



# Knight Digest



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## McCracken Honored

A plaque of appreciation was presented to McCracken's Funeral Home, for their unselfish service to our Council. Mr. McCracken who has devoted the past 26 years serving our community has never refused any request on behalf of our Council and has often stepped forward, freely, with advice or aid. This presentation was our way of expressing our gratitude.

Mr. Ruth Hagleman, administrator of McCracken's, accepted the plaque. She was also the guest speaker for the Lecturers program of the May 10th meeting. After a brief introduction of her duties, she opened the floor to questions. Death and the services provided by a Funeral Home are topics that we hesitate to openly discuss. Such questions were many and all were answered with straight-forward replies. This was a unique opportunity for those present, to have a behind the scenes, "look at life" in a Funeral Home.

## Bicentennial Mass

A Bicentennial Mass and celebration will be held in St. Michael's Church on June 20, 1976 at 5 p.m. in the Upper Church.

It will be a joint venture of the Catholic Daughters, and the Knights of Columbus. The 4th Degree Color Corps and Women's Color Guard will participate in the ceremony.

Everyone who wishes, will be invited back to the Council Home for a delicious buffet supper. Please make every effort to attend this beautiful liturgy and supper.

Henry Mey  
Church Activities Chairman

Mort Picone  
Fraternal Chairman

## MARINER'S AWARD PRESENTED



PGK Dom Clementoni, Father Ed, Bob Milan, PGK John Zimmerman and GK Andrew Popp.

On May 10, 1976 our Council's Mariner's Award was presented to MR. ROBERT J. MILAN of Lillian Terrace, Union. The Mariner's Award is presented to someone who is not a member of the Council, but has been a guiding force in our community. Over the many years, Mr. Milan actively participated as Cub Scout Webelov Father, Coach Union American Legion, Umpire Union Teen-er League, Member of the Parish Council of Holy Spirit. Mr. Milan is the founder of Holy Spirit CYO, and serves as Executive Director of the CYO Program. He also coaches baseball at St. Benedict's, Newark. His many achievements certainly merit Union Council 4504 Mariner's Award.

## FATHER ED / 25 YEARS



On hand to help Father Ed celebrate his 25th year as a Chaplain left to right: State Treasurer, Joseph Luciano; G.K. Andy Popp; Chairman Cliff Morris and Father Ed.

## Awards Dinner

The Annual Awards Dinner-Meeting will be held Monday evening, June 28th at 7:00 p.m. Council Hall. Tickets for the occasion are available for \$3.00 per member. Our menu for the occasion will be roast beef, vegetables and beverages. All members are invited to attend. Awards will be presented immediately following the dinner. Thereafter, our regular meeting will convene.

## Bonds for Building

Invest in the future of your Columbian Club. The Bond committee asks that the membership buy a Bond for our continued expansion of our recreational and social facilities of our organization; the most needed are namely, game rooms such as those that would accommodate the interests of the membership and their YOUTH, namely, such games as Pool, Tennis and other indoor activities so greatly needed for our ever expanding membership.

BONDS are presently being issued in increments of \$100.00 and can be purchased from committeemen named below or any council, or Columbian Club officers.

Ed R. Stonack	Kenneth Pinney
Roger Schur	Andrew Tobia
Joseph Mellon	Michael Hrifko
William Taylor	Anthony Piatkowicz
Michael Tomko	

We offer our thanks to all the members that have purchased these certificates and urge those that haven't to join us in the growth of your Columbian Club.

Purchase your Bond today for our Growth TOMORROW.

Your Chairman,  
Edward R. Stonack — 688-3523

## Bicentennial Notes

The things that will destroy us are: politics without principle; pleasure without conscience; wealth without work; knowledge without character; business without morality; science without humanity, and worship without sacrifice.

