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HOW GREEN WAS MY PARTY!

"You done good, Tom!" "You done good, Eleanore!"

Well, now, this could go on for 8,9 more pages. And well-deserved, too! But we don't have 8,9 more pages. So, to make a short story long, here is the lowdown on our St. Paddy's Day hoe-down.

When we started planning for the St. Patrick's Day Din-Dan, Tom Walters volunteered (yes, that's right, but he's learning!) to be the acting chairman, "just to get things going."

At our next business meeting, Tom was relieved from the job of acting chairman--he became the chairman (but, oh yes, he's learning!).

Since the date was already fixed and firm, his responsibilities were reduced by a factor of one. So now he needed a chairman to handle the dinner tickets. One of our brothers volunteered--after Tom appointed him.

Ellen Dolph, daughter of Brother Jim Hammond, designed (created?) a beautiful poster for the vestibule of the church. It served as advance notice (warning?) that the Knights were planning a "big one" for St. Pat's Day.

Next, we decided to put a flier in each parish bulletin, a couple of weeks before the din-dan. Who would help Tom compose it? The old editor offered to do so--as well as help design the dinner tickets.

The flier and tickets were duly designed. And, after about 400 fliers had been printed (by Tom, on his new toy--a copying machine), the ticket chairman had to bow out. So a new chairman had to be found--and the fliers reprinted. The editor

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told Tom he would help--with one small proviso: put Tom's name ahead of the editor's on the flier. (The old editor knew that people tended to call the first number shown on such notices.)

Earl Gray vol'd to handle the bar--we found out later, he wanted to see what it was like on the other side, for a change.

Bernie C offered (not vol'd) to sell the bar tickets--he figured he better grab that sit-down job, before he was assigned one standing up.

How about table decorations? The silence was devastating--you could have heard a pin bounce at least 3 times after it hit the floor. So Bernie Clavet volunteered (yes, vol'd)--to ask his wife, Eleanore, if she would decorate the tables. That night, he said to her: "About that silver paint job you wanted for your bike..." She cut in: "Now what did you volunteer me to do?" And he said: "How would you like to boss a bunch of men? They would do all the work." She agreed!

Next day, Eleanore and her niece, Patt Sloan, went "deco" hunting--all over San Diego.

On the 16th, we all pitched in and set up tables and chairs. Then we covered the tables with white paper. John (if-you-can-find-any-real-estate-prices-higher-than-ours-we'll-raise-ours) Walsh showed up--with about 50 Irish wall decorations--and went to work.

Next morning, Eleanore started decorating the tables, assisted by Bernie. Then Jim Hammond and Ray Flynn showed up. Eleanore put them to work, inflating balloons with helium--both of which John (If-you, etc.) Walsh had provided. Jim and Ray tied the balloons to float about 6 feet above each end of the 24 tables we had set up.

All that work was not for nought. Close to 200 Hibernian minded party goers, who danced to live music, agreed that the decorations were, well, no less than fantastic!

Earl Gray found out what it was like on the other side of the bar--supported, oops, held up, that's not right either--assisted by Bud Kirch and Ray Flynn.

Bernie C sat around and sold bar tickets--occasionally relieved by Charles Eckery and Frank Riedel.

Tony and Renette Miragliotta sold tickets for the 50/50 raffle.

Mary Ann Beverly won the 50/50 raffle: \$128. And Vi Travelstead won two Padres tickets contributed by Earl Gray.

Ed Kuenster Grand-knighted--he was in-and-about wherever he could help, as well as ensuring that every worker got an occasional break (and we don't even have a union!).

And Tom Walters, of course, honchoed the whole shebang--and enjoyed the gratification of seeing his first such effort result in a smasher. (And oh yes, Tom is learning!)

Among the many laudatory comments we heard, two stand out as a sort of standard for the future:

1. "Well-organized, food tables well-laid out for serving, excellent food." (From a home economist!)
2. "Thank you very much for a lovely party!"

MEMORARE--EVERY MONTH

On April 3rd, we commemorate the most significant announcement in history. It is the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

When the Archangel Gabriel said to her, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee", the Divine Word, the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity, became incarnate in Mary's womb.

It is this Mystery that earned for Mary her most glorious title: Mother of God.

