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Our Council's Annual Blood Drive will be held on Sunday, October 29, 1978, at the Council Hall. Medical personnel from the **New Jersey Blood Services Program** will officiate and will accept blood donations between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on this date. Refreshments will be served.

Council 4504 has participated in this excellent blood service program for several years. As a result of our participation each member of the Knights and all members of his immediate family, up to and including grandparents on both sides, are guaranteed an unlimited supply of blood free of charge should such a need arise. This supply is guaranteed to the member or his family regardless of whether or not he or his family actually donated. In exchange for this invaluable guarantee, we are asked to conduct a blood drive once a year.

Our support and the support of groups similar to ours is vital if this program is to continue. There is no substitute for blood. The human body is the only "manufacturer" of this precious fluid — literally, the "Liquid of Life". All of the money or insurance in the world is valueless if the right type of blood is not available in an emergency or when needed for surgery. You cannot transfuse dollars. Whole blood is perishable and it must be transferred within 21 days after it is drawn. We all have to do our part, therefore, to assure that this supply is maintained.

Help us make this year's Blood Drive a SUCCESS. Donate a pint of blood on October 29, 1978.

The following committee's need chairmen for this year. Anyone interested contact Grand Knight Roy Trupiano.

- Community Activities
- Family Life
- Civic & Cultural Activities
- Athletic Activities

After the regular meeting of August 28th, 238 ears of corn were consumed. The winner was Vic Puglese who downed 20 ears. Runner-up was Tony Sibilia with 14 ears.

Sunday, October 29th, at 5:00 there will be a Halloween Party for the children at the council home. Children up to 12 years of age are invited to attend. Wear your costumes. Refreshments will be served.

Our council is having its Annual Retreat on the weekend of October 20,21 and 22. Why should you go? We all need new ideas, increased knowledge and deeper convictions concerning our faith. The perfect way of attaining these things is through a retreat. There is a time to think by yourself. An opportunity to discuss personally with a priest, who is an expert in spiritual matters, any problems that have come up in your life. You owe it to your family to check up on your faults by healthy self-examination away from the family circle. Do you think a retreat will be a trying or difficult experience? Are you afraid all you'll be doing is kneeling, going around in gloomy silence, putting up with poor food and hard beds? Not so, brothers. Not at San Alfonso's on the ocean at Long Branch. The food is excellent, rooms like a fine motel, and the schedule of activities is varied. There are no long periods spent on your knees. With the tremendous spiritual good that it does for the soul, there is usually a sense of relaxation that makes a retreat a worthwhile venture. I'm not asking you to get away from it all as much as getting back to what's important. If you make a retreat just once no one will need to encourage you again. Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today. After all, we don't know how many tomorrows we have left. For information and/or reservations call Retreat Captain Jim Moran P.G.K. at 687-0566.

In the September Digest issue I mentioned that awards would be given to those members who sponsored a designated amount of new candidates. Supreme Council has declared the following: any current member who sponsors three to five new candidates shall be presented with a trophy and any Brother Knight who brings six or more new candidates into our Council will receive a beautiful K of C jacket.

Our goal is 110 new members for 1978-79 and I am certain that our Council would be proud to distribute these awards to those members who have assisted us in reaching our quota.

Even if you can only sponsor one new candidate it would still be greatly appreciated. So why not ask a **friend, relative, neighbor** or **co-worker** if they are interested? They would certainly be able to take advantage of all of the programs and activities that our Council has to offer them.

Thank you.

Wayne Williams
Membership Director

The First Friday Session on October 6 will feature Father Tom Petrillo from the National Council on Alcoholism. Father Tom is a nationally known expert on the subject and will give us up-to-date facts about our greatest drug addiction problem today — alcohol. Our Chaplain Father Ed assures us that this will be one of the most interesting, and, probably the most shocking talks we have heard in this series. We urge you to attend and to bring along a guest. As usual, Mass will be at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Home. Coffee and cake will be served. All are welcome.

