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Value of Retreats

Many a prospective retreatant hesitates to make his first retreat because he half suspects it may turn out to be a sorry affair. He is content to leave well enough alone.

He may suspect there is something morbid about introspection and self-analysis. He may feel it quite unnecessary to search the Jerusalem of his soul with lamps, to retrace in memory the footsteps of his past, to reopen doors that are better left closed.

If that were really the meaning of a retreat, most persons would be well advised to avoid it. This melancholy picture bears small resemblance to the original. No veteran retreatant could recognize in it the experience he knows so well.

The annual retreatant will tell you that a retreat is positive, not negative; constructive, not destructive. He knows from personal experience that it is more like taking a tonic than submitting to surgery. He has learned that the purpose of a retreat's seclusion is not that a man may live close to himself but that he may live closer to God.

It is a series of consecutive hours spent in the company of Christ. All the rest of it, all the exercises and discourses are incidental to this one end.

A retreat could be telescoped into a few minutes of serious thought in a fox-hole. It is the realization of God's presences and of our relation to Him. St. Augustine summed it up in the prayer: "Lord, grant that I may know myself and know Thee." Cardinal Newman wrote of the "two luminously self-evident beings: myself and my Creator."

People make retreats for the same reason they swim, jog or play golf: they feel they need the exercise. Retreats used to be called Spiritual Exercises. Any retreatant will tell you that the term was well chosen. He leaves the experience feeling spiritually invigorated, refreshed and recreated.

Periodic spiritual inventories are necessary if we would learn our assets and liabilities. They are a sounding of depths and a taking of bearings, a checking of instruments, a sharpening of tools, a making of maps, a balancing of books.

Union Council's retreat week-end this year is Oct. 17-18-19. Contact Catholic Act. Chairman Henry Mey for more information.

Notice

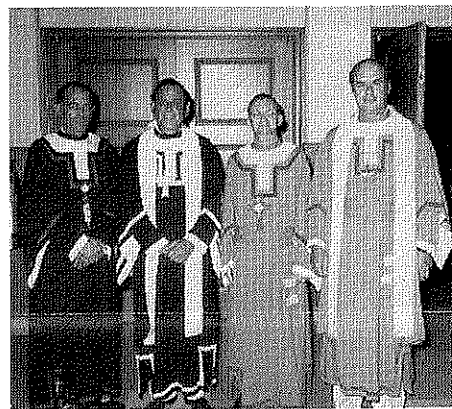
All social affairs of Council 4504 will hereafter, first be announced at council meeting prior to the sale of tickets. Reservations for the announced affair can be made that same evening. Purpose of the announcement is to give preference for the purchasing of tickets to the members. Check the Knight's Digest (Calendar of Events) for dates.

No reservations will be taken prior to the announcement.

1975-76 OFFICERS INSTALLED



Left to right: State Secretary Joseph A. Luciano, Charter G.K. Howard Leary and G.K. Andrew Popp.



Left to right: Warden Rocco Trupiano, Chancellor Ken Pinney, DGK James Moran and G.K. Andrew Popp.

July 28 was truly a memorable evening for Union Council 4504. It marked the installation of new officers for the 1975-76 administration.

The evening began at 7:30 with a mass at St. Michael's Church celebrated by our Chaplain Rev. Edward E. Swierzbinski and the Pastor of St. Michael's Rev. Thomas Grant. Following the mass our outgoing Grand Knight John Winters addressed the goodly crowd of over 100 officers and members as well as visiting state officers and well wishers. He thanked all members of his administration and fellow knights for their splendid support and assistance in making his tenure interesting as well as successful. He also wished continued success and progress to the incoming administration. The District Deputy then administered the oath of office to the new officers, charged them with their responsibility and presented them the jewels of their office. The new officers and their wives led by Grand Knight Andrew Popp and his lovely wife Marion then formed a receiving line in the vestibule of the church and received congratulations from all who attended the ceremonies.

