



# Knights Digest



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## UNION COUNCIL MOURNS LEARY

### Council Clean-up

As in the past, Good Friday is one of the two days a year that we have a mass clean-up of the Council interior. Walls, ceiling, floors, ducts, etc. — you name it, and if we get enough of our Council brothers to lend a hand, that day, we'll have our home sparkling.

Remember — Good Friday, April 13, from 9:00 a.m. until, you name your time.

### Maus Does It Again!

Raymond J. Reed, FIC, General Agent for the Central Division, announced that Field Agent Harold A. Maus, FIC, broke all records in the State of New Jersey in 1978. Maus issued 228 certificates, wrote \$3.1 million in face amount and established two Regional Records in 1978. The 1978 production of Maus exceeded his own predictions. Harold's General Agent spoke of how in the eight years he has been with the agency, he sold over 15.6 million in face value, insured over 1433 different persons in Hudson and Union Counties.

Maus, a former school teacher, formerly resided in Jersey City and now lives in Wood-Ridge with his wife Loretta and three children, Kathleen Mary, age 14, Brian James, 13 and Tara Ann, 10. He is the recipient of National Sales Awards, National Quality Awards for seven years, New Jersey Leaders Club seven years and National Fraternal Quality Awards for seven years. Qualifying member of the Million Dollar Round Table which is recognized as the top 2% of all insurance salesmen in the world for the past six years. Fraternal Insurance Counsellor of the year for the Knights of Columbus 1978.

Active in his parish Corpus Christi, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey, where he served as Parish Council President for two years. He has also spoken before many professional groups on insurance and the value of family life.

He is a past Grand Knight of Jersey City Council 137 and presently a member of Union Council 4504.

### Grand Ball April 28

COCKTAILS — 8:00-8:30

DINNER — 9:00-1:00

\$26 PER COUPLE

CONTACT:

VINNIE — 687-9381

or

DAN — 687-2988

Union Council Knights of Columbus 4504, mourns the loss of its Founder and First Grand Knight, Howard Leary.

For those who knew Howard, he was an outstanding Knight of Columbus, a gentleman, and, truly a loving and affectionate husband and father. There is no question but that his keen leadership, dynamic personality precipitated Union Council becoming one of the outstanding Councils in the State of New Jersey and this country.

As a Founding Father, it was his dedication and direction that brought men together to form a Council and to build a beautiful home, of which we are very proud. He, and the group responsible, overcame vast problems and surpassed many difficulties, as if guided by divine direction for the common purpose of Knighthood.

To only reflect is to remember how he inspired the Meetings with his smiling Irish face and his boundless source of energy. Never did he fail to help those in need, nor those who sought direction in the establishment of this Council nor in times of personal stress.

He demonstrated to his community that the Knights of Columbus were men and leaders who believed in and practiced good Christian living.

His services to the Knights of Columbus did not only represent efforts on behalf of Union Council, but we remember well that he was a Grand Knight of Carroll Council, Bergen County, and, further was elevated to a State Officer. He, together with his beloved Brother George, displayed the highest qualifications of Christian gentlemen.

Personally, he was a leader in the business World and politically he rose to be the head of his respective political party and was further recognized by being elected Tax Collector of the Township of Union, wherein he displayed the typical true ability to have people pay money and still be satisfied that "their Collector" was an honest gentleman and was doing his best for the citizenry of the Township.

To his Parish, he dedicated, together with his lovely wife Evelyn, hours of time and leadership in the many plays put on at St. Michael's.

My fellow Knights, we have lost a true friend and brother.

### New Jersey K. of C.

## RETARDED CITIZENS CHARITY DRIVE

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## JOIN THE CRUSADE APRIL 6-7-8, 1979

### Golf Tournament

The Third Annual Mayflower Golf Open will be held on Sunday, May 20th at Cranbury Country Club, Cranbury, New Jersey. Tee off times will begin at 10:30 a.m. with openings for 48 golfers. The cost will be \$11 total, \$9 for greens fees and \$2 to cover the prizes. Prizes will be for low net, closest to the pin, and longest drive. A keg of Michelob will be stationed on the 10th tee for a refreshment. Food can be obtained in the club house before or after your round. Golf carts are available. Anyone interested please either call Walter Guthreau at 686-2418 or fill in the form below and send to:

WALTER GUTHREAU  
Knights of Columbus  
Jeanette Avenue  
Union, New Jersey 07083

The deadline is May 5th. Please send a check for the full amount per golfer along with the letter.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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## Grand Knights Column

Roy Trupiano



### THE FUTURE EASTER (From Bishop Sheen's

#### Lenten and Easter Inspirations)

The world may be in the throes of a new birth, when the christian message shall pass from the western to the eastern world. Within a short time the Mystical Christ, Who has been crucified, will take His bleeding hands to the Japanese, who will lay their Lotus flower upon them to change the wounds of hate into the scars of love. To the Chinese, He will bring His bruised and torn Body and the halt, and lame, and blind, the hungry and the famished, will bring their healing hands and cover up from sight those imprints of a night forever past. To the people of India, He will show His open wounded side, and they who sought their peace in a Nirvana of unconsciousness, will be drowned at last in the Sacred Heart, in a love that is a healing of the soul.

