



# Knights Digest



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## General Program Chairman's Message

The month of June is here and this is my last message to my Brothers for the year 1962-1963. It has been a good year. We have accomplished a lot. Each and every committeeman has responded to the directives we have given him. To all we say thank you, thank you very much. Through their efforts and the efforts of each and every member, our council has prospered.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Grand Knight James R. Confroy for giving me the chance to serve our Brother Knights in the role of Six Point Chairman. So, it's good-bye, good luck, God love you.

Hank Skarbek

## Sands of Mortgage Hill

We are nearing the close of our second year's tenancy in our Columbian Club home. During the past two years, we have purchased many needed items to enable us to conduct our Council and Columbian Club activities. The net result of such purchases, in addition to our normal operating expenses, while adding to our comfort and convenience, was to sink us just a little deeper in the sands of mortgage hill.

Building Fund pledges have become a very important part of the life of Union Council. Without them we would not have been able to build our Club house. If we were unable to secure new ones, we would be very hard pressed to pay our mortgage debt. Briefly for the benefit of anyone who may not understand the pledge — this is how it works. You pay \$5 down and \$4 per month for a period of two years.

To those new brothers who recently took their major degree and those old timers who have been unable to pledge in the past, we appeal. If you are in a position to help, please contact Deputy Grand Knight Bill Taylor.

Join the 460 brothers who have already pledged; and strengthen the bond of Brotherhood among Union Council members.

## Knight of the Year Dinner Meeting

The Knight of the Year dinner meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. sharp on Monday, June 17 in the Council Home. The cost of the dinner, \$1.50, includes beer. Please note that this meeting is on the third Monday of the month in place of the usual fourth Monday regular meeting. All Brothers are requested to attend and pay tribute to a Brother Knight who will be selected for outstanding achievement and announced at the dinner meeting. Grand Knight James R. Confroy will also deliver an important message at the meeting.

## Major Degree in Honor of Leary

Sixty-five members of the Knights of Columbus were awarded the major degree at a ceremony held Friday, May 3. The ceremony was held in honor of past Grand Knight Howard R. Leary who was the charter Grand Knight of Union Council.

Seventeen of those awarded honors of the major degree were from Union Council. They are John A. Boberick, George R. Boetsch, Walter Burbella, Leonard B. Burst, Dominick A. Crincoli, Michael P. DaGrosa, Linus H. Deeny, Robert J. Donnelly, John J. Guidera, Ignatius V. Hertling, Benjamin J. Kendelski, Stephen A. Kendelski, Roy W. Kiel, John E. McDonough, Nunzio G. Parisi, Charles J. Sakowski and Eugene Sikora.

## Prayers Requested

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of the mother of Joseph Tansey and for the recovery of Joseph Kolassa, Frank Mehle, Michael McGuire and Edward Pawlowski.

If you know of the death or illness of a Brother or a member of his family, please notify immediately, Fraternal Activities Chairman Eugene M. Ecklund, 2046 Gless Ave., Union, MU. 7-9554.

## Get Your Tickets Here! Hurry, Hurry!

The circus committee will hold a membership ticket drive during the week of June 3 to 7 — Monday through Friday. All members are being requested to pick up tickets needed for their families, friends and acquaintances between 7:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. at the Council Home. This will greatly reduce the work of the telephone committee, since for a show of this size each member of the council must be contacted to help insure that the event will be successful. The committee has set Monday, June 17 for all final returns.

Come one, come all to either of the two performances daily 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Monday - Tuesday, June 24 - 25 at the Biertuempfel Park grounds - Union. Admission: children \$1.00, adults \$1.50, reserve section additional 75¢ per ticket. For information: days phone Gene Ecklund, MU. 7-1615 or Herb Kleniewski, MU. 8-6452; after 7:30 p.m. phone Council Home, MU. 6-4504. Every bit helps!

## Blood Bank

Plans have been made with Dr. Frederick Haid of Union who is director of the Eastern Blood Bank to hold a blood donor day on Sunday, June 9, between 12 noon and 5 p.m. sharp. Brothers and members of their families who want to participate by donating blood should call as soon as possible our Fraternal Activity Chairman Eugene Ecklund, MU. 7-9554, for details.

## Dollar Night

Brother Cliff Morris has planned a gala event for Friday, June 14 at the Council Home. For the admission price of one-dollar per person, Knights and their guests can enjoy an evening, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., of beer and pretzels while dancing to the music of the Jersey-Jets. A menu will be available from the kitchen which will also be suitable for a midnight snack.

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## Father Eid Mission

The Father Eid Mission Fund Committee has planned a one day program to be held at the Council Home on Saturday, June 8. A cocktail hour will be held between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. The price of \$1.50 includes all hors d'oeuvres and cocktail. A three piece music combo will provide entertainment.

