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**EVERYONE AT THAT PARTY WAS IRISH!**

Trying to find a non-Irishman at the OMC parish hall on March 13th was like trying to find a snake in Ireland - green or otherwise. Our Council was hosting its annual St. Paddy's Day Dinner-Dance.

Putting it all together was somewhat akin to conducting a military operation: it required a well-organized exercise in logistics.

Chairman Tom Walters contracted the caterer for an excellent corned beef and cabbage Irish dinner, printed the tickets, furnished the ice cubes for libations and 'consolation' prizes for the door prize drawings, and shared pictorial recording of the event with Ron Thiele.

Ticket Chairman Bob Warner supervised ticket sales, greeted our arriving guests, and provided door prizes.

Mary Flynn organized a crew to set up tables and chairs and decorate the hall and tables. This year, she arranged the tables so that the Ceili Dancers could perform in the center of the hall, thus affording a good view for everyone. Assisting Mary were PGK Ray Flynn, Rosy Gray, Al Rupp, Ginny Cassidy, Dan Craig, Ron Thiele, and Bernie and Nora Clavet.

Tom Burke and his crew festooned the hall and tables with green balloons, in various configurations, including shamrocks. The balloons were 'blown up' and suspended by PGK Ray Flynn, John Johnson, Ray F Flynn, and John Menard. JM was helped by his brother Gerry, visiting from Michigan, and their sister, Blanche Major, visiting from Beautiful Downtown Burbank.

Ellen Artley livened up the walls with green (naturally) Irish-Gaelic well wishes and other good sayings.

Jack Cassidy procured the permit for providing potent potables. He also emceed the evening's festivities.

Earl Gray sold tickets for the 50/50 drawing, at 50 cents each or an arm's length for \$5.00. He was helped by Bernie Clavet.

Ed Kuenster provisioned the bar and kept the bar patrons happy. He was assisted by Dick Kroening, Bud Kirch, and Tom Burke.

Jim Hammond, Ray F Flynn, and Mary Flynn sold bar tickets. (We found out they were better at making change than the bartenders.)

Sam Verneti and The Weekenders permeated the air with Irish tunes and other delightful music for 'together' dancing.

The Pride of Erin Ceili Dancers entertained us with light-footed Irish dancing.

Winners of the three main door prizes (books) were Bernie Clavet, Senia Bulacan, and PGK Ray Flynn. The 'consolation' prizes (three genuine Irish chocolate leprechauns each) were won by Beth Velasquez, Mickey Gray, Marie Barbour, and Hugh Van Doren.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Hugh Van Doren. He 'greened' his pocket to the tune of \$110.00.

Fade to the band playing "After The Ball Is Over". The party goers have all gone home (or wherever it is that party goers go after the party is over). The question now is; Who is going to stick around to 'clean up the joint'? Obviously, not everyone can or is expected to do so. But those who could, did: GK Roger and Patricia Smith, Jack and Ginny Cassidy, Ray F Flynn, Ed Kuenster, Ron Thiele, Tom Walters.

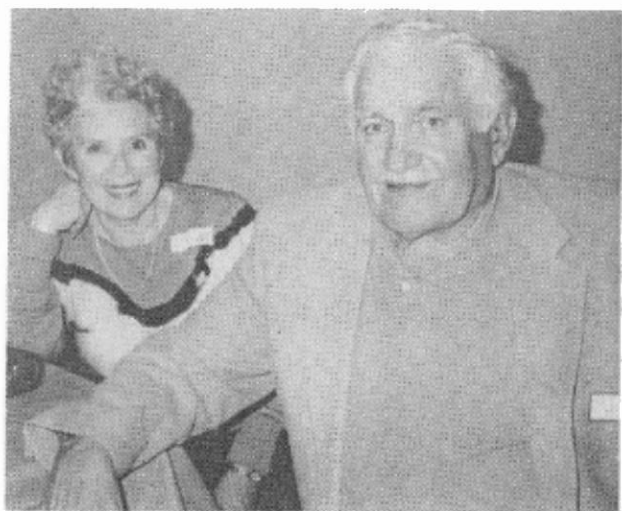
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Ron Thiele: I heard you spent \$20 on the 50/50 drawing.

