



# Knight Digest



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## SCENES FROM THE FAMILY PICNIC



### YEARS TO REMEMBER

Eleven or twelve years ago I became Chaplain of Council 4504. It was easier for me because I knew many of the Knights from Sunday Masses at St. Michael's Church. I was Chaplain of Alexian Brothers' Hospital at the time but I did warn the Knights that I would be an active Chaplain, doing as much as I could, and that I would praise them when I felt they deserved praise and I would criticize them when I felt that they deserved criticism.

Over the years I have seen many officers come and go. I have been impressed by their desire to serve and the high quality of leadership they gave the Council.

Over the years I have met many members and, by and large, they understood that the Council was not just a social club or an insurance company but rather a fraternity of believing and practicing Catholic Men. I was and am still proud of the Knights of Council 4504.

Over the years I have grown to know some members and their families. Some have become close friends. I hope that friendship will continue for many years.

The time for me to leave as Chaplain has come. We have shared many good times; some bad times; many opportunities to help each other grow in love and wisdom with God's help. I am very grateful to you all for this  
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### Columbus Day Celebration

**Dedicating New  
Columbus Park**

**Sunday, Oct. 14, 1984**

**4:00 P.M.**

*(across from Town Hall)*

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at 7:00 P.M.*

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### October

- 5 **First Friday 7 p.m.**
- 6 Swim Club Appreciation Nite
- 8 Council Meeting - First Degree (tentative)
- 12-14 Retreat Weekend
- 14 **Columbus Park Dedication 4 p.m.**
- 22 Council Meeting
- 26 Chinese Auction 7-11 p.m.
- 27 Bingo - Doors open 6:30 p.m.
- 28 Children's Halloween Party 2-4 p.m.
- 27-28 **Rose Sunday** St. Michael's

### November

- 2 **First Friday 7 p.m.**
- 10-11 Rose Sunday Holy Spirit
- 12 Council Meeting
- 17 Knight Club Dinner
- 19 Second Degree
- 21 Third Degree
- 26 Council Meeting

## Annual Retreat

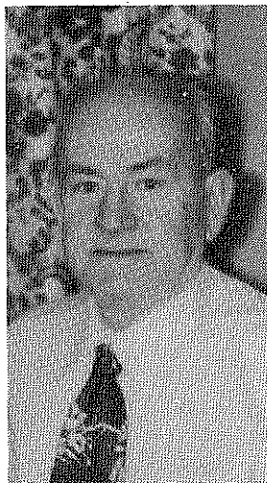
This year's retreat to St. Alfonso's will be Oct 12-Oct 14.

For information call Julius Kiss, PKG — 687-5173.

**DEDICATION  
OF THE  
NEW FLAG POLES  
ON MORRIS AVENUE  
WILL BE  
OCTOBER 7 AT 2 P.M.  
AT THE  
TOWN HALL**

**ROSE SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 27-28  
ST. MICHAEL'S  
\* \* \*  
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED  
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## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH OCTOBER 1984 WALTER WRZESINSKI



Walter and his wife Mary have resided in Union for the past 29 years.

Walter and his wife are the parents of one son Steven and the proud grandparents of a 16 month old granddaughter.

He and his wife are parishioners of St. Michael's Church, Union.

Walter retired from the Harrison Baking Co. 9 years ago after many years of service.

He is always on the go. He has a large backyard which he loves to putter around in. He bowls three times a week, enjoys card playing, swimming, dancing, traveling, and watching sports on television.

Walter is a prime example of why our Council's Swim Club is always ready for opening day. He never misses a work party and is always ready to lend a helping hand where ever needed.

It is brothers like Walter doing different jobs quietly behind the scenes that keeps our Council number one.

Union Council is very pleased to present Walter Wrzesinski as our Knight of the Month for October 1984.

## VISIT A SICK BROTHER

We are trying to establish a program whereby our brothers who are under the weather will be visited. In order to put this idea into operation two things are necessary:

1. We have to know who is ill and will be laid up for a while and
  2. Volunteers.
- Coordinator is Bro. Tom Kachelriess  
Call him at 686-7410

## TELEPHONE

Better late than never, we welcome brother Manfred Bellscheidt as a Captain who has volunteered to call 10 members residing in Irvington. Manny offered his services some time ago but due to a misunderstanding we failed to get this notice in an earlier issue. We appreciate your help, Manny.

If you live in Union Township and are not receiving notice of the death of a brother knight and wish to be so notified, please let us know. We will try to add your name to a list — provided we can obtain the services of additional captains.

Art Weber  
688-7269

## Grand Knight's Column

LONNY PANNUCCI



Recently I was approached by a new brother who, after listening to various appeals to get active in the council, wanted to know just how active members were expected to be. The answer to this question is not so obvious. Surely the ideal situation is for all members to give some of their time to some facet of the whole council operation, but practically, involvement is a relative situation. Family, business and other obligations determine available time. If a brother has an hour a week, a month or a year to give, that would be great; more time would even be better. To buy a drink at the lounge, attend a council function, come to a meeting, help at a work party, these are all ways of supporting the council.

