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THE CONFIDER

JULY 92

OMC 9776 OFFICERS, CY 1992-93

At our June 4th Business Meeting, the following Knights of Council OMC 9776 agreed to perform the duties of the listed offices for the Columbian Year 1992-93:

- Grand Knight: Roger V. Smith
- Deputy GK: Robert J. Warner
- Chancellor: Norbert C. Haas
- Recorder: Bernard J. Clavet
- Financ. Secty.: Thomas P. Walters
- Treasurer: Earl F. Gray
- Lecturer: George A. Uberti
- Advocate: William W. Wilimek
- Warden: Raymond F. Flynn
- Inside Guard: Herbert E. Whyte
- Outside Guard: Ralph G. Pina
- 1 Yr. Trustee: James R. Hammond PGK
- 2 Yr. Trustee: Edmond F. Kuenster PGK
- 3 Yr. Trustee: Raymond P. Flynn PGK

CHAPLAIN

Fr. Joseph Masar, recently transferred to OMC Parish, has agreed to be our Chaplain. Fr. Masar replaces Msgr. Sheahan, whose exceptionally busy schedule, inhibited by not having the Gift of Bilocation, has necessitated the change.

OTHER APPOINTIVE OFFICES

These offices, such as Directors and Delegates, will be filled at the discretion of our newly elected Grand Knight, Roger Smith, and will be reported in THE CONFIDER.

FROM OUR OUTGOING GRAND KNIGHT

Raymond P. Flynn

Since this will be my last report as the Grand Knight of OMC 9776, I want to thank all of my Brother Knights for the privilege of serving you for the past two years.

I went through THE CONFIDER for these years and, boy! did we have fun! We worked, we played, we succeeded, and, yes, we sometimes failed.

My highlights were the Ordination of OUR Seminarian, Fr. Cavana Wallace; the very successful Tootsie Roll Drives to help the Mentally Retarded Children; the bringing of the families into our activities; the continued brotherhood in our Council; and Parish Recognition.

My lows were the failure to start a First Degree team and the lack of acquiring more new members than we did.

But, enough of the past. We must now look to the future. Let's get behind our new GK, Roger Smith - and Move On!

FROM OUR INCOMING GRAND KNIGHT

Roger V. Smith

As we begin a new Columbian Year, let us make our goal one of revitalization. One of my priorities will be: What can we do to make membership more meaningful and gratifying?

You will soon receive a survey form, soliciting your ideas and suggestions. Please take the time to read it and fill it in - I really need your help. This one's for you!

My fellow officers and I have dedicated ourselves to serving you and your families. With your help and especially your prayers, we will continue to be a great asset to Our Mother of Confidence Parish and to the community.

Thank you for your help in the past. I know that we can count on your continued support in this coming year.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

On Thursday, July 2nd, we will have a short Business Meeting at 7:30 PM. After which, District Deputy Milt Smith will install our new officers for the 1992-93 Columbian Year.

The Installation of Officers is a very solemn occasion in the life of every Knight who becomes an officer of his Council. Accordingly, outgoing Grand Knight Ray Flynn and incoming Grand Knight Roger Smith invite the family members of our Council to join us in a show of support for the Knights who have volunteered to lead us for another year.

The ceremony will be followed by a Social Evening. Refreshments and libations will be OTH.

LET'S START THE 4TH OF JULY WITH A PRAYER FOR THE GOVERNMENT

We pray Thee, almighty and eternal God, who, through Jesus Christ, hast revealed Thy glory to all nations, to preserve the works of Thy mercy; that Thy Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue, with unchanging faith, in the confession of Thy name. We pray Thee, O God of might, wisdom, and justice, through whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgments decreed, assist, with Thy Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude, the President of these United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness and be eminently useful to Thy people, over whom he presides, by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion; by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy; and by restraining vice and immorality. Let the light of Thy divine wisdom direct the deliberations of the Congress and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government; so that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety, and useful knowledge, and may perpetuate to us the blessings of equal liberty. Amen.

(Composed by John Carroll, 1735-1815, the first Bishop of Baltimore and of the U.S.)

PCB BACK TO NORMAL

After a month's vacation in May, Chairman Tom Walters says our PCB is right back in the swing of things. It wasn't really a vacation - it was more like a change of pace. The monthly PanCake Breakfast to support a seminarian was put on hold for a month. Instead, we had the privilege of hosting the First Communion Reception. (See June CONFIDER.)

