



# Knights Digest



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## WARM HEARTS HELP "EYES"



L. to R. Michael La Medica, Rocco Corbo, Grand Knight Robert Armstrong, Bruce Bentz, and Bob Yavoroski

"The cry went forth and the multitude answered" -- Sounds like something borrowed from scripture, however, it fully describes the response Union Council No. 4504 received recently from its members, their families, friends and neighbors, and, from the parishioners of St. Michael's and Holy Spirit Churches.

During the month of December, the Knights of Columbus sponsored a project called "Eyes For The Needy" to help provide better vision for the poor the world over. Collection boxes were located in the vestibules of each church on two consecutive weekends as well as in the Council Home. Through the

generosity of many people, known and unknown, the collection resulted in 1000 eyeglasses with frames, an equal amount of soft cases, 2 hearing aids, and, numerous lenses and eyeglass frames. Brother Michael La Medica's self-inspired campaign netted 200 - 300 eyeglasses from employees of the Allied Chemical Corporation to whom we gratefully acknowledged our appreciation.

"Eyes For The Needy", or, "New Eyes" as it has come to be known in the metropolitan area is endorsed by the National Society For The Prevention Of Blindness, Fight For Sight, Inc. and the American Academy of Ophthal-

mology and Otolaryngology. Processing is done by volunteers and reusable glasses are tested, classified and sent abroad to medical missions and welfare agencies. Metal frames are sold to a refinery and redeemed, and, the cash received is used to purchase new prescription glasses and artificial eyes for the needy in the United States.

The words "Thank You" can never be magnified enough to express our gratitude to both the donors and collectors involved in this project, however, we of Union Council No. 4504 do thank you and wish you an abundance of future good health and better vision.

### Man of Courage

In November of 1968 Cardinal Cushing of New York, wrote a poem. It was written at a time when the cardinal began to suspect that his battle against disease was a losing one. He intended it to lighten our burdens and to give us strength to carry on with a cheerful heart. After the cardinal's death, it was published in Norton Mockridge's column. In the poem, Cardinal Cushing refers to "BC", which means Boston College. Here is "I'm Fine."  
I live out in Brighton close to BC  
And I'm just as healthy as I can be.  
I have arthritis in both my knees  
And when I must speak, then I talk  
with a wheeze.  
My pulse is weak and my blood is

quite thin  
But I'm awfully well for the shape that  
I'm in.  
I need arch supporters to strengthen  
my feet,  
My ankles are swollen; I'm white as  
a sheet.  
I toss in my bed without sleep every  
night;  
No wonder each morning I look like  
a sight.  
My memory is failing, my head's in  
a spin,  
But I'm awfully well for the shape that  
I'm in.  
Diverticultis is a word hard to spell

But it's a disease from which I'll never  
get well.  
Ulcers that keep me on a diet with  
Maalox  
Prevent me from resting in a funeral  
box,  
The length of my sermons brings yawns  
or a grin,  
But I'm awfully well for the shape that  
I'm in.  
The moral is, friends, as this tale I  
unfold,  
That for you and me who are fast grow-  
ing old,  
It's better to say "I'm fine" with a grin,  
Than to let people know of the shape  
that we're in.

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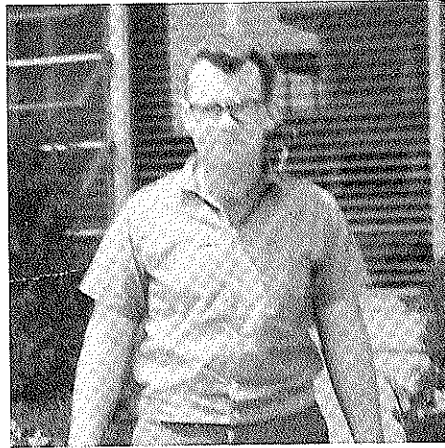
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# Knight of the Month

March 1971



**Patrick Brilly**

This month we have selected as Knight of the Month a member who has been and still is a most reliable Council worker: Since his becoming a member of Council 4504, Pat has donated his services behind the bar, served on various council committees and headed the Admissions Committee as it's Chairman for two consecutive years; having done such a good job he was asked, and accepted, the co-chairmanship of that office for the current year.

Pat and his lovely wife Carole reside at 215 Brighton Avenue, East Orange and are the proud parents of two daughters, Kathleen - age 3 and Mary Beth - age 1.

Pat is employed as a salesman for the Ampere Automotive - East Orange.

It is with great pride that we add the name of Patrick Brilly to our Knight of the Month Roster.

## Sign Up!

We are now within striking distance of Easter Sunday. After that our thoughts are of baseball, then swimming and other summer sports.

So, at this time I would like to remind all of those brothers who may have a new member or candidate in mind, or on paper, to sign him up now and bring in the necessary information to the club's lounge. Give it to any K of C Council officer or to J. Bilieska. They will see that your candidate starts on his journey to knighthood.

