



# Knight Digest



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## Knight of the Month

The selection committee has chosen to honor as January "Knight of the Month" a Brother who does a splendid job for the Catholic Activity Committee. Among his major accomplishments is the direction of the Living Rosary Club. He also, however, participates actively in church and council affairs.

For his zeal in arranging and directing the Living Rosary Club and for his example to all of us in Catholic activities, the Selection Committee is proud to call Brother Rudolf Steiner "Knight of the Month".

### KNIGHTS OF THE MONTH

June	—	Knight of the Year?
May	—	
April	—	
March	—	
February	—	
January	—	Rudolf Steiner
December	—	Norman Heim
November	—	Weldon Arner

## Snow Ball Dance

The Council Activity Committee, under Chairman Frank Dickerson, announces its first social event of the new year — a Snow Ball Dance — to be held on Saturday, January 28th, at the Kenilworth Veterans Center, South 20th Street, Kenilworth. There will be dancing from 9:30 P. M. to 1:30 A. M. to the music of Fred Sleckman's Orchestra. The admission charge of \$3.00 per person will include such refreshments as beer, soda, ham, pickles, olives, cole slaw, potato salad, etc.

There will be 400 tickets available, to be distributed on a First Come, First Served basis. Two tickets per Knight will be obtainable until Jan. 9th, and thereafter will be released for general public sale.

Those members who have not had the pleasure of attending past social affairs, sponsored by the Council Activity Committee, are urged to avail themselves of an evening of fun and fellowship they will long remember.

## Retreat Club Formed

Catholic Activity Chairman Thomas Duhig has announced the forming of a Retreat Club, under the leadership of Tom Vigliotto. The purpose of the club is to enable members to save, in an easy manner, for the Council's annual retreat, which is usually held in the fall. Expenses for a weekend retreat are approximately \$18.

Why make a retreat? One reason is because you may have problems that only a complete change of environment, and some concerted religious thinking, can help you to solve. If you say that you have no problems whatsoever, it is either because you are not being honest with yourself, or because you have become dangerously blind to the important goals of your life.

We all have problems, not excluding any among us who may already be close to sanctity. The problems arise, in general, from the fact that God placed us on earth to save our souls and to try to become saints. Against the attainment of these goals we find a constant uprising of contradictory desires and ambitions within us. This is the basic problem of all human beings: trying to bring our own will, and our own actions, into conformity with the will of God for us.

Nothing works as a greater spur to the resolving of this problem than getting away from one's ordinary environment for a period of time, and being helped to see and meditate on God's will, while looking over one's own life as from a distance. In these circumstances, private, personal, selfish desires begin to look very unimportant; God's will, and God's love, gradually appear to be what they really are: the most important goals in the world.

Join the Retreat Club, see Tom at the next meeting or call MU. 8-1385.

PRAY FOR PEACE

## Columbian Club Notes

As was planned, on December 10, 1960, Union Council #4504 broke ground for its new Council home in Union. To date inclement weather basically has prevented the commencement of construction, but we hope that in the near future the weather may break so that construction can begin.

Needless to say, during the period of construction all members of the Council should work diligently to keep their pledges constant, and in the event that you are a member who has not already pledged, you should immediately do so in order to keep our financial position sound.

It is the intention of the Columbian Club to have the building available some time after the first of June provided the weather does not prevent further construction. At each and every Council meeting we will attempt to give an up-to-date report on construction progress, and further, we will attempt to give you an up-to-date financial picture concerning the advancement of the Pledge Drive and Plaque Drive which are now going to be uppermost in the efforts of the Columbian Club in order to swell our treasury for the final completion of our building.

The officers and directors of the Columbian Club wish to extend to all the members of the Council a sincere thank you to all the members for their extreme generosity throughout the past two years.

COLUMBIAN CLUB	
Pledge Goal \$40,000.	
	40
We are here	
_____	35
_____	30
_____	25
_____	20
_____	15
_____	10
_____	5

Pledges can now be paid at regular Council meetings. A committeeman will be on hand to receive them.

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## NOTICE TO BROTHERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

If you know of the death or illness of a Brother, please notify, immediately, Fraternal Activity Chairman, Edward J. Wargins, 948 Townley Ave., Union, MU. 8-8835.

