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# GAL GAZEL

# Christmas Approaches and "We Are Ready!"

How amazing is it that our last Gazette was in May and here we are heading down the highway straight into Christmas!? While we wanted to put a Gazette out quarterly, the school has been VERY busy the past several months so we apologize for that. As always, much has happened around OHG so let's get started!

We have lost a long time friend and contributor to OHG this past September. Deacon Shorahmin, who was well known around the abbey, departed RL to be with the God he so loved. A "Celebration of Life"



for Shor will be scheduled shortly at the abbey for all in the community to share in memories and stories. Please watch OHG notices for the date and time.

The St. Columba Catholic Children's Choir already has a busy holiday performance season lined up. With all of these options, you are sure to be able to catch one of our shows. If this show doesn't fill you with the Christmas spirit, nothing will!

# Saint Columba Christmas Tour 2018 Sun Dec 2 12:30pm Salem Sat Dec 8 1:30pm Afterchills Sun Dec 9 1:30 pm WedCot Fri Dec 14 1 pm Moppet Sat Dec 15 1 pm TOTH Sun Dec 16 2 pm Dreamsville Sat Dec 22 1:30 pm Sharbel Makhluf Sun Dec 23 1:30 pm Saint Columba Abbey

St. Columba Catholic Boarding School went live on the web with an all new website. But if you are reading the Gazette, you already went there to download it. Packed with every piece of information possible including applications, the rulebook, videos, artwork and tours, this has become the "one stop shop" for all things school related. Be sure to explore it!



https://www.sccbs-sl.org



Sunday Dec 2

11.45 am Choir Solo during Prayers

Monday Dec 3 12:45 pm Santa Lucia procession

Sunday Dec 9 12.45 pm Choir Solo during Prayers

Wednesday Dec 12 12:45 pm Nativity Sounds and Story

Sunday Dec 16 12.45 pm Choir Solo during Prayers

Tuesday Dec 18 1:30 pm Dance around the Christmas tree

Sunday Dec 23 1:30 pm Saint Columba Childrens Choir "Christmas Concert - The Sounds of Christmas"



And finally, we have our scheduled abbey events happening in December as well. Please join us for any of our daily 12:45PM SLT prayer services 7 days a week.

Here's wishing everyone at St. C and O'Hare's Gap the Merriest of Christmases!!

Miss Sarah Anne Sandalwood -Editor

# O'Hare's Happenings

Events and happenings around OHG Real Estate and financial reports





It's finally come time for us to have this little talk. Sit down and get comfortable. I want to share with you the real price of what it takes to keep O'Hare's Gap, the school, the St. Columba Abbey, and the other great things going. If you are already one of our several very generous donors, you can skip this article and go on about enjoying the Gazette and O'Hare's Gap – you are greatly appreciated.

Why talk about this, you ask? The main reason is donations are down and we've lost some more long time residents and I really hate asking for donations at the last minute. I hate asking for donations at all.

It's math time...

It takes 159,000 Lindens every month to pay the tier. We have over 500 members of the O'Hare's Gap Group. If every member donated 318 Lindens a month we wouldn't have a problem. What's that come to in US Dollars you ask? One US dollar is 101.6 Lindens, so \$3.13 a month. Many of you spend that a day at Starbucks. Let's be real for a

couple of minutes. Realistically, all of our OHG members are not going to donate that amount let alone anything at all. I get that. Just to put things in perspective here's what US dollars equate to in Lindens for some popular real life items that you may buy daily:

#### **FOOD & DRINK**

Starbucks Freshly Brewed Coffee – Grande USD:\$2.10, Lindens L\$212

Starbucks Cinnamon Dolce Latte – Grande USD: \$4.25, Lindens L\$429

McDonalds Quarter Pounder with Cheese Meal USD: \$5.79, Lindens \$585

#### **ENTERTAINMENT**

Avg Movie Ticket (varies by area) for 2 hours entertainment USD: \$8.12, Lindens L\$820

I think you get the idea. Roughly 100 Lindens equals 1 US Dollar. How many hours of entertainment or value do you get here at

OHG? That movie ticket is almost equal to 1,000 Lindens for 2 hours. I would suggest that the readers of this Gazette realize at least 2 hours of entertainment at OHG per week!

