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Township K of C Softball Team

Well Brother Knights, plans are proceeding right on schedule for our Softball team. We have **uniforms**, **bats** and **balls** and need only one more thing . . . **Your Names**. Any Union Council member interested in coming out for the team is asked to please fill out the form below and mail it to me at the following address:

Wayne Williams 302 Stoughton Avenue Cranford, New Jersey 07016

Name	
Address	
Phone #	
Position desired	Alpha de la companya

We have not had a team for quite a few years, and since OUR Council is going to sponsor this team, we await your replies with great interest. Initial reaction to the team has been quite encouraging.

The cut-off date for those members interested in registering to play is March 25, 1978, so please fill out the above form and mail it to me the first chance you get.

Wayne Williams Athletic Chairman

The Cardinal's Corner

The John F. Kennedy, Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus will hold its annual Communion Breakfast on March 12, 1978. The mass will be at 9 a.m. at St. Theresa's Church, Kenilworth, followed by breakfast at the Knights of Columbus home, 191 Market Street, Kenilworth.

The guest speaker will be the Most Rev. Bishop Dominic Marconi — Episcopal Vicar for Union County. The price is \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00

for children. For tickets call Dave Schardien — 687-0111 or Robert Armstrong — 686-8548.

First Friday

The highlight of our Chaplain's First Friday Series will take place on February 3, 1978. This is Clergy Appreciation Night when we honor the Clergy of our local parishes. It will be a dinner-Mass affair co-sponsored by your Council and the Court Immaculate Heart of Mary 1360 Catholic Daughters of America. There will be a full course dinner of roast beef and all the trimmings following the Mass which will be at 7:30 p.m. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN TIME. Our guest is His Excellency Bishop Robert F. Garner, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark Archdiocese and Vicar of Bergen County. His topic is Parish Life.

Tickets for this event are \$3.50 per person and may be obtained or reserved by contacting Grand Knight Ken Pinney — 686-5650, Art Weber — 688-7269 or Rose Cosenza — 686-1817.

As usual on the first Fridays, everyone is welcome, members and non-members alike. Please come and bring along a quest.

FAMILY DINNER

Come One, Come All, To Our K. of C. Hall

DATE: Sunday, February 19

TIME: 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

PLACE: Union Council #4504

PRICE: \$2.50 per person

MEAL: Roast Beef, Potatoes,

Vegetables, Bread and

Butter, Dessert and Coffee.

COOK: Milton Rij & Committee

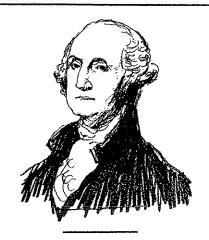
Athletic News & Events Pro Basketball

On Friday night, March 10th, the NEW JERSEY STATE K of C is sponsoring a "Night at the Nets" for us. The game is going to feature "Pistol" Pete Maravich (who is currently the NBA's top scorer) and his New Orleans Jazz team against the New Jersey nets.

Since the State K of C is sponsoring this game we can all benefit by purchasing tickets at **reduced** rates. Tickets normally selling for \$8.00 can be purchased for only \$6.00 for adults and at a 50% reduction of only \$4.00 for anyone 18 or under.

Please contact me at 272-7692 if you are interested in going to Rutgers gymnasium in Piscataway for this event.

Wayne Williams Athletic Chairman



Non-Smoking Section

Our first meeting of the year 1978 of Union Council was marred by inclement weather holding the attendance down to a minimum. Its a shame my brother Knights missed this meeting. This was our FIRST NON-SMOKING MEETING OF THE NEW YEAR.

The air was clear — members present were breathing freely — committee reports were understandable — no hacking or coughing could be heard — no tobacco smells — no need for the exhaust fans. Yes, brothes you missed it. BUT — Why don't you come out and join our non-smoking members at our next meeting — sit in with us and enjoy a meeting without smoking. I must tell you that the smokers in attendance cooperated magnificently for about two hours without lighting up a smoke. I'm sure that they too enjoyed the meeting without smoking.

without smoking.
IMAGINE: The federal government spending 23 million dollars for you smokers to kick the habit.

IMAGINE: The State of Connecticut having a NON-SMOKING DAY — Jan. 12 1978

IMAGINE: The Knights of Columbus 4504 having a NON-SMOKING business portion of their bi-monthly meeting for two hours.

Won't you join us at the next meeting and sit in the NON-SMOKING section. "ITS YOUR HEALTH — KICK THE

SMOKING HABIT"

Non-Smoking Chairman Edward R. Stonack

Swim Club

The Annual Meeting which was postponed due to the snow storm has been rescheduled for Monday, February 20th at 7:30 p.m.

