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Union Council 4504 Knights of Columbus are Host Council for the Annual New Jersey State Bowling Tournament. The chairmen working on the Tournament are left to right: Barney Capriglione P.G.K.; James Johnson; Tournament Chairmen Julius Kiss, Henry Skarbeck P.G.K. and Union Council Grand Knight Andrew Popp. 335 teams are participating in this great tournament. Tournament commences on Saturday, March 20th thru April 25th. Our State Deputy Paul Heitman will throw the first ball. There will be prizes and refreshments to all bowlers who participate.

**Grand Knight's Message**



Andrew Popp

Brothers,

Rev. Michael J. McGivney on March 29, 1882 founded our Honored Order.

The purposes for which it was formed as stated in the corporate structure are:

- (a) the rendering of pecuniary aid to its members and their families;
- (b) rendering mutual aid and assistance to its sick, disabled and needy members and their families;
- (c) promoting social and intellectual intercourse among its members and their families, and
- (d) promoting and conducting charitable, educational, religious, social welfare, war relief and welfare, and public relief work.

Ninety-four years later, the Knights of Columbus still actively pursue these goals. The Catholic gentlemen called Knights have donated millions of hours and dollars toward this purpose.

On March 19, Founders Night, the council honored four of our Brothers for their dedicated service to their fellow man through the Knights of Columbus. They were as follows:

- Rev. Thomas Grant ..... 40 years
- Frederick A. Lee ..... 27 years
- William Renner ..... 34 years
- Caleb Weller ..... 25 years

The officers and members congratulate you and welcome you to the rank of Honorary Membership.

The State Bowling Tournament is a success, thanks to all those who are working so hard. Our Tournament Director, Julius Kiss is to be singled out for his extraordinary contribution. I hope all our brothers will take the time on a Saturday or Sunday to stop up to the club and welcome some of the 1800 guests to Union Council.

April 9 and 10, is our Tootsie Roll drive for exceptional children. We welcome any brother and member of his family to join us in this worthy cause.

Last month we were all saddened by the sudden demise of Bill Bucher. Bill was a close friend of so many of us, he exemplified true Columbianism, and I was proud to be associated with him. Bill will be missed by all. Please remember him and all our deceased brothers in your prayers.

As I read back over this month's article, I can see the Knight of Columbus still reflects the purpose for which it was established.

My wife Marion and I would like to extend to you and your families a Happy and Holy Easter. Yours in Christ, Andrew F. Popp Grand Knight

## Western Prayer and Eastern Mysticism

Chaplain's night this month will be held on Friday, April 2, 1976 starting at 8 p.m. Everyone is invited to first Friday Mass celebration. Father Ed has obtained as guest speaker Rev. John Chethi Mattam from Fordham University who will speak on "Western Prayer and Eastern Mysticism." The evening will promptly conclude at 10 p.m.

Each and everyone of you deserves a special thanks for coming out to last month's Chaplain's night. It was a high success with 150 brothers and their wives or friends present to hear Father Ed's talk on Penance.

Henry Mey  
Church Activities

## Ringling Bros. Circus (Tickets Available)

As spring approaches, so does the circus at Madison Square Garden.

Get ready for an exciting night for you and your children on **Friday, April 30**. There will be two price categories, \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children, 12 years or under. All prices include round trip bus transportation and admission. There will be no food or beverages served on the bus. Bus will depart from the Council Home parking lot at 5:45 p.m. sharp. To secure tickets, contact Roger Schur — 245-6605 or see me at the council before or after the regular meeting.

Roger Schur  
Athletic Chairman

## Tootsie Roll Program 1976

The Knights of Columbus State Council has announced the dates of April 9 and 10 as the second annual Tootsie Roll Campaign.

Last year the State participants of the Tootsie Roll Campaign collected \$188,000 for this worthy cause. The money collected was used to aid the Retarded and Learning Disabilities throughout the State of New Jersey.

Union Council 4504 collected over \$2,000.00 last year. Ten percent (10%) of all money collected went to the State Council to help defray expenses to run their part of the Campaign. \$100.00 was used to defray expenses of our Council and the rest (\$1,700.00) was donated to the Mt. Carmel Guild and Camp Fatima to serve the needy.

