



Knights of Columbus

MOTHER OF CONFIDENCE

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O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL!

SON OF
GOD

DESIRE OF
NATIONS

LORD OF
MIGHT

ROD OF
JESSE

KEY OF
DAVID

WISDOM
FROM
ON HIGH

DAYSPRING
FROM
ON HIGH



KING OF
PEACE

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL!

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the SON OF GOD appear.

O come now, WISDOM FROM ON HIGH,
Who orders all things mightily.
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in your way to go.

O come, O come, our LORD OF MIGHT,
Who to your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times did give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe.

O come now, ROD OF JESSE's stem,
From every foe, deliver them
That trust your mighty power to save.
And give them victory o'er the grave.

O come now, KEY OF DAVID, come,
And open wide our heavenly home.
Make safe the way that sets us free,
And close the path to misery.

O come now, DAYSPRING FROM ON HIGH,
And cheer us by your drawing nigh.
Disperse the clouds of lowering night,
And death's dark shadow put to flight.

O come, DESIRE OF NATIONS, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind.
Bid all our sad divisions cease,
And be Yourself our KING OF PEACE.

FRONT PAGE THEME

Developed from an idea
suggested by
Nora Clavet

ADVENT WREATH - A PAGAN CUSTOM?

You might say it started that way. The place of origin is not definitely known--some say it was Scandinavia.

It started as a wheel, with candles placed around the rim. This represented the "wheel of the earth". The candles were lit in the month of Yule--December--when the days were the shortest. The pagans then prayed to their god of light, asking him to turn the wheel of the earth toward the sun and make the days longer again.

The Advent wreath, as we know it, was started by the Lutherans in East Germany, in the 16th century. Instead of a wheel, they used an ever-green wreath, which they suspended from the ceiling or placed on a table.

Four candles (three purple and one rose), representing the four weeks of Advent, were placed at equal distances around the wreath. One purple candle was lit during the first week of Advent, another the second week, and another the third. These represented the three penitential weeks of Advent.

On the fourth Sunday, Gaudete--the joyful Sunday of Advent--the rose candle was lit.

The Advent wreath represents the cycle of the years during which the world awaited the coming of a Redeemer, after the fall of Adam and Eve. The wreath was an ancient symbol of victory and glory. The Advent wreath symbolizes the "fulfillment of time" in the coming of Christ and the glory of His birth.

ONE MORE GOOD MAN

PCB Chairman Tom Walters needs one more good man to help replace Al Hovde in the kitchen.

Since he moved to Santa Barbara, Brother Al finds it impossible to report in on the first Sunday of the month to help prepare the PanCake Breakfasts.

Someone out there, please call Tom, ASAP, at 270-0307, and make his (Sun)day.

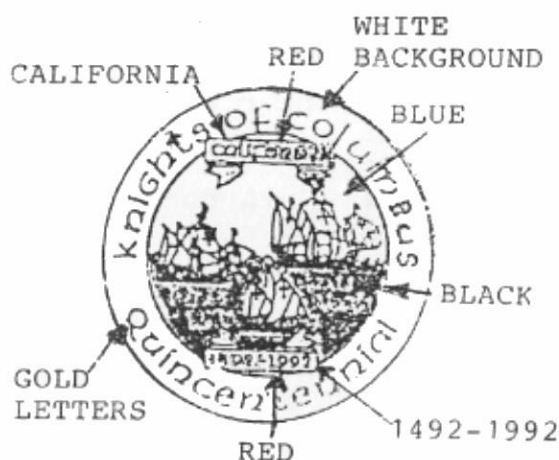
SANTA MARIA ALMOST READY TO LAUNCH



WITH THIS...



ACTUAL
SIZE



You can help launch the Santa Maria, our entry in the Rose Parade, by selling--or buying for gifts--Quincentennial Pins. These sales will help fill her sails.