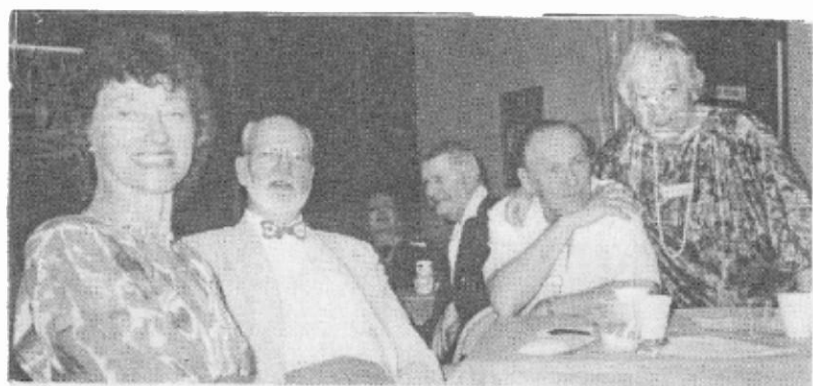
Peter Casa: Why not? I had a 50/50 chance of winning, didn't I?

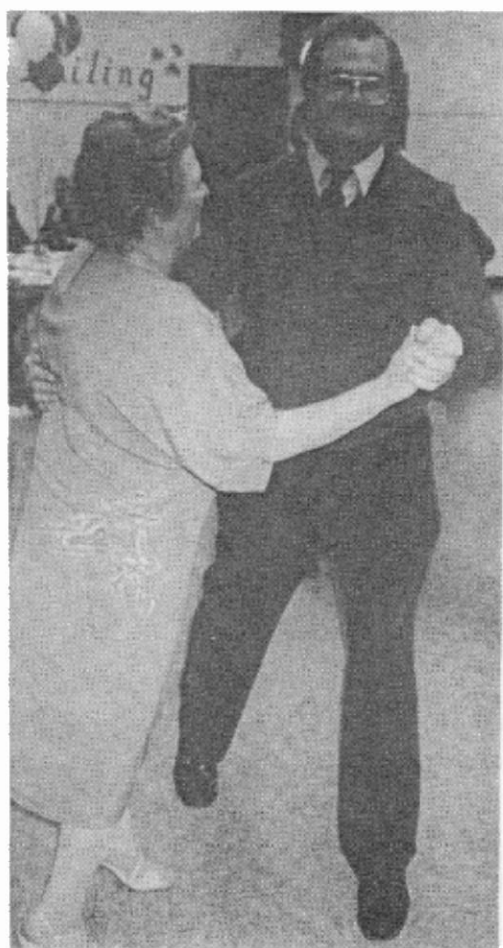






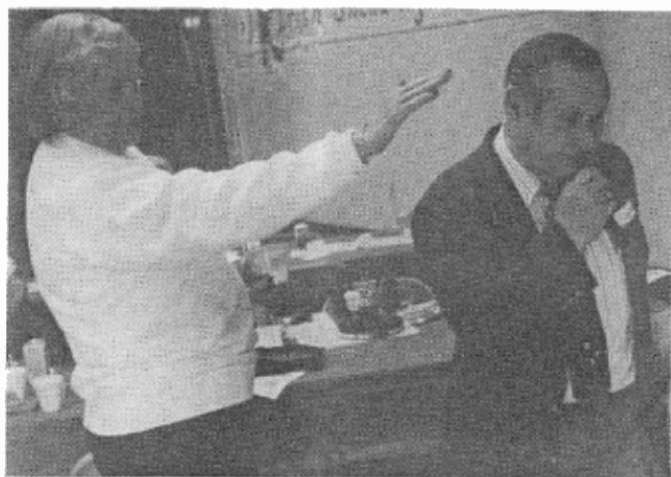












## MEMORARE - EVERY MONTH

In April, we commemorate Our Blessed Mother as follows:

- 2 The Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Friday after Passion Sunday)
- 26 Our Lady of Good Counsel

### OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

Jesus is called the Angel of the Great Counsel, that is, the messenger sent by God the Father to carry out the eternal decree of man's salvation.

The Mother of Christ has a deeper insight into this counsel than any other created mind. Mary is thus preeminently qualified to give the counsels of salvation. In the Epistle of the Feast of the Mother of Good Counsel, Mary tells us: "I am the Mother of fair love and fear and of knowledge and of holy hope."

Fair love is love of what is deserving of love: God and things divine. Fear is the fear of God, from which springs hatred of sin. Knowledge sees, in all things and conditions of life, the means to bring us closer to God. And hope lifts up our desires to heaven and sees, beyond the labors and crosses of this life, the glory of eternal reward.