Youth Activities Calendar

Essay Contest During October
 Halloween Party October 29
 Poster Contest During December
 Christmas Party December 17th

The attendance for our regular council meetings has not been what it should be. In case many of you brothers have forgotten, these meetings are held on the second and fourth meetings of each month. Our Grand Knight Roy Trupiano runs a very efficient meeting which runs from approximately 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. with some very good lectures included at various meetings throughout the year. The meetings are where you can learn about what is going on and meet some new brother knights. It is also the place to begin to get involved. The lectures are also very entertaining, especially when Henri St. Laurent is involved.

So let's see some new faces (and old) at more of our meetings!

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Grand Knights Column

Roy Trupiano



This month we celebrate Columbus Day in honor of the great discoverer. In my installation I used a quotation, part of which said, "Happy is he who acts the Columbus to his soul." Appropriate for this month. This is what we should try to be, not just for October, but always; discover ourselves and what goes on about us.

We don't have to discover new lands or new places. Just look around and learn to see, and hear the sounds and voices around you and learn to listen. Discover what is good about your community, what needs repairs (spiritually and materially), who needs help. Re-discover an old friend, your family, your church, and very importantly, yourself. Look inward and bring outward all those good qualities that you have. Discover a new book, a new meaning to things, a new idea for improvement, even a new joke, and that greatest of all discoveries, a new friend.

Do you know what serendipity is? It is the gift of finding valuable or agreeable things not sought for. That's how old Chris discovered America. He was looking for something else and found something better. It could happen to you. Get out of that rut and see and listen. You could be pleasantly surprised.

Be that individual you should be. Ours is the age which is proud of machines that think and the individual is treated as part of the machinery and conditioned and manipulated like a puppet (dummy?). We must break away from this mold and go to the other extreme and become what Dr. Laurence Peter calls a humanite. A humanite has qualities of humanness, mental cultivation, benevolence and self-actualization. A humanite is a human being who fulfills his potential and derives satisfaction from being creative, confident and competent. This is what we should aim for and become the Columbus of our souls and master of Ourselves.

Roy Trupiano

GARY HORNIG

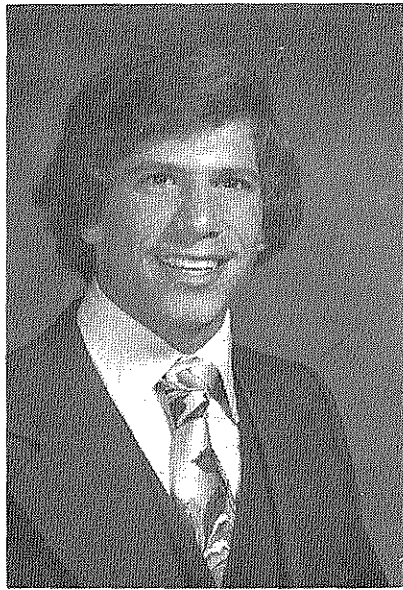
For his service to our Council and his example to new members, it is a pleasure to introduce Gary Hornig as Knight of the Month for October.

Gary joined Union Council in 1977 and immediately became an active member. Gary enthusiastically assisted our Youth Activities Chairman in such varied activities as the Basketball Free Throw, the Children's Christmas Party and Easter Egg Hunt. He joined the Bowling League and gave a hand to the Secretary of the League last year.

Gary's active life of service is not restricted to our Council. He serves as Assistant Scoutmaster to Troop 69, B.S.A. Before becoming a member of Holy Spirit Parish, he served as a Member of the St. Michael's Parish Council.

Gary lives with his parents, Ann and Tom Hornig, who can be justifiably proud of their son. He is employed by Tenney Engineering in Union.

Congratulations to our Knight of the Month for October, Gary Hornig.



Someone has said that there are four kinds of "BONESS" in every organization.

There are the WISHBONES who spend their time wishing someone else would do the work.

There are the JAWBONES who do all the talking, but very little else.

Next, there are the KNUCKLEBONES who knock everything anyone ever tries to do.

And finally, there are the BACKBONES who get under the load and do the work.

At the December 8, 1958 meeting the following bills were approved for payment: \$70.00 for publication of the Knights Digest, \$8.50 for invitations to our major degree held at Elizabeth Council and \$4.00 for stamps to mail same. A letter thanking Union Council for its hospitality to the North Jersey degree team over the signature of Ray West was received subsequent to the aforementioned degree.

