



The Explorer



The Monthly Newsletter of Fr.A. Leo Abendschoen Council 11615

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Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,

The only general meeting in June was very busy with a lot of information.



The annual budget was passed for the upcoming year.

The election went well for the new slate of officers. All positions were filled. Our installation for the coming year will take place on Sunday July 8 after the 11 am mass. We will have a rehearsal for the ceremony on July 2 immediately after the officers meeting.

The Texas Roadhouse fund raiser netted \$97.05.

The chicken dinner we were planning in Sept. had to be canceled. It will be rescheduled after the first of the year. Too many parish activities were happening too close to each other. The priests we have now will be reassigned and a new group will be taking over at about the same time. It was a good idea but not now.

Emrick Spacek

Grand Knight

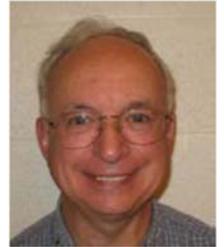
Upcoming Meetings

Officer's Meeting – Monday, July 2nd at 6:30 pm in the Annunciation Parish Board room.

General Meetings – Monday July 9th at 7:00 pm in the Annunciation Parish Hall. Hospitality will begin at 6:15pm. Reminder, there is only one General Meeting during the Summer months.

Assistant Chaplain's Message

Brothers,



During the Second Vatican Council, the Diaconate as “a proper and permanent rank of the hierarchy” was re-established as outlined in the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church. Fifty years ago, Pope Paul VI gave a positive reply to a request of the bishops of the United States to restore a permanent office of deacon in our country. One of the many reasons the bishops presented to the pope then was to enrich and strengthen the many and various diaconal ministries already at work in the United States with the sacramental grace of the Diaconate.

There were six men in the first class ordained to the Diaconate in 1971 here in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. In 2017, eight deacons were ordained. Today there are 168 deacons in Baltimore and according to a recent study at Georgetown University, there are 18,045 total deacons in the United States.

As the Church in the United States celebrates the 50th anniversary of the restoration of the permanent diaconate, I ask that you remember in your prayers all of the deacons throughout the world. Pray that Saint Stephen will intercede with our Lord on behalf of all deacons. Stephen was chosen as one of the seven deacons in the Acts of the Apostles. He was credited as being “a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit” and “filled with grace and power”. May all deacons strive to live their lives as devoutly as Saint Stephen and be willing to serve and follow Christ no matter where He leads them.

God bless you,

Deacon Frank

Congratulations Father Max!

Eight and a half years ago, our council recruited a young seminarian named Moises Avila into the Knights of Columbus. He was studying to be a Conventual Franciscan. We're also happy to say that he was a repeat beneficiary of our RSVP program. Over the years, he stopped by whenever he could and steadily advanced in his degrees whenever the opportunity presented itself. In March of 2017, he took his 4th Degree in Ocean City, joining the Archbishop Francis P. Keough Assembly, and thereby becoming "Sir Knight" as well.



His most recent visit to our area was on May 6th to take part in the First Holy Communion Liturgy for five of our children at Annunciation Church. As all Franciscans do, when he started the journey to his final vows, he took the name of a Saint to replace his given first name. Friar Moises took the name of Saint Maximilian Kolbe. From that point on, he was "Friar Max".

We are pleased to report that on Friday, June 22, 2018, at St. Louis Roman Catholic Church in Buffalo, NY, "Sir Knight Friar Max" was ordained a Franciscan Priest. On Sunday, July 15th, Father Maximilian Avila, OFM Conv. will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at 11:00 am at the Church of the Annunciation. If you are available, please consider attending so that you can join the Council in congratulating our Brother Knight.

And pray for Fr. Max and for all Vocations.

Vivat Jesus !

Wish You Were Here!

Did you know you can win money just for showing up at a meeting? Every member corresponds to a number on the roster and if your number comes up, you win! Our Attendance Prize winner for the June 11th meeting was Joseph D. Schaum, Jr., and he went home with some extra money in his pocket. If you are not sick or a shut-in, why not try making a meeting once in a while? It could prove profitable.

