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Awards Dinner

The Annual Awards Dinner-Meeting will be held Monday Evening, June 27 at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Hall. Tickets for the occasion can be obtained by contacting Joe Saenger, Barney Capriglione or Andy Popp. 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, with our regular meeting concluding the evening.

Joseph Saenger
Fraternal Chairman

Recent Right to Life Convention Notes

The National Chairperson, Nellie Gray, told 400 members of the N. J. Right to Life Committee at its annual convention that "there can be no compromise with pro-abortionists over a human life amendment", and we must write a law for the child, rather than for the abortionists. We must also truly comprehend the personhood of a human being, and make requirements into our laws that protect the mother and the baby, and it must be mandated by the law of the land.

Rev. William Smith spoke on the Legal Definition of Death, about 49 bills have been introduced on this very much abused subject and is still very controversial.

In another workshop, Leah Curtin, Director of the National Center for Nursing Ethics, spoke on Euthanasia and Medical Ethics. Some of the points raised were: people expect to be cured, if not there is a lack of trust; do we have a right to know if we have a terminal illness, do we have a right **NOT** to know, should all radical patients be treated, or is non-treatment the best treatment? If we justify killing today, we will justify killing tomorrow. Persons must be cared for at home, instead of in Institutions; more utilization of home care must be realized to its fullest.

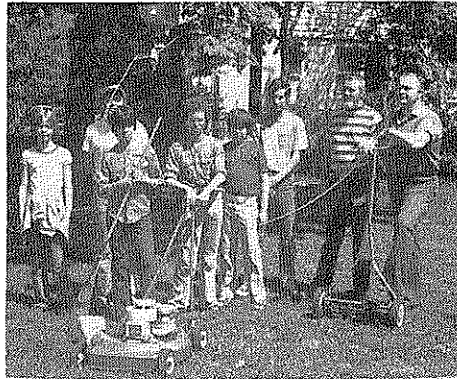
How much we have loved plus how much we have served equals how much we have lived.

Michael A. Tomko
Bruce Bentz

Cheers!

On April 23, Union Council held a Disco Dance. Highlighting the evening was a prize drawing of a Barrel of Cheers, which was won by Judy Cavallo of Hillside. The affair was well represented and the Committee, headed by Bill Patania, should be complimented for a job well done.

Jim Moran G.K.



Pictured above are Marie McDowall, Joe Porter, Scout John Accardi, Scout Joe Accardi, Scout Joe Mulligan, Jr., Don Matrale, Brother Joe Mulligan, Scoutmaster Walt Kawalski.

Civic and Cultural News

Union Council 4504 participated in the Union Township All American City celebration on May 10, 1977 by selling hot dogs and soda to the many guests in attendance. Thanks to Marty Soos, Tony Shaws, Roy Trupiano, Jules Pruszkowski, Henry Mey, Jim Johnson, Jim Schaeffer and Marty Farrel for their help. Also thanks to Shasta Beverage and American Bakeries for their contributions.

The Knights of Columbus Park at Winslow and Stecher Avenues will be completed in June. Everything is progressing well thanks to John Salvatore, Carmine Melici, Bill Vath, Jim McInroe, Henry May, John Zimmerman and Union Township for their help, hard work and assistance. Special thanks to Boy Scout Troup 69 of Saint Michaels for their help.

Award Winner

Five of our officers attended the National Council of Catholic Men's Annual Mass and Dinner, held in Newark in April. This organization covers the Archdiocese of Newark and includes Holy Name Societies, Sierra Clubs, Catholic War Veterans and Knights of Columbus. Each group was asked in early March to submit a written presentation of a successful project they had from 1976 to 1977. The Chaplain's First Friday Series was our project, and I am very pleased to report that this project won the award for being the most outstanding project in Union County. As our Grand Knight, I was very happy to accept this award along with the State Secretary Joseph Luciano and Archbishop Peter Gerety. I personally thank Father Edward for making it all possible. A special thanks to our Church Activities Director, Dom Clementoni, who put together the written details so well that it convinced the judges in our favor.

Columbian Club President's Message

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my brother Knights and the Columbian Club officers and directors for the tremendous help during my term of office. I realize it was a big sacrifice on their part to devote so much of their time and energy to the Knights of Columbus. I appreciate all the tasks that were completed both large and small. All of the work parties were well attended by our members and much work was accomplished.

