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Knight of the Month

Charles L. Lynch is one of the most dedicated members of Union Council #4504. Charles was a founding trustee of the Council. He has served on just about every committee — admissions, house, picnic and social activities, to mention a few. Charles presently serves in the lounge every Monday night and keeps things humming. It is to brothers such as he to whom we can credit the success of our Council.

There is no doubt that the honor is most worthily deserved by him. The officers and members unanimously congratulate you, Charles, for your loyalty.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Knight of the Year?

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

Polka-Dot Dance

To Feature Winners

On Saturday, January 26, the Council Activities Committee will present the Annual Polka-Dot Dance, starting at 9 p.m. in our Council Home on Jeanette Avenue.

A Polka contest will be judged by the winners of the Harvest Moon Ball which was sponsored by the N. Y. Daily News. The dance team recently appeared on the Ed Sullivan show and will also perform at our dance. Come on out and join in the fun. We need loyal participation to make and keep our dances a huge success.

Music will be presented by the Polka-tones, one of the best Polka bands in the State. Prizes and delicious refreshments have been planned.

Tickets at \$2.50 per person, may be obtained by contacting Brothers Bob Holler, MU 6-1367; Joe Seibert, MU 6-1263 or Herb Kleniewski, MU 8-6292 (Kay's Paint and Hardware Store, MU 8-6452).

First Degree Ceremony

Union Council #4504 held an exemplification of the First Degree for new members on Monday evening, Dec. 17 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 of Union Council #4504 are Martin F. Ryan, John J. Marra, William M. Zurich, Patsy V. Rufolo, Daniel J. Henry, Carmelo LaRocco, John H. Pearson, Edward J. Smith, Donald J. Hayes, Joseph A. Noel and Andrew J. Nadzan, Jr.

Attending the Degree ceremony were Salvatore J. Wood, Grand Knight of Watchung Council #552, Plainfield; Raymond E. Manhardt, Grand Knight of Roselle Park Council #3240; James O'Neill, PGK of St. Joseph the Carpenter Council #3496, Roselle and John R. Murphy, Grand Knight of St. Theresa's Council #4186, Kenilworth. A total of 18 new members of these Councils were awarded the First Degree at the ceremony.

The Degree followed a Christmas Dinner meeting for the members that was arranged by the Fraternal Activities committee.

Another First Degree was held on Thursday, Dec. 27 for two new members of Union Council—Linus Deeny, Jr. and Dominick Ventrone and one new member of Watchung Council.

General Chairman's Message

January is the start of the New Year. Our resolutions should include some for the Knights of Columbus. Our Council has prospered in the past year and it will continue to grow with your help and support. This Council or any organization is only as strong as its members are active. Be an active Knight, and share the work load. Give generously of your time and help your officers help you. A healthy and prosperous New Year to all!

Hank Skarbek



Raymond D. O'Brien
District Deputy

On July 1, 1962, Union Council was placed under the jurisdiction of a new District Deputy, Raymond D. O'Brien, past Grand Knight of Elizabeth Council.

O'Brien is a graduate of St. Peter's Preparatory School, Georgetown University — College of Arts and Sciences and Georgetown University Graduate School of Law. He is a Lieutenant Commander in the United States Naval Reserve, having served on active duty between 1952-1955. He has had an outstanding law career in both New Jersey and Washington, D. C. and is the Deputy Surrogate of Union County.

O'Brien is also treasurer of the Catholic Lawyer's Guild of Union County and Counsel for the Winfield Park Board of Education. He resides with his wife, Betty Ann and six children in Elizabeth, N. J. where he also has a law practice. He is a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and a trustee of Union County Federation of Knights of Columbus.

These are only a few highlights about Raymond O'Brien; but from these, it is self evident that we have a terrific individual to help steer our Council. In the past few months he has given generously of his help and time to Union Council. We welcome you Ray and look forward to seeing much of you in the months to come.

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Prayers Requested

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Ben Godesky's Mother and for the speedy recovery of those who are ill: Mrs. Nicholas Reininger, Mrs. Philip Schneider and Timothy Golonka.

If you know of the death or illness of a Brother or a member of his family, please notify immediately, Fraternal Activities Chairman Eugene M. Ecklund, 2046 Gless Ave., Union, MU 7-9554.

