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## SUCCESSFUL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

It's with a long sigh of relief and the happy feeling of accomplishment that we announce the conclusion of our role as host to the 55th National Knights of Columbus Bowling Tournament. The three years of preparation paid off by enabling us to manage this event in a smooth manner. The problem of scorekeepers, changing team personnel, rearranging schedules and dealing with unforeseen difficulties, were solved through the teamwork of our workers. The entire bowling committee performed their tasks in a dedicated way. For the period of seven weeks, brothers, many wives and other family members sacrificed their home life to lend their valued assistance to Union Council. With gratitude for their loyal service we acknowledge our Committee: President, Andy Popp, P.G.K.; Vice President, Julius Kiss, G.K.; Treasurer, Tom Hornig; Secretary, James Johnson; Lanes and Scorekeepers, Henry Skarbek, P.G.K. and John Dzuna; Advertisers and Program Book, Dominick Clementoni, P.G.K.; Novelities and Souvenirs, Roger Schur; Food, Joe Gluck and Milton Rij; Refreshments and Hall Maintenance, John Robbins; Dinner Servers, Ken Pinney, P.G.K.; Welcoming, G.K. Julius Kiss; Entertainment, Roger Schur; Publicity, Jim Moran, P.G.K.; General Ticket Sales, Henry Mey; Lodgings, Barney Capriglione, P.G.K. A special thanks to our Chaplain, Father Ed Swierzbinski, who came to the alleys every weekend and greeted our visiting brothers from other states and gave his support to our endeavors. We are extremely pleased and proud of the countless hours put in at the alleys by the wives who sold souvenirs and chances on bowling balls. Their pleasant ways were major factors in good sales. Thanks to the waitresses who served meals at the council and whose service and good humor left our visitors with a pleasant impression of Union Council. The Kitchen Crew proved again their reputation for hard work and wonderful food is well deserved. The men pleased everyone with the gourmet meals and fraternal spirit they gave out. We were elated and full of gratitude for all the scorekeepers, both those scheduled and many who assisted on short notice. Without their wonderful cooperation the tournament could not have taken place. Many sons and daughters of members put in lots of time as scorekeepers and helped in other areas. Milford Trojan and his wife Millie were our guides from the National Bowling Tournament Headquarters. Their guidance and patience were tops and our gratitude is extended to them.

I think all involved in our tournament will agree a few men should be cited with special recognition because the extent of their contributions was so great that they are beyond our ability to properly thank them. Barney Capriglione, who coordinated all the housing of our visitors in several area motels, and allowed his office facilities to be freely used for meetings. He spent more time on elements of our bowling efforts in the past seven weeks, than he did in his business. Our Grand Knight Julius Kiss was the perfect host, spending his weekends greeting visitors and fulfilling many tasks to give a good image of Union Council. Andy Popp and Tom Hornig supervised all aspects of the tournament. Words cannot convey the debt of thanks we owe to these two men who stayed at the alleys every weekend from morning until the end of the late night sessions. They were constantly on the move to insure a properly run operation.

No other single event in the history of Union Council was as successful as this bowling tournament. The monetary profit was excellent, and the spirit of fraternity that was fostered between councils was tremendous. We can be justly proud of the fact that all the hard work it took to handle this project was worth it. We have proven that working together has brought out the finer aspects of our fraternity. Brothers who did a minimum amount of talking and put forth a maximum effort carried us to our goal. It was through the positive attitude shown by the majority of our members, that such a huge undertaking achieved success.

Jim Moran, P.G.K.



Grand Knight Julius Kiss presents a check, representing the proceeds of the Valentine's Day Dance, to Sister Ann Dominic of Camp Fatima.

### Retiring Trustee

As of July 1, 1980, my term ends as an officer of Union Council. In the years it took to go from Inside Guard through Grand Knight and finally senior trustee, I have learned a great deal about the Knights of Columbus and my fellow man. It was a period of countless meetings on various functions of our brotherhood, constant challenges to make decisions within the framework of the order, and full of responsibilities, which grew as I advanced in office. The rewards and achievements that result in a united effort always outnumbered any disadvantages.

Occasional frustrations and resistance in the course of working for the council never failed to give me an added

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Thank you

I wish to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all those people who spent hours of their personal time to make the Fifty-Fifth, Knights of Columbus, National Bowling Tournament a success.

To name everyone would be a difficult task, and I would run the risk of leaving someone's name out. Therefore I will just say:

"THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR A JOB WELL DONE"

As always, it was a pleasure for me to serve the Knights of Columbus and demonstrate that Union Council is the Number One Council in New Jersey.

Andrew F. Popp, P.G.K.  
Tournament Director

### In Memoriam

PRAY FOR THE REPOSE  
OF THE SOUL OF OUR  
BROTHER

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REV. JOHN M. VACCARO, S.T.L.