Anonymous

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## Calendar of Events

June 4 ..... Chaplain's Night  
(Resurrection — Facts or Fiction)  
June 20 ..... Bicentennial Mass  
(St. Michael's Church)  
June 28 ..... Awards Dinner Meeting  
July 15 ..... Council Day — Pool  
July 23 ..... Yankees vs Boston  
August 18 ..... Council Day — Pool  
August 27 ..... Mets vs Boston

### MONTHLY MEETINGS

1st Mon. .... Council Officers  
2nd & 4th Mon. .... Regular Council  
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

## Cardinal's Corner

Elections for the J.F.K. General Assembly will be held on June 16, 1976 at the regular meeting at Union Council at 8:30 p.m.

Remember these two important dates for the fall — October 2, 1976 the dance at St. Thomas the Apostle in Rahway sponsored by the Singer Company with all proceeds going to Camp NEJEDA. The other is our Annual Ball to be held at the Chanticleer, November 19, 1976. These are two very worthwhile affairs and we would like everyone's support.

### Color Corps

SK David Schardien announced that Sunday, June 13, 1976 the Color Corps will march in the Bicentennial Parade in Union.

On June 20, 1976 at 5 p.m. a Bicentennial Mass will be celebrated at St. Michael's Church through the combined auspices of Union Council 4504, and the Catholic Daughters Court No. 1360.

A safe, happy and healthy summer to all!

Charles Kraemer

## Knight of the Month



**JOSEPH SAENGER**

"Where a friendly smile flows"  
That's our Joe.

Knight of the Month (May) is not a front scene runner but a behind the scene live wire. Joe is Co-Chairman of Fraternal Actives and does a great job. He is ever there when you need him. For the Christmas dinner, Joe, not satisfied with merely selling tickets, served dinners, and finished the night washing the dishes. For the blood bank, he not just set up tables but served and again, washed dishes, then wound up the evening by mopping the floor. When someone in need, need it be a hospital bed etc., Joe just doesn't bring the bed, but moves the furniture and puts the bed together. If the need is a health bike, Joe will adjust and try it out first to secure its safety. He is an ace in the hole to have around.

Joe was active in cub scouts and operated his own den.

When not doing services for others, Joe enjoys bowling. He is a member of the Knights bowling team, a team that was in first place this year. His greatest hobby is disappearing down to his cellar and working on small projects.

Joe works for the Western Electric Corp. in Kearny.

He and his lovely wife Loretta are the parents of three children: Mark, John and Darlene. They reside on Kirkman Place and are communicants of St. Michael's Church, Union.

A reward long in the making, it is indeed, befitting to add to our list of Knights of the Month for MAY 1976, the name of Joseph Saenger.

## Ball Games

The first excursion for this year's baseball season will take us to the new Yankee Stadium. Tickets are now available for this exciting game with the Yankees vs Boston Red Sox. Game is scheduled for Friday night, July 23. Since there are only 53 tickets available, they will be on the first come, first serve basis.

For reservation contact Roger Schur — 245-6605 or see me at the Regular Meeting. Bus will depart from the Council parking lot at 6:00 p.m. sharp.

Roger Schur  
Athletic Chairman

## Must We Dance?

If we must, why not do it right. Every Friday evening at 9:00 p.m., during the months of July and August, dance lessons will be conducted by Instructress Trudy Carpignano. The latest in Disco. Bring your partner — it looks better than dancing alone.

Further details, see Willie Patania.

## Grand Knight's Message

Andrew Popp



This being my last message as your Grand Knight, causes me to wonder where the year has gone.

Like every other Grand Knight, I started the year with many objectives in mind. Not unlike the past Grand Knight's, the priorities changed and new goals were set. I am pleased with the accomplishments, but also disappointed that everything could not be completed. The upcoming Officers offer an excellent opportunity for the advancement of Union Council. The future of this council is in good hands.

The title of Grand Knight is held by one individual, but his work is done by many. To my fellow officers, program director and chairmen, to the members of the council who helped make this year a success, I thank you. I would like to thank each of you by name, but this digest is not large enough to mention all those to who I am indebted to.

The Knights of Columbus is one of the finest Catholic organizations available to the men of our area. Listen to the degrees, and practice the virtues of our order. A dedicated Knight must be a Practical Catholic who practices Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. If you do not believe, you will never understand those who are fully committed to Columbianism.

