



Knight Digest



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Knight of the Month

This month the committee has chosen a Brother who is seldom seen at meetings, but nevertheless does a tremendous job for the Council in a very quick and efficient manner. The reason for his scarcity at meetings is the thirty miles he has to travel. However this does not keep this Brother from actively participating in Council business and activities.

For his zeal in arranging and editing the "Knight Digest" for the last two years and the example to all of us of allowing nothing to deter him from performing a tremendous task for the Council, the Selection Committee is proud to call Brother Norman Heim "Knight of the Month."

KNIGHTS OF THE MONTH

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

Children's Christmas Party

The annual Children's Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 17, at the Connecticut Farms School, Chestnut Street, Union between 2 and 6 P.M. Children up to the age of 12 years are invited.

Santa Claus will present gifts, to be supplied by the parents. Each gift should indicate the name of the child who is to receive it.

There will be refreshments: — candy, ice cream, soda, etc., motion pictures will be shown, and surprises are being planned by the Youth Activities Committee.

In charity pray for Brother Charles Jacques who passed away recently.

Please Pray For

Members are requested to remember Brother Rev. Lawrence Murphy, who has returned from the Philippines after incurring an illness.

January First Degree

The State Council has requested all councils to hold a First Degree in January in honor of Bishop Walsh, who is imprisoned in Red China. In order to accomplish this we need candidates. Don't turn around and look at the other Brother — it's up to you! All you have to do is bring in a prospective member's application. Who knows, the applicant you bring in may be the individual who aids our council the most. Get behind our Membership Chairman Tom Butler and make this class a large one.

Remember that Tom at the beginning of the year, promised a buffet dinner for all new members and their sponsors.

Be a Knight - Give a Night

The key represents the Chairman, but he alone cannot open the door to a successful activity. He must make use of the key by inserting it in the lock, thus putting the barrels and cylinders into operation. The barrels and cylinders represent the committee — the men who work so hard and long to plan the activity.

After the door is unlocked, a push is required to open it. The General Membership supply the push by their constant effort and willing cooperation. Let's get behind our Chairmen by giving them a helping hand. Remember — the key, the lock, and the push are all necessary to open the door to a successful activity — to a successful council, Union Council.

Columbian Club Notes

Every indication leads to the intention that we will have a groundbreaking ceremony for our Union Club House on Saturday, December 10, at 10:00 a.m., on Jeannette Ave.

It may be stated again at the outset that every member of Union Council #4504 is a member of the Columbian Club of Union, the corporate organization which has taken upon itself the duties to establish such a Club House. If you have not heretofore supported the club in any way, please make an effort to be present at the groundbreaking ceremony, which we fully intend to effectuate on the date aforementioned.

It may be interesting for the Council to know that of the total membership, which is somewhere in the neighborhood of 500 men, 334 pledges have been received to date, with a total gross pledged of somewhere in the neighborhood of \$34,000. We congratulate the members of the Council who have worked so hard to make this purpose of the Club a reality.

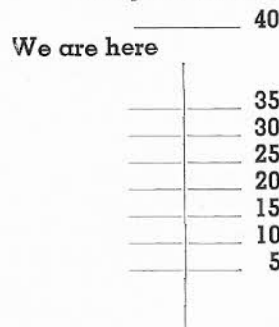
In a further effort to finance the cost of the Club we urge you again to make a pledge, in the event that you have not already done so.

Again, in the further effort to gain funds, we have opened a business and industrial drive, which we can proudly say has advanced to a degree that made our decision to commence construction a living thing.

Realizing that further financial efforts are necessary prior to the opening ceremony of the building in the Spring of 1961, we are making a Plaque Drive, which in effect will allow members of the Council to purchase plaques to be affixed to certain permanent articles in the building, such as officers' chairs, doors and fixed stations throughout the building. This particular drive is being headed under the able leadership of Anthony and Mario Genova, to whom we expect that you will give every courtesy when they solicit and request donations for plaques. We wish to indicate that this is a living and permanent way to affix your name to this Council building, which we hope to effectuate within the Township of Union.

COLUMBIAN CLUB

Pledge Goal \$40,000.



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

- DEC. 10—
 Club House Groundbreaking Ceremonies, Jeanette Ave., Union.
- DEC. 12—
 Regular Council Meeting, 8:15 P.M. at Elk's Club, Lecturer's Program.
- DEC. 17—
 Children's Christmas Party, Connecticut Farms School, Union.
- DEC. 25—
 Christ's Birthday.
- JAN. 1—
 Circumcision of Christ.
- JAN. 9—
 Regular Council Meeting, 8:15 P.M., at Elk's Club.
- JAN. 28—
 Snow Ball Dance, Kenilworth Veterans Hall.

