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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

Fr. Joseph Masar

Sometimes we speak of people as being dead. I've got some news - nobody is dead! Every person created is alive - somewhere. Once we are brought into existence, we never cease to exist.

November is the month traditionally known in the Church as the time we pray for the souls of those who have died - died in this life, but nonetheless alive!

Death as we know it, in relation to life on Earth, is merely a transition. St. Paul writes: "...if we have died with Christ, we believe that we are also to live with Him." We should make every attempt to live with Christ now as we will be sure to die with Him later.

Those who give themselves to Christ during their lives on Earth, who live with Christ and in Christ, who try to live like Christ here on Earth, will continue to do so in eternity.

We pray this month for all those who have gone before us, marked with the sign of faith - those souls still very much alive in Christ!

**A HERO'S DARK SIDE DOESN'T
MAKE HIM LESS HEROIC**

(Condensed from an article by Edwin M. Yoder
in **The San Diego Union-Tribune**, 10/12/92)

The self-consciousness that marks this of all Columbus Days - the 500th anniversary of the discoverer's landfall on San Salvador - says very little about Columbus. He remains the remote, mysterious and willful 15th century figure he always was.

But it speaks volumes about what "history" has come to mean, in America, at the end of the bloody 20th century. The keynote is antiheroic and penitential.

Historians know that a commemoration of this sort offers a chance to enlarge our understanding of times past, the better to know ourselves. But the political controversy swirling about the Columbus quincentenary has reversed the process. We are invited to judge and condemn the past, and one of its heroes, by our own self-flattering standards. The result is a silly, self-indulgent exercise in breast-beating: You're guilty, Mr. Columbus, and so are we!

Like the conquistadors who followed in his wake, Columbus came looking for riches. But the wealth was not, for this unworldly man, an end in itself.

Columbus planned to dedicate it to Christian missions, to the glory of God and the advancement of the invisible empire of the spirit. In that age of metaphysical certainties, that empire was far more real and valuable than gold or gemstones.

With such fascinating historical questions to muse upon, it's a pity to squander the Columbian quincentenary in an orgy of political correctness, with everyone vying to see who can more abjectly apologize for this super germ-carrier of Western civilization.

By any measure you might name, Columbus qualifies as heroic. Heroism requires no denial or concealment of the darker side of human endeavor; it merely transcends it.

LET'S CELEBRATE, NOT DENIGRATE!

On Saturday evening, October 10th, we joyfully disdained the noisome, fulsome, cacophonous, pulling, "politically correct" revisionists.

Instead, we joined millions of other historically correct, realistic residents of the real world: we celebrated Columbus Day 1992.

Good things don't just happen. Several members of OMC 9776 prepared and produced the Columbus Day Dinner Dance. Our Social Director, PGK Ray Flynn, assigned volunteers to:

Design and print the tickets: Tom Walters, BC

Supervise ticket sales: Bob Warner

Obtain one-day license to dispense potent potables: Jack Cassidy

Procure liquid libations, both potent and impotent: Tom Walters, PGK Ray Flynn

Contact and contract caterer: Tom Walters

Set up and man (person?) bar: Ed Kuenster, Bud Kirch, Tom Burke

Set up tables and chairs, decorate tables:
Ray and Mary Flynn, Rosemary Gray, Jim Hammond, John and Bert Menard, Roger and Patricia Smith, Bob and Elaine Warner, Tom Walters

Greet guests at hall door: Bob Warner

Promote sale of 50-50 drawing tickets, at \$1 each or an arm's length for \$5: Earl Gray

Sell bar chits (we don't trust our bartenders): Bernie Clavet

The decorations included two very unusual flags suspended from the overhead beams. The flags were from the famous collection of Past San Diego Chapter President John Moore. PGK Ray Flynn, an "old" Navy hand (now a landlocked landlubber), explained:

The one on the left is a replica of Christopher Columbus' ensign on the Santa Maria. It was the national flag of Spain at the time and was flown when the ship was underway. The one on the right was flown when the ship reached port.

Sam Verneti and the Weekenders provided the kind of music where you could dance with each other instead of at each other.

