



# Knights Digest



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## -- MORTGAGE TO BURN --

This invitation is joyously extended by your Grand Knight, Julian Pruszkowski, and your Columbian Club President Mike Pacyna. However it would not have been possible without the incalculable efforts and contributions of everyone of you.

To record the work and the sacrifice of each individual and each committee would be virtually impossible. And truly, few if any of our many achievements, can be credited to any one individual group or administration.

Our beautiful home, as it stands today, unencumbered is the culmination of not one, but of many many dreams. Each had to be expressed, discussed, sold, and implemented. Some were discarded, many were argued, but all were sincerely proposed for the "good of the order".

One ingredient must be recognized in coordinating and inspiring these vast energies. It is leadership; and it has been supplied in liberal doses by our present and past Grand Knights and Columbian Club Presidents. Their names and term of office are recorded below, and we take this opportunity to warmly thank them again.

Our council is renowned for many and varied accomplishments. It has captured awards and been recognized in countless activities embracing, but not limited to, Athletics, Catholic, Charitable, Civic, Cultural, Fraternal, Patriotic, Religious and yes, Social. While we grant our Brother Knights in other councils the right of dissent we proudly feel we are No. 1 and we work at it.

Much has been said and written concerning these endeavors and much more will be in the future because you make our council so energetic. Rather than try to chronicle all this for you at this happy time we decided to simply remind you of some of the milestones that led to Sunday afternoon October 12, 1969.

Do you remember that Howard Leary "gaveled" the first meeting of our council on December 2, 1957 at the Legion Memorial Home. There were just over one hundred charter members and the First Degree was exemplified for seventy five new brothers. This followed organizational meeting in St.

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**At 3:00 p.m. Sunday Afternoon  
October 12, 1969 at the council  
home (rain or shine) all members of  
Council #4504 and their ladies  
(sorry no children) are invited to  
witness the event and enjoy the free  
festivities from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

**Beer**

**Roast Beef**

**Music**

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Michael's Auditorium and preceded bi-monthly meetings of our Council at the Elks and V.F.W. homes. Back in those days our officers practiced their ceremonial activities in Fred Volherbst's garage — hard to believe, isn't it.

1959 saw the formation of the Columbian Club with B. Warren Hehl, as the first president. This was the initial step toward home ownership by Council 4504. 1959 also saw 1500 people attend the Annual Ball at the Elizabeth Armory setting the precedent for the many successful affairs we have since experienced.

On December 10, 1960 ground was broken and construction began on the building which was to be dedicated just ten months later, September 9, 1961, following a parade through town which started at St. Michaels, the place of our birth.

With all the comforts we now enjoy it is difficult to imagine George Arnold frantically purchasing chairs at the last minute prior to calling to order the first council meeting at Jeanette Ave. — But he did.

The summer of 1962 witnessed the completion of the air conditioning system and a cool dance with an independence theme marked the event on July 28.

Our hall was beautifully paneled in 1963; while 1964 saw the start and completion of the Columbian Swim Club, a facility which both directly and indirectly has contributed to the progress and growth of our family. 1964 was also the

year our Council Library was begun — have you contributed to it? More importantly, have you used it?

The land for your picnic area was obtained in 1965 and a well sunk to guarantee water for the Swim Club even in periods of drought. The outside snack bar commenced operation this year as well, and signaled the end of beer and soda iced-down in wash tubs covered with canvas.

In 1966 the patio was completed and the additional lavatory facilities installed. The patio also took on a distinct horticultural touch and was enhanced with redwood tables and colorful umbrellas.

To satisfy our ever growing appetite a walk-in cooler was installed in 1967 and the kitchen was completely refurbished.

The game room was remodeled in 1968 and refurnished with a variety of facilities up to and including easy chairs and colored T.V. It is available not only in the evening hours but during the day as well to you key-carrying members.

The picnic area took on its park-like appearance just this year; and the wheels were put into motion whereby that final payment "was facilitated".

It all belongs to you. Be sure to continue your support and enjoyment of it and above all join the party Columbus Day 1969.

