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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, KNIGHTS OF MARY

Homeward bound in the Nina, in February of 1493, the crew had almost given up hope. The winds of hurricane force sent waves crashing over the ship from stem to stern. Columbus and Captain Pinzon took turns, watching each approaching wave and warning the helmsman.

Finally, the entire crew--officers and men--vowed to go, "in procession and their shirts", to the first Marian shrine they encountered. The winds began to abate.

The next morning, they sighted land. It was Santa Maria, an island south of the Azores. They had anchored near the village of Our Lady of the Angels. There they found a church dedicated to Mary after she had appeared to a local fisherman.

During his second voyage, begun on 25 September 1493, Columbus discovered many islands in the Caribbean. He named most of them in honor of Mary.

Our Order was born in St. Mary's Church.

Supreme Knight Virgil C. Dechant placed his stewardship under the patronage and protection of Our Lady. He confirmed this dedication when he made a pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC.

Brother Dechant also began the practice of presenting a special K of C Rosary to each new member of our Order.

And every year we conduct The Pilgrim Virgin-Marian Hour of Prayer.

MAY CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
3	<u>OMC 9776 BUSINESS MEETING</u> , 7:30 PM
3	<u>1ST DEG</u> Bishop Buddy 6031, 7:00 PM Info: Frank Woodruff, 748-1814
3	<u>1ST DEG</u> St. Mark's 6979, 7:00 PM Info: Al Konig, 744-1947
4	<u>1ST DEG</u> Corpus Christi 9065, 7:00 PM Info: Nick Giordano, 475-4320
6	<u>PANCAKE BREAKFAST</u> : OMC, 8:00-11:00 AM SUPPORT A SEMINARIAN.
11	<u>CHAPTER MEETING</u> , Cabrillo 2891, 8:00 PM
17	<u>OMC 9776 OPEN MEETING</u> , 7:30 PM BRING YOUR WIFE--OR A FRIEND
17	<u>KC STATE CONVENTION</u> (5/17-20)
29	<u>2ND DEG</u> St. Mark's 6979, 7:30 PM Info: Al Konig, 744-1947

RETRIBUTION

In naming the bartenders for the St. Patrick's Day Din-Dan (CONFIDER, April 1990), we unintentionally 86'd Bud Kirch.

Bud is shown here with Ed Kuenster. (Ed is showing Bud how to belay bellicose bar bums.)



ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Every June we are given the opportunity to vote the old scoundrels out and vote some new scoundrels in. This year we will conduct election of officers during our Business Meeting on June 7th.

The following members have agreed to continue in the offices they now hold or to accept nomination for or appointment to these offices:

Grand Knight: Ray Flynn
Deputy GK: Al Anderle
Chancellor: Earl Gray
Recorder: Bernie Clavet
Financial Secretary: Tom Walters
Treasurer: Tom Burke
Lecturer: George Uberti
Advocate: Orville Beaver
Warden: Bill Wilimek
Inside Guard: Bud Kirch
Outside Guard: Al Hovde

Since our outgoing GK automatically becomes the 3-year Trustee and the other two Trustees move up one notch, here is their line-up:

1-year Trustee: Jack Cassidy
2-year Trustee: Ed Kuenster
3-year Trustee: Jim Hammond

Nominations for the offices shown are not closed. Nominations for all elective offices are open and will remain so, up to and during the actual elections.

ATTRIBUTION

The article on Page 1 relates incidents in the life of Columbus. They were extrapolated from "Christopher Columbus" by Samuel Eliot Morison.

Mr. Morison is recognized as an outstanding biographer of Columbus. His "Admiral of the Ocean Sea" won a Pulitzer prize.

MEMORARE--EVERY MONTH

In May, we commemorate the following feasts of our Blessed Mother:

- 13 Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament
- 24 Mary Help of Christians
- 26 Our Lady Queen of the Apostles
- 31 Mediatrix of All Graces
- 31 Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On 11 October 1954, Pope Pius XII Instituted the Feast of the Queenship of Mary. It followed centuries of devotion to Mary as the sovereign Mother of Heaven and Earth.

