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The Nature of Enthusiasm

"It's the feel of living . . . really living. . . it's getting in the flow of things — getting with it so to speak. It is the great surge of confidence that you feel from the inside out. It's confidence based on *doing, action, and commitment!* It's self-awareness, self-acceptance and self-discipline. It's realism with a positive beat, well sprinkled with an old fashioned common-sense and sparkled to life with positive hope and hard to kill optimism. Enthusiasm is participation, it's action, it's getting things done . . . with people *through* people by people and most important of all *for* people. It's aiming high . . . missing . . . aiming again — it's shrugging off disappointment. It's winning and losing, but learning each time. It's determination, hustle, ambition, vigor and vitality all woven into oneness! And oh yes, it's *faith* . . . in yourself, in others and in the general scheme of things. You have it, it has you! You express it by action, by trying, by creating, in short by *doing*.

Yes this *is* living — this is enthusiasm. One day when all the chips have been played, when the game is all but over, you can play your final hand and win or lose, be confident and content in knowing that you have played it to the hilt . . . and with a deep sense of satisfaction that you have returned at least a little — and maybe a lot — of what was given to you on the day you were born, through faith-in-action . . . and through this thing called *enthusiasm!*"

This enthusiasm, this flare for living, is what makes the Knights of Columbus move and create progress on the Supreme, State, and local levels. It's men of enthusiasm that have brought Union Council to the position of success it now enjoys. We need the time and talent of more brothers, new and old, to continue our growth. While applying your gifts of talent to the council, it will give you as an individual, a greater interest in living, and make you feel good knowing you have made a contribution. (The quoted words of this article are from author Herb Ashley.)

Jim Moran P.G.K.

Children's Halloween Party

The annual Halloween Party will be held on November 1, 1981 from 3:00 — 5:00 P.M., at the Council Hall. We invite all children 10 years of age and younger to attend.

Prizes will be awarded to the most original, funniest and last but not least the scariest costumes. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Tom McGarvey
Youth Activities Director

FAMILY OF THE MONTH PROGRAM

The Knights of Columbus have always been interested in the development of strong, vibrant families. In support of this philosophy and to create an even greater awareness, the Supreme Council instituted the "Family of the Month" program in 1978, aimed at recognizing outstanding members and their families.

Our Worthy Grand Knight Roger Schur wishes to resume our participation in this program at both the supreme and state levels.

A few of the guidelines, as promulgated by Supreme, for consideration of candidates as follows:

- A) Has the family made **outstanding contributions** to the church, community and/or council? B) Does the family **share experiences**? C) How about **family communications**? D) Does the family **pray together**?, etc.

Since we may not always be aware of our Brother's and his Family's involvement in activities outside our council, I would appreciate any and all recommendations for consideration. If you know of a brother involved in his parish and/or community please notify P.G.K. Julius Kiss at 687-5173. Thank-you.

Membership

We are pleased to announce that in cooperation with our Insurance Agency, the following awards will be made to members of the Council who sponsor more than one new member during our "Centennial Year" Recruitment campaign.

For sponsoring a minimum of two new members, a beautiful Third Degree lapel button will be awarded.

Members sponsoring four or more new members will be awarded a handsome license plate honoring the "Centennial Year" of our Order.

Inasmuch as most vacations are drawing to a close, and our friends and neighbors have returned to their homes, now is an excellent time to contact them regarding membership in our Order.

A First Degree Ceremony has been scheduled for our first meeting night in October — Columbus Day — October 12th. Let us strive to make this the largest First Degree Class in the history of our Council in honor of our Patron.

It is our sincere wish that every member will sponsor at least one new member during this coming year, and sincerely hope that many of our members will be the recipients of the Third Degree lapel button, and the Centennial Year license plate.

Wesley Czap



Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Ed Swierzbinski

October is the month dedicated to the Rosary. Our Annual Living Rosary will be recited on Monday, October 26. We hope many members will make a special effort to attend that meeting and join us in honoring the Blessed Mother of God.

October, traditionally, was the month for the Holy Name parade and the renewal of the Holy Name Pledge. We promised to use our speech to tell the truth, to praise and not always criticize, to bless rather than curse, to be more positive in affirming each other.

Our language is rich in number of words and the nuances of meaning — we can find a word to express any idea or emotion. We have many dictionaries, anthologies and other word collections to expand our vocabulary. Speech is like any other gift — we either grow or become more limited in the number of words we use and how we use them.

