



# Knights Digest



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## EVERYBODY IN THE POOL

### Swim Club Opens May 24th

### Texas Challenges New Jersey?

Until the end of January, New Jersey was No. 1 in the United States in Membership Recruitment and, largely as a result of suspensions — (we suspended an equivalent of 72% of the members recruited this year — unbelievable!!) Texas slipped ahead of us by 174.

Now, only after they are ahead of us, do these Lone Star Staters have the nerve to challenge us. We cannot, if we have any pride in the Garden State, let this challenge go unanswered. State Membership Director Angelo Rago has asked State Deputy Jim Burke to accept because he feels that we, here in New Jersey, have what it takes to stand up and be counted.

We can do it if we cut down the suspensions, conduct the Invitation Nights, and **make it our personal task to recruit New Members and get back some of the old ones.**

Right now we are No. 2 and have to try harder. Let's do it and knock these Cowboys right out of their saddles!!!

### Cardinal's Corner

The Exemplification recently held at the Robert Treat Hotel in Newark was a very gratifying affair with over 150 candidates being vested into the Fourth Degree. A special welcome to the following new Sir Knights of the J.F.K. Assembly: Dennis B. Episcopo; Nicholas J. Episcopo; William G. Dress; John Pacheco; Michael M. Savia; Peter E. McGrath; Joseph C. Tamburr; Frank E. Sovinee; and Michael V. Hrifko. We hope you will actively participate in all activities and that we can become better acquainted at meetings.

The J.F.K. Assembly will hold a social evening, May 9, 1975, at the Kenilworth Council from 9:00 to 1:00 p.m., at the low price of \$3.00 per person. Please contact any officer or the undersigned for tickets.

S.K. Bill Zurick is planning another fabulous trip to Rome in February 1976. Please contact S.K. Zurick at 688-9474 to make your early reservations. A deposit of \$100.00 is needed to secure the reservations.

S.K. Charles Kraemer  
964-7261

The Columbian Swim Club is rapidly completing the necessary pre-season planning and work, to ready all facilities, for opening day on Saturday, May 24th, 1975. Below are listed important Swim Club Dates to Remember.

Opening Weekend — May 24, 25, 26  
Weekend of May 31, June 1  
Weekend of June 7 and 8  
Full Time opening June 14, 1975

Our pool opening will again be preceded by a POOLSIDE MASS at 1:00 p.m. celebrated by our Worthy Chaplain, Father "ED". The Board of Governors urges at least one member of every pool family attend this "Mass of Thanksgiving" for the wonderful and safe years of operation we have been blessed with in the past and to ask God's blessing for a safe and orderly 1975 swim season.

The Pool Management will again be under the capable leadership of Mr. Frank Gagliano who promises to make this season another excellent one, again highlighting the safety and cleanliness factors. Your cooperation in these areas will greatly enhance the type of season your Board of Governors wish to give you during the season.

Badges will be available at both Council Meetings in May and at Saturday and Wednesday work parties. A paid-up council dues card must be presented when claiming badges. Council membership dues must be paid at least to June, 1975.

Swim Club members are requested to review the rules and regulations governing the membership in the Columbian Swim Club. All rules within the pool area will be strictly enforced. Looking forward to seeing all of you for another banner season. I remain

Faternally yours,  
John Kilian

Swim Club President  
"REMEMBER THE POOLSIDE MASS"

### Special Dance — Social

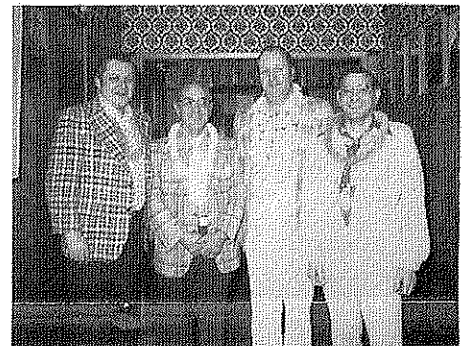
On the evening of Friday, May 9th our Council will sponsor an evening of dancing and socializing. Profits derived from this affair will be donated to the mentally retarded children.

Tickets and/or door charges for this affair is \$2.00 per person which will include dancing from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m., hot dogs, beer and soda.

Social activities are being considered to fill in the idle time during the band intermission.

Table reservations:  
Cliff Morris ..... 688-1299  
Benefit Chairman  
Vince Iannuzzi ..... 687-9381  
Bill Patania ..... 687-8744

### Grand Ball 1975



To those members who missed attending the affair on April 12th our advise to you is to start making your reservations now for 1976, as those of us who did attend are already planning to attend next year's Grand Ball. It was attended by a packed house of 350 very satisfied persons. When Council Activities Chairman Cliff Morris stated that this affair would be "the Grand Daddy of them all", he knew what he was saying. Iridescent decorations, flying fishes, birds and animals decorated the hall. Gourmet buffet dinner which was in abundance and served by pretty maids. Cut-out watermelons filled with fruit served as center pieces at each table. Cocktail hour and beverages were also plentiful.