Upcoming Degree Ceremonials

As of this writing, the Degree Ceremonials Schedule has not yet been published on the State Council's Web Site. If you have a candidate and are interested in taking him to a Degree, keep checking the State Council's web site at <http://www.kofc-md.org/state1617/admin.asp>

Happy Times

The following members of our Council family are celebrating Birthdays in July:

- 2 - Paul Coppock
- 3 - Matthew Miklewski
- 13 - John Schaefer
- 20 - William Hodges & Michael Leppert Sr

Anniversaries

- 21 – Adam & Aisamarie Kolb
- 28 – Wayne & Carol Ciampaglia

Have Happy Times you would like to see published? Weddings, Baptisms, Births, Graduations, Promotions, etc? See a birthday or anniversary that's incorrect or not announced? Send them to Walt at wwanko@comcast.net

Sick & Shut-In

Please remember Brothers Robert Priller and Ed Yeager, and sisters Joan Gresdo, Charlotte Schaum and Margaret Wyatt in your prayers. If you know of any Brother or Sister who is in need of our prayers, please contact Walt at 410-866-6546 or wwanko@comcast.net.

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Elections

The following individuals were elected as Officers for the 2017-2018 fraternal year:

- Grand Knight – Emrick Spacek
- Deputy Grand Knight – Paul Schneider
- Chancellor – Harold Payne
- Treasurer – William Hodges
- Recorder – Gregory Fischer
- Warden – Paul Castagna
- Advocate – Wayne Ciampaglia
- Inside Guard – Dave Fricke
- Outside Guard – Dave Fabiszak
- Trustee for 3 Years – John Gallup
- Trustee for 2 Years – Adam Kolb
- Trustee for 1 Year – Shawn Ruby

- *Financial Secretary – Walt Wankowski
- **Lecturer – Michael N. Schlepner, Jr.

- *Appointed by Supreme Knight
- **Appointed by the Grand Knight

Installation of Officers

Our Council’s Annual Installation of Officers will take place on Sunday, July 8th at approximately 12 Noon, at the Church of the Annunciation. The Installation Ceremony will begin shortly after the 11:00 am mass has concluded. Dinner will be available in the parish hall immediately following the Installation Ceremony. All members of our council and their wives are invited to attend with any family members living in the same household, free of charge. Single members may bring a guest. However, to be sure that we prepare enough food, **RESERVATIONS are required**. Please contact Financial Secretary Walt Wankowski at 410-866-6546 or wwanko@comcast.net, no later than Monday, July 2nd at 6:00 pm and let him know if you are coming and how many guests you are bringing. If you leave a telephone message, you will receive a return confirmation call. If you send notification by email, then you will receive a reply confirmation by email. All confirmation replies will be made within 24 hours. **If you do NOT get a reply, then we did NOT get your reservation.** All members wishing to attend MUST make a reservation, INCLUDING OFFICERS who are being installed.

BINGO

Our next Monthly Cash Bingo will be held on **Saturday, July 7th at 6:00 pm** in the Annunciation parish hall. The \$500 Jackpot will be played for 51 numbers or less. This is our most important source of regular income and has been for the last 11 years. The profits enable us to conduct many of our programs. As always, we could use additional help both in the Kitchen and on the floor. No experience is necessary. We will show you what to do.

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4	26	43	59	70
9	30	41	55	68
7	23	32	50	63
8	20	31	60	75
13	18	34	52	69

Everyone working inside the kitchen should try to report by 4:00 pm. Everyone else needs to report by 5:00 pm or as close to it as possible. The Bingo starts at 6 pm and we are usually finished by 9:15 pm. So everyone gets home at a reasonable hour. We hope you will find the time to pitch in and help.

Membership

We are now into a new Fraternal Year. So now we start all over again. Let’s try to recruit as many new members as possible, but remember, no matter how many guys fill out a Form 100, it doesn’t count until we get them to their Admissions Degree. And please make sure they know that. Talk to guys in church, at work, in your community, talk to their wives! We need to grow this council. If we do, we can do great things.

Keep in mind that any prospective member doesn’t have to belong to any particular parish. The only requirement is that he be a practical Catholic male, 18 years of age or older.

