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ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

29 September



St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the other evil spirits, who prowl through the world, seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

(Ref. Calif. State Council Directive
on Church Activities.)

HERO OR VILLAIN?

(The following is excerpted from an editorial in **The San Diego Union**, dated 10/14/91.)

In this age of political correctness, Christopher Columbus is being scrutinized through a narrow, late 20th Century lens. Not surprisingly, he appears to some to be an arch villain rather than the courageous mariner who discovered America and spread beneficent Christianity and enlightened European culture to the heathens of the New World.

To contemporary multiculturalists, the Eurocentrism of American society is the root of all wickedness. In their view, Columbus personifies the white man's brutal subjugation of not only the noble savages who inhabited the New World, but also the African slaves who were dragooned into expanding European civilization.

Columbus is denounced for owning slaves, as though he were the cause of slavery. (Washington and Jefferson also owned slaves, but have managed to escape the wrath of the multiculturalists.) Columbus is accused of genocide, as if he purposefully introduced the infectious European diseases that tragically decimated the indigenous tribes of the Americas.

This one-sided perspective ignores the truly monumental personal achievements of Columbus and the boundless contributions made by Western civilization to the peoples of this hemisphere.

Can anyone honestly contend the New World would be a better place today if European civilization had not dropped anchor here in 1492? Would the inhabitants of the Western Hemisphere be better off today if their level of economic and cultural development were comparable to, say, that of the natives of Brazil's untouched interior?

Can anyone dismiss the heroic accomplishments of the man who pressed on across the sea for weeks into the vast unknown? Without question, Columbus was an extraordinary individual, who stood at the fulcrum of history and moved the world. Even five centuries later, that is ample cause for celebration.

QUINCENTENNIAL CUISINE

1492



1992

ITALIAN DINNER (NATURALLY)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH

7:00 PM

OMC PARISH HALL

3131 GOVERNOR DR.

DANCE TO LIVE MUSIC BY
SAM VERNETTI'S WEEKENDERS

TICKETS: \$11.00 EACH

BOB WARNER, 453-4006

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 6TH

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
1	<u>FIRST DEGREE</u> , St. Michael 9590, 7:00 PM Info: Gene Carteron, 448-0505
2	<u>FIRST DEGREE</u> , San Luis Rey 3162, 6:00 PM Info: John O'Brien, 433-3587
3	<u>OMC 9776 BUSINESS MEETING</u> , 7:30 PM
3	<u>FIRST DEGREE</u> , St. Mary 9111, 7:00 PM Info: Art Sleight, 433-3937
6	<u>OMC 9776 PANCAKE BREAKFAST</u> , 8-10:30 AM
	HELP SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS!
16	<u>FIRST DEGREE</u> , Good Shepherd 9076, 7:00 PM Info: Gerry De la Paz, 566-0849
17	<u>OMC 9776 SOCIAL EVENING</u> , 7:30 PM ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN HERE!
18	<u>SD CHAPTER MEETING</u> , 8:00 PM Mater Dei 4936 Mike Cienfuegos, 447-4734
19	<u>U.S. CONSTITUTION DAY OBSERVANCE</u> Old Town Square Info: John Moore, 278-5392
22	<u>2ND DEGREE</u> , Fallbrook 7069, 7:00 PM Info: Leo Kowalski, 728-6322
23	<u>FIRST DEGREE</u> , San Luis Rey 3162, 6:00 PM Info: John O'Brien, 433-3587
29	<u>FIRST DEGREE</u> , F.P. Matthews 3589, 7:00 PM Info: Jerry Hankins, 726-1230

IDEM PER IDEM

John Leavy: What does hubris mean?

Don Rippon: It's Greek for chutzpah.

MEMORARE - EVERY MONTH

In September, we commemorate our Blessed Mother as follows:

- 3 Mother of the Good Shepherd
- 8 The Birth of Mary
- 12 The Holy Name of Mary
- 15 The Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Mother
- 24 Our Lady of Ransom, sometimes referred to as Our Lady of Mercy

THE NAME OF MARY - AND OTHERS

Joachim and Anne waited 20 years for a child. Finally, they promised God that, if He would give them one, they would consecrate the child to His service. When the child was born, they called her Mary, meaning **LADY**.

Anne's predecessor, Anna, wife of Elcana (see First Book of Kings) had also been barren. She vowed to dedicate to God any child He would give her. When she bore a son, she called him Samuel, meaning **NAME OF GOD**. (Anna means **GRACE**.)

Thus, Anna of the Old Testament was the mother of Samuel, the Name of God, and Anne of the New Testament was the mother of Mary, the Mother of God.

When we study these and other related stories in the Old Testament, one fact becomes readily apparent: the very important function that God assigned to women in the Redemption of Mankind.

THE LUCK OF THE IRISH?

"Things" just seem to happen to Ray and Mary Flynn. Like getting a notification, from the Los Angeles Police Dept., of an "overdue parking violation" on July 16th.

Well, you say, lots of people get such notices - what's the big deal? Just one minor - or major - problem. Ray and Mary were both in San Diego at 9:31 AM on July 16th!

(Visiting time at the LA jail is from...)

ARE SURVEYS WORTHWHILE?

Absolutely not! I guess so. That depends. I don't know. None of the above? Answer No.3 is probably the best evaluation of surveys in general. Too many surveys are slanted to (perhaps subliminally) influence the reader to respond in the way preferred by the questioner.

Let's consider the survey sent out in July by GK Roger Smith to our members/wives. After reviewing the following representative answers, you decide.

