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Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Edward M. Swierzbinski

During September we kept hearing about Elizabeth Seton — the first American-born enrolled in the list of saints.

Saints are given to the Church community for inspiration and imitation — both aims are well fulfilled in St. Elizabeth Seton.

She was married, had children and then her husband took sick and died. The kindness of an Italian family during her husband's illness led her to investigate and then enter the Catholic Church.

When she became a Catholic — her family and friends in New York disowned her. Still she believed enough to found a school in Baltimore and soon girls attracted to her style of life became the nucleus for the great Sisters of Charity who have done so much for our Church in America.

Inspiration — because she had joys and pain in her life — and still St. Elizabeth had the peace of knowing she was trying to do God's will.

Imitation — because we must remember that we can feel God's presence in our joy as well as our pain. God is as near as we want Him to be. See you on First Friday at 8 p.m.

Father Ed.

Sexuality: Married and Single

DATE: NOV. 7, 1975
TIME: 8 P.M. to 10 P.M.
PLACE: COUNCIL HOME

There has been many a spoken or printed word on this subject, but please come with your wife and friends to hear a noted Catholic doctor discuss this in the context of our Catholic faith.

Blood Donors Needed

Blood donors are urgently needed to help replenish the requests for blood donated during the year.

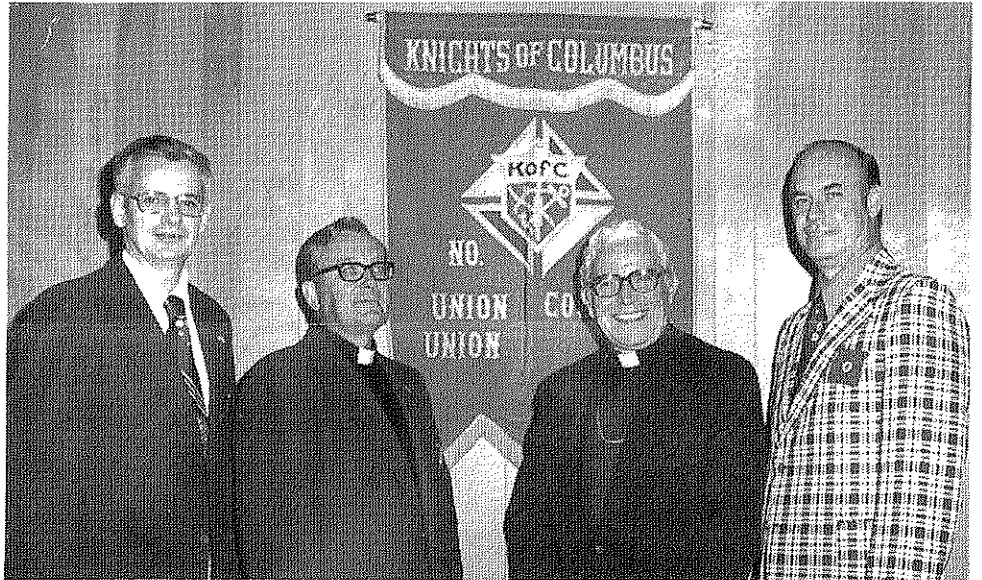
The blood bank program for this year will be held on Sunday, November 2nd at the Council Hall, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Any person weighing at least 110 pounds and 18 years of age (17 years of age with parental permission) is eligible to donate blood. So please join us (with the eligible members of your family) on the above date.

Contact Mort Picone at 687-8748 for information.

Please help support this worthy cause.
Mort Picone
Fraternal Chairman

Bishop Dougherty — Guest Speaker



The First Friday series of Council 4504 got off to a great start. Under the direction of Father Ed, our Chaplain, and Henry Mey, Chairman for church activities, over 100 brother knights, members of their families and friends, joined with His Excellency, Bishop Dougherty, in the celebration of Holy Mass of our Council Hall.

With historical accuracy, punctuated with timely humor, His Excellency traced the role of the Catholic church and its periods of change from Jesus Christ to Pope John XXIII.

After the talk, Bishop Dougherty opened the floor to our questions. It was an excellent opportunity for many of us to air our concerns and receive reassurance in the great stability of our faith.

Next First Friday, October 3, 1975 promises to be another fine religious experience. Our guest speaker will be Monsignor John Davis, pastor of St. Michael's parish in Cranford. Monsignor is former vice-president of Seton Hall University, and former director of the Propagation of the Faith. His topic will be "The Role of Mary in Our Family Life", followed by a discussion on Vatican Council's II View of Mary*. Refreshments will be served afterward.