Everyone then proceeded to our Council Hall where a thunderous ovation greeted the introduction of the newly installed officers and their wives. Past Grand Knight Jack Winters toasted Grand Knight Andrew Popp and his administration after which Grand Knight Popp gave a brief but inspiring and timely talk expressing his thanks to all who attended and stressed the solemnity of the occasion and asked God's blessings and the assistance of all officers and member knights to help him make his administration a successful and progressive one.

Everyone then enjoyed some excellent food and refreshments and danced to the music of an orchestra provided for the occasion.

Attending dignitaries included State Secretary Joseph A. Luciano, State Treasurer Hugh E. De Fazio and State Advocate Robert Wade and their wives. Also present were Rev. Joseph Derbyshire, our Charter Grand Knight Howard Leary and his wife Evelyn who received a fine ovation when they were introduced by Grand Knight Popp. The Leary's presently live in sunny Florida.

P.G.K. DINNER

Union Council will honor our Past Grand Knight John Winters on:

Saturday Evening, Sept. 27, 1975
7-8 p.m. Cocktail Hour
8:30-9 p.m. Presentations
9:15 Complete Buffet
Dancing and Refreshments —
\$20.00 per couple

Make your reservations now! See
Leonard Schillizzi
Wm. Giordano
Vincent Iannuzzi

K of C Mass at Holy Spirit Church

Date: October 12, 1975
Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: Holy Spirit Church

Union Council 4504 and their wives and family are invited to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion at Holy Spirit Church.

Following the Mass, coffee, rolls, and danish will be served at the Council Home.

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Calendar of Events

Sept. 5 First Friday
 (Chaplains Night)
 Sept. 13 Family Picnic
 Sept. 27 P.G.K. Dance
 Oct. 3 Mary's Novena
 (Chaplain's Night)
 Oct. 11 4th Degree Dance
 Oct. 15 4th Degree Installation
 Oct. 12 Mass at Holy Spirit
 Oct. 25 Halloween Dance
 Nov. 7 First Friday
 (Chaplain's Night)

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

The next meeting of the John F. Kennedy Assembly will be held on September 17, 1975 at Union Council.

Please remember our Annual Dinner Dance to be held Saturday evening, October 11, 1975, at the Clinton Manor, Union. The cocktail hour will begin at 7 p.m. with dinner being served at 8 p.m. and dancing from 9 to 1:00. The cost is \$50.00 per couple. Kindly contact S.K. Ray Oakes, 379-2076, PFN Charles Spingola, 276-1311 or the undersigned for tickets.

On October 15, 1975, the installation of officers will be held at Union Council 4504 at 8 p.m. with Mass being celebrated.

Reminder October 12 through 19 is K of C Week.

Charles Kraemer
 964-7261

Former Candidate Speaks On "One Nation Under God"

LARCHMONT, N. Y. — Speaking at the annual Communion breakfast of Larchmont Council No. 3536 here, Barbara Keating has charged that a virtual army of atheists is working nonstop in the United States to limit the free exercise of belief in God.

The Conservative Party candidate who drew over 822,000 votes in last year's U.S. Senate race in New York, Keating's topic was "One Nation under God": an appraisal of religion in education and government, and of the future of the Catholic Church in America.

Taking issue with the nine-point plan advocated by atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair to ensure that the U.S. political system be run on a purely secular basis, Keating said that "atheists and agnostics have succeeded in having their own humanism accepted as a creed." Although some may consider O'Hair's objectives "silly and frivolous," the speaker warned that "the Supreme Court again may find her arguments just as valid as it did in the school-prayer case."

Keating also singled out "a growth of agnosticism among the young." When parents tolerate the absence of morning prayer in school, "what youngster," she asked, "is going to hold the exercise of religion vital and important to his freedom?"

