



Knights of Columbus

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COUNCIL NO. 9776
SAN DIEGO, CA

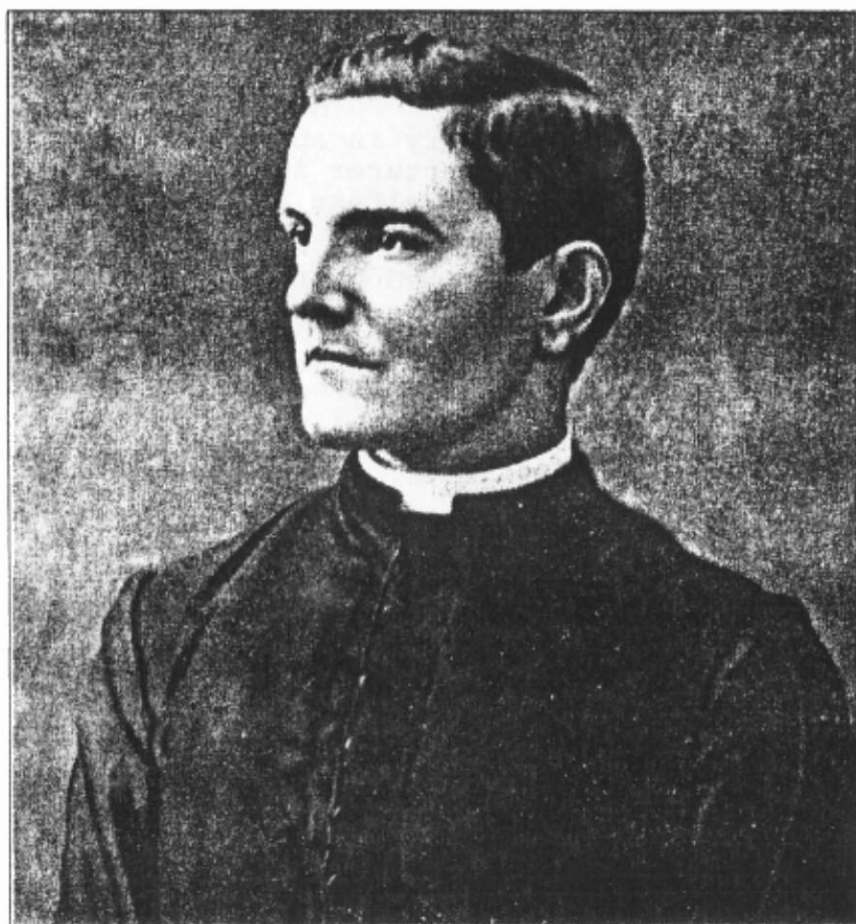


NO. 62

THE CONFIDER

JUNE 93

FATHER OF OUR ORDER



**REV. MICHAEL J. McGIVNEY
FOUNDER OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At our May Business Meeting, the Nominating Committee, chaired by PGK Ray Flynn, nominated the following members for election to office:

Grand Knight: Chuck Haas
Deputy GK: Ron Thiele
Chancellor: Dan Sanchez
Recorder: Bernie Clavet
Treasurer: Earl Gray
Advocate: Tom Burke
Warden: Dick Kroening
Inside Guard: Pete Casa
Outside Guard: Erv Kofler
3-Yr. Trustee: Roger Smith
2-Yr. Trustee: Ray P Flynn
1-Yr. Trustee: Ed Kuenster

The Trustees are elected to 3-year terms. In our Council, the outgoing Grand Knight is traditionally elected 3-Year Trustee.

The Financial Secretary is appointed by the Supreme Knight. The Lecturer is appointed by the Grand Knight. Tom Walters and George Uber-ti have agreed to continue in those offices.

The Chaplain is selected by the Grand Knight, Deputy GK, and Board of Trustees.

The following Directors will be appointed by the Grand Knight:

Membership
Program
Church
Community
Council
Family
Youth

The three Delegates to the San Diego Diocese Chapter are the Grand Knight, Deputy GK, and Chancellor. The Grand Knight will appoint three Alternate Delegates.

Nominations to elective offices may be submitted up to and during the actual Election of Officers at our Business Meeting on

FRIDAY, JUNE 4TH.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF MEETING DATE!

