



Knight Digest



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Knight of the Month

If you are pulled over to the side of the road for a violation of the speed law in and around Union Center, chances are the smiling officer on the motorbike will be the Knight of the Month of May, Sam Plaia.

Sam has been chosen for his congenial way of assisting on all committees, for his short order cookery as chief chef of our famous kitchen and a general all-round good fellow.

Congratulations, Sam, for a job well done. The Officers and members are proud to salute you as "Knight of the Month".

KNIGHTS OF THE MONTH

June	— Knight of the Year?
May	— Samuel Plaia
April	— Joseph Gaynor
March	— Theodore Ebner
February	— Julius Nick
January	— James Gardner
December	— Oscar Ernst
November	— Anthony Shans
October	— John Foley

Blood Bank

Any physically fit member who is able to contribute a pint of blood to this worthy cause may contact either Joseph P. Miller, MU. 8-7727 or Gerald A. Petrucci, SO. 3-0302. Just leave your name, blood type and phone number. Should a Brother Knight need this assistance, you will be contacted.

Seven Additional Candidates Receive First Degree

On Monday, April 30, the following candidates received the honors of the First Degree: Donald J. Roche, John E. McKnight, Herman Burst, Arthur J. Gerber, Ernest E. Porter, Elmer J. Loew and Robert V. Roesser. The degree was exemplified by Grand Knight George Arnold, assisted by Deputy Grand Knight James Confroy, Chancellor William Taylor and Warden Arthur Weber. Congratulations and welcome to Union Council 4504.

COLUMBIAN CLUB NOTES

In the very near future, we will resume our customary monthly affairs. The House Committee is in the process of arranging these functions and is planning to provide a different program for each one. To date, we can report that our affairs have been highly successful. Needless to say, this was possible only through your appreciative cooperation. You can rest assured that the House Committee will strive to keep our future affairs as enjoyable as possible. With the additions we have in our kitchen, we are in a better position to provide a wider selection of refreshments for your enjoyment. We would like to invite the brothers who have not had the opportunity to attend any of our affairs to date, to come and join in the fun with their Brother Knights.

A new slate of officers will soon be elected to the Columbian Club. They will do their utmost to keep our Council home operation as successful as it has in the past. They have a tremendous task facing them for the coming year and with your continued cooperation, this can be accomplished successfully.

May Devotions

The membership is invited to join the parishioners of St. Michael's on each Tuesday and Friday evening during the month of May.

These May devotions, honoring our Blessed Mother, will commence at 8:00 P.M. and consist of the recitation of the Rosary, followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Put aside your cares of the day and spend a fruitful hour in honor of our Blessed Mother. This is a small sacrifice for so great a return.

Prayers Requested

Members are requested to remember in their prayers, Fred Jordan, Vince Corrao and Jim Connell who have had a recent set-back.

Living Rosary May 25th

Your Catholic Activities Committee has scheduled a Living Rosary to be enacted on Friday evening, May 25, at 8:00 P.M. at St. Michael's Church.

All brothers and their families are urged to attend the Living Rosary and join in this expression of love for the Queen of the Rosary. If you missed any of the previous Rosary demonstrations, this would be an excellent opportunity to find out how our Council promotes true Catholic action.

We urge that each member be present on May 25, and take part in this truly inspiring demonstration. The sacrifice entails approximately forty minutes of your time, the reward for which is most satisfying.

PLAN TO ATTEND

Annual Communion Breakfast

OF THE

Holy Name Society

OF

St. Michael's Church

Sunday, May 20, 1962

8:05 A.M. MASS

Breakfast at K of C Hall

TICKETS \$2.00

Contact Vince Squazzo — MU. 6-2214

Clergy Night Planned

The annual affair honoring the clergy of our Council — Right Rev. Msgr. Edward J. Begley, Rev. Joseph F. Driscoll, Rev. George D. Donovan, Rev. Frederick M. Eid, Rev. John A. Palasits and Rev. Laurence T. Murphy, M.M. — will be held on Sunday, June 10, 1962 at the Council Home on Jeanette Avenue. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served and music will be provided from 6:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. by Bobby Astor's Orchestra.

Fraternal Activities Chairman Joseph P. Miller promises a wonderful evening for all.

In your charity pray for
Brothers Rene P. Wittevrongel
Ralph P. Hampp
who recently passed away.

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CALENDAR

MAY 14 — MONDAY
Regular Council Meeting
8:15 P.M. — Council Home
Election of Columbian Club
Officers

MAY 18-19 — FRI. & SAT.
State Convention
Atlantic City, N. J.