I'll let you do the math. Are you contributing financially to the community for the amount of time/entertainment/enjoyment that you gain from OHG? Why not? Are you doing enough to get new people to visit and ultimately donate their share? Why not? If you aren't, just know that you are a contributor either way – contribute to keep OHG alive, or contribute to see its demise? This IS your choice. Thanks.

# Out and About

Miss Lila heads out into O'Hare's to see what's going on....

Fall has once again settled upon OHG blowing in the changing leaves which create piles that are ever so much fun to jump into! Halloween was once again upon us and there was so much going on! The ballet studio was converted into haunted pub called "O'Dares" where a literal skeleton crewe manned the bar at all times. Hope you made time to stop in for an authentic Bloody Mary. Miss Sammi had her Shannon Green shop decorated and in addition she temporarily converted the former diner into a haunted house experience. And out in Tabary if you happened to take a walk by Hunny's Pub, you may have noticed a gigantic haunted house looming on the cliffside. Full of squeaky floorboards and covered furniture, this reporter was afraid to venture beyond the first floor.

Miss Five Valeska, who resides in Toyah had a fabulous spread at her cottage complete with fog machines and lightning that came out of the sky. And down at the hangar you could see some of the handiwork by our own dedicated Hunny Spiritweaver and a big special thanks to Kerrianne Wheatcliffe, who in a short time, has become a dedicated and valued member to our community.

Sadly, with Madam Ludlow temporarily away we missed the pumpkin hunt this year but we know it will be back next year and the children of the school still dressed up in costume and held their annual dance over at SMK in lieu of classes that day.

Be sure to check the dates for the SLCS cheerleaders who make often appearances to work on their routines the next one coming on the 13th and we are also pleased to

announce that BINGO will be coming to the hangar. Enjoy a fun night of socializing and music with Linden and gacha prizes.

There are some great flicks playing at the theater for the upcoming holidays so be sure to grab a popcorn and a seat. Look for the announcements soon to come!



by Lila Swansong



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#### Musical Exploration at its finest



The 27 Club is not some secret elite fancy club like Disneyland's "Club 33". (By the way, some even say SMK has a Club 33 1/2 RPM somewhere secretly hidden in its walls and only miss Sarah knows its secret members)

The 27 Club is a mysterious curse which shrouded over an incredible 73 different musicians who met their untimely demise at the ripe young age of 27.

The most famous of these included Janis Joplin, Jimi Hendrix, Jim Morrison (The Doors), Curt Cobain (Nirvana), Brian Jones

(Rolling Stones), Ron "Pigpen" McKernan (The Grateful Dead), Amy Winehouse, and one of the most intriguing: Blues artist Robert Johnson who died in 1938.

Robert was said to have made a pact with the devil. According to legend, Johnson had a tremendous desire to become a great blues musician. He was instructed to take his guitar to a crossroads at midnight. There he was met by the devil who took the guitar and tuned it. The devil played a few songs and then returned the guitar to Johnson, giving him mastery of the instrument. In exchange for his soul, Johnson was able to create the blues for which he became famous. Most likely, the devil came a-calling just a few later after Johnson had achieved his peak fame. Could there have been deals made with the devil by the other members of Club 27!?

Though scientists state "Statistical studies have failed to find any unusual pattern of musician deaths at this age, comparing it to equally small increases at ages 25 and 32" we strongly recommend that if you are in the music business, that you take a year off when you reach 27. Failure to do so may be hazardous to your health.

# "At the Movies"

Billy shares a few of the "must see" titles that are showing this season!

Did you know O'Hares Gap has it's very own movie

plenty of room for all to sit back and enjoy a good

theater? Even with FREE ADMISSION there is



The Bells of Saint Mary's **DEC 10!** 

We don't normally have a math class at Saint Columba school, but I'm smart enough to know that Ingrid Bergman + Bing Crosby + Catholic School = MOVIE CLASSIC!

but as it turns out, he just fell in love or something. I wonder if there's a line in the film somewhere, -Do you really want to hurt me?||

film! Features change weekly! If you like, you can follow THIS LINK to teleport you directly there! You need Quicktime Player installed for the theater to work. Billy spotlights a few of the upcoming movies that you really shouldn't miss! The Bells of



# Scrooge

It's common knowledge how Miss Sarah is very bah humbug about Timezones, and also Peter Pan. Now just imagine if someone felt that way DICKENS about Christmas! I know it's hard to believe, so watch the movie to find out what happens!



