



# Knights Digest



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## Scholarship

At the January 13, 1964 meeting, suggestions from the members will be welcomed by the Scholarship Committee to improve and stimulate interest in this award. So far three scholarship grants have been awarded to sons of Knights for one year of study at Roselle Catholic High School.

Suggestions for eligibility requirements and administration of the funds should be presented at this time. It is the hope and desire of the Committee to expand the scholarship program to include as many children of the members as possible.

P.G.K. James R. Confroy will be available before and after the meeting to receive the suggestions. He will also accept the names of the children of the members who are interested in applying for next year's scholarship.

## Family Life Conference

A Family Life Conference series is being held at our Council starting Sunday, January 19, at 2:30 P.M. All married couples are welcome to attend this three meeting event. This is an opportunity to hear and take part in an interesting, informative session on family problems. Those who went to last year's series are urged to come to this new and different group of lectures. The topics will be "Parents and Adolescence", "Vocations, Sex and Status in Life", and the "Cana Annual". It's very important you make known your intention to attend by calling one of the following — Jack Bendokas, MU 6-6064 or Bill Suckow, MU 8-2111.

## Start 1964 Right!

Make a resolution for the New Year to be a better Catholic by attending Father Driscoll's discussions on the Faith every second and fourth Wednesday evening, 9 P.M. at the Council Home. Bring your wife, relatives and friends along. Personally answer Pope Paul's request for active laymen in the Church. Due to the Vatican Council and the Holy Father's travels, Catholic affairs will be front page history. Go forward with your Church in 1964.

## Council to Sponsor Benefit Basketball Game

Union Council 4504 will sponsor a benefit basketball game on Saturday evening, February 15, 1964, at Burnet Jr. High School Gym. Game time is 8:00 P.M. and admission donation will be \$1.00 per person.

This sounds like a routine announcement of a council activity. However, this game is one we are sure will be of interest to everyone. The teams competing in this event will be made up of paraplegics playing in wheelchairs. One team will be the N. J. Wheelers who will face another team from the organized league in which they play.

The N. J. Wheelers were the second organized wheelchair team in the nation, the first being organized in Kansas City. The Wheelers make their home in Hackensack, N. J. and have been organized some 17 years. They have been instrumental in organizing a league that now comprises franchises stretching from Richmond, Va. to Boston, Mass. Basketball is not the only sport in which the Wheelers participate. These men are active in every imaginable sport and have represented the United States in the "Wheelchair Olympics" in Europe. In order to further their sport activities, the Wheelers depend upon organizations like ours to sponsor such games.

Our council will also share in the profit realized in this game. In asking your support of this event, you will see that not only are you aiding a worthwhile venture but also helping the council as well.

On the first meeting in January (Jan. 13, 1964) under the Lecturer's program, representatives of the N. J. Wheelers will be present to explain the game as well as show films of their activity, so plan on being there that evening. Tickets available.

## Hockey Game

Our Athletic Chairman, Brother Gerry Petrucci, has acquired tickets to the N. Y. Rangers and Montreal Canadiens game on February 2. Tickets are available by calling Gerry at EL 2-2409. The price of \$5.00 will cover the cost of bus transportation and ticket. Seats are in end arena.

## Swim-Club Meeting

Swim-Club chairman Bill Stuart is planning to present a progress report to all Swim-Club registrants at a special meeting in January. The committee will inform each registrant of the meeting date by mail. Bill and his committee have been hard at work on details of the pool and they have many interesting facts to present. Become a pool registrant — fill in the coupon below.

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## One Nation Under God

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It would seem reasonable that, in view of the avowed aims and purposes of our founding fathers, such efforts would be laughed out of existence, defeated before they gathered momentum. Instead, incredibly, many hitherto supposedly God-loving, God-fearing segments of the public have meekly and passively submitted to the suppression of all references to God in prayer, and even—by implication—in thought.

For this reason we urge you to take a firm stand and equally firm steps to counteract these pernicious influences NOW.