Such love, fear, knowledge, and hope will be our salvation. Our Lady of Good Counsel offers them to us and assures us: "Blessed is the man that heareth me and that watches daily at my gates and waiteth at the posts of my door. He that shall find me shall find life and shall have salvation from the Lord."

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

There are no April Fools in this group - they all joined the Knights of Columbus:

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>NAME</u>  |
|-------------|--------------|
| 9           | Vic Bagwell  |
| 11          | Pat Crahan   |
| 12          | Hal Nease    |
| 18          | Jack Cassidy |
| 20          | Al Hovde     |
| 23          | Ed Kuenster  |
| 25          | John Leavy   |

## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

At our March Business Meeting, we chose our first Knight of the Month. PGK Ray Flynn nominated Tom Burke, there were no other nominations, and Tom was selected unanimously.

Why pick Tom Burke for this honor? There is not a single reason to do so - there are just too many! Whenever our Council becomes interested in some Knightly endeavor, Tom is among the first to volunteer. Whenever our pastor needs help in some parish activity, there you will find Tom Burke.



KOM TOM  
BURKE

DGK BOB  
WARNER

## ADVANCING BY DEGREES

On March 5th, three of our Knights received their Second Degree at Mater Dei 4936:

Peter A. Casa  
Ervin J. Kopler  
Ronald C. Thiele

They were accompanied by George Uberti and Tom Walters.

On March 21st, four of our 2nd Degree Knights became full-fledged 3rd Degree Knights. This ceremony was sponsored by one of our newest KC Councils, Mar Toma (St. Thomas) 10981, at St. Peter's Chaldean Church in El Cajon. The new 3D Knights are:

Peter A. Casa  
Ervin J. Kopler  
Ronald Scarafone  
Ronald C. Thiele

They were accompanied by PGK Raymond Flynn, George and Marian Uberti, and Marion Casa.



TOM  
WALTERS

RON  
THIELE

PETE  
CASA

ERVIN  
KOPLER

## APRIL CALENDAR

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>ACTIVITY</u>                                                                                                             |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1           | <u>OMC 9776 BUSINESS MEETING</u> , 6:30 PM<br>TURN OFF TV, TURN ON KC!                                                      |
| 1           | <u>2ND DEGREE</u> , San Lorenzo 9904, 7:00 PM<br>Info: Roger Noriega, 479-6824                                              |
| 4           | <u>OMC 9776 PANCAKE BREAKFAST</u><br>C A N C E L E D                                                                        |
| 4           | <u>3RD DEGREE</u> , St. Mark 6979, 1:00 PM<br>Info: Al Koenig, 744-1947                                                     |
| 6           | <u>1ST DEGREE</u> , St. Michael 9590, 7:00 PM<br>Info: Gene Carteron, 448-0505                                              |
| 15          | <u>OMC 9776 SOCIABLE SOCIAL EVENING</u> , 6:30 PM<br>WE CELEBRATE OUR 5TH ANNIVERSARY!<br>(See Special Edition of CONFIDER) |
| 16          | <u>SAN DIEGO CHAPTER MEETING</u> , 8:00 PM<br>St. Charles Borromeo 7903<br>Info: Dom Domingo, 429-7963                      |
| 17          | <u>3RD DEGREE</u> , San Lorenzo 9904, 1:00 PM<br>Info: Armando Enriquez, 470-4772                                           |
| 23          | <u>SAN DIEGO CHAPTER CLERGY NIGHT</u><br>Info: Bill Kunding, 753-1730                                                       |
| 25          | <u>1ST DEGREE</u> , Valley of Angels 9710, 7:30 PM<br>Info: Walt Dempsey, 673-8321                                          |

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### RAY FLYNN TO THE VATICAN?

Raymond Flynn confirmed he would be named the next U.S. ambassador to the vatican. Flynn said the appointment was a "huge honor" and that he was humbled by it.

The above is from an article in the SD Union-Tribune, dated Wednesday, March 17, 1993.

A phone call to PGK Raymond P. Flynn elicited the following succinct comment: "No comment!"

Warden Raymond F. Flynn was even more evasive. His cryptic comment: "Who, me?"

Tune in next month for another episode in Unsolved...

## DON'T KILL THIS UMPIRE!

You don't need a great sense of humor to be a successful major league umpire. But it sure is a major asset when dealing with the Kids of Swat.