MAY 20 — SUNDAY
Holy Name Communion
Breakfast — St. Michael's
8:05 Mass

MAY 25 — FRIDAY
Living Rosary — 8:00 P.M.
St. Michael's Church

MAY 27 — SUNDAY
Major Degree—in honor of
Past State Deputy
George Leary
2:00 P.M. — Council Home

MAY 28 — MONDAY
Regular Council Meeting
8:15 P.M. — Council Home
Report of Council Nominat-
ing Committee

MAY 29 — TUESDAY
Gilmary Shea, Elizabeth
Formal Dinner-Dance
Elizabeth Carteret Hotel

JUNE 10 — SUNDAY
Clergy Night
6:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.
Council Home

JUNE 11 — MONDAY
Regular Council Meeting
8:15 P.M. — Council Home
Election of Officers for 62-63



Chaplain's Corner

- - - Rev. Joseph F. Driscoll

A SELF-EXAMINATION OF KNIGHTHOOD

Since we have inaugurated Union Council, over 600 men have pledged themselves to be better Catholics. The beginning of any discussion should mark a self-examination of how nearly we have fulfilled the pledge. Off-handedly then, I should like the men to put to themselves these questions. In the past year, in what way have I been a better Catholic? For you know, the accent will be in the future as it has in the past, that a Knight of Columbus is a better than ordinary Catholic.

Questioning again, those in my household. Have they made their Easter duty? Is their failure due to my neglect? In the program of Catholic activities. Did I participate? Did I attend the Communion Breakfast? Did I attend the Day of Recollection?

Now let us look to the future. Will I accept the Knights of Columbus program for myself? I will do this firstly by being an active member of one of the several committees. I will be a better Catholic. The notes included in this column during the year have been reminders of the simple pledge that, as a Knight of Columbus, I have pledged myself to be a better than ordinary Catholic. Your officers, and particularly your chaplain, will not have to request this, they can expect it.

Questions you will have to answer in the future are as follows:

How you brought the Catholic information program of the Knights of Columbus to the attention of non-Catholics, relatives and friends? What periodical in your home gives the Catholic position on the social problems of the day so that you may be an informed Catholic when these matters come up for discussion?

The great majority of you are fathers of families. How are you caring for your chief responsibility in life? This responsibility is the preparing of your children for a divine life. The most serious need of Mother Church in the world today is vocations. Vocations to the religious life can only be developed in better than ordinary Catholic families.

Will you, after this self-examination, pledge now to your officers your fullest cooperation toward making the outstanding characteristics of Union Council, a body of men who, in the first place, are sincere, devout Catholics, energetically dedicated to making Christian the social fiber of their community. They must be the leaven whereby the entire community lives according to the principles of Christ's own charity.

**PRAY THE ROSARY EVERY DAY
ESPECIALLY DURING
THE MONTH OF MAY**

Columbian Officers Slate

At a General Meeting of the Columbian Club on April 23, the following slate of officers were nominated: President, Fred M. Vollherbst; First Vice Pres., William Bauer, Jr., Second Vice Pres., Wilbur N. Donnelly; Third Vice Pres., Howard R. Leary; Recording Sec'y., John J. Picyk; Corres. Sec'y., Bernard Raymond; Treas., Anthony D. Schoberl; and Asst. Treas., William Taylor. Board of Directors, as follows: 3 years: Dr. James J. Cappeto, James Connell, Grand Knight George N. Arnold, and unexpired term, Thomas Crimmins. 2 years: H. J. Kleniewski, Charles Howes and John J. Foley. 1 year: Walter Wasowski.

Election to be at May 14 meeting.

Shea General Assembly Celebrates Golden Jubilee

The John Dawson Gilmary Shea, General Assembly, Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus which was founded in Elizabeth on January 15, 1912 will celebrate its Golden Jubilee during the year of 1962.

The Assembly is celebrating the Jubilee Year in segments, one of which will be held on Tuesday evening, May 29th, in the Elizabeth Carteret Hotel. This will be a Formal Dinner-Dance and among the invited guests will be the newly appointed United States District Court Judge James A. Coolahan.

The Faithful Navigator, Joseph P. O'Connor, wishes to express his sincere thanks as well as the deep gratitude of the Assembly to the Brother Knights of Union Council 4504 for the unselfish cooperation afforded the Assembly since the birth of the Council.

