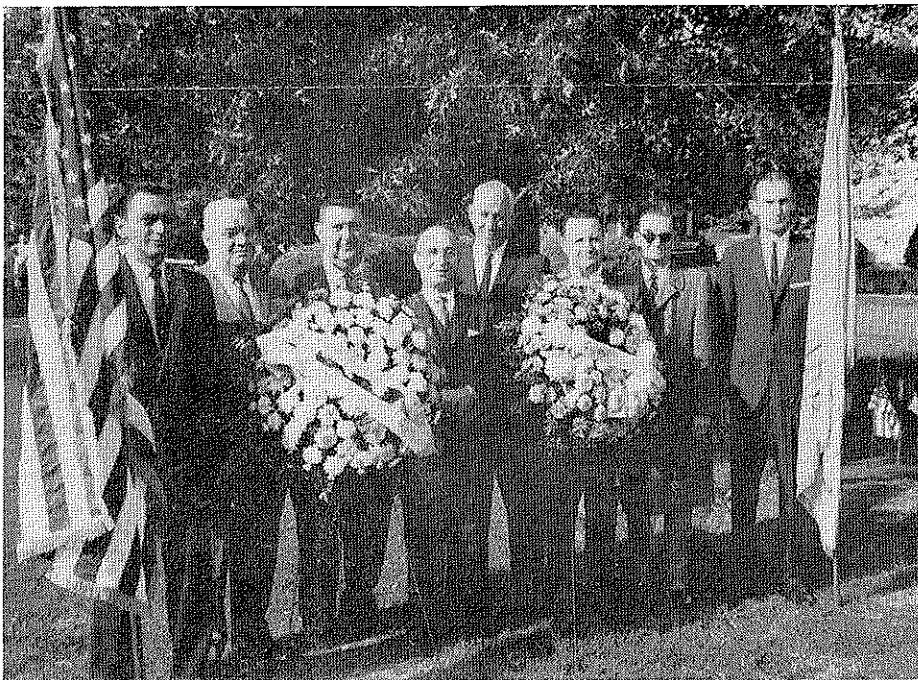
### 250 Attend Meeting to Fight Obscenity

An interesting and hard-hitting program was presented to 185 Knights and approximately 70 guests after the September 27th meeting. Bob Emory, Public Decency chairman for the Council introduced the evening's program. He was followed by Kenneth Becker, co-chairman of a state Knights of Columbus decent literature committee who said, "We are at the crossroads when we have to make a decision as to whether we remain apathetic or arise up as a group . . . The first and fourteenth amendments have been bandied about by a vociferous minority." He went on to state that smut is a two billion dollar a year racket, and pointed out that one of the difficulties in obtaining satisfactory legislation was that obscenity cannot be too clearly defined. For this reason our laws on obscenity are often vague. Before introducing the film on the evening's program, he lamented that our youth were being brought up in a philosophy that the sixth and ninth commandments were unconstitutional.

The film shown was "Perversion for Profit," a deeply penetrating and quite revealing film. Its prime message centered around the effects of obscene literature on our children. Ninety to ninety-five percent of the pornographic material produced finds its way to the children of our nation.

Assemblywoman Mildred Barry Hughes of Union, sponsor of bill A-768 told the group that we must stick together and fight to the finish. We cannot afford to be shocked and then forget it. She then urged passage of her bill that had already cleared the assembly but was currently tied up in committee by the state senate. "Go home and tell your wife what you saw here this evening," she stated, "and then both of you promise to fight this menace." She noted that in New York a similar bill had been successfully passed.

Assemblyman Peter McDonald of Plainfield suggested the "boycott" as the ultimate weapon in this battle. He asserted that obscenity is without constitutional protection.



Officers of Union Council and John F. Kennedy Assembly present wreaths at Columbus Day Ceremony.

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## CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 1st — MONDAY  
Second Degree

NOVEMBER 8th — MONDAY  
Regular Council Meeting —  
8:15 P.M.