This feast is usually celebrated on March 25th. So why celebrate it on April 3rd? Because, this year, March 25th was also Holy Saturday. And when two great feasts collide, something has to give--the "lesser" feast is "moved", as they say in clerical circles.

So the Annunciation is moved to the Monday following the Sunday (Octave) after Easter--April 3.

Share the spirit



From the Desk of
the Supreme Knight

Worthy Grand Knight,

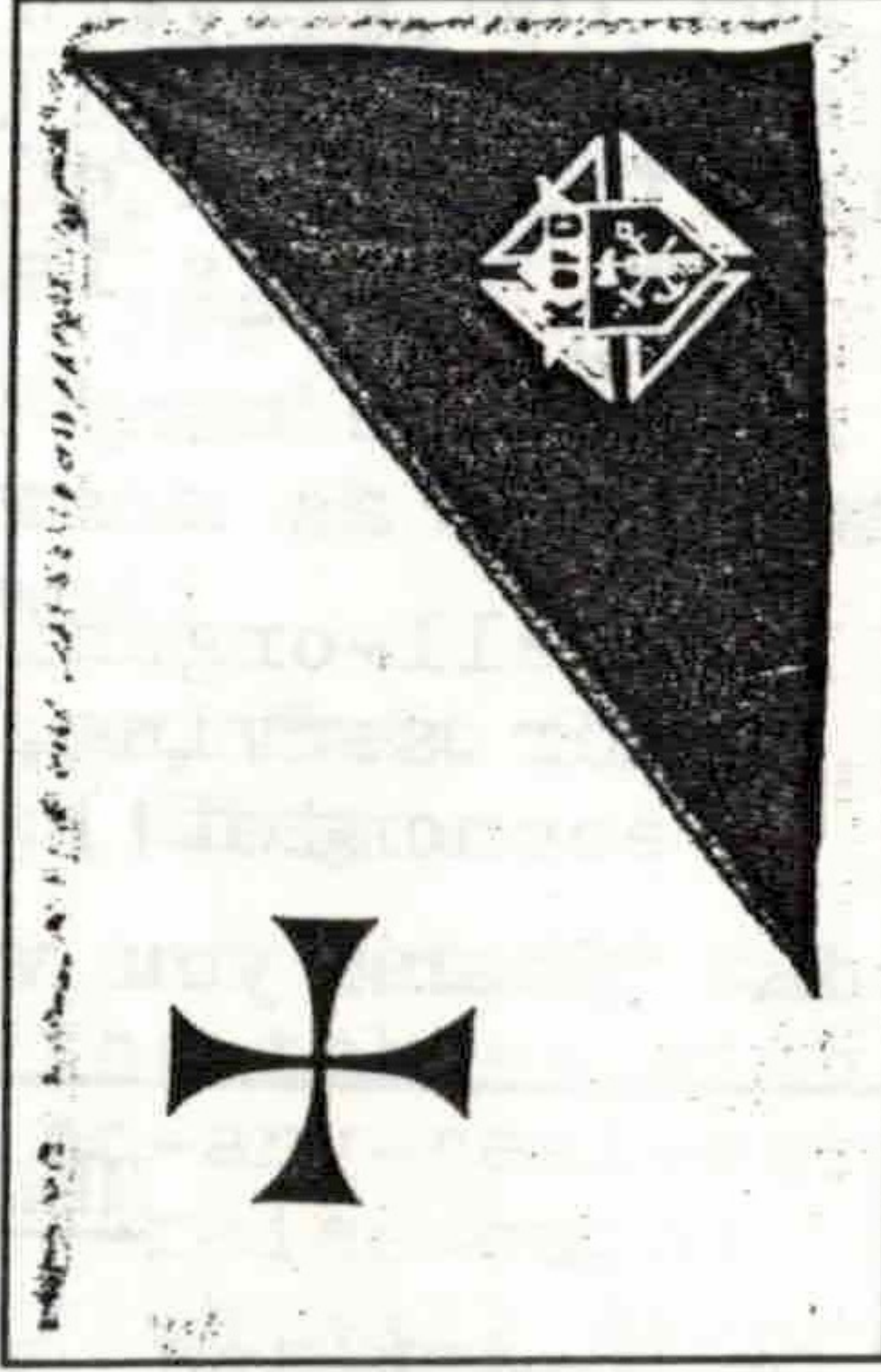
It gives me great pleasure to "Share the Spirit" with your council by presenting you with an official Knights of Columbus flag. It commemorates your achievement of a 5% net gain in membership for 1988. These new Knights were recruited in honor of our Supreme Chaplain, Bishop Thomas V. Daily, and every member in your council should be very proud of this effort.