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### MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

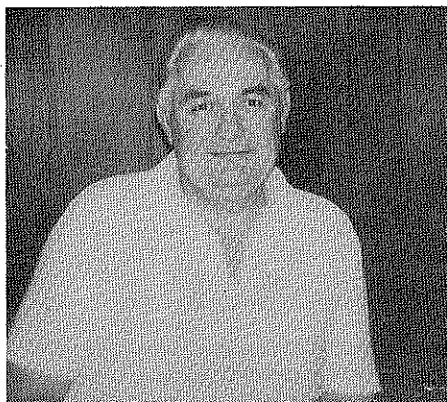
## Editors Corner



I would like to thank my staff, the chairmen, the officers and the membership, for making your Digest #1 in the State. Have a happy and safe summer.

Gary Hornig  
 Editor

## Knight of the Month May 1980



### JOHN J. DZUNA

The award for Knight of the Month is presented to John Dzuna, a charter member of Union Council. John began his many years of dedicated service to our Council as the first membership chairman for the Columbian Swim Club and is presently chairman of the Church Activity committee. During the years in between, John has faithfully served the Council especially during the Knights of Columbus State Bowling tournament and the recently completed National Bowling tournament.

John is a 4th Degree member of the John F. Kennedy General Assembly. John and his lovely wife Charlotte reside in Union with their three beautiful children, Mary Beth, Barbara and Thomas and are parishioners of St. James Church, Springfield. John is employed at Ecodyne-Graver, Union.

Our Council salutes John J. Dzuna and proudly adds his name to that distinguished group of Brothers honored as Knights of the Month.

### Swim Club Dance

Plans are now being made for the Swim Club Dance which will be held on July 12th. So reserve this date. Further information will follow.

For information,  
 Call, Vince Iannuzzi  
 687-9381

## UNION COUNCIL WINS AWARDS

At our just concluded State Knights of Columbus Convention at Cherry Hill, Union Council came home with some fine prizes.

Congratulations to our officers for winning the award for the Best Admission Degree Team in the state. This achievement represents a constant drive for perfection combined with many hours of practice and discipline. The results of this hard work earned them this recognition. Every member should let the officers know we appreciate the honor our Council has obtained, and personally congratulate them.

For the newspaper or bulletin put out by various councils our KNIGHTS DIGEST won the award for Best Printed Publication in New Jersey. All who attended the Convention from Union were elated by this and we called editor Gary Hornig with the news. We who have worked with Gary in a minor capacity, know more than anyone else how he was dedicated to this digest and worked late into the night many times to put it together. We are very pleased the state gave us this plaque.

The Catholic Family of the Month contest has been an activity of our council as well as many others. Out of all the monthly winners the state picked ten, and from that the one Catholic Family of the year. The Warden-elect of Union Council Tom Hornig and his family won this award. Tom and his wife Ann attended the Convention and Tom was at the meeting session when this was announced. State Deputy Hugh DeFazio made the presentation and we all shared the happy surprise. Both father and son of the Hornig Family did very well at our State Convention. Grand Knight Julius Kiss accepted a plaque given by the state because our candidate won the Family of the Year Award.

Jim Moran P.G.K.

## Grand Knights Column

Julius Kiss



**MANY HAPPY DAYS** — Reflecting on the year which has passed, I am left with that feeling — the year was composed of many happy days.

This will be my last message as Grand Knight. I want you to know that it was an honor and privilege to serve as Grand Knight in one of the greatest councils in our state.

To my Brother Officers my thanks for their dedication and sevice in the many areas of responsibility in which they were called to serve.

Without my loyal and faithful Chairman our many programs would not have achieved the degree of success we have experienced. Only through your united efforts did we accomplish the goals set when I assumed office on July 1, 1979.

I congratulate the officers who helped our Council win the award for the best Admission Team in the state at the recent State Convention. Congratulations are also in order for Gary Hornig, editor of the Knights Digest, which won the award as the Best Printed Publication and to the family of Tom Hornig, honored as the State Family of the Year. A note of appreciation to Deputy Grand Knight Jim Johnson and his wife Dot who did such a fine job handling the arrangements for the Convention and the Hospitality Room.

I thank my wife Johanna and my children, as well as the families of the men who served our Council with countless hours away from their homes, for their support and understanding.

May the Holy Family Bless and Protect you all.

Julius J. Kiss  
 Grand Knight


### Student Loans

If you need a student loan or would like to renew your student loan, contact Harold Muass or Patrick Coyle.

Union Council 4504

**JUNE '80**  
**Planning Calendar**

Tel. 686-4504

SUN.	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.
1	2 Officers Mtg 8:00 (JACKET & TIE)	3	4	5	6 1st Friday Mass 8:00	7 Council Bowling League Banquet (KINGSTON)
8 WHEELCHAIR LYONS HOSPITAL	9 Council Mtg 8:15  ELECTION OF OFFICERS	10	11	12	13 3rd Degree Union Council 8:00	14  FLAG DAY
15  FATHER'S DAY	16	17	18	19	20  Fed. Mtg	21
22 WHEELCHAIR RUNNELLS HOSP.	23 Council Dinner Mtg 6:30	24	25	26 Col. Club Mtg 8:00	27	28
29	30	<p><b>WHEN YOU HEAR            GOD'S VOICE TODAY,            HARDEN NOT YOUR HEART!</b></p> <p><i>Vocations Are Everybody's Business.</i></p>				



## Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Ed Swierzbinski

It is safe to say that the majority of us who pray would like to pray better. All of us can repeat the request made by one of the disciples: "Lord, teach us how to pray."

