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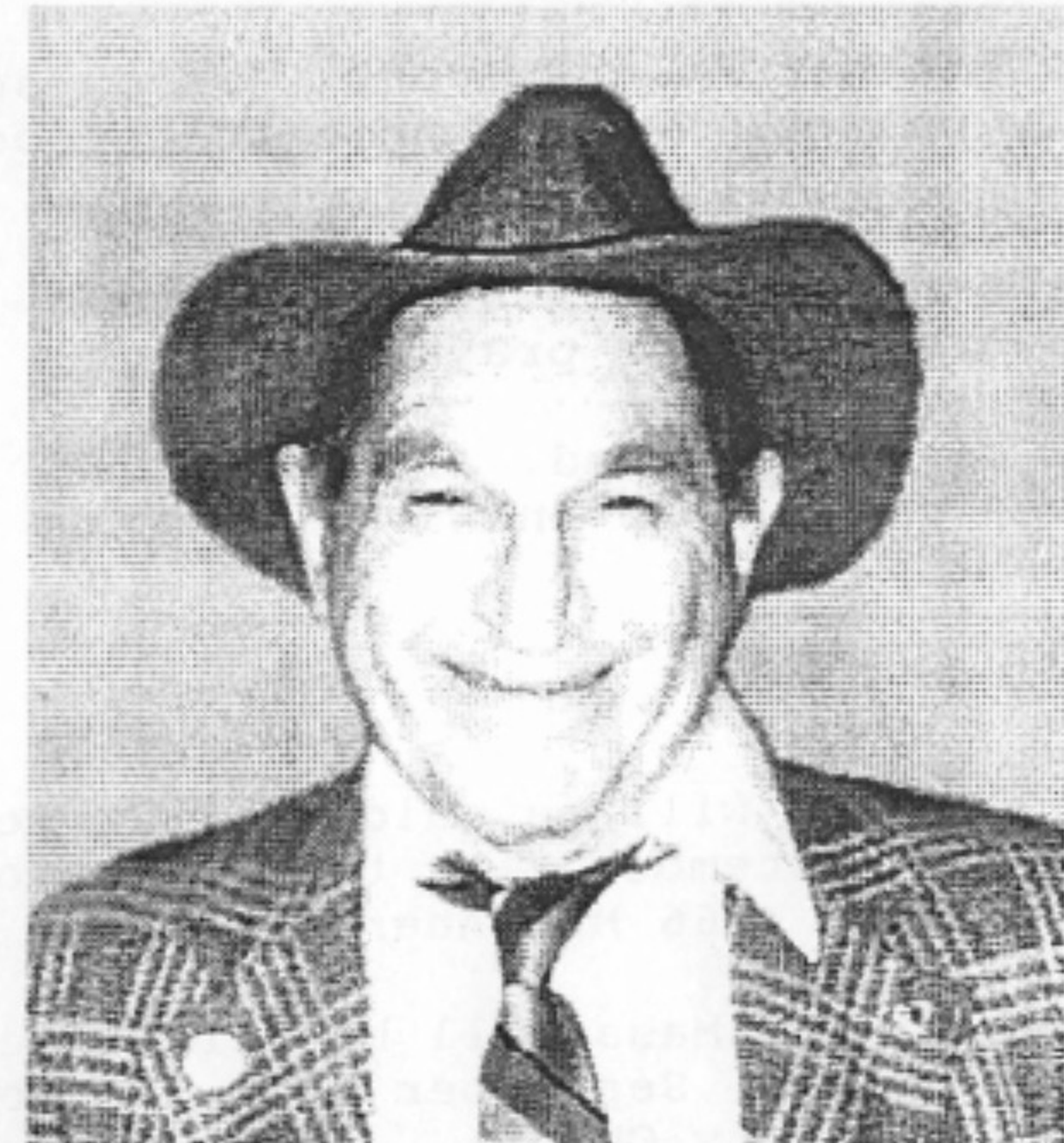


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MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Ron Thiele

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Bernard J. Clavet

Not only will Bernie be remembered for his long and faithful service to the order, but also for his wealth of knowledge as the editor THE CONFIFER that we all enjoy reading every month.

His devotion and dedication to his Religion, The Blessed Virgin and Our Mother Church was impeccable. A recent example of his dedication and devotion is the work he put forth in submitting the resolution to the State Council that Our Lady of Guadalupe be the official patroness of the Knights.

As Brother Knight, Jack Cassidy so aptly put it, "Well Ronnie there goes another GREAT one."

Please remember his beloved wife, Eleanore, in your prayers.