A buffet dinner-dance will be held between 9 p.m. and 1 a.m. Music will be by the Cresandos. The price of admission is \$3. Tickets for the cocktail hour and the buffet dinner-dance are available from Mrs. A. Rusciano, MU. 6-8508 or at the door.

## Did You Know?

Alvin Dietlein was awarded a plaque for his service as financial secretary. Al has not missed a council meeting during the past five years of office.

Union Council #4504 was awarded a state council ceremonial award at the Atlantic City convention.

About 60 people from Union Council attended the convention — largest representation in the state!

Herb Kleniewski: shaved with a borrowed electric razor, without removing the plastic head-cap!

Cliff Morris: took a dip in the pool — clothes and all!

Al Petracca: plaid pajamas, sun glasses and hat for a 4 a.m. corridor walk! Call Kreskin!

Fred Vollherbst: a real hit with his marine camera.

## Sport News

The Union Council has its softball team in peak condition for the coming season in the Union County Knights of Columbus Softball League. Thanks to the guiding hand of Jerry Petrucci EL. 2-2409 and John Vergura MU. 8-1066 the spring training program was a complete success. Come on out and support your team - Game time 6:30 p.m. Rained out games played at 2:30 p.m. following Sunday.

The following is the schedule for the Union Blue Demon Yankee-Met Bombers:

June UNION vs.	Park
5 — Summit	Nomahegan
13 — Elizabeth	Pearl St.
18 — Roselle Pk.	Nomahegan
25 — Hillside	Nomahegan
26 — Roselle Pk.	Nomahegan
July	
10 — Summit	Summit
18 — Elizabeth	Nomahegan

Late Flash — Union has won its first two games — On May 16 Union won over Roselle Park: 12-8 and on May 22 we were victors over Roselle: 19-0.

## AGE 65

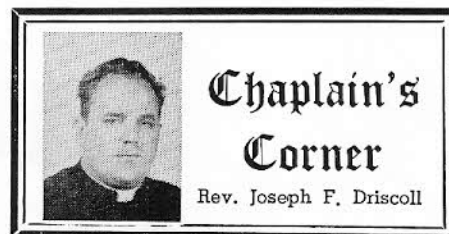
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## Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Joseph F. Driscoll

In this closing issue I should be remiss not to compliment the Grand Knight and the Catholic Activities Committee for their bringing into fine focus the several successful programs that gave a more complete spirit to the council in the past year.

My special concern is that Knights who are parents will take notice of their responsibilities during the summer months. During the school year with teachers having so much of the youngsters, teamed with the various other programs of scouting, athletics, dancing, voice and art lessons, the duties of parents are too often minimized.

In these months, let each day be the complete responsibility of parents, particularly with attention to the development of virtue. I suggest that you, the parent, choose the reading of the child, the TV program, the movie. Review all basic manners and conduct with others. Bring the youngsters to Church, the stores, the Library, the Municipal building.

Your neighbor and yourself deserve the joy of well behaved children. The responsibility of their behavior is yours. God expects the young to develop in holiness. He entrusts this work to you, the parent.

## Why Go On A Retreat?

A Retreat is the perfect way of increasing your knowledge and deepening your convictions concerning your religion. By blocking out, for a time, the material things of life, you are able to concentrate on your spiritual condition. It is a few days of private prayer, and a chance to talk with one of the understanding sympathetic priests about our personal problems. When the retreat is over you will be relaxed, controlled, confident, have a stronger will, and be ready to take on life's hardships with hope and trust in God. Don't put it off — make it this year. See Retreat Chairman Jim Moran or Treasurer Tony Quatrone, and join your brothers on October 18-19-20, at the San Alfonso Retreat House, West End, New Jersey.

**HAVE A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND  
SAFE VACATION!**

The Editors



## Grand Knight's Message



My Brother Knights,

June is the last month of my term as Grand Knight and the time for reflection. First of all, I want to sincerely thank our Chaplain Fr. Driscoll for his spiritual guidance and aid in all our efforts during the past year. Many of the new "Union Firsts" were initiated by him.

It certainly has been a pleasure to be associated with District Deputy Raymond D. O'Brien. His counseling and untiring efforts in our behalf have aided Union Council immeasurably. I really appreciated his help on many occasions.

To my brother officers, my heartfelt thanks for a job well done. The ceremonial award we received at the State Convention is testimony to their diligence in performing their duties. I felt we were a happy group, helpful to one another in working toward our common goal.

It was fortunate for me to be preceded by four very capable Grand Knights. I owe them a debt of gratitude for their help and sound advice.

Our six point general program chairman and the respective committee chairmen did a magnificent job in presenting a well rounded program for our enjoyment and edification. And to all the committee members who supplied the necessary talents to make all of it possible, I offer my most sincere thanks.