Be ready to talk about the programs we get involved in, the contests we run for youth, the things we do for the parish, the things we do in the community, etc. And have a Form 100 and a pen ready when you do. If you need a Form 100, contact Financial Secretary Walt Wankowski at 410-866-6546 or wwanko@comcast.net.

Church Programs

Religious & Seminarian Vocation Program

Just a reminder that our Council is continuously collecting money for those studying for the priesthood and the religious life. If you'd like to contribute to the cause, you can place your donations into the transparent acrylic boxes that sit near the doors of Annunciation Church, or contributions can also be sent directly to Walt Wankowski, 5211 McFaul Road, Baltimore, MD 21206. Checks should be made payable to "Knights of Columbus 11615."



We thank you in advance for your generosity.

Pro-Life Programs

Pro-Life Rosary

All members are invited to join in on the monthly Rosary for Life which is held on the 3rd Saturday of the month at the Beltway Plaza Shopping Center, 7702 Belair Road in Fullerton. This shopping center houses an abortion clinic. The next date for this activity will be Saturday, July 21st at 9:00 am. We hope that more of you will consider joining in.



Youth Programs

Box Tops For Education

Box Tops for Education may be placed in the plastic pouch attached to the council display in the back of Annunciation Church or you may mail them to Jason Karolkowski, 1322 Chapel Hill Drive, Baltimore, MD 21237. All box tops collected by our council are donated to St. Michael & Clement's School.

Community Programs

Friends Helping Friends

We are once again participating in Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Program. The coupons are \$5 and are worth up to 25% off at Boscov's on Tuesday, October 16th.



Chairman Harry Payne needs help selling the coupons after the 4 pm and 7:30 am masses in the Annunciation parish hall during

the months of August and September. If anyone can help with this let Harry know at 410-663-8141 (H) 410-404-0540. All proceeds will go into the Charity Fund.

Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser Night

We thank everyone who participated in our Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser nights on May 15th & 16th. We made \$97.05.

4th Degree News

There will be no meeting of the Archbishop Francis P. Keough Assembly in July. The installation of Officers will take place on Tuesday, July 10th at 7 pm at Columbus Gardens.



Chapter News

Installation of Officers for the Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights will be held at 3 pm on Sunday, August 19th in the Seton Chapel of St. Issac Jogues Church, 9215 Old Harford Road, in Carney.

District Message

We welcome our new District Deputy John Holley ! For the last two years, John served us as our District Warden. We look forward to working with John in this Fraternal Year.

Insurance News

Like physical health, maintaining financial health requires frequent checkups. Financial needs are a moving target so they must be looked at periodically. We can't treat our retirement plans with a "set it and forget it" philosophy. The Knights of Columbus' portfolio of protection should not be any different.

Start by meeting with your local field agent. It will be a friendly encounter that will include a fraternal update and a complimentary financial checkup. Likely, the agent will look at your current financial situation and its impact on your family's retirement goals, security and general welfare. He also will discuss the Order's "Tradition of Protection," explaining our founding mission and current events. He will talk about benefits relevant to you, and explain how those benefits can augment and safeguard your portfolios. A confidential "Family Service Record" is then updated and individualized recommendations are made.

The field agent exists solely to ensure your full financial protection. If he finds that you are well-situated, then you have the increased peace of mind that comes from this validation. If he discovers some gap or oversight, then you have an opportunity to implement a remedy before a small problem becomes a disaster. The meeting has no risk and can be a major win. When members obtain their protection from the K of C, they are availing themselves of exclusive benefits that non-members cannot access. These exclusive benefits not only help their families, but the good works and mission of the Order. If our members are the bone and fiber of the Order, then the insurance is the lifeblood. Encourage a culture of protection in your council by contacting your Field Agent today.

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State Council News

Yahoo!

The Maryland State Council sponsors a communication vehicle at Yahoo.com. Any Knight who has a computer, can sign up for it and it costs nothing. Among the items regularly passed on via the Yahoo site are notifications of illness and deceased members, upcoming activities at the local, State, and Supreme Level, access to information on State Programs, notifications of upcoming degree ceremonials, etc. To sign up for this service, simply go to <http://www.kofc-md.org/state1415/yahoo.asp> and then follow the instructions.

