



# Knights Digest



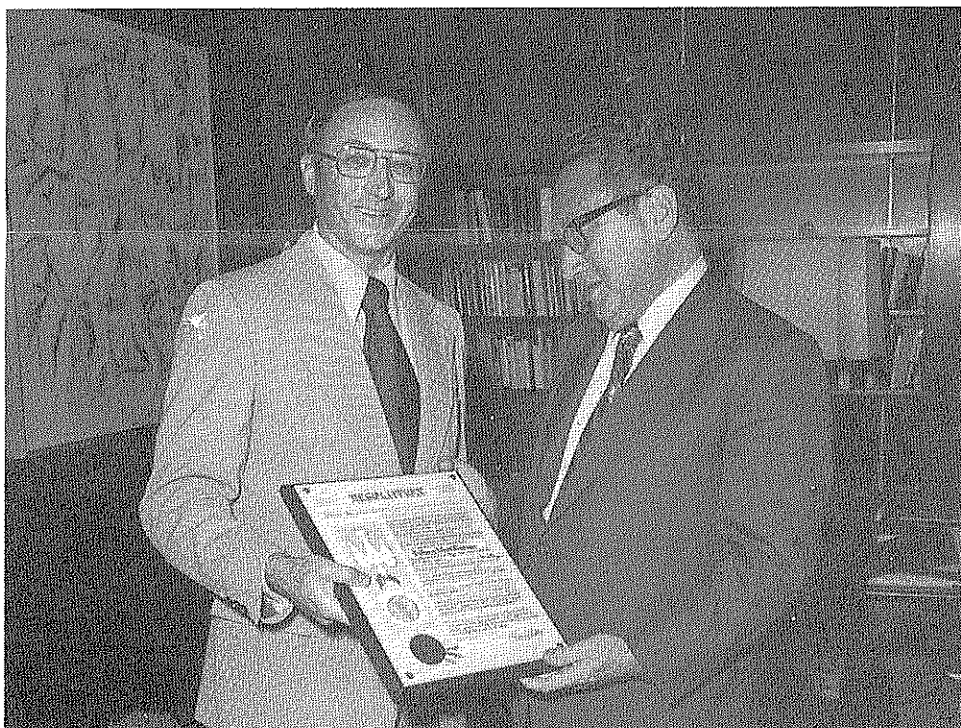
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## A KNIGHT IN WASHINGTON



Rep. Matthew J. Rinaldo (R.-12th Dist.-N.J.) a Brother member of Council 4504 presents a plaque to Secretary of State Henry Kissinger in behalf of John Fitzgerald Kennedy General Assembly, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, of Union, New Jersey. The Assembly adopted a resolution commending Kissinger and asked Sir Knight Rinaldo, a fellow member, to make presentation in Washington.

### Thanksgiving Everyone?

We all know that November is the month that we celebrate Thanksgiving Day, our ancestors made this possible when they landed on Plymouth Rock. For what they accomplished, we annually celebrate what they gave to us. However, in our order we are known as Catholic gentlemen who give in preference to receiving. We are a charitable organization, we help those in distress and we give to those who need.

November 24 our annual Blood Bank Committee along with the New Jersey Red Cross Chapter will be at our Council Home between the hours of 12 noon to 5 p.m. hoping that those of you who are capable, are willing to give a pint of your blood to prepare us when and if Brother Knights or members of their families, who will be in need of blood throughout the coming year, can be helped.

Let this be your Thanksgiving. Donate your blood to this worthy cause. Be at the Council Hall on November 24th. You'll have a good reason to celebrate Thanksgiving Day.

**YOUR BLOOD COULD  
SAVE A LIFE.**

### P.G.K. Tomko Honored



Michael A. Tomko was honored by the Knights of Columbus Council 4504 with a dinner-dance attended by 280 members, their wives and special guests. Tomko served as Grand Knight for the Council during the 73-74 year.

P.G.K. Robert Armstrong acted as master of ceremonies. Guest speakers included Cliff Morris, general chairman of the event; Vincent Iannuzzi, Robert Wade, state warden; John Masterson, district deputy; and Grand Knight John Winters.

Union's Mayor Anthony Russo, a member of Council 4504, commended Tomko for his work and dedication to the Council, the second largest Knights of Columbus Council in New Jersey.