NOVEMBER 10th — WEDNESDAY  
Third Degree

NOVEMBER 15th — MONDAY  
Memorial Services

NOVEMBER 17th — WEDNESDAY  
Regular Meeting — Fourth  
Degree — 8:15 P.M.

NOVEMBER 21st — SUNDAY  
Memorial Mass — St. Michael's  
Church — 8:05 A.M.

NOVEMBER 22nd — MONDAY  
Regular Council Meeting —  
8:15 P.M.

NOVEMBER 27th — SATURDAY  
Snowball Dance

NOVEMBER 28th — SUNDAY  
Blood Bank Day — 1:00 P.M. to  
4:00 P.M.

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## COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Each year as we approach the Thanksgiving season, we stop and thank God for our blessings.

It is also appropriate that we give thanks for the blessings bestowed on Union Council over the past years and for the fine leadership given to direct it.

Then it is no wonder that we select this season of the year to honor our past Grand Knight, Frank Dickerson and past Columbian Club President John Pysick, for the fine accomplishments they completed during the years 1964-1965. There is no member of this Council, unless he has held one of these jobs, who can appreciate the hard work, effort and heartache these positions entail.

On November 27, 1965, we will hold our annual Snow Ball Dance in honor of these two deserving Brothers. They have listened to all our complaints and solved most of the Council's problems. Now is the time to show our appreciation by coming out to this affair.

The evening's festivities will begin with a cocktail hour starting at 7:30 and dinner at 8:30.

"SEE YOU ALL NOVEMBER 27."

## DON'T QUIT

When things go wrong, as they  
sometime will,  
When the road you're trudging  
seem all uphill,  
When the funds are low and the  
debts are high,  
And you want to smile, but you have  
to sigh,  
When care is pressing you down a  
bit—  
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.

Life is queer with its twists and turns,  
As every one of us sometimes learns,  
And many a fellow turns about  
When he might have won had he  
stuck it out.

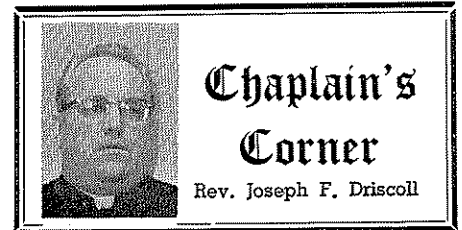
Don't give up though the pace seems  
slow—  
You may succeed with another blow.

Often the goal is nearer than  
It seems to a faint and faltering man;  
Often the struggler has given up  
When he might have captured the  
victor's cup  
And he learned too late when the  
night came down,  
How close he was to the golden  
crown.

Success is failure turned inside out—  
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,  
And you never can tell how close  
you are,

It may be near when it seems afar;  
So stick to the fight when you're  
hardest hit,—

It's when things seem worst that you  
musn't quit.



## Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Joseph F. Driscoll

In this month we celebrate the most spiritual feast of our Country. More than any other event, it reminds us of the spiritual fibre of our early settlers, and gives the lie to the interpretation of American Life as completely secular.

Thanksgiving Day should be of particular note to a Knight of Columbus. He is dedicated to give to American Life the fullness of his Catholic spirit. He is wondrously formed to give evidence of the true meaning of Thanksgiving. The word is a double word of thanks and giving. We list all our personal blessings, the blessings of our Country, our Community, and our Council. In gratitude we wish to give God something for all He has given. However, Our God has no needs and asks nothing of us. His delight is in our imitating His giving. And, so we have our Thanksgiving. The first and best action is to begin the day with participation in Mass, the greatest prayer of thanksgiving where we thank the Father as we give the Sacrifice of His Son. Also, we give ourselves to the serious task of constant prayer for all who need our prayers and sacrifice, that peace may be the object of our later thanking Him.