HOPE FOR HOMELESS KIDS

Ron and Mary Thiele took these words of Our Lord seriously: "As long as you did it for one of these, the least of My brethren, you did it for Me." (Matt. 25:40)

They not only took them seriously, they decided to find a good way to put them into practice. They finally concluded that "the least of My brethren" certainly included, in their words, "long-term homeless and street kids".

In 1990, they collaborated with Rick Koca in San Diego to form STANDUP FOR KIDS. (See May 1993 CONFIDER.) SFK has since developed into a multifaceted national program, staffed entirely by volunteers.

At our May Sociable Evening, Ron and Mary showed us a tape about SFK. They then related some of their own experiences in finding and helping homeless kids.

Some of the stories were amusing. Others depicted the abject cruelty of some "parents" and their rejection of their very own very young children. (Dope and alcohol addiction often influenced such acts.)

But the overriding effect of the stories of their involvement and commitment was to make you feel optimistic that there are dedicated people like Ron and Mary. They are not only hearers of the Word, but doers also.

For more information about STANDUP FOR KIDS, call 274-1055.



RON AND MARY THIELE

FLAG DAY - JUNE 14

I pledge allegiance to the flag
of the United States of America
and to the Republic for which it stands,
ONE NATION UNDER GOD,
indivisible,
with liberty and justice for all.

CLERGY APPRECIATION NIGHT

On April 23rd, the SD Chapter of the Knights of Columbus sponsored its annual Clergy Appreciation Night. Our Council was represented by the following Knights and Ladies:

Dan and Eileen Craig
Earl and Rosy Gray
Roger and Pat Smith
George and Marian Uberti
Joe and Babe Vettraino
Tom and Dolores Walters

Msgr. Donal Sheahan, OMC Pastor, and Sr. Adella Diederich, Adult Education Director, were our guests.

Tom Walters took the following pics:





JUNE BIRTHDAYS

These Knights will be celebrating two major events this month (see Page 6):

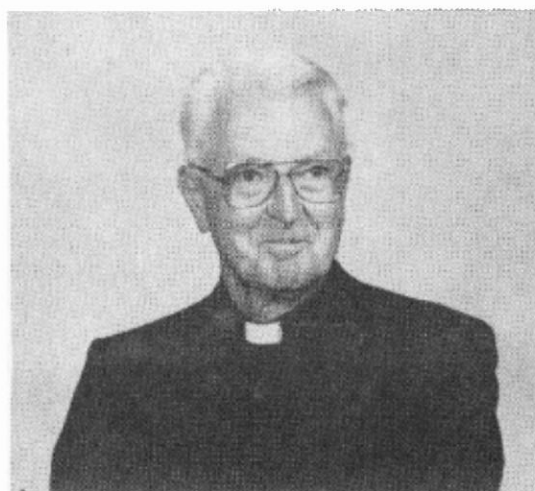
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1	Ed Kaczka
2	Len Krepshaw
3	Erv Kofler
5	John Walsh
9	MSGR. O'DONOGHUE
9	George Uberti
11	Doug Bradley
12	Bob Warner
14	Ron Thiele
25	Del Kinsella

50 YEARS A PRIEST

MSGR. JAMES P. O'DONOGHUE

Our First Chaplain

On June 6th, Msgr. O'Donoghue will celebrate his Golden Anniversary as a priest. On June 20th, he will say the 10:30 Mass at OMC. After Mass, there will be a reception in his honor in the parish hall.



James Phillip O'Donoghue was born in Cavan, Ireland, on 9 June 1919. After completing his seminary studies at St. Patrick's College, in Carlow, Ireland, and North American College, in Rome, he was ordained on 6 June 1943.

Fr. O'Donoghue was an Assistant Pastor at the Church of the English Martyrs in Preston, England. He then served at three parishes in Southern California. In 1951, he became pastor of St. Joseph's Church in Big Bear, California, and, a few year later, pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Lakeside.

In 1964, Fr. O'Donoghue was appointed founding pastor of Our Mother of Confidence Parish. On 1 July 1969, Pope Paul VI proclaimed him an Honorary Papal Prelate, with the title of Reverend Monsignor.