### Christmas Packages for Armed Forces

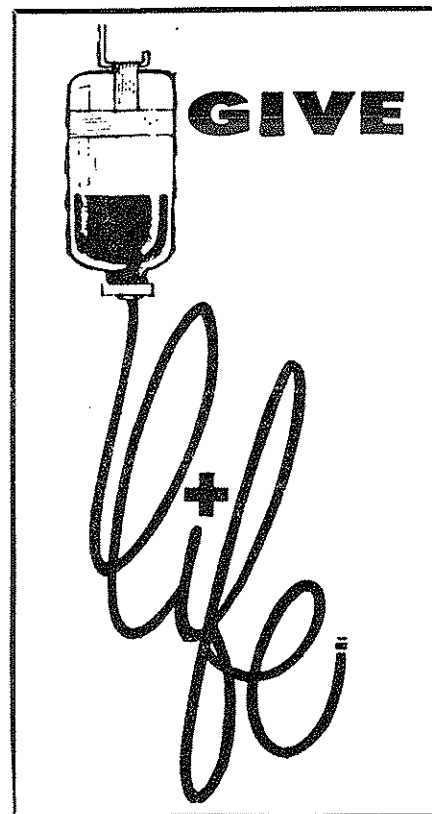
The "Military Servicemen's Committee" is again making plans to send Christmas packages to all Brother Knights of Council 4504, or their sons or daughters, who are serving in the armed forces of the United States. If you know of anyone in the military service, please submit their full name, rank, complete military address, and home telephone number to the council, on or before November 15th. This information should be given to Michael A. LaMotta, Committee Chairman, who can be reached at 688-7167. If, after submission of a name, there is a change in the address, please notify the chairman or the Grand Knight, so that this worthy cause can be facilitated in a timely manner.

Mike LaMotta

### Notice

Frank Weishapl P.G.K. has replaced Brother Walter Gass as Membership Chairman.

George Arnold P.G.K. has replaced Brother Michael La Medica as Telephone Chairman.



... through the Blood Bank!

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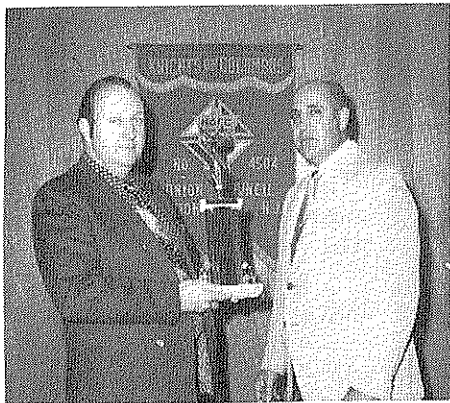
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## Bocce League News "WE'RE NO. 1"



Union County Knights of Columbus Bocce League was won by Knights of Columbus Council #4504 of Union. After 15 weeks and 90 games played, Union Council won 78 games and lost 12.

### Players:

Andy Tobia  
Bill Giordano  
Vinny Mirizio  
Al Moreiti  
Artie Cerami  
Herby Kay  
George Jacko  
Dom Pascarella  
Joe Partley

Reggie Conners  
Tony Sibilia  
Skip Sully

### Subs:

Ronnie Matusiak  
Ed Brennan  
Rich Dombosky  
Tony Venezia  
Tony Ammiano  
Alex Ferroni

Six Councils constitute the League: Union, Linden, Springfield, Roselle, Hillside and Dean Gessner.

On Friday, October 11, a dinner for all teams was held at Union Council. Approximately 160 people attended. Trophies were awarded and Grand Knight John Winters accepted Union Council's trophy for first place.

Pat Sweeney, state officer for council activities, is working to make this Bocce League state wide. Pat is Past Grand Knight of Linden Council.

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## Building Program

The loan certificate program is the very heart of the building committee's activity. This is even more true, now, as we enter a new phase of the long range building program. The initial work of the building program was supported by the certificate purchases of \$25,000 by the Columbian Club, \$15,000 by the Swim Club, \$5,000 by the Council along with the follow-up assistance of \$16,000 by the individual brother's purchases.

The helping hands of these three supporting organizations is about extended as far as they can go. From here on if substantial progress is to be made, the money must be lent by the brothers through the loan certificate program. Progress has truly been made, it certainly is no longer talk but reality. If you have visited the Council home lately, you can not help but agree that it is an improvement to the hall.