## BOWLING NEWS

### Council League

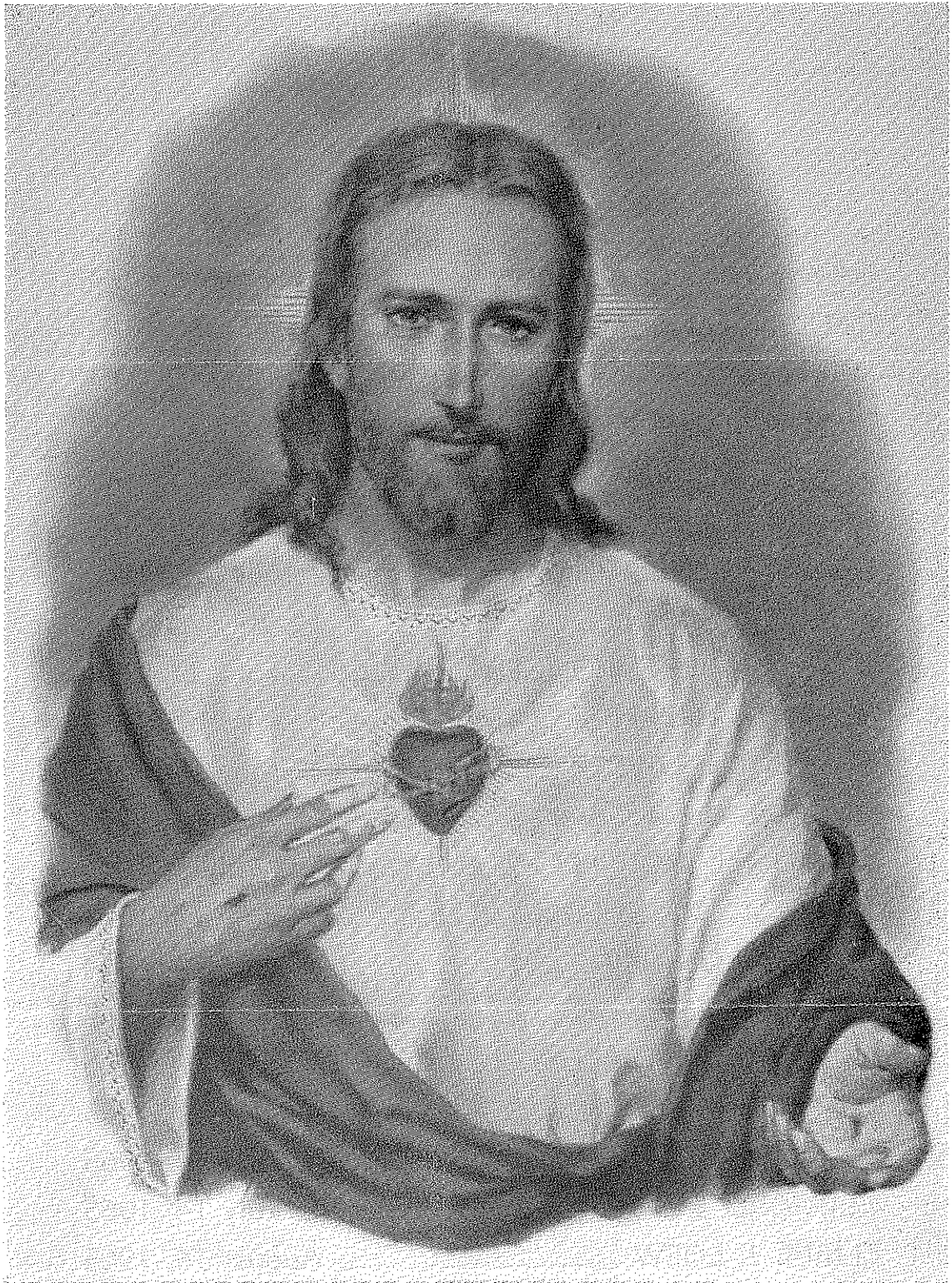
After five nights of bowling, Ben Godesky's Giants are leading the sixteen team league, with the Pussy Cats in close pursuit. Individual honors go to Jimmy Riggi of the Colonials for high average of 184 and high series of 628. High game is held by Bill Ryan, an impressive 267. Walt Burbella, a 182 and K. C. Barbera, 181, are pushing Jimmy Riggi for average. Hank Skarbek's Hambones boast a team high game of 937 and are making their move out of the cellar. All members who are interested in being substitutes on Tuesday nights are invited to contact Rich Bachevski, MU 6-8419.