Ed Runge demonstrated this very convincingly on March 18th. Lecturer George Uberti had invited him to be our guest speaker at our Social Evening. It turned out to be one of the most delightful we've ever had.

Mr. Runge kept us laughing without letup, no easy task for even a professional entertainer. But, then, Ed has an advantage over the professionals - he doesn't have to rely on highly paid writers for good material.

Baseball is a game for kids of all ages. And major league baseball employs more adult-size kids than any other sport. This anomaly can't help but produce myriad opportunities for a man with a quick wit and a facile mind. Such a man is Ed Runge.

On March 18th, Ed reached into his bag of experiences and came up with one hilarious anecdote after another. Sure, he just maybe concocted one or two for the sheer fun of it. But who cares? They were funny!

Who hasn't laughed at the (too often) childish antics of major league ballplayers? Those who have couldn't help but be thoroughly titillated by this master raconteur of risible, sometimes ribald, anecdotes.

Ed Runge told us he is available, "anytime, anyplace", to brighten up the social function of any organization. The entrance fee is nothing more than a good sense of humor. Ed may be reached at the San Diego Padres Speaker Bureau, at 583-2644.

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## PARAPHRASING ED RUNGE

"We spent thousands of dollars for a college education for our son Paul - so he could become an umpire, too, and count four balls on one hand and three strikes on the other!"



ED  
RUNGE

GEORGE  
UBERTI

ROGER  
SMITH



## ISABEL OF SPAIN: THE CATHOLIC QUEEN

That is the title of a book written last year by William H. Carroll. The following is from a review of the book by Rev. Peter T. MacCarthy, in **HOMILETIC & PASTORAL REVIEW**, Aug.-Sept. 1992.

This is a stimulating book once you have negotiated the initial 24 generations, 770 years, of the preceding Crusade for Spain. It was the 25th generation, Isabel's, that freed Spain for Christianity. She was a Crusader par excellence up to the end. It was her indomitable Spirit and drive that raised her country to true nobility and the glory of a world power.

As a Catholic, she became a reproach to the avarice and the nationalistic struggle for power and dominance in other European kingdoms which subsequently relegated her to obscurantism as unenlightened, archaic, and inconsequential.

Her goal was to reform her kingdom and then the Church. She was graced with the qualities to succeed - industry, moral integrity, devotion, discernment, and magnificent courage - so that, by the time of her death at 53, after 30 years as queen, peace and harmony prevailed, in both civil and ecclesiastical circles.

It was her insight and influence that enabled her contemporary, Columbus, to discover the New World seven years ahead of Amerigo Vespucci, who was proclaimed discoverer of this continent.

The calumnies levied against her in retrospect - Inquisition, slavery, and such cliches as human rights - are here considered objectively in their historical context, quite to the chagrin of a "devil's advocate".

Throughout the narrative, one can clearly see the power of a Catholic woman, queen, mother, patriot, and idealist, in her joys, sorrows, and glories characteristic of saints.

The final chapter, **ACHIEVEMENT AND SANCTITY**, portrays her as the "valiant woman" deserving recognition and honor, the kind of heroine that Catholic students need today.

## WHAT DID HE SAY?

At our March Business Meeting, Editor Bernie Clavet told us:

Every month I send a copy of THE CONFIDER to Helen Schraff, a friend in Spring Valley. Helen recently sent me a note, in which she said that she and her family "enjoyed Fr. Joe's message in the December issue". (Fr. Joseph Masar, our Chaplain, was once Asst. Pastor at Santa Sophia's in Spring Valley.) Helen went on to say that she showed the article to a friend, who in turn showed it to her pastor. The friend said that her pastor also liked the article and intended to quote from it in his next homily!

By their words you shall know them?

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Manuel Antonio: Do you realize we spend several billions of dollars on games of chance every year in this country?

Douglas Bradley: Does that include weddings?

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## SORRY, ED!

Last month, THE CONFIDER reported that Lecturer George Uberti would present Ed Grundy, former major league baseball umpire, as our guest speaker on March 18th.

Well, it seems we made a slight error. Ed's last name is Runge, not Grundy. You see, our staff reporter committed a capital journalistic error - he forgot to verify the spelling of a name; our proofreader - a grammar school dropout - was absent the day the article was written; and the editor, who can't watch TV and listen to it at the same time, never reads THE CONFIDER.

Our apologies to Ed Grundy, whoever you are!

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