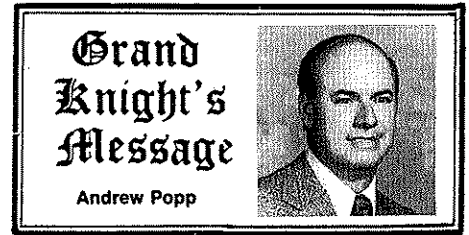
She further observed that the oldest institutions of learning in America were church-oriented — for example King's College in New York which now is Columbia University. Expanding on this point, she quoted Gen. Omar Bardley who once said: "Humanity is in danger of being trapped in this world by its moral adolescence. Our knowledge of science already has outstripped our capacity to control it. We have too many men of science; too few men of God. We have grasped the mystery of the atom and rejected the Sermon on the Mount . . . Ours is a world of nuclear giants and ethical infants."

Keating expressed concern that religion "has become a sideshow alongside the main tent of the university instead of an integral part of all it teaches." She called for a "return to education based on a belief in God and mutual respect of others of a different faith. Ignorance of God in the school is worse than negation."

She challenged her audience to lobby to bring prayer back to the classroom, for it is "the responsibility of American parents to make it clear they want the influence of religion on the lives of their children." She asked Americans to re-declare their independence based on true religious freedom "because we are fully aware that the loss of our faith may well spell disaster for this great nation."

K of C News
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**BARTENDERS WANTED
 ANYONE INTERESTED
 CONTACT ROBERT YAVORSKI
 686-4504**



MY BROTHERS IN CHRIST

The month of September is here and many of us wonder where the summer has gone. Your chairman, under the direction of Andrew Tobia, have been working hard arranging programs for spiritually and socially stimulating activities.

The spiritual activity for September is the start of Fr. Ed's First Friday programs. The lead offspeaker is Bishop Dougherty. Fr. Ed and Catholic Activities Director, Henry Mey, have interesting programs planned. Take advantage of these adult programs. This is the opportunity to obtain many answers to questions you always wanted to ask.

the social highlight will be the Past Grand Knight's Ball honoring John Winters, for his hard work and achievements during the past year. I hope many of our Brothers and their ladies will attend. The evening promises to be a memorable one.

October honors Christopher Columbus, our famous Catholic Navigator from whom our order derives its name. The Archdiocese of Newark will celebrate by proclaiming the week of October 12th, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS week. The knight's in Union Council will participate with the celebrating of Mass at Holy Spirit Church, at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, October 12. All are then invited to sail over to the council home for a Continental Breakfast.

I hope every member will take full advantage of the opportunity to attend the regular meetings, on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, to find out more about the Council and its activities. We will welcome any suggestions and recommendations for improving the council, its programs and activities. The program director is always open to new and imaginative ideas. Remember the Knights of Columbus is only as good as its membership. Our past record has been impressive, and Union Council has the potential to be the best. With the past as our Foundation Stones, I hope all the members will take an active interest in Union Council, so we can continue to move forward. I am looking forward to seeing you at the meetings, catholic activities, and social functions.

**BE PROUD TO CALL YOURSELF
 A KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS.**

Welcome New Members

Kenneth Mills
 Joseph E. Smerglia, Jr.
 Edward G. Varga, Jr.
 Orlando J. Mainero (Landy)
 Joseph Leo Mellon
 William Michael Bishop
 John Ribarich
 Gerard Thomas Ghuzzi
 Joseph Auriemma
 Fred J. Kiebler
 Michael Penk
 Frank J. Ruzgo



Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Edward M. Swierzbinski

In early August we had the Gospel where Jesus walks on water to come to the aid of His Apostles. They don't recognize Him. Did you ever wonder why they don't recognize Him?

They weren't expecting to see Jesus — they were thinking of many other things.

I had this brought home too very recently. I was sitting on the patio at home and a man came. I didn't recognize him until he mentioned his name.

I didn't expect to see him and I was thinking of other things.

God is not present to us in great things and awesome works — the Prophet Elijah mentions His Presence — in the whisper of the wind.

We should seek God's presence in the "I love you" between parent and child; husband and wife; in the pain of a loved one; in the loneliness and frustration of some. We must take time to expect God and to recognize Him. Then come and share your experience with Brother Knights at the meetings. Come share the growth and prayer on the First Friday of the month.

God is coming — God is here. Will you recognize Him?

