

# Knight Digest

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## CALENDAR

DEC 14 ..... Christmas Dinner Meeting  
DEC 19 ..... Bartenders — Appreciation Night  
DEC 20 ..... Children's Christmas Party 2-5 P.M.  
DEC 31 ..... New Years Eve Party  
JAN 10 ... Corporate Communion 9:05 Mass — St. Michael's Lower Church  
JAN 11 ..... Regular Meeting  
JAN 22 ..... Swim Club Meeting  
JAN 25 ..... Regular Meeting  
JAN 30 ..... Swim Club Dance  
FEB 8 ... Corporate Communion Dinner — 7 P.M. Council Meeting Night  
FEB 13 ..... Children's Ice Skating Bus Ride  
FEB 22 ..... Regular Meeting

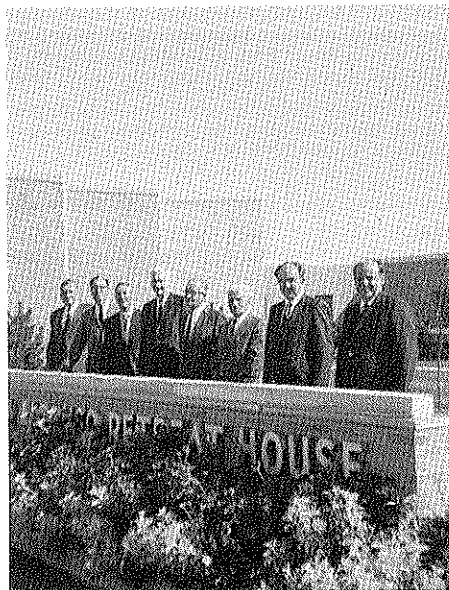
JFK General Assembly meets at the Council Hall every 3rd Wed. at 8:30 P.M.

## Corporate Communion

On January 10, we are going to have a Mass said for the Feast of the Holy Family. Let us think back to the type of life the Holy Family lived.

They were people working together with an understanding of themselves and that of their fellow man. This is what made them one in their Faith and Morals. A simple thing like this is sometimes forgotten in some families. This is a chance for you and your family to come to Mass with your fellow brothers.

This will be a 9:05 Mass said in St. Michael's lower Church. There will be coffee and buns served after Mass at our Council for you and your family.



## LSD TRIP

Some men from our Council just returned from an LSD Trip. Our journey was a bit different because it was without any drug. L was for Love. Like all of you, we love God, but we felt it was important to show that affection by availing ourselves of a special chance to improve our spiritual life. S was for Sacrifice. A sacrifice in time was needed for this trip, and we left our families to achieve our goal. D is for the new Determination we acquired to endure in the practice of our faith, especially with the confusion around us, in and out of the Church. We traveled to San Alphonso's Retreat House in Long Branch and stayed Friday evening until Sunday afternoon. This place is a beautiful modern building in a perfect natural setting right on the ocean. Every year is a new theme to be discussed. This year it was Courage. Talks were given on the various aspects of this virtue, by one of the five priests. All of them are worldly men, well-equipped to answer questions on all religious subjects, and top-notch speakers. The exercises of the retreat consist of conferences, meditation, Stations of the Cross, open forum, confessions, Bible Service, rosary, a visit to the Blessed Sacrament, Mass and Communion. There was time between these for a walk by the ocean or around the extensive grounds, private talks with a priest (if you wish), discussions among the men, and individual devotion. As our hearts and minds were filled with spiritual food, our stomachs enjoyed three full, excellent meals a day. We were given thoughts to dwell upon, and examples that really hit home. The knowledge acquired of our changing church was great. Now we are able to speak intelligently on the mind of the Church on many topics. The refreshment of body and soul we felt by Sunday afternoon is beyond explaining. It made us feel no problem was too large that we could not solve or adjust to. We took home with us the courage that is needed to be a better Catholic. We pulled up the anchor (sins) holding us back, and we are now sailing on to a better way of life.