Grand Knight Jack Winters and his wife Betty greeted all enterants and presented the Hawaiian Lei to each. Among the celebrated guests were the State Treasurer, Joseph Luciano, State Advocate Hugh De Fazio, State Warden Robert Wade, their wives, most officers of our Council and our own worthy Chaplain Father Ed. See you next year?

### PENANCE? CONFESSION? RECONCILIATION?

What is going on with the age-old admonition: "Whose sins you shall forgive they are forgiven — whose sins you shall retain they are retained" What is happening to the sacrament of penance? Much has been written in the catholic and secular press concerning this sacrament, much of it conjecture.

Want the straight scoop? Come down to Union Council on May 23rd at 8:00 p.m. and find out at **Chaplain's Night**. Be prepared to intelligently discuss **your** faith.

R. P. Sullivan  
Catholic Activities

# Knight Digest

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## Calendar of Events

### COMING EVENTS

May 16, 17 ..... Convention  
 May 11 ..... "Crowning of the Blessed Virgin"  
 May 18 ..... Family Dinner  
 May 23 ..... Chaplain's Night  
 May 24 ..... Pool Opens — week-ends (Poolside Blessing 1:00 p.m.)  
 June 7 ..... State Track Meet  
 June 14 ..... Pool Opens — full week  
 June 24 ..... Awards Dinner

### MONTHLY MEETINGS

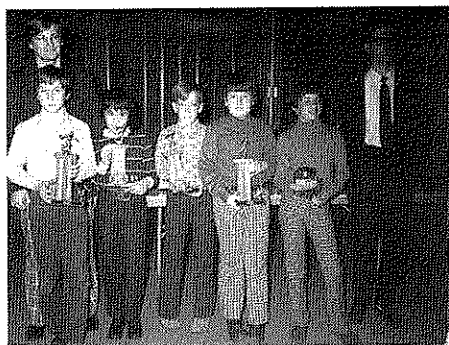
1st Mon. .... Council Officers  
 2nd & 4th Mon. .... Regular Council  
 3rd Mon. .... Swim Club  
 1st Tues. .... Cub Scout Fathers  
 3rd Tues. .... P.B.A.  
 3rd Tues. .... Girls Club Officers  
 1st Wed. .... 4th Degree Officers  
 2nd Wed. .... 4th Degree Color Corps  
 3rd Wed. .... 4th Degree Regular  
 4th Wed. .... Council Committees  
 1st Thurs. .... Expansion Committee  
 4th Thurs. .... Columbian Club

## Thanks

"It's not how you start but where you finish — and we're going to finish on top."

And we did! Our sincere thanks is extended to one and all for an excellent job "well done" in making the show "A Knight in a Magic Kingdom" a success. The Grand Knight, John Winters, General Chairman, Barney Capriglione, Director, Joseph Ruddy, Musical Director, Enrico Farro, Set Director, Sam Bruzzi, Betty Badal and Bridget Giordano, Costume Executor and Coordinator, and Ticket Chairman, William Giordano respectively, and all the cast should be commended for giving of their time and effort for this worthy cause. It would not have been a success without their co-operation. Special thanks goes to Louis Olivieri who supplied some material for the making of the sets.

Barney Capriglione P.G.K.  
 Chairman



## Bowlers Honored by K. of C.

Members of the Knights of Columbus Bowling League were treated to a luncheon on Sunday, April 6, at the Council Home. High game and high series trophies were awarded to the winners along with trophies for the winning teams of each division.

The winners from L. to R. for the boys team: Ed Gabelman, C. Kiernan, S. Kiss, J. Boyle and M. Chapman.

The winners from L. to R. for the girls team: B. Jeanette, L. Sully, D. Hardjen, S. Kunz and L. Hornig.

Youth activities co-chairmen Dan Neroda and Bruce Bentz, in the background.



## K. of C. Loans For Students

Members of the Order in good standing, wives, sons and daughters of members of the Order in good standing and the widows, sons and daughters of members of the Order who were in good standing at the time of their death are eligible for student loans to continue higher education.

This benefit has been available to Knights since 1971 and the program is being continued. Students may apply for an annual loan for a full academic year, usually nine months or any portion thereof, including graduate school. Applications are furnished only on request from a student who has actually been accepted, or is continuing education in an eligible institution of higher learning.

