



# Knights Digest



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## Another First for Union Council

Have you ever wished that you were in Las Vegas? Have you ever wished that you were in Monte Carlo? I'm sure that these thoughts have, on occasion, crossed your mind; and you have said to yourself this is impossible until such time as I acquire enough money to be so extravagant.

Chairman, Bob Heller, in an effort to bring you a diversified area of entertainment, has arranged with his Council Activity Committee a "Monte Carlo Night" in Union Council on February 22, 1964.

If your wife looks at this advertisement, she will probably believe that this is not for "u", since again we need money to participate in these luxurious phrases of entertainment. However, as you would wish, your Council comes to your aid in that we will give you the money sufficient to play the games, such as "roulette", "little neck cage", "dice", and all other related Las Vegas & Monte Carlo style games.

You have never experienced a night such as this, and please arrange on your calendar immediately to take your wife and/or best girl friend as the case may be to this enjoyable evening at Union Council, which is another first for this wonderful organization.

## Knights During Lent

The Lenten Season, a time of sacrifice, meditation and spiritual review, begins on February 12. Now is the season to improve your religious characteristics. Make sure, being a good Catholic is an important element in your individual and family life. Added participation in Catholic Activities is an ideal method. Be a frequent Communicant, and attend the Retreat Day on February 9. Learn in Lent, by being at our Chaplain's series, "Life in Christ", a review of our Holy Faith. Make a note on your calendar to be present at the Annual Father and Son Communion Breakfast on March 15.

## Youth Activities

The first ice skating party of the winter season was held on January 11, 1964, under the direction of Youth Activities Chairman, Donald J. Betz. One hundred and seventy enthusiastic ice skaters attended and had an enjoyable 3 hours skating at the South Orange Mountain Arena. The second ice skating party of the season will be held sometime late in February.

The children's Christmas Party under the supervision of Assistant Youth Activities Chairman, Ed McCormick, was indeed a smashing success. There were 310 children in attendance and an undetermined number of adults. Many thanks to Andy Nadzan who did such a fine job as the man in red. Congratulations to all the members of the committee for indeed a very fine job. This affair was a true act of charity.

## Day of Retreat—February 9

Pope Paul recently followed in the footsteps of Christ by his pilgrimage to the Holy Land. He felt that the intentions of Christian Unity and peace in our time were urgent enough to spend three days praying at sacred shrines. The majority of us can't afford to travel as the Pope did. Some cannot go on week-end retreats, but all can avail themselves of the benefits of a Retreat Day. Visit with God for a few hours on this occasion held by your council, Sunday, February 9, St. Michael's Church, 2:00 P.M. to 5 P.M. It will consist of Rosary, Benediction, Stations of the Cross and talks on religious subjects. All men 18 and over are welcome. Bring a guest. Refreshments will be served at the Council Home after the retreat.

## Pool In 1964???

On Friday, January 17, 1964 the Swim Club held a special status report meeting at the Council Home. Almost half of the two hundred pool-registrants attended. Pool committeemen Stuart, Guidera, Arner, Hehl and Vollherbst formed a panel to present the report which was followed by a question and answer period.

One last drive to attain the necessary 300 registrants goal will end about February 1. Present pool-registrants will contact other Council members during that period. Beyond that time, it becomes too late to conduct another membership drive and still complete the business necessary to have a pool by this Spring. Any member newly interested in the pool must fill in the following coupon (NOW!) Will you belong to a Swim-Club pool in '64?

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## Knight of the Month

September — Larry Pribula  
October — Pete Genova  
November — Henry Chemidlin  
December — Mike Pacyna  
January — Bill Stuart

January seems to be a very appropriate month for our selection for the Knight of the Month, Bill Stuart. Bill has an uncanny knack for being involved in FIRSTS. He is presently chairman of the swim club, which will be the first in this area. Last year, Bill was the chairman who started the Family Life Conferences at the Council home—also a first. Furthermore, Bill was one of the first advocates of a Catholic Discussion Club and was instrumental in starting one. In addition to these activities, Bill is presently a member of the St. James' Holy Name Society and is also a Past President of the National C.Y.O. We feel it an honor to name someone who has such fine Catholic interests as Bill Stuart, for the Knight of the Month.

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## CALENDAR

FEB. 7 — FRIDAY

Family Swim Club Night for all members and their wives — 8:00 P.M. — Council Home

FEB. 9 — SUNDAY

Day of Retreat 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. St. Michael's Church

FEB. 10 — MONDAY

Regular Council Meeting 8:15 P.M.

FEB. 12 — WEDNESDAY

Regular Council Meeting 8:15 P.M.

FEB. 14 — FRIDAY

Regular Council Meeting 8:15 P.M.

## Fraternal Activities

This is a message directed not only to our new Third Degree members but also offered to all members to consider.

You have been asked to join our council; you have accepted the invitation and you have completed the three degrees of Knighthood.

Now it is up to you to add to the organization, to live up to your pledge as a member.

Don't become what is known simply as a "pinet", be a working member of the Council you chose to serve. You can start by volunteering your services to one of the six-point chairmen or by volunteering to assist with any one of the various activities on the calendar.

The Council Activity Group provides a varied program of activities which will furnish enjoyment, entertainment and benefit to the members of the council and their families and friends, at the same time enabling them to contribute the constructive advantages of their many talents and abilities to the program.

The Fraternal Activities group emphasizes the personal relationship of the knights with each other.

The Membership group constantly reviews possible members for the continued strength of the council.

The Public Relations group presents the image of the council to the community and appraises the membership of the development of that image.