## Calendar

JAN. 9—

Regular Council Meeting,  
8:15 P.M. at Elk's Club,  
Lecturer's Program.

JAN. 23—

Regular Council Meeting,  
8:15 P.M. at Elk's Club,  
First Degree.

JAN. 28—

Snowball Dance,  
Kenilworth Veterans Hall

FEB. 13—

Regular Council Meeting,  
8:15 P.M. at Elk's Club,  
Lecturer's Program.

FEB. 19—

Day of Recollection,  
St. Michael's Church

Retain for Ready Reference



## Chaplain's Corner

--- Rev. Joseph F. Driscoll

At the beginning of the year, it is well for us to know something of the Goodness of God. No matter how many times we are urged to meditate on the perfections of God, the immediate necessity, or mere opportunity, of doing something else draws us away from this most worthy consideration of God.

The goodness we are most acquainted with is the goodness of men. We consider a person good who is constantly performing good works. He seems to bubble over with such goodness that he is concerned with good works being constantly performed. Such a person is a mere reflection of the goodness of God.

With God, the seeing of the good, and bringing it into existence is the one Divine Act. We witness this about ourselves. There is no good that we have, or good action in which we participate, unless God is the author of it. God has made us, He continues our life, He gives us our health, our friends and our family.

With this consideration of God, we should fall down and adore Him, with this knowledge, we should think through the theme for our practical life as Knights of Columbus. Our

order, the Knights of Columbus, depends on each individual Knight being convinced that this new year begin with the knowledge of God's goodness in himself. Then the real Knight of Columbus spends sufficient time and effort in the patient instruction of the family in the goodness of God, and how God's goodness may be reflected in the family life. He sees to it that his fellow workers know about God's goodness from their witnessing his expressing his dependence on God. Within the Order itself it is necessary that all the functions, social as well as religious, give evidence of our dependence on the goodness of God.

Our Council is entering another year when gradually the adjective, "new" will be less and less used. We shall have to stand with decisions made by the entire group standing together. The strength to attain this goodness is not available through any natural means for the development of character. We must work for this high tone of our Council by making every effort to have all the members receiving Holy Communion every week at Sunday Mass. "I live, now not I, but Christ lives in me." (Gal. II, 20)

## Boy's Bowling League

### Leading Teams

	Won	Lost
Alley Wreckers .....	24½	11½
Lonely Four .....	24	12
Allep-Oops .....	20	16

### Leading Bowlers

G. Amer .....	129.27
D. Fackelman .....	124.5
J. Fackelman .....	122.17

## Girl's Bowling League

### Leading Teams

	Won	Lost
Shamrocks .....	21	9
Comets .....	20½	9½
Fighting Irish .....	18½	11½

### Leading Bowlers

M. Rhodes .....	122.4
H. Robbins .....	107.21
G. Tallman .....	103.21

## Intra-Council Bowling League

### Team Standings

	Won	Lost
Bandits .....	32½	15½
Jackals .....	29	19
Shamrocks .....	27½	20½
Plungers .....	27	21
Untouchables .....	23	25
Kilowatts .....	23	25
Diggers .....	23	25
Right Handers .....	23	25
G-Men .....	21	27
Merits .....	21	27
Shellbacks .....	20	28
Spoilers .....	18	30

### Individual Standings

#### High Average

John Burke .....	180.44
Matt Simon .....	176.15
Hank Skarbek .....	172.8

#### High Game

Jim Bradley .....	247
Ed Burke .....	246
Ted Kocal .....	244

#### High Series

Ted Kocal .....	632
John Burke .....	623
Matt Simon .....	604

# Grand Knight's Message



**Safe Driving Corner**  
John Foley

BROTHERS:

The year 1961 will always be an outstanding year in our Council for it will be the year that we will meet in our own building. In the short span of approximately three years Union Council has prospered and grown beyond all expectations and has risen to a position of respect and esteem in our honored order and in our community. It is the zeal and diligent efforts of brothers like yourself that has brought us to this point in our history. During this new year there will be many problems to be dealt with and decisions to be made which will effect our future history. I hope and pray that God may continue to bless our efforts. In this new year and the years to come, let it be known more than ever by our acts that we are a group of Catholic men devoted to God, to our country, to each other and to the good of all society.