St. Mary's HENRY TRAVERS - WILLIAM GARGAN

boy George (no, not -Boy George∥ the singer) who spends all his time playing baseball like any regular American kid when things change and he realizes the important things in life. I didn't



watch the entire movie so I assumed this meant he discovered pirates and treasure and sword fighting



Billy J

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# Saint Columba Class Report

A summary of school and educational events





Hello Everyone!

My name is Father Alexander, and I am the new Head Master at the Saint Columba. This is such a privilege and an honor and a dream job! I was actually a student here. You all knew me as Little Allie, the cute boy that was totally in love with Miss Sarah and I must admit that the love I had for her was not returned. I quickly found out that Miss Sarah had no time for boys, as she loves her family, cats, school, town, tick book... there was no place for me!

So when she needed a new head master, I offered to eat some mushrooms and become an adult. I am now a priest, that wants to bring Gods friendship to the pupils here. I still have my faults... like my hair must look perfect, but I have found out the life of a priest is very rewarding. I had ambitions when i was a boy. I owned Supremity and a zoo, and wanted the Supremity empire to be as big as Disney! Now I have retired from Supremity and the zoo is being closed. I still have ambitions.... maybe I will be the first Irish Pope! Until then, I will do my best at making sure that this School is a school of the highest quality.

Saint Columba's is a school which is more like a big family, where everyone feels noticed, wanted and safe. It is a place where we care about each other and grow together. Saint Columba is a Christian family and that will remain our foundation.

Sister Victoria will be missed and we are relieved that no one needed crisis help because she stopped. She decided to retire and spend time with her daughter Sven and her cats at Miss Sven's paradise. Sister Victoria has promised to visit us, so she has not said goodbye. Miss Sarah and I discussed if we should erect a statue of Sister Victoria, but her retirement payment has nearly emptied the school budget.

We have a new priest at St. Columba. His name is Father Luke. He quickly became popular with the pupils and the staff at the school. I find him to be a role model that benefits everyone. He is relaxed and has time for everyone and he has shown that he cares about everyone. Father Luke is now our religion teacher, but can be seen most days at the

school. This means we now have 3 priests at the school, each of which have different duties.

We have had a talent show, in which we could see the talent that our pupils had. The talent show was part of last terms mid-term week, in which we learned that everyone had talents!

Two pupils have been selected to be on our Star Students wall. One was Miss Sven, for her dedication at school (although she has a talent of going on holidays when we have exams) and Master Billy, which also shows huge dedication. Both of these students are examples of the great spirit we have at the school.

It is soon December. When i am writing this, there are 50 days until Christmas. This means fewer classes, as we will be busy with other things. We have the annual tradition of Posada and we plan to do a Nativity play in the Church. A new tradition is the Choir's Christmas show, in which we tour around the second world of Second life and sing our hearts out bringing the Christmas spirit to everyone that will hear it. We have new uniforms and an exciting new stage. We are all looking forward to the tour.

The school always had strong policy against bullying. This is now in the focus again as the school administration has announced, "there is no second chance for any pupil or even staff that bullies others" . We stand by this and one pupil has been expelled because of this. We want pupils and staff to feel safe here. We come from different parts of the world, speak different languages and have different backgrounds. This school promotes "respect, understanding and friendship"

The administration also wishes to strengthen the quality of teaching. A new teaching standards has been released that will ensure we have a high quality. Luckily, we have great teachers and this is not a problem. If you want a copy of this, then feel free to ask me.

Not all improvements come from us. We have a school meeting once a term where pupils also have a say. Miss Heidi came up with a great suggestion. She said we are in a great town (O Hare's Gap)

and should have time to get to know it better. So we now have a class where we explore the town and around it. Not every class has to be in a classroom.

Finally, after a lot of tears and debate, we are looking for someone to make our uniform to fit mesh bodies. We need a mesh maker that will do a custom mesh.

I have nothing else, maybe i should finish with a poem...

Ode to the Saint Columba A Sonnet by Father Alexander

Saint Columba's, you inspire me to write.

How I love the way you help, teach and laugh,
Invading my mind day and through the night,
Always dreaming about the fun hackstaff.