This year the State Council has set its goal at \$250,000. It is their wish that all Councils in New Jersey will participate in this worthy cause.

We will require all the members of our Council and the help of their wives to reach our goal in this Campaign. Don't wait for someone to ask you — step forward and volunteer your services. Give us just two (2) hours of your time to make this "Tootsie Roll Campaign", a huge success. We can do it.

For further information and or to register your time contact brothers: P.G.K. Robert Armstrong — 686-8548 Program Director  
Andy Tobia — 687-9348  
Chancellor Ken Pinney — 686-5650

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## Calendar of Events

Apr. 2 ..... Western Prayer and  
Eastern Mysticism  
(Chaplain's Night)  
Apr. 4 ..... Communion Breakfast  
(4th Degree)  
Apr. 9-10 ..... Tootsie Roll Campaign  
Apr. 11 ..... Palm Sunday  
Apr. 16 ..... Good Friday  
Apr. 18 ..... Easter  
May 2 ..... May Crowning  
May 7 ..... 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

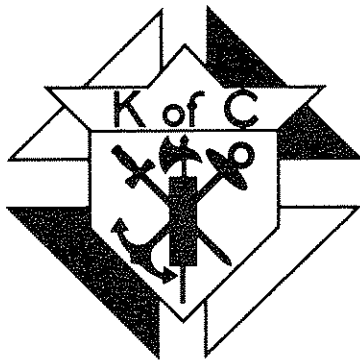
## Cardinal's Corner

We welcome our new Sir Knights who were exemplified into the Fourth Degree on Sunday, February 22, 1976. They are: Sir Knight James M. McEnroe; Sir Knight Stanley W. Kwiatek, Jr.; Sir Knight Vincent J. Accardi; Sir Knight James J. Doody, III; Sir Knight Edward N. Stiso, Jr.; Sir Knight John M. Metzinger; Sir Knight Roger F. Schur and Sir Knight Louis Melkovits. Congratulations to all!

Our Annual Communion Breakfast will be held on Sunday, April 4 at 8:15 a.m. at St. James Church in Springfield. The breakfast will follow at the Springfield Council Home at approximately 9:30. The cost will be \$2.50 for adults and \$2.00 for children for a complete breakfast prepared by our own Dominick Zezza. Kindly contact any officer of the Assembly or the undersigned for your tickets as soon as convenient.

Charles Kraemer  
964-7261

## The Colors of Our Emblem



### Red, White and Blue

The red, white and blue in the background of the shield and the foreground of the Cross of Malta are the colors of our beloved country. As such, red is the symbol of stouthearted courage, of pulsing activity and a full measure of devotion. Blue is the symbol of hope, of calm tranquility under God and of confidence in the protection of our country. White is the symbol of nobility of purpose, of purity of aim and of crucible-tried ideals to be carried out. But there is another symbolism of color in red, white and blue. This is the ecclesiastical symbolism in which red becomes the reflection of the drips of Christ's redemptive blood shed upon Calvary, and of the martyrs' blood shed in defense of the faith.

### Faith, Hope, Charity

Red is then the symbol of Faith, of belief in Christ, in the Redemption and in the mission of every man to spread the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ. White is the color of the Eucharistic Host, pledge of God's Eucharistic presence among men, of the infinite love God had for man and the overwhelming affection which the God-man had for each individual. White is then the symbol of Christ-like Charity. Blue is the color of Our Lady's mantle, in which she wrapped her beloved Son, through Whom came salvation to a sinful world. Blue is then the symbol of Hope.

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## Swim Club News

The initial work party commenced on Saturday, March 27, 1976 with an enthusiastic showing. A general restoration of the swimming pool and picnic area were undertaken under the direction of Frank Cosenza, pool and grounds Chairman. New and old faces appeared, to begin the annual preparation of the Swim Club opening for the 1976 season. Your continued assistance at these work parties is needed to fulfill our tasks to meet our Swim Club opening date.

**REMINDER:** Swim Club dues were due April 1, 1976. If you have overlooked this matter, please conclude this situation as soon as possible.