Jim Moran

## Swim Club Splashes

Since our last digest article, it has been determined that we were in need of a new pool net and the board has placed an order for one. By the time you receive this digest, the space heater will have been installed in the filter room and the pool facilities completely winterized. We expect that the second pump will have been installed in the picnic drainage area by the same time. We are still mulling over the problem of re-surfacing the pool area deck - that is, the concrete apron around the pool. This is a major improvement and every effort will be made to do the job properly.

A subcommittee appointed to study the feasibility of a permanent badge system to replace the present card and badge system has met and will present their recommendations to the board of directors at their forthcoming meeting on Monday Nov. 16. If this seems like stale news, keep in mind articles for the Digest must be in the hands of the editor by Nov. 9.

May we remind our brothers that should anyone be contemplating termination of membership in the Swim Club, he contact membership chairman Bill Taylor as soon as possible so his replacement will have ample opportunity to plan his summer.

The annual Swim Club Meeting will be held at the Council home on January 15, 1971 - the traditional 3rd Friday in January. Please plan to attend so you may be well informed on matters concerning the Club and your family. All suggestions and criticisms will be gratefully acknowledged - if they are in writing - signed and mailed to Box 1206. Please include a detailed account of same so the board will be able to act intelligently on such items.

The workers appreciation night is still in a state of flux - awaiting a suitable area of entertainment. Have no fear it has not been forgotten.

The annual Swim Club dance will be held on Saturday, Jan. 30, 1971. Chairman Bill Renner promises a festive occasion. The theme will be centered on the gay 90's, which should produce some colorful dress by our more imaginative members. Cocktail hour will be 7:30 to 8:30 P.M. followed by a sit-down dinner at 9:00. The \$5.00 per person charge will include dancing and refreshments. Tickets will be cash on the line with reservations. Reservations and tickets will be handled by Old Faithful Herb Kay. Remember there will be no sale of tickets at the door.

Bill Taylor

## We Care In Union

Please contact "hot line" numbers 688-2273 and 688-2274 if you know of anyone having drug or other problems. Rev. William Staton, Vicar of St. Luke's and originator of "We Care" emphasized that callers will be able to maintain complete anonymity. No one will be required to give a name or address or telephone number.

Ernie Otto



**Chaplain's  
Corner**  
Rev. John A. Palasits

**A PRAYER FOR LOVERS OF EARTH**

To work toward overcoming pollution and corruption is indeed to act in the image of God the Creator, in the same spirit that animated Francis of Assisi.

"Be praised, my Lord, with all  
Your creatures,

Especially Sir Brother Sun,

By whom You give us the light  
of day!

And he is beautiful and radiant  
with great splendor.

Of You, Most High, he is a symbol!

Be praised, my Lord, for Sister  
Moon and the Stars!

In the sky You formed them bright  
and lovely and fair.

Be praised, my Lord, for Brother  
Wind

And for the Air and cloudy and  
clear and all Weather,

By which You give sustenance to  
Your creatures!

Be praised, my Lord, for Sister  
Water,

Who is very useful and humble and  
lovely and chaste!

Be praised, my Lord, for Brother  
Fire,

By whom You give us light and  
night,

And he is beautiful and merry  
and strong!

Be praised, my Lord, for our Sister  
Mother Earth,

Who sustains and governs us,  
and produces fruits with colorful  
flowers and leaves!"

"Canticle of Brother Sun."

St. Francis of Assisi

A Blessed Christmas and a Happy  
New Year!