All brother knights, their families and friends are invited. Let us give the better half of our nature, the spiritual, a shot in the arm!

*Holy Mass will be celebrated.

Joe Mellon
Church Activities
Co-Chairman

GIANT-EAGLES Tickets Available

Tickets for the New York Giants, Philadelphia Eagles football game went on sale September 15. The game will be played Sunday, November 16, at Shea Stadium. The ticket price is \$13 which includes admission, the round trip bus ride, sandwiches, beer and soda. Contact Roger Schur at 245-6605 or see me at the K of C Meetings to purchase tickets. Sincere there are only 49 tickets available, they will be sold on first come, first serve basis.

Roger Schur
Athletic Chairman

Youth Basketball

On Saturday, October 4, 1975 at 10:00 a.m., we will hold tryouts for a potential basketball team. Age group 10-14.
Place: Union Council Home
Contact: Dan Neroda — 382-9177

Halloween Dance

Saturday, November 1st, Council 4504 will hold their Annual Halloween Costume Dance.

Tickets for the affair are \$6.00 per person, which will include Food, Beverages and Dancing and Prizes.

Time—9:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. Reservations: Vinnie Iannuzzi.

Children's Halloween Party

Calling all witches and goblins to our costume party on Sunday, November 2nd at 4:00 p.m. Our costume party will be held at the Council Home and will be open to all children of brother knights 9 years of age and under.

There will be a costume judging contest with prizes awarded, refreshments served and fun to be had!

Bob Schwarz
Youth Activities Chairman

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Calendar of Events

Oct. 3 Mary's Novena
(Chaplain's Night)
Oct. 4 Tryouts —
Youth Basketball
Oct. 5 Right to Life Sunday
Oct. 11 4th Degree Dance
Oct. 12 Mass Holy Spirit
(8:30 a.m.)
Oct. 15 4th Degree Installation
Oct. 17, 18, 19 Retreat Week-end
Nov. 1 Halloween Dance
Nov. 2 Blood Bank
(10 a.m.-3 p.m.)
Nov. 2 Children's Halloween
Dance (4 p.m.)
Nov. 7 Sexuality
(Chaplain's Night)
Nov. 16 Giants-Eagles Football

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

Editor's Corner

A MAN NEEDS CHORES TO DO

The man who has a chore to do
Is somehow taller than
The man who has no task to make
Him feel he is a man.

I've watched some men tend our home
And seen their bright eyes glow
With pleasure in a job well done,
And seen his spirit glow.

The man who'll run your Council Home,
The man who'll run your Council Hall,
The man who'll run the Council Dance,
The man who'll serve your all.

For men who have small chores to do
Are somehow taller than
The man who has no task to make
Him feel he is a man.

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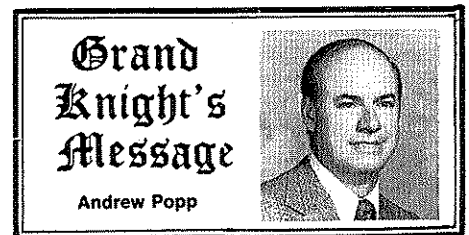
Just a Thought . . . Mass — Why Must I Go?

A great many people nowadays have chosen to absent themselves from attendance at Sunday Mass. Perhaps there are as many reasons given for this non-attendance as there are people. It would be more likely — and more accurate — to say there are not so many "reasons" as there are "excuses." The fact is that, in most cases, the people simply do not want to go. They no longer think there is an obligation, or they don't have to go because "they don't get anything out of it," or they "liked the Mass better in Latin;" they "don't like folk-Masses" — or there "ought to be more folk-Masses." So we say: excuses, yes; reasons, no.

But a short time ago we heard of a letter written to a priest by a young woman, or a young girl — age unknown — who said, in effect: "... the Mass is the same thing over and over again — the same gospels, the same songs, the same ushers. It is like a repeat on television. I am tired of hearing the same thing over and over again. I guess I need a retreat." One own quick comment is that she needs a retreat rather than a retreat. But this would be hurtful to the young lady and she would probably resent it deeply. So we would do better to ask a few questions. Is there anything new in the world? Does this young lady cease to see the startling beauty of a summer sunset? Does she not look at roses and admire their beauty when she sees them — or does she no longer look because she saw a rose before? Does she still not thrill to the myriad of color on an autumn mountainside? Or does she no longer look because she has seen such beauty before? Does the stark white beauty of new-fallen snow not catch her eye — or does she not look because she has seen such beauty before? Have we not learned to hear over and over again the beautiful sound of music we love? Or better yet, does the lady in question not like to hear, over and over again, words of praise or love or affection for her — even though she has heard them before? Or are we getting too personal?