Tom Walters recorded the event in living color, at the same time causing the perennial problem for the CONFIDER editor: "Tom, you take too many good pictures. Deciding which ones to use is almost like asking a mother to pick her favorite child!"

MC Roger Smith, GK of host Council OMC 9776, kept Chaplain Joseph Masar busy. First, Roger called on him to open the festivities with a prayer. A few minutes later, Roger asked him to bless our food (Italian, naturally). Then, during an intermission between dances, Roger called up the Chaplain to help him give away some door prizes. Fr. pulled the winning names for the following:

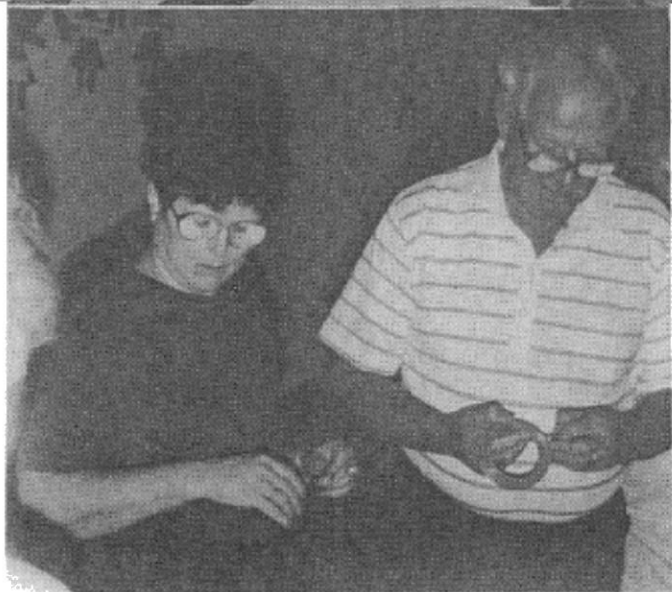
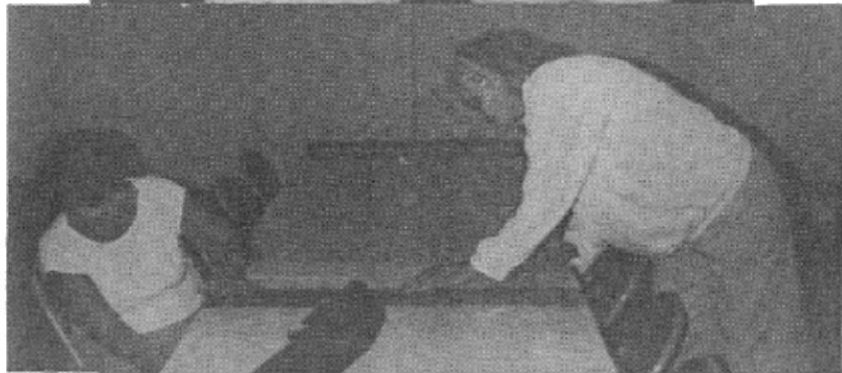
1. 750 ML of liquid loquacity (in vino veritas): Don Rupp
2. Carton of chocolate-coated calories: Bernie Clavet
3. Glossy glaucous china bowl: Joe Robinson

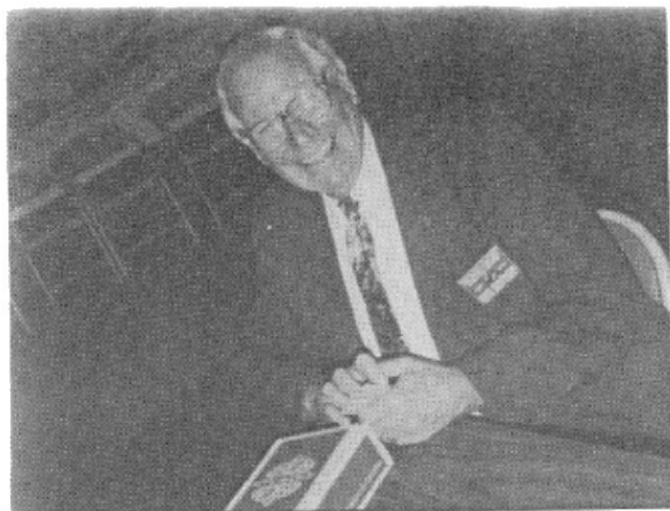
The 50-50 drawing was won by our pastor, Msgr. Donal C. Sheahan. He collected \$75.50 and (this is a rumor which we have been unable to confirm) rescheduled the Sunday morning lineup so that he could say the first Mass and get an early start for Las Vegas.

