



Knights of Columbus

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COUNCIL NO. 9776

SAN DIEGO, CA



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MAKE OUR FAMILY GROW

This is the theme for the new K of C membership recruitment campaign. "Membership is vital to the Order...We want to recruit every eligible Catholic man and his family," said Supreme Knight Virgil C. Dechant.

"We will launch the new Fraternal Year 1993-94 with an active concept of 'making growth' planted firmly in our minds. We will go out, tools in hand, to plant the K of C membership seed among our families, friends, coworkers, and fellow parishioners.

"We will tell the story of the Order - of our good works for Church, community and council. We will explain the benefits of membership, the insurance program, and the good feelings engendered by belonging.

"Our focus should and must be on the family, for our Order is nothing if not family-centered. Our goal is growth...if we do not grow, we shall, as an Order, stagnate and die. We need to grow to maintain our strength, to remain, as Pope Paul VI called us, 'An immense force for good'.

"And we shall make it happen...we must be on the alert, conscious and mindful that the only way our family will grow is if we, its current members, make it grow by enthusiastically asking every eligible Catholic man to become a Knight of Columbus.

"Together, let's Make Our Family Grow."

REQUIESCAT IN PACE



DELBERT J. KINSELLA

Brother Delbert 'Dick' Kinsella died on July 21st and was buried on July 27th. He was born on 23 June 1907 and is survived by his beloved wife, Ethel.

VOCATIONS CHAIRMAN

Rob Curry

PRAYER FOR FAMILY VOCATION SPIRIT

Heavenly Father, in the example of the Holy Family, You teach us how to live as a loving family. From Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, we learn that You have given each of us a special place in your plans for the world. Each of us has a call - a vocation - to be holy as a married or single lay person, or as a priest or a deacon or a religious brother or sister.

Make us a kind and understanding family, so that we will help one another discover his or her vocation and follow it faithfully.

With Mary and Joseph, we ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

HOLY FAMILY HOUR OF PRAYER PROGRAM

A portrait of the Holy Family will be the focus of a Holy Family Hour of Prayer Program to begin Orderwide in September.

A depiction of the Holy Family by Spanish artist Bartolome Esteban Murillo (1617-1682) was chosen for this honor.



Another Murillo version of the Holy Family:



WELCOME WAGGIN



LEONARD O. BAKER

ROBERT S. CURRY



LEN AND PAT
BAKER



ROB & MONICA
CURRY

Len and Rob received their First Degree on August 3rd, in a ceremony sponsored by Council Frances Cabrini 8879. They were accompanied by GK Chuck Haas, DGK Ron Thiele, and DD 101 (PGK) Ray Flynn.

ADVANCING BY DEGREES

LEONARD O. BAKER

ROBERT S. CURRY

KENNETH A. GENGLER

On August 19th, these three Knights advanced from the First Degree to the Second Degree. The sponsoring Council was St. Mark 6979. The District 98 2nd Degree Team, under DD Bob Kunding, performed the beautiful K of C ritual.

Len, Bob, and Ken were accompanied by DD 101 (our PGK) Ray Flynn, GK Chuck Haas, and DGK Ron Thiele. The Honoree for this important step in the life of a Knight was SD Chapter President Leonard Brzezinski.

On August 22nd, Len Baker and Rob Curry became full-fledged Third Degree Knights in a ceremony hosted by Council Fallbrook 7069. Chuck Haas and DGK Ron Thiele escorted them.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

THE LEONARD O. BAKERS

At our August Business Meeting, we voted the family of Len and Pat Baker our FAMILY OF THE MONTH for July.

Len is our Council Director. Converted to Catholicism through the RCIA Program, he became a sponsor the next year.

Len and Pat are Nursery Coordinators and conduct the Liturgy of the Word for children at the 9:00 AM Sunday Mass. They also work with the Youth Ministry and coordinate the Christmas tree sales, as well as supervising the children's games at annual parish picnics.

Both have been active with the Boy and Girl Scout programs for the past seven years. Len also coaches Little League football and baseball teams.

Pat is a CCD teacher and is enrolled in the Basic Catechist course. She is also an elementary school teacher.

Leonard Baker Jr. has been a Mass server for the past four years.

(Information provided by
Family Director John Johnson)

ZZZZZZZZ

Shortly after Len Brzezinski joined the Marines, he demonstrated his ability to overcome obstacles. His motivation was money.