### Essex-Union K of C "A" League

Union Council Team No. 1, led by Joe Palmucci at 182 and Dan Hall at 182, is tied for sixth place and Union Council Team No. 2, led by John Fleno, is tied for second place in the fourteen team league, after five weeks. At this rate, we are bound to have a contender for league honors come Spring.

### Essex-Union K of C "B" League

Union Council's entry in the "B" League, led by Mike Tomko, is in a tie for third place after four nights of bowling.



MAY THE PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM.

**Dedicated to the**  
**Hallowed Memory**  
**of our**  
**Deceased Brothers**  
Union Council, 4504

RAYMOND VOLLHERBST ..... December 5, 1958  
PAUL A. DUSSEAULT ..... February 10, 1959  
WILLIAM C. FAY ..... May 10, 1959  
FRANK KANACK ..... June 17, 1960  
JOHN S. FUTEJ ..... June 25, 1960  
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RALPH P. HAMPP ..... May 5, 1962  
STANLEY J. NIEBER ..... May 17, 1962  
THOMAS M. McCANN ..... June 21, 1964  
MARTIN J. MURPHY ..... July 4, 1964  
JAMES A. WALSH ..... July 18, 1964  
VICTOR ROSSNER ..... November 6, 1964  
HENRY J. GOLDA ..... December 26, 1964  
WILLIAM J. STREBE ..... April 20, 1965  
JOSEPH P. MILLER ..... May 7, 1965  
CHARLES H. SAKOWSKI ..... June 21, 1965  
CLIFFORD S. SHEA ..... July 14, 1965  
ELMER J. LOEW ..... August 14, 1965  
WALTER J. KIZIU ..... August 22, 1965  
MICHAEL J. LENIO ..... September 2, 1965  
JOHN McCORMICK ..... October 16, 1965

## Grand Knight's Message

B. Warren Hehl



On October 4, 1965, a day that will long be remembered by all, Pope Paul VI made an historic and unprecedented journey to the United States. This day marked a milestone in the history of American Catholicism, for few of us anticipated a papal visit to this nation. However, not only did Paul visit us, a tremendous occurrence in its own right, but he also addressed the United Nations and celebrated Mass at Yankee Stadium. The sight of representatives of many nations paying homage to this humble Vicar of Christ was unforgettable and deeply inspiring. Even Mr. Gromyko and other Soviet delegates, members of a Godless society, shook the hand of the Pope. This gesture of acknowledgement of Paul's position in the secular world by these atheistic countries was in itself worth the visit to these shores. Further kindness and respect were shown when, in a true spirit of brotherhood, other religious leaders also paid homage to the Pontiff.

The crowds that enthusiastically greeted the Pope consisted of individuals of all colors and creeds, ranging from the devout to the non-believer. Millions viewed the Mass at Yankee Stadium with respect and reverence, although in many cases the full meaning of the service was not known. Men set aside their diverse beliefs and convictions, as they witnessed, via television and radio, the offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass by this successor of St. Peter. Never, in the history of mankind has one faith commanded such attention. The message of peace uttered by the Supreme Pontiff was heeded by all, giving testimony to the willingness of men to follow the formula for peace promulgated by the Catholic Church. As members of the mystical body of Christ we share the Pope's mission. Be ready to answer the questions of non-Catholics regarding your faith. If they are interested enough to ask, then be patient enough and willing to secure the right answers. Carry the Pope's message of peace in your heart and live it by example. This is the best way in which the Holy Father's policies can be spread and meet with success. Our pledge of brotherhood to each other as Knights of Columbus is not enough. It must extend beyond the limits of the Catholic Church. The world has shown its willingness to heed Catholic thought — develop this still further with the proper tools — Catholic Action, Education, and Charity.