Good bye old friend. You will be missed by all who knew you.

Holy Rosary will be said for Bernie on Friday, September 2 at the Clairemont Mortuary. 4266 Mt. Abernathy Ave. 7:00 PM

Requiem High Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, September 3 at the Holy Cross Cemetery Chapel. 4470 Hilltoop Dr. 10:00 AM

Please attend.

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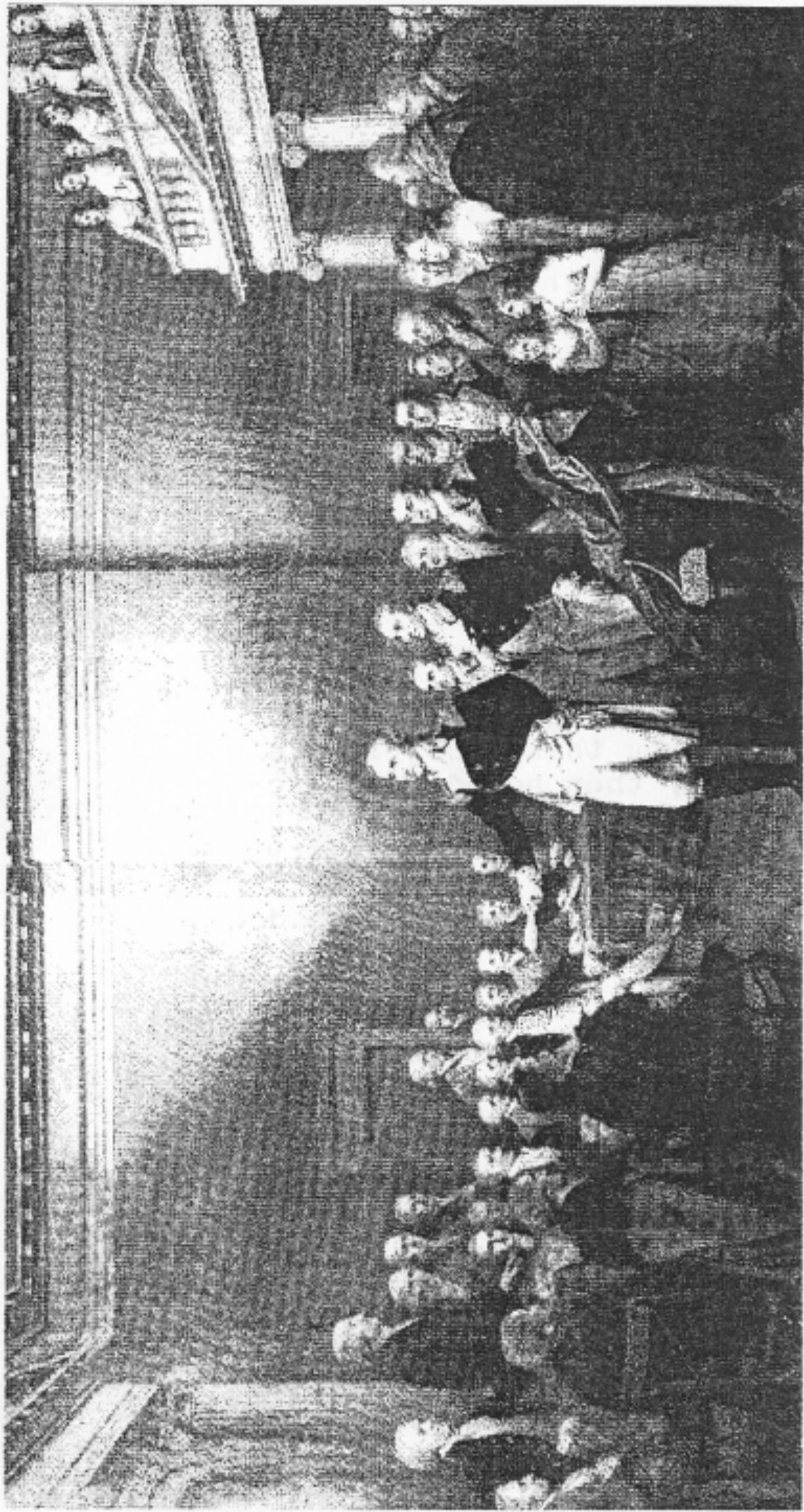
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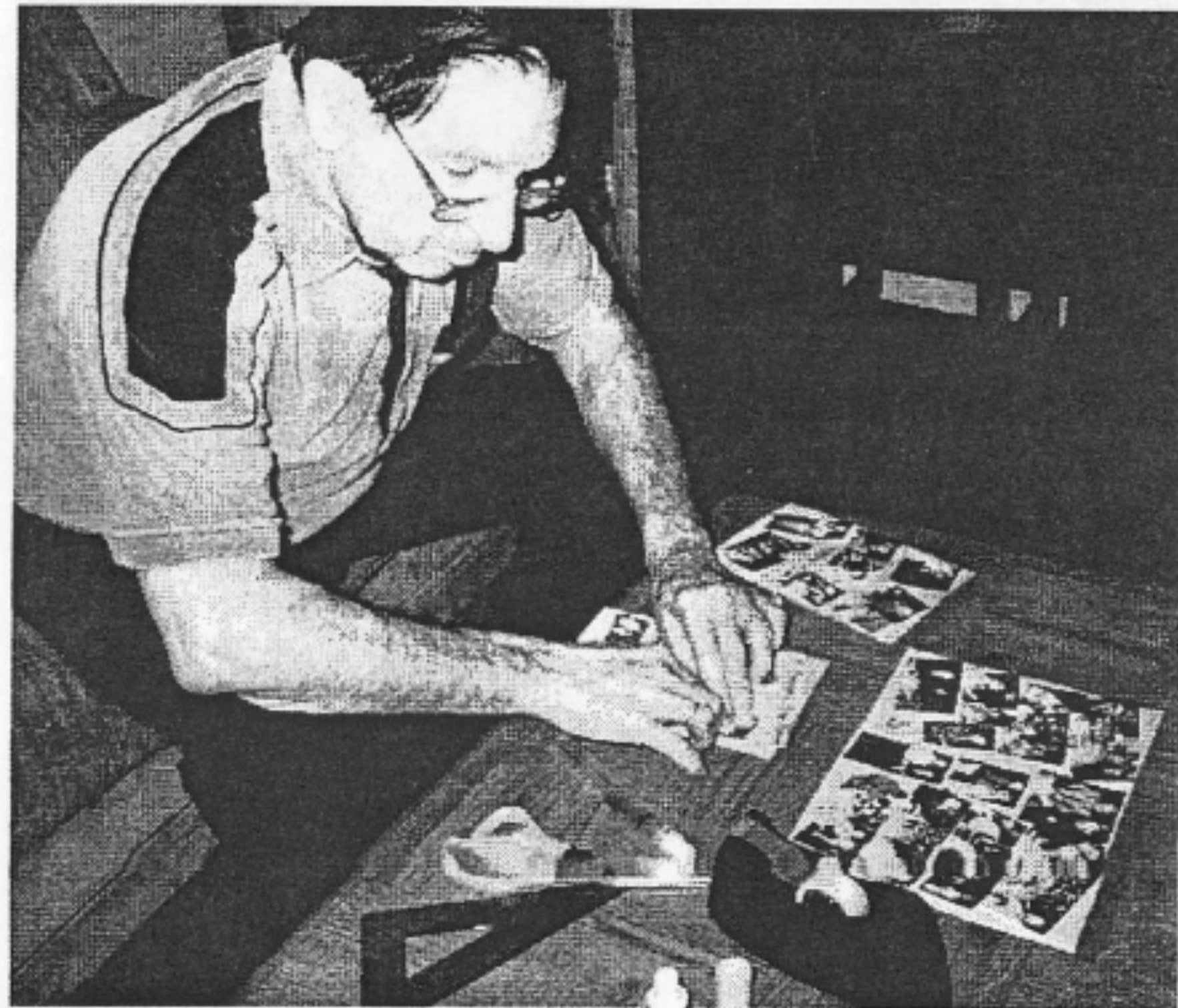