### GRAND KNIGHTS

Howard Leary	Dec. '57-July '59
John Zimmerman	July '59-'60
Thomas Grimmins	July '60-'61
George Arnold	July '61-'62
James Confroy	July '62-'63
William Taylor	July '63-'64
Frank Dickerson	July '64-'65
B. Warren Hehl	July '65-'66
Walter Wasowski	July '66-'67
J. Russell Coen	July '67-'68
Henry Skarbek	July '68-'69
Julian Pruszkowski	July '69-'70

### COLUMBIAN CLUB PRESIDENTS

B. Warren Hehl	Jan. '59-April '62
Fred Volherbst	April '62-'63
Wilbur Donnelly	April '63-'64
John Picyk	April '64-'65
Bernard Raymond	April '65-'66
Clifford Morris	April '66-July '67
Harvey Lewis	July '67-'68
Vincent Iannuzzi	July '68-'69
Michael Pacyna	July '69-'70

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## COUNCIL OFFICERS

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Trustee .....Henry F. J. Skarbek, P.G.K.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPT. 6—Youth bowling starts  
SEPT. 8—Council Meeting - Fr.  
Mark Tsai.  
SEPT. 22—Council Meeting, Sister  
Luke.  
SEPT. 27—Anniversary Dance.  
Theme "Americanism"

## Council Activities Plans For a Big Year

We're off again! The first dance of the coming year will be our Anniversary dance on September 27, 1969 at 9:00 p.m. Yankee Pot Roast and beer will be served. Dancing till 1:00 p.m. to the music of the Unforgettables, the cost will be \$3.50 per person. The theme of the dance will be Americanism Night. Special honors will be awarded to our brother Knight Senator Matthew Rinaldo.

Michael Bizon is our Council Activities chairman for the coming year ably assisted by co-chairman Anthony Sibilia. The following brothers have agreed to take charge of the various duties.

Herbie Kay, Tickets  
Bob Holler, Food, Walter Sanko  
Henry Smith, Catering  
Cliff Morris, Decorations & Refreshments  
Jerry Chaplinski, Music  
Vinnie Iannuzzi & Tony Jargicillo,  
Prizes & Awards

All brothers are urged to contact these chairmen in the area of their talents and interest.

Lets make this a Council participation activities year.

Public Relations Chairman  
Vince Iannuzzi

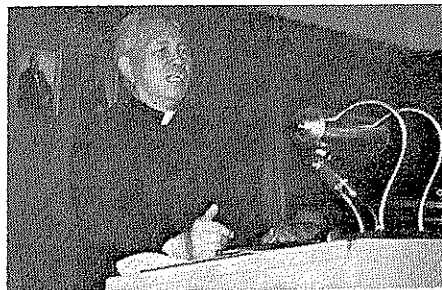
## GET IN SHAPE

Brothers and their wives interested in "brushing up" on dancing. Your name on our dance sheet at the Council bar will indicate your interest and speed arrangements.

## Rx For Knights

Bored? Wondering what to do now that Summer is over? Haven't made any new friends lately? Tired of T.V.? Want to get out of that dull routine? Well, if your problem is inactivity, the solution is — join one of our Committee Programs. Meet new friends. Find new challenges. Use your inactive skills. Enjoy seeing your efforts appreciated by others. But, most of all, become involved with life and be active. We have need for your skills and special talents. You would be surprised what a little effort on your part can do to help others. If you are not sure just what you can do, I invite you to attend one of our Six-Point Meetings. See for yourself just how easily you can fit in. This is YOUR Council. These are YOUR affairs. Only YOU can make them successful; so YOU do something about it. Give a damn; not just a damn little.

Saverio Bruzzi



## Father Mark Tsai Speaks

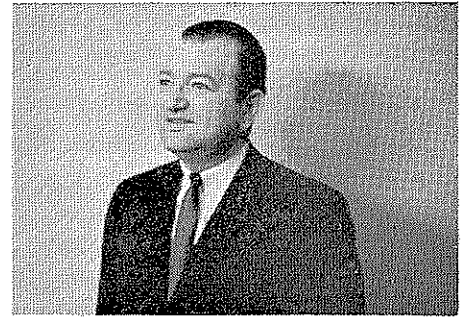
The guest speaker at the September 8th meeting of Union Council #4504 was Father Mark Tsai of Taipei, Formosa.