A little background about your official new flag, the first flag ever in the Order's 106 year history: It combines red and blue from our Order's emblem, yellow from the Papal flag, and

white and green from the expeditionary flag of Christopher Columbus. The upper left features a green cross from the ensign flown by Columbus on his voyages. The K of C emblem is, of course, there as well.

The flag symbolizes the great missionary effort of the Church begun in the New World through Columbus' faith and courage—as well as the Knights' solemn pledge to continue to support with equal faith and courage this same spirit of evangelization.

Be sure to display your flag at all functions to bring greater glory and attention to the Order and its good works.



Fraternally,

Virgil C. Dechant

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Supreme Knight

St. Patrick's Day Dinner





EARL GREY AWARD

To the one, unique, unregenerated, refractory, recalcitrant, despicable, recidivistic, incorrigible--but well-loved--individual who, singlehanded, has most successfully, persistently, and consistently thwarted the retromingent, regulatory, and relentless minions of the IRS by eking--and otherwise squeezing--out the maximum amount of minuscule monetary exclusions and exemptions, while piously poring over the preparation of Annual Headache Number 1040 for doggerly, dogfish, doggedly desirous diggers of dolorous deductions, we hereby and gratuitously, forsaking all munificent monetary remuneration or other compensation, offer

THE EARL GREY AWARD*

Ever cognizant of our obligation to strive for unequivocal equalization governing the eligibility of applicants for this most distinguished and illustrious award, we have magnanimously excluded (apprehensive of accusations of nepotism--even though he is no relation to any of us--or anyone else, as far as we know)

EARL GRAY

that most infamous, ingratiating, and ingenuous of all tax consultants--and the only shady member (as far as we know) of OMC 9776.

The winner of this prestigious presentation will be announced--and excoriated--during Good of the Order at our 3rd business meeting in the month following its determination.

* Otherwise recognizable by its more mundane appellation in the hallowed halls of Wall Street: THE TACKY TAXLESS T-BAG TROPHY

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

For it is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from their sins.

KIRCH--Wilma R. Died Feb. 25, 1989 at Scripps Memorial Hospital. Wife of Herbert Kirch. Sister of John Novack of Illinois. Services were held Mon. 8 p.m. Clairmont Mortuary Chapel. Graveside service Tues. 10:30 a.m. El Camino Memorial Park.

And may our prayers also touch the heart of Our Mother of Confidence, that she may bring solace to our brother, Herbert, and his family.

APRIL SHOWERS.....

They may bring May flowers, but the parents of these April sprouts are still wondering if they will ever blossom:

DATE	NAME	AGE
11	Pat Crahan	55
12	Hal Nease	55
18	Jack Cassidy	62
20	Adolph Hovde	78
23	Ed Kuenster	57
25	Jay Leavy	34
30	2TB2K*	32

* 2nd Thought Born To Kuenster--day after he proposed to Anna.

FROM SAM WATSON.....

Have you ever asked yourself: "Just what am I really buying?"

For instance, when I buy a newspaper, what I am really buying is--news. When I buy reading glasses, what I am really buying is--"readability". And when I go out and buy a car, what I am really buying is--transportation.

It's the same with insurance--especially life insurance. You're not just buying insurance against your death--you are buying: an education for your children, a life income for your wife, or a pension plan for your "reclining" years.

You can't buy happiness. But you can buy peace of mind--when you buy insurance.

Your future is my concern. Let's talk about it. Call me at 744-4441 or 744-7554.

OVERHEARD.....

Leo Nolan: Why does Ed Kuenster always say "It's cold" whenever he bangs the gavel?

Joe Vettraino: He doesn't say "It's cold." He says "Sold." He used to be an auctioneer.