Grand Knight's Message



Brothers:

My congratulations and thanks to Council Activities Chairman Julius Kiss and Acting Council Activities Chairman Cliff Morris for the wonderful task they accomplished on the occasion of our Fifth Grand Anniversary Ball. The committee worked hard and long to prepare for this grand affair and each member of the Council can be proud of our Brothers who contributed their time and effort toward making it a success.

On May 25, 1962, our Catholic Activities Chairman Mike Tomko has arranged to hold our Annual Living Rosary. This is one of our most important Catholic activities and I request and urge your attendance. Bring your family and friends and I am sure that the wonderful sense of well-being derived from your participation will be a gratifying reward for the hour that we dedicate to our Mother Mary.

We will hold our last Major Degree of the Council year on Sunday, May 27, 1962 at 2:00 P.M. This Major Degree will be held in honor of our Past State Deputy George Leary who has always been one of the guiding lights of Union Council since its formation. Our State Officers, including State Deputy William Boman, will attend and since this is the first time that such honors will be bestowed on our Past State Deputy, I strongly urge your attendance. This is a wonderful time to see our new brothers reach the goal of their desire and at the same time, honor a man who has a most outstanding record as a Knight.

Let us show our State Officers the strength of Union Council 4504 by having a large percentage of our membership present.

Fraternally yours,
George N. Arnold

Intra-Council Bowling League

The Tuesday night bowlers are rapidly finishing out the string of games for this season. Already three teams have been mathematically eliminated from finishing "In The Money". Out of deference to the "dead", we will refrain from naming names at this time.

Chairman Ben Godesky and a few of his secret operators have been busy as Santa's workers setting up all the arrangements for the season-ending banquet to be held at the Kingston Restaurant this month. Brother Ben has been making trophies, buying trophies and plain dreaming about trophies for the last few weeks. The advice is to come early and get your trophy before the supply is exhausted.

It would be well to note, at this time, that the Summer League is now organizing and the Winter League is also taking shape. Summer League bowling is based on a short schedule and makes for a lot of fun. It is also a good chance to stay in shape and to work out a few of the Winter League problems. See Brother Ben Godesky for information.

Arrangements have been made for the Winter League to expand with two more teams. The alleys required have been promised by the Four Seasons. All members who desire to

bowl over the coming winter season should contact Ben Godesky and get their names on the team rosters. This Winter League fills up quickly, so it is suggested that you waste no time in making your decision.

Tuesday night's action saw a unique double, when Jack McMahon and Al Petracca both picked up the 3-7-10 split on the same alley while bowling against each other.

Eddie Burke of the Portsiders turned in a neat 231 — That left-handed hook was working in good order. At this time 75% of the Tuesday Nighters have joined the "200" club. Time is getting short for us guys what ain't yet made the grade. As a measure of class, 45% of the bowlers have turned in a 220 or better game this year.

Matt Simon and Hank Skarbek still are the number one and two men in our league. However, Matty now has about a three pin edge on Hank — it's time for Hank to shape up. Matt has an even 183.0 average for 33 games bowled.

Next month we will present the final team standings. We will also indicate some of the outstanding performances of the year.

Remember: Sign up now for summer and winter league bowling.

Safe Driving Corner John Foley

Driving a car can be a pleasure or a chore. It all depends upon the emotional make-up of the driver.

If he's a calm sort of a person, his coolness will show in the manner he handles the car. On the other hand if he's keyed-up, his car will start and stop with abruptness and he will not wave thanks to other drivers for any small courtesies extended to him, nor will he show any courtesy to other motorists. Unnecessary chances will be taken and he will arrive at his destination with shattered nerves.

If only the Golden Rule were applied, what a pleasure it would be for everyone.

It's worth repeating the following:

Race your motor in neutral if caught in a traffic jam to avoid overheating the motor.

Have the wheel bearings checked for greasing.

Be on the alert for STOP signs. They are springing up everywhere.



Union County Inter-Council Champs — Union Hopefuls: Brothers Steve Lewicki, Fred Faszewski, Capt. Pete Trincune, Mike Tomko and Frank Sardelich.

Did You Know?

The best dressed gentleman at the Ball was a Sir Knight with the initials A. D.

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Our Warden Arthur Weber received Knights of Columbus honors as a track star in his early youth.

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The Club is looking for L.P. records. Have any to spare?

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Ted Kocal was seen trying to fill Hank Skarbek's shoes.

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A king-size range has been added to the Club's kitchen. Bet it's great, Sam.

**Columbian Club
Hours**

Mon. thru Thurs. 7 to 12 P.M.
Friday 7 P.M. to ?
Saturday 1 to 5 P.M. and
7 P.M. to ?
Sunday 3 to 12 P.M.

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