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Knights of Columbus

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OUR MOTHER OF CONFIDENCE

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

Fr. Joseph Masar

On February 24th, we began the annual retreat of the Church, with our remembrance of Ash Wednesday. This annual six-week retreat is a fitting time to be renewed in faith.

For many of us, Lent brings memories of our childhood, when we gave up candy, TV, and other things. As adults, however, such practices may leave us empty or seem meaningless.

Therefore, it is important for us to discover other Lenten practices which will enable us to be renewed and strengthened in our faith.

Prayer, of course, must be at the heart of all Christians, and Lent offers us the time to reflect on our prayer life.

There is also the need for the Christian to identify once again with the suffering Christ. Lent offers us the time to do this - and more.

Of greatest importance during these six weeks is the presence of the Catechumens and Candidates among us - those men and women who, at the Easter Vigil, will be baptized and finally join us at the table of the Lord. Lent is a time when the Church directs all her energy to praying for these men and women.

The faith journey of the Catechumens and Candidates must mirror our own journey of faith. We must pray together with them and for them. May the commitment that they make at the Easter Vigil serve as a sign to strengthen and deepen our own commitment to the Lord.

I pray that our experience of Lent will lead us to the great joy of Easter. May we all become a new creation in Christ, our Risen Lord!

WELCOME WAGGIN



PETER CASA RONALD THIELE

On Thursday, February 11th, Pete and Ron experienced the First Degree Exemplification in the Knights of Columbus. The ceremony was conducted by St. Mark's Council 6979.

The new Knights, now members in good standing in Council OMC 9776, were escorted by Tom Walters and George Uberti.



GEORGE
UBERTI

RONALD
THIELE

PETER
CASA

VISITING OURS

JOHN MENARD

John recently underwent surgery for a back problem. Arthritic growth was removed from three vertebra discs. John is now recuperating at home and getting ready for the extended trip he and Bert are planning in their "touring car".

LOOK
COMING



WHO'S
AGAIN!

AND LOOK WHAT HE'S BRINGING!

CORNERED BEEF AND CABBAGE



AND A WEE DRAP OR TWO
OF THE AULD SPIRITS!



DATE: SATURDAY, MARCH 13TH

LIBATIONS: 6:30 PM



DINNER: 7:30 PM



OMC PARISH HALL

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DANCE TO LIVE MUSIC BY
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TICKETS: \$14.00 EACH
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LET'S MAKE IT SUCCESSFUL!

By Thomas H. Burke

Whether it is a dance...or suppose it might be selling Entertainment Books...it's easier if you ask your friends.

Suppose it is a dance. Wouldn't you be more at ease if your friends were sitting at the same table with you? Reminiscing and enjoying old friendships...Ask them to join "your party" by sitting at the same table with you.

Suppose it involves selling an extra Entertainment Book (or Taste of the Town Book). You could ask your friend (possibly his wife?) to join you in a Two-For-One dinner out. You would be enhancing a friendship and having a nice enjoyable evening together.

Why not try to encourage greater use of these booklets, by asking a friend (or maybe you have two!) to join in and have some fun with you.

Friendship, sociability, and just getting to know your friends a little better - that's what life is all about!

We know that the KofC is a friendly group. Why not reach out just a little further and ask people to join you...you would truly be surprised at the reaction you get. They want to join in...but are afraid to ask.

You, as a good Knight, should take the initiative. You will be surprised at how many of them become good friends - and many of them may be Knights of the future.

GIVE IT A TRY!

A FEW GOOD MEN/WOMEN

If you have nothing to do on Saturday afternoon, March 13th, here's a suggestion:

You can give us a hand getting ready for the St. Patrick's Day Dinner-Dance that evening. Just drop into the OMC parish hall around 1:00 PM. Program Chairman Tom Walters will have something for you to do.

AN IRISH MADONNA

In an article in the February CONFIDER, G.K. Chesterton told about a story he had heard in Dublin. In the story, a beautiful peasant woman identified herself as the Mother of God and the Child she was holding as Himself.

Later in the same book, CHRISTENDOM IN DUBLIN, Chesterton tells us:

I was looking for an image of Our lady which I wished to give to the new church in our neighborhood. I was shown a variety of very beautiful and often costly examples in one of the most famous and fashionable Catholic shops in London.