Father Mark was ordained in Rome, one of his classmates there being the former President of Seton Hall University, Bishop Dougherty. Assignment as a Missionary priest in Mainland China followed graduation. While in China, he served as secretary for the late Bishop Ford and was also editor of the Bishop's Diocesan paper.

Coming to the United States, he was assigned the editorship of the China Monthly published in New York.

Father Mark continued his education at Columbia University where he received his Master's Degree. He also received a Doctorate in School Administration from Fordham University. His assignments while in the States included teaching in the School of Education at Seton Hall University where he also served as Regent of Seton Hall's Institute of Far Eastern Studies.

Since 1955, he has worked in the Mission Field in Formosa and for the past ten years has served as President of Providence College for Women.



## Knight of the Month

There is nothing better than to start off a new Council year big so our Knight of the Month for Sept. 1969 is none other than that busy man around the Council, William M. Zurich.

Some of the committess Bill has served on are Fraternal Activities, Council Activities Chairman, and Blood Bank, also in the kitchen or any where else he might be of help!

Our Knight of the Month for Sept. 1969 William M. Zurich is a Fourth Degree Knight. A resident of Union. Bill lives at 1959 Mt. View Ave. with his wife and 2 children William and Celeste. He is employed by National Wine & Liquors.

Thank you Bill for the many jobs well done.

## HELP YOURSELF

To be a good catholic, especially in our changing church of today, is not easy. We must keep up to date with the new changes, and discover the reasons behind them. We cannot be leaders, as expected of Knights of Columbus, without the proper background knowledge. In order to be strong and maintain our religious balance, we have to find renewed dedication. A chance to gain such information, and receive physical and spiritual refreshments will be yours in October. October 17, 18, 19 is the council's annual retreat. It's a new (only a year old) modern building, located on the ocean. The Priests are fine speakers, warm, friendly men of God. We arrive Friday in time for dinner, and leave late Sunday afternoon. A small group goes every year, we would like to enlarge it, and are looking for new members. It's a wonderful spiritual experience, join us. For questions or further details see Catholic Activities Chairman Richie Magorkurth, or Retreat Captain Jim Moran at any meeting.

## THE DEADLINE

Brothers: If you have a news item for this paper, send it to us — preferably typewritten, double spaced — and get in the mail or give it to us at the clubhouse no later than the 15th of each month. THIS IS THE DEADLINE.

# MEET YOUR 1969-70 COUNCIL OFFICERS



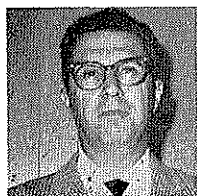
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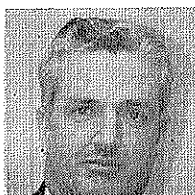
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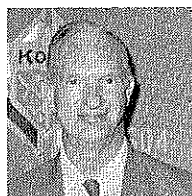
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**Walter S. Wasowski, P.G.K.**  
Trustee & Lecturer



**J. Russel Coen, P.G.K.**  
Trustee



**Grand Knight's Message**

Julian Pruszkowski



We, the officers and especially myself, thank you for the confidence you have placed in our hands in the coming year. You readily understand that we cannot succeed without your cooperation and assistance. Join the committee of your choice.

We have many things planned for the coming year but our Mortgage Burning Affair on October 12th should be one of the highlights of not only this year but of our history as a Council. It demonstrates clearly the vision, cooperation and diligence displayed by the membership over the past dozen years.

With this type of dedication, the Council will continue to be in the forefront of the Columbian movement.

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**Council Corn Feast**

After the Council meeting of August 11, we had our Corn feast which was won by Paul Rugg. (9 Ears in 45 minutes). Corn Popper music supplied by Tony and Dino Capra.