Let me compare you to an old ember?
You are more splendid, catholic and safe.
Dun frost nips the robins of December,
And wintertime has the unfriendly rafe.

How do I love you? Let me count the ways.

I love your one Church, Teachings and classes.

Thinking of your bold Teachings fills my days.

My love for you is the overpasses.

Now I must away with a non cool heart, Remember my Simple words whilst we're apart.



**IN A Triangle Attack** 

by Annie Auster

FT. Emily Pickerly, Billy Auster and a few students.



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# Life as I know it....





I should start in how I ended up living in a monastery. I was an orphan at the time and one Sunday I went to a local church where I met Father Wid. After awhile he asked if I would be interested in visiting his monastery and I said sure. I was very interested and packed up my things as soon as I got back to the orphanage. Soon after I traveled to Saint Francis where I met Brother Casey, Sister Penny, Sister Saphire. Kita was a girl my age living there. I also met many of the neighbors around the monastery. I quickly fell in love with life at the monastery. Life was simple. We had daily prayers and church on Sunday's. Went to school once a week. We did have to relocate a few times before eventually the monastery closed for good.

One day I had a fellow student ask me did you know the Halliwell sisters live next to the school. Those who don't know who they are it is a tv show named Charmed about three sister witches. I was like what do you mean and then the classmate says there is the symbol on the side of the wall.

So I went to look for myself. Then I did a little research about the Celtic Knot that is on the side of the cottage. The Trinity Knot is known by many names, most famously the Celtic Knot and Eternity Knot. The Trinity Knot's official name is the "triquetra", meaning "triangle" in Latin. And yes the triqetra is known best as a symbol in witchcraft. The Trinity Knot is a religious symbol both with both pagan and Christians heritage. In Celtic mythology, knots symbolize the sacred geometry of the universe and the interconnectedness of all life in the universe.

In Christian iconography, the Trinity Knot represents the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Trinity Knot can be seen in Ireland's most valuable relic, The Book of Kells, now located in the suitable Trinity College, Dublin. On doing further research about the who owns the cottage i found out that it belongs to Mother Cait a



sister of the church. Fear not fellow students and people of O'Hare's Gap there are no witches living among us. We are safe this all Hallows Eve.

# O'Hare's Meeting Minutes A summary of O'Hare's monthly town meetings

Meeting Minutes



On a chilly November night we gathered around the bar for our monthly meeting with a noticeable absence. Our beloved Deacon Shor is gone but will never be forgotten and pour a pint in his honor and leave his chair as it is. The plan for a formal memorial has a tentative date set at November 18th so please be on the lookout for notices to pay your respects. Some interesting plans are in the works for the clergy. It looks like they will be expanding and the structure looks to be overhauled a bit with plans and a program for advancement. We have seen a few new faces appear and we welcome back Brother Manolo who has resumed doing services at the abbey. His timing could not have been better and for that we are grateful. Finances were once again discussed as

they continue to be an issue. Some ideas were tossed around such as losing a sim or two, charging monthly access, downgrading the size of some rentals. Please if you a re reading this and love our community as much as we do, consider dropping some Linden into the donation boxes or checking out a rental. Unlike Bethlehem, there IS room at our inn. Remember to tip the venue at our events. O'Hare's is the best place on the grid and we intend to keep it that way. We could have talked for hours but we dispersed into the cool night for prayers after an hour. Remember, the first Wednesday of every month at 6 SLT is the town monthly meeting. We hope to see you at the next one.

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## The Art of Art

#### **Arts Review**





by Anneke Van Trijp

#### THE HISTORY OF BOOK MAKING

Before books were composed with lead letters, the texts were multiplied by writing them by hand. In de middle ages, so called "copyists" mostly monks, were months and months busy "copying" books. All by hand and beautifully illustrated. Those books were very pricey, and were only made by order.

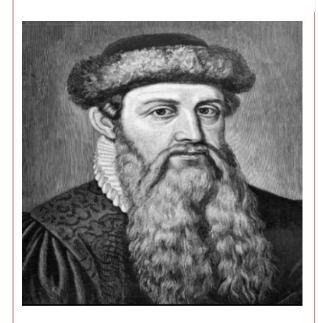
Another way to multiply books was making use of printing blocs. This technique was done by Chinese in the 8th century. Major set back was, every page had to be carved in wood, and those blocks could only be used a few times. This time consuming and expensive way of printing was spread in Europe in the 13th century and can be seen as a predecessor of the 15th century printing press.