September 7, was the first of this year's First Friday Program. All who attended were treated to a very enlightened and entertaining evening by our new Chaplain Fr. Kushko, I trust to see more of you on October 5, at 7 p.m.

A few words on membership. One might wonder — why as large as Union Council is, do we push for members? The benefits of increased membership vary from national to state to local levels. On matters such as abortion, tuition tax credits, pornography, the politicians pay attention to the voices of 1.4 million Knights. As far as Union Council is concerned, the strength of the council is directly related to the number of members. It is a cyclical effect. Programs and activities attract members. Participation in the programs and activities gives us the encouragement and financial ability to offer even more. Also note, that out of the twelve elected officers of the council, six were not members eight years ago and in this time period approximately 400 members were added.

In summation, membership is very important to the Order and 4504. We each know at least one Catholic gentleman — sponsor him — give him the same opportunity somebody gave you.

## MEMBERSHIP "SPECIAL GIFT"

Our "First Degree" held on August 27th, 1984 offered an excellent beginning to spirit our membership drive. In order that we continue increased membership, we are pleased to announce that council members will receive an award for new members which they personally recruit.

In order to qualify council members must "propose" six (6) or more new members. These include new applications, readmissions and/or reinstatements. New memberships are cumulative as of July 1st, 1984, and the council members who qualify will receive a beautiful K of C jacket.

We encourage all brothers to support our recruitment drive and assist our Grand Knight to achieve one of his many program goals.



## Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Methodius Kushko

This is election year. There is a lot of 'electioneering', many promises are made to be kept, and election day is just around the corner.

An old debate has been revived — Religion vs. Politics. This can spell trouble for politicians who are not careful, and those who are not candid because the separation of church and state is a constitutional tradition. And not to be forgotten, one's religion is a private matter, not to be questioned, and not to be drawn into the political arena for debate.

The present controversy which hangs like an albatross around the necks of elected officials refuses to leave but emerges and re-surfaces again and again. I am referring to the abortion issue which has drawn the politicians and the church authorities into a public debate. In all actuality, it is not a debate, nor in the political sense either, but media prefers to use it for a lack of a better term.

The Catholic church authorities are trying to clarify the church's teachings — the magisterium of the Roman Catholic Church. In the process, one church dignitary was obliged to state what the church teaches when elected politicians Catholics by faith, have taken the liberty to utter publicly their own interpretations of the church's teachings. So here we have an embarrassing situation because this "knuckle rapping" was done in the public forum and not behind closed doors. The silent majority is saying quietly, "Well, it is about time that the church put its foot down and started to clarify these thorny issues."

So what is the solution? I have been a pro-life speaker for several years. My co-workers have marched to our Parliament Buildings, have written articles, have campaigned by distributing materials to homes in the cities. Yet, very little progress has been achieved. Abortions are on the rise in Canada and the United States. So these friends of mine have turned to prayer asking Jesus to soften the hardened hearts of mankind. I believe that Jesus and Mary through her intercession will melt the hearts of sinners. And a new contrite heart is the solution to a better life for everyone.

**FIRST FRIDAY**

**OCT. 5, 1984**

**7 P.M.**

**NOTE NEW TIME**

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challenge and time in my life.

What legacy would I like to leave? I hope all will remember that Jesus Christ is Lord, our Living and Loving God. Jesus is our suffering Saviour. He loves each one of us very much — we have great value because Jesus died for us, forgives our sins, and is with us always. I want them to remember that as Catholics we are very fortunate and blessed. Our Church has always taught and continues to stress the presence of a real, living, loving Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. I truly believe in the greatness of the Sacrifice of the Mass because Jesus is there in a special way. How blessed we are and undeservedly so!

I believe all things the Pope and Bishops teach us as the Catholic Faith — those things I can see clearly, many things that are divine mysteries; I believe all things that are easy and comfortable to follow, hence I, also, believe those things which are hard and difficult to follow.

I am leaving as Chaplain because I think it is time for a change, both for the Council and for me. I hope to go to graduate school; there is much yet to learn and experience. I must, also, devote more time to an expanding job responsibility. I will remain a member because I believe in the philosophy and activity of the Knights of Union. Who knows I may run for office in a year or two.

Meanwhile I hope and will pray that all Brother Knights and their families have many blessings and that they will be favored by God with many graces. May your faith constantly grow and that all of you be more and more aware that Jesus is the center of your lives and your great support and strength. God Bless You!

**Rev. Ed Swierzbinski**



**STATE ADVOCATE — John Winters presenting a check for \$7000.00 to Sr. Ann Dominic from the state council for Camp Fatima.**



**PRESENTATION OF PROCEEDS FROM THE ANNUAL RETARDED CITIZENS DRIVE**

— Left-Right: Paul Sandy and Mike Skiro Co-chairmen; Roy Rusk, Area 5, Special Olympics; Sr. Ann Dominic, Camp Fatima; Sr. Mary John, Catholic Charities; John Olivo and Josephine Barsile, Burnet Jr. High Special Ed., and Tom Hornig PGK.

## BINGO

**Sat. Eve., Oct 27, 1984**

**DOORS OPEN 6:30 P.M.  
EARLY BIRD AT 7:30 P.M.**

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**7 to 11 p.m.**

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