Supreme Convention

One last reminder that the Supreme Convention is being held in Baltimore this year from Friday, August 3rd to Thursday, August 9th at the Baltimore Convention Center downtown. Volunteers are still needed. If you wish to donate some of your time, you can find more information at http://www.kofc-md.org/docs1617/Volunteer_Information_Sheet_2018_BaltimoreConvention_v4.pdf Or contact Jack Giacalone at Jgiacal48@gmail.com or call Jack at 301-774-6338.

Supreme Council News

A Message From the Supreme Chaplain

If you have ever been to Lourdes, perhaps for the international military pilgrimage – in which the Knights of Columbus play such a special role – then you know that this shrine is a place rich in God's graces.

In the first days of May, I had the privilege of taking part in an international pilgrimage to Lourdes, sponsored by the Order of Malta. Fr. Bianco and I travelled to Lourdes on a chartered flight out of Baltimore, a flight that numbered some 300 pilgrims, about 70 of whom were *malades*, that is to say, people suffering from significant illnesses.

It was a beautiful thing to see how lovingly the Knights and Dames of Malta cared for these people – some of whom were very young, some in the prime of

life, and still others in their advancing years. Such love and care was a beautiful, real-life affirmation of all that we believe regarding the dignity of the human person, especially the vulnerable.

On the way to Lourdes, I looked forward to celebrating Mass at the Rosary Basilica. I gathered the intentions that I wanted to present to the Blessed Virgin Mary at the very spot where she appeared so many times to St. Bernadette, and revealed herself to Bernadette & to all the world as the Immaculate Conception. I recalled how close I felt to the Blessed Mother on pilgrimages in the past and I hoped that my experience would be similar on this trip.

On this pilgrimage, I did indeed experience a closeness to Mary's heart but that closeness came to me in an unexpected way. It came to me through the hearts of the *malades* with whom I was privileged to travel. The organizers of the pilgrimage looked after my spiritual well-being by ensuring that I would sit at every meal with a different group of *malades*. During those meals, I came to know them very well. I can tell you that those *malades* are bearing some very heavy crosses. It was a humbling experience to sit with them as they opened their hearts to me and to one another. They talked about their lives, their loved ones, their illnesses, their prognosis, and in the process a bond of love was created at the table. Amid their sufferings and challenges, there was no self-pity but rather a lot of joy. Their hearts rejoiced, like Mary's, in God their Savior. I was deeply edified by those special pilgrims. What took me by surprise, however, was my encounter with them near the Grotto. I found myself visiting with the *malades* before they went into the baths and again after they reemerged from them. On the way in some of them were, understandably, apprehensive. I thought it was my job just to offer a word of reassurance, to say a word about Mary's loving heart and her closeness to these, her children.

When they emerged from the baths, I encountered them again, and this time it was they who overwhelmed me with the tender love of Mary's pure and sinless heart. Almost without exception, they radiated the joy of which today's readings speak – the joy of Isaiah – “I rejoice heartily in the Lord” – the joy of the Psalmist – “My heart exalts in the Lord” – ... both of which point to Mary's joy when the living

Word of God found in her Immaculate Heart the entry point into human history: “My spirit finds joy in God my Savior!” she said. This was the joy written on the faces of those *malades*, the happiness that shone in their eyes, the love that words could not express. Many of them just said, “I'll never forget this!” – Like Mary, they will keep the favors of God stored carefully in their hearts.

I recount this beautiful experience that God in his mercy allowed me to have because it goes to the heart of the mystery of love the Church is celebrating in these days . . . and because that mystery of love is of such great importance to us as the family of the Knights of Columbus. Yesterday, we acknowledged our need for the redeeming and healing love of Jesus as we consecrated ourselves to his Most Sacred Heart. Today, our eyes of faith see in the Immaculate Heart of Mary a pure and limpid reflection of the merciful love in the heart of her Son. And if *Jesus' heart* overflows with that merciful love we cannot do without, *Mary's heart* overflows with a maternal love that invites us, gently yet persistently, to allow the Holy Spirit to form *in us* a heart not unlike the heart of her Son: a heart that is shaped by the Beatitudes, obedient to God in all things, a heart suffused with all the virtues, a heart redeemed and full of inner joy. As our Mother in the order of grace, Mary encourages us by prayer and example to repent, to believe, and to attain in our lives that purity of heart by which one day, God willing, we too shall see God face-to-face.

