

KNIGHT OF THE YEAR

To select the Knight of the Year is not an easy task. Union Council has many active members who are the backbone and strength of our council. Much has been written and much has been said about the spirit of Columbianism being the true value of our order; it is and is personified quite openly in our Knight of the Year, Saverio Bruzzi. Sam has served on every committee and often was the one who brought success to it. But his talent and efforts did not stop with just the spirit of Columbianism, but the Columbian Club, the Swim Club, the Nite Club, the recent minstrel show, our blood bank, the Fourth Degree, to mention a few, have all been enriched by his ability, devotion and knowledge. There has not been an event, function or committee that has passed but that he volunteered his labors and worked diligently at them; often as a committee of one.

It is with a great deal of pride and pleasure that Union 4504 take their hats off to S.K. Saverio Bruzzi, Knight of the Year, for a job very well done.

Saverio Bruzzi



OUR CHAPLAIN

Father "Ed" has been appointed Chaplain of Union Council No. 4504 to succeed Father McKeon who was transferred.

Having been a parish priest in Sacred Heart Church in Wallington, N. J. about 19 years ago where he became a charter member of the Knights of Columbus and a Fourth Degree Knight, he is no stranger to the Knights of Columbus.

A native of Jersey City, N. J., he attended both St. Anthony's School and St. Peter's Prep and continued on to Seton Hall College in South Orange, N. J. In preparation for his priesthood, Father studied theology at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington, and was ordained in May, 1951.

After his parish years at Sacred Heart, he served in St. James Church, Springfield, N. J. and then became a hospital chaplain at Holy Name Hospital, Teaneck, N. J. In 1962, he came to Alexian Brothers Hospital in Elizabeth where he presently fills the post of Chaplain.

Father Edward Michael Swierzbinski, as he is formally known, is proud to say that he is "a garden variety parish priest hoping to serve his people".



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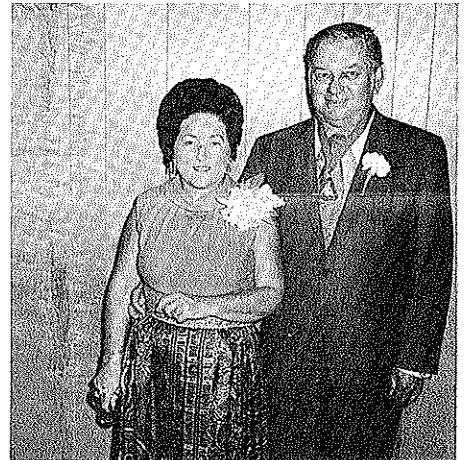
A WONDERFUL KNIGHT



The mid-summer heat of Saturday evening, July 15, 1972, was only eclipsed by the genuine warmth and good fellowship permeating the Knights of Columbus Council Hall at Jeanette Avenue when Council 4504 paid tribute to Howard R. Leary at a Testimonial Dinner and Dance held by the Knights in his honor.

Howard and his lovely wife Evelyn and their five wonderful children — Howard, Jr. and wife, Dennis, Timothy, Maureen and Brian — were being honored by his Brother Knights in recognition of his many achievements both as a devout Catholic gentleman and a beloved public official on his retirement from public life at the insistence of his physician. In addition to his Brother Knights and their wives, the Council Hall was filled to overflowing by many of Howard's associates and friends and their wives.

The evening's proceedings, although gala and festive on the surface, bore a strong undercurrent of nostalgia and remorse on the loss to the council and



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Calendar of Events

EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON
AT THREE — KIDDIE'S MOVIES