The first time the Eagle flew over and targeted his group, he didn't get paid. When the paymaster told him to spell his name, he did not get past the second "z". The paymaster thought he was snoring and summarily dismissed him.

So what did Len do? He had his name legally changed to Brinsky for the duration. And the next month he got paid? No way. He forgot to salute the paymaster!

MEMORARE - EVERY MONTH

In September, we commemorate Mary, our Mother and the Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ, as follows:

- 3 Mother of the Good Shepherd
- 4 Our Lady of Consolation
- 12 Holy Name of Mary
- 15 The Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin
- 24 Our Lady of Ransom

THE SEVEN SORROWS OF THE BVM

- 1. The prophecy of Simeon: "Thy own soul a sword shall pierce." (Luke, 2:35)
- 2. The flight into Egypt
- 3. The loss of Jesus in the temple
- 4. Meeting Jesus on the way to Calvary
- 5. The crucifixion
- 6. The removal of Jesus from the cross
- 7. The burial of Jesus



THE PIETA

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Michelangelo's PIETA was commissioned by Cardinal Jean de Villiers de la Groslaye. It is 69 inches high and was completed in 1499.

The PIETA is considered by many experts to be the supreme work of Christian art, in any medium, in any century. It surpasses even his own heroic wall and ceiling paintings in the Sistine Chapel and his great dome of the New St. Peter's.

The PIETA focuses our attention on a moment of mourning between Christ's death and His entombment. He has been taken down from the cross and rests briefly in the arms of His sorrowing Mother.

The theme presented a technical difficulty. That moment, between the cross and the tomb, calls for the body of a full-grown man to rest horizontally across the slighter body of a woman. In terms of pure theory, it would be almost impossible to execute such a pair of figures without producing an extremely awkward composition.

The young Michelangelo solved the problem brilliantly. He enlarged the figure of Mary and reduced that of Jesus. The two figures, each perfectly proportioned, are actually carved in two different scales.

This change in scale enabled the sculptor to confront us with the sorrowing Mother and the dead Jesus alone - most such presentations of this moment of grief surround the central pair with other figures of the Crucifixion.

The PIETA is the only work Michelangelo ever signed. One day, while visiting his sculpture in Old St. Peter's, he overheard a group of men arguing about the identity of the sculptor. That night, with a lantern, a hammer, and a chisel, he entered the church. On a ribbon across the breast of the Virgin, he carved: "Michelangelus Bonarotus Florent Faciebat": Michelangelo Buonarroti of Florence made it.

(Condensed from an article in THE SIGN Magazine, December 1962.)

ADVERTISING THE K OF C SPIRIT

At the June SD Chapter Meeting, the Councils were asked to purchase an ad in **THE SOUTHERN CROSS**, the diocesan paper. This would not only publicize our Council, it would also help Christopher LaFlamme, a student at St. John's Seminary College in Camarillo, CA. The ad appeared in the 1 July 1993 edition:

Council 9776
University City
Robert E. Haas
452-3197
First & Third Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Our Mother of Confidence Church

The same edition featured a 2-page article, titled "GOOD KNIGHTS", by Larry Montali. It was subtitled "A Century After Being Founded, the Knights of Columbus Hold True to Their Original Course". A key statement:

"The Catholic Church has changed in many ways since then, but the Knights, now more than 1.5 million strong, have maintained a steady direction in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, the Philippines, Guatemala, and beyond."

SD Chapter President Leonard Brzezinski, a 20-year Knight, summed up the spirit of the Order:

"You're associated with so many trusting people who all have a common cause. It seems like, on a daily basis, I'm involved with somebody, somehow wanting to do some good. Of course, our common goal is to get to heaven, and I figure this is a vehicle I can use to get up there."

Outgoing State Deputy Doug Tomlin said we'd concentrate efforts on our traditional areas of support: Catholic education, religious vocations, the fight against pornography, and "backing up the Church and the Holy Father, wherever that takes us."

