



# Knights Digest



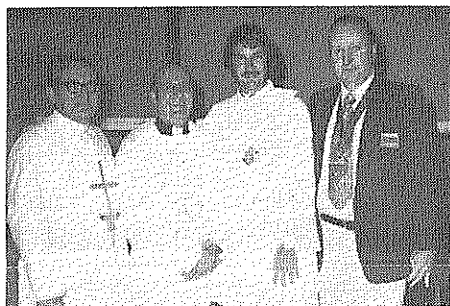
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## A LETTER FROM NAZARETH



### BROTHERHOOD

The first meeting of September was held in the Council chambers, which in the process of renovation, looked cold and dismal. However, I don't think the more than 100 members who arrived at 7:45 p.m. to attend the opening mass presided by Father Robak, noticed the condition of the hall.

A very warm and enlightening mass was delivered by Father Robak with the assistance of Father Edward Swierzbinski and Father Gerry Marchand. I believe every member present felt the true meaning of brotherhood which the Priests were trying to convey in their presentation of the mass. I know it left me with a nice warm feeling inside.

After a short business meeting, a very informative lecturer program was presented.

Mr. George Young, a public relations man from New Jersey Bell Telephone Co. presented a very interesting talk and demonstration on "The Use of The Lasser Beam" in future communications.

Ken Pinney

### Date to Remember Family Dinner

On Sunday, October 13th between the hours of 1-5 p.m. the Columbian Club will sponsor its 4th social dinner for the members of Council 4504 and their family.

#### MENU

Fruit Cocktail  
Roast Beef and Vegetables  
Cake — Coffee

Tickets are available at \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12 years of age. Tickets are limited and will not be sold at the door. Although we will honor purchase of tickets up to a 12 o'clock dead line on the above date.

Tickets can be obtained from the following members and location:

Rocco Corbo — Chairman  
Herby Kay  
Tim Hayden  
Council Hall

### Ballad of the Unborn

My shining feet will never run  
On early morning lawn;  
My feet were crushed before they  
Had a chance to greet the dawn.  
My fingers now will never stretch  
To touch the winning tape;  
My race was done before I learned  
The smallest steps to take.  
My growing height will never be  
Recorded on the wall;  
My growth was stopped when I was  
Still unseen and very small.  
My lips and tongue will never  
Taste the good fruits of the  
earth;

For I myself was judged to be  
A fruit of little worth.

My eyes will never scan the sky  
For my high-flying kite;  
For when still blind, destroyed were  
In the black womb of night.

I'll never stand upon a hill  
Spring's winds in my hair;  
Aborted winds of thought closed in  
On Motherhood's despair.

I'll never walk the shores of life

Or know the tides of time;

For I was coming but unloved,

And that my only crime,

Nameless am I, a grain of sand

One of the countless dead;

But the deed that made me ashen

grey

Floats on seas of red.

Thanks to Bayonne Council

### Columbian Club News

On the last Sunday of our summer program the children of the Knights of Columbus members presented a benefit performance "Tom Sawyer Pirate" a playlet adapted by Adele Thane from the book by Mark Twain.

The group of young artists, ages four through twelve, selected and produced this play under the direction of Camille McFadden, Summer Arts and Crafts Director for club children.

Among the active participants were Brian Wade as Tom Sawyer, Jo Ellen Farrell, Lea Sabel, Ann Farrell, Roy Pruszkowski, John Farrell, Michael Lugunovich, Pat Gilligan, Greg Lloyd, Alice Petrucci, Joan Wade, Katherine Boyle, Jackie Dickerson, Mary Beth Farrell and Dennis Wade. Assisting with lighting, scenery and staging were Lori Ann Sully, Ken Barber and Robert Boub.

Donations were accepted at the door. The contributions were donated in the name of the Knights of Columbus to the Union County Cancer Foundation.

A hearty congratulations to you Camille, for a job well done.

Lee Linfante  
Columbian Club Pres.



### Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Edward M. Swierzbinski

### Knights Digest — From Nazareth

Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Nazareth, Sea of Galilee are among familiar names — places I have dreamed of visiting. Now it's come true. You really appreciate the new testament as you stand on the places important in Jesus' life, listen to the gospel and really understand the phrases. Jesus spoke of the sheep and goats. Well, often in the past few days we have seen sheep and goats grazing together — going up to Jerusalem and you ascend a hill. Agony in the Garden and you see the old, gnarled olive trees (they live to about 300 years) then the stone believed to be the place where Jesus finally said "Father, your will be done". I sat for almost an hour about ten feet from the hole in Calvary rock where Christ's cross was placed. I prayed for my family, friends and I include the Knights in that category. Jesus was close there. May he really become present in the lives of each Brother Knight. I will have a bit more to say about the Holy Land. I also have taken about 200-300 pictures. I may bore some of you but it's important that we set our values in good priority — to be a good knight means to follow Jesus not just in word but in speech and deed — to go and do what he wills — we will not discover his wills unless we talk to Him daily, especially in the Mass and Holy Communion and then in quiet moments so He can talk to us. A new year is beginning — it can be a great year. Hope to talk with you on meeting nights.

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### Grand Knight Throws Out First Ball

On Tuesday, Sept. 10, Grand Knight Jack Winter, showed his bowling form when he rolled the first ball at the Four Seasons Bowling Alley, opening the 1974-75 season for the Knights of Columbus Council 4504 Bowling League. Twelve teams, consisting of 60 K of C bowlers will be vying for the top spot in the league. Good luck men — may the best team win.

Ken Pinney

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## Calendar of Events

Oct. 12 ..... 4th Degree —  
10th Anniversary Dinner Dance  
Oct. 13 ..... Family Dinner 1 to 5 p.m.  
(Roast Beef)  
Oct. 18-19 ..... Musical Revue  
(Knight of Nostalgia)  
Oct. 26 ..... Halloween Dance  
Nov. 17 ..... Memorial Mass 9:05 a.m.  
St. Michaels Church  
Nov. 17 ..... Blood Bank  
(12 to 5 p.m.) Council Hall  
Nov. 30 ..... 4th Degree —  
1st N. J. Regimental  
Dec. 21 ..... Appreciation Night  
(By invitation)  
Dec. 25 ..... "Keep Christ  
in Christmas"  
Dec. 31 ..... New Year's Eve Dance

### MONTHLY MEETINGS

1st Mon. .... Council Officers  
2nd & 4th Mon. .... Regular Council  
3rd Mon. .... Swim Club  
3rd Tues. .... P.B.A.  
3rd Tues. .... Girls Club Officers  
1st Wed. .... 4th Degree Officers  
2nd Wed. .... 4th Degree Color Corps  
3rd Wed. .... 4th Degree Regular  
4th Wed. .... Council Committees  
4th Thurs. .... Columbian Club

## Notice

The Columbian Swim Club of Council 4504 is now accepting bids of Pool Management for the 1975 season.

Members interested in placing bids must submit terms in writing. Send bids to:

P.O. Box 1206  
Columbian Swim Club  
Union, N. J. 07083

## Cardinal's Corner

### NEW MASTER OF FOURTH DEGREE SELECTED

P.F.N. P.G.K. S.K. John Murphy, F. Comptroller of the J.F.K. Gen. Assy 4th Degree, Knights of Columbus has been given one of the highest honors by having been selected by our Supreme Knight Daniel L. McCormack K.S.G. to be the worthy master of the First N. J. District, Issac Jogues Province. The province is under the leadership of Vice Supreme Master Matthew J. Wilson.

S.K. Murphy resides on 334 Stockton Rd., Union and has lived in Union most of his life. He is employed at Amerace-Esna. S.K. Murphy is a member of the F. McVeigh Council 4186 of Kenilworth and has been the Financial Secretary for the past several years. He has devoted forty years of his life to the activities of Knights and Squires and is to be commended by his brother Knights for all he has contributed to it's cause.

His appointment to Master became effective September 16th, 1974 and will expire on August 16th, 1976.

The selection of S.K. Murphy to be the Master of the District is the first selection of a Union County resident in over thirty years.

We the Sir Knights and Brother Knights of the Knights of Columbus wish him well in all his endeavors and all the graces of God in his execution of office.

Fraternally,  
Charles Kraemer I.S.  
Pub. Chairman

## Any One for Volley Ball?

Once again the Union Council will participate in the Union Township Recreation Dept. Volley Ball League. In past seasons we have fielded two teams. A team consists of 10 members. Any member of Union Council 4504, or any member of the Columbian Swim Club can participate. Games are played at the Burnett Junior High School Gym; Morris Ave. in Union, N. J. The games are played on weekday nights; on a rotating schedule; Mon.; Wed. or Thur. night. Starting time 7 p.m. Practice sessions will be held during October and November with the league starting during December. If you are interested in forming a team or desire to participate on a team you should register with the Athletic Committee before November 15, 1974. To register contact Art Reinhard — 688-6931 or see either Art Reinhard or Frank Dickerson on meeting nights.