We constantly stress that this is a loan program and to further demonstrate this fact the following announcement is proof of the building committee's good faith. As of January 1975 the committee will begin to pay back the loan certificates at the rate of 5 per month. At that time the first group of certificates will be 18 months old. They will be paid back in the order purchased and the holder will have the option of letting the loan remain with the committee and draw interest at 4% per year (simple). However, we stress the point once the number has been called it will be payable thereafter at the request of the certificate holder on demand. The plan is to pay back \$6,000 of the loan certificates during the year 1975.

This does not mean that more certificates are not needed, on the contrary, we need many more purchases if we are to build the new recreation area, new kitchen and bar areas. If the remaining 1000 brothers purchased their certificates, we would have \$100,000 and the job could be completed promptly. How about your help? Progress we have shown.

## Lecturer's Program

The lecturer's program for the first meeting in November will feature a presentation on the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority. The program will consist of a fifteen minute film presentation on the progress and scope of the project now under construction in the Hackensack Meadowslands. A speaker will be on hand to answer questions about tentative opening dates for the various facilities being constructed.

The second meeting of the month will feature one of Union council's better known personalities — The Honorable Matthew J. Rinaldo — Member of Congress. We are assured of another interesting and informative evening.

## Hockey Nite

Bus trip to hockey game at Madison Square Garden, December 4, 1974. New York Rangers vs. Detroit Red Wings.

Tickets \$9.00 includes bus, beer, soda and sandwich. Bus departs from Council Home at 6:00 p.m. SHARP. For tickets, phone Art Reinhard 688-6931 or contact Frank Dickerson at Council Home.



Mr Brother Knights:

The month of November is usually identified throughout our order as memorial month. It is the time of the year when we put aside our many other functions and honor our departed brother knights. We do this with a Mass and also a commemorative service at our council home. It is our responsibility to see that these brother knights who have gone to their final reward are never forgotten and that they and their families will always be a part of our lives and our honored order.

As we honor our departed this month I feel it is my duty to reflect also on the cruel, malicious destruction of human life that is performed under the disguise of population control, modernistic view points and the forward look. I refer to the licensed murder clinics that are being established at a frightening rate throughout our area and our nation. The permitting of legalized abortion is only unlocking the door to future horrors. At a recent meeting of pro-life and birth right groups of which the officers and wives attended we were informed of an \$18,000. a month profits being derived from this pestilent business. Brothers, I ask as we pray for our departed brothers that we also pray to almighty God to stop the butchering of the unborn so that they may also have a chance at God's most precious gift... LIFE.

If any brother has an expressed interest in joining the LIFE committee he can contact our Respect Life Chairman, Victor Tondo. Vic is a dedicated knight and committed fully to the Respect Life movement. He will welcome all brothers who can devote any time to this struggle and war on murder.

Hope to see you at the next meeting. Pray for each other — Pray for LIFE.

Fraternally yours,  
John J. Winters  
Grand Knight

## Flag Presented To Grand Knight



Old Glory, the flag which flew over the United States Capitol in Washington, is being presented to Grand Knight John Winters by Brother Phil Sammarco. The flag was presented as a gift to the John Fitzgerald Kennedy Council, by former U.S. Congresswoman Florence P. Dwyer. The flag will fly in front of our Council home.

Ken Pinney



**Chaplain's  
Corner**  
Rev. Edward M. Swierzbinski

We live in a world of three and four inch headlines and TV spectaculars. We often talk in superlatives — the greatest, the most glamorous, fantastic. The Church today will seldom get a rise out of us unless the Mass or meeting is handled like a TV Special or a Billy Graham Crusade.

Yet Our Lord, Jesus Christ, continually pointed up the splendor of little things — He knelt to wash His disciples' feet; He recommended the giving of a cup of water; He urged us to look at the lilies of the field and the birds of the air; He told us to feed the hungry; visit the sick, etc.

It means that the commonplace tasks need no longer be common. Whether it be housework, cooking, laboring in factory or office, teaching urban or suburban children, working on committees — yes even attending our Council meetings etc., Jesus is able to work miracles in our most ordinary circumstances. He can transform the natural into the **super-natural**. The daily tasks can become sources of blessings for ourselves and others. His presence in my life sanctifies it.

In other words — Be tuned into Christ, turned on by Him and gain His peace and happiness.

If you want to know how — come ask me at one of the Council Meetings.