What the *malades* illustrated for me so powerfully is that humble hearts can indeed be touched with the grace and glory of Jesus Christ and warmed with Mary's tenderness . . . and that such loving, faithful hearts are more persuasive in handing on the faith than all the books and treatises on holiness that were ever written.

They taught me anew and perhaps through me they are still teaching that the Lord and his Mother want nothing more than that our hearts be filled each day with holiness, virtue, generosity, compassion, and joy. And when that happens we too become messengers of divine love; we too become messengers and instruments of charity – that charity that comes from God and works in and through us – for nothing is impossible for God!

Heart of Mary, like unto Jesus – pray for us!

having studied poetry at Rheims, and presented a thesis on universal philosophy at the College Louis-le-Grand in Paris. Additionally, he studied law in Bourges and Paris, and read the law for five more years at the Inns of the Court in London, England. Well versed, he could converse on a variety of subjects, including music, art, politics, history, philosophy, to name only a few.

In spite of his education, being a Catholic, he was prohibited from holding office, serving in the militia, practicing law, or even voting in colonial Maryland. These anti-Catholic Penal Laws of England continued to be enforced in colonial Maryland. Although Catholics were permitted to own land they did live with the fear that the colonial government may take away this right at any moment. With this in mind, a Catholic could easily lose the right to any and all land ownership, and thus could be dispossessed. During the Revolution in 1774, Charles became actively involved with his election to the provincial convention. Some months before the start of the war, he had predicted a victory should the war come to America. He had told a friend in England, "your armies will evacuate our soil, and your country retire, an enormous loser from this contest...though much blood may be spilt, we have no doubt of our ultimate success."

On July 4, 1776, Carroll was selected by the Maryland convention to join the delegates in Congress. Taking his seat on July 18, he was elected to the Board of War and Ordinance. Two weeks later, Charles Carroll of Carrollton, at the age of thirty-nine, signed the Declaration. Charles died on a Wednesday morning just before dawn on November 15, 1832, at the age of ninety-five, in a house that still stands today on Lombard Street off President Street in what is now downtown Baltimore. He had outlived all other signers, including John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, who both died on July 4, 1826.

Three days following his death, on that Saturday morning, November 17, the bells in Baltimore City tolled and cannons fired as his cortege traveled from his Lombard Street house to the Roman Catholic Basilica. The cortege was followed by many dignitaries, foreign ministers and many citizens and soldiers of the Revolution. President Andrew Jackson

was unable to attend, but sent his regrets. Following the Mass for the Dead, Carroll's body was carried home to Doughoregan Manor, which was the Howard County mansion built by his father about one hundred years earlier. Here, Charles Carroll was interred in the manor's chapel, where he remains today.

Charles Carroll of Carrollton was an avid supporter of the American Revolutionary War, but in doing so was a political revolutionist, not an economic one. A powerful writer, Carroll of Carrollton wrote against fees paid to colonial officers, was a member of the revolutionary Committee of Correspondence for Anne Arundel County; was sent to Canada by the Continental Congress to gain support for the Revolution; and was elected to Congress. Fifty years after he signed the Declaration of Independence, he said, "*that as a Roman Catholic, he struck a blow not only for our independence of England, but for the toleration of all sects professing the Christian religion and communicating to them equal rights.*"

William Paca - was born in 1740 and held a distinction among the other signers of the Declaration of Independence. While most of the signers had been born in the colonies of English ancestry, Paca's family was of Italian ancestry and had been in Maryland for generations.

William was a sophisticated man who graduated from the College of Philadelphia, in 1759. Following graduation, he worked in an Annapolis law firm, then went on to London for two years at the Inner Temple. Upon his return home, he married a girl of considerable wealth, and settled in a luxurious home in Maryland. At this time Paca, was considered the finest lawyer in Maryland noted for his "incredible insight and logical power."