Finally, He Who went into darkness through a crown of thorns, will turn to Africa and the people of the midnight Madonnas, and they shall pluck out His thorns, and crown Him with blossoms and with flowers as white as their souls, as perfumed as their faith.

The Ultimate Easter. The complete brotherhood and sisterhood of mankind. The Easter to come. One shepherd, one flock. The true meaning of catholic (small "c"), universal, complete, whole, all-inclusive and Catholic (capital "C"), the Christian church as a whole, specifically, the ancient, **undivided** Christian church, and we as Catholics, members of the **universal** Christian church.

This is only one lesson of Easter. The other is the lesson of the Cross and Resurrection. The Cross asks: "How far can Power go in this world?" Resurrection answers: "Power destroys itself." Cross asks: "Why does God permit evil and sin?" Resurrection answers: "sin at its worst will exhaust itself and be overcome by Love which is stronger than sin and death."

This is the lesson of Easter. The power of evil and sin can be defied and conquered and that He Who died gave us the glorious liberty as the children of God to break the chains of death.

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## First Friday

April 6 will be the date of our first Friday Sacred Heart Devotion. Msgr. John H. Koenig, Pastor of Holy Spirit Church will be the guest speaker. Msgr. Koenig is the Chairman of the Ecumenical Commission of the Arch Diocese of Newark and a Past President of the Priest's Senate. In addition to being a Trustee for the Arch Diocese he has also written several children's books. His topic for the first Friday will be "Ecumenism".

The turnout for our Sacred Heart Devotion has been quite good this year. We hope you will continue to use this means of obtaining additional graces, especially during the Lenten season. Mass is as usual at 8:00 p.m. at the Church Home. Coffee and cake will be available after the Mass. Please come and bring along a new face.

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## Summer Volleyball

Anyone interested in submitted a team into the Summer Volleyball League contact Art Reinhard — 686-6931. All players on the team must be at least 16 years old and related to a member of the Knights of Columbus. Team size is limited to a maximum of 10 players. In past years teams have been drawn up by the league. However, this year teams will be formed by the players themselves.

Any individuals who do not have a team but would like to play will be assigned to a team so that he may participate.

Teams must be registered by May 1st.

This league has been in operation for three years and has been extremely successful. It is a good means of exercise, relaxation and to meet other brothers.

Send the completed form to:

ART REINHARD  
Knights of Columbus  
Jeanette Avenue  
Union, N. J. 07083

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

## Did You Know You Are Worth \$50.00 per Hour?

Pretty high priced talent to be worth \$50 per hour. Must be a very important job, right? Can't be talking about me! What kind of experience is needed to make that kind of money?

Well, every Brother Knight in Union Council is worth \$50 per hour, the job is vitally important, and no experience is necessary. In fact the job is very easy. Past experience tells you can make \$50 per hour.

How? By joining your Brother Knights in our annual New Jersey Knights of Columbus Retarded Citizens Charity Drive. You won't really make a dime but you will collect for a very worthwhile cause and it will make you feel good about yourself and the Knights of Columbus. JOIN THE CRUSADE. Call Al Mench — 686-1143 or Joe Porter — 687-2847 and set aside an hour or so on April 6, 7 or 8 for the retarded citizens of New Jersey.

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## In Memoriam

Howard Leary  
Stanley Rucki  
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## Someone Satisfied

Dear Mr. La Motta,

I'm writing in response to the Christmas gift sent to me from you and the Veterans Committee. I wish you could imagine the gratitude I have for the Council at this time.

The gift came at the most opportune time. Evidently it was sent while we (my fellow crew members and I) went down on patrol. Our patrols last anywhere from 60 to 90 days and not wanting to be noticed, each day is spent under water with bare minimal outside contact.

When we surfaced and docked I only expected the usual girl friend-immediate family, hoping everything is fine letters. But within my mail package was the box sent by you. After being out of touch for 60 days my attitude on the world changed an awful lot and for the worse. Just that box with the return address bearing the name of the Knights of Columbus renewed my faith in the world and people. It showed that there are some people who do not just think that the taxes they pay is enough gratitude for the people who serve and protect the free country they live in.