CALENDAR

JAN. 7 — MONDAY
Second Degree
8:15 p.m. — Council Home

JAN. 14 — MONDAY
Regular Council Meeting
8:15 p.m. — Council Home

JAN. 19 — SATURDAY
Third Degree
8:00 p.m. — Council Home

JAN. 26 — SATURDAY
Polka Dot Dance
9:00 p.m. — Council Home

JAN. 28 — MONDAY
Regular Council Meeting
8:15 p.m. — Council Home

Attention Gourmets

Plans are being formulated to organize a kitchen detail, in order to increase the revenue of the bar. Any brother Knights interested in helping out, kindly contact Eugene Ecklund, MU 7-9554.



Chaplain's Corner

- - - Rev. Joseph F. Driscoll

How to Run a Council . . .

From the title you may expect that this little chat will be a pep talk for the officers in the management of the Council. For several reasons this could not be. Firstly, "the Knights" is an organization of laymen who have the responsibility of authority in all matters. Secondly, I know less about the organization of the Knights than many members do. However, as spiritual director at the beginning of the new year, I should like to analyze the basic function of the life of the Council which concerns everyone who receives the KNIGHT DIGEST.

Each of you may consider your memory of your own words at one time or another during the past years. We heard you say, "If I were running the Council, there would be more - - - -", or "The officers just don't have any activities that I am interested in," or "I thought that when we had a Council in town, we would have - - - -." Now that we have brought your own words to

your mind, suppose we do something about it.

The Council is conducted by a democratic process wherein you are the responsible party. If you want a sensible program, you have only to work for it and it will be accomplished. Realize, I did not say you have only to propose it. With our facile tongues and imaginations we can propose the most beautiful, interesting and soul saving programs. They will be cheered and you will be complimented. But nothing will be done.

As you resolve for good of the order this year, think seriously and prayerfully what can be done by the Union Council. Then interest your brothers, propose the activity, and then work for its accomplishment.

You have fine officers in the Council and in the Columbian Club. The only limit on their accomplishment in the coming year is your patient initiative and your constant cooperation. May God assist you with special Graces in all your efforts in His behalf in the New Year.

A Weekend With God By The Sea In '63

During October of every year, our council thoughtfully plans and schedules such a weekend at the San Alfonso Retreat House in West Long Branch. Here in quiet seclusion, one may put aside the cares and anxieties of our hectic everyday struggle with life. A program is carefully planned for prayer, instruction, and meditation mixed with recreation and good fellowship. Facilities are available for the usual indoor and outdoor sports.

Catholic Activities chairman Thomas Duhig announced the continuation of the Retreat Club Plan in which an amount is saved each month toward the expense. Join now! Call Retreat chairmen James Moran, MU 7-0566 or Anthony Quatrone, MU 8-2906 for details.

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Tennis Anyone?

Anyone interested in joining the Table Tennis League should contact Captain Jack Sullivan, MU 8-7543. Members are needed.

DON'T MISS THE
POLKA-DOT DANCE
JANUARY 26, 1963!

Thoughts for Today!

The atomic powered submarine, the Nautilus, can cruise for three years on a piece of radioactive material the size of a fountain pen. A miracle! But an insurance agent's fountain pen contains enough fuel oil to heat a widow's house for twenty-five years — if used on a prospect's signature on an application for \$5,000!

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"What's a Wife worth?" In determining what a wife is worth, dollars can not measure her value, of course; yet, her loss would be a staggering financial blow. Let us review briefly:

1. Cost of final expenses
2. Cost of a housekeeper
3. Cost of increased income taxes.
4. Cost in added estate taxes.

Consult your Supreme Council Knights of Columbus Insurance Advisor TODAY!

Grand Knight's Message



My Brother Knights,

On behalf of the officers and myself, I wish to extend to each member of the council our sincerest wish for a happy and prosperous New Year. May God bless you and your family in all of your endeavors during the coming year.

As January begins, the council stands at the midpoint of the current term. How have we fared thus far? In general our program seems to be successful and advancement has been made in certain areas. However, in all honesty I must admit disappointment in some phases.