As for complaints, we received only one - and he sounded confused when he made it. He insisted that some of his ice cubes "tasted gritty". After a thorough, nonscientific investigation, we were able to trace the problem back to its source. It was simply a matter of a minor oversight. It seems that, the last time Earl Gray recycled the ice cubes, he somehow forgot to wash them first. 

THANKSGIVING DAY WARNING

Don't eat every bit of food on the table. It will only go to waist!





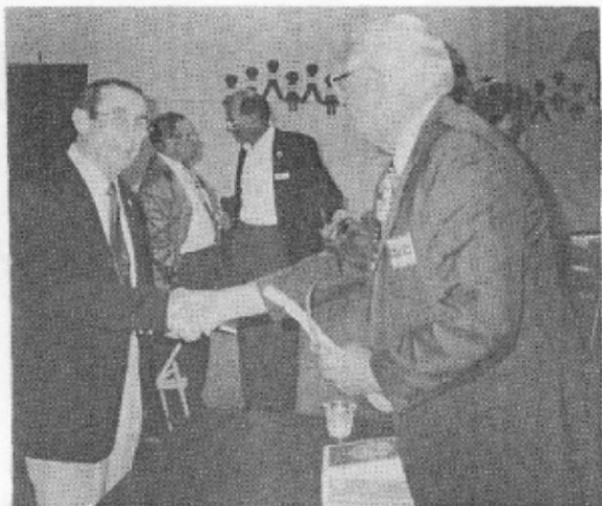
TICKET CHAIRMAN BOB WARNER

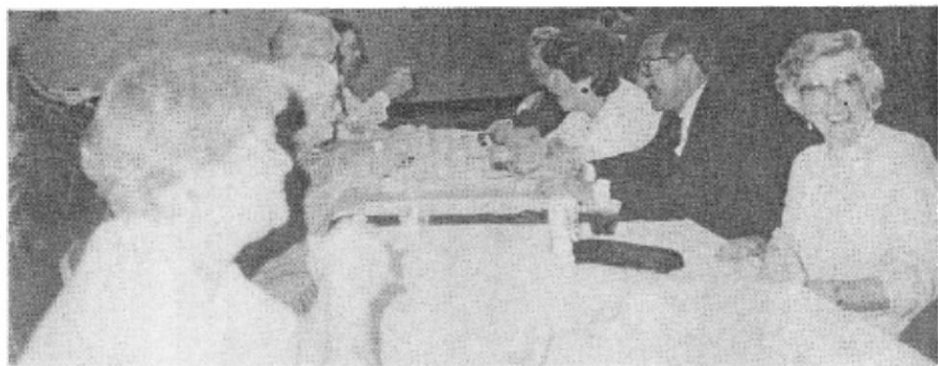


50-50 SALESMAN EARL GRAY



BARTENDERS BUD KIRCH, ED KUENSTER, TOM BURKE





THAT'S FUNNY!

