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## *Christ in Christmas*

Come ye after me and I will make you to become fishers of men. *Mark 1:17*

Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me?

*John 14:9*

Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's.

*Matthew 22:21*

I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

*John 14:6*

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

*Matthew 6:33*

Tell thy friends, how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.

*Mark 5:19*

Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

*Matthew 4:4*

All things are delivered unto me of my Father and no man knoweth the Father save him to whomsoever the Son will reveal Him.

*Matthew 11:27*

So now I say unto you. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another

*John 13:33, 35*

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## Calendar of Events

Dec. 2 ..... Knicks-Celtic Basketball  
Dec. 5 ..... Parish Council  
(Chaplain's Night)  
Dec. 6. Council Anniversary Dance  
Dec. 7 ..... Family Bowling  
Dec. 8 ... Christmas Dinner Meeting  
Dec. 14 .... Rangers-Toronto Hockey  
Dec. 21 ..... Children's Christmas  
Party  
Dec. 25 ..... Keep Christ in Christmas  
Dec. 31 ..... New Years Eve Dance  
Jan. 9 ..... Communion Dinner  
(Bishop's Night)  
Jan. 16 ..... Swim Club Meeting  
Jan. 24 ..... Swim Club Dance  
Feb. 6 .... Formation of Conscience  
(Chaplain's Night)

### MONTHLY MEETINGS

1st Mon. .... Council Officers  
2nd & 4th Mon. .... Regular Council  
3rd Mon. .... Swim Club  
1st Wed. .... 4th Degree Officers  
2nd Wed. .... 4th Degree Color Corps  
3rd Wed. .... 4th Degree Regular  
4th Wed. .... Council Committees  
1st Thurs. .... Expansion Committee  
4th Thurs. .... Columbian Club

## New Members

The following members have successfully been accepted into our organization upon passing their admission degree:

Robert R. Blake  
Paul T. Daly  
Alfonso J. Falcetano  
Clarence E. Halterman  
Carl J. Landolfi  
John E. McCormick  
Anthony Malinkowski  
Diego J. Martielli  
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Joseph H. Porter  
Thomas P. Pugliese  
William J. Schultz, Jr.  
Michael W. Wellet

## MEMORIES

Following are some excerpts from the first recorded minutes of Union Council. The meeting was held on November 25, 1957 for the purpose of electing officers and enacting some preparatory business prior to the official date of the organization which was declared to be December 2, 1957.

Due to the large class of candidates, the exemplification of the first degree will be conferred in two sections, December 2 and December 9. Candidates and all brothers of the Council will receive Holy Communion at the 6:45 a.m. mass at St. Michael Church on Sunday, December 1, 1957.

Father Driscoll thanked the brothers present for their initiative in forming Union Council, and stated that it is groups such as this, practicing catholic action at home and in business that help to spread the Faith. He congratulated the newly elected officers and pointed out that this council will be as strong or as weak as the members wish it to be. He indicated it is the responsibility of the officers to see that it remained strong.

Brothers John Zimmerman and George Sheridan were appointed to a committee to formulate plans for an affair to be presented to the council at a later date. This was to be our first Council Activities committee.

Due to the large incoming group of new members, Brother James Mahon suggested purchasing name tags to be worn at council meetings to promote a spirit of friendliness and congeniality. It was agreed and the tags will be supplied at the next meeting.

Bill Taylor

## Christmas Dinner

The annual Christmas dinner for Brother Knights will be held on Monday, December 8th at 7:00 p.m. The usual delicious Roast Beef dinner will be served with all the trimmings.

Donation of \$3.00 per member will be collected at the door that evening.

The regular business meeting will follow the dinner.

Mort Picone  
Fraternal Chairman

## Notice

During our next regular council meeting Monday, December 8, 1975 the K of C 4504 Columbian Club will present the following proposals for your approval by majority vote.

1. Approval to allocate no more than \$2,600.00 for a new sound system, to be installed in our council home.

2. Approval to surrender a \$25,000 building expansion certificate held by the Columbian Club.

Peter Kozloski  
Columbian Club President

## Family Bowling

Sunday, December 7th at 2:00 p.m. we will sponsor a father-son, father-daughter bowling day at Four Seasons Play and Recreation Center, W. Chestnut St., Union. Participating price for the three games will be \$2.25 per person. Shoes will be loaned free for players in need. For further information, please call Bruce Bentz — 688-3603.