The Knights of Columbus possess what is undoubtedly one of the most effective weapons available — pride in being directly instrumental in adding the words, "under God" to the

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## CALENDAR

JAN 8 — WEDNESDAY  
Lecture by Father Driscoll  
9:00 P.M. — Council Home  
JAN. 11 — YOUTH ICE SKATING PARTY  
2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.  
South Mountain Arena  
JAN. 13 — MONDAY  
Regular Council Meeting  
Scholarship Meeting  
8:15 P.M. — Council Home  
JAN. 19 — SUNDAY  
Family Life Conference  
2:30 P.M. — Council Home  
JAN. 22 — WEDNESDAY  
Lecture by Father Driscoll  
9:00 P.M. — Council Home  
JAN. 27 — MONDAY  
Regular Council Meeting  
8:15 P.M. — Council Home

## Youth Ice Skating Party Planned

Boys and girls age 8 to 16 are invited to participate in an afternoon of ice skating pleasure at the South Mountain Arena on Saturday, January 11, from 2:30 to 5:30 P.M. The price of \$1.50 will cover admission to the rink and bus transportation. Skates may be rented for an additional 50 cents. Buses will leave the Council Home at 2:00 P.M. sharp and will return at about 6:00 P.M. Adults may accompany the children if they so desire. Your Activity Chairman, Donald J. Betz, has promised an afternoon of fun for all.

## Editorial

After the first flush of surprise and gratitude was over, the naming of your Editor as a Knight of the Month for November created reason for serious thought. In any given month there are many members who individually do much more for your Council than he does. Therefore, selection of the Knight of the Month must be made on a cumulative basis. The accumulation of work and time expended by your Editor to warrant this Honor is a sad commentary on the efforts of many other Brothers.

Where are the spirit and force that founded our Council? that fostered our successful building fund drive? that packed our hall for every affair? that brought members out to meetings? that reached out for spiritual growth? Now we have over 700 members. Our meetings average 70 to 80 attendance; our affairs are happy to host 200 guests; our special events are attended by a pitiful few, for instance, nine men retreated this year at San Alfonso, 6 attended the first lecture. Only 172 are showing interest in our pool. You can name the other activities.

Perhaps the answer is in the spirit of the Christmas Season. Let's all give more of ourselves, to ourselves, if you will, for ourselves. Make the Knight of the Month selection a real sacrifice for the recipient by being tough competition yourself. Take part in Council activities. You'll be glad you did!

HENRY CHEMIDLIN

## ONE NATION UNDER GOD

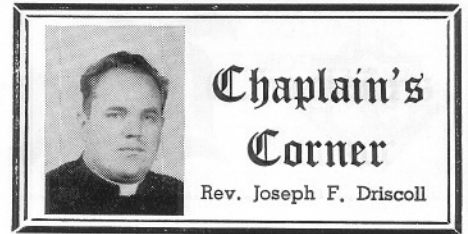
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Flag of our country.

While hundreds of Councils have proudly distributed copies of the amended Pledge on manifold public occasions, we now urge ALL members to participate in its promotion on an ever increasingly powerful scale.



Santa arrives early at Knights of Columbus



A man is accepted for Knighthood in Columbianism from the fact that he is using the ordinary means offered by the Church for the sanctification of his soul. In his advancement toward Knighthood, he is impressed with the need for the development of virtue if he is to be truly a Knight.

It is well to concern ourselves, in these paragraphs, with a consideration of this virtue.

The virtuous man is such from his attainment of many virtues. Firstly, the natural virtues that are associated with manliness are a prerequisite for the exercise of supernatural virtues. The Knight must be truthful, considerate, a man of his word, uncompromising with principle in the performance of his duties.

Then such a person, by grace, is endowed with the power of faith, the power of hope, and the power of love. He expresses his faith in the God he serves; his trust in the God who is fashioning Heaven for him; his love of that God by the service he offers his fellowman through his faith and trust in God.

His personal conduct is helped by the powers given to him by God. He must make a choice of all the means necessary or useful to attainment of his supernatural end. He does this through the virtue of prudence. He must respect the rights of others. This he does through the virtue of justice. In order to defend, without fear or violence, both himself and his possessions from the dangers that threaten, he does through the virtue of fortitude. He must use the goods of this world moderately. He has the power to do so through the virtue of temperance.

The virtuous Knight is built on manly character. God is the author of the nature and the grace for the development of virtue. A Knight of Columbus must oblige himself to receive the Sacraments every week if possible. He must be prayerful every day, with particular emphasis on the consideration of the power for good with which he has been endowed. He is a Knight who is recognized by his fellows as a man of truth, with a deep faith, who translates love as the desire to spend himself in the service of others.

