



# Knights Digest



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## Swim Club

The Annual Swim Club Meeting was held on Friday, January 17, 1975. There was an enthusiastic but **very small** group of members and wives in attendance. The meeting was held in the same format as past years, beginning with reports of the various committees along with the financial report and comments by our Grand Knight.

The election of new officers was then held. Vincent Iannuzzi and John Kilian were unanimously elected to the Board of Governors for a three year period.

The membership in attendance passed the By-law amendment proposed by the Board of Governors to increase the Swim Club membership from 360 to 380 families. We wish to take this opportunity to welcome our new members.

Please remember the following important points.

1. Dués are payable from now to April 1. (\$10.00 fine added after April 1).

2. If you are considering severing your membership, **do it now**, so that a new family may have proper time to prepare financially for their entrance into the Club.

3. Report any changes in your family status to William Taylor so that proper badge accommodations can be made.

Fraternally,  
John Kilian, President

## Chaplain's Night

For those that attended our last chaplain's night nothing more need be said. For those who missed it, here is an excellent opportunity for a Holy Week Uplifting Experience. Bring your wife, children, mothers, fathers. Spend an hour or two reflecting on our faith. We seem to do so precious little of this anymore.

So — as the man says — c'mon down to the council at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 14th. You'll be glad you did — I promise.

## Family Dinner

On Sunday, March 2nd, between the hours of 1-5 p.m. the Columbian Club will sponsor a Dinner for the members of Council 4504, and their family.

### MENU

- Celery and Olives
- Corned Beef
- Cabbage
- Potatoes
- Cake and Coffee

Tickets are available at \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12 years of age.

Tickets can be obtained by contacting:

- Rocco Corbo — Chairman
- Herb Kay
- Tim Hayden or Council Home

## President Ford Honored

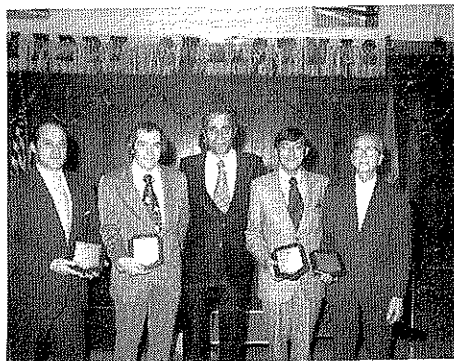


To show their appreciation to the members who gave their time and work experiences to the Council throughout the year of 1974, the Columbian Club and Columbian Swim Club held a joint dinner dance at the Council Hall, for these workers and guests.

Club paid honor to their Past President Jim Ford and his family. Jim was presented with a plaque and a gift by the present Columbian Club President Lee Linfante. Jim was also presented with a pet musical monkey by his son Jim Jr. Thanks was extended to Jim for a job well done.

After some brief words, of things to come, from our Columbian Swim Club President Jack Kilian, Grand Knight John Winters presented surprise plaques to Brothers William Patania, P.G.K. Robert Armstrong, John Gill and William Grosso for the many hours of time, effort and true workmanship which they contributed to the maintenance of our Council Home throughout the past year.

It was an outstanding affair attended by approximately 250 well fed and appreciative persons.



**FAMILY COMMUNION MASS  
AND  
BREAKFAST  
APRIL 20, 1975  
AT OUR COUNCIL**

## The Dangers of Abortion

(What the Pregnant Woman is Rarely Told)

From other countries, who have been engaged in abortion for a longer period of time than the United States, come some unpleasant records. Dr. Ian Donald, Professor of Midwifery, Glasgow, Scotland said "We can look forward to this (legal abortion) being the dominant cause of death to young women". Dr. Donald made this statement when he reported on 20,000 legal abortions in England in 1969, which had resulted in the deaths of fifteen mothers. This is an extremely sobering fact and demonstrates the fallacy of the often repeated statement by Dr. Alan Guttmacher of Planned Parenthood that legal abortions are "magnificently safe". What are some of the causes of death in mothers who have legal abortions? In a series of eight maternal abortion deaths the causes were: blood clot in lung (2 cases), anesthetic death (1), heart (1), cause unknown (1), complication (1), suicide following legal abortion (2).

The 1969 Survey of the Office of the Prime Minister of Japan listed the following **complaints after abortions**: 14% suffered subsequent habitual spontaneous miscarriages, 400% increase in tubal pregnancies. Normally 5% of all babies born are premature. This jumps to 15% in women who have had a legal abortion. If premature infants survive, they face a higher frequency of the tragic aftermath of mental retardation, neurological diseases and blindness.