MEMORARE--EVERY MONTH

In December, we commemorate our Blessed Mother on the following days;

- 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception
 - 10 Transferring of Mary's Holy House to Loreto, Italy
 - 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe
 - 18 Expectation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
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THE PRELUDE TO FATIMA

By Daniel F. Grady

December 10th will mark the 66th anniversary of the revelation of the First Saturday devotions to Lucy dos Santos by our Blessed Mother in 1925. When Mary defined the need and purpose for these devotions, she was fulfilling a promise given to Lucy in 1917 as part of her Fatima message.

The message of Fatima is the most thorough and most complete ever to come from heaven in the form of an apparition of Mary. It is generally believed that these apparitions began on May 13th, 1917. They actually began in 1915, when the heavenly selection of the children who were to witness her visitations began.

Early in 1915, 8-year-old Lucy and three other children were watching their flocks and reciting their beads on a hillside near their village. Suddenly, the figure of a young man in a white cloud appeared before them. This happened two more times in 1915. He was silent each time. Lucy said nothing about the apparitions. But the others made a big issue about what they had seen.

These visits of the angel in 1915 were the beginning of a selection process among the four girls privileged to see the apparitions. Because of her silent and reverent manner, Lucy was chosen by heaven to receive the angel (later believed to be St. Michael) again in 1916.

(Next month: The apparitions of 1916)

FROM OUR GRAND KNIGHT

Raymond P. Flynn

DON'T BE SO EVER-LOVING HUMBLE!

Christ said: "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth."

Christ also said: "Let your light shine before men, so they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

Every year, we are required to submit a report on the good works performed by our Knights. We depend on each one of you for this information.

On the enclosed INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET, you will notice there is no place to sign your name. That's because the purpose of this report is not to "check up" on our individual members.

The sole purpose of this report is to show the world that we are a fraternity of ACTIVE Catholic men--willing to share our time to help someone in need.

Too many of our Knights are too meek--they are hiding their light, their good works, instead of letting them "shine before men".

PLEASE fill out the enclosed form and bring it with you to our next Business Meeting, December 5th. Or drop it in the collection basket in church. Msgr. Sheahan will see that we get it. Or mail it to THE CONFIDER.

OUR MAN IN SANTA BARBARA

GK Ray and Mary Flynn have heard from Al and Kitty Hovde. Al said, inter alia:

"We like our place very much. The food is good and too plentiful...I'll miss all the fine people I met at KC and wish you and all the rest the very best in the future."

Kitty added: I've never worked so hard in my whole life. We think we will like it here. Come see us and pass the invitation to others."

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1991 ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET

Last year, the Knights of Columbus donated over \$92 million to charitable and benevolent causes and more than 32 million man-hours of community service to aid the less fortunate. **To help prepare our Fraternal Survey for the Supreme Council office, please complete the information requested below and return it at our next meeting.** This information will assist us in determining the total number of man-hours volunteered by our members **during 1991.**

1. Number of visits you made during 1991 to:

Sick — caring for the sick	_____
Bereaved — visits of condolence	_____
Number of times you served as a blood donor during 1991.	_____

3. Estimated hours of volunteer service during 1991:

Church Activities — service in all Church-related activities	_____
Community Activities — service in all community-related activities	_____
Youth Activities — service in all youth-related activities	_____
Miscellaneous Activities — service in areas not outlined above	_____

4. Number of hours of fraternal service during 1991:

Sick/disabled members and their families — household chores, transportation, tutoring, counselling, etc.	_____
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DID

YOU

FILL

OUT

THE

FRATERNAL

ACTIVITY

WORKSHEET?

IF SO, FINE!

IF NOT, FIE!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL NO.