But, for some reason, they left me, not indeed cold, but vague, and I ended prosaically by following the proprietor to an upper floor.

The upper room was a sort of lumber room, full of packages and things partially unpacked, and it seemed suddenly that she was standing there, amid planks and shavings and sawdust, as she stood in the carpenter's shop in Nazareth.

I said something, and the proprietor answered rather casually: "Oh, that's only just been unpacked; I've hardly looked at it. It's from Ireland.

The colors were traditional, but not conventional; a wave of green sea had passed through the blue, and a shadow of brown earth through the crimson.

She was a peasant, and she was a queen, and in that sense she was a lady. She was barefoot, like any colleen on the hills.

She looks across the little church with an intense earnestness in which there is something of endless youth; and I have sometimes started, as if I had actually heard the words spoken across the emptiness: "I am the Mother of God, and this is Himself, and He is the Boy you will all be wanting at the last."

FR. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE, A MODERN HERO

At our Social Evening, February 18th, Lecturer George Uberti showed a tape about Fr. Maximilian Kolbe, a Franciscan priest. He was born Raymond Kolbe, in the little Polish village of Zdunska-Vola, on 7 January 1894.



While studying for the priesthood in Rome, he and six others founded the Militia of Mary Immaculate on 17 October 1917. It was just four days after the final apparition of Our Lady at Fatima in Portugal. He was following Mary's request for consecration to her Immaculate Heart.

After the German invasion of Poland in 1939, Fr. Maximilian was arrested by the Gestapo, but released soon after. He was arrested again in February 1941, held in Pawiak prison briefly, then transferred to the concentration camp of Oswiecim.

When a prisoner escaped from his cell block, 10 others were sentenced to a slow death by starvation and thirst. Fr. Maximilian offered his life for one of them, a total stranger.

For the next two weeks, he comforted his fellow prisoners, reciting the Rosary and singing hymns to Our Lady. Finally, to make room for another group of prisoners, Fr. Maximilian was given an injection of carbolic acid. On August 14th, Our Lady's Knight died serenely, with her name on his lips.

(From THE MARIAN ERA, VOL. 7, 1966)

MEMORARE - EVERY MONTH

In March, we venerate our Blessed Mother under two titles, one of which is especially pertinent to our Council:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>
7	Our Mother of Confidence
25	The Annunciation

OUR MOTHER OF CONFIDENCE

Our Mother of Confidence, also called Our Lady of Confidence, has a very long record of granting many remarkable favors.

Long revered in Italy in many churches, the most remarkable shrine in her honor under this title is the Chapel of the Major Seminary in the Lateran Palace in Rome.

Pope John XXIII, an alumnus of this seminary, often prayed before her picture in this chapel. He celebrated his first Mass there and, as the Holy Father, he was a frequent visitor.

Twice in past centuries, Rome was saved from the ravages of cholera, after the seminarians implored her to intercede with her Divine Son.

During World War I, the 124 seminarians who were drafted into the armed services were put under her protection. They all returned safely to the seminary.

A remarkable promise was made by Mary to Sister Clare Isabella Fornari, a Poor Clare of Tadi, Italy. Sr. Clare stated that Our Lady promised to grant a particular tenderness and devotion towards herself to everyone who venerates her image as Our Mother of Confidence.

In 1941, a Dominican nun in Michigan made a miraculous recovery, after the nuns at her bedside invoked Mary's help with the aspiration, "My Mother, my Confidence."

Our Mother of Confidence is also portrayed on the front of the St. Maria Goretti medal.

In 1917, Pope Benedict XV granted a 300-day indulgence to all who invoke her with the aspiration: "My Mother, my Confidence."

THE SILENT CARPENTER

All the enthusiasm generated in celebrating St. Patrick's Feast Day makes it easy to overlook the Feast of St. Joseph, two days later.

St. Joseph is the protector and model of all workers. He is also the patron of the Universal Church.

Workers are all those who utilize the talents they have received from God - first the mind, then the heart, then the will. Some works are more spiritual; others, more physical.