Jesus makes praying sound so easy. His method is so direct. Instead of suggestions and explanations — He just told us to say. What a model of prayer!

Jesus tells us to start our prayer right by saying it to the right person — to Our Father. That sets the tone for the rest of the words, for we are not speaking to a distant God or a tyrant. We are praying to our loving, present Father.

We first ask that God's name be made holy — holy and glorious, powerful, splendid, majestic, and mighty — for us and to us.

Then we ask that God's kingdom come, that his kingdom of joy, forgiveness and salvation come so close to each one of us that will never doubt God's presence in our world and in our hearts.

We move into our own needs. Fr. Durhen wrote, "We have the basic need for daily bread: The physical nourishment of food, the emotional nourishment of love, the spiritual nourishment of acceptance and the liturgical nourishment of the Eucharist."

We have the further need for forgiveness but with the added commitment of forgiving others. Then we end the prayer asking Our Father not to test us and yet if tested we are confident of His presence and aid.

These are the thoughts we can have while praying the prayers taught by Jesus. We can also meditate this way on our familiar prayer and while reading Scripture.

Have a nice summer — stay close to God. Life is an opportunity and a challenge — don't waste it — don't be afraid to change and grow. God loves you.

## Columbian Swim Club News

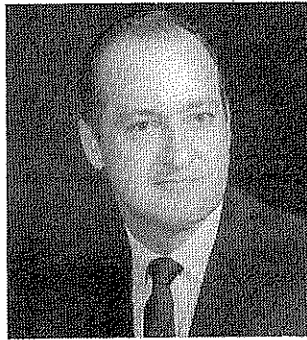
1. C.S.C. President Jack Kilian is requesting that all Swim Club members review the Rules and Regulations governing the use of the pool.

2. Union Council 4504 Days at the Columbian Swim Club Pool will be on: 1. Thursday, July 17, 1980 and 2. Thursdays, August 14, 1980. (Rain date will be the next Thursday) All Union Council members in good standing and their immediate family (Under Parental Roof) are invited to attend. Entrance will be gained by showing the members "Traveling Card."

3. The "Annual Swim Club Dance" will be held July 12, 1980. For information contact Vince Ianuzzi, 687-9381, and watch for a notice on Swim Club bulletin board.

4. President Kilian and the Board of Governors wish to express their sincere thanks to all the members who participated in the work parties. A truly Fraternal Activity, sharing a few hours of work side by side with your brothers.

## Knight of the Month June 1980



### ROBERT E. ARMSTRONG, P.G.K.

Our Knight of the Month honor for June is awarded to past Grand Knight, Bob Armstrong. An active member of the Council for 16 years, Bob served on many committees, ascended through the Council offices and was elected Grand Knight.

Bob is past Faithful Navigator of the John F. Kennedy General Assembly 4th Degree and is presently serving as District Warden.

Bob resides in Union with his congenial wife Marie, their children, Kathleen and Theresa, and their son Robert, is married and lives in West Virginia. The Armstrong family are active members of Holy Spirit parish. Bob is a Eucharistic Minister and former President of the Parish Council, and Kathleen is a teacher in the parish school. In recognition of this dedicated service to Union Council and his church, Bob was honored as Knight of the Year for 1975.

Bob is employed as Coordinator of the Union Township Senior Citizens Department, and was appointed a member of the N. J. Commission for the Handicapped and Disabled, by Governor Byrne.

We are proud to present the honor of Knight of the Month to past Grand Knight, Bob Armstrong.

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incentive to strive for stronger fraternal actions. I was proud to have made contributions to the various administrations that I worked with, as an officer over the past years. A great deal of progress, internally and externally, occurred during that part of Union Council's history. The term I served as Grand Knight of this great council was an honor and a tremendous experience. Only a man who has held that position can fully appreciate the many aspects of personal fulfillment and advancements that can be made as Grand Knight. I was very fortunate to have had the full support of my officers and our membership. I was pleased to be involved with men who had the talents of leadership and motivated our brothers to new fraternal plateaus.

The fine Catholic men (and their wives and families) that I've met through years of active membership was one of the outstanding advantages and pleasures from my being a Knight of Columbus. Some lasting friendships have developed as a result of this contact. I am a stronger, more well-informed Catholic than I was before I became a member over 20 years ago. Not only my faith, but the appreciation of it has increased. I look forward to sitting with the general membership again. Although I will always proudly carry the title P.G.K., I shall strive to avoid the role of unwanted senior advisor to the new and future administrations. It's always been a sad sight for me to see councils where a Past Grand Knight, several years out of office, has only criticism to offer from the council floor. He fails to see that his negative attitude is resented not only by the officers, but the general membership as well. I will always remain active in some phase of this council's work. My devotion to the Knights is not changeable. I have had my turn at leadership and it's time to step aside for others. Thanks for the memories.

Jim Moran P.G.K.



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