



# Knight Digest



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## Snow-Ball Dance

The annual Snow-Ball Dance will be held at 9 p.m., Saturday, December 8 at the Council Home on Jeanette Avenue. Chairman Clifford Morris and the Council Activities Committee promises a gala time for everyone's enjoyment; featuring music by the "Rhythm-Airs" and delicious refreshments.

Highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the PGK award to George N. Arnold. Let's all turn out and show George our appreciation.

Tickets, at \$2.50 per person, including refreshments, may be obtained from the ticket committee: Robert Holler, 2177 Vauxhall Road, MU. 6-1367; Joseph Seibert, 1278 Amherst Avenue, MU. 6-1263, or Kay's Paint and Hardware Store, 1344 Stuyvesant Avenue, MU. 8-6452.

## Christmas Dinner Meeting And First Degree

The Fraternal Activities Committee will serve a dinner at 6:30 p.m. sharp on Monday, Dec. 17 in the Council Home. Following the dinner, an exemplification of the First Degree will be held. \$1.75 per plate includes beer. Proceeds are for more new chairs in the Council Home.

## Children's Christmas Party

The annual Children's Christmas Party will be held on Saturday afternoon, December 15, at the Council Home between the hours of 1 and 4 p.m. Your children up to the age of 10 years are cordially invited.

Parents are requested to provide a gift, bearing their child's name which, in turn, will be distributed by our famous Santa Claus.

Of course there will be the usual refreshments — ice cream, candy, soda, etc. The Youth Activities Committee, under the direction of Theodore Stawski, will also provide a magician and movies for the children and a lot of fun is planned for all.

## Knight Of The Month

The Knight of the Month Committee has chosen to honor Brother John F. Robbins as December "Knight of the Month." Jack, as he is known to his Brother Knights is typical of the many Brothers that have dedicated themselves to the success of our Council by giving generously of their time. Many of us first met Jack when he worked on the Interview Committee or at the Bowling League where he has been a three-year member. Jack is remembered for his work on the Knights' Anniversary Ball Souvenir Journal. Currently Jack is an experienced mixologist at the Council lounge.

We salute you, Jack, as a Brother we can look back on and say "He made our great Council even greater!"

### KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Knight of the Year?

June	—	
May	—	
April	—	
March	—	
February	—	
January	—	
December	—	John F. Robbins
November	—	Stanley L. Rucki
October	—	Cornelius Hurley

## General Chairman's Message

As Thanksgiving has come and gone, we turn our thoughts to Christmas. We all know as good Catholics that Christmas is Christ's Birthday. Over and above that, each one of us has another meaning to December 25th. It is the time of giving and receiving gifts. We spend a great amount of time and money each year and after the Holidays we wonder whether it was all worth it. Yes, it is, if we do it for the honor and glory of God and the salvation of our soul. We should keep this in mind during this special season and throughout the coming year.

A Blessed Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year to all.

Hank Skarbek

## New Year's Knight Party

Let's All Welcome the New Year in Together Come to the Knights' GALA PARTY

The second annual "New-Year's Knight Party" will be held on Dec. 31, 1962 at 9 p.m. at our Council Home. The price of the tickets will be \$15.00 per couple. This will include noise makers, hats, beverages, etc., with a gala buffet supper. Dancing starting at 10 p.m. and lasting until 3 a.m. will be provided by the popular "Rhythm-Airs."

Reservations and payment of tickets must be made by December 15th. The number of tickets available are limited. To avoid disappointment, please make early reservations. Tickets and further details may be obtained from Robert Holler MU. 6-1367; Joseph Seibert, MU. 6-1263 or Herbert Kleniewski, MU. 8-6292 (Kay's Paint and Hardware Store, MU. 8-6452.)

Remember — ten tickets reserves a table. Why not form a party and see the Old Year out and Welcome the New Year in with our Brother Knights.

## First Degree Ceremony

An exemplification of the First Degree for 18 new members was held on Monday evening, October 29, in the Council Home.

The conferring officers of the First Degree were Past Grand Knight George N. Arnold, Grand Knight James R. Confroy, Chancellor Frank J. Dickerson, Warden B. Warren Hehl and Financial Secretary Alvin A. Dietlein.

The new members are Gerard D. Carlucci, Paul J. Burst, Leonard E. Burst, James F. Driscoll, Herbert B. Bentz, Michael P. Lokuta, Joseph E. Collins, John S. Bahr, Ronald H. Fuchs, John J. Giacini, Gerardo Cantarella, Frank Pribula, George F. Lloyd, James R. Lloyd, Donald W. Lloyd, Joseph F. Cantalupo, William J. Strebe and Dennis J. Connell.

The officers and members welcome the new members into our Council and wish them success.





