



# Knights Digest



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## VISIT OUR "BLOOD DRAWING"

### Growing Old Gracefully

Lord Thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and will one day be old.

Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion.

Release me from craving to try to straighten out everybody's affairs.

Make me thoughtful but not moody, helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all — but Thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.

Keep my mind from the recital of endless details — give me wings to get to the point.

Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by.

Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet. I do not want to be a saint — some of them are so hard to live with — but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil. Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places and talents in unexpected people. Give me the grace to tell them so. Amen.

(—Author unknown)

### NOTICE

Please contact us if you know of any brother or members of their families who are ill, in need, or in distress, so that proper action can be taken.

We need you to help us as it is impossible for us to know of those in need unless you contact us.

Contact any of the following as soon as possible:

Dominick Clementoni, Grand Knight — 688-3618.

Barney Capriglione, Deputy Grand Knight — 687-1566.

Joseph Bilicska, Director of Fraternal & Community Activities — 687-0827.

On Sunday, Nov. 21, 1971, Union Council will have its blood drawn from its members. That is — those who are willing and able to give.

Now the question is who can give.

1. Those between the ages of 18 and 60.
2. Those that are not taking medication at the time.
3. Tooth extraction after 3 day wait.
4. Allergy if no symptoms at time of donation even while taking medication.
5. Surgery — No.
6. Pregnancy — No.
7. Colds — if temperature and pulse is normal.
8. Do not fast — eat your regular meal.
9. A waiting period of 8 weeks since last donation is minimum.
10. No tickets required.
11. Last — and not least, those who make the Night Club Dance the night before are most cordially invited. The higher the proof the more we get.

These are the basic rules for governing the donor. If there are any other questions contact your Fraternal Chairman Joseph Bilicska at 687-0827, or see him at your next meeting.

Foremost in mind, "Remember", this is your council, your people and your blood bank. Only you can make it survive or flounder. You can make it or break it.

Any member of the family who meets the foresaid requirements can help with their donation.

So, remember Nov. 21, 1971 and come down to the Council Hall and let us relieve you of a pint of blood and we'll replenish it with a Roast Beef Dinner and "a bit" of liquid refreshment.

With your donation and God's help we will meet this coming year's commitment successfully.

Your Fraternal Chairman,  
Joseph Bilicska

### JFK 4th Degree K. C. Forms Color Corps

The John F. Kennedy General Assembly 4th Degree Knights of Columbus of Union, Color Corps met for the first time on Wednesday the 6th of Oct. The Color Corps was designated as Q Company of the First Battalion, H Regiment under the leadership of Commander Kelly and Drill Master Lt. Commander Schmidt. Elected as Captain was SK Stanley Rucki and Lt. Junior Grade SK Leo E. Lupia. Drill session will be conducted the first Wednesday of every month at the Union Council home at 8:30 hrs. Any Sir Knight desiring to become a member of the Color Corps contact SK Leo E. Lupia or SK Stanley Rucki.

It is anticipated that through the formation of this Color Corps the aim of the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree will be fulfilled.

Leo E. Lupia

### Golf Tournament

On Oct. 16th the K. of C. Council 4504 had their annual golf tournament at the Florham Park Country Club. Following was a buffet dinner.

The winner of the tournament was T. Anriano with a low gross of 84. He won a set of irons. Low net was won by G. DePalmer and A. Socolow with a 73.

Prizes were given to all 36 golfers that attended the tournament. The biggest prize was a set of woods that was won by A. Socolow.

Watch for our Big Spring Tournament.

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## CALENDAR

Nov. 8.....Regular Meeting  
Speaker — Joseph Willmore  
Nov. 15.....Swim Club Board of  
Directors Meeting  
Nov. 20.....Children's Ice Skating  
Party  
Nov. 21.....9:05 Memorial Mass,  
St. Michael's  
Nov. 21.....12noon-5p.m. Annual  
Blood Donors Day  
Nov. 22.....7:30 p.m. Commemorative  
Mass & Services at Council Home  
Nov. 27.....PGK Honor Ball  
Dec. 1....Program Directors Meeting  
Dec. 6.....Officer Meeting  
Dec. 12...Children's Christmas Party  
Dec. 13...Christmas Dinner Meeting  
Dec. 19..Happy Hour 3p.m. to 5p.m.

