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## BLOOD BANK AT COUNCIL HOME SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18 — 12:30 P.M.



## WILL YOU

The month of November always signifies "THANKS". We thank God for our blessings and for all our bountiful needs. Now, we want thanks. For what! For giving Blood. Our Blood Bank is going to take place shortly and it would be very rewarding to give a pint of blood, so that our Brothers and their families can benefit by it if needed. Remember Brothers, the needle always points to Charity — and Charity starts at home with you. The important date to remember is November 18th, time: 12:30-6 p.m. Won't you please give a pint of blood and top it off with our delicious roast beef dinner with all it's trimmings. That is a pretty good Thanksgiving dinner, don't you think? So let's make our Blood Bank a big success.

God Bless You  
Phila Hypodermic

### COME ONE — COME ALL

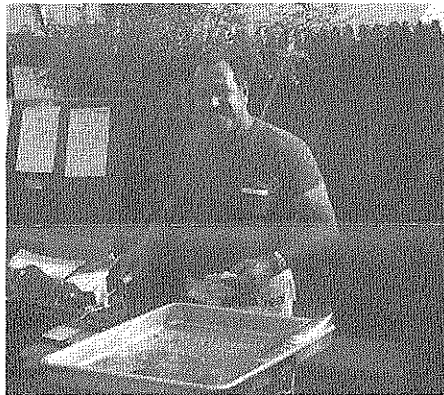
Brothers:

The day is near when you will have to search your conscience as to whether you are prepared to give something for which the reward could be a life. Maybe even your own!

What are we talking about? We are talking about your blood and blood of any member of your family in good health between the ages of 18-65. If there is any doubt as to whether you can or cannot give, come to the blood bank Sunday, November 18, at 12:30 p.m. and qualified medical personnel will advise you whether you can or cannot give.

In the case of illness where members of our family may need blood in any amounts required, we must have your donations to maintain a sufficient supply.

Let's see you all out there! Come one, Come all! Give your blood, do a life-saving deed and receive a hot dinner and refreshments.



### An Eye Witness Report

#### A FAMILY AFFAIR

Just as the first day of school, the Knights' Annual Family Picnic heralds the approach of autumn. This event falls on the first Saturday of every September. Everyone flocks in eager anticipation to the picnic grounds behind the council home from noon until . . . with beer flowing freely all day.

Just as breakfast begins with orange juice, the picnic begins with clam chowder. After this is devoured, the hungry picnickers attack the hamburgers, hot

dogs and sausage sandwiches. To garnish the meal are the live and stinging yellow jackets, who make eating a challenge. Because they believe in a well balanced meal, a vegetable, corn on the cob is served. For dessert watermelon and ice cream are passed around. As if all this food is not enough, the mothers bring their own culinary delights.

Along with abundant food are abundant children running, screaming and being all around joys. Everyone however, waits throughout the day to see what unscheduled event will happen. This year the illustrious bocci ball team, consisting of Polish, Irish, Germans, Hungarians and one or two Italians, fought a bitter battle in the back of the grounds. One cannot of course, forget the live rock band entertainment for the teenagers. Ironically however, those who gather around to sing along and dance to the music are mothers and toddlers.

Yes, it was a thrilling day, which no one can forget and everyone anticipates. I myself am already looking forward to next year in the picnic grounds behind the council on that fateful Saturday in September.

Anonymous

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## Which Are You?

Are you an active member — the kind that would be missed, or are you just content that your name is on the list?

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: Are you an active member, or do you just belong?

R. J. Corbo  
Program Director



Brothers:

There is no other period in our entire year where our good acts of Charity and Fraternity are better reflected through our Unified efforts, than at this present time. We have a two-fold opportunity this month to show our loyalty and unity. Initially; we aid the living by participating in our Family Blood Bank, and secondly; we honor our deceased Brothers by attending the Memorial Services at mass at the council, and in church.

Rocco Corbo, our efficient and hard working Program Director, in addition to coordinating our council activities for the year, is implementing an occasional Sunday Family Dinner, avail yourselves of this pleasant interlude.

Thru the efforts of Frank Rafferty our Membership Director and his committee, candidates are prepared for membership and the required degrees. Be present at these degrees, your encouragement is appreciated.

Our zealous Council Activity Chairman Ray Sullivan is planning an outstanding affair when we bestow honors due our Past Grand Knight Barney Capriglione to be held December 1. Enjoy yourselves and help make this gala affair a memorable one.

Please refer to the Digest Articles, and the Calendar of Events for further particulars, your presence and your assistance in all our activities is always needed and most cordially welcomed.