OMC 9776

DECEMBER CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
1	<u>OMC 9776 PANCAKE BREAKFAST</u> , 8:00-10:30 AM LAST CHANCE THIS YEAR TO HELP SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIAN
1	<u>3RD DEGREE</u> , San Miguel 3667, 1:00 PM Info: Mike Chamberlain, 463-7293
3	<u>1ST DEGREE</u> , St. Michael 9590, 7:00 PM Info: Gene Carteron, 448-0505
5	<u>OMC 9776 BUSINESS MEETING</u> , 6:30 PM <u>CHRISTMAS PARTY</u> , 7:30 PM
6	<u>1ST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS</u> , OMC PARISH
7	<u>1ST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS</u> , OUR LADY OF FATIMA Immediately after 8:00 AM Mass The KC Theme Prayer this year is: OUR LADY OF FATIMA, PRAY FOR US! Info: Dan Grady, 453-7717
17	<u>1ST DEGREE</u> , Frances Cabrini 8879, 7:00 PM Info: Frank Stoneberg, 562-2967 <u>NOTE</u> : NO CHAPTER MEETING IN DECEMBER NEXT CHAPTER MEETING: 1/17/92, Mater Dei 4936, 8:00 PM Info: Mike Cienfuegos, 447-4734 Good chance to meet: State Deputy Paul Pryor And all the other State Officers

WHAT NEXT?

GK Ray Flynn has been an active usher at Our Mother of Confidence for years. So it was only natural that, when Msgr. Sheahan decided to form a cadre of ushers to assist at funerals during the week, Ray was one of the first to volunteer.

Then, one day, Ray was asked to fill in as a pallbearer. Ray gladly complied.

What next? Well, suppose Msgr. Sheahan can't conduct the funeral services some day...

CHRISTMAS CARDS TO CAVANA

When you mail your Christmas card to OUR Seminarian, address it to:

Deacon Cavana Wallace
St. Patrick's College
Maynooth, County Kildare
Ireland

The postage for the AVERAGE size Christmas card to Ireland is 50 cents. To be on the safe side, use two 29 cent stamps.

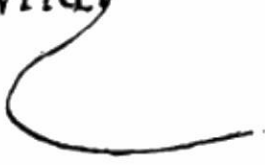
A CHRISTMAS COMPLAINT

By Ogden Nash

My fellow parents, the time has come
To realize that we've been dumb,
That century in and century out
We have been hooked like silly trout,
That as our bank accounts have dwindled,
We have been hoodwinked, gypped, and swindled,
The victims of a confidence game
So blatant we should blush with shame.
Who, though his banker eyes him dourly,
Doth crack his nest egg prematurely?
Who, with the hungry loan shark, battles
And pledges all his goods and chattels?
Who cons, until his vision fogs,
The endless Christmas catalogues?
Who crawls, exhausted, on all fours
Through toyshops and department stores?
Who burns the lonely midnight taper
In futile struggle with wrapping paper,
Entangled fast from toe to head
In writhing ribbons green and red?
Who toils from Christmas Eve to Morn
The tree to lavishly adorn?
Who's taken months of loving care
To stuff those stockings hanging there?
Who, bedded at five, at six doth rise,
Waked by impatient childish cries?
Who can this selfish mortal be?
I'll tell you who: it's you and me.
Who gets the gratitude and applause?
I'll tell you who: IT'S SANTA CLAUS!

WHAT IS IT?

S. A. S.
X M Y
VIREV



It is the cipher of Christopher Columbus. It was designed by Columbus and always accompanied his signature.

What does it mean? Scholars (and others) for 500 years have been trying to decipher it. But there is no general agreement as to just what it does mean.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY(S)

In December, we really celebrate ONE Birthday only. However, these Knights deserve at least honorable mention:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>
6	John Sardina
8	Tony Mirage
11	George Burns
13	Ron Frazier
19	Charles Eckery

Bud Kirch: I heard that your uncle was asked to go to Washington and be the White House doctor.

Dan Craig: That's right. But he declined.

Bud Kirch: Why?

Dan Craig: He doesn't make House calls.

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THE BLESSINGS OF CHRISTMAS
TO ALL OUR READERS FROM
THE CONFIDER PRODUCERS