The privilege of being the Grand Knight of Union Council has been a very gratifying experience. I only hope as you look back at this year, that my performance was what you expected of me.

My wife Marion and I wish to thank you for the kindness and courtesies extended to us, and may they be returned to you a hundredfold.

Good Luck and God Bless You.

Yours in Christ,  
Andrew F. Popp  
Grand Knight

## Give and Take at Meetings

When you come to council meetings, next to the ledger in which you sign your name, is a glass bowl. We hope members will use this bowl to make a monetary contribution towards the expense of the food and drink you are provided with at the close of the meeting. The practice of making contributions has gone down while the price of food has greatly increased (as you of course realize from your own super market buying). We do not want to make a profit, but just wish to pay for what we use. One dollar today has the purchase power of about \$.62. So if you give a dollar, you are receiving cold cuts or a sandwich (one or more) plus several beers or sodas for only \$.62. Nowhere else can you get such a bargain. At future meetings the bowl will be left at the refreshment table as a reminder. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

## Bowling Tournament

Past issues of this Digest carried appeals for help with the State Bowling Tournament.

The time has come when I would like to express my thanks to all those who responded with generous contributions of their time and efforts. Recognition is due to the fifty Knights and ladies who served as scorekeepers, to the ladies and Brothers who made the various fund raising events such a success, and to all our waiters and waitresses who ended each session on an upbeat note for our Brother Knights and their guests. A special thanks to the sons and daughters of our Brother Knights who helped, especially Billy Mueller and Ricky Ernst who provided "the sound of music".

I cannot list everyone by name, but feel that the various chairmen should be thanked individually for a job well done — Hank Skarbek, Jim Gardner, Jerry Shaw, Mike Hrifko, Barney Capriglione, Jim Johnson, Milt Rij, Joe Gluck, Jack Robbins and Ken Pinney.

Julius J. Kiss  
Tournament Director

## Many Thanks

I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to Father Ed for his wonderful First Friday Mass/Speaker series. So many brothers and their wives have told me how much they have enjoyed the program. To date people are still discussing some of the topics presented during the series.

Our worthy Grand Knight Andy Popp deserves praise for his wholehearted support of the program. Special thanks to Jim Johnson for his help with the Liturgy, in acting as Commentator, and Song Leader; Joseph Mellon, Roger Schur, Mike Tomko, and Frank Kennedy — Altar Assistants; the many that helped set up and clean up especially Sam Scarlato, Walter Senko, Joe Fallucca, Bill Grosso, Howard Meckbach, Frank Cosenza, Bill Patania, and Jules Pruszkowski; and Sam Bruzzi for his eye catching posters.

John Dzuna deserves much praise for his tireless efforts as Refreshment Chairman. Many thanks to Pete Kozloski and Jack Bruno for their help and support.

Finally everyone of you deserve a thank you for your interest and willingness to attend these First Friday Series.

This month's Chaplain's Night will start at 8 p.m. with celebration of First Friday Mass followed by a talk on the subject "Resurrection Fact or Fiction." Refreshments will be served.

Henry Mey  
Church Activities Chairman

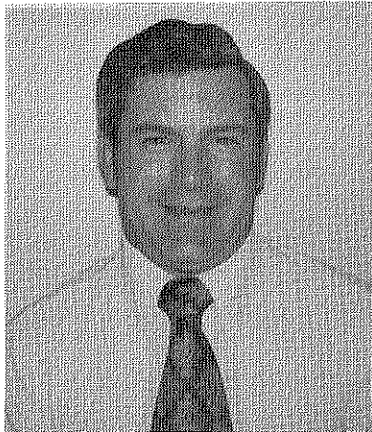
## Program Director

Another year, another job well done. With a team like ours, how could we miss. To all my committee chairmen, I'd like to say thank you for your tremendous cooperation and willingness to do your part. Also, for presenting to the council all the facts and good reports.

My job was made easier this year because of your cooperation. It was my pleasure to serve the council as your Program Director.