## Grand Knight's Message

Andrew Popp



Dear Brothers,

The Happy and Joyous season of Christmas will soon be with us. Let us all remember the meaning of this Holy Season when we find ourselves being caught in the hustle and bustle of Commercialism. I, often find myself caught in this scene, and have to stop and bring this Holy Season back into its proper perspective.

This day we Christians celebrate, the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. The primary reason for this Holy Day is to mark the day Christ came to us as the Redeemer of Man. While we all enjoy the gifts we receive via Jolly old St. Nick, let us remember to "Keep Christ In Christmas."

On December 6, 1975, the council will hold its 19th Anniversary with a dance at the council hall. Our annual Christmas Dinner meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on December 8th. Come to this meeting and invite a brother member to come as your guest.

Father Ed's Catholic Activities programs have been a smashing success. The programs, under the director, Henry Mey, have had exceptional speakers with very interesting subjects. If you have not taken advantage of these fine presentations, come out with your wife and you will be pleasantly surprised.

Very shortly we will see the end of the year 1975, and will usher in the new year 1976. With the start of the new year, the officers and chairman of the council will continue to run a progressive council program. We will keep an open mind to what is best for the membership and change with the needs of our brothers. With the help of all you brothers Union Council can continue to be a leader in our society and in supporting our church.

My family and I extend to all the officers and members of Union Council and their families, best wishes for a Happy and Holy Christmas and a New Year filled with success and prosperity.

Merry Christmas  
Happy New Year

Yours in Christ  
Andrew F. Popp

## For Sale

Tickets for the New York Knicks, Boston Celtics basketball game are available. The game will be played Tuesday, December 2 at Madison Square Garden. The ticket price is \$13.00 which includes admission, the round trip bus ride, sandwiches, beer and soda. Contact Roger Schur, at 245-6605 or at the K of C meetings. Tickets on a first come, first serve basis. Bus to depart council parking lot at 5:45 p.m. **promptly.**

On tap for Sunday, December 14, is our first hockey game of the new season, Rangers vs. the Toronto Maple Leafs. Tickets are on sale now at \$11.00 each which includes admission, bus ride, sandwiches, beer and soda. Buy your tickets early for an exciting night at the Garden.

## Blood Bank Success

I would like to extend my appreciation to the sixty-five donors who participated in our Blood Bank Program on November 2nd.

My sincere thanks to the following men who served on the committee:

Joseph Saenger	Henry Mey
Stephen Patrykowski	Edwin Vogel
William Taylor	Herbie Kay
Roger Schur	Andy Nadzan
Dominick Clementoni	Jack Bruno
Robert Schwarz	William Renner
Daniel Neroda	Louis Olivieri
Dominic Quagliato	

Also thanks to Sam Bruzzi for the posters. To Andy Tobia for the bread, and to the Columbian Club President Peter Kozloski and the Columbian Club for refreshments and the use of their facilities.

Without the help of all of these people, this program could not have been successful.

I thank you once again.

Mort Picone  
Fraternal Chairman

## Who That?



Shown in the picture, as they may have looked 10 or 15 years ago, sporting full heads of hair, are P.G.K. Bill Taylor and brothers Mort Picone and Joe Porter. They were kind enough to model the hair pieces provided by Miracle Hair Confers of Elizabeth as part of the Lecturer's Program. The dramatic change afforded by the hair pieces was quickly noted when they were removed at the end of the program and P.G.K. Bill Taylor was heard to exclaim "Oh well, easy come, easy go".

The Lecturer's Program follows the business portion of our regular monthly meetings and covers a variety of subjects that, it is hoped, will provide you with an interesting, informative and entertaining interlude. Refreshments and the chance to socialize with your brother Knights follows. Won't you join us next meeting.

## Wanted

We are in need of the following issues of the Knight Digest: September 1958, January and March 1959, May and June 1961. If anyone can supply any of these to us we would be most appreciative. They are necessary for the completion of the history of our Council. We would also appreciate any photographs or news items from any year. Please date and identify pictures if possible.

Bill Taylor

## Ghosts and Goblins Galore



When did this all happen? On a quiet pleasant Sunday afternoon. Where? In the Knights of Columbus Hall, Council 4504 Union. Listen to this!

Our Grand Knight Andy Popp, Deputy Grand Knight Jim Moran, other officers and brother knights were gathered together in quiet conversation.