Of course without the general membership of the Council, nothing would be possible. You are the ones who make the affairs a success or failure. Your sustained interest is necessary. My only plea to you is that you should try to make an effort to become more active. Several ideas could not be developed this year because of the lack of manpower. Remember, many hands make light work. Try to pitch in a little more next year.

At the June 17th dinner meeting, the Knight of the Year Award will be made, so make every effort to attend. Also, I plan to briefly outline the highlights of the past year, with some recommendations for the future.

It has been and always will be an honor and a privilege to serve Union Council. I am grateful for everyone's help during the past

## Family Picnic

Union Council #4504 Family Picnic will be held from noon to dusk on July 7 at the Municipal Outing Grove on Swanstrom Place, Union. The admission price of one-dollar per adult includes beer, pretzels and chips. Children admitted free. Bring your own food. A feature of the day will be a softball game — the young vs. the old! Come one, come all for an afternoon packed full of fun.

## CALENDAR

- JUNE 3 to 7 — MONDAY through FRIDAY  
Circus Ticket Pick-Up Campaign  
7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Daily Council Home
- JUNE 8 — SATURDAY  
Father Eid Mission Fund  
Cocktails - 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Buffet Dinner Dance  
9 p.m. Council Home
- JUNE 9 — SUNDAY  
Blood Donor Day  
12 Noon to 5:00 p.m. Sharp  
Council Home
- JUNE 10 — MONDAY  
Regular Council Meeting  
Election of Officers  
8:15 p.m. — Council Home
- JUNE 14 — FRIDAY  
Dollar Night Dance  
9:00 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.  
Council Home
- JUNE 17 — MONDAY  
Dinner Meeting  
Knight of the Year Award  
6:30 p.m. Sharp  
Council Home
- JUNE 23 — SUNDAY  
Elephant Weight Contest  
10 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Biertuempfel Park - Union
- JUNE 24, 25 — MONDAY and TUESDAY  
Hunt's Circus  
2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Daily  
Biertuempfel Park - Union
- JULY 7 — SUNDAY  
Family Picnic  
Noon to Dusk  
Municipal Outing Grove  
Swanstrom Place - Union
- JULY 8 — MONDAY  
Regular Council Meeting  
8:15 p.m. — Council Home
- AUGUST 12 — MONDAY  
Regular Council Meeting  
Installation of Officers  
8:15 p.m. — Council Home

year. Support your new officers and aid them in leading Union Council on to new heights.

Fraternally yours,  
James R. Confroy

## Safe Driving Corner

John Foley

We have a great limitation of vision when driving at night, and our depth of perception is not as sharp as in daylight. One way to minimize this condition is to keep your sight ahead of the car in front of you. If you focus on the tail lights of the preceding car, your sense of depth is dulled. To illustrate, look at any ordinary snapshot. The central subject is sharp but the background is blurred, and distance behind the subject is difficult to determine.

At night your car lights may illuminate the way but you are driving against lights of other cars, street lights, advertising, store lights and traffic lights. Don't drive faster than you can see.

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You can get 40% more wear from your tires if you do the following: Rotate the tires every 5000 miles BUT make sure the spare is included every time you rotate the wheels. The correct method for rotating is to put the right front in the trunk, spare to right rear; right rear to left front; left front to left rear; left rear to right front.

## Bowling News

The Tuesday night House League completed their season on April 30th. The "5 of Clubs" with Captain Mike Garrubbo, swept to victory by 8½ games. His fellow teammates were: Richie Graybush, Joe Naples, Bob Whirty and Frank "Lefty" Murphy. Other complete team standings follow:

TEAM	CAPTAIN
2. Mets .....	John Burke
3. Musicmakers .....	Joe Palmucci
4. Stems .....	All Petracca
5. Maulers .....	Joe Kenny
6. Ungies .....	Merle Dunn
7. So "Whats" .....	Jim Gardner
8. Bottoms Up .....	Ed Burke
9. Bandits .....	Julius Kiss
10. Scratchers .....	Joe Busalacchi
11. Comets .....	Orrie Bordoqna
12. Who-Knows? .....	Harry Loria

Trophies were given to the members of each of the first four place teams. Joe Naples received the A.B.C. Belt and Buckle for the most improved bowler. Other awards for highs of the season were given for League Average - Matt Simon 179; Individual Game - Mike Garrubbo 258; Individual Series - Hank Skarbek 654; Game Under 160 - Bob Whirty 249; and Individual Series under 160 - Gene Campanaro 593.

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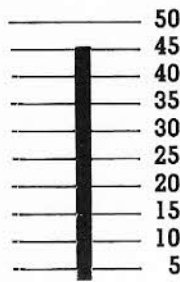
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