## COME ONE COME ALL TO THE HONOR BALL

Here's the Date and Don't be Late  
**November 27, 1971**  
Order Your Tickets for a Night of Fun  
Cocktail Hour — 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
Dining-Dancing — 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.  
Dress — Semi-formal  
\$12.00 a person  
**Call Herbie Kay**  
**for reservation 688-6452**  
Roy Trupiano  
Director  
Council Activities

## Knights of Columbus Emblem Designed in 1883

The Knights of Columbus emblem dates from the Second Supreme meeting May 12, 1883, when it was designed by James T. Mullen, who was the first Supreme Knight.

A quick glance at the emblem indicates a shield mounted upon the cross of Malta. The shield is that associated with a medieval knight. The cross of Malta is the representation in a traditionally artistic design of the Cross of Christ through which all the graces of redemption were procured for mankind. This, then, represents the Catholic spirit of the order.

Mounted on the shield are three objects, a mace standing vertically and, crossed behind it, an anchor and a dagger or short sword. The mace from Roman days is symbolic of authority which must exist in any tightly bonded and efficiently operating organization. The anchor is the mariner's symbol for Columbus, patron of the K. of C., while the short sword or dagger was the weapon of the knight when engaged upon an errand of mercy.

Thus, the shield expresses Catholic knighthood in organized merciful action and with the letters "K. of C.", it proclaims this specific form of activity.

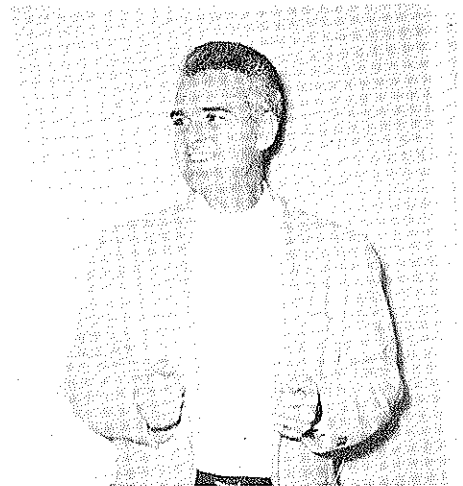
The red, white and blue colors in the background of the Cross of Malta are the colors of our beloved country. As such, red is the symbol of stout hearted courage, of pulsing activity and a full measure of devotion. Blue is the symbol of hope, of calm tranquility under God and of confidence in the protection of our country, established under God. White is the symbol of mobility of purpose, of purity of aim and of crucible tried ideals to be carried out.

But there is another symbolism of color in red, white and blue. This is the ecclesiastical symbolism in which red becomes the reflection of the drops of Christ's redemptive blood shed on Calvary, and of the Martyrs' blood shed in defense of the Faith.

Red is then the symbol of Faith, of belief in Christ, in the Redemptive and in the mission of every man to spread the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ. White is the color of the Eucharistic Host, pledge of God's Eucharistic presence among men, of the infinite love God had for man and of the overwhelming affection which the God-man had for each individual. White is then the symbol of Christ-like charity. Blue is the color of Our Lady's mantle, in which she draped her beloved Son, through whom salvation came to a sinful world. Blue is then the symbol of Hope.

## Knight of the Month

November 1971



This month we recognize Brother Martin Veale as Knight of the Month.

Marty is a communicant of Holy Spirit Church. He has been a resident of Union for the last seven years and resides at Summit Place with his lovely wife Joan and their four children Kathleen, Donna, Martin and Teresa.

Marty can be seen helping at the Swim Club working parties; as bartender on Sunday nights; on the Mailing Committee; Advertising Committee; blood bank helper and many other Council activities.