There is no question that the Mass is the same thing over and over again. But so, too, are all things of beauty and they never cease to be beautiful and admired and appreciated. However, to be admired and appreciated we have to see the beauty. We must see the beauty in a painting to appreciate it. The same goes for a symphony or a sunset. But the more often we see Michelangelo's Pieta, or hear a Beethoven classic, the better we learn to appreciate them. Each time we see or hear or feel something beautiful we can appreciate it more. Conversely, if we are deprived of seeing or hearing something we like, the more we learn to appreciate it.

Now, if we are logical — and we all like to think we are — we should apply the same thinking to the Mass. If we saw the Mass as it really is — a repetition of the Last Supper — the supreme sacrifice of the God — Man as an offering to God the Father to help Him forget the sins of men, if we saw the Mass as the saving sacrifice to redeem us so we could enjoy an everlasting happiness in heaven, then, we would be less tempted to say "It's the same thing over again — the same gospel — the same songs — the



My Brother Knights:

Knights of Columbus Week is approaching and it reflects the courage and dedication of our Faithful Navigator, Christopher Columbus. He was a man of the future. He forged a path to the new world and opened the door to the future for millions of his brothers. The Knights of Columbus could not have chosen a better catholic to name itself after.

The Knights stand for futurism. Our council has many men with foresight, and this makes UNION one of the best in the order. All Knights at this time, should resolve to work towards a better future for our church, brothers and order.

I would like to remind you, that election day is coming. Please seriously evaluate the merits of each candidate and exercise your right to vote. It is the responsibility of every American to choose qualified legislators, men and women, that will serve their constituents proudly, ethically and with honor.

The council members and their families would like to extend thanks to Brother Tom Hornig and his committee for the wonderful and successful job they did running the family picnic.

Finally, the Great Pumpkin has asked me to extend to all an invitation to haunt the council at the Annual Halloween Dance, November 1. Everyone is welcome to enjoy an evening of fun and surprises.

Those of you who missed Fr. Ed's first Catholic Activity program have the opportunity to participate in the future ones. You and your ladies are invited the First Friday of each month, at 8:00 p.m.

Fraternally yours,
Andrew F. Popp G.K.

same ushers . . . a repeat. . . I guess I need a retreat." If we say the Mass as a Divine Work of Art we would look at it more often, and more carefully, and more intently — and we'd see more beauty in it, and appreciate it all the more.

And, if we could picture ourselves in God's place, do you think He would look down on us on a Sunday morning as we prepare to go to Mass — a mother getting three or four children dressed and ready — and a father getting the car started and warmed on a cold morning — do you think God would say, "There's that old stuff again; these fools are doing it all over again?" No, we think God would be more likely to say: "I bless them. I bless them. I bless them for the patience and the faith and the love that brings more to these people each Sunday. I am really going to bless them this week!"

Don't turn off the sunsets, or the sculptures, or the symphonies, or the autumn colors, because we've seen them before. And please God, don't turn off the Mass, either!!

Msgr. Francis X. Coyle
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"Hassle in the Castle"



Front Row, l. to r. — Lisa Killan, Dennis Wade, Frank Hunt. 2nd Row, Diane Bilicska, Cindy Petrucci, Margaret Rock, Kathy Brilly, Mary Beth Farrell, Elizabeth Petrick. 3rd Row, Hillarie McGovern, Jan Bizzaro, Carol Ann Iannuzzi, Mary Beth Brilly, Nancy Hornig, Jack Dickerson, Karl Bilicska. 4th Row, John Farrell, Lea Sabol, Patil Bachefski, director, Joan Wade, Patricia Martin, Alice Petrucci, Steve Blume, Jo-Ellen Farrell, Paul Blume.

Hassle in the Castle — by Albert Karpf, a medieval comedy, was presented by the Columbian Swim Club at the Knights of Columbus Council Hall, Jeanette Avenue, Union. This marvelous presentation was held one week prior to the closing of the Swim Club season. Admission fees and donations going to the New Jersey Association for Mentally Retarded.

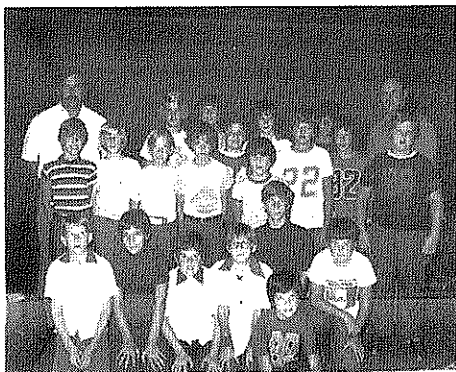
The plan which featured 28 children, all members of the Columbian Swim Club, was directed by Patricia Bachefski, recreation director for the club.