## Grand Knight's Message



On behalf of the officers of Union Council, may we wish all our brother knights and their loved ones a happy, healthy, prosperous new year and may God be with you and bless your every endeavor. May God in his infinite wisdom give us the grace to be charitable, cheerful and kind to our fellow man, and to assist us in the practice of the principles of our order in our everyday life.

Tradition dictates that we make new year's resolutions on the first day of each new year. More often than not it is a grand gesture that fades and is discarded with the dried out Christmas tree and faded tinsel. We should, all of us, this year make and keep but one resolution. It is not a new idea nor one born of tradition. It is the time honored and ages old Golden Rule, beautiful in its simplicity: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Perhaps, as the saying goes, we cannot see the forest for the trees. We were all, to be sure, taught this simple rule of life at some time during our childhood, but with the passing of time we sometimes allow a prejudiced or hateful idea to creep into our minds, perhaps unnoticed or ignored at the time. It may lie dormant for years until one day some event or series of events looses this cancerous little cell. It is then nurtured and fed by the hate mongers and extremists, all too often in well veiled, seemingly patriotic or religious documentaries or stories released through the vast news media available in our modern society.

There have been many cures suggested and attempted to stop this tide of revolting conduct. Laws have been proposed and others have been passed, but they have achieved but little success. It is our thought that to allow the goals set by God, we cannot pave the road with legislation and expect that as we pass along that road we will not encounter cracks of injustice or be detoured by the road blocks of loop holes in the law discovered by those who devote their God given talents to attempting to circumvent, rather than uphold the law.

It would seem far better to take the very positive approach to this problem. The solution has been available to us since the beginning

of man. God gave us the tools, we need but to use them. If some one were to offer us a legacy of thousands of dollars, would we turn it down? I think not. Why then, do we not accept the greatest gift of all, God's grace? It is available to everyone simply for the taking. There are no tricks, no gimmicks. You can ask, "what's in it for me?" and come up with the right answer every time, "Eternal happiness."

Remember, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

Faternally,

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR

## Bowling News

We stand corrected: Last month we told you Jack "Red" McMahon bowled a 408, the lowest series of his career. This is not so. He rolled a 382 series on Feb. 16, 1962. So, sorry Jack for this error.

The Wednesday night "B" Squad at 4 Seasons is leading their league by 2 games through 14 weeks of bowling.

The Wednesday night "A" Squad at Garden State is tied for 6th place with a 23 and 22 record.

The Tuesday night House League has completed 14 weeks of bowling. The winners for the Thanksgiving Turkey rolloff were: John Burke, Jerry Shaw, Herman Basel, Herbie Kay, Merle Dunn, Dick Fallon and Joe DelSordo.

There are eighteen new faces among the 70 bowlers this year. Some are returnees from years gone by, others are bowling in our league for the first time. We say hello again and welcome to: Jack Robbins, Jim Driscoll, Nunzie Parisi, Richie Bachepski, Phil Costello, Ted Rogowski, Mike Pacyna, Sal Mayro, John Verguar, Joe Cantalupo, Bob Holler, Jim Lord, Sr., Joe DelSordo, Charlie Howes, Gene Ecklund, Ed Brennan, Frank Simone and Sam Simone.

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## Safe Driving Corner

John Foley

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## Knight of the Month

September	— —	Larry Pribula
October	— —	Pete Genova
November	— —	Henry Chemidlin
December	— —	Mike Pacyna

Were it not for our December Knight of the Month, Mike Pacyna, our Youth Bowling League might not have gotten started this year. His enthusiasm for athletics is not limited to the bowling alleys, comes spring you probably will see him again calling strikes at the Council softball games. You can hear him sooner than that, for Mike is no stranger to the mike. He often serves as Master of Ceremonies and vocalist at Council dances. In addition to this, he sings in St. Michael's Choir, tends bar at the Council home and assists the Council Activities Committee.

## Fraternal Activities

January marks the beginning of a new year. Let this be the time to propose a resolution to renew our friendships with our brother knights, to increase our charity to others and to volunteer our help at the Council as may be needed.

We would also like to take this opportunity to ask the wives, mothers and sisters of our brother knights to call Grand Knight Bill Taylor, MU 6-3120 or Gene Zelazny, 273-9272, when they know of a brother knight to be ill or in need of any assistance.

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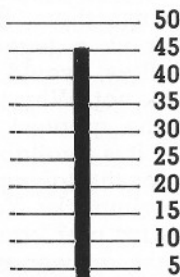
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