Marty served in the Navy during the last war and is presently employed by Hall's Motor Transit Company, South Plainfield, N. J.

Congratulations to Martin Veale, Knight of the Month! Welcome to the Workers' Club.

## "Better Late Than —"

Two issues ago I wrote a Thank You note for the Knights Digest. Somewhere along the line from the Council Hall to the printer it was lost. But I kept a copy and it went as follows:

Washington had a "Farewell Address, Lincoln had his "Gettysburg Address, Bilieska has "A Job Well Administered" to the following brothers who interviewed with the admission committee.

Patrick Brilly  
Peter Martin  
Timothy Hayden  
James Moran  
Clifford Morris  
Martin Veale  
Anthony Piatkiewicz  
William Buchus  
Henry Neadu  
Edward Gableman  
Philip Sammarocco  
Robert Hillock

This slate of very conscientious members are the people that helped keep the "Knights of Columbus", Council 4504, Union Council first in their hearts and yours.

A very heartwarming "Thank You" and God bless and endear each one of you.

Past Admissions Chairman  
J. Bilicska



My Brother Knights:

FRATERNITY, the third principal of our order is emphasized especially during the month of November. It is that time in the council year when we pay proper fraternal tribute to the memory of our departed Brothers. Sunday, November 21st, the 9:05 mass at St. Michael's Church will be offered for all deceased members of Union Council 4504. All Brothers and their families are invited to attend this mass. On Monday, Nov. 22 at 7:30 p.m. our Chaplain Father McKeon will celebrate mass at the council home, after mass we will hold Memorial Services for Brothers Donald L. BROWN, Ernest J. HANNING, Carmine J. PANICO, John J. REYNOLDS, and Vincent J. WRIGHT who were called by Almighty God to their eternal rest in the past year.

Another program of our Director of fraternal and Communities JOE BILISKA is the Annual Blood Donors Day which will be held on Nov. 21 from 12 noon to 5 p.m. For the benefit of our newer Brothers, Our Blood Bank is for the use of your wife and children as well as yourself, as long as they reside in your household. So I urge all that can give blood, to please contribute to this worthy program of our council.

You will recall that back in September, we experienced extremely heavy severe rainstorms, which caused flooding. One such area was a group of brand new buildings located in Lodi, N. J. which were damaged by the flood waters. Answering the Felician Nuns plea for volunteers to aid in the task of cleaning up the debris were: Jules PRUSZKOWSKI, Tim HAYDEN, Pete KOZLOSKI, Don KELLY, Jack BRUNO, Walter HOELDERLIN, Peter HOELDERLIN and Mike ROMEO. We give special THANKS to these men who sacrificed their time and effort to a most worthy cause.

FRATERNALLY YOURS:  
DOM CLEMENTONI

## Lecturer's Program

For the meeting of Nov. 22 the second meeting of the month, we will deviate from our attempt to present Union Council Members as our speakers so we may present a very timely, interesting and important subject. Through the Sales Promotion Office of Public Service Electric and Gas Co., it has been our good fortune to obtain a program film entitled "Nuclear Power and the Environment." The program will be presented by Mr. Robert Donat, a Sales Representative from the company. Mr. Donat is a native of N. J. and a product of the Elizabeth school system. He began his career with Public Service in 1968 and has travelled throughout N. J. presenting a variety of educational and entertaining programs concerning the electric and gas industry to civic and educational groups of all ages.

With present concern for environ-

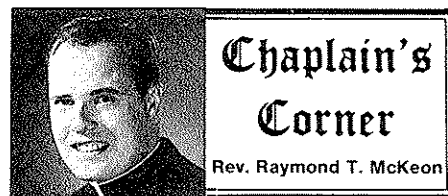
ment by all citizens and the growing need for more and more electric power made necessary by our modern and ever increasing standard of living, the method of power generation becomes a very vital subject to all. We have read much recently about the blockage of Nuclear Generating Stations by Conservation Groups. Now we have the opportunity to listen to the Utility Company story and the results of years of study. We are certain you will be much better informed on the subject and will be better able to make a sensible judgment of one of the great problems facing our nation today.