Many thanks,  
Andy Tobia

## Knight of the Month



**HAROLD PARRISH**

It had to happen, it was inevitable. Our Knight of the Month for June — Hal Parrish. This congenial member, never makes too much noise as he goes about his chores in the kitchen, where he usually can be found during meeting nights. However, lately he's been making a lot of noise as he goes about hammering and sawing the paneling in our newly decorated meeting room. He is a Building Expansion Committeeman.

Hal can also be seen periodically lending a hand at our summer work parties. He and his family are new members of our Swim Club.

When not working around the Council Hal will take off for the shore to work or ride the waves in his boat. Employed with Western Electric, Hal was recently promoted to Instructor of Electronics, at their N. E. Regional Headquarters.

Hal and his lovely wife Veronica (Union's 1976 Mother of the Year) have two children, Michele and Thomas. They reside on Burnet Avenue and are communicants of St. Michael's Church.

It is therefore befitting to add to our list the name of Brother Harold Parrish — Knight of the Month, JUNE 1976, Union Council 4504.

## Did You Know?

The Senate recently voted to table a proposed constitutional amendment to bar abortions by a 47 to 40 vote. Some of the names to remember as friends to our movement are Senator Jessie Helms (D.N.C.) who sponsored the constitutional amendment to ban abortion.

Senator James Buckley (R.N.Y.) who has a substitute amendment to ban abortion except in case of risk to the life of the mother or to leave the matter up to the States.

Senator Edward Kennedy (D. Mass.) who voted not to table the amendment and other Senators who are supporting our cause.

The Foes who fight hard to have the abortion laws stand as they are, must also be clearly identified.

Let us talk it up among our friends and keep the issue alive so that respect for human dignity can once again be restored.

Also let us not forget to write a few lines to our legislators to urge them to support the amendment to ban abortion. This is a moral obligation on our part that we must vigorously pursue.

Sal Massimino  
R.T.L. Chairman

## Swim Club Splashes

Some special notes for those new members who has just joined us this year. If you did not receive your Swim Club Membership Certificate when you picked up your badges, please inquire at the gate-house concerning same.

Our badge system is designed to facilitate the movement of our people and to ease the burden on the pool manager and his staff as well as the board of directors. Children who have been issued red lettered octagon shaped badges must remain in the shallow end of the pool. That is between the end of the pool at the locker rooms and the first safety rope across the pool. Red badges indicate to all, that the child has not passed the required swimming test allowing him free access to all areas of the pool. The child may take the deep water test at the convenience of the pool manager and his staff. Upon successfully passing the deep water test, the child should present his red badge to the attendant at the gatehouse, who will replace it with a badge denoting the child's age and bearing his name. He is now permitted to swim anywhere and to use the diving boards. This test is required of all children through 11 years of age and we urge parents of children who can not swim, to enroll the child for swimming instructions. It is imperative that all children learn to swim at the earliest opportunity. The next age group badge is from 12 years of age through 15. The reason for this group is to indicate they are not yet in the adult classification but can attend the pool on their own. All children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult while in the pool area. This rule applies to the age group 12 to 15 also after 5 p.m. The final age group for badges is adult or 16 years of age and over. Only those with adult badges are allowed on the sun deck over the locker rooms. It may be noted that some young adult badges have two holes punched in them. This is to indicate they have not yet reached the legal adult age of 18 years. We do this because of the alcoholic beverages dispensed at the snack bar. The badge indicates to the people serving such beverages whether or not one is of legal age at a glance, although further proof may be required at the discretion of the bartender.

Please see that each member reads and understands the few simple rules which govern the conduct of our members while on K of C property. Compliance with these rules will help to assure us of a safe and enjoyable season of swimming pleasure.

The pool will open on a daily basis on the Monday immediately following the closing of school.

The dates for the two council days at the pool are THURSDAY, JULY 15 with a rain date on July 16, and WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, with a rain date on August 19. On council days any member of Union Council may enjoy the facilities of the Swim Club simply by presenting the members dues card at the gate-house on the two appointed days. All of the member's family who live in his household are also invited to share a day's fun with us. If the member is working that day, be sure he leaves his dues card for the rest of the family. He can join them after work. Pool hours are 12:00 noon til 8:00 p.m.