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1st Mon	Council Officers
2nd & 4th Mon.	Regular Meetings
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A Tribute to **Father Michael McGivney** Founder of The **Knights of Columbus**

December 22, 1977 marked the 100th Anniversary of the ordination of Father Michael McGivney, the founder of the Knights of Columbus.

Our founder was born in Waterbury, Connecticut on August 12, 1852. His studies for the priesthood began in 1867 at the College of St. Hyacinthe in Canada where he remained for two years. At the age of 17 he entered Niagara University and continued his studies there and at St. Mary's College in Montreal until 1873. Then at the age of 21 he entered St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, Maryland where he was ordained 100 years ago on December

His first assignment was as a curate at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut. Five years after his arrival at St. Mary's he founded the Knights of Columbus.

The historic story of the first meeting between Father McGivney and the small group of men at St. Mary's rectory, resulting in the establishment of our Order, is well-known to all Knights of Columbus. At one of the early meetings a discussion was held regarding the selection of a name for the new society. It was Father McGivney who suggested, "Sons of Columbus." James L. Mullen, who was soon to become the first Knight, then suggested Supreme "Knights of Columbus" and the name was unanimously adopted by the group.

At the time the charter was granted by the State of Connecticut there were only eleven members in the organization. A Council was formed and it was designated as San Salvador Council 1 in New Haven. It is of interest to note that all meetings of this group, up until the first of May 1882, were held either at St. Mary's rectory or in the office of Daniel Calwell, one of the founders who was to be elected as the Order's first Supreme Lecturer. On May 1, 1882 this small group secured a meeting room in a downtown building in New Haven and within a month thirty new members were initiated.

From this very modest beginning the Knights of Columbus has grown to a membership totaling 1.27 million men in over 6,500 active councils throughout the order.

I'm sure that the active Knights of Columbus in all parts of the world are very proud to be a member of this outstanding organization of Catholic men. We thank Father McGivney for having the vision that led us on to what we are today - stronger supporters of the Church, working to increase Vocations actively involved in the Community spreading the spirit of fraternalism providing guidance for the young building leaders for the future - helping to strengthen family-life - assisting the aged and the needy and promoting the principles of our order.

On Monday, February 6, 1978 at 8:15 p.m. Union Council #4504 will hold a first degree in honor of our founder Father Michael McGivney. It is my hope that the chamber will be filled for this occasion. Ken Pinney

Grand Knight



Chaplain's Corner Rev. Edward M. Swierzbinski

"I want what I want when I want it" - that's an old song. At times not getting what we ask for saddens us. But experience sometimes shows us that some of life's bitterest moments are the results of getting what we want.

One day a farmer ordered a dozen chickens from his livestock dealer. "I'll be away all day", he said, "so just leave them on my front porch." When he returned home that evening he found only an empty crate. It seemed that the crate had a faulty latch and the chickens had escaped.

Immediately the man set out on a frantic search of the countryside. The next morning he called the dealer and complained. "Look here", he said, "because of your negligence I spent half the night going over my farm and my neighbor's farms looking for those chickens. It took me over four hours to find all twelve." After a brief silence the dealer said, "Twelve! You have done well. I thought you ordered a half dozen. There were only six chickens in that crate.'

There are times when a discrepency exists between what we want and what we should want; between what we think we need and what we actually do need; between what we get and what we should get.

Jesus Christ can guide us to valid life goals. "IF YOU LIVE IN ME ASK WHAT YOU WILL — IT WILL BE DONE FOR YOU", Jesus says. If we live in Him! If His Word remains part of us, we can confidently petition God for our needs. But only if! We must seek that harmony between Jesus and ourselves. His imitation gives direction and motivation to our lives. Try it! Come share with us on First Friday at 8 p.m.!