That personal "thanks" has changed me a little for the better. It has helped me work all the harder to preserve this country for people like you.

I wish, in closing, I could end this letter of appreciation in saying, "As a fellow Knight" but, also, time has not permitted me to become one with the Council. So may I end with the prayer that the Mother Mary guide and protect you and your members of the Council as she has guided us through the storms and calm seas.

Once again I thank you.

Sincerely,  
MM3 James C. Kopec  
USS Daniel Boone SSBN629

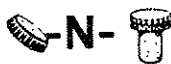
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## Youth Activities

### Cheerleading Contest

The Knights of Columbus sponsored two cheerleading squads to the State Cheerleading Contest. The Saint Michael's squad consisting of fifth and sixth graders placed fifth, while Holy Spirit consisting of seventh and eighth graders did not place as well. The girls enjoyed it and we hope to see them again next year.

### Easter Egg Hunt

The Knights of Columbus will have an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 7, 1979 at 1:00 in the picnic area behind the council home. Children, eight years and younger are invited to attend. Rain date will be April 14 at 1:00.

### Spelling Bee Results

In the council spelling bee, first place was awarded to Therese Chapman. Second place went to James McKnight, both from Saint Michael's. Therese went on to take fourth place in the County Spelling Bee.

## We Need You

All of us are aware of the pleasure oriented events that take place within a Knights of Columbus fraternity. Most members do not have to be reminded when a good time is available. However, part of the activities of our order involve charity and concern for our brothers. One of the most important ways to show this fraternal bond exist between us, is when the death of a member occurs. At such a sad event it's a great comfort to his family that we acknowledge his loss to us, and offer prayers for him. Our appearance at a member's wake shows the people present one of the serious sides of our organization. In recent months our members have neglected the obligation to honor our deceased. Bad weather and self interest are the main causes of small attendance at wakes. As a knight, the principles of Christian fraternity do not allow you to shift your responsibility to someone else. If we all took the attitude let the other guy do it, our brotherhood would not exist. It's not necessary to know the member who passed away. You did not personally know Jesus Christ who walked this earth before you were born. You follow His teaching that whatever comfort we give to a fellow human being we also give to Him. When each of us die our family will be in sorrow and will appreciate any notes of appreciation for our sympathy which proves our concern is very meaningful to the family. The next time you are called to attend a wake, please make every effort to do so.

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1st Mon. .... Council Officers  
2nd & 4th Mon. .... Regular Meetings  
3rd Mon. .... Swim Club  
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

## Membership Program — Sponsor a New Member!

As of February 1, Union Council leads all other Councils in New Jersey in sponsoring new members during fiscal year 1978-79. As in the past, we continually thank our Brother Knights who have assisted us by sponsoring new candidates. We still wish to have more members and if we continue to bring in additional candidates, we have a chance to become the #1 Council in N. J. as far as total membership is concerned.

Our thanks again for your continued support and please try to **SPONSOR A NEW MEMBER!**

Wayne Williams  
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Winfield, N. J. 07036

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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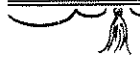
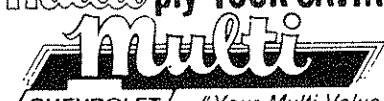
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## Living May Be Hazardous to Your Health IV

Each of us every day exposes himself to countless risks to his health, some known, many suspected and others yet to be uncovered. The cigarettes we smoke, the alcohol we drink, the diet we eat, the automobiles we drive, even the air we breathe may represent substantial risks. It is safe to say that for most people who engage in risk-taking there are benefits which seem to outweigh the risks. These benefits may consist of nothing more or less than the satisfaction of some basic urge, but I suspect that "we can no more eliminate smoking, drinking or gluttony by appealing to a desire for 'good health' than we can eliminate lust by declaring sex immoral." There are a number of thoughtful physicians who have decided that at least for them, smoking is preferable to not smoking. As smokers who have tried to stop smok-

ing can attest, quitting carries its own substantial risks. We **cannot prevent** the common cold by taking Vitamin C or dressing warmly, we **cannot prevent** mental illness by avoiding food additives. The argument here is that we acknowledge our ignorance and stop acting as if we know more than we really do. We are all victimized by unknown causes, by fate or even by ordinary bad luck. **Some individuals** will be reluctant to give up this cherished notion of control over illness and health and will chose to mold their lifestyle as if the control were theirs. We should continue our attempts to reduce air and water pollution, prevent drunken driving and so on. **But we cannot and should not presume to be able to calculate the risk — benefit ratio for each member of our society. What we must not allow is for society to make these choices for individuals.**

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