Why am I mentioning the obvious? It's equally obvious that our daily speech reflects a limited perspective. For some they can't complete a sentence and a short one at that without curse words. The four letter word used is not love. Everyone's ancestry is questioned when we should be encouraging one another in this time of trial and stress. Vulgarities are more common than prayer. Blame more often than praise. Anger more often than supportive words.

I, also, believe we are eroding our culture when we lie. OF COURSE LYING BETRAYS GOD'S GIFT OF SPEECH AND SO IS A SIN. But I am looking at the aspect of destroying any basis for a trusting and loving relationship when we lie. Communication is impossible if we can't trust each other. I don't mean we always agree or understand but at least if we tell the truth we can continue to try to understand and aid each other.

If the above makes me old-fashioned and corny so be it. I would like to see us become models of good speech and good manners. It must become important to each one of us. The Christopher motto appeals to me — It is better to light one candle than curse the darkness. The challenge is — Praise someone at least once a day. Clean up our speech. Be sensitive to one another's needs. Life might become less stressful — less fearful — less angry. We might even begin hearing what the other has to say, and our response will be based on unselfish love. LOVE IS STILL THE BEST WORD AND EMOTION IN OUR LANGUAGE.

See you at First Friday Mass and talk. Remember we need each other.

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

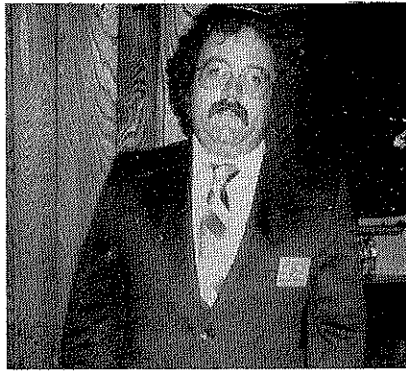
The Case For A Single Issue Voter

Dear Brother-Knights,

In our country there is a tradition of separation of Church and State ever since the passage of the First Amendment. Recently, the Supreme Court has used that amendment in a number of its rulings to knock down tax tuition credits for our parochial schools in the mistaken belief that it is safeguarding the First Amendment by keeping the lines drawn between Church and State. In effect, what the supreme Court has done as admitted by one of its former Associate Justices, J. Potter Stewart, has been to sanction *secularism* as a value which is instilled in our public classrooms through surveys, and the new in thing: sex education. There is no way a school can teach values in a vacuum, and the values taught are those enunciated and propounded by the educators who are often secular humanists for want of a better name.

In 1973 the Supreme court ruled in *Roe v. Wade* that abortions during the first trimester of pregnancy must be permitted if the mother desires it. By that decision the Supreme Court has for all of its pretensions of neutrality, taken a moral position in keeping with that of the secular humanists who deny original sin
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Knight of the Month October 1981



Michael J. Herrighty, Jr.

Our Knight of the Month honor for October is awarded to Michael J. Herrighty, Jr. A member of our Council a few short years, Mike has demonstrated his ability to get the job done — with that little extra touch.

He has that quiet quality of leadership that has attracted his fellow brothers to do their best for our Council goals. He is a dedicated brother of the council, always giving of his time and talents, taking nothing in return.

Mike became active immediately upon joining the Knights of Columbus. He willingly helped various Council chairmen wherever needed. He has helped the Swim Club with plumbing problems — spending many hours re-furbishing the Snack Bar.

His potential was recognized and he was appointed Council Community Activities Chairman. Here he was sensitive to the needs of the brotherhood and their families in time of sickness and bereavement.

His other responsibilities as Community Activities Chairman included running the Nuns and Widows Night and managing the Council Blood Bank.

Mike is currently Council Activities Chairman. He is at the time of this writing busily engaged in planning and implementing the annual Council Picnic — one of the many Council events he will be running this Centennial Year.

Mike is a graduate of St. Peter's College, Jersey City, N.J. with a Bachelor of Science Business Administration. He is a licensed plumber and runs the F S Plumbing & Heating Co of Union.

Mike and his wife Barbara reside in Union and are proud parents of son, Michael. They are communicants of St. Michael's Church.

Our Council is proud to present the honor of Knight of the Month for October to Mike Herrighty.