Sat., Aug. 5 Bus Ride
(Jones Beach) King & I
Sun., Aug. 6 Pre-Teen Dance
7:00 to 10:00 p.m.
Tue., Aug. 8 Council Day
at Swim Club
Sat., Aug. 12 Splash Party
8:00-9:00, Movie Night,
Meat Balls, Music
Sun., Aug. 13 Bocci Tournament
Mon., Aug. 14 Regular Meeting
Annual Corn Fest
Sat., Aug. 19 .. Pinochle Tournament
9:00 to 12:00 p.m.
Sun., Aug. 20 Watermelon Day
Teenage Dance
7:30 to 10:30 p.m.
Tue., Aug. 22 Council Day
at Swim Club
Sat., Aug. 26 Dance
Council Home — Beer — Buffet
Sun., Aug. 27 Corn on the Cob
Day
Mon., Aug. 28 Regular Meeting
Sat., Sept. 2 Splash Party
8:00-9:00, Volleyball Games,
Dancing
Mon., Sept. 4 Pool Closes
Sat., Sept. 9 ... Youth Bowling Opens
Four Seasons
Sat., Sept. 9 Council Picnic
12 to 6 p.m.
Mon., Sept. 11 Regular Meeting
Mon., Sept. 25 Regular Meeting
Sat., Sept. 30 Dance
Italian Nite

Wonderful Knight

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the community of a great man and humanitarian. Robert E. Armstrong, P.G.K. and General Chairman of the Testimonial kicked off the evening with his eloquent introduction of B. Warren Hehl, P.G.K. who had accepted the role of Master of Ceremonies.

His first introduction was the Reverend Edward Swierzbinski, Council Chaplain, who delivered a moving invocation and blessing to Howard and his family. Following a pledge to the flag, Senator Matthew J. Rinaldo was called upon as a guest speaker. He delivered an emotion-packed commentary on his close relationship with the honored guest.

A few words of worthy praise and admiration were then delivered by the Reverend Thomas G. Grant, Pastor of St. Michaels Church and close friend of Howard. Mr. Hehl then proceeded to introduce the principal speaker, James C. Conlon, Council Advocate and Town Committeeman, who by this time had heard so many accolades heaped on the honored guest, commented that "not much was left for him to add about Howard". However, Mr. Conlon adeptly took off on a new track and, directing his remarks to Mrs. Leary and her family, paid a stirring tribute to Howard, filled with humorous anecdotes of their relationship, both personal and as municipal co-workers.

Two plaques were then presented to Howard in recognition of his great efforts as tax collector of Union — one by Frank Kenny, President of the Municipal Receivers Tax Collectors and Treasurers Association and the other by The Union County Tax Collectors and Treasurers Association. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of a Lifetime Membership Plaque in the Knights of Columbus by Barney Capriglione, Grand Knight of Union Council, along with a beautiful commemorative scroll especially designed and created by Sam Bruzzi, Council Knight of the Year (1971-1972). Mr. Capriglione also presented Howard with a purse donated jointly by the Council, The Columbian Club and the Columbian Swim Club in sincere appreciation for his great contributions in the foundation of the council and being the council's Charter Grand Knight. Then Capriglione surprised everyone in the hall by suddenly expressing his feelings in a genuine Italian fashion by planting a kiss on each of Howard's cheeks, followed by a warm embrace.

Howard, caught up by the strong emotions of the evening, immediately stepped toward the podium and delivered an eye-watering speech of thanks and appreciation. Not having lost any of his congenial oratory ability, Howard held the large group enthralled, stating that although he finally came to an agreement with his Doctor that retirement was presently the best thing for his health, he still felt too young to completely retire "and don't be surprised if in a year or two that word might reach back home that Howard R. Leary has just founded a Knights of Columbus

Council in Florida". A standing ovation erupted at this point and many congratulatory handshakes, Howard proudly worked his way back to his table and his wife and family.

Mr. Hehl then called on the Reverent Joseph F. Driscoll, Pastor of St. Andrews Church, Westwood, N. J. and a very dear friend of Howard's to deliver the Benediction and end the formal proceedings which were followed by dinner, refreshments and dancing.

"A Last Look"

On Monday, June 26, we had our last meeting under the leadership of Grand Knight, Dominick Clemintoni. A Virginia Ham Dinner was cooked by Head Chef, Jack Bruno. His potato peelers and early kitchen workers were Timothy Hayden, Larry Kuntz, Cal Calgano and Tony Vennizia.