The play involved a conflict between a newly employed maid in the Castle of Sleeping Beauty and the Prince Charming who comes to awaken the princess.

The play was the culmination of a season of recreational activities, including arts and crafts and game activities provided annually by the Columbian Swim Club.

Among the craft projects were: Clay Prints, Gold Foil Plaques, Eye Glass Lense Jewelry, Toothpick Sculptures, Cord-wrapped bottles, Plaster Carving, Wire Jewelry, String Painting, Blow Painting, Rock Paperweights, Collages, Felt Pincushions, Wire Sculptures, Water Colors, Burlap String Flowers, and a host of other associated crafts.

All Scenery for the play was made by the children and were constructed of Cardboard and Tempera. The costumes for the play were provided by P. Bachifski and J. Bizzaro.



Junior Bowling League

Council 4504 Junior Bowlers began their season Saturday, September 6th at the 4 Seasons Recreation Center — Union. Twenty-one entries between the ages of 8 to 14 were on hand.

Grand Knight Andy Popp rolled the first ball to start off the season. Other officers in attendance were Chancellor Ken Pinney, Treasurer Julius Kiss, PGK Mike Tomko, PGK Dom Clementoni, and Outside-Guard Bruce Bentz.

If ever an act of Brotherhood was exemplified, it happened this day. Brother Joe Mellon a 1st degree member of our Council participated as one of the score keepers. Joe is also active in our Councils Church and Publicity committees. A special thanks from Bob Schwartz to you, Joe.

Bruce Bentz
Youth Bowling
Chairman

Korn Kontest King Crowned

Our champion corn eater for this year is Joseph Partly. Joe, a member of the Union Fire Department, won this title by consuming 12 ears of corn. Although the corn was up to its usual fine standards, Joe's method of attack and disregard for his own safety was quickly noted. Coming out the winner after his first attempt at the title, left Joe a little shaken. Our concern was, what if there's a fire, a real hot one, will that corn start popping?

Testimonial

Reservations for the Bob Armstrong testimonial are now being accepted.

The testimonial is being held at the Council Home, Friday, November 14. Tickets are available at \$10.00 per couple which will include Food, Beverages and Dancing.

Time—9:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. Reservations are limited. Chairman — Frank Dickerson, Sr.

Right to Life Sunday

October 5 is Right to Life Sunday. If bumper stickers and flyers are received in time, they will be distributed to parishioners at St. Michael's and at Holy Spirit Churches.

The 1976 March for Life date is January 22 in Washington, D.C. More about this as information is received.

Sal Massimino
R.T.L. Chairman

Bocce League News We Did It Again — "We're No. 1"

Union County Knights of Columbus Bocce League was won by Knights of Columbus Council #4504, of Union. After 12 weeks and 72 games played, Union Council won 55 games and lost 17.

Players:

Andy Tobia
Herby Kay
Bill Giordano
Eddie Olas
Al Moreiti
Artie Cerami
George Jacko
Dom Pascarella
Joe Partley

Reggie Connors
Tony Sibilia
Skip Sully

Subs:

Ed Brennan
Rich Dombrosky
Tony Venezia
Tony Ammiano
Lou Olivieri

Six Councils constitute the League: Union, Linden, Springfield, Roselle, Hillside and Dean Gessner.

On Saturday, September 6, a dinner for all teams was held at Springfield Council. Approximately 140 people attended. Trophies were awarded and Grand Knight Andy Popp accepted Union Council's trophy for first place.

A second trophy was presented to Union Council by the Roselle Council in memory of Peter J. Lambert, a deceased member of their Bocce Team. This trophy will be passed on each year to the winning team to be displayed in their council home.

Andy Tobia
Captain of Union Council
Bocce Team

Knight of the Month



RONALD MATTUSIAK

Our newest selected recipient for Knight of the Month is a brother member whose services for the good of the order are not known to most members of the Council but to the children of the membership he is known as the movie man. For the past three summer seasons, Ronnie has been the projectionist of children movies every Sunday at 3 p.m. Periodically Ronnie also serves as a council bartender.

Ronnie is employed as a salesman for the Wards Food Company. He and his lovely wife Grace are the parents of two children, a son Ronald Jr. and a daughter Jacqueline. They are communicants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Maplewood and reside on Ball St. of that town.

It is indeed befitting; therefore, to add to our list of Knights of the Month the name of Ronald Mattusiak "Knight of the Month — October 1975, Council 4504".