From the paper "Legal Abortion, a Critical Assessment of Its Risks" by J. A. Stallworthy in December 1971 comes this information: There has been almost a conspiracy of silence in declaring its risks. Unfortunately, because of emotional reaction to legal abortion, well documented evidence from countries with a vast experience of it receives little attention in either the medical or lay press. This is medically indefensible when patients suffer as a result. For these reasons we summarize the facts of our experience in this division of obstetrics and gynecology. We are proud neither of the number of pregnancies which have been terminated nor the complications described. He went on to say 27% of abortions had complications from infection, 9.5% needed transfusions. Dr. Stallworthy said "It's significant that some of the more **serious complications** occurred with the **most senior and experienced operators.**" These complications are seldom mentioned by those who claim that abortion is safe.

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## Calendar of Events

### COMING EVENTS

Feb. 12 ..... Ash Wednesday  
Feb. 22 ..... Dance  
Mar. 2 ..... Family Dinner  
Mar. 22 ..... Easter Egg Hunt  
Mar. 23 ..... Spelling Bee  
Mar. 30 ..... Easter  
Apr. 3, 4, 5 ..... Show Time  
Apr. 6 ..... Children's Bowling  
Banquet  
Apr. 12 ..... Grand Ball

### 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

## K of C Insurance

Our insurance program covers life, retirement, family income, mortgage, hospitalization and disability. It is advisable only to Knights and their families, ages 0 to 65.

For you new Brothers, who are not familiar with our insurance program, it would be well worth your while to sit down and have the programs explained to you by our full-time general agent, Michael Mazzeo of Nutley. Mike is a Brother Knight and his full time job is explaining the K of C insurance structure. For an appointment, he can be reached at 667-8217.

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## Membership

On Dec. 2, 1974 the following members of our council were advanced thru the formation degree:

Mark P. Hannig  
Dennis R. Parks  
Joseph Patton  
Edward Quigley  
Richard A. Shemanski  
Robert J. Sieben  
Michael P. Sinnot  
William F. Strohmeier  
John F. Waldron

Congratulations to these brothers who are now awaiting the final step on their journey to Knighthood.

Remember June 30th, 1975 concludes the current membership drive; therefore, if you have a friend or relative, who you know to be a practicing catholic, approach him with an application — he may be just waiting for an invitation to join our ranks.

New Jersey, as of November 15, 1974, is close to the top of Division 1, second to Quebec, in membership growth. Our continued growth, along with the other councils of the state, will help to keep us there.

The Knighthood degree will be exemplified for eligible formation degree members on Friday, February 7, 1975 at our council hall. This degree will be in honor of Brother Joseph A. Halbing who has attained 62 years in our order. Please come out and pay tribute to him.

Frank J. Weishapl  
Membership Director



## Santa and His Helpers

On December 22 Union Council held its annual children's Christmas Party.

P.G.K. Robert Armstrong acted as Master of Ceremonies. Bob displayed his usual finesse when he welcomed the children to the party.

The children were first treated to ice cream, candy and cake and later with cartoon movies. After the movies and with his helper (Grand Knight John Winters), Santa Claus presented each child with a surprise Christmas Gift.

Thanks to all the other Santa helpers who gave their time in setting up the hall for the occasion.

The children thank you and Deputy Grand Knight Andrew Popp thanks you.

## Sneak A Peak

At our advertisers that is, who appear on the last page. They are the ones that offset the cost of the Knights Digest. Why don't you try and patronize them. They would certainly appreciate it.



My Brother Knights:

As I write this article it is very difficult for me to realize that half of the Columbian Year is over. The next six months, I am sure will go by just as quickly, with so much to look forward to and to accomplish.

I am asking that you plan on attending and be a participate in the various functions that are in the working for the next six months.

I must compliment the entire membership for the outstanding support I have received in all our activities thus far and I thank you most sincerely.

The Officers, Program Director and Chairman are making every effort to supply you with the type of programs you enjoy and above all else will participate in.

My brothers, the Lenten season is almost upon us. I feel it is an opportune time of the year for everyone to ask our Blessed Lord for continued health, love and success in our daily lives as well as in our order.