Father Ed

Honorary Membership

All members who have 25 consecutive years of membership and are 65 years of age or over are eligible for Honorary Membership in the Knights of Columbus, (which grants them a reduced rate for dues), are urged to contact Financial Secretary Frank Dickerson. Those members who are over 70 years of age and have 25 consecutive years in the Knights, or 50 years of consecutive membership, regardless of age, are eligible for Honorary Life Membership and will not be required to pay dues in the future. Again, please notify the Financial Secretary Frank Dickerson.

Mary's Novena — Her Role in Our Family Life

Date: October 3, 1975
Time: 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Place: Council Home

Please join us on this Chaplain's Night for a Novena celebration to Mary — our Blessed Mother. The Novena which seems to have fallen into disuse is a very enriching form of devotion that we will all most certainly enjoy.

Following the Novena, we will have a talk on "Mary — Her Role in our Family Life" which will discuss Vatican II's view of Mary.

The evening will conclude with refreshments served.

Henry Mey

Write for Life

This Right to Life movement is so far reaching and controversial that it becomes mind boggling. This movement is not confined only to the United States but World wide. As I become more involved with the R.T.L. committee, I must admit that I am very ignorant of its scope and magnitude.

Many individuals, groups and agencies are devoting their energy, time and money to this fundamental human right of the unborn child. Pro-Abortionists are simply trying to leagize murder, through an indefensible fetus, which is a recognizable living being very soon after conception.

Let us through our individual strength and WRITE, WRITE letters and post cards to mount an avalanche of pressure on our elected representatives in Congress, to vote as our conscience tells us is the right and christian way. The ever present forces of evil keep trying to infuse insidious clauses of euthanasia, (the killing of living persons for convenience reasons) in bills to be voted on. Let us be aware and constantly alert so that these devils do not put over any of their terrible ideas into law.

R.T.L. Chairman
Sal Massimino

There's Still Time

Our Youth Bowling League is still accepting participants, 9 years of age up to and including 17 years of age, for Saturday morning bowling. If you haven't already signed up then why don't you sign up now and give us a try.

Permission slips may be obtained at the Council Home and are returnable the morning of Sept. 6th at 9:00 a.m. and Sept. 13th at 9:30 a.m. at Four Seasons Play and Recreation Center, West Chestnut Street, Union.

Something to Remember

COLUMBIAN CLUBS' ACTIVITIES LIMITED

Single Purpose Is to Hold Title to Property Contributions Made and Activities Conducted Through Council Only

Supreme Advocate Harold J. Lambolely has stressed in meetings and through communications the necessity that Columbian Clubs be single purpose entities; that is, that they are formed to hold title to council real property only.

Fund-raising events, dances, raffles and so forth should be held in the council name and proceeds from such events should be disbursed through the council treasury. If the Columbian Club needs additional funds to maintain the home for amortization and so forth, the council should provide such monies directly or through its own fund-raising projects.

Because the purpose of having a council home is to serve the council and its members, activities of the council must be given priority. Ideally, the council should provide whatever rent is required to assure that the corporation can pay its obligations in taxes, mortgage interest, and so forth. The council then can use or rent the home to others as it sees fit consistent with its own needs for family, fraternal and community service.

Regular audits should be made of corporation accounts, for the same reasons council audits are required. The membership should know the financial condition not only of the council but also of the corporation.

Excerpt from the Cavalcade May 1975.

Pete Kozloski

Columbian Club President

Family Picnic

SAT., SEPT. 13th
RAIN DATE — SUN., SEPT. 14th
GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY
NO DOOR SALES
ADULTS — \$5.00
CHILDREN — \$1.00
(Under 16)



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Trustee	Barney Caprigione P.G.K.	687-1566
Trustee	Michael Tomko P.G.K.	686-3925

Regular Council Meetings

8:15 p.m. 2nd and 4th Mondays

Union Council 4504 K. of C.

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Right to Life	Sal Massimino	688-0272

K. of C. Lounge Hours

Monday through Friday	7:30 p.m. to 12 p.m.
Saturday	2 p.m. to 12 p.m.
Sunday	3 p.m. to 12 p.m.