Father Palasits

**Random Thoughts**

This is the time of year football, Christmas and a New Year are uppermost in our minds. They will also occupy space in the following article; An Atheist is one who watches a Notre Dame - Southern Methodist University football game and doesn't care who wins . . . There's only one thing more brutal than a football game, and that's the price of the tickets . . . Football is a game for strong people; anyone who can sit for hours on a cold seat, eating peanuts, can't be a weakling . . . Many a man who spends thousands of dollars on his son's college education, gets only a quarter-back . . . The toughest problems a football coach faces are defensive linebackers and offensive alumni . . . a football game is where the spectators take four quarters to finish a fifth . . . All men are born free, but football men are more likely to get through college that way . . . Now lets consider that yearly time of joy that comes at the end of December: Christmas is the season when all good men have presence of mind and presents in mind . . . A modern Christmas miracle is when everyone receives more Christmas cards than he sends . . . November runs into December, December runs into Christmas, and Christmas runs into money . . . This is the season when you never know which is going to give out first, your money or your feet . . . What most youngsters would like for Christmas is something to separate the men from the top . . . Christ's birthday is not only a time of good will, but it's when a wife gives her husband all the credit she can get . . . An oldtimer is one who remembers when you did not start to shop for Christmas until after Thanksgiving . . . Now is the season when you buy this years gifts with next years money . . . If you really want your friends to remember you next Christmas, give them a very expensive gift or a very cheap one . . . December 31 ends the old year and we start signing 1971: New Years Day starts out by making both ends of the years meet . . . A few days after New Years is when most people find out that it's easier to break a resolution than a habit . . . On New Years Eve, the old year ends with people mixing drinks, and the New Year begins with drinks mixing people . . . New Years resolutions should be taken with a grain of salt, and two aspirins . . . Many a man who celebrates the arrival of the New Year should celebrate instead the survival of the old . . . In a serious vein, to all my brother knights and their families, may the faith that led the wisemen to the Christ child's manger, bless the happy hours of Christmas, and give you God's special peace for the New Year.

Jim Moran

The reason evil is allowed to exist in this world is that men of good will do nothing.



**Grand  
Knight's  
Message**

Robert Armstrong

It seems odd to be writing this message at this time. It is still 3 weeks to Thanksgiving but my thoughts are on Christmas and the coming new year. We now have many leaves to rake but quite possibly when you read this we may have snow to be shoveled. This changing of seasons brings to mind how our attitude also changes, as the vigil of Christmas approaches we become more conscious of our fellowman. People are more friendly acknowledging each other, holding doors for the one's in back, allowing the fellow in the other car to proceed first, giving the pedestrian a "break", and wishing one another well.

Then Christmas is over, the living room is a mess, toys are everywhere, gifts are being exchanged for what we really wanted and as for us, how are we? Look out brother, it's every man for himself now and until next Christmas. A number of years ago, the Knights of Columbus started a campaign to "keep Christ in Christmas", let's enlarge upon that slogan to also keep Christ in us, all the rest of the year.

My family and I, wish you and yours a most Holy and Merry Christmas and that you may be blessed with good health and happiness throughout the coming New Year.

**Do You Know Anyone?**

As always with Mary's Guiding Light, we have completed the first quarter of our fiscal year. During our second meeting in September, we had a stirring speech delivered by our State Deputy for an increase of membership. This year being our seventy-fifth year in existence, we are trying to increase our membership by 5%. This doesn't sound like much but we have only till Dec. 31 to do it.

So!! If you have any new members or transfers lets get them in as early as possible. Always remember that we need practicing Catholics only.

"This is your Council Home, treat it as such."

J. Bilicska

**Remember In Your  
Prayers**

- IGNATIUS V. HERTLING ..... 9-17-70
- JOHN A. FLENO ..... 10-18-70
- FRANK F. JANUS ..... 10-25-70
- JOHN S. LENON ..... 10-26-70
- NEIL HURLEY ..... 11-21-70



## Warning from History



One of the most widely read books of all time is **The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire** written in 1788 by Edward Gibbon. It sets forth five basic reasons why that great civilization withered and died. These were:

- The undermining of the dignity and sanctity of the home, which is the basis for human society.
- Higher and higher taxes; the spending of public money for free bread and circuses for the populace.
- The mad craze for pleasure; sports becoming every year more exciting, more brutal, more immoral.
- The building of great armaments when the real enemy was within—the decay of individual responsibility.
- The decay of religion; faith fading into mere form, losing touch with life, losing power to guide the people.