## MEMBERSHIP

Recently, there had been some discussion on the acceptance of new applications from beyond Union. The financial Secretary pointed out that approximately 90% of the members who live out of town drop out and are not heard from again. This makes me wonder why? We feel that the Membership and Admission Committee screen the candidates well. Could this be the fault of the sponsor or the membership? Once his signature is on the application, that seems to be that, Brothers, that's when you start to show the first order of the K. of C., Charity. Would you allow a guest in your home to roam unescorted? Well, the new member is a guest in the Council Home. Make him your guest, escort him around, introduce him to others, make him feel at home.

Do you know that for every member, new or old, that drops out, we must make it up before we can even try for an award. If we have a quota of 60 and have 10 drop-outs, we must take in at least 70 new members (60 + 10). A point of information, 10 drop-outs is far from the actual number of drop-outs or suspensions we have every year.

## Safe WALKING rules

### Learn and Live Safety Tips

Select a safe crossing place — in a crosswalk or at a corner.

Never enter the street from between parked cars.

Obey all traffic and pedestrian signals.

Wait on the curb until it is safe to enter.

Enter only when the way is clear.

Walk, do not run, so that you can stop in time if you must.

Be especially careful at dusk, at night, or in fog or rain.

Wear white, or carry light objects at night.

Never dawdle or play in the street.

If you must walk by the side of the road, walk facing traffic, as far to the side as possible.

Safety Chairman  
V. F. Squazzo

## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

The knight of the month for November is a newer member of our Council, but it seems like he has always been there.

You will find this brother working as a bartender, houseman, at the Swim Club activities and on the Council Activities Committee.

He lives with his wife, Kay and their three sons Michael, Robert and James, at 2271 Kent Place, Union.

Vince Ianuzzi, congratulations are in order for your election as knight of the month for November and a hearty thanks from all the brothers for a job well done.

## PUBLIC DECENCY

When the "all out" attack against the obscenity laws reached the Supreme Court in June, 1957, the modern court stood its ground and confirmed what had always been "assumed." More important, the high court supplied an explicit definition of obscenity. Known as the Roth ruling, it affirmed convictions of Samuel Roth of New York and David S. Alberts of California both possessors of notorious reputations as pornography distributors. Writing the historic opinion for the majority of the court, Justice William J. Brennan declared: "implicit in the history of the First Amendment is the rejection of obscenity as utterly without redeeming social importance . . . We hold that obscenity is not within the area of constitutionally protected speech or press . . ." The ruling proceeded to this definition: "Obscene material is material which deals with sex in a manner appealing to prurient interest." The test should be "whether to the average person, applying contemporary community standards, the dominant theme of the material taken as a whole appeals to prurient interest."

Since the Roth decision, scores of convictions in obscenity cases, obtained in state and federal courts, have not been appealed to the United States Supreme Court. Records also disclose that from June, 1957 to June, 1965 the highest court has denied review — in effect, upholding the lower courts — in 22 criminal convictions for obscenity-law violations. Little publicity has been given to these statistics.

While these signs are encouraging, some decisions in the trial courts are alarming — cases in which trial judges frustrate prosecutors by refusing to permit the material to go before a jury.

The private attorneys backing the fight against obscenity feel that the Roth case has drawn a clear line of demarcation which no jury will have any difficulty in following. Most of the difficulty, they say, comes from procedural difficulties in "prior restraint" cases where the public attorneys have not met rigid procedural requirements set by the U. S. Supreme Court. The Chief Justice has voiced similar agreement: "Courts are often presented with procedurally bad cases, and in dealing with them appear to be acquiescing in the dissemination of obscenity. But if cases were well prepared with the appropriate concern for constitutional safeguards, courts would not hesitate to enforce the laws against obscenity." The complaint of law enforcement is that most "defects" are revealed by the high court "after the fact."

The New Jersey Bill A 768 will add even more clarity to obscenity law. Write to our State Senators requesting them to have Bill A 768 brought out of committee and given a positive vote. STAMP OUT SMUT NOW!