COUNCIL ACTIVITY STATEMENTS

When space permits, we will publish STATEMENTS about the activities of our various Committees, beginning with:

MISSION STATEMENT

To guard the Catholic Faith in all that we do as a Catholic, family, fraternal, lay, and service organization.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Ron Thiele

Each Council in the SD Diocese K of C Chapter is authorized three regular delegates and alternate delegates as needed. Our regular delegates are:

Grand Knight Chuck Haas
Deputy GK Ron Thiele
Chancellor Dan Sanchez

Our alternate delegates are:

Financ. Secty. Tom Walters
Recorder Bernie Clavet

The Chapter meetings are held on the third Friday of the month. Councils in the Chapter take turns hosting the meetings. Attending these meetings is a good way to learn about other activities in the Chapter, as well as throughout the K of C universal family.

If you would like to be an alternate delegate and become more involved in your Council, call the Program Director.

(No experience necessary)

INSURANCE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Tom Burke

Protecting your family is what we do best. When you need us, we will be there. Call our Insurance Agent, Al White, at 727-6355.

John Johnson: Just what is a rainbow?

Bridget Johnson: Noah's arc.

CATHOLIC ANSWERS

July 29, 1993

Mr. Earl Gray
Treasurer
OMC Knights of Columbus Council No. 9776
3131 Governor Dr.
San Diego, CA 92122

Dear Mr. Gray:

Please extend our entire staff's deep gratitude to all the members of your Council for their extremely generous donations. We thank the Council for its donation of \$500.00, and we thank the following individuals for pledging the balance of the funds: Fr. Patrick Waite, Bernie Clavet, Ray and Mary Flynn, Evelyn Kaczka, Ervin Kofler, Dan and Gladys Sanchez, Roger and Pat Smith, George and Marian Uberti, Tom and Dolores Walters, and you and your wife, Rosy.

Let me report to you on the status of our project. All 300,000 copies of the booklet *Pillar of Fire, Pillar of Truth* are now in print, most in storage in Denver. Over 150 people from around the country have volunteered to help distribute the booklet to the young people at World Youth Day.

Our week will begin with a public debate. Two of us from Catholic Answers will square off against two of the leading anti-Catholic Fundamentalists. The topic will be *sola scriptura*, the "Bible alone" theory. The debate will be held at a large Baptist church in Denver. The other side expects 1,000 of its supporters to attend. We see this as a golden opportunity to give these people the facts about the Catholic faith before they hit the streets and try to proselytize Catholics. God willing, many of them will decide not to go ahead with their anti-Catholic work.

Throughout the week we will be meeting with bishops from throughout the U.S. At our headquarters hotel we are hosting a hospitality suite for them, and on Friday some of them will join us at a barbeque at a private residence. We hope to be able to speak with the bishops at length about the need for expanded evangelization work in their dioceses, and we will offer them Catholic Answers' services.

Pillar of Fire, Pillar of Truth is now being translated into Spanish, and we have begun efforts to have the booklet translated into Eastern European languages. It is our hope the booklet will do much good throughout the world. Your gracious help permits this plan to go forward.

Sincerely in Christ,



Karl Keating
Director

VISITING OURS

On August 12th, Marian Uberti underwent an angioplasty to open a constricted blood vessel in her right thigh. George reports that, before the procedure, X-rays showed the blood vessel to be almost completely closed. Now, he tells us, X-rays show a very clear flow of blood and Marian is recuperating at home.

FROM OUR GRAND KNIGHT

Chuck Haas

The PCB crew, headed by Tom Walters, continues to impress me: so much work being done by so many hands! Recent Sunday workers have included Tom Burke (the 'money changer') and kitchen helpers Ray Flynn and Ray Flynn, Ron Thiele, Leo Nolan, George Uberti, and Ed Kuenster. Other helpers were Jim Amenta, Manuel Antonio, Al August, Bud Kirch, George McCaulley, and Joe Vettraino.

My thanks to all the Knights who give so freely of their Sunday Morning time for such a worthy cause.

As your Grand Knight for CY 1993-94, I look forward to having the support of each of my Brother Knights. With your support, we will have an excellent year.

My heartfelt thanks to DGK Ron Thiele, who conducted the August meeting with such (so I have been told by many) great enthusiasm.

CATHOLIC ACTION THROUGH CATHOLIC ANSWERS was a great way to help our young Catholics. Thanks to all who so generously contributed.

My thanks to Bernie Clavet for his help in putting together the agenda for the August Business Meeting, and to our Chaplain, Fr. Waite, for his inspiring thoughts and prayers.

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.)