Msgr. O'Donoghue retired from the active ministry in 1990. He is now about to enter and enjoy his priestly Golden Years.

WELCOME WAGGIN



JOHN N. JOHNSON

On May 4th, John became a Knight of Columbus and a member of Council OMC 9776. He received his First Degree in a ceremony conducted by Council St. Michael 9590.

John was accompanied by Brothers Ron Thiele and Tom Walters.



BRIDGET & JOHN
JOHNSON

Ginny Cassidy: Does it matter where you put the accent on the term 'sleeping bags'?

Jack Cassidy: Well, if you say **SLEEPING** bags, it means one thing. If you say sleeping **BAGS**, it means something else.

"O REVEREND FOUNDER..."

Michael J. McGivney was born on 12 August 1852, in Waterbury, Ct., the first of 13 children, seven of whom lived beyond childhood. His father, Patrick, worked in a local brass mill. Michael joined him there at age 13 - he had dropped out of school to help support the family.

Michael entered the seminary in 1868 and was ordained in 1877. He was sent to St. Mary's Church in New Haven.

In 1882, Fr. McGivney and a group of laymen founded the Knights of Columbus. Church historian Christopher Kauffman tells us:

"By adopting Columbus as their patron, this small group of New Haven Irish-American Catholics displayed their pride in America's Catholic heritage...The term 'Knights' symbolizes the deep conviction that to pledge one's fealty to the Catholic ideals of Columbus involved one in a militant struggle against the strong anti-Catholic...sentiment so prevalent in traditional New England society.

"Fr. McGivney deeply believed in the compatibility of Catholicism and American fraternalism. No doubt (he) was motivated by the wish to keep young Catholics from entering the ranks of condemned secret societies and by the need to protect families during sickness and death. Yet he was equally persistent in his aim to establish a Catholic fraternal society imbued with a zealous pride in one's American Catholic heritage."

In many respects, Fr. McGivney was an unlikely founder. He was too young, too inexperienced, too insensitive and retiring in his ways. But he had a quality indispensable to his task, indomitable will, according to one early chronicler of the Knights.

Supreme Knight Virgil C. Dechant stated: "Fr. McGivney's perseverance led one of his collaborators to write later that 'without his optimism, his will to succeed, his counsel and advice', there would have been no Knights of Columbus."

The young priest prudently recognized that it was a laymen's organization and had to function as such. He served for two years as corresponding secretary and after that as Chaplain for six years. But otherwise he left the running of the Knights to lay leadership.

In January 1890, Fr. McGivney came down with a serious case of pneumonia. He died on August 14th, at the age of 38. He was buried in his hometown, Waterbury.

Fr. McGivney was not only farsighted and determined. He was a man of more than ordinary spiritual depth. Several years ago, the K of C began assembling detailed information and documentation about his life and writings, with an eye to possible formal introduction of his canonization cause, some time in the future.

The late Bishop Charles P. Greco of Alexandria, La., who had served as Supreme Chaplain for many years, composed the following prayer:

"O great and glorious God, you imbued your holy priest, Fr. Michael J. McGivney, with deep priestly virtue and especially with pastoral concern for the poor, the orphan, the widow, for the Christian education of youths, for the protection of the faith of the working man of his day.

"Now that his priestly ministry continues to spread to countless millions throughout the world, through the efforts and influence of the Order of the Knights of Columbus, which Fr. McGivney founded, we beseech You, heavenly Father, to raise your faithful servant, Michael, to the honors of the altar."

Not long after Fr. McGivney's death, a eulogist (his name was not recorded) proclaimed:

"O Reverend Founder, that act alone of thine which gave life to the Knights of Columbus has surely secured for thee everlasting joy and eternal peace."

(From an article in Our Sunday Visitor, 8/12/90)

MEMORARE - EVERY MONTH

In June we commemorate Mary as follows:

- 9 Mother of Grace
- 27 Our Lady of Perpetual Help

MIRACULOUS PICTURE OF OUR LADY OF QUITO



The first miracle involving this picture happened on 20 April 1906. It occurred in the refectory of a boys' boarding school run by the Jesuit Fathers in Quito, Ecuador.