The first and only meeting in December on the 13th, will be a dinner meeting and our annual Christmas gathering. In our attempt to bring the members timely programs we are happy to announce that we will be entertained by the Union Township Harmonica Band at the conclusion of our meeting. This is a joyous time of year and music and song is apropos for the occasion. While this is not a Union Council band, we do have one of our brothers in the group and through the efforts of Roy Trispiano, a harmonica aficionado, we will be entertained by this group on this happy occasion. Come out and enjoy the company of our brother knights.

## Random Thoughts

Sign in a florist shop: "Hot Plants and Exciting Bloomers"... How monotonous the sounds of the forest would be if the music came only from the Top Ten Birds... A honeymoon is just a vacation a man takes before going to work for a new boss... The person who really thinks learns quite as much from his failures as from his successes... A superior person won't look down on you; an inferior person can't... Any man who can drive safely while kissing a pretty girl is simply not giving the kiss the attention it deserves... Its a great deal easier to forgive an enemy after you get even with him, or a little ahead... Nothing reminds you your wife of what she wants you to do so surely as lying down for a nap... God is glorified, not by our groans, but by our thanksgiving... Credit is a clever financial trick that enables us to spend what we haven't got... A philosopher is a person who doesn't care which side his bread is buttered on; he knows he eats both sides anyway... Church members are either pillars or caterpillars. The pillars hold up the church, the caterpillars just crawl in and out... A fortuneteller always foretells a bright future for others in order to make a brighter future for herself... Drug addiction is giving crime a shot in the arm... Money does make all the difference. If you have two jobs and you're rich, you have diversified interests. If you have two jobs and you're poor, you're moonlighting... An African with a ring in her nose is a savage, but an American with a pearl in her ear is civilized... Sign in a French antique shop: English and French spoken — Cash understood... Perfection is a mixed blessing, an imperfect friend is preferable to a perfect stranger... Happiness is the interval between periods of unhappiness.

Jim Moran



It is amazing how careless some are about the knowledge of their religion. The Pope and some 2,600 membered Bishops of the Catholic Church at the Vatican Council were very serious on this matter.

The decree on the pastoral office of bishops of the Vatican Council points out that it is the "mission of the Church to CONVERSE with the human society in which it lives." Thus it is the "duty of bishops" to both request and promote dialogues with men and to seek them out to do so. The decree then sets the tone for these "conversations on salvation — they should be noted for clarity of speech as well as humility and mildness" so that always Faith may be joined to Charity and understanding with love." Also these conversations should be marked by "due prudence joined with trust, which fosters friendship."

The bishops are also requested "to make use of the various media at hand nowadays for proclaiming Christian Doctrine." Preaching and catechetical instruction are listed as holding first place; followed by presentation of Christian Doctrine through schools, conferences, meetings — in fact any proper means. Special emphasis is given to the press and other means of mass communication, which, the decree says, "by all means ought to be used in proclaiming the Gospel of Christ." In a world where there is much competition through the press, radio and television for the public's attention, Christians too must compete to present Christ's message.

Catechetical instruction should be presented carefully and effectively. Those giving the instruction, the catechists, should be well trained themselves so they can and will be effective teachers; the method of teaching should be adopted to the character, ability, age and circumstances of the life of the students" — which is, after all, the proper method of teaching.

This is the attitude of the Bishops. What is yours? Apathy? Indifference? Couldn't care less? When is the last time you read a book on some aspect of your Catholic faith? A Catholic magazine? How about the Advocate, our Newark Archdiocesan newspaper? If you have children of school age, have you looked at their religion books? Do you know what your children are being taught and how? Do you talk with your children at home about what happened in religion class? The way the children are being taught is a chance for you to re-learn your faith. Faith without information and nourishment, especially in these times, is a faith which needs help. Know your faith; work at knowing it; to know Christ is to live Christ.