Father Swierzbinski

**Right to Life**

On Sunday, October 6, 1974 Grand Knight John Winters traveled to Mother Seton in Clark to attend a meeting on the "Right to Life" program. Accompanying him were his wife Betty, Deputy-Grand Knight Andy Popp and wife, Chancellor James Moran, Program Director Sam Bruzzi and Church Activities Chairman Ray Sullivan.

The purpose of the meeting was to inform the various Councils of events on abortion as seen at the state level.

After a speech by State Chairman James Connors, those in attendance broke-up into small groups to discuss ways and means of promoting these important issues in their own Councils.

Ken Pinney

**Did You Know?**

That the first Council in New Jersey was instituted on November 3, 1895, in Jersey City. Since then the order has grown to approximately 60,000 members in 230 Councils throughout the State.

**Knight of the Month**



**"MIKE" LA MEDICA**

Our Knight of the Month of November is a familiar face seen at practically all meetings and committees. Mike's self-inspired campaign, back in 1971, netted 300 eyeglasses from the employees of Allied Chemical Corporation of Morristown, where he is employed as a Maintenance Mechanic. Mike served as the telephone chairman and has assisted on various committees since joining our Council.

Mike and his lovely wife Marie are the proud parents of two children, Eleanor and Nancy and the grandparents of five grandchildren. They are communicants of St. Michaels.

Mike's hobbies are golf and reading. It is most befitting to add to our list of Knights of the Month the name of Michael A. LaMedica, "Knight of the Month" — November 1974, Union Council 4504.

**Direction**

No one can be a good member without supporting at least one of the Council's programs. Everybody suffers when just one person shys away from his obligation to the Council. You will never feel you are a part of the Council if you don't participate. No matter how insignificant you think your role may seem, it is important to us. We know that all people want to do a good job. Make it your own personal challenge to contact your program director or committee chairman and ask about where you may put your own particular talent to work. Good workers are always needed but not always available. Ask yourself "Do you consider yourself to be a good worker?" Just how do you measure up to your own beliefs? If you are a person who is willing to move our Council forward with your physical support — do so now. Don't be the turtle who gets nowhere because he refuses to stick his neck out.

Recognize the needs of your Committee men and give them the support due them. The mark of a Knight of Columbus is his willingness to face any task and to do something about it. If you would show others you are a true Knight, then you must discipline yourself to the sacrifice of time and energy which this responsibility brings. We must meet the challenges presented to us. We must not be afraid of making mistakes. We must only be afraid of doing nothing. Join with us and learn a new talent, help promote the spirit of teamwork and, most of all, learn how to develop a love for people.

Sam Bruzzi  
Program Director

**Calendar of Events**

**COMING EVENTS**

- Nov. 17 ..... Memorial Mass 9:05 a.m.  
St. Michaels Church
- Nov. 17 ..... Blood Bank  
(12 to 5 p.m.) Council Hall
- Nov. 30 ..... 4th Degree —  
1st N. J. Regimental
- Dec. 21 ..... Appreciation Night  
(By invitation)
- Dec. 25 ..... "Keep Christ  
in Christmas"
- Dec. 31 ..... New Year's Eve Dance
- Jan. 17 ..... Swim Club  
Annual Meeting
- Jan. 25 ..... Swim Club Dance

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**MONTHLY MEETINGS**

- 1st Mon. .... Council Officers
- 2nd & 4th Mon. .... Regular Council
- 3rd Mon. .... Swim Club
- 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
- 4th Thurs. .... Columbian Club

**Editor's Corner**

**SOMEBODY ELSE**

There's a clever young fellow named **SOMEBODY ELSE**. There's nothing this fellow can't do. He's busy from morning 'til way late at night. Just substituting for you. You're asked to do this, or asked to do that, And what is your ready reply? "Get **SOMEBODY ELSE**, Mister Chairman, He'll do it much better than I." There's so much to do in our service. So much, and the **WORKERS** are few. And **SOMEBODY ELSE** is getting weary and worn. Just substituting for you. So, next time you're asked to do something worthwhile. Just give them this honest reply: "If **SOMEBODY ELSE** can give time and support, You can bet your last dime, **SO CAN I.**"  
— The White Way  
Ch. Justice White Council 2586

**NOVEMBER 24 BLOOD BANK DAY 12-5 P.M.**