Those that prepared the hall, that is setting up the tables and chairs, setting of silverware, napkins, wine glasses and **water glasses**, was handled by Robert Armstrong, Frank Trenta and Jules Pruzkowski.

Our Head Server was Walter Hoeldeline and Rocco Corbo, Dominick Quagliato and Ed Vogel. Leonard (who) Migliara was the Meat Sliver.

Walter Guthreau was our Matre-De who supervised Arthur Reimers and Thomas Reinhardt serving the tables. Tony Piatkiewtz handled the tickets. At the door handling the bar was Tom Horning and Peter Martin.

Last, but not least, our behind-the-scenes Pearl Diver was our own (Dick Butkus) William Bucher.

I wish to take this last chance, as chairman, to thank all of those who helped me this past year. Without your help, I would have had a hectic year. Through the year, I have tried to thank all that helped. If I forgot any one, please forgive me.

With yours and God's Help, we had a wonderful year. Thank you once again.

Yours in Christ,
Fraternal Chairman
Joseph J. Bilicska, III

Swim Club News

Where is the sun? Here at Union 4504 Swim Club.

Two dates have been set so ALL Union 4504 members and their families (NOT just members of the swim club) can enjoy the pool facilities — Aug. 8 (Rain date Aug. 9) and Aug. 22 (Rain date Aug. 23). Just show your paid up Traveling Card and Enjoy — Enjoy — Enjoy.

Since your safety as well as your enjoyment is our concern; PLEASE pay heed to our pool manager and his guards.

Swim Club President
Andy Tobia

Something to Think About

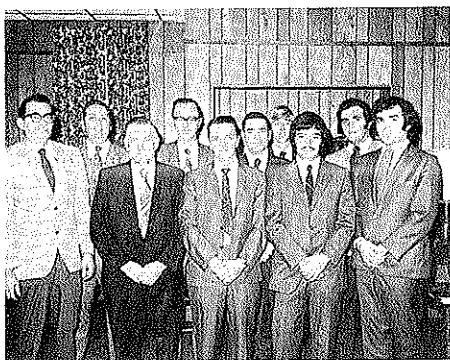
The warning signals most all people pay attention to are those which could affect our health. When we seem to be slowing down or have a pain, we see a doctor. He may not be completely sure that a peripheral diagnosis is enough and may recommend some time in a hospital for tests in order to be more certain that the individual is not in immediate danger. I'm sure most everyone would submit to a short stay in a hospital for tests which may save our lives.

Since we are all Catholic men in this Council, we should be aware that there are warnings all around us that are signaling imminent danger to our souls. The soul doctor is the church, which is so ably represented by our priests. When we feel as though we are slipping away from Holy Mother Church, we should see a priest. He may even recommend some time in contemplation and communion with God to be sure we are not in any imminent danger of losing our immortal souls to an **eternal** damnation in Hell.

How many are willing to spend a short time away at a Retreat which could save our souls from Eternal Damnation?

Please think about the warnings. Our Retreat is scheduled for October 20, 21 and 22. Those interested, please see Frank Hunt, Catholic Activities Chairman or Jim Moran, after a meeting; or leave word in writing at the Council Home.

New Admissions



The newly elected officers of Union 4504 under the direction of Grand Knight Barney Capriglione exemplified the admissions degree on Monday Evening, July 10, 1972, for the following new members:

Anello, Sal; Anzalone, Salvatore; Brady, Thomas; Brahm, Henry; Catena, Frank; Czarnik, John; Farley, Lawrence; Farro, Enrico; Reinhard, Dennis; Savastano, Joseph and Siarniak, Stanley.

We wish these new members great success in all their endeavors and hope they will make their mark as members of Union 4504.