**AROUND THE MOON**

A wonderful look at the moon was set up by our worthy lecturer Walter S. Wasowski, P.G.K. He had for us, Arthur Emerson, a public relations supervisor for Bell show films of previous space flights with outstanding shots of the Earth and Moon. Mr. Emerson also noted that in about two months Bell should have from N.A.S.A. the pictures from the landing on the moon, and stated that he would like to come back to our Council meeting and show these films. Mr. Emerson we thank you for your fine film and narration. Mr. Emerson is flanked by Walter S. Wasowski, P.G.K. and our Grand Knight Julian Pruszkowski.



**Our Own Sister Luke To Speak Sept. 22**

Sister Luke will again speak to our council.

For those of you who do not remember Sister Luke, our adopted missionary — a little bit of her background.

She was born in Elizabeth, N. J. during the height of the depression and because of the unusually difficult struggles involved for young families became a ward of the state when 4 years old. Foster-parents in Springfield gave her a happy childhood. She graduated from Union H. S. in 1950. After High School she became very active in the Connecticut Farms Presbyterian Church (which she is still very fond of). She worked at the Howard Savings Institution as a file clerk and in a short time was recognized as a person who could not be happy dealing with "things" but only with people.

While at a picnic she became acquainted with a priest and they talked enthusiastically about Christianity.

One year later she became a convert to the Catholic Religion. She eventually entered the Religious order of the Sisters of St. John the Baptist and she volunteered for the foreign missions and worked in Chile, South America.

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**CONSERVATION**

This is the one Committee in the Council that the Grand Knight does not like to see Active. When we work it means only one thing. Some brother Knights have neglected to pay their Council dues. In some cases this is merely an oversight. Some others unfortunately are repeaters — year after year. It makes one wonder why a person would repeatedly neglect to discharge the responsibility he assumed when he became a member of the order. At that time he agreed to pay his dues in advance. To those few brothers to whom this applies please re-assess your position in this matter and resolve to be a good Knights of Columbus in the future.

Failure to pay dues when you are billed makes much extra work for many people. These efforts could well be channelled with some other aspect of Columbianism.

**RANDOM THOUGHTS**  
by JIM MORAN

A good neighbor is a fellow who smiles at you over the back fence, but doesn't climb over it . . . The miniskirt is on its last legs fellows. Act now! Stash away a few pictures for the bleak years ahead . . . Interest your children in bowling, it will get them off the streets and into the alleys . . . At one time Washington's face was on our money. Now, Washington's hands are on it too . . . The only truly honest answer, most of us should make when asked the common question "How are you doing?" is "Better than I deserve" . . . Be careful what attitudes and expressions your children pick up from you, they'll retain these longer than any formal education . . . Did you know Football is a kick, swimming is ducky, surfing is swell, auto racing is a drag, high diving is a splash, in the pan, and polo players just horse around? However basketball is on the rebound, while bowling is for the birds . . . If a man reaches into a hat and pulls out a rabbit it's magic. If a woman reaches into her handbag for a door key, and pulls out a door key, it's a miracle . . . From the teachings of Buddha, "One must try to escape from the darkness of ignorance and suffering, and must seek for enlightenment . . . In this effort and search wisdom is the best guide, and faith is the best companion" . . . When you stop to consider what you pay for steak today, it is easier to understand why cows are sacred to India . . . A woman told her husband as they left home for a party, "It seems to me, if he's old enough to ask for a blond instead of a brunette babysitter he's old enough to stay by himself" . . . Sometimes I think those baby booties dangling inside the windshields of cars, signify the mental age of the driver . . . The government is cracking down on child abuse. I'll let you know when they get around to husbands . . . Short thoughts to ponder. A pedestrian is a man whose son beat him to the garage . . . A new fancy restaurant is so expensive that you'd have to find a pearl in your oyster to break even . . . Conscience takes up more room than all the rest of a person's insides . . . Sometimes when a man loses capital, a woman loses interest . . . A bachelor is a fellow who is crazy to get married — and knows it . . . Power corrupts the few, while weakness corrupts the many.

**YOUTH BOWLING**

The Family Activity's Committee will start its season, on Saturday, September 6th with the start of the Youth Bowling League at Four Seasons Play & Recreation Center, W. Chestnut St., Union, N. J. The first Saturday, September 6th, the bowling will commence at nine A.M. Bruce Bentz Committee Chairman