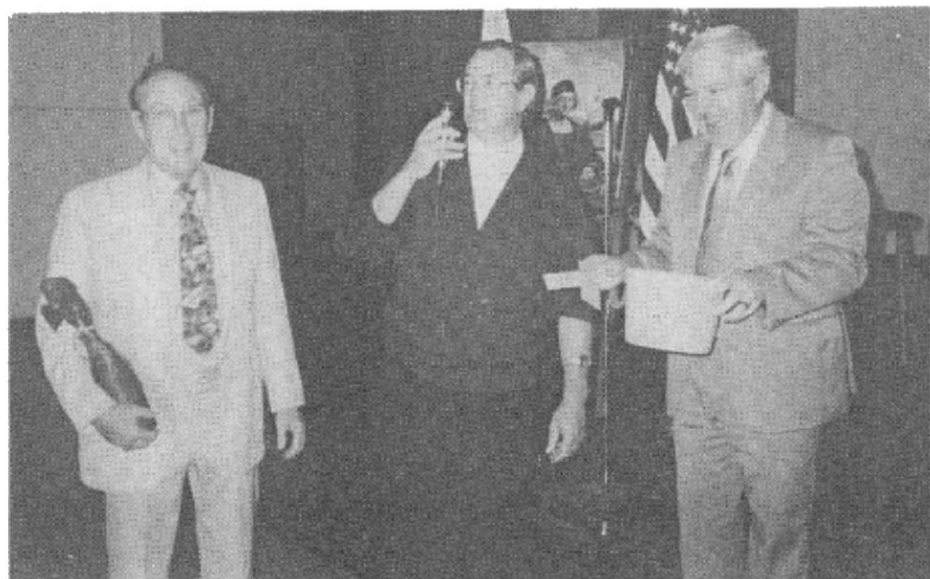


THE WEEKENDERS





50-50 WINNER MSGR SHEAHAN



WINE WINNER DON RUPP



BOWL WINNER JOE ROBINSON

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
1	<u>OMC 9776 PANCAKE BREAKFAST</u> , 8-10:30 AM Watch for news about our two seminarians next month.
3	<u>1ST DEGREE</u> , St. Michael 9590, 7:00 PM Info: Gene Carteron, 448-0505
4	<u>1ST DEGREE</u> , St. Pius X 3487, 7:00 PM Info: Tom Rowan, 268-3743
5	<u>OMC 9776 BUSINESS MEETING</u> , 7:30 PM
12	<u>1ST DEGREE</u> , San Miguel 3667, 6:45 PM Info: Mike Chamberlain, 463-7293
19	<u>OMC 9776 SOCIABLE EVENING</u> , 7:30 PM Hard to top last month!
20	<u>SAN DIEGO CHAPTER MEETING</u> , 8:00 PM San Miguel 3667 Info: Mike Chamberlain, 463-7293

MR PROGRAM

Bob Warner, our chairman of the annual drive to help California's Mentally Retarded Children, reports that this year's drive was very successful. We will have a complete report in the December CONFIDER.

"POLITICALLY CORRECT"

NOT

HISTORICALLY CORRECT

The "politically correct" objectors who don't like "what Columbus did" to their "noble" ancestors should get rid of their protest mikes, their three-bedroom homes (to say nothing of the indoor plumbing), their late-model automobiles, their telephones, radios, and television sets, and the manifold benefits resulting from the miraculous advancements in medicine since the year 1492.

They should go back to their miserable, cold, smoky, drafty, crowded, stinking, germ-infested, dank and dark one-room tepees.

Then - and only then - should they try to convince the rest of the world how ideal their living conditions were before the arrival of Columbus.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Most of these Knights arrived in time for Thanksgiving:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>
7	Orville Beaver
20	Tom McManamon
22	Don Rippon
25	Roger Smith
25	Don Tessier
28	Rod Jones

A MARIAN SOCIAL EVENING

Our October Social Evening was dedicated to Our Blessed Mother. First, George and Marian Uberti showed an excellent tape, MARIAN APPARITIONS OF THE 20TH CENTURY. It depicted apparitions, both authenticated and unauthenticated, in 11 different locations. Then Earl Gray presented a dissertation on the very inspiring story of St. Catherine Labourè and The Miraculous Medal. Due to space limitations in this issue, we are holding the full text of Earl's presentation for the December CONFIDER.

ARE YOU A COMPLETE KNIGHT?

If you have received the 3rd Degree and will have been a Knight for one year on 30 January 1993, you should consider becoming a "complete" Knight by receiving the 4th Degree of Knighthood.

The 4th Degree is the Patriotic Degree and is the highest degree that a Knight can attain in the Knights of Columbus. These Knights become members of an Assembly separate from a Council.