There are intellectual workers - those who use their God-given intelligence by studying, and therefore, they do work. There are those who apply all their sentiments in praying and tending toward God. Hands joined in prayer are more useful to humanity than some military victories.

Hands joined in prayer, souls that love the Lord, those who pray before the holy tabernacle are more useful to mankind than some military leaders of great fame.

Physical work is a sanctifying work - it is an imitation of God. The Father always works; God is pure act, and the more we put ourselves into action, the more we are imitators of God.

Work is a means of sanctification. Whenever possible, we should love activity - according to age, strength, environment, and duties. Laziness can show itself in many ways. Fervor, instead, lies in placing, at the service of God, all the talents one has received. This is called salvific work.

The work of St. Joseph was salvific, because, after Mary, no one else cooperated in the redemption of mankind as he did. Associated with Mary in her mission, St. Joseph, with much care prepared the Divine Master for the world. He prepared Christ Jesus, the eternal High Priest, for the world. He prepared the Host which we offer upon the altar. He worked for Jesus. He raised Him.

(From INNER HORIZONS, Winter 1988
by Rev. James Alberione, SSP)

In almost everything you read, see, or hear about Columbus these days, you'll be told that Columbus had a mistress. Her name was Beatriz Enriquez de Arana, who bore his second (and allegedly illegitimate) son, Fernando.

The story is completely false. It is based almost entirely on (1) the fact that no marriage record between them has yet been found and (2) the wording of Columbus' will, which refers to Beatriz merely as "mother of Don Fernando, my son" and enjoins on Diego, his elder son by his first wife, to see that Beatriz "may be able to live becomingly as one to whom I owe so much. And let this be for the unburdening of my conscience, as this weighs heavily on my heart. It is not meet to give the reason here."

The lack of a marriage record proves nothing, because, prior to the Council of Trent, marriage records were not strictly required. And an illicit affair would hardly have been tolerated by Beatriz' family, the proud Aranas, with whom Columbus was always on the best of terms.

In the city of Cordova, where Columbus and Beatriz lived, Queen Isabella kept the citizens' morals under strict surveillance. The Queen would never have named young Fernando as page to her own son, Prince Juan, if there had been the slightest possibility of his illegitimacy. Nor would she have supported Columbus financially.

There is no evidence that any of Columbus' contemporaries - even his most hostile enemies - ever raised the question. The royal historian, Antonio Herrera, describes Columbus' two marriages: "He married Felipa Muñiz de Perestrello and by her had Diego Colon. After the death of Felipa, he married a second, called Beatriz Enriquez, of the City of Cordoba, by whom he had Fernando, a virtuous gentleman highly lettered."

As further proof, a letter exists which Columbus wrote to the Court, in his own handwriting, in which he laments that, because of his explorations, he "left wife and children".

As for the vague wording of the will and the mysterious "unburdening of conscience", the 

reason it was "not meet to give" was political, not personal. To help pay for the expenses for Columbus' first journey, Beatriz had to spend nearly all of her small fortune, because the Crown had paid only part and never reimbursed her for the rest. Columbus was too prudent to risk the royal ire by citing Ferdinand's bad faith as the true reason, which all concerned knew well.

(From COMMEMORATIVE ISSUE, 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DISCOVERY OF AMERICA, 1492-1992, in VERBUM, published by St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary, Winona, Minnesota)

CHAPTER CHARITIES CHAMPIONED

Lee Harris, PR Director of the SD Diocese KC Chapter, came to our Business Meeting on February 4th. Lee explained the purpose and accomplishments of the SD KC Chapter Charities.

SDCC was formed in 1958, with a State Charter "to raise and distribute money for legitimate charitable causes".

From 1958 to 1970, SDCC raised over \$86,000 to furnish the new Law Library at USD. Then it raised \$7700 for SD Catholic High Schools and over \$14,000 for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

During 1976-82, SDCC raised almost \$14,000 for the new Diocesan Media Center for Religious Education, over \$7600 for the St. Madeleine Sophie's Center, plus \$6800 for Fr. Joe Carroll's Diocesan Boy Scout Program.

In 1984, SDCC gave Fr. Carroll \$11,000 for the new St. Vincent De Paul Center.