Always keep in mind that who-so-ever you may sponsor is a direct reflection of you. With brothers like yourself we have a great council. Let us keep it as the greatest in the state!

## Grand Ball

One more year has gone by and it's time again, for our "GRAND BALL". Plans are in the making for a good time for all. The Dance will be held here at the Council Hall on Apr. 17, 1971 at \$20.00 per couple, by res. only — Call Herb Kay for Res. Time, type of food and cocktails — will be finalized in the next Digest.

# Swim Club News

The Annual Meeting of the Swim Club was held on January 15, 1971. Approximately 70 Swim Club members and their wives attended. Committee reports were read on the past year's activities and plans for the coming season. The major item discussed was a proposal to re-surface half of the swim pool deck. This matter is still under study. A budget of \$9,325 for repairs and replacement has been submitted to and approved by the Columbian Club. Appreciation night for the 1970 Work Parties will be held on February 5.

The Dance on January 30, was sold out early. There may be difficulty in seating parties of six and parties of four together. Cooperation of those affected is asked.

An amendment to the Swim Club by laws was proposed; any member of Council 4504, holding a Swim Club membership, who leaves Council 4504 for any reason such as transfer, resignation or delinquency in dues payment will be required to surrender membership in the Swim Club. The proposal was voted on and passed.

At the Board of Governors reorganization meeting on January 18th. William Renner was elected President, Jules Pruszkowski, Secretary, Andrew Tobia, Pool Director, Herbert Kay, Treasurer, and Donald Faughnan, Comptroller. Frank Zusi was appointed Chairman of the Pool and Grounds Committee, William Taylor, Chairman, Membership Committee and Frank Weber, Chairman, Rules Committee.

A new Swim Club season will soon be here. As a newly selected President, I appeal to all Swim Club members to work together in a spirit of harmony and unison, so that the objectives of our Order, our Council and our Swim Club can be met in good fashion.

William D. Renner

## CALENDAR

- MAR 21 ..... Children's Bowling Banquet
- MAR 28 ..... Regular Meeting
- MAR 28 ..... Day of Reccollection  
2:00 P. M. St. Michaels - Lower Church
- APR 3 ..... Egg Hunt
- APR 12 ..... Regular Meeting
- APR 17 ..... Grand Ball - Council Hall
- APR 26 ..... Regular Meeting
- MAY 10 ..... Regular Meeting (later)
- MAY 14-15-16 ..... Nun's Night Convention Atlantic City
- MAY 24 ..... Regular Meeting
- MAY 29 ..... Pool Opens

JFK General Assembly meets at the Council Hall every 3rd Wed. at 8:30 P.M.

## Wanted "Clean Up Man"

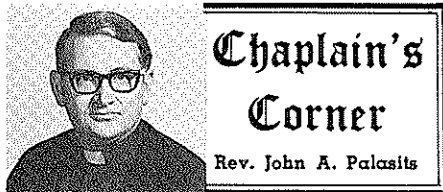
The Columbian Club of Union Council K of C 4504 will accept bids for the position of "clean up man". This job basically consists of cleaning and raking the picnic area, cleaning and washing down the patio area, and cleaning the rest rooms in the picnic area. An interested party or parties would be in the "ball park" with a bid in the area of \$550.00. This job must be performed daily before the pool opens for 85 days during the 1971 Swim Club season.

For further details contact Ed Stonach, chairman of the selection committee at 688-3523.

## Wanted -- "Snack Bar" Manager

The Columbian Club of Union Council K of C 4504 will accept bids for the management of the Columbian Clubs "Snack Bar" for the 1971 Swim Club season. The party or parties who would submit a bid should consider that the "Snack Bar" must be open for approximately 85 days and the hours will be from 12 Noon till 9:P.M. This job is a paid position and any interested party would be in the "Ball Park" with a bid in the area of \$2000.00.

For further details contact Ed Stonach, chairman of the Management Selection Committee at 688-3523.



## Chaplain's Corner

Rev. John A. Palasits

Lent is a time of preparation. It looks forward to our annual commemoration of the paschal mystery of Christ at Easter wherein we celebrate his victory over sin and death.

In the ceremony of the ashes the Church insists that we face the awesome reality of death: "Remember man that you are dust and unto dust you shall return." A fascinating aspect of death is that it is both certain and uncertain. It is certain in the sense that we know we will one day die. Our ancestors died before us. There were people alive at this time last year who are not here today for one reason: they are dead. And yet this death which is so certain in itself is most uncertain as to time, place, and circumstances. We simply do not know when, where, or how we will die. Most important of all is the question of whether death will find us worthy to share in the victory which Jesus won over sin and death itself.

