



# Knights Digest



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## Blood Bank Set for Nov. 10 - Needs Donors

This must be our last and most urgent appeal inviting each and every Brother to donate one pint of blood on November 10, at the Council Home. Your K or C Council 4504 is conducting the BLOOD BANK DRIVE to benefit you and your family should the need arise. It is an excellent example of Charity beginning at home.

Our goal for this drive is 100 to 150 pints. By reaching this goal, we will be justifying the high costs incurred in running the drive, and we may possibly contribute to saving the life of someone near and dear who might need blood in the future.

To show our gratitude, your committee has set up an Honor Roll listing the names of all donors and the number of times each has given blood. We want to add many more names and hope yours will be among them.

Remember, this is OUR BLOOD BANK through which we will be helping ourselves. Give this worthwhile activity your full support by donating your pint of blood on Sunday, Nov. 10, starting at noon.

For further information phone Gene Zelazny, CR 3-9272.

## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

September — Larry Pribula  
October — Pete Genova

## Knight of the Month

Pete Genova, the Knight of the Month for October, is a fine representative of Knighthood. Quiet by nature, Pete is the type of man who has done more than his share to make Union Council a big success.

In the past he has worked on the Circs Committee, the Journal Committee and the Kitchen Committee. This year, Pete has not only offered to give his service to the Council Activities Chairman, but has also offered to help the Fraternal Activities Chairman. Outside of the Council, he has served as captain for the census drive at the newly formed Holy Spirit Parish.

The "Knight of the Month" is but a small tribute for a fine brother.

## Prayer Amendment Proposals Stymied in Committee

Several proposals to amend the U. S. Constitution to permit the right of prayer in public schools are currently being held by the House Judiciary Committee without action. This failure to act indicates likelihood of opposition to the legislation.

One way to obtain action on the proposal is to secure signatures of 218 members of the House of Representatives in a "discharge petition" in this matter. Such a petition will free the "prayer amendment" and place it before the full House for action and vote.

The Becker Discharge Petition, now awaiting the necessary number of signatures (218) can bring the amendment to the floor of Congress. As a Knight interested in this matter, you are urged most vigorously to write your Congressman to sign the Becker Discharge Petition.

Write today to

Hon. Florence P. Dwyer, M.C.  
House Office Building  
Washington, D. C.

## Snow Ball and Dinner Dance

Keep Saturday, November 30, open because the Knights of Columbus Council Activities Committee has planned our annual Snow Ball Dance on that date.

This year we have planned a dinner dance in the honor of Jim Confroy, Past Grand Knight, and Fred Vollherbst, Past President of the Columbian Club.

Chairman Brother Bob Holler has acquired the Joe Rose Orchestra for your dancing pleasure. This orchestra is currently the house orchestra at the famous Friar Tuck Inn, which offers only the best in food and music.

## Cocktail Hour

If you and your lady have an hour of leisure time on your hands on a Sunday afternoon, why not stop at your Club House. There you will find friendship and hospitality all the time, plus a special rate on your favorite drink.

## Bar and Galley Knight

The Columbian Club of Union Council will hold a special affair at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, November 16th to show the Council's appreciation of those members who throughout the year perform the many physical tasks about the Council Home.

These men give freely of their time in the lounge, kitchen, check-room, clean-up and other assignments.

Bar and Galley Knight Chairman John Picyk announced that a buffet supper and beverages will be served the member guests and their wives. Recorded music will provide for dancing and a night of relaxation for our hard working crew and their ladies.

## News for New Members

If you joined our Council within the last year or so, please accept the following as a personal invitation.

We want to know you better, and see you become an active Brother Knight. Because of the large membership, it is not always possible to tap each new member on the shoulder and introduce him individually, nor can your officers and Chairman tell who has what interests or friendships.

There is no better way of getting acquainted with others than by joining a committee. In this way, you meet a few committee members who introduce you to other Brother Knights and your circle of friends quickly expands. You serve a useful function by helping your Council, you gain new friends, exchange ideas and obtain the satisfaction of a good job well done.

Everyone can contribute opinions, ideas and labor to the committee of his selection. Each chairman has a great need for additional help, regardless of ability or time facilities. What we have and do for the Council we do for the benefit of all.

Come to our next meeting, see the chairman of any committee of your choice, tell him you'd like to help. He'll be glad to see you. The rest of us will be glad to see you, too. Be there, won't you?