Random Thoughts

You don't fully realize the hardships of our pioneers until you remember that day after day they plodded their way westward into the setting sun, without sunglasses! . . . An apple a day keeps the doctor away, but what is the sum to get him to come? . . . That some good can be derived from every event is a better proposition than that everything happens for the best, which it assuredly does not . . . A friend is one who takes you to lunch, even though you are non-deductible . . . The drawback with bucket seats is that not everyone has the same size bucket . . . A genius is a crackpot who makes a screwball idea work . . . The secret of financial success is to spend what you have left after saving, instead of saving what you have left after spending . . . Summer Camp: where parents spend \$1,000 for six weeks to have their children learn to make a 25 cent ashtray . . . Nowadays, when you hear that a person is beyond medical help, you know he's laid up with a cold . . . Radar spelled backwards is radar; they've got you coming and going . . . Wife to husband rummaging through the freezer, "If you're looking for the fish you caught, I froze it in an ice cube" . . . Manufacturers may be able to make the automobile safer in collisions but there seems to be no way to redesign the pedestrian . . . Sometimes we wish for "the gold old days", the times when the world seemed to have less problems. Here's what people were worried about in 1929. "The papers were reporting that Prohibition was making everyone disrespectful of all law. Youth, in the thousands, were arguing against militarism, capitalism, religion and war. They argued for an end to the death penalty, education for peace, the application of christian principles to race relations, for sex education, the ecumenical movement and for disarmament." They were written off by some of their professors as being irresponsible, superficial and radical. Social critics were remarking upon the disappearance of moral standards among the middle classes. There was worry over unrestrained hard drinking, and a rather casual taking of drugs. Vincent Sheean in his book "Personal History" said of the time "Never had there been such an immense gulf between the generations." Frank conversations with parents had become an impossibility. All of this could be written about the 1970's with almost no changes. Human nature and its problems have not changed so much after all.

Jim Moran

Italian Night

Patricians, Plebians, Countrymen, Brothers and their Ladies, come to the Council on the evening of September 30th. You have all worked hard for your togas, so enjoy the fruits of the vineyards in the Bacchanalian spirit. An Italian Evening is the theme of our first dance. Tickets may be obtained by calling Herb Kaye, Vincent Mirizio or Bill Giordano.

J. F. K. Assembly Fourth Degree News

Plans have been finalized for the Annual Fourth Degree Dinner and Dance to be held at the Chanticleer in Millburn on Friday the 13th of October, 1972. Entertainment will be provided by Gilda MARRIZIO and Robert Drew, singing your favorite songs. Music will be furnished by the popular "Semi-mentals". Tickets will be \$35.00 per couple, and reservations will be taken for tables by S.K. Leo E. Lupia, 687-7490, S.K. Phil Sammarco and S.K. Al Petracca.

S.K. Matthew Rinaldo will be Master of Ceremonies and will preside over the gala. The Sir Knight of the Year will be announced during the evening. Reservations must be made, so please call any of the above chairmen early.

The Color Corps is in summer recess and will reconvene their drill sessions on the second Wednesday of September. The Corps now has thirty members and will accept requests for any new members, at any time, to join the Color Cops, by calling S.K. Stan Rucki or S.K. Leo Lupia.

The new officers for the 1972-1973 elect are as follows:

Faithful Friar	Msgr. Coyle
Faithful Navigator	Fred Fuchs
Faithful Pilot	Tom Laffey
Faithful Captain	Leo E. Lupia
Faithful Admiral	Frank Rebel
Faithful Comptroller	Jack Murphy
Faithful Purser	Martin Reiff
Faithful Scribe	Ray Oakes
Faithful Inside Sentinel ..	Phil Sammarco
Trustee (3 yrs.)	P.F.N. John Guidera

Installation of the Fourth Degree will be held on the third Wednesday of September. The Master will preside with the Color Corps acting as escorts.

Youth Bowling

September 9, 1972 is Kick-off Day for the youth bowling league at the Four Seasons Bowling Lanes. Ages 8 thru 14 will be accepted and the starting time for registration is 9:00 a.m.

Any children that have bowling shirts **SHOULD** wear them. Those requiring **NEW** bowling shirts will be required to put up a \$3.00 deposit. The deposit will be refunded if the boy or girl bowls for 13 weeks. Fees are the same as last year — \$1.75 for bowling and \$2.00 for registration.

Dates to Remember For Fall

Indoctrination Night Sept. 15, 1972
First Dance Sept. 30, 1972