For the academic year starting in September, applicants may request forms after April 1 from: Knights of Columbus Student Loan Committee, P. O. Drawer 1670, New Haven, Conn. 06507.

Cavalcade Feb. 1975

## Grand Knight's Message

John Winters



My Brother Knights:

May being the month that we honor our Blessed Mother, our faithful Chaplain, Father Ed, combining with our Catholic Activities Chairman, Ray Sullivan, have planned two inspiring programs. Namely, the Crowning of the Blessed Mother and the Chaplain's Night, which may well be one of the most enlightening programs this year. The topic the Chaplain has chosen will be the Church changes in the structure of Confession. There have been many questions asked recently such as "What is this so-called New Confession?" This is an opportunity for all Brother Knights and their wives to have their questions answered.

For those of you who have never participated in the Crowning of The Blessed Mother, I strongly urge you to attend this moving ceremony and join with the growing number of your brother knights and their families in their display of faith and admiration to Our Blessed Mother.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt thanks to all my Brother Knights and their families who have worked so diligently and gave of their time and of themselves in our recent and successful campaign to raise money for the mentally retarded in the State of New Jersey.

With the swim season approaching rapidly, I ask that you make every effort to attend the opening Pool-Side Mass. Union Council has enjoyed many safe and tragic-free seasons. Join with our Chaplain, your officers and your brothers in praying to Our Blessed Mother that She may ask God to give us another safe and enjoyable season. This Mass is open to all.

I cannot close this article without thanking the countless number of people who gave so many hours of their time to making our Production "Knight In The Magic Kingdom" a charitable success. My special thanks and deep appreciation to P.G.K. Barney Capriglione and Mr. Sam Bruzzi for their super efforts. Well Done HOOVERS AND CROONERS.

### REMEMBER

Crowning of The Blessed Mother — May 11th  
 Chaplains Night — May 23rd  
 Pool-Side Mass — May 24th

Fraternally yours,  
 John J. Winters, Grand Knight

## 'TIS THE MONTH OF OUR MOTHER THE BLESSED AND BEAUTIFUL DAYS . . .

May — that beautiful of all months is dedicated to the blessed Virgin. We at Union Council will have our Annual "Crowning of the Blessed Virgin" on Sunday, May 11 — 2:00 P.M.

The program is a short half-hour. Please — please — bring the children, wives, mothers. The place is right at Union Council. Remember Mary.

R. P. Sullivan  
 Catholic Activities



## Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Edward M. Swierzbinski

### Vatican Council Speaks of Mary

Mary was involved in the mysteries of Christ. As the most holy Mother of God she was, after her Son, exalted by divine grace above all angels and men. Hence the Church appropriately honors her with special reverence.<sup>265</sup> Indeed, from most ancient times the Blessed Virgin has been venerated under the title of "God-bearer." In all perils and needs, the faithful have fled prayerfully to her protection.<sup>266</sup> Especially after the Council of Ephesus the cult of the People of God toward Mary wonderfully increased in veneration and love, in invocation and imitation, according to her own prophetic words: "All generations shall call me blessed; because He who is mighty has done great things for me" (Lk. 1:48).

As it has always existed in the Church, this cult is altogether special. Still, it differs essentially from the cult of adoration which is offered to the Incarnate Word, as well as to the Father and Holy Spirit. Yet devotion to Mary is most favorable to this supreme cult. The Church has endorsed many forms of piety toward the Mother of God, provided that they were within the limits of sound and orthodox doctrine. These forms have varied according to the circumstances of time and place and have reflected the diversity of native characteristics and temperament among the faithful. While honoring Christ's Mother, these devotions cause her Son to be rightly known, loved, and glorified, and all His commands observed. Through Him all things have their being (cf. Col. 1:15-16) and in Him "it has pleased [the eternal Father] that . . . all his fullness should dwell" (Col. 1:19).

This most holy Synod deliberately teaches this Catholic doctrine. At the same time, it admonishes all the sons of the Church that the cult, especially the liturgical cult, of the Blessed Virgin, be generously fostered.

SEE YOU AT THE MAY CROWNING AND WORKSHOP OF PENANCE.  
Father Ed

### Family Dinner

On Sunday, May 18th between the hours of 1-5 p.m. the Columbian Club will sponsor its 6th family dinner for the members of Council 4504 and their families.