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## CALENDAR

NOV. 10 — SUNDAY

Blood Donors Day

12-4 P.M. — Council Home

NOV. 11 — MONDAY

Regular Council Meeting

8:15 P.M. — Council Home

NOV. 16 — SATURDAY

Bar & Galley Knight

8:30 P.M. — Council Home

NOV. 25 — MONDAY

Regular Council Meeting

8:15 P.M. — Council Home

NOV. 30 — SATURDAY

Snow Ball Dance

Council Home

## Fraternal Activities

Recently it was brought to our attention that a Brother Knight who had been seriously ill on two occasions had not even received a "Get Well" card from us. This is very unfortunate, but there is no way for us to contact the ill unless somebody tells us.

Please remember that if you know of someone who is ill, contact the Fraternal Activities Chairman, Gene Zelazny, at CR 3-9272 immediately.

Pray for the speedy recovery of the following Knights:

Anton Rothschildt  
William Bauer, Jr.  
Robert Matheis  
Francis Maiellano  
Patrick Igoe  
David Chemidlin

## SPORTS

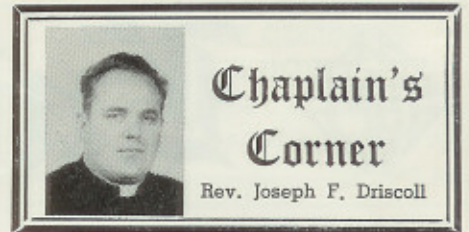
After six weeks of bowling in the Tuesday night house league at 4 Seasons, Richie Bachefski leads in Individual Average with 183, followed by Hank Skarbek, 178, Matt Simon, 177, Richie Graybush, 176, and Charlie Minervino, 175. These are the top five bowlers. Low man, #70 on the Totem Pole, is Ben Gode-sky, with 125 average.

The most improved bowler to date is Jim Dunne, with a gain of 15 pins from 133 to 148. The biggest decline in average belongs to Gene Camp-anaro from 158 - 140, 18 pins down.

Individual Hi Series belongs to Richie Bachefski with a 645, followed by Jim Stich with a 613. Individual Hi Game belongs to Richie Bachefski with 246, followed by Joe Naples with a 243.

The "Flushers", led by Captain Joe Kenny, have team Hi Game of 928. The "Crusaders", led by Captain Joe Seibert, have team Hi Series of 2565.

Anyone wishing to bowl, please sign up with the league president, Hank Skarbek.



## Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Joseph F. Driscoll

As we pray for our departed brothers during this month, we are apt to be more reflective and more serious. The close of the life of a friend or relative brings into focus the importance of each day.

The time gone by cannot be reclaimed. The future is in the disposition of God. The immediate present has a wondrous interest for all of us. Look now at the greatness God shares with you in this moment. This point of time before you is nothing. It is to be created from nothing by you. You share with God in creation.

As mere creatures of God what we create will be influenced by what we know and what we desire. We may add to what we know through attendance at the lectures. We will desire in this month the happy repose of the souls of our brothers. This desire will be accomplished through the offering of each day's sacrifices for their intentions.



Union Council's Championship Soft Ball Team. Standing left to right: Ted Laguna, John Vergara, Andy Nadzan, Grand Knight Bill Taylor, Hank Skarbek, Jerry Petrucci, Walter Burbella, Richie Bachefski, and Don. Spriet. Kneeling, Ted Kocal, Matt Simon and Bob Buob.

## Christmas Cards

This year we will sell Christmas Cards again. They will be available at the Club House Lounge at a dollar per box. Help keep Christ in Christmas by sending Religious Cards.

## Let's All Pitch In

There is still help needed for our Mailing Chairman, Brother Roger Boetsch. If you can spare as little as one hour a month, call Roger at CH 5-1681 — NOW.

## Grand Knight's Message



Brothers:

The month of November is dedicated to our dear departed brothers and our loved ones. It is well that we should pray for the souls of the departed, since there is no way for the living to know the final destination of the soul. We perhaps think we have led exemplary lives during our stay on this earth and perhaps our contemporaries feel the same, but in the final analysis, the most important point is — Does God think so? Again, the living have no way of determining. We can, at best, live as we think God meant for us to live and there by all means store up graces and indulgences much as we do with material wealth. Saving material wealth is simplified by the fact that we can see the net result. It reflects in physical comforts that we can feel, hear or taste. It is something that sets our sense in action.