My seasonal thoughts at this time are, that I'm always thankful to you Brothers for your support; and for the privilege of serving you and working with you. Happy Thanksgiving to all, and we should never pass by an opportunity to show God how grateful we really are. My prayers are only full of best wishes that God will bless your household amply to fulfill your needs and desires, materially and Spiritually.

Faternally,  
Michael A. Tomko  
Grand Knight

## Knight of the Month



**FRANK COSENZA**

A man of quality and quantity is our Knight of the Month for November. Brother Frank Cosenza for the past six months has been spending his weekends supervising and working at our Council Swim Club, picnic and patio area. He has served on the Fraternal Activities Committee, Swim Club Program Committee, is a Director of the Columbian Swim Club and he has been a participant of our charity stage plays for the past two years. He is a member of the John F. Kennedy 4th degree and a communicant of St. Michaels Church.

Frank is a Supervisor-Chemical Division of the Exxon Corp., Bayway, Linden.

When not working at our Council Home, Frank can be found gardening at his home on Keller Crescent or dancing at a Council affair.

Frank and his lovely wife, Rose, are the proud parents of two children. Daughter Angela, a graduate of Seton Hall, teaches at St. Josephs School, Maplewood. Their son, Frank Jr., is a second year student at Union College.

It is therefore fitting and proper to add to our list of “Knight of the Month” for November 1973 the name of Brother Frank Cosenza.

## Calendar of Events

- Nov. 12, Mon. .... Regular Meeting  
(Memorial Services)
- Nov. 18, Sun. .... Family Memorial  
Services — 9:05 Mass  
St. Michael Church (lower)  
Blood Bank  
12:30 to 5 p.m.
- Nov. 26, Mon. .... Regular Meeting
- Dec. 1, Sat. .... Grand Ball  
(Council Hall)
- Dec. 10, Mon. .... Regular Meeting  
Christmas Dinner
- Dec. 31, Mon. .... New Years Eve  
Dance

## What's Right with America?

Ralph Nader and his Center for the Study of Responsible Law are conducting an intensive survey to pinpoint “what's right with America?”. The project will identify exemplary institutions and individuals that have dealt with government, economic, social and environmental problems in ways that are innovative, efficient, productive and democratic. If you have ideas to contribute to this project write to “What's Right with America”, Center for Study of Responsive Law, Box 19367, Washington, D.C. 20036. Answering this question would be an excellent project of our retired members. Men of experience in life are ideally suited to know many replys to this kind of project. Young members with their new, fresh points of view could also give useful information.

## United Appeal!

In unity we have numbers. When it comes to our telephone numbers, we are **not** united. So, why don't you call and give us your correct telephone number? Financial Secretary's number is 687-8744.

William Patanja  
Telephone Chairman

## Random Thoughts

Odd facts acquired from around the world travel: Bedouin Chieftains in Jordan are replacing their camels with automobiles. Many desert tents are equipped with transistor radios and footpowered sewing machines . . . The idea of curfew began in the Middle Ages as a signal usually by tolling a bell, to warn townspeople to extinguish their lights and fires or cover them up for the night . . . The tiny Republic of Andorra in the Pyrenees has enjoyed undisturbed sovereignty since 1278 . . . Badminton was originated in India by the English Military Forces stationed there, and was brought back to England in 1873 by officers home on leave . . . Coldest temperatures in Antarctic are reached in the interior high plateau where 125 degrees below zero has been recorded . . . Since World War II the Eiffel Tower has drawn over one million tourists a year, making it Europe's number one tourist attraction . . . Arab breeders of fine horses say a perfect specimen must have a neck curved like a crescent moon, and a nose small enough to fit into a teacup . . . In Finland where evergreen is a sign of mourning, straw is used for Christmas decorations . . . The average price for a bride to be shipped from England was 100 pounds of tobacco in Seventeenth Century Virginia, according to the Chase Manhattan Bank Money Museum . . . At many places in Japan, including Tokyo, people don't bother to number their houses. If they do, the numbering for the most part is chronological — the oldest house on the street is number one, the next oldest is number two, etc . . . The biggest, noisiest beer festival in the world, called the Munich Oktoberfest, begins at noon with nearly 900,000 gallons of beer to be drunk over sixteen days. It started in 1810 to allow the Bavarian commoners to participate in the wedding festivities of Crown Prince Ludwig . . . The Manbhao Tribe of India considers it a marriage ceremony when a man offers all his money to the woman of his choice and she accepts.

Jim Moran

## Youth Activities

Our youth activities are under way and an up-to-date report follows. We started in August with our first Basketball Clinic, and that was a success. Fifteen boys turned out. Brothers, we have not given up on the Basketball idea, so don't let your sons get discouraged. The Bowling League is coming along, but we can still use parents on Saturday to help. Brothers, if your children are bowling, and you can help us, please come down.