Swim Club President  
J.W. Kilian

## Voices of Today, Message for . . .

### THE BALANCE

After he had journeyed,  
And his feet were sore,  
And he was tired,  
He came upon an orange grove  
and he rested.  
And he lay in the cool,  
And while he rested, he took himself  
an orange and tasted it,  
And it was good.  
And he felt the earth to his spine,  
And he asked, and he saw the tree above  
him, and the stars,  
And the veins in the leaf,  
And the light, and the Balance.  
And he saw magnificent perfection,  
Whereon he thought of himself  
in Balance  
And he knew he was.

And he thought of those he angered  
For he was not a violent man,  
And he thought of those he hurt  
For he was not a cruel man,  
And he thought of those he frightened  
For he was not an evil man,  
And he understood.  
He understood himself.  
Upon this he saw that when he was of  
anger or knew hurt or felt fear,  
It was because he was not  
understanding,  
And he learned compassion.

And with his eye of compassion  
He saw his enemies like unto himself,  
And he learned love.  
Then he was answered.

Just open your eyes and realize,  
the way it's always been.  
Just open your mind and you will find  
the way it's always been.  
Just open your heart and that's a start.

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## Editor's Corner

### "THE WATER CURE"

Sometime when you're feeling important  
Sometime when your ego's in bloom  
Sometime when you take it for granted  
You're the best qualified in the room.  
Sometime when you feel your going  
Would leave an unfillable hole  
Just follow this simple instruction  
And see how it humbles your soul.  
Take a bucket and fill it with water  
Put your hand in — up to your wrist  
Take it out — and the hole that's remain-  
ing  
Is a measure of how you'll be missed.  
You can splash all you please as you  
enter  
You can stir up the water galore  
But STOP — and you'll find in a minute  
That it looks quite the same as before.  
There's a moral in this quaint example  
Just do the best that you can  
Be proud of yourself but remember  
There is no indispensable man.



## Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Edward M. Swierzbinski

Many times, especially at Mass, we hear the phrase "Peace of Christ". What does it mean? We know the Peace of Christ is different from the peace of the World. "The World" urges people to deny themselves nothing, fulfill all desires, and release all passions.

There is another form of worldly peace which seems good but ultimately leads to frustration. Man is told that he will have peace if he climbs the ladder of achievement. This is the theme of a work called "Hope for the Flowers" — in it people are depicted as caterpillars who climb over one another in desperate attempts to reach the top of the pile only to find there is nothing at the top of the pile. It has been a climb to nowhere. True peace comes in being changed from a caterpillar to a butterfly and this happens only to those who cooperate confidently in God's plan for them.

There is also the peace of compromise. These 50-50 barterings bring cessation of hostilities not complete peace. This isn't totally bad — at least it is based on knowing your problems and living with them; knowing your feelings and handling them.

As Catholics, however, you are invited to the Peace of Christ. Much more than 50%. You can gain a 100% peace — **if you make Jesus the center of your life!**

Jesus wants us to focus on Him as Our Lord and Brother, on God as Our Father and on all others as our brothers and sisters.

With the Spirit of Jesus and therefore the life of Jesus at the very core of our being — this Spirit presses us to relationships of love, compassion, and understanding to all, particularly the poor, the angry, the lonely. E. G. We can find a new freedom in serving those whom we formerly avoided.

Jesus becomes the center of our life when we participate as often as we can in the Sacrifice of the Mass; share in the Sacraments, especially Penance and the Eucharist; increase our daily prayers; read His Gospels; look around and notice our own feelings and needs of others. Try it now!

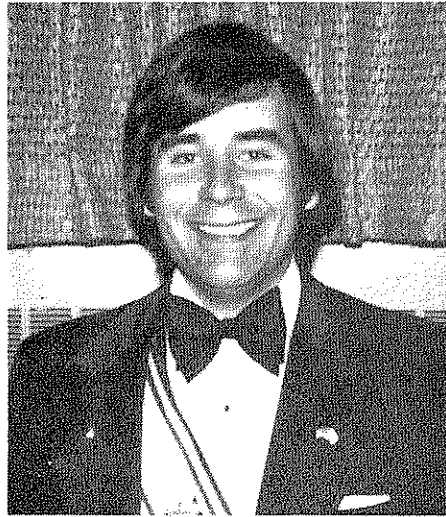
Have a Happy Easter! Come pray with us on the First Fridays!