BEATS WATCHING THE PADRES!

On July 21st, several Knights took the afternoon off to watch the NY Mets hold batting practice. It was rumored that some of the SD Padres ballplayers also showed up to watch. But the rumor was not confirmed.

DIOCESAN SCHOOLS WIN BIG IN RAFFLE

On August 6th, three of our Knights and Ladies attended the annual SD Chapter Charities Dinner and Raffle. We were also celebrating the 40th birthday of Tom Walters.

The proceeds of the drawing will go to the SD Diocese parochial schools. Cabrillo Council 2891 hosted the event, beginning with a delicious filet mignon dinner.

The OMC 9776 representatives were:

Tom and Dolores Walters
Ron and Mary Thiele
Bernie and Eleanore Clavet

The raffle drawing winners were:

<u>PRIZE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>COUNCIL</u>
\$2000	Jeremiah Hankins	3587
\$1000	J. G. Schwalgath	9854
\$ 300	B. Brown	9904
\$ 100	Bobby Faaborg	6031
\$ 100	Max/Colette Wirth	3487

Thanks to the prodigious efforts of SD KofC Chapter Charities Chairman Bob Dover and his crew, including John (Sergeant Flag) Moore, the SD parochial schools are the big winners, by over \$6000.

AUGUST SOCIABLE EVENING

If you missed this one, you missed a chance for some good, hearty laughs. Lecturer George Uberti presented a video of Hal Roach, world-famous Irish comedian. At home, he is called the Bob Hope of Ireland.

UPDATED COUNCIL ROSTER

For a copy of the updated OMC 9776 Council Roster, see Bernie Clavet.

LETTER TO OUR SEMINARIANS



Knights of Columbus

OUR MOTHER OF CONFIDENCE
COUNCIL NO. 9776
3131 GOVERNOR DR.
SAN DIEGO, CA 92122



12 May 1993

Jaime Leal-Araya y
Edmondo Zarate Suarez
St. Patrick's College
Maynouth, Co. Kildare
Ireland

Dear Jaime y Edmondo:

For over 100 years, our Order, the Knights of Columbus, has been a strong supporter of the Roman Catholic Church. One of our favorite ways of doing this is to help her future leaders, those young men who have dedicated themselves to becoming workers in God's vineyard as priests.

We feel privileged to be able to help two such dedicated young men this year. We hope the enclosed checks, for \$500.00 each, will help alleviate the expenses you encounter so far from your home and family.

We would be grateful to hear from you. Perhaps you would like to tell us about any problems you may have had to resolve in adjusting to a "strange environment".

We will continue to pray to Our Lord and His Blessed Mother to guide you safely along the arduous road to the priesthood.

Yours in Christ,

Roger V. Smith
Grand Knight

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
2	<u>OMC 9776 BUSINESS MEETING</u> , 7:30 PM TURN OFF TV - TURN ON KC!
2	<u>1ST DEGREE</u> , Bishop Buddy 6031, 7:00 PM Info: John Spafford, 271-1484
5	<u>OMC 9776 PANCAKE BREAKFAST</u> , 8:30-11:00 AM FLIP FLAPJACKS FOR FUTURE PRIESTS!
7	<u>1ST DEGREE</u> , Frances Cabrini 8879, 7:00 PM Info: Gene Mouret, 447-0103
13	<u>2ND DEGREE</u> In No. County. Date Approx. Info: Bob Kunding, 471-6941
16	<u>OMC 9776 SOCIABLE EVENING</u> Just for the fun of it!
17	<u>SD DIOCESE CHAPTER MEETING</u> , 8:00 PM Council Mater Dei 4936 Info: John Enzirillo, 440-6648
18	<u>3RD DEGREE</u> , St. V. de Paul 5012, 12:30 PM Info: Larry Morgan, 753-3321
18	<u>U.S CONSTITUTION PROGRAM</u> , 2:00-6:00 PM Old Town - No Charge
20	<u>2ND DEGREE</u> , San Miguel 3667, 7:00 PM Info: Bill Sanchez, 460-1464

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

One of these Knights is going back to school this month - he's still trying to get his degree from the School of Hard Knocks.

