



### Special Award

Past District Deputy Joseph Fox presents the Star Council Award to Grand Knight Eugene Tiberio of the Fairport Council 7085, Knights of Columbus. The award is given annually to councils that achieve program activities and membership goals. Council 7085 received the award in its very first year. A membership drive is now in progress and Grand Knight Tiberio invites all men from Assumption, Resurrection and St. John of Rochester parishes to join. Shown from left are Kevin Sammon, deputy Grand Knight; Fox; Tiberio; John LaForte, Chancellor, and Robert Hohl, Supreme Council Representative.

### Word for Sunday

By Father Albert Shamon

#### Seize the Opportunity!

Sunday's Readings: (R3) Mk. 10:46-52. (R1) Jer. 31:7-9. (R2) Heb. 5:1-6.

For the past Sundays, Mark has recorded for us the three predictions Jesus made of His passion, death and resurrection on the road from Galilee to Jerusalem. Three times, the apostles misunderstood Jesus. Three times, He used their misunderstanding to instruct them.



The road to Jerusalem passed through Jericho about 15 miles away. As Jesus was leaving Jericho He gave a blind beggar back his sight. This miracle was a parable in action. Mark situated it in this context, after Jesus' three predictions, to tell us that the apostles were blinder than sightless Bartimaeus. But that as Jesus had opened Bartimaeus's eyes, soon in Jerusalem the blind apostles would have their eyes opened. They would witness the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. Then they too would see — would see the meaning of it all.

The one thing I like about Bartimaeus was his energy in seizing the opportune moment. Bartimaeus was a beggar because he was blind. Being a beggar, he was a pauper, helpless and hopeless. But he was uneasy and fiercely on the alert to better his condition. When the chance came, he seized it. It did not matter what the others thought, he called out to Jesus persistently. And when Jesus called to him, he

threw aside his garment (any obstacle that might hinder his going to Jesus) and jumped up and came to Jesus. As a matter of fact, this was Jesus' last visit to Jericho. Bartimaeus seized the opportunity. How wonderful for him!

In the eighth grade we memorized Edward Sill's poem, Opportunity (how I wish memorization would come back to the classroom!)

This I beheld, or dreamed it in a dream—

There spread a cloud of dust along a plain;

And underneath the cloud, or in it, raged

A furious battle, and men yelled, and swords

Shocked upon swords and shields. A prince's banner

Wavered, then staggered backward, hemmed by foes.

A craven hung along the battle's edge,

And thought, "Had I a sword of keener steel—

That blue blade that the king's son bears, but this

Blunt thing!" He snapt and flung it from his hand,

And lowering crept away and left the field.

Then came the king's son, wounded, sore bestead,

And weaponless, and saw the broken sword,

Hilt buried in the dry and trodden sand,

And ran and snatched it, and with battle-shout

Lifted afresh he hewed his enemy down,

### Powell Program Slated

Father John Powell's program "Free to Be Me" will be shown from video cassette at Notre Dame Retreat House Nov. 4 and 18, from 3 to 8 p.m.

afternoon event which also includes discussion of the program. Donation is \$7. Reservations are made by calling the retreat house (716) 394-5700, or by writing Notre Dame Retreat House, Box 342, Canandaigua, N.Y. 14424.

And saved a great cause that heroic day.

"When Opportunity knocks, open the door." This would be an easy directive to follow if we could always recognize Opportunity. But she is often in disguise and we keep the door shut. In Sill's poem, the coward hanging at the battle's edge does not recognize Opportunity. "If" is the big word to him — "if" he only had a sword of keener steel, what might he not do! Instead of doing his best with the little he had, he flung that aside and crept away. It was for the King's courageous son, though wounded and weaponless, to seize the broken sword, poor though it was, and turn defeat into victory.

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#### Seniors Dance

The Senior Citizen's Social Club at 380 Andrews St. will hold a Birthday Dance from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28. According to Lee Williams, director of the club, music will be provided by John Capone and Orchestra.

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