The State Chairman of Catholic Activities has requested that we make plans to participate in the Spiritual Bouquet for our Bishops. On Sunday, February 12, 1961 the Knights of Columbus of New Jersey are requested to receive Holy Eucharist and to offer it for the spiritual benefit of the great and Godly men who serve us so faithfully despite the tremendous burden each bears.

It is a wholesome thought to pray for the dead; and it is equally wholesome to pray for the living and in particular, for our Hierarchy who have accomplished so much for our faith in all areas—spiritual, physical and fraternal.

Have you noticed the name of the team that is leading the Council Bowling League? I hope the Bandits don't get all their winning games the way their name implies. Brother Godesky is doing an excellent job as Bowling chairman and has earned the gratitude of the council.

When I announced there would only be one meeting in December, I never in my wildest dreams thought that the month would pass without a meeting. We did manage to get an excellent announcement of the cancellation of the Dec. 12th meeting over Station WNEW. Any urgent business that had to be taken care of, was completed. Anything that could be held over, will be taken care of at the first meeting this month and we will again be doing business as usual.

May I extend to the Brothers and their families and friends the thanks of the Council and the Columbian Club for their participation in the groundbreaking ceremonies on Saturday, December 10th. The affair was well attended by Township Officials, State Officers, representatives of local Fraternal and Civic organizations and the Fourth Degree Color Guard. A very successful affair, well conducted, pleasantly presented and a credit to Union Council. Congratulations and Thanks to the Committee.

Don't miss the Snow Ball Dance to be held on January 28th at the Kenilworth Veterans Hall. This has all the indications of being another exceptional affair, the committee has a planned menu and an outstanding array of refreshments. There are a limited number of tickets available which will be disposed of on a first come, first sold basis due to the capacity of the hall. If you miss this affair, you will regret it as it lives up as a real New Year Council celebration.

Don't forget to sign up a new member for the 1st Degree in honor of Most Rev. Bishop James C. Walsh, M.M.

Fraternally yours,  
Thomas M. Crimmins

A person will never become dizzy from doing good turns.

• "The traffic violator is carrying on a form of criminal activity, but he escapes public condemnation as a criminal because traffic law is such a recent part of our behavior code."

The above is the contention of a social scientist of Northwestern University. This is food for thought because if the traffic violator's action results in death, injury, or property damage, why should he not be treated as if he came rushing on foot swinging a club?

You might protest that this is a harsh comparison, but who can foretell the end result of any traffic violation? Less than two months ago, you read of the motorist who continued to drive his car which had been rejected by the State Inspection for faulty brakes. His laxity in repairing the brakes resulted in four lives being snuffed out.

Every year the car manufacturer puts out a product equipped with more and better safety features than the previous year's model, the street and highway departments install more traffic light, stop signs, etc., but the number of accidents do not show a downward trend. This carnage will continue until the driver's attitude is changed. When the motorist shows more respect, awe, and maybe even some fear of the more than two ton vehicle that he is driving, then the accident rate should show a decided drop.

## Got Some News?

The Editorial Staff is endeavoring to make this bulletin as interesting as possible for all Council members. If you have interesting news items concerning the activities of our Brothers — weddings, births, anniversaries, awards, etc., we shall be pleased to receive them. Such information may be given to any member of the Editorial Staff or to the Public Relations Chairman, Matt Simon at MU, 6-9362.

Nothing would be done at all, if man waited till he would do it so well that no one would find fault with it.

## Design for Living

A psychologist was giving an intelligence test to a group of eight-year olds. He took a map of the world from a picture magazine, tore it into tiny pieces and handed the pieces to one of the boys. "Let's see you put these together properly," he said.

The lad studied the pieces. Then he quickly assembled the map without a flaw.

"Wonderful!" exclaimed the psychologist. "How did you do it so fast?"

"Well," said the boy, "there was a big picture of a man on the other side. If you get the man straightened out, the world will come out all right."

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## Food For Thought

Kindness is a language the deaf can hear and the dumb can under-

A man should never be ashamed to admit that he has been wrong; which is but saying that he is wiser today than he was yesterday.

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It is amazing — and also discouraging — to realize how much damage can be done by one unthinking member's lax conduct.

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