Suddenly through the front door of the great council hall came creatures of horrifying descriptions. One was more ghastly than the other. Wherever these creatures came from one thing was certain — they were small and cautious.

The knights stood in stunned silence. Quickly, our youth activities director, Bob Schwarz, having experience with little folks, figured the best way to make friends with these fearsome people from the land of dark was to feed them.

So hungrily they devoured large quantities of ice cream, cake, candy and soda. They seemed to be peaceful but to make sure Bob made another peace offering — a movie.

Representatives from Dracula, Frankenstein, and nearby graveyards seemed to agree. All was well. However, at the end of the movie these fearsome ghouls momentarily took on an air of restlessness.

In a flash the knights huddled together in mortal fear. What to do? We quickly agreed to offer them a contest to decide which of these frightening beings was more horrible than the others.

Dracula seemed to like the idea but he demanded there be five different categories. When we agreed, he leered, with his "toothy smile" and the contest began. It was difficult to make the decisions but five were chosen amid howls, moans and shrieks never before heard.

Would they move on us? Quickly Bob pulled out another movie! Would they accept? We waited anxiously. Yes, they shouted in their blood curdling voices.

Toward the end of the movie the strange creatures seemed sleepy and ready to return to their land of darkness. They quietly slipped out of the great council hall. Everything went silent. The brother knights looked at each other. Beads of perspiration dotted their faces. Without saying a word — the question was on every face.

Will they come back to haunt the council hall next Halloween?  
We'll be ready!

Joe Mellon

## Once A Year

We note with pleasure the ever increasing success of the "Once A Year Club" or annual payer in councils throughout the state. Grand knights and financial secretaries have been encouraging members to pay their dues on an annual basis and most are meeting with outstanding success.

The laws of the Order providing for quarterly payment of dues were quite appropriate when insurance contributions were being collected by the financial secretary. Although the laws have not been changed, the realities of today and the cost of postage make quarterly billing a nuisance for the council and bothersome for the member. A quarterly bill of five dollars or six dollars often seems too insignificant to bother with. The annual bill is preferable because it requires just one check, one postage stamp and it provides one year of uninterrupted membership in the Order.

We commend the council which have instituted the Once A Year Club and predict it will have a most beneficial effect on membership retention.

## Partners

A reminder that the formation of a new dance class is being contemplated some time during January 1976. Interested? If so, contact William Patania — 687-8744.

Learn how to Tango, Cha Cha, Hustle, etc. Be the most popular couple at the Council Dances.

Lessons will be conducted by Trudy Carpignano.

## Swim Club Dance

January 24th the Columbian Swim Club will hold their 14th Annual Dance at the Council Hall. We will feature Country Western Music and a floor show. Dress accordingly.

Cocktail Hour — 7:00-8:00 P.M.  
Family Style Dinner — 8:00 P.M.  
Dancing — 9:00 P.M.-1:00 A.M.

Tickets \$22.00 per couple  
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687-9381





## Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Edward M. Swierzbinski

Of Christmas Thomas Merton writes:

"This day, Christ is born, this day the Saviour has appeared: this day the angels sing on earth . . ."

Christ is born. He is born to us. And, He is born today. For Christmas is not merely a day like any other day. It is a day made holy and special by a sacred mystery. It is not merely another day in the weary round of time. Today, eternity enters into time, and time, sanctified is caught up into eternity. Today, Christ, the Eternal Word of the Father, Who was in the beginning with the Father, in whom all things were made, by whom all things consist, enters into the world which He created in order to reclaim souls who had forgotten their identity. Therefore the Church exults, as the angels come down to announce not merely an old thing which happened long ago, but a new thing which happens today. For, today, God makes all things new, in His Divine Son, Jesus, Our Redeemer.

Think and pray over the above. I hope it will give greater meaning to your enjoyment of the Christmas Holidays.

My best to all Knights and their families. Share love and happiness with one another. Jesus is born today. ALLELUIA!

Father Ed

## Christmas Greetings

With the Christmas season so rapidly approaching, the officers and directors of Columbian Club 4504 and the members of the Kozloski family join me in extending to my brother Knights and their families a most Blessed Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Fraternally Yours,  
Pete Kozloski  
Columbian Club President

## Children and Their Parents

The annual children's Christmas party will be held on Sunday, December 21st from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. All children and grandchildren, of Brother Knights, up to and including nine years of age are invited. The party will be held at the Council Hall.