It has been an extreme pleasure serving as your president. I totally enjoyed holding the office and I want to thank everyone who made this honor possible for me.

I would like to extend my sincere best wishes for a fruitful and successful year to my successor, and I hope that everyone will continue to cooperate and work with him with the same enthusiasm and unlimited effort that they have given me.

Thank you again. May God bless each and everyone of you.

Marty Farrell
Columbian Club President

Farewell Thanks

It has been my sincere pleasure to serve the Council as Committee Chairman of the Wheelchair Brigade for almost a decade. However, at this time, I must discontinue this valid and extremely necessary service to allow another member to participate in this meaningful capacity. I want to immediately express my desire to assist the council in another relevant area.

At this time I want to display my gratitude and appreciation to the men who consistently cooperated with me in this significant regard.

Bruce Bentz, Michael Bizon, George Byrne, Frank Cosenza, Lewis Denesh, Peter Durkin, Arthur Foster, Peter Genova, Peter Kozloski and Diego Martielli.

Michael Jordan, John Messina, James O'Neill, Matthew Petrusiak, Philip Sammarco, Stanley Siarniak, Sr., Stanley Wayne, Martin Soos, Vincent Zambolla and Jack Robbins.

Michael J. Romeo
Chairman

Dance Night

On June 24th Council 4504 will feature a Disco & Social Dance Evening at the Council Hall. Tickets are \$5.00 per couple.

Where else can you go for the price.

Committee: W. Patania
V. Iannuzzi

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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
 1st Fri. Chaplain's Night

Calendar of Events

June 3 First Friday
 June 4 Bowling Banquet
 June 10 Dance Class
 June 24 Disco Dance
 June 27 Award Dinner-Meeting

**STATE DEPUTY
 JOSEPH LUCIANO
 SELECTS
 PAST GRAND KNIGHT
 ANDREW F. POPP
 AS STATE
 PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

Editor's Note

PLEASE NOTE that all future articles for the Digest must be submitted no later than the 15th of each month so that we have ample time to get the next month's issue out on time. This rule will be strictly enforced with no exception.

Bowling News

The K of C Men's Bowling League concluded its season at Four Seasons on Tuesday, May 3. Congratulations to the "Who Cares" for winning the league (luck). The final standings of the teams are:

1. Who Cares
2. Mainliners
3. J.J.'s
4. Demons
5. Fighters
6. Tom Cats
7. 76'ers
8. Pin-ups
9. The Ohmen
10. Cousin Bruce
11. Rangers
12. Slicers

Hank Skarbek was the leading bowler with a 187 average.

Don't forget bowlers banquet at the Kingston Restaurant, Saturday, June 4th. Cocktail hour at 6:30.

JUNIOR BOWL TEAMS

1st Place
 Rick Ernst
 Eric Gableman
 Mike Patrykowski
 Tom Brady
 Jack LeCompte

2nd Place
 Dave Chapman
 Joe Cocuzza
 Charles Leeman
 Maureen Frost
 Tim Mennitt

3rd Place
 Kathy Boyle
 Vincent Mende
 Chris Keirnan
 William Mueller
 William Jaeggle

4th Place
 Tom Popp
 John Clementoni
 Stephen Kiss
 Brian Clark
 High average —

Dave Chapman — 144
 High Series —
 Kathy Boyle — 550
 High Game —
 Kathy Boyle — 212
 High Game —
 Rick Ernst — 198
 High Game —
 Charles Leeman — 198
 Most Improved Average —
 Jack LeCompte

Any junior bowler that will not attend the bowling banquet can pick up his/her trophy by contacting:

Steve Patrykowski — 687-8083
 Youth Activities

Important Notice

The Supreme Office has increased the amount of money available for student loan to \$2,000 effective this year. Also, the adjusted gross income is now up to \$25,000 after deductions in order to qualify for interest free money. If you desire further information contact: Harold A. Maus, F.I.C. — 687-1533 or John Gallagher — 687-6500.