Calendar of Events

October

(October 25th Family Communion Breakfast has been changed to November 15.)

November

- 1 Children's Halloween Party
- 6 First Friday
- 14 Punt, Pass, and Kick Contest
- 15 Memorial Mass and Family Communion Breakfast
- 16 2nd Degree
- 20 3rd Degree
- 22 Blood Drive

Grand Knights Column

Roger F. Schur



October is an important month for the Knights of Columbus, as we will be commemorating our patron, Christopher Columbus, on October 11th at Columbus Park. His perseverance was an inspiration to our founder, Fr. Michael McGivney, who 100 years ago assembled this great organization of men of good will. Columbus should be an inspiration to all of us. No matter what adversities are put before us, we must pursue our goals. We must persevere in promoting Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism, the principles of the Knights of Columbus. This year Columbus Day falls on a regular meeting night. In honor of this event we are planning to present a first degree, followed by a few words from our guest, Father Tom Burns, the great nephew of F. Michael McGivney. You are all welcomed to enjoy the evening.

Other events upcoming are the Octoberfest to be held on October 31st, contact Mike Herrighty, Council Activities Chairman, to make your reservations; the children's Halloween party; the annual blood drive and the family communion breakfast.

All of these events I'm sure will prove to be enjoyable and very satisfying to all, as we continue in our efforts to help one another and bring our families together. Peace be with you.

Roger F. Schur
GRAND KNIGHT

ATHLETIC NEWS AND EVENTS

On October 25, 1981 we are going to have an excursion to the Bronx Zoo. The prices are very reasonable at \$5.00 for adults and \$3.75 for children 12 and under. This includes general admission to the zoo and round trip bus transportation. The bus shall depart the council lot at 9:00 a.m. sharp on Sunday the 25th and leave the zoo to come home at 5:00 p.m. You can bring your own lunch or purchase it at the zoo.

Anyone interested should see Jack Kelly, Wayne Williams, or Bill Heady or phone Jack at 925-1539. Tickets are on a first come first serve basis.

Individual activity tickets that you may be interested in can be purchased at the zoo itself.

Hurry . . . Tickets should go fast for this **great** family event. Remember the date . . . **Sunday, October 25th.**

Random Thoughts

WE should always be delighted at the prospect of a new day, a fresh try, one more start, perhaps a bit of magic waiting somewhere behind the morning . . . Sign in opticians office, "Whether men make passes at girls who wear glasses depends on their frames". . . Do you remember when the highway patrol didn't hide with radar at the side of a busy road — but took its chances out in
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Single Issue Voter (cont'd from Page 2)

and say that man alone is the ultimate source of all good. Secularism also denies a belief in an Absolute Being or in life after death.

The Supreme Court has also unwittingly relegated the abortion issue to a political plane. Since the only way one can abort the Supreme Court's decision on abortion is by way of an amendment to the constitution, one must scrutinize Congressmen who will vote for such an amendment. We now come to the crux of the dilemma of knowing where to draw the line between Church and State. The Catholic Church teaches and the Holy Father has constantly reminded the faithful that when a political decision involves a clear-cut moral issue (especially abortion) it is the duty of all enlightened citizens to speak out.

Let us suppose that there was a Presidential candidate who was charismatic and had a sound platform to end inflation, guarantee full employment for all, eliminate crime in the streets, and provide a home for everyone; but in his final plank, he advocated placing all Blacks in concentration camps — would you vote for such a candidate? Would you support such a candidate by rationalizing that all of the other planks are great; therefore, the good outweighs the bad? or would you say that regardless of how wonderful the other planks are, one in good conscience could not support such a candidate? Yet, how often do we hear candidates say: "Well, so what if I support abortion — (the taking of innocent life which is even worse than placing someone in a concentration camp) — look how I have voted on the other issues which can be of immense help to you"?

For, the above reason, I find nothing wrong in being a single issue voter. As a member of the Knights of Columbus I am obliged never to bring politics into any of my talks. As already mentioned however, the Supreme Court has made a moral issue, abortion, a political one as well. I shall never presume to tell anyone whom to vote for to political office. I do believe, nonetheless, that it is my moral obligation to inform the Brother Knights as to how their representatives have voted on various pro-life bills because those votes affect life itself. Each Brother Knight is always free to vote according to his own conscience.