Tom says it was fun to have Grand Knight-elect Roger Smith come in for the first time and find such a well-organized crew going full-bore, just like the professionals they have turned out to be.

Roger pitched in and learned how to flip flaps with the best of them. Tom said: "When Roger was flipping flaps, he didn't flop once!"

Every once in awhile, Tom goofs off from working the PCB and takes pics of the workers and parishioners enjoying their PCB. Here are some of them. 

ELAINE WARNER, BEAUTY WRITER

Whenever we need some calligraphy work done, we call Elaine Warner. For example, she always does a beautiful job on our Knight of the Year award forms.

So why does that make Elaine a beauty writer? Because the word 'calligraphy' comes from the two Greek words 'kallos', meaning 'beauty', and 'graphein', meaning 'to write'. And that is what Elaine Warner does so well.

Thanks, Elaine.

CHAPTER OFFICERS, CY 1992-93

President: Leonard Brzezinski
Vice-Pres.: Armando Ramirez
Treasurer: Joseph Schultz
Secretary: Walter Couture



KNIGHT OF THE YEAR, CY 1991-92

It was our final Business Meeting of the 1992 Columbian Year. GK Ray Flynn asked: "Is there any more new business?" Bernie Clavet: "As our final item of business for the year, it is only fitting that we elect a Knight of the Year for the Columbian Year we are now concluding."

GK Ray Flynn called for nominations. There was only one: GK Ray Flynn. After which, Bob Warner moved that the nominations be closed and that GK Ray Flynn be elected by acclamation.

It was a well-deserved tribute to the Knight who had led us - with dedication, determination, and knightly devotion - during the third and fourth years of our formation.

Among other accomplishments during his administration, the following stand out:

1. OUR Seminarian became Fr. Cavana Wallace;
2. We had several very successful dinner-dances, which have become parish events;
3. Our monthly PanCake Breakfast has become an accepted, successful parish activity;
4. We have become an accepted, essential part of our parish, both spiritually and physically.
5. We have shown the men of our parish that the best way to become "Catholic Actioners" is to join Knights of Columbus Council OMC 9776.

MEMORARE - EVERY MONTH

In July, we commemorate Our Blessed Mother under the following titles:

- 2 Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- 17 Humility of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 25 Mary, Mother of Mercy

(For important events that occurred in California in July, in relation to the Blessed Virgin, see article herein about Mission San Diego de Alcalá.)

JULY CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
1	<u>1ST DEGREE</u> , Good Shepherd 9076 Info: Chas. Kelley, 789-7190
2	<u>OMC 9776 BUSINESS MEETING</u> , 7:30 PM INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
4	<u>4TH OF JULY PARADE</u> , 8:30 AM 1217 Alameda Ave., Coronado Followed by picnic hosted by Coronado Council 5216 Flagbearers needed! Call John Moore, 278-5392
5	<u>OMC 9776 PANCAKE BREAKFAST</u> , 8-10:30 AM
7	<u>1ST DEGREE</u> , St. Michael 9590 Info: Ron Schmitz, 448-9490
16	<u>OMC 9776 SOCIAL EVENING</u> , 7:30 PM
17	<u>CHAPTER MEETING</u> , 8:00 PM San Miguel 3667 Info: Rocky Wheeler, 469-5259

UPDATED ROSTER

For an updated roster of OMC 9776,
see Bernie Clavet.

OUT OF THE PAST

Item: Our worthy District Deputy for District 71, Brother Jack Cassidy, ably conducted a superb Formation Degree on Dec. 5.

Item: DECEMBER COUGH MEDICINE WINNERS. Brother Joe Vettraino fell into Vat 69 and came out smelling like that famous flower.

Item: Basket of Cheer Drawing winners included Ginny Cassidy and Babe Vettraino.

These items are from **KNIGHT WIRE**, monthly bulletin of Council TBA 4958, dated January-February 1975. The copy was given to us by Margaret (Peggy) Housgard, who edited, typed, and printed the bulletin.

TWO PAST GRAND KNIGHTS AND A NAMESAKE

By PGK Ed Kuenster



When I was back at Supreme Hq in 1990, I saw a number of portraits at Council No. 1. They included those of Founder Fr. McGivney, Pope John Paul II, Supreme Knight Virgil Dechant, and Christopher Columbus.