### SELF EXAMINATION

Because of our weakness and because of the atmosphere in which we live, we must constantly check up on our practice of justice in daily living. For this purpose the following honesty test may prove helpful.

1. Have I fallen into the habit of stealing things, even of small value?
2. Have I the habit of borrowing things without returning them? Do I have anything now that does not belong to me?
3. Have I damaged the property of another without repairing the damage.
4. After finding something of value, have I kept it without making any effort to find the owner.
5. Have I lied about the quality of articles I have sold.
6. Have I cheated my employer by neglecting the work I was hired to do or by wasting time.
7. Have I failed to pay a decent wage to those working for me?
8. Have I cheated in bets or in games of chance.
9. Have I lied my way out of debts and obligations.

We should take to heart the advice of ST. PAUL:

**Owe No Man Anything,  
But To Love One Another**



**CAN YOU GUESS who the goblins brought to our Halloween Party?**

## Eyes For The Needy

What is "Eyes For The Needy?" It's a program to provide better vision for the poor the world over. How will we accomplish this? By obtaining eye glasses, metal frames in any condition, unbroken plastic frames with lenses, sunglasses, artificial eyes, cataract lenses, soft cases and hearing aids.

"New Eyes" is endorsed by the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness, Fight for Sight, Inc. and the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology. "New Eyes" ships reusable glasses to such areas of the free world as the Phillipines, France, Arabia, India, Africa and South America, not forgetting our own country. Processing is done by volunteers. Metal glasses are sold to a refinery and redeemed. Cash is used to purchase new prescription glasses and artificial eyes for the needy in the United States. Reusable framed glasses are tested, classified and sent abroad to medical missions and welfare agencies.

You can help by contacting your neighbors, family and friends. Collection boxes will be set up at the Council Home during the month of December, as well as at St. Michael's and Holy Spirit Churches. Watch your Church Bulletin for the collection dates, or, contact Bruce Bentz - St. Michael's coordinator, Bob Yavoroski - Holy Spirit coordinator, or Roco Corbo - Six Point Chairman for further information.

## Children's Christmas Party

On December 20th, we will have our Annual Christmas Party for children of Brother Knights, up to and including age 9, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Council Home.

Please bring one gift per child — \$3.00 or under (clearly printed with child's name) to the council cloak room — to be given out by Santa Claus.

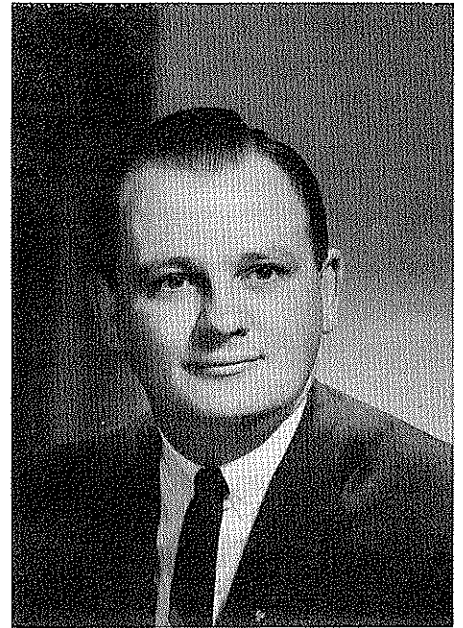
## Council To Take Part In Study

Union Council #4504 has been chosen as 1 of 12 of the over 200 Councils in the State for an in-depth study of the major causes of losses of membership in our Order. This study is under the direction of the professional staff at Seton Hall University.

Personal interviews will take place with the Chaplin, our District Deputy, the Grand Knight, the Immediate Past Grand Knight and our Financial Secretary.

Questionnaires will be mailed to randomly selected active and inactive members of our Council. Any member who receives a questionnaire form, are urged to complete and return the form as directed.

The success and importance of the study and its value to the State and Supreme Councils cannot be over-emphasized. Only your cooperation will insure the success of this study of the Knights of Columbus.



The Supreme Knight has announced the appointment of Frank J. Dickerson, as Financial Secretary to Union Council #4504, effective Nov. 1, 1970.