## Any One for Basketball?

A bus trip to Madison Garden to watch the New York Knickerbockers play basketball is being arranged. Bus will leave from our Council Building. Date and details of trip will be announced later.

Tickets will then be offered on the first come first serve basis.

Art Reinhard



My Brother Knights:

It is with a deep sense of pride that I begin this article. This pride began with the attendance at our first September meeting in which over 100 brothers participated in the Council celebrated Mass prior to the regular order of business.

It most certainly demonstrated to our Worthy Chaplain, the visiting priests and to myself that Union Council is composed of truly Catholic gentlemen who appreciate all Fathers efforts in guiding us in the path of our Blessed Savior. Father Ed together with our Catholic activities chairman Raymond Sullivan have some very interesting and rewarding programs for you in the coming year. I am sure with the insight and knowledge Father has gathered in his recent trip to the Holy Lands he can certainly enlighten us further in the teaching of Christ. I ask you brothers to also include where ever and whenever possible your wives and families in these rewarding activities.

Remember the Knights of Columbus is a **Catholic FAMILY** fraternal oriented organization.

Brothers I am sure that all who attended the first meeting of September will attest to the fact that we had a most interesting and enlightening lecturers program. I have had many favorable comments on the demonstration of Lazar Beams that was presented. This program launched our idea on educational as well as interesting programs for this year in the very capable hands of PGK Walter Wasowski.

Brothers, as of this writing the Knights of Columbus program "X" Challenge to Action" is fully under way. The title itself fully explains the program and is a call to all brother Knights. Never in the history of Union Council has the membership failed to meet and respond to a challenge. I ask all brothers and their families to participate wholeheartedly in the "CHALLENGE TO ACTION". In doing so our Council will fulfill the true existence of the Knights of Columbus. All Chairmen will cooperate and welcome your ideas and participation. The program director Sam Bruzzi is the motivating force of this program and responsible for the cranking up of all activities. He will welcome your assistance. By contacting him you have made the first step to becoming active. He will provide you with the tools to make this program a success.

Hoping to see you and to spend some time chatting with you at our next regular meeting I wish you God's blessing.

Fraternally yours,  
John J. Winters  
Grand Knight

# OCTOBER 18-19 KNIGHT OF NOSTALGIA

## Hey, You!

So you're a member of the Knights of Columbus! Well, what are you doing about it? I know what you're probably doing about it. You might be complaining that nothing in the Council is run right. Or maybe that it's run by a clique. Does this sound familiar to you? Well, if your answer is "yes" then it may come as a surprise to you, but you're the one at fault.

Ever been a chairman of a committee? Do you take part as a member of one of these groups? When was the last time you participated in a Council affair? Or when was the last time you attended a wake for a Brother Knight? If your answer is negative, then maybe you should take a closer look at yourself.

If I have raised your blood pressure a little, or if you are annoyed at this article, then it is you who I am trying to reach. I'm trying to reach into your mind to help you to do a little dusting and cleaning and rearrange some of your present ideas of our Council.

We are a group of Catholic men dedicated to the principles of our order — Unity, Fraternity, Charity and Patriotism. Men who wish to unite with one another in all of the programs of our Council, not just those few which we think are best suited for us alone. Fraternity is, or could be, another word for clique — a clique of men of which I urge you to become a member. Each helping one another without a thought of "What's in it for me?" Wishing only to be a small active part of everything that the Council does. Thus becoming better friends to another Brother and a better person to ourselves, and one who is always welcome among our Brotherhood.

Whether you are an old member or a new member or if you are a little shy, or maybe you're not too familiar with our programs. You are the one we want. Come and see me. I'll be happy to introduce you around and help to shape you into an active participating member.

Join one of our committees (cliques) **NOW.**

Sam Bruzzi  
Program Director

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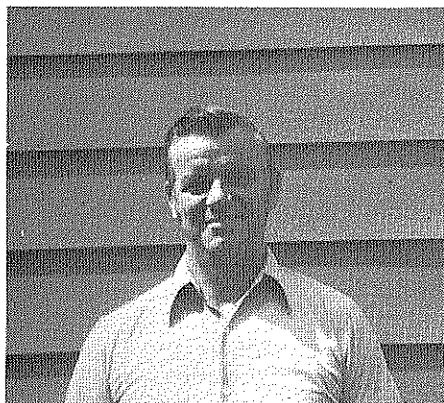
## The Night of Witches and Goblins

Our annual Halloween Dance is scheduled for October 26th, 1974. REMEMBER THAT DATE. Our Grand Ball was a complete sellout, and a few people were disappointed in not being able to attend. So hurry and get your tickets early. Ticket chairman is Vince Ianuzzi. Call him early and make your reservations. His phone 687-9381. The cost \$10.00 per couple. Prizes will be awarded to group, couples and singles for the funniest and most original costumes. Refreshments will be served. Our band for the evening will be the 3 M's, back by popular demand.