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*"... man is not a reasoning animal: he is a seeing, feeling, contemplating, acting animal. The heart is commonly reached not through reason but through direct impressions. The sight of belief in others is next to seeing yourself. Holiness embodied in personal form not in abstract propositions, converts and holds the world to Christ. Its force is next only to that of the grace of God."*

Cardinal Newman

## Knight of the Month



ROBERT SCHUR

Our newest Knight of the Month is a perfect example of what a new member of our Council should be. Roger Schur joined our Council during late 1972. During his few years, he has been an active participant of the Building Expansion Work Parties, serves as Secretary to the Program Director, is a member of the Council Expansion Campaign Committee and is our present Athletic Chairman. Roger is a member of the Swim Club and an active participant of its work parties.

This past February Roger was accepted as a 4th Degree Member of the J. F. Kennedy Assembly.

When not active at the Council, Roger can be located at the Y.M.C.A., or the Y.M.H.A. or on the golf course or a tennis court.

Robert and his lovely wife Roseanne are communicants of Holy Spirit Church, Union. He is employed as Advertising Traffic Control Supervisor and Convention Manager of the Schering Pharmaceutical Corporation, Kenilworth.

A nice guy and because he earned it, we add to our selected list of "Knight of the Month, March 1976" the name of Brother Roger Schur, Knights of Columbus Union Council 4504. Congratulations Roger.

## K of C Insurance

Our insurance program covers life, retirement, family income, mortgage, hospitalization and disability. It is available only to Knights and their families, ages 0-65.

For you new Brothers, who are not familiar with our insurance program, it would be well worth your while to sit down and have the programs explained to you by our full-time general agent, Michael Mazzeo of Nutley. Mike is a Brother Knight and his full time job is explaining the K of C insurance structure. For an appointment, he can be reached at 667-8217.

Remember Brothers, the program is for Knights and their families only; and is supervised completely by the K of C Supreme Council.

If you don't have it already, why don't you check it out soon!

## Memories

At the December 23, 1957 meeting, only the second regular meeting of Union Council, Grand Knight, Howard Leary reported that 15 boxes of jams and jellies were delivered to Boys Town in Kearny. Charity was indeed the first principle of our order and duly recognized as such by the members of this young Council. A letter of appreciation was received from Father Egan.

The Council Activities Committee headed by Bill Darrow and assisted by the following brothers, Tom Water, George Sheridan, Martin Reddington, Pete Rakowski, Bill Donnelly and John Zimmerman reported they were planning the first Inaugural Ball for April 12, 1958 at St. Catherines Hall, Hillside. There was no need for a Pep talk to insure these early committee men and members.

A Building Committee was formed consisting of Chairmen, Kololom Kiss, Warren Hehl, Louis Giacona, John Reynolds and Tom Owens. More brothers would be added in the future.

The Catholic Activities Chairman, Jim Murtha reported his Committee was not fully named yet.

The same was true of the Membership Committee chaired by Tom Drogan.

Fraternal Activities Chairman, Jim Connell and Public Relations Chairman Vince Slavin reported progress.

A letter of appreciation was received from brother Koloman Kiss for the gift from the Council on the occasion of his appointment to the Township Committee.

Brother Jim Connell was appointed to attend a meeting of the Cerebral Palsy League at Town Hall.

P.G.K. Bill Taylor  
Historian

## How to Kill Your Council

1. Don't come to meetings, but if you do, be late.
2. If the weather doesn't suit you, don't think of coming.
3. Find fault with the work of your officers and members.
4. Never accept an office, for it's easier to criticize than to do things.
5. If asked by the director or chairman to give your opinion regarding some important matter, tell him you have nothing to say. After the meeting tell everyone how things ought to be done.
6. Do nothing more than absolutely necessary, but when other members roll up their sleeves and willingly, unselfishly use their abilities to help others along, howl that the organization is run by a clique.
7. Hold back your dues as long as possible or don't pay at all.
8. When a banquet is given, tell everyone money is being wasted on blow-outs and parties. If no banquets are held, complain that the organization is dead.
9. Always keep your eyes open for something wrong.
10. When you attend a meeting, vote to do something and then go home and do the opposite. Agree with everything said at the meeting and disagree with it outside.
11. Get all the organization gives you, but don't give it anything in return.