# Grand Knight's Message



## Safe Driving Corner

John Foley

My Brother Knights,

On behalf of the officers and myself, I wish to extend to each brother Knight and his family our sincere wish for a happy and blessed Christmas. This Christmas greeting will probably be among the first you receive this year because of the early arrival of the Knight's Digest. With this opportunity to reach all the members of our council early in December, I would like to put forth some ideas for your consideration.

What can we do to advance the true meaning of Christmas? Last month I used some illustrations to demonstrate the trend in public thinking today concerning this holiday season. Christmas is the time for joy and hope. It is the season which signifies the fulfillment of a promise. God sent His Son to be our Saviour. We as Catholics have the opportunity to continue the true Christmas feeling throughout the year. Try to set a proper example in your neighborhood. Enjoy the good fellowship of the season but always keep in mind that Christmas is Christ's Birthday. Let us through acts of charity and prayer, make a proper offering to the Infant Jesus on His Birthday.

There is still time to pick up bumper stickers and posters at our council home. Please display them. Let us try to "Keep Christ in Christmas."

In the near future, the scholarship committee will meet for the purpose of revising the present rules governing the award. When the council first established the scholarship, our funds were limited and certain stipulations were included in the resolution. The officers feel that now is the time to review the entire program. If any member has any suggestions to offer the committee, please contact the Grand Knight and it will be given proper consideration.

If any member has a son, relative or friend attending college and who would like to join Union Council, please contact the membership chairman, Tony Rusciano or one of the officers. If it is at all possible, the officers would be happy to have a special degree during the Christmas or Easter vacation to accommodate them.

Best wishes for a happy and blessed Christmas.

Fraternally yours,  
James R. Confroy

Union Council #4504 held a Blood Donor Day during the afternoon of Sunday, November 11, in the Council Home. Members and their families donated 77 pints of blood. After re-payment of all blood required by brother Knights and blood bank charges, we now have a credit balance of 48 pints. We would like to thank all donors for their cooperation.

The program was directed by Fraternal Activities Chairman Eugene Ecklund and Brothers James Dunne, Robert Armstrong, Albert Petracca, Ernest De Luca and Joseph Busalacchi.

Dr. Frederick G. Haid, of Union, who is director of the Eastern Blood Bank, was in charge of the blood donors. He was assisted by Mrs. Catherine Walter, Richard Boyd and Ernest Nodarse of the Eastern Blood Bank.

The donors were served dinners prepared by Brothers Dick Kaiser, Al Ring Sr., Larry Pribula and James Moran.

By the time you see this article in print you should have had your car already winterized and equipped with snow tires. From now thru March every motorist should be so equipped or at least carry chains, not only for convenience but most of all for safety.

Keep the garage doors open if you are in the habit of warming up the car before starting out.

Carry a box or two of sand in the trunk during winter as it will serve a dual purpose. The weight of the sand will give the car more traction in deep snow and if your wheels are spinning on an icy patch or are caught in a deep rut the sand can be sprinkled around the rear wheels for traction.

No matter how low the temperature, keep one of your car windows slightly opened.

This is the month of an unusual number of parties. Remember, it isn't the last drink that harms you, it's the first one. Moderation is the word.

A Holy and Happy Christmas to you and a Peaceful and Prosperous New Year!

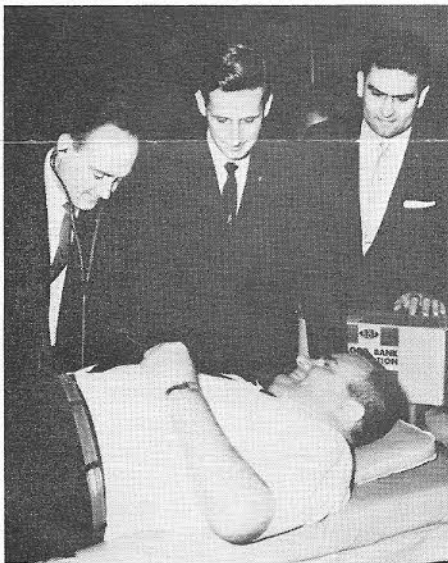
### EMPLOYMENT CHAIRMAN

CHARLES H. HOWES

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## Blood Donor Day



Dr. Thomas G. Hanlon prepares to give blood donation under the supervision of Dr. Frederick G. Haid, Director of the Eastern Blood Bank as Grand Knight James R. Confroy and Fraternal Activities Chairman Eugene Ecklund look on.

## Did You Know?

The Youth Activities Committee is looking for basketball coaches.

About 100 members attended the Living Rosary. All held lighted candles — a beautiful tribute to our Blessed Mother.

Brother Frank Dickerson's new son was born on October 12th and named Christopher John.

## New Year Resolutions

The Rosary Chain is now at 93 decades. Why not see Rudy Steiner at the next meeting and join in saying a "decade a day."

Tony Quatrone has found that the material and spiritual benefits derived from making a retreat are enormous. Consider, right now, the possibility of spending "a weekend with God by the sea in '63"; at the San Alfonso Retreat House in West Long Branch.

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