On the other hand, unless one is gifted with a great degree of fervor, he can not feel the results of prayers to the same extent.

True, we have at one time or another experienced some help from God through prayer, be it assistance in finding employment or some lost object or His help in aiding us through an illness. There is no doubt that we have felt wonderfully well after this experience and have even proclaimed to our friends and relatives the wonders of God's ways, but all too often our praise is short-lived and we regress to our material world.

By our praying for the dead, we insure to a great extent that this custom will continue and therefore provide even for ourselves, should we be in need of divine assistance when our time comes. This is one more example that true Charity does not consist alone in alms giving. Be charitable, be generous in your prayers. May God bless your every work.

Fraternally yours,  
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag is as follows:

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible,

with liberty and justice for all."

WHEREAS, the words "Under God" were added to the Pledge of Allegiance as originally written because the people of this country wished to express their dependence upon the Supreme Creator of mankind; and

WHEREAS, there is now in existence a concerted effort to eliminate all references to God in official matters and proceedings; and

WHEREAS, this great nation should recognize its religious heritage and beneficial influences in the strong belief of the existence of a Supreme Being;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Union Council 4504 Knights of Columbus respectfully petitions the New Jersey State Council Knights of Columbus to espouse and foster every effort to maintain and encourage the use of the words "Under God" in our Pledge of Allegiance to our National Emblem; and

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED That New Jersey State Council Knights of Columbus should respectfully petition the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus to this same end.

## Family Swim Club

Columbian Club President Wilbur N. Donnelly has appointed William Stuart to be General Chairman of the Family Swim Club Committee. John Guidera will be assistant Chairman. Also appointed to the Committee are Brothers Warren Hehl, Herb Kleniewski, John Mageean, John McCarthy, Bernard Raymond, Stan Rucki, George Sheridan, Fred Vollherbst, and Franklin Zusi.

Brother Stuart's aim is to have the pool in use for the 1964 season! The first step to enable this goal to be achieved is the accumulation of a list of at least 300 members of Union Council that are interested in belonging to the Council's own swim club. Interested members are requested to remit a check for \$2 payable to: Columbian Club. Include card with name, address, and phone number. Mail to Fred Vollherbst, 1374 Stuyvesant Avenue, Union.

Brother Stuart pointed out that the potential values of a swim club at Union Council are unlimited—mainly it will socially strengthen the membership.

Over 160 members are now on the priority list. If YOU want to SWIM in '64 — mail in your name NOW, and the committee will continue with plans, which incidentally will include accessory buildings, etc. for the pool.

## Safe Driving Corner

John Foley

There is agitation to abolish the annual auto inspection in this state. The opponents of this system claim that the examination is only a superficial one and does not banish the unsafe vehicle from the road. They also cite the inconvenience and loss of time suffered by the motorist.

Though we might be greatly annoyed by the test, we should realize that cars passing the examination had working safety features at that time. The responsible driver should be glad to learn if there is something wrong that had not been suspected prior to the test.

## School Prayer

This is from a letter to the Daily Journal Editor, recently published, on the issue of Bible reading in the school.

"The Bible is not a religion! It is the inspired word of God. To remove Bible reading from the schools is to remove the scientific and mathematical genius of Genesis, the wisdom of Proverbs, the music and poetry of Psalms. But of greater importance is the discipline, the tolerance, the love and the respect that the Bible commands.

If you can find another book that can equal the Bible in so aptly teaching my child to respect God and to love his fellowman, or if you can find a model prayer that can so humble his proud spirit and cause him to examine his own acts, wherether they be for good or for evil even before he commits them that day—then by all means, teacher, read it."

## Invitation

You are invited by our Worthy Chaplain, Father Driscoll, to a series of talks called "Life in Christ." These talks will be a complete review of the Catholic Faith on an adult level. The series is to be held at our Council Home on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 9:00 P.M., and is to continue for 20 weeks.

All Knights, their ladies and adult friends are welcome to attend. In these days of change through the Ecumenical Council, it is of vital importance that we keep up to date on our faith. Increase your knowledge of religion during Autumn so that when Spring comes, you blossom as a fully educated Catholic layman.

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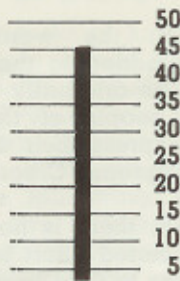
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