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick Giannotta,
Right to Life Chairman

BINGO

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The Family of the Month for August is the family of Henry Skarbek, P.G.K.

PUNT-PASS-AND-KICK

A Punt-Pass-and-Kick contest will be held on November 14, 1981, for boys and girls of the council only. Age groups will be 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12.

If your children or grandchildren wish to participate, please send their name, address and telephone number to the address below. Also send a letter of permission for each boy or girl entering the contest. NO CHILD will be allowed to enter the contest unless this information is received by November 2, 1981.

The contest will be held at Biertuempful Park in Union, next to the parking lot and tennis courts. Kickoff time is at 10:30 A.M. All boys and girls are asked to be there by 10:15 A.M.

Send all information to: TOM McGARVEY
808 Maxwell Street
Union, N.J.

Rain Date: November 15, 1981

K of C Wins
Prisoners Win
Union Knights vs.
Rahway State Prison
in Softball

Who won? What was the score? Two most asked questions regarding this historic event. The score — immaterial. Who won — everybody won. The idea of this initial encounter against the inmates of one of the state's maximum security institutions was conceived with the true spirit of charity and fraternity in mind. Those who helped put this plan into actuality were faced with many obstacles. Even up to that last day, they were determined to see these ideals fulfilled. As the first K of C council to ever visit Rahway Prison, your brother Knights of 4504 proudly represented you and the consensus feeling was that a great lesson in life was learned. We saw the other side of the wall and another way of life and were able to leave. The prisoners witnessed a group of men who came to their world only to help put a little light in the void they live in and ask nothing in return.

So, who won? The answer is simple. K of C Wins — Prisoners Win. (Those who represented Union Council were Lonny Pannucci, Mike Ward, Jack Kelly, Tom Burke, Frank Miliillo, Bill Weiss, Mike Ambrosio, Mike Malloy, Ed Olas, Paul Sandy and Jack Caskey. Also attending, Fr. Ed, GK Roger Schur, PGK Barney Capp and PGK Jim Johnson).

Lonny Pannucci
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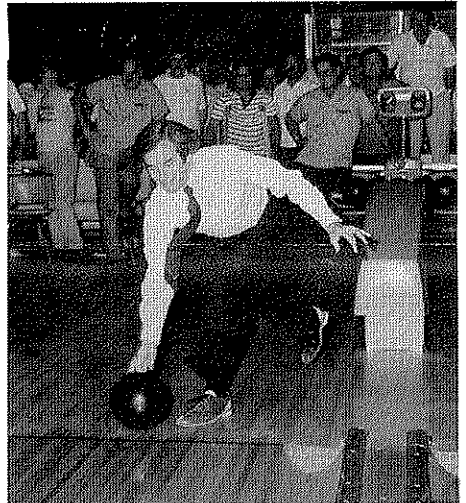
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traffic like everybody else? . . . Two chickens in every pot instead of a tuna sandwich is why so many people avail themselves of the services of fat farms . . .

An optimist builds castles in the sky. A dreamer lives there. A realist collects rent from both of them . . . When the police arrested the street hustler for selling eternal youth pills, they discovered he was a repeat offender. He'd been arrested on the same charge in 1492, 1776, 1835, and 1914!! . . . The best way to make a fortune is to come up with something that's low priced, habit forming and tax deductible . . .



Roger Schur rolls the first Ball to open the 1981-82 K of C Bowling League.

Personality Profile
Henry Mey —
Deputy Grand Knight

Henry and his wife Lucille are the parents of a daughter Mary Lou, age 16. He is employed by the Singer Company, Kearfott Division, as a Senior Engineer. His work involves analyzing and testing equipment for the guidance systems of aircraft. Henry's hobbies are enjoying classical music and playing the piano. He also does work on stained glass. Henry is a bowler and belongs to our council's league. When he reads he prefers mysteries. Through the influence of his brother-in-law he joined the council in 1964. He was asked to take over a chairmanship in mid-term when another brother was unable to continue in the position. Due to the fine manner in which he performed his duties, he went on to officership. Henry feels he has learned a great deal about the knights, is a believer in our goods, and feels happy to contribute to our work. Personal traits — Soft spoken, easy going, but watch out if he is pushed to do what he is against. Below the surface is a flame that the right fuel will bring to a blaze.

Jim Moran P.G.K.

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