Every chairman and his committee is working diligently for the advancement of our council but for some reason the members are not responding as they should. I realize it is difficult for every member to at-

tend every function sponsored by the council. However, if every member could attend just a few of these events all of them would be successful. Elsewhere in the Digest the schedule is listed. Try to attend some of the events. Your support is not solicited for any particular group of members but for the good of the council.

If any member wants to discuss an idea for improving the council or has a complaint, you should feel free to present it to any officer or myself. Beginning in January, I plan to be available in the council office for this purpose every Monday evening at 7:30. Stop in and talk it over. We can't change anything or improve it until we know about it.

Faternally yours,

James R. Confroy

Memorial Service Held

A Memorial service was held for our deceased brothers Ralph Hampp, Dr. Stanley Nieber and Rene Wittevrongel. The service was honored by a visit of State Deputy Charles W. Gardner, who commended the Council for the solemnity in which the ceremony was conducted.

Youth Bowling

There are openings in the K. of C. Youth Bowling Activity for boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 16. The Youth League meets from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, Saturdays at Four Seasons Bowl.

This month let's see how the girls are bowling. League leaders are the Four Clovers with 24½ won and 14½ lost record. Members of the team consist of Diane Loria, Dee Krosch, Rosemary Vella and Donna Senko.

Leaders in Classifications	Averages
Class A	
Joan Orchardo	122
Fran Adamczyk	121
Pat Sullivan	120
Class B	
Marilyn Coen	106
Virginia Robbins	105
Kathy Faber	104
Class C	
Maureen Shea	87
Kathy Meyer	86
Terry Zeiss	83
Individual H. Game	
Joan Orchardo	197
Individual H. Series	
Fran Adamczyk	440

Hockey Game—Bus Ride

There will be a bus ride to Madison Square Garden on Sunday, February 17, 1963 to see the New York Rangers - Toronto Maple Leafs hockey game. The bus will leave from the Council home at 5 p.m. and return about 10 p.m. The affair is open to Brother Knights and guests. The charge of \$4.75 per person includes the price of admission for an arena seat and the round trip bus fare. For reservations contact Don Spriet, ES 5-8202.

January Is

Catholic Family Month

It is in the family that children are prepared for the struggle of life. It is here that the work and example of Catholic men are above all necessary. In families where there is a father who prays, who has a happy and informed faith, who pursues catechetical instruction and takes his children with him, there will be neither storms nor devastation of rebelling or estranged youth:—
POPE JOHN XXIII

—from N.C.C.M. "Alert"

EMPLOYMENT CHAIRMAN

CHARLES H. HOWES

Home: MU. 8-0108

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Safe Driving Corner

John Foley

There are four main situations in which passing another vehicle is prohibited: on a hill, at an intersection, on a curve and at a railroad crossing.

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When you are in a line of cars proceeding over a railroad crossing be certain that there is enough room on the other side of the tracks for your car to stop without the rear projecting onto the tracks.

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Latest available data show 41 per cent of fatal accidents in New Jersey during 1962 involved a single motor vehicle. There are many factors behind one-car accidents: fatigue, driving too long or too late, drinking, excessive speed, being blinded by headlights, slippery pavements.

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To bring your car to a safe straight stop on ice or hard packed snow, use the continual "on and off" method on the brake pedal. Under the same road conditions on a highway, drive in the right hand lane to avoid a car from the opposite direction that might swerve over the center line due to poor brake application.

Did You Know?

The financial secretary has a much needed new typewriter — Congratulations!

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Ernest Hannig, Jr., Walter Senko and Alexander Yutrenka have transferred to Council #4504. Welcome Brothers and it's good to see you at the meetings.

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The Council Home has a shuffle board and several ping pong tables which are being put to good use, especially after meetings.

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Membership applications may be obtained in the Council Home or by calling Anthony Rusciano, MU 6-8508.

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You will find in your membership in the Knights of Columbus your chance to do many of the things you have always wanted to do, many of the things that ought to be done by Catholic men.

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Al Dietlein would be happy to accept any back-dues payments. Call Al today at MU 6-1760.

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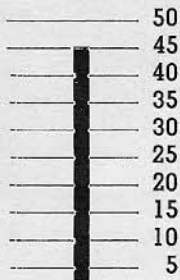
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