Although Paca was very well-liked and respected by all who knew him, the delegates did not relish his close ties with Samuel Chase, his school-days friend and fellow delegate from Maryland. Chase had a violent temper in his cause for independence, while Paca was good tempered, but allowed himself to be manipulated politically and socially by Chase. Consequently, Paca's reputation in public life was far less than his

considerable talents. At the First and Second Congresses, Paca never took a side opposite from that supported by Chase. Although less vocal than Chase, Paca was just as enthusiastic and determined to see independence. William Paca died in 1799, at the age of fifty-nine.

Samuel Chase - was born in Somerset County, Maryland on April 17, 1741, the son of an Episcopal Minister. Chase was a heavy set man, with a temper, who would pound the table when raging against the King of England, or when maddened by adversaries. When angered, his face would become flushed, thus his nickname, "Bacon Face."

Samuel studied law in Annapolis, and was admitted to the bar in 1761. At the age of twenty-three, he was elected to the Maryland legislature and immediately fought royal tyranny. It was Chase who led the charge on the Stamp Act and taxation. He was one of the few delegated at the First Continental Congress to violently criticize the Crown.

Chase continued to fight aggressively for independence at the Second Continental Congress, although his own Maryland delegation had been told to vote against freedom from Britain's control. In consideration of this, his determination never weakened. Along with his colleague, Charles Carroll of Carrollton, he took to the road on horseback, and made fervent speeches for independence at towns and farms throughout the colony. This campaign was successful, and the Maryland delegation reversed its position and urged an all-out vote in favor of independence. When Chase signed the Declaration he was thirty-five. Following the signing, Chase became very active as a congressman, serving on approximately thirty committees.

Chase was appointed chief judge of the Maryland criminal court in 1788. In 1791, he was named chief judge of the general court. In 1796, President Washington appointed him to the Supreme Court. Soon thereafter he made political attacks on the Jeffersonians and was tried under the Solution Act, which led to impeachment proceedings. Samuel Chase was acquitted and remained on the court until his death in Baltimore on June 19, 1811 at the age of seventy.

Thomas Stone - was born in 1743, and called his residence near Port Tobacco, Maryland, "Habre-de-

Venture." Stone was one of the most successful lawyers in Maryland. He was also one colonist who did not support the cause for independence as enthusiastically as his fellow delegates, William Paca and Samuel Chase. He once said, "I wish to conduct affairs so that a just and honorable reconciliation should take place."

Married at the age of twenty-five, he built his bride one of the finest homes in Maryland as a display of his love and affection for her. Additionally, at his young age, he had built a profitable law practice in Frederick, Maryland. Stone was a man who always thought for himself, and was not easily swayed by popular opinions or recommendations from others. In 1774, he defended a poll tax to support the clergy, much to the disappointment of his good friend and mentor, Thomas Johnson, as well as Samuel Chase and William Paca. During the Second Continental Congress, Stone continued to oppose Samuel Chase. He was also very much against slavery. He once said, "I have never known a single instance of a Negro being contented in slavery." In reply a fellow congressional member said, "Stone was sometimes mistaken upon plain subjects." In the cause for independence, Stone was patient in presenting his ideas. He is on record as announcing that, "We should pretty unanimous in a resolution to fight it out for independence. The proper way to effect this is not to move too quick. But then we must take care to do everything which is necessary for our security and defense, not suffer ourselves to be lulled or wheedled by any deceptions, declarations, or givings out. You know my heart wishes for peace upon terms of security and justice to America. But war, anything, is preferable to surrender of our rights."

By July 2, 1776, no word had arrived from England concerning peaceful negotiations. This was the final prompting Stone needed to cast his vote for complete independence. Thomas Stone died in 1787, at the age of forty-four.

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Calendar Reminders

- July 2 - Council Officer's meeting – 6:30 pm – Annunciation Board Room
- July 4 – Independence Day
- July 7 - Monthly Cash Bingo – 6:00 pm – Annunciation Parish Hall
- July 8 – Council Officers Installation – 12 Noon – Church of the Annunciation
- July 9 - Council General Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm – Annunciation Parish Hall
- July 10 - 4th Degree Assembly Installation of Officers - 7:00 pm – Columbus Gardens
- July 21 - Pro-Life Rosary – 9:00 am – Beltway Plaza Shopping Center, Fullerton