During the past four years, SDCC has raised \$22,500 for the SD Diocese Parochial School System.

So, the next time you get "another pitch" in the mail from SDCC, without reading it, you'll know it's for an excellent cause.

MARCH CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
2	<u>1ST DEGREE</u> , St. Michael 9590, 7:00 PM Info: Gene Carteron, 448-0505
4	<u>OMC 9776 BUSINESS MEETING</u> , 7:30 PM TURN OFF TV, TURN ON KC!
5	<u>2ND DEGREE</u> , Mater Dei 4936, 8:00 PM Info: Mike Cienfuego, 447-4734
7	<u>OMC 9776 PANCAKE BREAKFAST</u> , 8-10:30 AM HELP 2 SEMINARIANS WITH 1 GOAL!
13	<u>THE BIG GREEN DINNER-DANCE!</u>
18	<u>OMC 9776 SOCIABLE SOCIAL</u> , 7:30 PM Special Guest: Ed Grundy Former Baseball Umpire
19	<u>SAN DIEGO CHAPTER MEETING</u> , 8:00 PM Fr. Edw. Johnson 9314 2725 55th St., SD Info: John McElwee, 278-4190
21	<u>3RD DEGREE</u> , Mar Toma 10981, 1:30 PM Info: John Clark, 588-0177

APARTMENT DWELLERS GO TO MASS, TOO!

We have started a new project. Msgr. Sheahan suggested it. At a recent Business Meeting, GK Roger Smith told us: "Msgr. Sheahan says the new apartments in University City, within our partish limits, are a great untouched area. The people living there don't know the parish is here. He wants volunteers to get permission from the apartment managers to put our new parish brochure on their bulletin boards."

Chuck Haas, Bob Warner, and Herb Whyte vol'd.

Nick Lore: What did the Hawaiian say when he saw all that lava?

Jim Chang: Aa.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

One of these knightly followers of St. Patrick kissed the Blarney Stone. They're still trying to put it back together.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>
8	John Menard
9	Herb Whyte
18	Ron Huber
21	Andy Kenesie
31	Jim Amenta

PARISH PARTY SUPPORT

We helped liven things up at the OMC Parish St. Valentine's Dance, on February 13th. We set up the bar, furnished the makings for libations (potent and im-potent), provided bodies to man (person?) the bar, and sold tickets for purchasing the thirst-quenchers.

The following OMC 9776 Knights participated or helped in one way or another:

Tom Burke	Bud Kirch
Jack Cassidy	Dick Kroening
Bernie Clavet	Ed Kuenster
Jim Hammond	Joe Vettraino

CALL 'EM ~~AS~~ IF YOU SEE 'EM!

Ed Grundy, former major league umpire, will be our guest speaker this month. Our Lecturer, George Uberti, will introduce him at our Sociable Social Evening, Thursday March 18th.

The Social Evening is open to all your family members, spouses, etc. (if any). George assures us that Mr. Grundy always tells some pretty interesting and amusing stories (some of them even true).

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CREMATION

The recent discussion - and defeat - of Proposition 163, which would have legalized "mercy" killing, generated other pertinent questions. Such as, What does the Catholic Church teach about cremation? Canon Law says:

TITLE III ECCLESIASTICAL FUNERAL RITES

Can. 1176 - §1. The Christian faithful departed are to be given ecclesiastical funeral rites according to the norm of law.

§2. Through ecclesiastical funeral rites, the Church asks spiritual assistance for the departed, honors their bodies, and at the same time brings the solace of hope to the living; such rites are to be celebrated according to the norm of liturgical laws.

§3. The Church earnestly recommends that the pious custom of burying the bodies of the dead be observed; it does not, however, forbid cremation unless it has been chosen for reasons which are contrary to Christian teaching.

PGK Ray Flynn bought 2 tickets on a door prize at a recent Chapter meeting. He won. And now Ray is confused, frustrated, even flabbergasted. He just can't figure why he bought two tickets.



Irish Blessing



May the road rise
to meet you
May the wind be always
at your back
May the sun shine warm
upon your face
The rains fall soft
upon your fields
And until we meet again
May God hold you
in the palm
of his hand

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