1. What do you see as the most important activities of our Council?
 - A. Support a seminarian - great seeing (Fr.) Cavana follow through to priesthood.
 - B. Pancake Breakfast, Tootsie Roll Drives, picnics, meetings, open (social) meetings, just getting Catholic men together.
 - C. Working to promote a brotherhood that any member can feel proud of and depend on for any kind of help.
 - D. Just being available to the parish for service.
2. What new activities would you like to see us do?
 - A. Free throw, spelling Bee.
 - B. Get nonpracticing Catholics back to Mass.
 - C. A great deal of men in our parish have been laid off. Can we start a career council?
 - D. Saturday rosary at retirement homes.
 - E. Christmas party to help poor families.
 - F. Reach out to youth - involve their parents, show them KofC is something worth joining.
 - G. Nothing - just continue, seek more participation in present activities.
3. Why don't some members attend meetings?
 - A. In my case, it's laziness, apathy, embarrassment at having to appear at a meeting

after a long absence.

- B. Too tired after work.
 - C. Lack of commitment, lack of a sense of the importance of the Council in the parish.
 - D. While I support the concept of the KofC, I am not inclined toward meetings and/or social gatherings on a regular basis.
 - E. I first stopped attending meetings because they interfered with my night class schedules. Later it became a habit.
4. How can we get members to become active?
- A. Unsure, don't know.
 - B. Good question - let's ask Ross Perot. Personal one-on-one contact needed.
 - C. The key is to get them first to attend meetings. This can probably be accomplished by a combination of aggressive telephone, mail, face-to-face contacts, urging members to attend meetings, even once a month.
5. Would you recommend the KofC to friends?
Overwhelmingly: Yes!

Finally, here are a few good thoughts we received in a letter from one of our members:

Three years ago, I was without work. I wrote to all our members. In a couple of days, I had phone calls, messages on my answering machine, guys met me at the church, wrote me notes and letters, got me application forms, asked for my resume. I saw a great bunch of guys coming to my aid. One such great guy gave me the lead that resulted in the terrific job I have now. Above all, the caring that I received helped the awful pain of being unemployed.

We have the means of a terrific Council. Every man in our parish has the flame of Jesus inside. We have to find a way to bring that flame out from under the bushel basket.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

These Knights didn't want to miss the opening day of school. Some of them did.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>
1	Luke Toraason
9	Bill Kearney
15	Ray Wallbrett
17	Charles Remoll
21	Ron Scarafone
22	Dan Sanchez
23	Len Barbieri

WARNER ASSISTS IN ORGAN TRANSPLANT

DGK Bob Warner, former Mayflower Moving Mogul, was called from his hot, humid home, on August 18th, to assist in an organ transplant.

PGK Ray Flynn, cognizant of Bob's expertise in such matters, asked him to help load an exceptionally heavy Wurlitzer organ, removing it from the home of parishioner Bernie Ross and transplanting it to a pickup truck.

The organ was scheduled for further transplant to a parish in Tijuana.

We're proud of you, Bob!

(Submitted by PGK Ray Flynn)

SCHOOL DAZE

Those playground pedestrians are on the prowl again. So be sure to drive carefully.

REMEMBER:

CHILDREN SHOULD BE SEEN AND NOT HURT!

PICKING UP THE PIECES, PART II

For this one, we had to go clear back to last October 23rd. That's when Jim Chang received his Second Degree at Council Msgr. James A. McGinley 7390. So what happened to the picture in the meantime? It was like this...Oh, well, nobody would believe it, even if it were true.



TOM
WALTERS

RAY FLYNN
JIM CHANG

GEORGE
UBERTI

WIN, LOSE, OR DRAW

Ann Hawley: How come, whenever we play poker, Bernie insists on being the banker?

RayF Flynn: Because he figures, no matter who else wins, he ends up with all the chips.

(No, Mary, "RayF" is not a typo. You see, we have two Ray Flynn's in our Council: Raymond F. and Raymond P. So we call one RayF for short and the other...but you get the idea.)

RETIREMENT HOME RAFFLE

No, we're not going to raffle off a retirement home. Instead, the California KofC is going to give away over \$22,000 in cash, plus two all-expense trips to the Holy Land. Of course, there is a slight catch - you have to buy a ticket and then win one of the prizes in a raffle.

The raffle will be held on Saturday, October 31st and will benefit the Columbian Retirement Home. The tickets cost \$5.00 each, or \$30.00 for a sheet of seven tickets.

If your ticket stubs are submitted to the SD Diocese Chapter coordinators before September 11th, you will be eligible for the Early Bird Drawing, consisting of a \$500 prize and five \$100 prizes.

For tickets, call Bernie at 272-9425.

FROM OUR MAN IN SANTA BARBARA

Readers of THE CONFIDER (our circulation manager tells us we now have seven already) will recall that Al Hovde moved to Santa Barbara last year - he wanted to be with wife Katherine, who had moved there also.

Al is still a member of OMC 9776. When he recently mailed a check for his dues to Fin. Sec. Tom Walters, he wrote:

"I have enjoyed reading about the activities of Council 9776 and its busy members...We keep busy and still enjoy reasonably good health... Best wishes to the other Knights in 9776."

THOSE FEMINISTS AGAIN!

When radical feminists (the unisex creators of the neutered "chairperson") teach Theology, do they call it Sheology?

FROM THE FILES OF
THE FBI



THE 11TH MOST WANTED

THE CONFIDER

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Fr. Joseph Masar
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Robert J. Warner
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Recorder, Editor
Bernard J. Clavet
Financial Secretary
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

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

HAPPY LABOR DAY TO
THE FAMILY OF



WHY IS IT CALLED
"LABOR" DAY?