I asked the Grand Knight of Council 1 where they came from. He told me that, over the past few years, they had all come from Supreme.

I also had the opportunity to meet the head of the Supply Dept., John M. McRae, Jr. I told him that OMC 9776 was a new Council and that any picture he could spare would greatly enhance our meeting room. He said he would look around and see what he could come up with.

Lo and behold, two weeks after I returned to California, I had a pleasant surprise. Mr. McRae had shipped four portraits, including that of Christopher Columbus.

Brother Jack Cassidy had the portraits framed and presented them to my successor, GK Jim Hammond. They now hang in our Council chambers for all to see and appreciate.

(Editor's Note: Edmond F. Kuenster was founding Grand Knight of Council OMC 9776. James R. Hammond succeeded him as GK. Ed and Jim are now Council OMC 9776 Trustees.)

JULY BIRTHDAYS

These future Knights wanted to start life at the beginning of the Columbian Year:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>
1	Al August
8	Dan Grady
11	Leo Nolan
13	Chuck Haas
14	Tom Franklin
18	George McCauley
22	Manuel Antonio
28	Harry Johnson



ED KUENSTER

JIM HAMMOND

THANKS SOOO MUCH!

I want to take this opportunity to say Thank you sooo much for sooo much! Our potlucks, dinners out, receptions, etc., would not have been the fun and successes they were without the help, support and - most of all - the togetherness of all the **Ladies of the Knight(s)**. (There, I finally got to say it!) I know that the same togetherness will be there for Pat Smith, our new hostess.

May Flynn

LEGACY OF COLUMBUS: AMERICA FOR CHRIST

The following is excerpted from DISCOVERING CRISTOBAL COLON, by Solange Hertz, as published in THE REMNANT, 15 April 1992:

Informed by the supernatural vitality communicated to it by the Church, Christendom alone produced European civilization and sustained it for over a thousand years. In the person of Christopher Columbus, Christendom discovered, nay, conquered America for Christ.

Christopher Columbus' unpardonable sin was not racism or greed for gold, as his detractors allege...he stands guilty of being a loyal son of the Catholic Church, whose cause was his very own. He cannot be forgiven for laying claim to a whole new continent in the name of Christ the King and planting the Faith on its shores three hundred years before the new man-made republic could even reach them.

On his initiative, with the help of that blessed Spanish Queen Isabella - to her eternal honor yclept La Catolica - the utopian conspiracy's so-called Protestant Reformation was cheated of the victory it believed assured in Europe. The domain of Christ the King upon this earth, which His adversaries confidently expected would soon dwindle to nothing, was suddenly extended beyond any natural calculation.

Because of the zealous Spanish who followed Columbus across the sea, the millions of souls lost to Protestantism in Europe were more than replaced by other millions converted to the Faith in the Americas. Today more than half of the world's Catholics are found there.

Large portions of Europe were saved as well, for the wealth of America made it possible for Spain to put unprecedented military and political resources at the service of Catholic Christendom. American gold not only financed the defeat of Islam at Lepanto under the banner of Our Lady of Guadalupe, it also provided funds for halting the spread of Protestantism by curbing the ambitions of England and Holland. It could be said that Columbus and Isabella were God's answer to the anguished prayer of the Church in the face of the burgeoning Reformation.

MISSION SAN DIEGO DE ALCALA

A MISSION FOR JULY

Father Junipero Serra arrived in San Diego on 1 July 1769. The next day, the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Fr. Serra celebrated the first High Mass in California.

On July 16th, the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Fr. Serra and his companions built a brushwood shelter. It was the first church in California. He named the mission San Diego de Alcala, after St. Didacus, who was born in Alcala de Henares, about 20 miles from Madrid, in about the year 1400. (Contrary to what historians may say, Diego means Didacus, not James.)

Due primarily to lack of water, the mission was moved from its original location, in 1774, to its present site. For more than a year, work proceeded prosperously on the mission, under the direction of Padres Jayme and Fuster.

On the night of 5 November 1775, over 800 savages set fire to the mission buildings. When he was awakened by all the noise, Padre Jayme went to the savages, extended his arms, and greeted them with his usual "Love God, my children". He was stripped, beaten with clubs, and riddled by arrows. He became California's first martyr.

