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Tierra! Tierra! The men had been on the sea for over thirty days without sight of land. Now land was in plain view. All the despair and gloom immediately gave way to excitement and hope as the three little ships drew closer and closer to the shore **on this day, October 12, 1492.**

Christopher Columbus, who refused to give up, found a world that was new to Europeans.

Probably every American school child old enough to study history has heard the little rhyme, "In October, 1492, Columbus sailed the ocean blue", and the story has often been told of Columbus' dream of finding the East or Asia by sailing west. Columbus is often held up as an example of someone who set goals for himself and would not give up when obstacles to achieving those goals came his way -- he waited at the Spanish court six years before King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella agreed to

sponsor his voyage. He persuaded his men to continue their westward voyage even when they threatened mutiny because they had not yet reached the expected islands of the Orient. Certainly Columbus is a model of determination and courage.

Yet, the man was much more complex than the stories often reveal. Christopher was a very devout Catholic who observed all the fasts of the church and prayed regularly. His very name Christopher, which means Christ-bearer, he understood as a title of his destiny to carry the message of the gospel to far-off lands. He diligently searched the Scriptures and thought he found assurance for a call to sail to the far reaches of the globe with the Christian message. Zechariah 9:10 said that "he shall speak peace unto the heathen: and his dominion shall be from sea even to sea, and from the river even to the ends of the earth. And Psalm 107:23-24 promised that "They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters; These see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep."

Christopher was particularly concerned with the power of the Ottoman Turks who controlled the eastern Mediterranean and were threatening Europe. If a way could be found of reaching India by sailing West, the Turks could be attacked from behind and perhaps the Holy Land itself could be rescued from their hands. Yes, Columbus was interested in trade and riches, but Christian concern also lay behind his plans.

When land was sighted **on this day October 12, 1492**, in recognition of the divine aid in his voyage, Columbus named the land San Salvador, which means Holy Savior, and prayed,

O Lord, Almighty and everlasting God, by Thy holy Word Thou hast created the heaven, and the earth, and the sea; blessed and glorified be Thy Name, and praised be Thy Majesty, which hath designed to use us, Thy humble servants, that Thy holy Names may be proclaimed in this second part of the earth.

In keeping with the Christian motive underlying his mission, Columbus at first showed great concern for how the natives, whom he called Indians, were treated. He wrote,

So that they might be well-disposed towards us, for I knew that they were a people to be delivered and converted to our holy faith rather by love than by force, I gave to some red caps and to others glass beads, which they hung around their neck, and many other things...I believe that they would easily be made Christians, for it seemed to me that they had no religion of their own.

All the same, Columbus' concern for the salvation of these people was coupled with an attitude of superiority which saw nothing wrong in forcibly capturing the people and making them slaves of the Europeans. And the missionary drive which was prominent during his first voyage, in later voyages became subordinate to his love of wealth and position. Unfortunately, Columbus was not the last to lose sight of his spiritual goals when tempted with wealth and power.

Faithful Navigator's Message

The Exemplification in Richmond is right around the corner. We need to get a handle on who is going. We need to get some Volunteers to help with the Hospitality Room whenever it is open. The dates are Friday and Saturday, November 11 and 12, 2005.

Also, a meeting was called to order at 8:15 P.M. on Monday, October 3, 2005 by the Faithful Captain. The opening prayer was offered by the Faithful Captain. A move to un-table the motion regarding contributing \$500 for support of Katrina victims was made by the

Faithful Commander. The motion was seconded and a unanimous vote approved to un-table the motion. A motion was then made by the Faithful Commander to approve the expenditure of \$500 in support of the Katrina victims. The motion was seconded and a unanimous vote approved the expenditure of funds for Katrina victims. The Faithful Captain offered a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Vivat Jesus!

Michael P. Sheil
Faithful Navigator

Third Degree Liaisons

The Assembly maintains communication with our assigned Councils via liaisons appointed by the Faithful Navigator. Our liaisons are as follows:

St. Veronica Council – Mike Diewald, PGK
Fr. Julius J. Cilinski – Joe Beres, PGK
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CAPTAIN'S LOG

The meeting this month is **Tuesday, October 25th**. As in the past, **Social Hour is 6:30 P.M.** and **Dinner will be served at 7:00 P.M.** The menu entrée planned is to be a hint of

Octoberfest with Brats and maybe a German beer or two.

If you are on the Regular Dinner List below, no need to call unless you will not attend, but if not on the Regular Dinner List, please let me know that you will be attending the meeting by either a call to 703-631-9405 or an email to scoffman@moneymailer.com by 9:00 P.M. Sunday evening prior.

If you want to be added to the Regular Dinner List, please send an email to the FN (JOBMMK6@aol.com) and to me (scoffman@moneymailer.com).

Hope to see you all at the October meeting!
SK Richard (Skip) Coffman
Captain

Sir Knights on the Regular Dinner List:

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P. Hannon	R. Head Sr.	C. Hebert
T. Paolozzi	M. Paulucci	J. Seiler
M. Sheil	P. St Laurent	T. Trudeau
W. Ussher	T. Wiedemer	



The Diocese of Arlington's Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. is Saturday, October 15th. All Sir Knights are strongly urged to attend. Muster in the lower level at 8:15 A.M. NOTE: SWORDS ARE NOT PERMITTED AT THE SHRINE. Leave yours at home.

Upcoming events include:

Date	Muster	Event	Location
10/15	TBD	Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception	National Shrine
11/12		Exemplification	Richard, VA Marriott

Remember, we have loaner regalia. If you haven't been in the Color Corps before, now is a great time to try it out.

Fraternally,

Michael J. Diewald

Sir Knights of the Year
2004 - 2005

July: Al Grimmig
 August: Ted Lloyd & Bill Ossenfort
 September: Richard Coffman
 October: Michael Diewald
 November: Fr. Christopher Buckner
 December: Michael Sheil
 January: Kevin McCabe
 February: Kevin Craddock
 March: Fr. Marcus Pollard
 April: Joe Beres
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03-04 Alvin E. Grimmig
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