(this is a photo of a bible page, made by the monks)

#### GUTENBERG

In general, Johannes Gutenberg is seen as the inventor of the art of book printing. He didnt invent the loose letters though. What he did was, around 1440, inventing a usable printing press. He was from origin a jeweler, and knew how to use stamps to make iron work or ornaments. By combining this technique with the known knowledge about making bloc books, he discovered, that with using cast lead letters and sorts of ink, and with the help of a wine press, he could produce the first printed pages.



(Gutenberg)

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# Saint Columba Student Report

#### Public listing of student disciplinary records.

My job at St. Columba as an "Excellence" is not an easy one. In my world, constant vigilance is essential and it is my duty to ensure that St. Columba remains an exceptional institution. With my trusty "Tick Mark Book" always by my side, I record every student infraction and error in hopes of correcting inappropriate behavior. This is a task that  $\dot{I}$  take VERY VERY seriously and the students know it.

Public display of these records help encourage the students to be more diligent in their thoughts and actions. Here are the records for this issue..

#### Miss Holly:

Sept 4,2018 - Entered church without genuflecting

Sept 4,2018 - Wearing winter tights with summer uniform.

July 22,2018 - Out of uniform in the school office July 22,2018 - Wrong tag

#### Miss Anneke:

July 22,2018 - Came in wrong Sunday uniform. July 23,2018 - Told Miss Amber to "Shut up"

#### Miss Amber:

July 25,2018 - Used "Cool" July 25,2018 - Yelled "D" word August 15,2018 - Used "Cool" August 15,2018 - Used "Cool"

July 26,2018 - Wearing winter tights July 29,2019 - Not wearing Sunday tights.

#### Master Mutt:

July 29,2018 - No bow on the collar of Sunday uniform.

Sept 7,2018 - Sat in class before prayer

#### Master Addy:

August 30,2018 - No tag Sept 25,2018 - Did not stand at attention or bow in court

#### Master Billy:

August 9,2018 - Whispering in class Sept 3,2018 - Wrong Sunday uniform Sept 12,2018 - No tag Oct 16,2018 - No tag when entering church. Oct 22,2018 - Did not address me as "Miss"

July 22,2018 - Wore inappropriate clothing for "free dress" day

August 29,2018 - Wore the wrong tights with the white uniform.

Oct 26,2018 - No head cover in church

August 14,2018 - Wearing winter tights in sum-

Oct 10, 2018 - Played joke on Miss Amber after her negative post

Oct 22,2018 - Used the "C" word

Oct 24,2018 - Bounced like Tigger during inspec-

Nov 9,2018 - No crucifix in church

#### Master Alex:

August 31, 2018 - No tag Sept 14,2018 - Called Master Billy....just Billy

Miss Stacy: September 2,2018 - Wrong Sunday tights. Sept 23,2018 - Wearing no uniform and wrong tag at St. Columba

Oct 16,2018- Put a fake spider on me. Oct 18,2018 - Did not stand to speak in class.

Sept 23,2018 - Wearing wrong Sunday uniform Nov 4, 2018 - Wearing wrong Sunday uniform Nov 4,2018 - Wrong class prayer Nov 9,2018 - Wore hat inside the church Nov 11,2018 - Pulled Miss Shirley's hair Nov 13,2018 - constantly speaking in class without

#### **Master Crowley:**

Oct 12,2018 - Did not call Master Billy, Master Oct 13,2018 - Broke wind in the office in front of

Sarah A. Sandalwood

Oct 14,2018 - Came into office out of uniform Oct 14,2018 - Put on the wrong Sunday uniform. Oct 14,2018 - Did not address Master Josh as "Master

Oct 14,2018 - Continuing to break wind at the school....several times

#### \*\*STUDENT EXPELLED FROM ST. COLUMBA\*\*

#### Miss Hannah:

Oct 30,2018 - Entered church without genuflecting

#### Miss Shirley:

Nov 11,2018 - Involved in hair pulling with Master





Sarah A. Sandalwood

# Ask an Excellence

Miss Sarah answers your questions to life's most puzzling issues in the most Excellent ways!