In spite of such setbacks, the mission prospered and, by 1797, it had become the most successful of all the missions. In that year, 565 Indians were baptized. At the height of its material prosperity, it claimed 20,000 sheep, over 10,000 cattle, 1250 horses, and covered an area of 50,000 acres.

The church and mission buildings took on their final shape in 1804. The church itself was finally completed on 12 November 1813.

After the Mexican revolution of 1830, civil authorities appropriated the mission. In 1846, it was sold to Santiago Arguello for "services to the government". In 1862, the U.S. Government restored a little over 22 acres to the Church.

PICTORIAL PROOF

As reported in the June CONFIDER, our Social Evening on May 21st had several highlights.

First, our featured guest, exseminarian - now Father - Cavana Wallace said Mass for us in our parish church.

Then we had an excellent supper, prepared and arranged by Hostess Mary Flynn and her capable cohorts.

Sometime during the evening, GK Ray Flynn presented the Knight of the Year Award for CY 90-91 to Tom Walters.

Some of the highlights of the evening are pictorially presented in the following pics, submitted, of course, by Tom Walters. 

THE SPIRIT(S) OF '76

Thomas Jefferson wrote THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE in Queen's Tavern in Philadelphia.

Paul Revere wrote in his diary: "In the fall of 1774, I was one of upwards of 30 men who formed ourselves into a committee for the watching of movements of British soldiers and the Tories in our midst. We met at the Green Dragon Tavern in Boston."

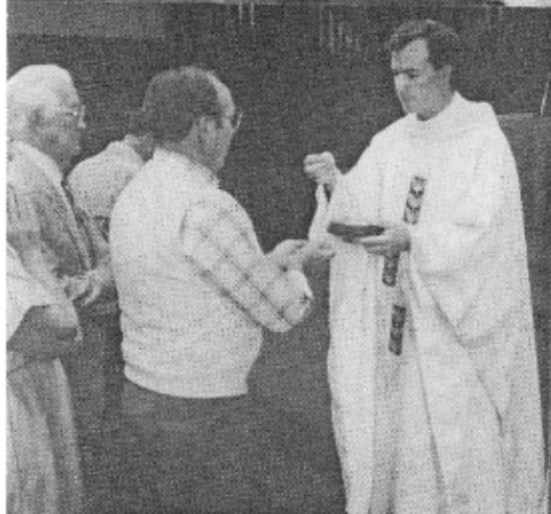
John Adams, second U.S. President, owned and managed a tavern from 1783 to 1789.

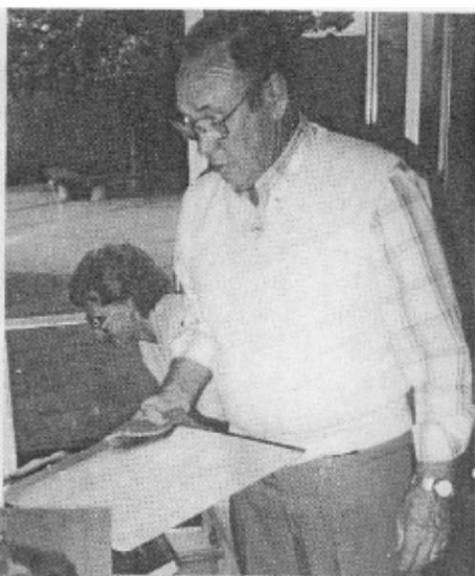
George Washington set up his headquarters in New York City in a tavern.

The first official recruiting office for the U.S. Marine Corps was set up in the Tun Tavern in Philadelphia.

When Washington bid farewell to his officers in the victorious Continental Army, he did so in Fraunces' Tavern in NY.

(From "Don Valentine's Spirit of America")





RETRACTION

Rosemary Gray said she didn't like the picture accompanying her article in the March CONFIDER ("Rosemary Meets Mother Teresa"):



You see, Rosy objects to her picture being taken with glasses. Therefore, in accordance with our on-going, laudatory editorial policy of catering to the preferences (without passing judgment on their merit) of our readers, we hereby retract that picture and substitute the following - Rosy without glasses - and hope that it will placate her:



EGGS-ACTLY!

When Humpty Dumpty fell off the wall,
He wasn't killed by that nasty fall:
He just had too much
cholesterol!

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BUSINESS MEETING:
1ST THURSDAY, 7:30 PM
SOCIAL EVENING:
3RD THURSDAY, 7:30 PM

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY TO