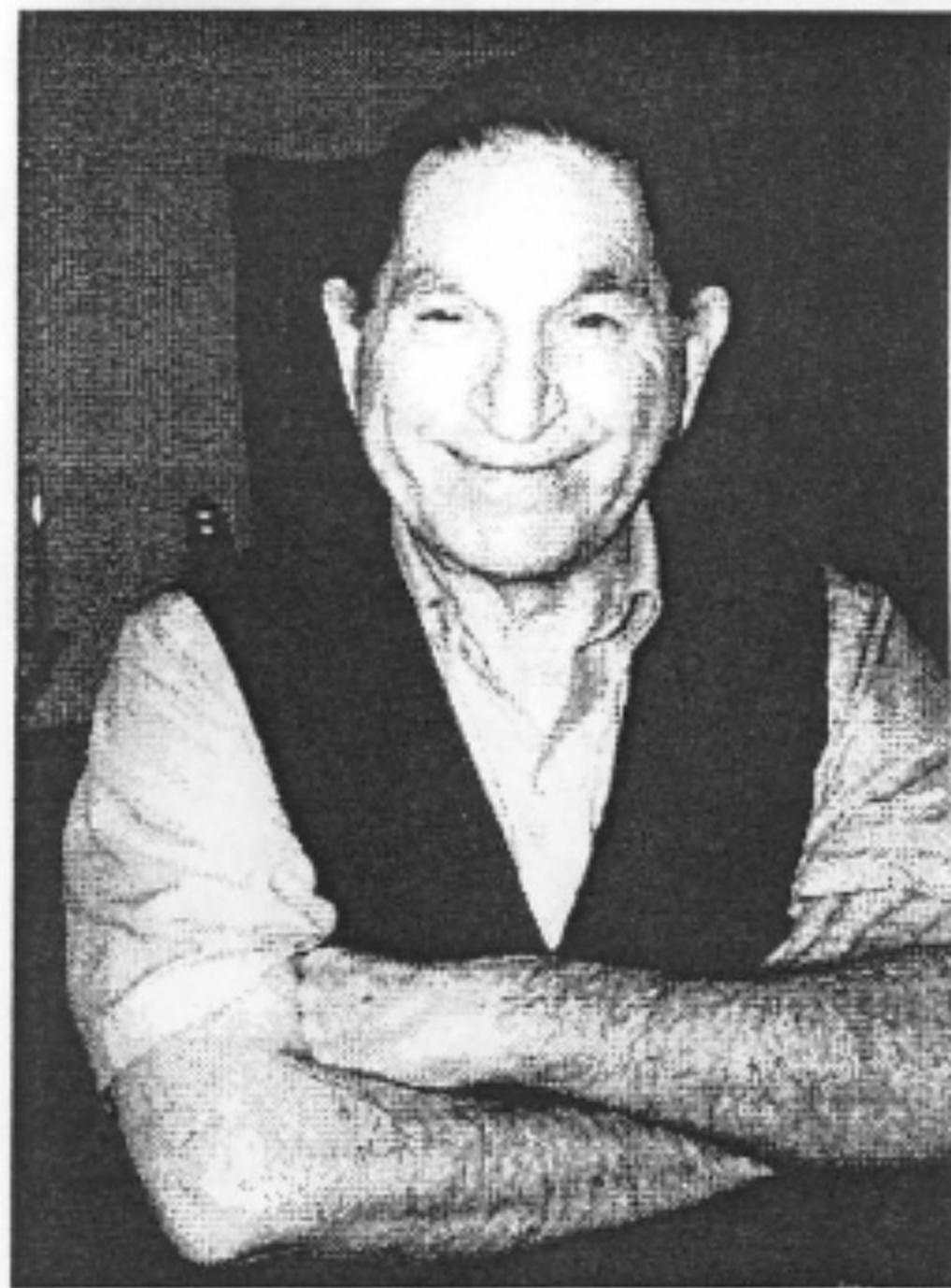
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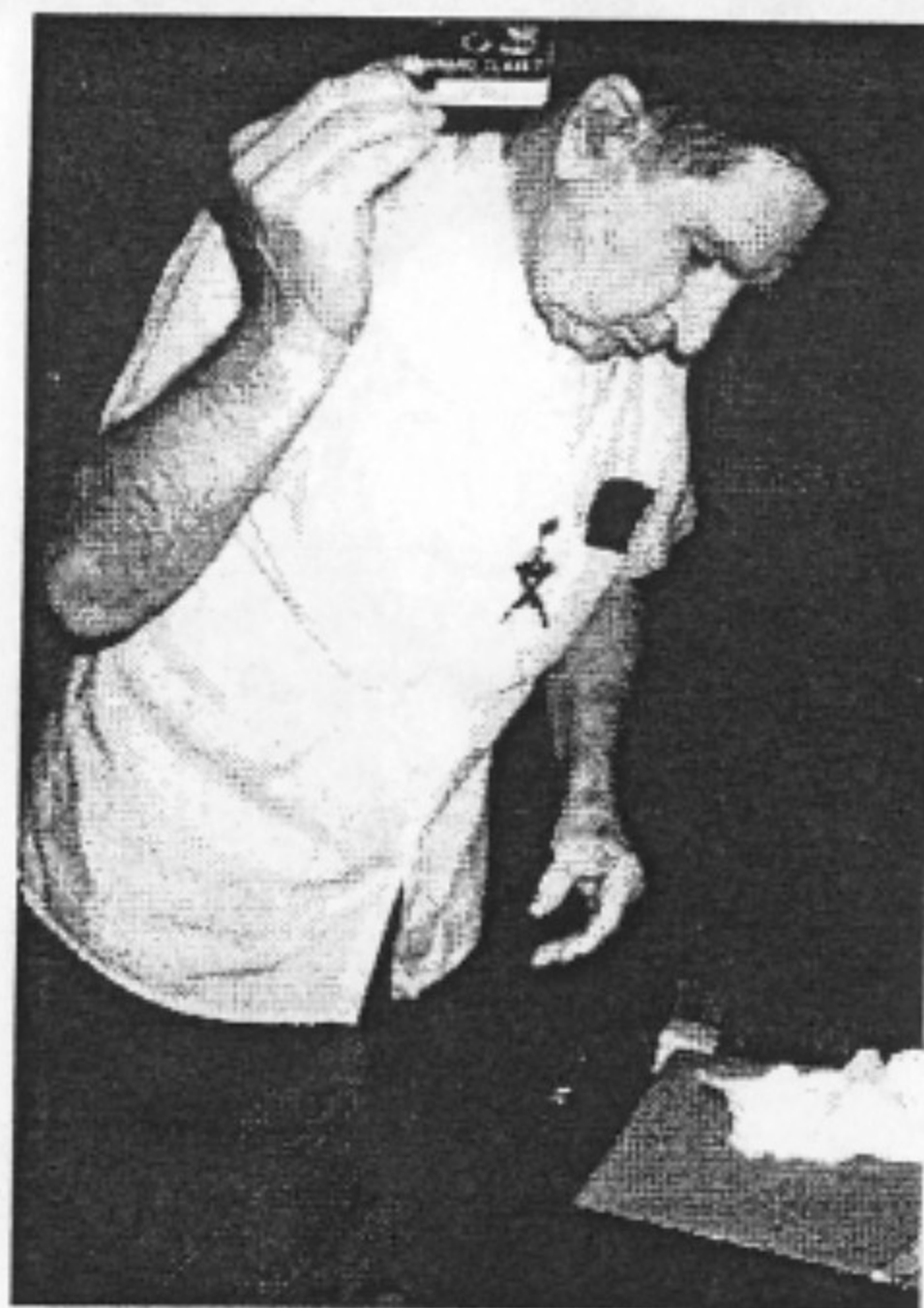
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"OF ALL DISPOSITIONS AND HABITS WHICH LEAD TO POLITICAL PROSPERITY,
RELIGION AND MORALITY ARE INDISPENSABLE SUPPORTS. IN VAIN WOULD
THAT MAN CLAIM THE TRIBUTE OF PATRIOTISM WHO SHOULD LABOR TO
SUBVERT THESE GREAT PILLARS OF HUMAN HAPPINESS, THESE FIRMEST
PROPS OF THE DUTIES OF MEN AND CITIZENS."