Miss Sarah, as a citizen and tax payer of O'Hare's Gap, I have a right to know why you wasted school funds on getting yourself a computer! Ridiculous!

Anon!!! My old friend and arch nemesis! Still exchanging oxygen for carbon dioxide I see! Not that I owe you any explanation, but how else can I follow YOU on Twitter??

Truth is, school management has become considerably easier with our purchase of "VR TickBook Ver 3.0". And did you know you could Google the word "soup" and find millions of soup recipes? Not that ours needs any modifications mind you. And not to mention the crucifixes we picked up dirt cheap from a now closed Catholic school off eBAY!

But the best thing is I can now observe school related activities I might have missed on Facebook!! Do know how many times Miss Amber lights a cigarette? I never did prior to this computer. Did you know Master Billy reads comic books when he should be studying?? I never did prior to this computer! Do you know how many times I find out about events Temple has planned for the school!? Right again! I always found out like everyone else but not anymore!! Having this computer allows me to see even MORE than I currently do and therefore it is invaluable. But also know, this school is privately funded and not ONE LINDEN of your taxes paid for it! So stick THAT in your pipe and smoke it!



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# Saint Columba Student and Admin News

# **School Spotlights and Information**





The school has been very active and busy over the past several months so I would like to share some of our highlights.



Last term, Master Billy's "Gym Class" was new to our class schedule. For the first time, we spent class time stretching, running, performing calisthenics and watching movies on health and fitness. The greatest take-a-way from this course...we learned NOT to be a Mr. Bungle!



Miss Annie suffered from her annual "summer cold". While she missed a few days or class, she at least had Master Mutt's photo to keep her company while she recuperated.

The on and off summer rains at O'Hare's Gap played havoc with our daily inspections. Students kept umbrellas ready as these "pop up" showers suddenly soaked us unexpectedly for several minutes before the warm sun returned to make everything hot and steamy.





The students put on a talent show in Hangar 39. And what a mixed bag of talent it was! From jugglers to magicians, the students strutted their stuff in front of an adoring audience.



Miss Heidi's sister, Princess Caroline got married and the school threw them a wonderful reception. However rumor has it the couple are no longer together!



Miss Annie continues her amazing artwork by submitting this drawing within 30 minutes! This scene is exactly what was taking place at the time.



Two of our teachers, Mr. Auster and Madam Naomi got married at the abbey. T'was the season for weddings! However, I have much higher hopes for this one!

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# Master Billy's Babblings

Billy needs to babble...and YOU need to listen!:)



"Faith is having doubts but still choosing to believe" -Father Luke

When I was only 8 years old, I was dropped off at the doorstep of Saint Columba. I was fed and clothed and I felt happy finding a new home, but very quickly I heard rumours of strict rules and itchy uniforms -- and had no idea what was going on. It was a scary time for me.

It was on the very first or second day I found myself standing in a line for inspection the alongside some of my new comrades, having no idea what to expect. To make a long story short... the itchiness of the shorts got to me and in all my scritching and scratching I knocked a button loose somehow, and my shorts came undone suddenly and fell to my ankles, and all I could do was stand there red-faced and embarrassed for all to see,



while I frantically tried to get them back on.

It was at this moment that a tall scruffy man with a cape and a big red cross on his chest came to my heroic rescue. "Good God, boy! -- Cover up before the girls see!" he said, draping his cape over me. His breath smelled fruity and sour at the same time. I looked up at him, star-struck, and the sun shone brightly behind him, glinting off his chain mail and making him seem larger than life.

That man of course was the Grand Master. Jacques de Molay. But could it be the same who lived in the days of the Templar Knights? Wouldn't he be almost 800 years old by now? But furthermore, wasn't he burned at the stake? Or, was there a clever escape that no one knew, and mushrooms are at play here to keep him so young and virile? Or perhaps the Grand Master we know is somehow a reincarnation.



As the years went on, he was always a champion to me... but to some, Grand Master's popularity would wane. Some have said he has gotten mean and grumpy in his old age. Sure, he's pulled a few ears or two – but what good Catholic student hasn't needed their ears pulled once in a blue moon? He has even been called a bully—and has certainly teased some of us. But maybe he is just trying to make us

stronger. Almost every day after inspection, he stands there with us in class, watching over us like a protective hawk. Are those the actions of a bully? I think the truth is, Grand Master is simply a traditionalist, who merely wants us all to adhere to the old ways, because those are the ways which he believes will find us all the greatest glory. And maybe he's right.