Grand Knights Column

Jim Moran



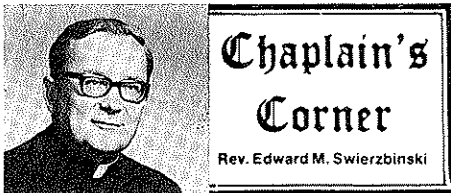
The honor I have had by serving as the head of Union Council is coming to a close. This is my last column as the Grand Knight and is the most difficult to compose. Words are inadequate to fully express the appreciation I feel to so many brothers for the hard work they did during my term in office. I am grateful to our Chaplain, Father Ed Swierzbinski for all the time he devoted to us and his great interest in the progress of our activities. Our recent Past Grand Knight, Andy Popp, was a chief advisor, who taught me restraint and to be diplomatic (if you think I wasn't you should have heard what I want to say or do!). Barney Capriglione's valuable services to me and the council were so numerous they couldn't be covered in one column.

The lifeline of any club is the operation of its programs. Jules Pruszkowski, my program director, worked superbly with the directors and chairmen. Any problems he had were always quietly and competently solved. The directors put on well organized events, always achieving a remarkable degree of excellence.

Members of the committees, each individual who contributed to any program, all share in the justifiable pride of a job well done. Much of the work of an organization like ours must be done behind the scenes. In this area, and that of policy making, I thank Columbian Club President, Marty Farrell, for his cooperation. I'm indebted to my officers for their opinions, judgments, and support. In particular are Ken Pinney, Roy Trupiano and Jules Kiss who spent many hours on degree work, and it showed in Union's excellent exemplifications.

A special thanks to the wives and children of the officers for allowing their men the time away from their home life to contribute to their fraternity. To my own family I deeply appreciate their taking messages, changing many functions to fit my Knight's schedule and being understanding while I tied up the phone so much.

Due to the assistance of all the people mentioned above, I was able to obtain the majority of the goals I set up for this past year. On a personal level I accomplished what I wanted regarding the internal workings of our club. Being Grand Knight was a wonderful experience that has strengthened me in the love of my religion, increased my devotion to our order and especially to Union Council. It gave me the opportunity to work closely with many dedicated individuals. I enjoyed the occasions that permitted me to accept the admiration from others who think highly of our organization. As your representative I have always tried to justify this respect by my actions. Although, after July 1st responsibilities of my high office will be passed to the next Grand Knight, I pledge to remain active in assisting the growth of this council in all its fraternal actions.



Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Edward M. Swierzbinski

More on the Sacrament of Penance.

The Church's directive, that we now express our sorrow with an act of contrition during confession itself (not just before), is one of the carefully thought out changes which should help us grow and derive richer spiritual results from the Sacrament of Penance.

The more familiar "O my God, I am heartily sorry" act of contrition is perfectly acceptable in the New Rite of Penance. A brief expression of sorrow for sin in our own words is likewise encouraged in the revised rite. For those who wish some variety, a fresh start of a little help, the ritual offers ten acts of contrition which can be read or memorized. Here is a sample: Lord Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

The revised rituals for most of the sacraments include the gesture of touch. The priest, parents and godparents make the sign of the cross on the baptized person's head; the celebrant imposes hands on the person to be confirmed or the ill person to be anointed; the bishop extends his hands on the head of the man to be ordained; those around the bed of the dying are encouraged to sign the sick person's forehead as a reminder of baptism. Similarly, in the sacrament of Penance the priest extends both, or at least his right hand, over the penitent, indicating in a visible, sensible way that God has given forgiveness and welcomes the sinner home.

Should you memorize an act of contrition? We think so. Prayer must come from the heart, but a formula learned in the early years and repeated daily can help foster the proper attitudes which we should have in our hearts. It also clarifies for us those deep, but often unclear feelings about our past sins and failures. However, neither the young nor the old should be anxious about reciting a memorized prayer in confession itself. Any expression of contrition will do there. Nevertheless, reciting on our lips or in our hearts an act of contrition every day has real value for a person's spiritual life.

I'll be glad to answer any questions before or after meetings — also at the First Fridays.

Remember our First Fridays — June is dedicated to Sacred Heart.