We held our first ice-skating party on October 6, 1973 at South Mountain Arena — fifteen children attended. The children that went had a great time, and those who missed the trip missed a wild time. The Arena was empty and almost totally our's for the day. Upcoming is our children's Christmas Party — December 16, at the Council Home. Brothers, I'm not pushing Christmas, but I'm just implanting a future date in your minds.

I hope in the next few weeks to have a teenage dance plan and date worked out. Brothers, I still need your support and I'm still hoping to hear on a gym for Basketball practice. The youth of today are counting on us, so let's help them out. Hope to see you at the Alleys or at the Council. Please contact me if you are looking for a committee to work on, or have information on a gym.

Dan Neroda  
382-9177  
Youth Chairman

## Notes on Membership

A warm welcome to the new candidates who received the Admission Degree at the Council Home on September 24th. Also in attendance were seven candidates from Councils in the surrounding area. Those new Brother Knights from Union Council are: James Rudowski; Leonhard Balling; John Alcamo; Ralph Merlucci; Louis Izz; Paul Bentivegna; George Halbing; Ed Rocco; Vincent Minnecci; Francis Scalza and Joseph Patton. A fine job was done by the Council Degree team, headed by the Grand Knight, Mike Tomko.

To the new members, I would like to say that to get the most out of the K of C you must become involved. There is much to be done, and much help is needed to accomplish these goals. To coin a phrase from a great American and Catholic gentleman, you could say, "Don't ask what the K of C can do for me, but rather what can I do for the K of C."

We are always looking for new members; Catholic gentlemen like yourselves, would be a credit to our organization. Applications are always available in the lounge or from me after the meeting.

Frank Rafferty

## Columbian Club

I would like to personally thank the Brothers and their families who ran the Family Dinner, Sunday, October 14th. R. Corbo, J. Bruno, W. Hoederlin, E. Vogel, B. Renner, B. Kozloski, H. Kay, T. Hayden, L. Linfante, P. Martin, S. Rygiel, Ricky Bruno and Ms. Farrell, Ms. Kay, Ms. Renner, Ms. Vogel. Everyone is looking forward to the next Dinner in February.

We still have openings for bartenders. For further information contact Lee Linfante or Tim Hayden 686-4504.

Fraternally yours,  
Jim Ford  
Columbian Club President

## Christmas Gifts for the "Military"

November 15th has been set aside as the date for mailing Christmas packages to the Brother Knights, or their sons or daughters, who are serving in the armed forces of the United States. Please don't hesitate to notify the Council if you know of anyone presently in service. Call Michael A. La Motta, Committee Chairman of the "Military Servicemen's Committee" at 688-7167. Make sure you have the correct full name, rank, complete military address, and home telephone number. The servicemen will greatly appreciate being remembered by Union Council 4504 during the 1973 Christmas season.

Mike La Motta

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## The Uncommonness of Common Sense

ITEM: The Drug Culture. Disturbed by the encroaching headlines, Americans have condemned, with justifiable rancor, youth's indiscriminate use of uppers and downers. At the same time, adults assure themselves that trouble ends at a bottle of Quaalude, that sleep is contained in Seconal, that energy can be stimulated with a few wisely chosen compounds. Common sense, it would seem, often stops at the family medicine cabinet.

ITEM: Uselessness. "If youth knew, if age could" runs the ancient folk observation. Today age knows, but is shunted aside, forced to retire before it is ready, made to feel superfluous and wasteful. Youth can, but also sits outside the system, uncertain of its identity or purpose. Native wit would dictate that these groups profit from consultation, that new and useful energies could benefit a third party — the rest of the country. Instead, age and youth remain segregated and restless. And their problems lie unsolved and burgeoning.

ITEM: Sex. This arena has never been famous for logic or wisdom. Today absurdities bloom anew. Sex education is fought by parents and school systems. Meanwhile, VD reaches epidemic proportions. The crucial moral clash over abortion has drowned out a much saner debate: how to develop a safe, certain contraceptive that the world will use.

ITEM: Relevance. The activist '60's are vanishing from history with remarkably velocity. The good, it seems, is interred with their banes. The evil lives on in the name of "relevance." Under that umbrella huddle the artifices of miseducation — the dropping of the classics, history curriculums that rewrite or annihilate the past, "soul studies." All contribute to an atmosphere hostile to knowledge. True learning is concerned with the unfamiliar — the "irrelevant" made comprehensible. The student who looks for relevance seldom learns that it sits neglected in the chronicles and studies of individuals and societies that passed this way long ago.