Perhaps we can make a special effort to attend one of the fine Catholic activities planned in the up coming months. I can think of no better way to Thank God for allowing us to be part of this great order and what it stands for.

Again I would remind you that the council officers are at your disposal for implementing constructive and successful ideas. Hope to see you at the next meeting. God Bless Union Council and its membership.

Fraternally yours,  
John J. Winters  
Grand Knight

## Satours

Quoting Columbian Club President Lee Linfante "It was fabulous."

A six member group of our Brother Knights, (real Catholic gentlemen), formed to conduct charity projects, held their second annual cocktail party, January 11th, at our council home. This group has no members, just officers, namely: John Foley, President, Frank Dickerson Sr., Vice President, Timothy Hayden, Recording Secretary, Herbert Kleniewski (Herby Kay), Treasurer, Jack Bruno, Sergeant-at-Arms and John Zimmerman, Officer-at-Large.

Food and beverages were plentiful and good, music was furnished by Rickie Ernst and his three Wonders.

The men and women who attended this wonderful affair are still raving about it.

Nice going fellows. Thanks from all of us who attended. "Fabulous".



## Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Edward M. Swierzbinski

### The Holy Year: What It Means Inside And Outside of Rome

At 11:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve Pope Paul VI will open the Holy Year Door at St. Peter's Basilica. At the same time Cardinal delegates will open the doors of the three other major basilicas in Rome. There is a practical history to this ceremony. These seldom used doors had to be opened for the jubilee years to accommodate the great number of pilgrims coming in and out. But over the five centuries in which the Jubilee year has been celebrated at regular intervals the opening of these doors has taken on a symbolic meaning also.

The Pope as minister of God's word and grace of reconciliation opens the doors to symbolize God's mercy in response to the pilgrims' sign of interior conversion from sin to a new life in God and his Church. The gift of indulgence to the pilgrim is a sharing in the gift of Christ who is our "justice."

The reaction to the proclamation of this Holy Year has been mixed, at best. Some have concluded it is simply an outdated custom with little meaning for the present. Others have cynically suggested it is a clever gimmick to promote tourism and an increase in dollars coming to Rome. Either view misses entirely the real significance of pilgrimage and a Holy Year.

The declaration of the Jubilee is an invitation to personal and corporate spiritual renewal. The pilgrim comes to Rome as a sign of the spiritual change in his life. And without that change the pilgrimage is an empty gesture. His journey to the catacombs and the tombs of Peter and Paul declares his desire to share in the communion of saints and live in the unity of their faith and charity. The pilgrim visits the Cathedral Church of Rome and presents himself to the Holy Father to hear from him the word of God as a sign of unity with the Church of the Apostles and Bishop of Rome.

#### What the Holy Year Means Outside of Rome

Those of us unable to travel to Rome may well say the above is all well and good, but ask what the Holy Year means to us. To ask that question means we have not understood what the Pope has said about this Holy Year.

Those who journey to Rome are to speak for us all and give witness of what we have been doing in our own dioceses and parishes.

During this past year we are supposed to have been going through a process of both personal and institutional renewal and reconciliation.

#### Personal Renewal

What happens in Rome is supposed to be only a reflection of what has happened and is happening throughout the world. Pope Paul has asked that we make this Holy Year the culmination point of our actions and reflection in the 10 years since the end of Vatican II. He summons each of us to a change of heart no less real, no less radical than that of Saul of Tarsus or Mary Magdalen.

The demand is first for personal renewal. That we reconcile what we are with, what we want to be, our actions with our ideals.

It means that we straighten out whatever is wrong in our relationships with husbands and wives, parents and children, brothers and sisters, neighbors and co-workers.

Then we are ready to be reconciled with God.

The mending of our lives, personal renewal and reconciliation does not end with Christmas Eve. Nor can the opening of the Holy Year doors signal the end of activity in our families, parishes and dioceses which has often hardly begun!

#### Holy Year and the Family

The Holy Year suggest itself as the occasion for special efforts to establish a family spirituality and prayer life. If family prayer has never been the practice in your home this is an appropriate time to begin it. Meal time can be the occasion of spontaneous or planned prayer, an opportunity for all to bring their concerns and needs to the Lord together. A variety of prayerbooks with a simple and beautiful evening prayer can be used for a family prayer immediately after dinner.

Lent, 1975, will be a good occasion for introducing children to the practice of penance as a way of dying with Christ to rise with him. It might be the time to teach them the Way of the Cross devotion. The family might have an Easter candle to be lit each evening during the Easter season.