From the early years of the Church, its leaders--the Fathers and Doctors of the Church and the Popes--have given "authoritative expression" to Mary's Queenship.

Theologians have expounded on how fitting it is to apply this title to the Mother of God. She was, after all, very closely associated with the redemptive work of her Son and is the Mediatrix of all Graces.

In the Epistle of the Mass for this feast, Mary is prefigured. It reads in part: "He that harkeneth to me shall not be confounded. And they that work by me shall have life everlasting." (Ecclesiasticus 24:30-31)

MAY KNIGHTS

These May Knights are not "may" knights. They are "can do" Knights.

DATE	NAME	AGE
1	Bud Kirch	65
19	Joe Vettraino	68
20	Art Dioli	63
31	Tom Burke	65

KC STATE CONVENTION

The SF earthquake last October 18th shook up a lot of people and moved a few buildings. In effect, it even moved the KC State Convention.

The convention was originally planned to be held in Burlingame. But severe damage to the hotel selected for the convention changed that.

So the convention will be held at the SF Hilton. The dates remain the same: May 17-20.

Our Council will be represented by GK Jim Hammond and PGK Ed Kuenster. Anna will go along to keep an eye on Ed company during the long drive to San Francisco.

MISLOCATED?

As reported in the April CONFIDER, Former Outside Guard (FOG) Fred Thibeault and wife Frances relocated to Surprise, Arizona. No one has heard from them since.



The San Diego Union/John R. McCutchen

This land in Surprise, Ariz., is undeveloped and likely to stay that way, given the state's real estate market.



WELCOME WAGGIN

On April 11th, Raymond F. Flynn became a member of OMC 9776. He received his First Degree, in a ceremony called Exemplification, at Mater Dei Council 3667 in Lemon Grove.

Ray was sponsored by our other Ray Flynn, Raymond P. Flynn. They were accompanied by George Uberti and Bernie Clavet.

Ray (F, that is) told us he decided to become a Knight because that is one of the best ways he can serve the Church.

(Someone asked Raymond P. Flynn: "Is Raymond F. Flynn your son?" RPF replied: "No." Someone else said: "Well, he's old enough to be your son!")

THE PILGRIM VIRGIN

This year Our Lady of the Assumption will be the focus of our Order's Pilgrim Virgin Program. It will begin on September 8th, the Nativity of Our Lady.

And this year we will observe the 40th anniversary of the proclamation of the dogma of the Assumption. On 1 November 1950, Pope Pius XII affirmed the ancient belief of the Church that, at the end of her life, Mary was taken, body and soul, into heaven.

The dogma is part of what is called the Deposit of Faith, received from the Apostles. Since Mary, the Immaculate Virgin, escaped the taint of original sin, she could not be subjected to the corruption of the tomb.

I REMEMBER MAMA

When I was five years old, my mother taught me a lesson I've never forgotten.

It was a summer Sunday morning. And, to a boy growing up in Canada in the 1920's, that meant only one thing: PICNIC!

On that fateful Sunday, I awoke to pouring rain. And that meant only one thing: NO PICNIC! I was heartbroken, inconsolable.

Mother waited awhile, then took me into the parlor. She pointed to a tapestry covering one wall. "Isn't that beautiful?" she asked me. I nodded Yes. Then Mother said: "Go and look behind the tapestry." I did so. Mother asked me what I saw there. "It's a mess," I said.

Then Mother took me on her lap and said: "The tapestry is like your life. The front is what you want your life to be like. And the back is like the disappointments in life. Without that mess in back, there wouldn't be a beautiful tapestry. And, without a few disappointments in your life, it couldn't be beautiful either. You see, they are all a part of the pattern."

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

From Our Insurance Agent

This space was reserved for Ed Kuenster's pitch on KC Insurance.

(Ed doesn't really need a pitch. There are so many compelling reasons for having KC Insurance that no Knight and his family should be without it.)

But Ed was so busy, trying to convince Anna that he just **had** to go to the Convention, that he didn't have time to write his article before deadline.

If you want to ask Ed about the State Convention--or KC Insurance--call him at this number: 453-4400. After May 20th.

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