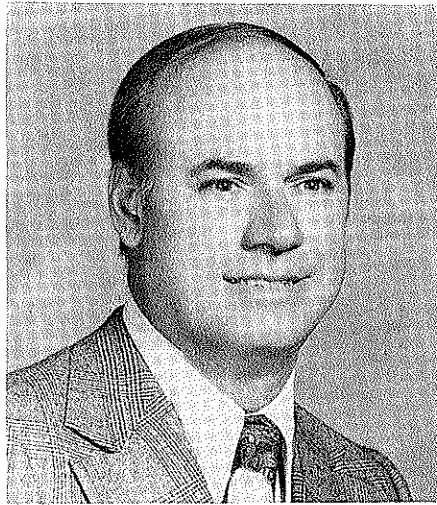
First Friday Series

Friday, June 3rd, marks the last program in the First Friday Series for this fraternal year, and we are looking forward to our speaker Father Edward Thompson, whose subject will be E.S.P. The program will start at 8 p.m. with Holy Mass. Our First Friday Series have been very successful, with the attendance at each session averaging over 100 brother knights and their wives.

I am extremely grateful and wish to thank Father Ed, our Chaplain, John Deuna, Art Weber, Jim Johnson, Roger Schuk and all those who helped make this Catholic Activity the success it is.

Dominick Clementoni P.G.K.

Knight of the Month



ANDREW F. POPP

Union Council 4504 has selected one of the most talented and outstanding member as our Knight of the Month for June 1977.

Our Past Grand Knight Andrew Popp ('75-'76) has achieved many accomplishments during his 16 years. As a brother Knight Andy has dedicated many unselfish hours to our order and to St. Michaels Church.

His perservance and dedication will always be remembered for the many activities he availed himself to. This award is far overdue for this deserving brother.

Andy resides in Union with his wife Marion and are the proud parents of four children, Marion, Dorothy, Nancy and Thomas. Andy graduated from St. Peter's College and is now employed as an Engineer with Public Service (Hudson Division). May we at this time congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Popp for celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary.

Andy always Popp's up when you need him.

Memories

At the August 1958 meeting the Council voted to donate \$25.00 to the Boys Club of Union.

Grand Knight Howard Leary reported he had requested from Mr. Asmus of the Union tax lien department a price for the piece of land fronting on Jeanette Ave, the present site of our home.

It was announced by Public Relations Chairman Vince Slavin that our first council bulletin would be published for the September meeting. He noted the paper would be self sustaining through the sale of advertising at the rate of \$55.00 per year per space. The approximate size would be 8½ x 11. The name of the bulletin would be announced in November with a prize being awarded to the Brother whose entry is chosen.

A question box is to be placed at the recorders table for anyone wishing information concerning the K of C.

Bowling Chairman Ben Godesky announced the closing of the summer league. He said a party would be held at the Council Meeting Hall on August 29 for all those who participated. He also urged those interested in the winter league to register with him.

D.G.K. John Zimmerman spoke in behalf of a brother unemployed since July in an effort to secure employment for him. The following brothers were appointed chairmen of the various six point committees for this term: Weldon Arner, six point program chairman, Warren Hehl, Catholic Activities, Jene Confroy, Fraternal Activities, Frank Murphy, Membership; Wilbur Donnelly, Council Activities, Tom Owens, Youth; Vince Slavin, Public Relations; Mario Henriquez, Admissions; Frank Dickerson, Athletic; Kolomon Kiss, Building Committee with Bill Bouer as Co-Chairman and Ben Gadesky, Bowling.

4504 SUMMER ACTIVITIES

ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE SWIM CLUB TO PARTICIPATE.

DATES	ACTIVITY
JULY 9	RACES
JULY 16	ART CENTER—ENGLEBERT HUMPERDINK
JULY 23	PINOCHLE
JULY 30	TRACK DAY
JULY 30	DANCE
AUGUST 6	RACES
AUGUST 13	PINOCHLE
AUGUST 20	ART CENTER—LIBERACE
AUGUST 27	BINGO (BOYS CLUB)

CHILDREN'S MOVIES WILL BE SHOWN EVERY SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. FROM JULY 3rd TO SEPTEMBER 3rd.

NOTICE OF TEEN-AGE DANCE LATER. DATES ARE TENTATIVE — SUBJECT TO CHANGER (CHECK PATIO BULLETIN).

Chairman — R. Corbo
Co-Chairman — P. Martin
W. Renner
L. Olivieri