GEORGE WASHINGTON





Abortion 1973

Although he may have a heart and a brain, and he may be a human life biologically, an unborn baby is not a legal person. The Roe vs. Wade decision by the U. S. Supreme Court has made that clear.

A baby only becomes a legal person when he is born. Before that time, we should not concern ourselves about him. He has no legal rights.

If you think abortion is wrong, then nobody is forcing you to have one. But don't impose your morality on someone else!

A woman has a right to do what she wants with her own body.

Isn't abortion really something merciful? After all, every baby has a right to be wanted. Isn't it better never to be born than to be sent alone and unloved into a cruel world?

(Spoken by someone already born.)

Two Supreme Court Decisions

Submitted by David Lautz

Slavery
1857

Although he may have a heart and a brain, and he may be a human life biologically, a slave is not a legal person. The Dred Scott decision by the U.S. Supreme Court has made that clear.

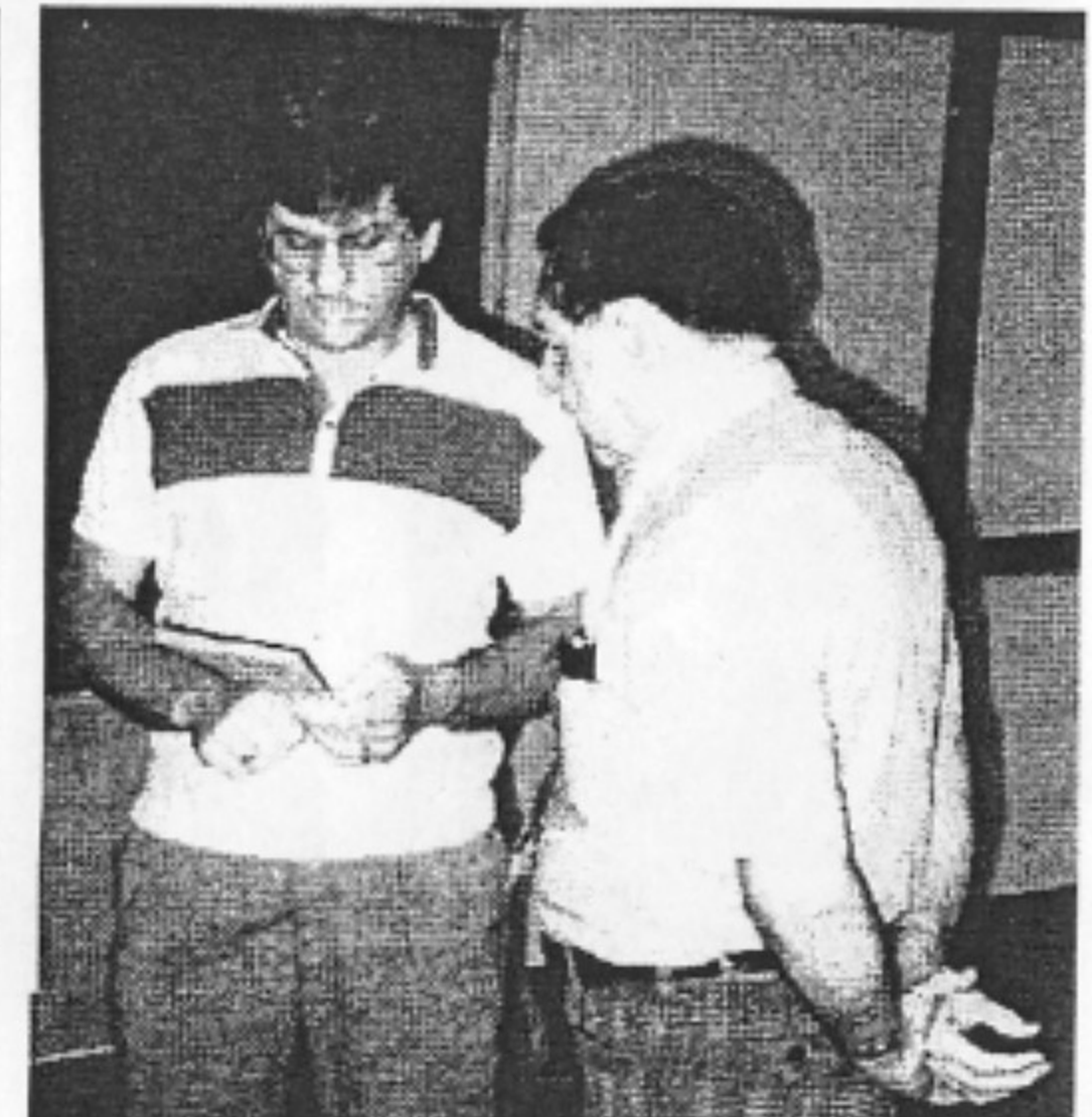
A black man only becomes a legal person when he is set free. Before that time, we should not concern ourselves about him. He has no legal rights.

If you think that slavery is wrong, then nobody is forcing you to be a slave owner. But don't impose your morality on someone else!

A man has a right to do what he wants with his own property.

Isn't slavery really something merciful? After all, every black man has a right to be protected. Isn't it better never to be set free than to be sent unprepared, and ill-equipped, into a cruel world?

(Spoken by someone already free.)





When you go out into the world, watch for traffic, hold hands and stick together. Be aware of, wonder. Remember the little seed in the plastic cup. The roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that.

Goldfish and hamsters and white mice and even the little seed in the plastic cup...they all die. So do we.

And then remember the book about Dick and Jane and the first word you learned, the biggest word of all...LOOK! Everything you need to know is in there somewhere. The Golden Rule and love and basic sanitation. Ecology and politics and sane living.

Think of what a better world it would be if we all...the whole world...had cookies and milk about 3 o'clock every afternoon and then lay down with our blankets for a nap. Or if we had a basic policy in our nation and other nations to always put things back where we found them and cleaned up our own messes. And it is still true, no matter how old you are, when you go out into the world;, it is best to hold hands and stick together.