In the past Frank has served the Knights of Columbus and Union Council, in many ways. He has been most active since becoming a member in 1953. He was elected to Grand Knight in 1964-65. He also served from 1967 to 1970 as a District Deputy. At present, he is a member of the State Conservation Committee, Secretary of the Columbian Swim Club, and Athletic Co-Chairman for Union Council.

His past accomplishments make him well suited to fill this office vacated by Past Grand Knight, Jim Confroy, who resigned due to a business transfer.

## JFK General Assembly

The J.F.K. General Assembly meets every 3rd Wednesday at the Union Council Home at 8:30 P.M. Faithful Navigator John Guidera extends his invitation to all 4th Degree members in good standing.

It is your obligation as a paid up member of the 4th Degree to make an effort to attend these meetings to support the ideals of Patriotism and above all Columbianism in it's highest form.

Leo. E. Lupia

## CONGRATULATIONS

The following Brother Knights received their Admissions Degrees on Oct. 12th 1970.

William B. Cadmus  
Donald Capolupo  
William DeLeonardo  
Louis R. Farese  
Charles W. Hahn  
William C. Hazelton  
Robert W. Jeranek  
Peter R. Kozloski  
William T. McFadden  
John V. Pallitto  
Robert J. Prescott  
Joseph E. Tamburr  
Clifford D. Winson

## Knight of the Month

December 1970



**Peter Martin**

Pete Martin has been selected to join that exclusive club "the Knight of the Month" for this month. Pete has been especially active at the Council serving on the Admission, dance, kitchen, and bar committees, Swim Club Work Parties and presently assistant Bar Manager.

Pete lives at 381 Broadwell Ave., Union with his wife Mary Ann and their five children. He has worked 24 years for the American Optical Company in Springfield where he is the Manager. One of his favorite sports is golf which he loves to play.

Congratulation to Pete Martin for being selected to join that elite group "The Knight of the Month."

## Stealing — Modern Style

The virtue of Justice is taking some hard knocks these days. Banks close because of embezzlement. Industry loses about three billion dollars a year thru the "sticky fingers" plan. Disc Jockeys eat up payola; building inspectors demand kickbacks. Dad doctors income tax returns; Mom has a traffic ticket "Fixed"; brother pads his expense account; sister is a pro at "how to waste company time."

In the presence of these and many other injustices of modern society, the sincere christian must take a long look at the virtue of Justice. It is an extremely important virtue, one of the pillows of any society. It is a demanding virtue, too; one that tests our convictions almost every day.

Christian teaching has always upheld the right to private property. In the christian view of life, every man should have at least enough goods on earth to satisfy his needs and the needs of his family.

It goes without saying, that a christian must obtain his property honestly. If he gets it dishonestly, it is not really his.

It is also important to realize that, although we truly possess the right to own property, the things we own still belong to God. We are the stewards and administrators of the goods on earth.

Christians should be as generous as we can to our neighbors in need, to the poor, the sick and the weak. We must always be on our guard against greed, avarice and miserliness. It is a better to be poor on earth and rich in heaven than to be rich on earth and lose heaven.

## Myself

I have to live with myself, and so  
I want to be fit for myself to know;  
I want to be able as days go by  
Always to look myself straight in  
the eye;

I don't want to stand with the  
setting sun  
And hate myself for the things I've  
done.

I don't want to keep on a closet  
shelf

A lot of secrets about myself,  
And fool myself as I come and go  
Into thinking that nobody else  
will know

The kind of man I really am;  
I don't want to dress myself up  
in sham.

I want to go out with my head  
erect,

I want to deserve all men's  
respect;

But here in the struggle for fame  
and pelf,

I want to be able to like myself.  
I don't want to think as I come  
and go

That I'm bluster and bluff and  
empty show.

I never can hide myself from me,  
I see what others may never see,  
I know what others may never  
know,

I never can fool myself — and so,  
Whatever happens, I want to be  
Self-respecting and conscience  
free.

Edgar A. Guest

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