Retain for Ready Reference



Chaplain's Corner

- - - Rev. Joseph F. Driscoll

PREPARE THE WAY

The Catholic, and more so, the Knight of Columbus, takes on the spirit of John the Baptist in preparing for the feast of the Birth of Christ. John, in announcing the coming of Christ, called the people to penance and good living. Some listened and followed the directives of John. They were led to know Christ and become his disciples.

Regularly each year in the cycle of feasts the Church would have us gain from a re-living of these directives of the messenger of God. Patiently the Church teaches us, by a requested conduct, to have a constant character likeness to the true Apostle of Christ.

During Advent we are asked to receive the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist more frequently. We are asked to attend Mass daily, if possible. What a great spiritual life our Council would gain if every member, who goes to church on Sunday because he is obliged to, would also attend on another day of the week because he wanted to. The Christ Child only asks for Christmas what He has given to us. Could

our Council offer Him a spiritual bouquet of four Holy Communion, for the four Sundays of Advent, from every member? John the Baptist threw the challenge, "Make straight the way of the Lord."

Further, the Church established Advent as a time of penance and joyful mortification. She clothes the priest in purple at the altar in a dramatic announcement of the spirit of Advent.

While she permits marriages during Advent, she forbids the solemnity of Nuptial Mass, and the special blessing.

Though she does not impose rules of fasting and abstinence, except on a few days, she exhorts the people to assume some practice of mortification in the spirit of the season.

The spirit of John the Baptist, announcing the coming of the Savior, was a spirit of prayer and penance. Make this your spirit during the season of Advent. It is the spirit of the Church to which you belong. She announces to you that this is the way to prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas.

"And the Greatest of These is Charity"

Such are the words spoken by our Lord in placing categorically the virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity. Yes, the greatest of these is Charity, and how well we know it. We were founded 78 years ago for the promotion of charitable work. To attain our goals, and continue our help towards our fellow man, takes teamwork and a united effort. Such teamwork is what we are seeking in our bloodbank. Such an asset to our Council, as the bloodbank, is one that can only be realized by your help and participation. Of our many activities, this is one of the few where a Brother can really say "He gave of himself". Let's be ready to answer any, and all, calls of distress that may arise from a Brother Knight. Join our bloodbank. Contact Fraternal Activity Chairman, Ed Wargins at MU. 8-8835.

Food For Thought

If you are too busy to pray, you are too busy.

INTRA-COUNCIL BOWLING LEAGUE

November 28, 1960

Team Standings

	Won	Lost
Bandits	22	8
Plungers	17	13
Untouchables	17	13
Kilowatts	17	13
Jackals	16	14
Shamrocks	16	14
Diggers	15	15
G-Men	14	16
Right Handers	13	17
Shellbacks	12	18
Merits	11	19
Spoilers	10	20

Individual Standings

High Average

Matt Simon	176.19
John Burke	176.6
Hank Skarbek	173.24

High Game

Jim Bradley	247
Matt Simon	243
Hank Skarbek	232

High Series

Matt Simon	604
Jim Gardner	592
Ed Burke	592

Grand Knight's Message



Brothers:

December will be an easy month for most council members as far as council activities go. Of course this extra time will be put to good advantage around your home in preparation for the wonderful holidays. When you consider that six months of the present term has passed and your officers and committeemen have to plan and formulate ideas for the coming months, you can see that they will not relax during December.

You can appreciate that all council activities take considerable time and planning so that nothing is left to chance and nothing unforeseen can mar the occasion and that is why certain brothers are selected for their ability to organize and perform a job quickly and efficiently. But these men need help. If you are lucky enough to be called on to help a brother member, feel proud that he has singled you out as the man he can trust to do the job. Remember your Degrees and give him a hand, he's not working for himself but for you and your council.

There will be only one meeting in December. This will be the second Monday, December 12, 1960. The meeting, normally held on the fourth Monday, will be cancelled because of Christmas being legally celebrated on Monday, December 26, 1960.

As you know, part of our Membership program calls for a First Degree to be exemplified in January in honor of the Most Rev. Bishop James E. Walsh, M.M., now imprisoned by the communists in Red China. Bishop Walsh was sentenced to twenty years in prison for doing the work

of Almighty God. The Bishop has not received any sacraments nor has he been allowed to celebrate Mass in more than two years. It is the hope of the Membership Committee and the Officers that every member participate in this degree by being present and sponsoring a candidate. Please remember this wonderful Catholic American Priest in your prayers.

The State Membership Committee has adopted this slogan for this term:

EVERYONE SIGN A NEW ONE IN SIXTY-ONE.

If everyone in our Council brought in one member, just think of how busy you could keep the Membership chairman, the Investigating Committee and the Officers holding degrees. I am quite sure they would welcome this business and accept the challenge without a murmur. Why not try it!