This Holy Year should be a specially fitting time to encourage children in the works of charity, to increase their awareness of the poor, the sick, the oppressed, and to teach social responsibility.

#### Did You Know

That the K of C has approximately 2¼ billion dollars of insurance in force.

That since the programs inception in 1970 the Student Loan Program has loaned over 4 million dollars.

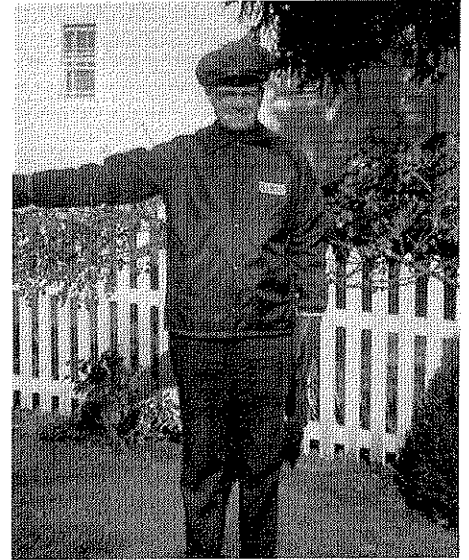
That \$2.50 of your dues goes to the Supreme per capita tax.

That there are two days of both fast and abstinence during Lent, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

That the approximate present international membership of the order is 1,160,000.

That a Knight of Columbus at 70 years of age with 25 consecutive years of membership, or 50 years in the order qualifies as an Honorary Life Member.

### Knight of the Month



"ED" BRENNAN

Our Knight of the Month for February is a quiet congenial ole timer who's been a knight for many years. "Ed" a retiree has been filling in his time as a school guard. He is a volunteer bartender, was an active worker during our building expansion, donates his time during the Spring Swim Club clean up time and serves as an attendant of the check room during council affairs.

Ed, who lives on Stecher St., Union, is single and is a communicant of St. Michaels Church.

It is our pleasure to add to our list of Knights of the Month the name of Edward J. Brennan, "Knight of the Month" — February 1975, Union Council 4504.

### Delinquent Council Dues

In addition to the time consuming detail, the council loses about \$5.00 per year on assessments and mailing fees for each delinquent member. Make this a belated resolution; to keep your dues updated, also; inform the financial secretary of all change of address and/or any other pertinent information necessary for us to contact you. Grateful for your co-operation.

Retention Committee  
Trustee — Michael Tomko P.G.K.

### Cardinal's Corner

On March 16, 1975 the J.F.K. Assembly will hold its annual communion breakfast following the 9:05 Mass at St. Michael's Church. Please keep the date in mind. More details will follow.

April 13, 1975 is the date for the exemplification of the Fourth Degree at the Robert Treat Hotel in Newark. Applications are still being accepted. The Assembly is eager to welcome new members and the exemplification is a very memorable experience. For more information, kindly contact the undersigned.

Meeting dates are as follows: February 19, at Hillside Council; March 19, at Springfield Council.

For those that may have forgotten, dues should be paid for the ensuing year with the next few weeks.

S.K. Charles Kraemer  
964-7261



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SPECIAL ISSUE

## BELIEVE IN AMERICA

Union Township will sponsor a Believe In America Parade to be held on Sunday, October 27th, 1974. We would like to have our Council and its membership represent themselves in this worthy endeavor. Members are requested to meet at Kean College at 1:00 p.m.

For further information call Barney Capriglione — 964-3143.



### "A KNIGHT OF NOSTALGIA"

#### LET'S SUPPORT OUR SHOW WITH YOUR ATTENDANCE

Union Council 4504 will again present their May Musical Review "A Knight of Nostalgia" on Friday evening, October 18, 1974 and Saturday evening, October 19, 1974. We urge all members, their family and friends to purchase their tickets early. The proceeds of this show will be distributed between Deborah Hospital at Browns Mills, N. J. and Union County Cerebral Palsy League. The show will be performed at Union High School at 8:00 p.m.

Tickets are available at:

Knights of Columbus  
Jeanette Ave., Union ..... 686-4504  
Fountain Realty Co.  
2116 Morris Ave., Union ..... 964-3143  
Union C.P. Center  
216 Holly St., Cranford ..... 272-5020  
Rosellin Chapter (Deborah)  
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