The treasurer reported \$2,189.30 in the general fund and \$1,045.82 in the death benefit fund. (In those days the insurance premiums were collected by the financial secretary of the Council).

Six point chairman Weldon Arner announced that due to the budget cuts the children's Christmas party would be cancelled.

Fraternal activities chairman Jim Confroy asked for fifteen men to form a rosary to pray for the sick. He also urged the members to participate in the blood bank. Union Council has a walking blood bank. Members are called upon to give blood when the occasion arises.

Athletic chairman John Vergura invited members to try out for the basketball team which plays on Wednesday nights. John also commended the members for the spirit of fraternity expressed toward Frank Dickerson at the Major Degree at Elizabeth Council.

Lecturer Joe Milo welcomed the new third degree members and they were extended an ovation by the Council members. A break in the regular order of business was called for at this time to give the new major degree members an opportunity to express their views on their recent induction. It was found all were duly impressed with the ceremonies and indicated they would not soon forget the lessons exemplified to them. Brother Joe also spoke on Sunday store openings and the indecent movies being shown at the local theater. He urged the Knights of Columbus to take some positive action to voice their disapproval of these matters.

G.K. Howard Leary announced that nominations and elections of Columbian Club officers would take place at the first meeting in January 1959. He appointed John Zimmerman as chairman of the nominating committee consisting of Steve Raffo, William Darrow, Joseph Rocky, Robert Drew, Oscar Ernst, James Cappeto, Thomas Owens, Nick Reininger, James Connell, Thomas Crimmins, Thomas Arminio, Neil Hurley, Francis McCann, John Heiszer and Joseph Seibert.

Grand Knight Howard Leary eulogized brother Raymond Vollherbst whose sudden death by accident shocked the Council. He noted that in the short time he was a member of our Council he whole heartedly supported the organization. The major degree was held in his honor in recognition of his dedication to the order.

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From scores of eight five.

Put on your dancing shoes ... Dance classes will resume again this season on October 13 and October 27. Those interested **must sign up for both classes.** Cost is \$3.00 per couple — for reservations call Bill Patania — 687-8744. The first two lessons will consist of **new** Latin steps.

We really don't know why people have so much trouble communicating with each other, but the new postal rates may have something to do with it ... Adolescence is when boys discover girls, and girls discover they've been discovered ... To urge women to drive carefully tell them "In case you are in an accident the newspaper will print your age" ... School Zone sign reads: Give our kids a brake ... Democracy is a small hard core of common agreement, surrounded by a rich variety of individual differences ... The other planets may not be able to support life, but it isn't easy on this one either ... Manager to prizefighter: "I've got a great idea for the next round, hit him back" ... We may never succeed in curing poverty, but with prices and taxes the way they are we sure are going to cure wealth ... A rumor is like a check, never endorse it unless it is genuine ... The trouble with the neighbor's children is that they live only a hoot and holler away ... The golden rule of friendship is to listen to others as you would have them listen to you ... Young man to a friend: "I'm looking for a beautiful, successful businesswoman whose hobby is housework" ... When it comes to truth in advertising it's very hard to beat "Punk Rock" ... The most effective way of saving on winter fuel is to turn off the furnace, drain the pipes, and go on a three month tropical cruise ... I know some folks who, if they felt a nip in the air, would drink it ... An elevator operator grew so tired of having people ask him the time, he hung a clock over his head. Now all day long people ask "is that clock right?" ... A parent is a person who has to give a lecture on nutritional values to a kid who has reached six foot six by eating potato chips ... Love doesn't make the world go round. Love is what makes the ride worthwhile ... Television is the device that acquaints you with all the things going on in the world that you could be a part of if you weren't sitting there watching television.

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2nd & 4th Mon. Regular Meetings
3rd Mon. Swim Club
1st Wed. 4th Degree Officers
2nd Wed. 4th Degree Color Corps
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4th Wed. Council Committees
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Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock or do you stay at home and criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part to help your council along—or are you satisfied to simply say that you "belong"?

Do you ever volunteer to help the guiding stick? Or leave the work to just a few, then talk about the clique?

Come out to the meetings, and help with hand and heart; don't just be a member, but take an active part!

Just think this over, member—you know right from wrong:

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