Plan to attend the groundbreaking ceremony for our Club House on Saturday, December 10th, at 10:00 a.m. This is an auspicious occasion for our Council and attendance by each member and his family will certainly add to its success.

Don't forget to bring the children to the Christmas Party on Saturday, December 17, 1960 at Connecticut Farms School. Santa Claus will arrive about 2 o'clock and has promised faithfully to stay until all the children are tired and ready to go home for supper at 6 o'clock.

May I extend to you and yours from all the Officers the sincere wish for a Happy and Holy Christmas.

Fraternally yours,
Thomas M. Crimmins

Safe Driving Corner John Foley

The holiday season, for celebrating the birth of our Lord and the start of a new year, is fast approaching. Now more than ever, its our duty to be on the defensive in our driving.

What is a defensive driver? You could touch upon every facet of driving to explain the term, but briefly in my opinion, it means not taking anything for granted. The traffic light in your favor, or stop signs on the streets that you cross, are no guarantee that another vehicle won't enter as you exercise your so-called "right-of-way." In other words, be constantly on the alert, expect the unexpected and make allowances for the less skillful, or thoughtless, driver.

There is now a federal registration of dangerous drivers. The various states will supply information on drivers with revoked licenses or bad records. This will "finger" the dangerous driver who moves from state to state.

Nine out of ten drivers think they are above average. Now, if we can sidetrack that one out of ten who is causing all the accidents, wow!!

The Living Rosary

The Living Rosary is a simple and convenient method of honoring the Queen of the Rosary. It is an association of persons, each of whom pledges to recite one decade of the Rosary daily. The mystery assigned is recited privately, at any time of the day, and in any place. The daily recitation of the one mystery which falls his lot, does not prevent a member from saying as many more as he chooses. Failure to recite the decade through neglect or forgetfulness is not sinful, since the obligation does not bind in conscience. Fidelity in such small practices, however, when motivated by great love of Mary, draws down choice blessings from heaven. Pope Pius XI said, "If you desire peace in your hearts, your homes and your country, assemble every evening to recite the Rosary".

Our Council is engaged in this devotion to the Blessed Virgin under the direction of Rudy Steiner. Join the Living Rosary, the Mother of God wills it. Contact Rudy at the next meeting or at MU. 8-6207. Remember the stirring words of Pope Pius IX: "Give me an army of men of prayer and with it I will overcome all my foes".

Boys & Girls Bowling

The leagues, for children from 12 to 16, were recently presented with shirts by the Pepsi-Cola Co. The leading scorer of each league accepted the shirts on behalf of their league. Gregory Arner and Helen Robbins were the representatives.

There are 62 regular bowlers but all the children who come to the alleys are welcome to bowl. All members should make it a point to "buzz" by and see the children bowl on Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. at the Four Seasons Lanes.

Year in Advance Club

Council members are reminded that dues are due January 1. Financial Secretary Alvin Dietlein suggests that, if possible members join the "Year In Advance" Club by paying their dues on an annual basis. Brother Dietlein will accept payments at any meeting, or you may mail payments to 1163 Jeanette Ave., Union. Checks should be made payable to Union Council 4504, Knights of Columbus. Insurance members fees are due in advance of their monthly or quarterly due dates.

The Staff extends its Best Wishes for a Joyous and Peaceful Christmas and a Holy and Happy New Year

K of C Fellowships

The Knights of Columbus offer fellowships at the Catholic University of America for graduate work only. No undergraduate fellowships are offered.

Eligible candidates: Laymen, married or unmarried who have received (or will obtain the requisite degree in June 1961) a baccalaureate degree, as B.A., B.S., or Ph.B., from a recognized college. In the award, other considerations being equal, preference naturally will be given to members or sons of members of the Knights of Columbus.

Applications must be filed by February 1. Interested parties should contact Public Relations Chairman, Matt Simon at MU. 6-9362.

Special Notice

Our Council has purchased its own mailing equipment. If you know of a Brother who is not receiving his mail, contact Mailing Committee Chairman Tony Rusciano, at MU. 6-8508.

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Random Notes

Council Activity Chairman Frank Dickerson became a Fourth Degree Knight on November 20. Brother Koloman Kiss reelected Union Township Committeeman. Our Fourth Annual Ball to be held at the Terrace Ballroom, Mosque Theater, Newark. President-elect John Kennedy a Fourth Degree Knight from Bunker Hill Council, Boston, Mass. Brother Louis Baduini a recent bridegroom. Brothers Jim Gardner, John Dukes, Neil Hurley, Frank Maelano, and Dan DeMartino doing a fine job in dispensing the refreshments at our meetings.

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