Fr. Andrew Roesch and 36 boys saw Mary slowly open and close her eyes. The picture was moved to the chapel, where the miracle was witnessed again several times.

The ecclesiastical authorities conducted the canonical process of examination. The Vicar General then ordered the picture to be transferred, in procession, from the school chapel to the church of the Jesuit Fathers.

At the church, the miracle was repeated several times, once lasting for three days. The miracle happened again at Riobamba, this time involving a reproduction of the picture. There were 20 witnesses, including the president of the municipality.

JUNE CALENDAR

DATE

ACTIVITY

- 1 1ST DEGREE, St. Michael's 9590, 7:00 PM
Info: Gene Carteron, 448-0505
 - 4 OMC 9776 BUSINESS MEETING, 7:30 PM
ELECTION OF OFFICERS
NOTE DATE CHANGE: FRIDAY, JUNE 4TH
 - 6 OMC PANCAKE BREAKFAST, 8:30-11:00 AM
HELP TWO FUTURE PRIESTS!
 - 17 OMC 9776 SOCIABLE EVENING, 7:30 PM
 - 18 SAN DIEGO CHAPTER MEETING, 8:00 PM
St. Mark's 6979
Info: Al Koenig, 744-1947
 - 20 50TH ANNIVERSARY
MSGR. JAMES P. O'DONOGHUE
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THE SIGNATURE OF CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS

Christopher Columbus signed his name:

.S.
.g. A .S.
X M Y
X P O F E R E N S

.S.
.g. A .S.

stands for:

Servus
Sum Altissimi Salvatoris.

Which is Latin for:

I am the servant of
the Most High Savior.

X P O F E R E N S

is Greek for Christ and Latin for bearer.

X M Y = ?

FIRST COMMUNION BRUNCH

On Sunday, April 25th, our Council hosted a brunch for the OMC First Communicants and their families.

The following Knights and Ladies pitched in and helped, some on Saturday getting it ready, and some on Sunday:

Eileen Craig
Jim Hammond
Mary Jones
Roger and Pat Smith
Ron and Mary Thiele
Marian Uberti
Tom Walters

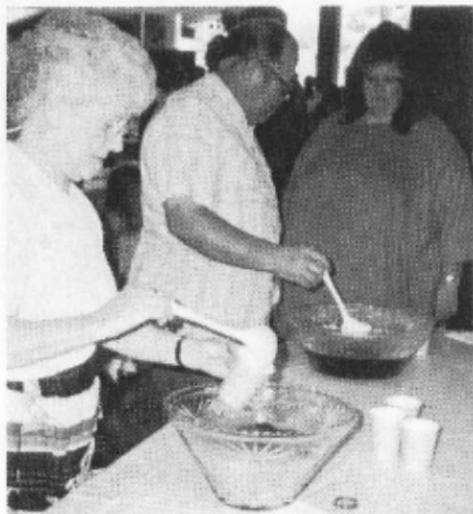
Ray and Mary Flynn decided to sit this one out - they didn't think Mary should share her galloping pneumonia (or whatever it was) with anyone else.

We received a very nice Thank You note from Cathy Whelan, Religious Education Director.

Tom Walters took the following pics:







LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON

By PGK Ray Flynn

On April 17th, I was privileged to receive a taste of the Southern Hospitality we have all heard about. I travelled to Charlotte, NC, to witness my son Bill become a 3rd Degree Knight. As all you 3Ders know, fathers have a special role in the ceremony - and I was very proud to play it!

Bill is a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Council 10505. His Grand Knight, Chuck Schriefer, provided the hospitality. He was assisted by two other 3rd Degree candidates of his Council: Fr. Richard Contiland and Brother Knight Tom Winn. Fr. Contiland is copastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Church.



TOM
WINN

CHUCK
SCHRIEFER

BILL
FLYNN

RAY
FLYNN

FR. RICHARD
CONTILAND

NEXT MONTH: STEWART AND BOBBIE WESTDAL
GO TO THE HOLY LAND AND ROME

THE CONFIDER

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Ron Thiele, 273-7620

Youth Director

Jim Amenta, 278-1965

BUSINESS MEETING:
FRIDAY
JUNE 4TH

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
TO THE FAMILY OF