Representatives of the 4th Degree Assembly will be present at the OMC 9776 Business Meeting on November 5th. They will explain the 4th Degree, answer your questions, and accept applications for 4th Degree membership.

If enough of our Brother Knights join the 4th Degree, each Council could have its own Color Guard of Honor at parish special Masses, funerals, weddings, etc.

Members of the Assembly usually meet once a month, with their wives and/or guests, for Evening Mass, a catered dinner, and meeting.

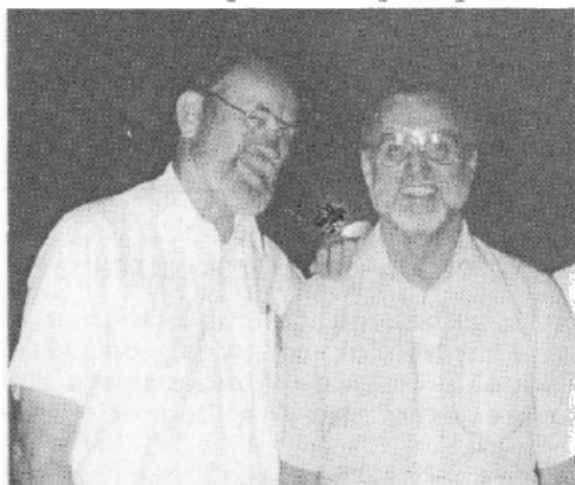
The next 4th Degree Exemplification will be held on Saturday, 30 January 1993.

Frank M. Still, PGK/PFN/FSS
Membership Chairman
Bishop Buddy Assembly
276-4494 or 485-7119

ADVANCING BY DEGREES

On Sunday, October 4th, Richard C. Lechtenberg became a full-fledged Knight of Columbus when he received the 3rd Degree. The Exemplification was hosted by Council St. Vincent de Paul 5012.

Dick was escorted by PGK Ray Flynn.



RAY
FLYNN

DICK
LECHTENBERG

MEMORARE - EVERY MONTH

In November, we commemorate Mary, our Blessed Mother, as follows:

- 14 Mother of Divine Providence
- 21 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 27 Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

Tradition tells us that, at the age of three, Mary was solemnly offered to God, at the hands of the High Priest in the temple. She lived in the apartments of the temple and spent her early years in prayer and work in the service of the temple.

Mary's first offering of herself was most pleasing to God. The Father looked upon her as His Beloved Daughter; the Son, as the one chosen to become His Mother; and the Holy Spirit, as His Immaculate Spouse.

WHO IS QUALIFIED TO PULL THE PLUG?

The dictionary defines "euthanasia" as "the deliberate putting to death, in an easy, painless way, of a person suffering from an incurable and agonizing disease". The word comes from the Greek words "eu" (good, easy) and "thanatos" (death).

The dictionary does not define or specify just what is "an incurable and agonizing disease". Nor does it - nor can it - define who is qualified to make such distinctions and decisions regarding euthanasia.

Who, then, is qualified to decide when it is time to pull the plug on someone who is presumably terminally ill?

Not one human being! God alone is the Author and Giver of life. No one else - even if he is the greatest doctor in the world, the greatest theologian, the greatest humanitarian - is qualified to say: "You've lived long enough."

Any human being who arbitrarily assumes unto himself the authority to decide when another human being is no longer "useful" is guilty of trying to play God.

How presumptuous! How ghastly! How cruel!

I AM PRO-CHOICE!

I have been pro-choice all my life, ever since I took up residence in my mother's womb, three weeks ago.

So, when it comes time to make a choice, please don't forget to ask me what my choice is. After all, it is my life that's up for grabs, and I am entitled to my choice!

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BUSINESS MEETING:

1ST THURSDAY, 7:30 PM

SOCIAL EVENING:

3RD THURSDAY, 7:30 PM

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO
THE FAMILY OF



AFTER A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING,
TO THIS ISLAND I GIVE THE NAME
SAN SALVADOR, IN HONOR OF
OUR BLESSED LORD.