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Food for thought. What is a professional? The great ship Titanic was built by professionals. Noah was an amateur.

...Unknown



Havin' Fun

The annual Mother of Confidence Picnic was a great success, just ask the kids playing "Simon Says" in the accompanying photo. Many thanks to all the Knights and their Spouses who helped.

All I Really Need To Know I Learned In Kindergarten

Most of what I really need to know about how to live, and what to do and how to be, I learned in kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate school mountain, but there in the sandbox at nursery school.

These are the things I learned: Share everything. Play fair. Don't hit people. Put things back where you found them. Clean up your own mess. Don't take things that aren't yours. Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody. Wash your hands before you eat. Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you. Live a balanced life. Learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work some every day. →



SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
1	OMC 9776 Business Meeting. 7:30 PM Don't FORGET
4	Our monthly pancake breakfasts. Help is always needed.
6	1st Degree, 07:00 PM at Council 9590, St. Michael the Archangel, Santee
10	A "CELEBRATION OF THE CROSS" rally at the Mt. Helix Amphitheater to honor our Living, Loving, Liberating Jesus Christ. 7:00 PM.
15	Our Social Meeting for Pinochle and Poker. Any questions please call George Uberti, 453-5559
16	San Diego K of C Chapter Meeting, 8:00 PM. Call GK for info. 274-1055
17	<u>U.S. Constitution Day</u> Activities at Old Town State Park from 2:00 to 6:00 PM.
17	6:30 PM Membership Drive, after Mass. Help is requested, volunteers call GK 274-1055
18	8:30 AM, 10:00AM, 11:30 AM, 1:00PM & 6:30 PM Membership Drive after Masses. <u>NEED HELP</u> call GK 274-1055
21	7:00 PM 1st Degree at Council 9076, Good Shepard Parish.

ions, in order to proclaim, in countries still more distant, the Name of the Redeemer.

"He regularly says the Office of the Franciscan Religious. At Valladolid, at Granada, wherever he sojourns, it is in their monasteries that he has his abode. Outside of the Seraphic Order, he has no intimate relations but with the Dominicans, the Carthusians, the Hieronymites, with ecclesiastics of edifying lives, and with simple men serving God. He is but very seldom seen in commerce with the great or with the favorites of the Court.

"Never was there a more difficult government than that with which Columbus was charged. He operated on the unknown, deprived of all administrative precedents, continually restrained by the difficulties of climate, of hygiene, of old customs and new needs, the perpetual conflicts between the hidalgos and the natives, continual insubordination, and the pedantic pretensions of the bureaucracy of Seville...By his care, plantations were multiplied and attempts made at horticulture and acclimating plants and animals."

We know that one of his first projects at Hispaniola was a theological college designed to serve as the evangelization center of the entire New World. "He felt that it was necessary to abandon the European regimen for that of the Indians...In place of bachelors thirsting for gold and incapable of attaching themselves to the land in order to cultivate it, he wished to admit only married persons of industrious habits." DeLorgues concludes, "We can find no defect in his administration, the same as we can find no vice in a saint."

Did he perform miracles? Perhaps so, if we are to credit the story of a miraculous rain of arrows sent against a Carib uprising in answer to his prayer. On another occasion, armed with the first chapter of St. John's Gospel, he is said to have exorcised a typhoon. How he once withstood mutiny singlehanded in the wilds remains a mystery to this day.

(To be continued)

COLUMBUS THE CATHOLIC

By Solange Hertz

(Continued)

"He fasted [wrote Las Casas] with the utmost strictness when ordained by the Church; he confessed often and received Communion...a very devout worshiper of Our Lady and the Seraphic Father, St. Francis; he seemed to be very grateful to God for the benefits received at the divine hand, and so it was almost a proverb with him, which he quoted every hour, that God had shown him great favor, as to David.

"When gold or precious objects were brought to him, he entered his chapel and said, 'Let us thank God, who made us worthy of discovering so much wealth.' He was a most jealous keeper of the honor of God; eager to convert the peoples and to see the seed and faith of Jesus Christ spread everywhere."

Roselly de Lorgues, his 19th century biographer, would contend that anyone not believing in the supernatural is incapable of comprehending him: "If Columbus had limited himself to the discovery of new lands, we might, in fully recognizing his genius, consider him simply as a cosmographic navigator; but his discoveries are so closely connected with his private life, with his faith, and his apostolic role influences his official acts to such an extent, that it is diametrically opposed to justice to judge of him without regard to his religious sentiments, the principle and the end of his public existence."