Sure, he staggers and slurs a bit in his speech but his meaning is always clear.

"Grandmaster of Knight Templar, a man who is fighting for a better world and his noble ideals. He is a pioneer for a natural relation between men and women."

"Operor vestri officium adveho quis may."

"Do your duty, come what may."

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# Miss Anneke digs up the dirt and gossip around O'Hare's

"Don't let the truth stand in the way of a good story"



#### LOVE IS IN THE AIR

Since the last issue of the O'Hare's Gazette, two marriages took place. The first one, a "royal" marriage, was a couple of months ago. Her "royal highness" madam Caroline af Parla married. But to be honest, I don't want to write about that marriage, not a lot of rumors concerning this marriage were spread. Although, rumor is, they already separated. So that marriage didn't last long, when we can believe those rumors.

No, its the second marriage I want to write about. Perhaps elsewhere in this gazette has been written about it, I want to write about some juicy stories that go around concerning this marriage. I am writing about the marriage between mister Jude Auster and madam Naomi-Catharine. Mister Jude Auster, brother of my boyfriend and madam Naomi, his adopted mother, were married not long ago and that was a fantastic event. First of all they were married by our own congregation priest, father Eissmann and after that, a great party was organized by miss Lila. A party that longed till the early hours of the next day. Who cant remember the continuous dances of master Symeon!

All was well and great, you would say. HOWEVER! Yours truly wouldn't have written anything about it, when there was no gossip to be noted, would she. And yes: a lot of strange things occurred. First of all, where were all the St. Columba students. Since mister Auster as well as madam Naomi are teachers at the Columba school, you would expect them to appear at the wedding. But they didn't. Rumor goes, they weren't invited. Another, even graver rumor: they boycotted the wedding because they don't like one of the teachers. I let the reader decide if one (or both) of the rumors were true. For me personally, I like both teachers, ergo, I was there.

Another rumor was, something went very wrong with the assignment of the brides maids. When the bride entered the church, three brides maids followed the bride. And the bride was companied by a flower girl (miss Bebe) and a maid of honor (miss Sarah). And with the brides maids was something peculiar went on: Before the bride entered the church, miss Heidi was sitting at the first pew in church, in her

school uniform. But all over sudden, she stood up, changed in the brides maids clothes, and stormed outside. That alone was strange, and raised the question: had miss Heidi forgotten she was a brides maid? Or was she not informed and did she just come to church for prayers? Did someone made a mess of the marriage events?

Of course yours truly went out to investigate. And from these investigations, some answers came: Miss Heidi didn't forget it, she simply didn't know she was a brides maid. So she wasn't informed then? According to mrs Auster (bride) miss Heidi was never asked to be a brides maid. There would be just two: miss Lila and miss Annie. And according to Mrs. Auster for a special reason at that: miss Annie because she is by far the sweetest girl at st Columba (--); miss Lila because she's a wizard when it concerns organizing parties, miss Sarah because Mrs. Auster has a tremendous respect for an 8-year old leading the school. So, makes sense she didn't ask anyone else, not even me as Billy's girlfriend, or her daughter. miss Amber.

Leaves us with the conclusion, someone messed up the marriage events. Who that was? I leave that to the reader theses. Fact is, that only the bride chooses the brides maids and the maid of honor. So who ever told miss Heidi she was a brides maid as well, made a mistake. He or she can do only one thing: go to the confession box and confess to the Lord what he or she did wrong. And ask for the Lord's absolution.

So far the wedding. But that's not all I have to write about love. You could wonder, why miss Lila was a bit distracted lately. Well, readers, there's a simple answer to that one: miss Lila had a huge crush on mister Jude Auster. Yes, the same mister who got married to madam Naomi. She even had a photo above her bed with the word "LOVE" on top! You can imagine what a shock it was for that poor miss Lila when she found out mister Auster was getting married!

Now, come to think of it, when anyone would hold a grudge to the bride, and had a reason to mess up the wedding.....

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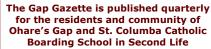
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