So hurry up and get your tickets call Vince Ianuzzi and make your early reservations.

Tony Sabilia

## Knight of the Month



**SALVATORE "SAM" SCARLATO**

Our Knight of the Month for October is a quiet soft spoken individual who, since joining our Council, can most always be seen giving much of his time to each and every one of our work parties. He is there when the time comes to pretty up our picnic and pool area for the summer. He is there in September when we store the equipment away for the winter and, if you attend our present building work parties, you will find Sam there as usual working along in his own quiet way.

"Sam" is employed as a maintenance welder at the Schering Corp., Union. He and his lovely wife Louise are the proud parents of four children, Debbie, Karen, Linda and Gregory. They reside on Axton Ave. and are communicants of St. Michael's Church.

Because it is deserving, we add to our list the name of Salvatore Scarlato, "Knight of the Month" October 1974, Knights of Columbus, Union Council 4504.

## Swim Club News

Here we are deep into another Football Season. It seems like only yesterday we were poolside and enjoying a safe and sunny swim season.

The Board of Governors wishes to extend a hearty thank you to all who helped in preparing the opening and the closing of the Swim Club. Remember, plans are underway to show our appreciation (to those who qualify) for their fine help.

The Board will meet the 3rd Monday of each month during the coming months to begin planning for the 1975 season.

Plans are underway for our Annual Dinner Dance scheduled for January 25th, 1975.

All adult members are encouraged to place in writing any suggestions for the next season. Sign your suggestion and mail it to Columbian Swim Club, P.O. Box 1206, Union, N. J. In this way the Board can review your ideas in ample time to discuss them at the Annual Meeting in January.

Any member contemplating leaving the Swim Club prior to the next season should make his wishes known to P.G.K. Bill Taylor so that new members may have adequate time to prepare financially for their entry into the club.

Fraternally yours,  
John W. Killian  
Swim Club President

## Charity, Unity, Fraternity?

Where is your CHARITY? To let a very small minority of members in YOUR club work and put countless hours toward giving YOU the best possible programs at the least possible price, and you don't even make the effort to attend.

Where is your UNITY? To let others shoulder the work load, to let a few have the responsibility to promote and attend the Council Programs which are essential for the very survival of OUR organization.

Where is your FRATERNITY? Is paying your dues the end of it? NO! The meaning goes deeper than that. It is to know your club, to be with your Brother Knights, to help plan, work, and enjoy the benefits of the Knights of Columbus. You will never know the true meaning of Knighthood unless you give something of yourself, whether, it be your ideas, your Labor or just your Presence.

The words CHARITY, UNITY AND FRATERNITY should mean something to you. They are the corner stones of the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS. Too often men work and strive to bring you programs and they have been slapped in the face by your lack of interest.

What is it?? Complacency, Lack of Interest, Personalities or just the knowledge that the club will always be there? That is not necessarily true. Our club was founded 18 years ago by men who had a different type of spirit then we do now. These Knights had a dream, they built, paid for and maintained one of the finest Knights of Columbus Councils in this State. They did it by giving freely of their time, and talents. Could we do any less? Should we sit back and enjoy the fruits of their labor? If so what about TOMORROW!!

## Swim Team News

The 1974 Summer Swimming Season proved to be a very rewarding one for the Columbian Swim Team. In Union County Summer Swim League Competition, the Swim Team racked up a 6 and 0 record, beating a powerful Westfield Club twice in very exciting meets. The team also walked away with the league Relay Carnival Title on August 3, and the League Individual Championship on August 17.

Much of the success of the team can be attributed to the tremendous lift provided by the work of the K of C over the winter months. The swim team began this season with six beautiful new starting blocks, six new lane makers and three new watches. Fathers and mothers of the team members played a vital part in both preparation and running of the meets.

On Labor Day Weekend, an awards ceremony took place. Over 100 trophies were presented to members of the team for participation and outstanding accomplishment during the swim season.

Many thanks to the men and women of the K of C who worked so hard to give the Columbian Swim Club such an exciting and victorious swimming season.

Respectfully,  
John Hoffman  
Swim Team Coach