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

You and your family are invited to take part in
**THE TENTH ANNUAL DIOCESAN
ROSARIES FOR PEACE CRUSADE**

Candlelight
Rosary
The
Fatima/Lourdes
Experience
in San
Diego



Inspiring
Service for
Thousands
Praying for
Peace in
the World
& in Your
Family

7 P.M. Sunday Evening, October 3rd
USD Football Stadium, Alcala Park, San Diego

- Bishop Robert Brom will preside. Service Includes:
- Crowning of our Blessed Mother as Queen of Peace
 - Candlelight Procession on the field • Sacred Music • Benediction

SPECIAL GUEST HOMILIST: Fr. Robert J. Brennan C.S.C. of Albany, New York,
National Director of "Family Rosary", the organization founded by the late
Fr. Patrick Peyton, the famed "Rosary Priest".

"THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER....STAYS TOGETHER"

Don't Miss this inspiring Event!

INFORMATION:

Jim Sheil, 435-1781

BLAMING COLUMBUS

By Christie Davies

"Politically correct" groups in the United States greeted the 500th anniversary of Columbus' discovery of America by denouncing the great explorer as an imperialist exploiter.

This action was greeted with incredulity and derision in Europe. After all, if he had not discovered America, there would be no tax-fed intelligentsia of progressive Americans to denounce him. They would not, as their own jargon has it, have been called into existence.

At the very most, the year 1992 of the Christian calendar of Europe might have seen mild protests in Oaxaca about the ritual cutting out of human hearts in the Aztec capital.

More outrageously, a debating society in Cuzco might have had the temerity to suggest that the vigorous suppression of unnatural vice under the strict laws of the Inca Empire was an unjust repression of the indigenous traditions of its subject peoples. After all, if you can eat peyote...

It is even possible that the Cherokees, if untouched by the treacheries of Jacksonian democracy, would have been boycotting Eskimo-carved walrus tusks, as a protest against whale hunting by kayak.

But, enough! Columbus did discover America, and it was settled by the Spaniards and the Portuguese, the Swedes and the Irish, the Ukrainians and the Ashkenazi Jews, all of whom would have starved at home, had there been no New World for them to emigrate to.

Why should we single out Columbus for calumny, when we do not condemn the Arabs, who erupted from their desert peninsula to occupy and dominate all the lands between Spain and Babylon? Or the Chinese, who have swamped their less numerous neighbors - the Mongols, Tibetans, Uighurs, and Tartars - by sheer weight of numbers, backed by force?

The answer is, of course, that the "politically correct" liberals of America are racists, and Columbus was the wrong color. Accordingly, he is to blame, even for the dire but accidental importation of Old World diseases, such as small pox, which decimated the Amerindians, who lacked any resistance to them.

It was the equivalent of the Black Death in Medieval Europe: it killed between a third and a half of the population, after the opening up of trade routes to China permitted the spread of plague.

Blaming Columbus for this is like blaming the Africans for unleashing AIDS on the world!

(Condensed from an article in CHRONICLES Magazine, October 1992. Christie Davies is a Professor of Sociology at the University of Reading, England.)

FROM OUR COUNCIL ACTIVITY DIRECTOR

LEN BAKER

Our Knight of the Month for July is Bernie Clavet, Recorder, Public Relations Chairman, and Chapter Delegate.

Bernie assisted in the smooth transition of the reins from last Columbian Year's slate of officers to this year's. His work on behalf of OMC 9776 includes liaison with SD Chapter officers and other Councils.

Bernie also prepares, edits, and types **THE CONFIDER**, our award-winning monthly bulletin. He is helped by Co-ed Tom Walters, PGK (now DD 101) Ray Flynn, and Eleanore Clavet. Tom, our 'oficial fotografer', processes, with his computer, color pics for reproduction in **THE CONFIDER**. Ray helps collate and prepare the newsletter for mailing. Eleanore provides research material and illustrations for special timely articles about Our Blessed Mother and the Church.

THE CONFIDER

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HAPPY LABOR DAY TO
THE FAMILY OF



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Fr. Patrick J. Waite, 546-9839
Grand Knight, Chapter Delegate
Chuck Haas, 452-3197
Deputy GK, Prog./Nemb. Director,
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2 Yr. Trustee, District Deputy
PGK Ray Flynn, 273-1000
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Ed Kuenster, 453-4400

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Len Baker, 272-4726

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Bob Warner, 453-4006

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Scholarship Chairman

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Squires Chairman

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