You are asked to bring one gift for each of your children attending. Gifts will be distributed by Santa Claus. The cost of the gift should not be more than \$5.00 and should have your child's name clearly printed on the outside of the package. Refreshments will be donated by the Council and entertainment will be by "The Fabulous Kenzini" (Magician)!

If you are planning to have your children or grandchildren attend, please call one of the following on or before December 15.

Steve Patrykowski  
687-8083

Bob Schwarz  
964-3007

## Our Voice and Participation in Parish Council

Archbishop Peter Gerety has directed every church in the diocese to establish a working parish council by April 15, 1976.

You may ask, what is a parish council? Who sits on the council & What does the council do and how? How will it affect **you** as a member of your parish?

The priests, bishops, and the pope run the church for the "people of God". That's you. The parish council will provide the people of the parish, through their representatives a voice in how the church will be run along with the priests. Catholic education as well as other areas of our religious life are a current and serious problem. You will have the power to assist in these issues through parish council. If you don't like some things going on or have some suggestions you'll have a stronger base of support than your individual voice.

The details, pitfalls and advantages of the system can be better understood by listening to those who have achieved success in this field. Our Chaplain Father Edward Swierzbinski is going to present such a group on December 5th as part of his first Friday series. We will start with celebration of holy mass at 8:00 p.m., enjoy light refreshments, and a parish council talk and discussion. The program will conclude at 10:00 p.m. Rev. Joel Schevier, Pastor of St. Anastasia's Church, Teaneck, N.J. accompanied by his parish council team will be the above featured speaker.

We feel that the first Friday mass series to date has been very well received by all and thank everyone for their help and attendance.

Henry Mey  
Catholic Activities Chairman

## Abortion Equals Murder

The most shameful blight on American life is the callous killing of the unborn. A survey of the Planned Parenthood Association indicates that 900,000 abortions were performed in the United States last year.

Statistics by the U.S. Catholic conference show that twice that number — 1.8 million unborn infants were destroyed in 1974. Americans must not be misled that the movement against abortion of the unborn is only a Catholic effort. Every religious order including Orthodox Judaism abhor the horror of abortion.

The disastrous supreme court decision in 1973 to legalize abortion caught us flat footed. We are now in a good position to amend that heinous decision; and we must not let up for one moment until this repulsive law is erased from our constitution.

It is not an easy fight, and the Knight of Columbus are in the forefront of this battle. We can only hope that God does not send a devastating scourge to make us realize.

Let us remember that as Christians we must follow the teachings of Christ, and abortion is definitely not what he ever preached. Let us pick up our swords and fight on to victory.

Right to Life Chairman  
Salvatore Massimino

## Knight of the Month



**FRANK DICKERSON, SR.**

This month, a man of fine quality has been chosen to represent 4504 as Knight of the Month for December. Frank Dickerson has been a member of our Council since July 1965. He joined the Council upon his retirement as Business Representative of the Bakery Drivers Union. Prior to his joining our Council Frank was instrumental in lending a hand for the success of many of our charitable functions.

Since joining 4504 Frank has been an active member of the summer patio party programs and the family dinner committee. Every regular meeting he is busy lending a hand in the kitchen. Afternoons he serves as a bartender during our Senior Citizens hours. He is a member of the saturdays (a group of our brothers whose main function is to help others.)

Frank is a member of the 4th Degree. A grandfather of seven grandchildren, a communicant of St. Michaels Church and a resident of Union.

A man of action and results, it is indeed befitting to add to our list of "Knight of the Month" for December 1975 the name of Brother Frank Dickerson Sr.

## A Thanksgiving Thanks

Due to the generosity of our many charitable brothers, eight families enjoyed their Thanksgiving Dinner this year. The request from brother Knights for donations of canned foods and goodies was heard loud and clear. Eight baskets filled to the brim were received.

Most sincere thanks to each of you for your participation in this program of "Thanksgiving".

Mort Picone  
Fraternal Chairman

## Editor's Corner

### MY WISH FOR CHRISTMAS

Friendship is not bought with money,  
Nor is a beautiful thought.  
Even the wealthiest discoverer,  
Some things cannot be bought.  
There's a great warmth in a handshake,  
Or a greeting from a brother K of C.  
That's why I say with convictions,  
"The best things in life are free."  
The best in life is the Charity of Christ  
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