In de Lorgues' opinion, "This man had no defect of character, or no worldly quality. We have weighty reasons for considering him a saint...In reality, Columbus belongs much more to the Church than he does to the navy...Though fixed in the world by his functions, he habitually lived in it more like a religious than a layman...Far from secularizing himself after his Discovery, of enjoying his triumph, his sudden importance in the world, or of delighting in his vice-royalty, he aspires only to new explora-



COMING EVENTS

October 1994

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
1	6:30 PM, Parish Voter Registration drive after Mass. Volunteers call Erv Kofler at 273-6720
2	After all Masses. Parish Voter Registration Drive. Erv needs <u>HELP</u> . Please call him 273-6720.
2	8:00 to 11:00 AM, Our Monthly Pancake Breakfast. Here is your chance to get "two birds with one stone" by helping both Erv (above) and Tom.
2	7:00 PM, Eleventh Annual <u>Rosaries for Peace Crusade</u> at the U of San Diego Stadium, Alcalal Park, Linda Vista Rd., Call Al Tucker for more info.
4	7:00 PM 1st Degree at Council 9590, St. Michael the Archangel in Santee.
6	7:30 PM, our monthly business meeting. Don't miss it!
15 & 16	8:00 AM - 6:00 PM, Mentally Retarded Drive. Need Help, call Mike Shea at 597-1791.
20	6:30 PM. Mass for the departed members of the Knights by Fr. Waite. The Mass will be followed by a Honor Columbus potluck dinner. Call Al Tucker for info on Mass and Mary Thiele for info on dinner.

- 21 8:00 Pm, San Diego K of C chapter meeting.
- 28 6:00 - 9:00 PM. Youth for Youth! Family Life Halloween Party in the Parish Hall. Call Paul Martin, 569-5077 or John Johnson, 565-2176 for info.

November 1994

- 1 1st Degree at Council 9590, Saint Michael the Archangel in Santee.
- 3 7:30, Our monthly business meeting.
- 6 Monthly Pancake Breakfast.
- 14 2nd Degree. Location T.B.A.
- 17 7:30 PM Insurance Benefits Night with K of C field agent Al White, questions call Al at 727-6355.
- 18 8:00 PM San Diego K of C chapter meeting.

Prayer for Travelers

Lord of wind and sea, ruler of all nature, hear our prayer for those who travel. Bring them to rest and safety; watch over them, wherever they go. Lead them back to faith renewed, hope restored, and love revived. Bring them safely home, through Christ our Lord.

Submitted by Tom Walters

Tom feels, as I am sure we all do, that our monthly business meetings are just too long. His thoughts are that if we used the technique of Consensus to resolve most of the new business questions that arise we would be able to come to a fair and quick solutions. Brother Knights, "what do you think?" Please give Tom your ideas.

Aiming for consensus among a group or a team requires different strategy than if you were just going to keep on discussing and disagreeing until you had a unanimous or a majority vote. To reach consensus, each member must have a full say in the decision.

The objective of a group or team session should be to reach decisions that best reflect the thinking of all members. This is called "reaching consensus". The following guidelines (Scholtes 1988) may help clarify what consensus is and isn't.

- Consensus *is* finding an alternative acceptable enough that all can support it; no member opposes it.
- Consensus *is not* a unanimous vote. A consensus may not represent everyone's first priorities.
- Consensus *is not* a majority vote. In a majority vote, only the majority gets something they are happy with; members in the minority may get something they don't want at all, which is not what consensus is all about.
- Consensus *is not* everyone totally satisfied.

Consensus requires active participation of all members, use of facilitation skills, creative thinking, open-mindedness, and time. The goal is to address all concerns.

There are three broad stages (Saint & Lawson 1994) in the consensus process:

- 1) Understanding the Issue
- 2) Resolving Concerns
- 3) Summarizing the Process

The members need to arrive at a common understanding of what decision is being asked of them to make. A facilitator is required so all members will be allowed adequate time to explain or modify their legitimate concerns. And finally, summarizing the process and options available by a facilitator brings the process to an end. The group or team should decide ahead of time when the process of consensus will be used.

How do you know when you have reached consensus? Probably no one will be completely satisfied with the decision, but everyone can live with it. Not every decision need have the support of every participant, in fact, it is impossible to have such an agreement. Only the final outcome requires consensus.

The benefits of the consensus process fosters internal cooperation. In seeking mutual agreement, personal self-reliance and self-esteem, creativity and innovation, improved interpersonal communications and relationships, responsibility, and accountability are increased among the members. All who participate become committed to the project.