Death is also final. None of us can expect to be given a second chance. God has given us an allotted time in which to work out our salvation. It is up to us to use our time well. One moment wasted by infidelity to God can never be recaptured. We may work harder after a failure, but the one moment lost has passed into eternity, never to return. Nor can we depend on some kind of death bed conversion. On the other hand, if we have really tried to be faithful to God throughout life we need not fear that at the moment of death we will make a sudden reversal and abandon God. It is the present that counts; we cannot change the past nor can we predict the future.

The liturgy has given a sober and awesome reminder: "You are dust and unto dust you shall return." The way in which we live now will determine our future after death. As we live, so shall we die, so shall we be for all eternity.

Father Palasits

## Random Thoughts

Full of admiration, observation, courage and recklessness, I hereby write on the subject of the female human being -- Women!! (Chapter One)

A good woman inspires a man, a brilliant woman interests him, a beautiful woman fascinates him, but a sympathetic woman gets him. . . . Is there any significance to the fact that when a woman says she's all tired out, the doctor first looks at her tongue? . . . The way to fight a woman is with your hat . . . grab it and run. A woman's place is in the home, and the modern husband expects her to go there immediately after work. It is interesting to note that God made man before woman; probably because He didn't want any advice on how to make man. To some, marriage is just a word, but a nagging wife can make it a sentence. Being a woman is a terribly difficult task, since it consists principally in dealing with men. Women are the sex which believe that if you charge it, its not spending; and if you add a cherry to it, it's not intoxicating. Woman was first created from man's side, but has never been on his side since. It takes a magician to saw a woman in half, but it takes a husband to make her go to pieces. A woman of few words should work in a novelty shop. When a woman says she is approaching middle age, she never tells you from which direction. A hairdo on a woman's head is even more changeable than what's on her mind. A rag is any dress a woman has to wear more than once. A woman's intuition always seems to work at it's worst when she's driving a car. If it is so hard for women to keep lipstick on, why is it so hard for men to get off? Women are divided into two classes: those who want husbands, and those who desire single men. . . . Talked about behind their backs are women bigger than their slacks. A woman who doesn't gossip has no friend to speak of. When a man gives his word to another man, it is his bond; when he gives his word to a woman, it is his bondage. Up to 20, a woman needs good parents; from 20 to 40, good looks; from 40 to 60, good humor; and from 60 up, good stocks and lots of them.

Jim Moran

## Grand Knight's Message

Robert Armstrong



My Brother Knights:

Recently I was at the Council home when candidates were being interviewed for membership in our Council. There seems to be a standard answer to the question "Why do you want to join the Knights of Columbus?" To be with men of my own religion, or to strengthen my faith or to further the work of our Church. Different in phrasing but all with the thought of our religion in them. Now these candidates are members, we have a corporate communion or a Mass followed by a dinner at the Council, or any other form of Catholic activity, **where are they?** I wish I knew. Most of our social affairs are sellouts, but we sure do have a lot of room at the religious functions.

Right at this point many of you may stop reading the rest of this article, saying to yourself, it's the same old story. If you are afraid of facts then don't read on, but it's the truth and the truth often hurts. At the last Family Corporate Communion we had 59 people at the home after the 9:05 mass. Notice I said 59 people, not 59 members. These people attended church, which we are all obligated to do and then came to the council hall for coffee and buns served without charge. They stayed for awhile, no one told them when to go or were they kept there listening to speeches. It was an informal gathering of families, your friends and brother knights. All of them were not afraid to display their cloaks of Christianity. Now the question, Where did you leave your cloak, is it in the back of the church ready to put on and take off as you enter or leave the church? Are we just part-time Catholics when it comes to professing our faith? Or are we full-time Knights of Columbus, the right arm of the church? Many of the excuses that are heard as to why the members can't make it sure do beat the joke books for answers.

Won't you please look at the calender of events that is in every issue of the Digest, and make a little stronger attempt to become active, there is plenty of notice to plan ahead. While your at it why not bring along someone who has not been active or sign up a practical Catholic as a new member. At least become involved.

## Rain Fell But Ice Lasted

Forty-seven skaters, chaperoned by Mrs. M. Ziobro, Bruce Bentz, Charles Kraemer, Jim Conlon, Ray Sullivan and Bob Yavoroski, remained undaunted on rainy February 13th and ventured forth for a most enjoyable afternoon at the South Mountain Arena in West Orange, N. J. The skating period lasted for two hours and fifteen minutes with a short break being taken while arena personnel re-surfaced the ice. Although a good time was had by all, the presence of Sister Rosalie of St. Michael's Parish (one of our usual skater - chaperons) was missed. Here's hoping Sister can join us on our next trip.



## From the Editor's Desk

I would like all articles for the Digest in my hands by the first meeting of the month. Articles do not necessarily have to be typewritten. Articles may also be mailed directly to my home.

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