#### MENU

Celery and Olives  
SMOKED HAM  
Corn, Candied Yams  
Cake and Coffee

Adults ..... \$2.50  
Senior Citizens ..... 1.50  
Children under 12 ..... 1.50

Tickets can be obtained by contacting  
Rocco Corbo — Chairman  
Herb Kay  
Tim Hayden  
Council Home

### The American Public Is In Favor of Abortion On Demand

True  False

During the past five to six years in the battle over liberalized abortion, a number of public opinion surveys have received coverage in the pro-abortion press. These surveys purported to prove that Americans by as wide a margin as 70% favor abortion on demand. Recently that same press was jolted into accepting the verdict of a jury in the Edelin case, which found a Boston physician guilty of manslaughter, of killing a baby outside the womb. It was particularly noteworthy that the wire services and big dailies, in a blatant display of slanted reporting, printed the word "baby" in quotation marks, in addition to pinpointing the religious affiliation of each juror and the ethnic background of the defendant.

Actually the jurors were in step with the great majority of Americans who are opposed to abortion once they realize what abortion really is — the willful killing of an unborn child. The problem is most people don't realize, most people don't think, period. A recent opinion poll conducted for a Washington-based pro-life group found that less than 80% of those sampled realized that the 1973 Supreme Court decision permits abortion right up to the moment before an unborn baby will be naturally born following a normal gestation period. As defined by the learned jurists, if a physician deems it necessary, to protect "the physical or mental health of the mother," abortion is permitted **any-time** during the third trimester of pregnancy (6th to 9th month). That decision went far beyond what the most avid pro-abortionists had hoped to obtain.

The fact is that when the American public is given a chance to vote on this issue, the overwhelming choice is pro-life. This was demonstrated in November 1972 in the only referendum ever held in this country on abortion — one in North Dakota, the other in Michigan. In North Dakota, the people rejected abortion by a margin of 77% to 23%, while in Michigan the results were 61% against the 39% in favor of abortion on request.

Thus, despite the pre-election projections and public opinion polls the voters said no once they saw pictures of slain fetuses on television and had an opportunity to decide for themselves within the privacy of the ballot box. It should be noted also that Catholics comprise a minority in both states — less than 28% of the total population. The tragedy of course is that the will of the people in every state of the union was ignored by the Supreme Court in its Dred Scott-type decision of January 22, 1973. Regardless of what the opinion polls try to prove, the fact is when people are faced with a life-death decision, they tend to choose life.

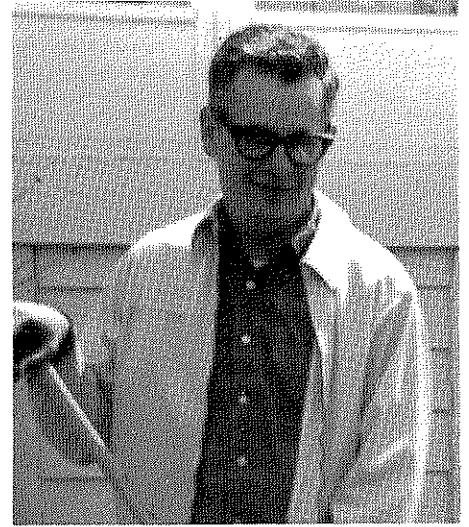
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### Notice

Members of 4504 interested in obtaining council jackets, contact Brother Michael Hrifko.

Cost — \$15.00 includes emblem and your name. Payments must be made in advance.

### Knight of the Month



#### HENRY MEY

Our Knight of the Month of May, appropriately named, is Brother Henry Mey. Henry, a quiet congenial person has been silently active in many of our Council projects. He served as the projectionist for the kiddie movies during our summer programs. He is our current chairman of Right to Life, he is a consistent year in year out worker at our patio work parties and has served under various program chairmen.

Henry and his wonderful wife Lucille are the parents of a daughter, Mary Lu. They reside on Bushnell St., Union and are communicants of St. Michael's church.

Henry is employed by the Singer-Kearfott Company in Little Falls as an electrical engineer.

It is an asset to add to our list of Knights of the Month, the name of Henry Mey "Knight of the Month — May 1975, Union Council 4504."

### Direction

Why did you join the Knights of Columbus? Can you remember the first time you considered joining the Council? What were the motives that finally prompted you to become a member? The answer to these questions are very probably strong reason for you to use when prompting others to join. We are always on the lookout for new members to help with the work of the Council and your candidate can very well become one of the most important men to come along. Look around you and most certainly among your friends and acquaintances there is a Catholic gentleman that would be proud to be known as a Brother Knight.

Tell him of all the various programs run by our Council. Show him, with pride, all of the accomplishments of the past. Tell him of all the new and exciting projects we have planned for the future. Bring him up to the Council Hall and grounds and show him with pride all the accommodations available to the membership, and when you are through with this, hand him an application. I'm sure when all these things are shown to him, he would be most anxious to join.

Brothers, remember of V.I.P. program and be the recipient of one of our special awards.

Program Director  
S. Bruzzi