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Personality Profile Christopher Columbus (Part Four)

After Queen Isabella turned down Columbus' plans for his voyage a sad mariner planned to leave Spain forever. But the Queen exercized her woman's prerogative and changed her mind. It is believed that a Luis de Santangel, one of the few supporters of Columbus in the Spanish court, convinced the Queen great glory would come from a voyage to spread Christianity to the heathens. The enterprize had now taken on a religious aspect which was now more important than gold and spices and new land. To finance this project Luis de Santangel contributed, the port city of Palos was assessed the cost of two vessels, and some friends of Christopher loaned him the money for one eighth of the cost, the remainder from the royal treasury. Columbus had his demands met, which included one eighth of the profits. The story of Queen Isabella offering to "sell her crown jewels to finance the expedition" has no basis of fact. "She was too shrewd to have to resort to that." Actually, she was very clever in spreading the cost and even persuaded Columbus to put up some money himself. Among the decrees issued from the crown to start the voyage was one that gave suspension of criminal proceedings against any man who signed on with Columbus. This was to be for the duration of the voyage and for two months after the return. When the ship's destination was announced, men (seamen and otherwise) hid in the hills of the port town of Palos. No one wanted to sail on a "sea of darkness" where there were untried dangers and sea monsters that defied description.

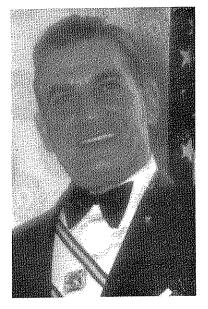
One factor that helped to get men to sign on was when Martin Pinzon, a successful sea captain of Palos, volunteered to sail with Columbus. He was joined by his brother Vicente. Both these men were respected mariners of Spain. When you consider the ships that were used by today's standards it is amazing they set out for such a trip. The largest ship of the three, and the one Columbus himself was on, was 110 tons, only 80 feet long, and 25 feet in width. This was the Santa Maria. The Nina and Pinta were smaller. The ships holds were filled with supplies so there was no living space for the crew. They would bed down on the deck huddled in their cloaks (this was the usual custom of that time). There were 40 men on the Santa Maria, 26 on the Pinta and 24 on the Nina. Contrary to some accounts only four convicts took advantage of the royal decree, the rest were experienced seamen. Most of my sources agree that Columbus was a master at "dead-reckoning" navigation. Today's navigators express wonder at his skill. He used the mariner's magnetic compass for direction but actually estimated his speed through the water by as we say today "the seat of his pants". In the next installment we'll follow his first voyage to a new world.

Jim Moran P.G.K.

Sports Quiz

- 1. What pitcher holds the major league record for striking out the most consecutive times?
- 2. Who scored the most points in a single football season by kicking only?
- 3. Who is the only man to play major league baseball in the 1940s, '50s, '60s, and '70s?
- 4. Between Pete Rose, Joe Morgan, and Lou Brock, which has not topped 100 homers, triples, doubles, and steals in his career?
- 5. Between Bud Grant, Don Shula, and Tom Landry, which has coached his team the longest?
- 6. Who holds the New York Yankee club record for strikeouts in a season?
- 7. Who holds the NBA record for most glass backboards shattered on slamdunks?
- 8. When Roger Maris hit his 61st home run in 1961, what was the final score of the game?
- 9. At the closing of 1976, which NFC team has the best all-time winning percentage against AFC teams?
- 10. In the 1969 World Series, which Met player took first base when shoe polish was found on the ball?
- 11. Which pro football team had three Heisman Trophy winners playing in the same year, the '56 Lions, '70 Chiefs, or '47 Rams?
- 12. True or False: NFL teams usually lose a Sunday game after playing on a Monday night!
- 13. Which team won the first over-time game in NFL history, 1955?
- 14. What team led the NBA last season in field goal percentage?
- 15. What player holds the NFL record for touchdown passes (5) in a single game; Gale Sayers, Bob Shaw, Dub Jones?

(Answers on back page)



Knight of the Month Daniel Raimondo

Danny joined our order in February of 1966 and has been selected as our Knight of the Month because of his many activities involving the summer activities program, helping to decorate for our council dances, lending a hand in the kitchen and assisting with the Friday dance classes. He has made himself available to many committee chairmen. Danny is always ready to give a hand when needed. When there's work to be done, look around, you'll see him!

Danny is married with two daughters and four grandchildren. He is employed by Singer Kearfott as a cost analyst engineer.

Danny is also a member of the John F. Kennedy Assembly Fourth Degree.

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ANSWERS

1. 12 by Sandy Koufax (his entire 1955 season), 2. Jim Turner, 3. Minnie Minoso, 4. Joe Morgan, 5. Tom Landry, 6. Bobby Bonds, 7. Gus Johnson, 8. N.Y. 1-Boston 0, 9. Seattle Seahawks (1.000 beat Tampa), 10. Cleon Jones, 11. '70 Kansas City Chiefs (Mike Garrett, Billy Cannon, John Huarte), 12. False won, 13. Los Angeles Rams, 14. New York Knicks, 15. Bob Shaw.

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