The Youth Activity group provides, obtains and maintains services and aids for your community youth. These may be social, athletic, financial, religious, or educational, provided that each improves your youth's morals, welfare and moral development.

When these activities are cared for by only five or six knights the strength of the full body of the council is lost and the organization weakens rather than implements the full council strength.

Read again the foregoing paragraphs, and check those in which you participate. An honest check

gives you an inventory of the council in the area where you have complete control, your own personal participation as a Knight of Columbus.

What about your participation in 459A in 1964? Will you participate in the coming year for a balance of the year?

## The Key to Fullest Knighthood

The season of resolutions is past. Now we may make some brief reflections and see whether or not we have kept our personal and private resolutions.

Columbianism is a varied program of action to provide a balanced activity for Catholic men. Balance is the key of our reflection on what brings success to the individual as a Knight of Columbus.

There are six checks each Knight to vote proper balance of his activities. There is a balance which is close to the success of the council.



Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Joseph F. Driscoll

## Knights!

But the time is here for us to meet with our friends and family at home and to give two other a strong message to yourself and get acquainted with your acquaintances.

## 9:30 P.M. Friday Night

Yes sir, that is just what we need. Knights and their families gather at the Council Home for an hour of relaxation every week. You are invited to come on and renew your acquaintances.

## Grand Knight's Message



Brothers:

Midway through this month, we begin the penitential season of Lent. It is a sad time of the liturgical year, recalling to mind the great sacrifice of Jesus Christ in our behalf. It is a time for sacrifice and self-denial on the part of all of us who profess to be Catholics. It is a season which brings many of us just a little closer to our Lord and Master a little more often.

To many there is no need to direct an appeal to increase your Catholic action, but there are those who are in need of some persuasion and urging. To those, then, do we offer the suggestion of daily attendance at Mass and reception of the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Before you say you can't do it, re-examine your daily schedule. Does it simply mean getting up a little earlier or perhaps taking an earlier bus or train? Make an honest effort to fit the daily Mass in your everyday life during Lent. You will find it is not such a back breaking chore. Sure, you may have to rush through your morning coffee or breakfast as the case may be, yes, even miss it, but do not forget that our Lord fasted for forty days for our salvation.

If your neighbor were to do you a small favor, you would certainly show your appreciation in some way. Why then, can we not show our Lord the same courtesy? Did He not do the greatest favor of all for us by His supreme sacrifice? It would seem we should show our gratitude by increased devotion at least during this Lenten season. Those of you who make a practice of daily Mass can help by trying to enlist some new recruits for this year.

Brothers, let us show the world we are men of Catholic action. Let us support our Catholic Activities Chairman, Jim Moran, who has been unstinting in his efforts to set up a worthwhile and interesting program for you. You will be richly rewarded by your attendance at the various functions. Above all, make every effort to attend Mass daily during Lent. God bless you and yours.

Fraternally yours,

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR

## Bowling News

The season is half over for the Tuesday night House League.

Here are the top five leaders:

|                         | Games Behind |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| 1. Silent Knights ..... | —            |
| 2. Crusaders .....      | 5            |
| 3. Flushers .....       | 5            |
| 4. Good Knights .....   | 5            |
| 5. Some Knights .....   | 5½           |

Richie Bachefski is still leading in high average, 186 and high series 646.

The winners for the Christmas Rolloff for bottles of cheer were: John Burke, Sam Simone, Lou Schmidt, Joe Kenny, Jack McMahon, Bob Holler, Jules Pruszkowski, Phil Spalletta, also Jim Driscoll, Hank Weismantel, Dick Fallon, Jim Lord, Herm Basel and Jim Dunne.

## Benefit Basketball Game

On Saturday, February 15, our Council will sponsor a benefit basketball game. This game will be between two paraplegic teams, one being the N. J. Wheelers. The game will be held at Burnet Jr. High School starting at 8:00 P.M.

The N. J. Wheelers were the second organized wheelchair team in the nation, the first being organized in Kansas City. The Wheelers make their home in Hackensack, N. J. and have been organized some 17 years.

This should be a game of games, so don't be the one to say "Gee, I missed it." Get your tickets now at the Council Home or Kay's Hardware on Stuyvesant Ave.

## Did You Know

There were 310 children at the Christmas Party and 180 at the Ice Skating Party.

Al Dietlein made a 7-9-10 split last month.

## Safe Driving Corner

John Foley

Visibility — a must for safety — can be impaired during a storm. Sometimes the windshield and headlight lenses become coated with a layer of dirt after being splashed in a daytime thaw. When the coating of dirty water freezes on the headlight lenses and the windshield, a serious reduction in visibility follows.

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We have been asked to repeat the list of items that you can carry in your trunk beside the spare tire and flashlight. One of the following might come in very handy — Tow rope, a set of battery jumpers, can of compressed air for that overnight flat (costs about sixty cents), large package of baking soda for fires and something new that retails around \$1.50, a 12 foot hose that is hooked up to the exhaust pipe to de-ice frozen locks and windshields. This last device should be kept in the car proper especially if your trunk lid has a habit of freezing to the car body in extremely cold weather.

## SPECIAL NOTICE

A Family Swim Club Night has been planned for 8:00 P.M. Friday, February 7. ALL Union Council members and their wives are invited to spend an evening at the Council Home which promises to be entertaining, informative and educational. (Free movies too!) Come one — come all, whether you swim or sink.

## BENEFIT BASKETBALL GAME

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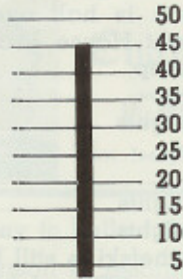
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