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October 8 — Lisa A. Smittcamp

Profiled by Tom Lang

Lisa A. Smittcamp was elected Fresno County District Attorney in June 2014 with the overwhelming support of local law enforcement and the prosecutors and investigators in her office. She was sworn into office in January 2015, after being a respected fixture in the Central Valley's legal community for over twenty years.

She is the second female elected as District Attorney in Fresno County. She joined the office as a Deputy DA in 2001 after a successful four-year tenure in Madera County and one year in civil practice.

Because of the passion she has for bringing justice to victims, Lisa is known for being a strong advocate against the violence of women and children and has been a leader in educating the community about the importance of awareness to prevent these crimes.

During her tenure as District Attorney, Lisa has brought new structure, increased productivity, and renewed morale to the office. Under her leadership, the District Attorney's Office was able to add staffing to support the Court in beginning a Veteran's Treatment Court to better assist justice that involves Veterans in their rehabilitation.

Many additional units have been added since 2015, including Major Fraud, Animal Cruelty, Post – Prop 47 drug court, and a Violent Crime Unit.

Additionally, Lisa developed the Public Integrity Unit and assigned a full-time prosecutor and one full time DA Investigator to ensure that Fresno County is free from political corruption.

She also serves her community as a member of the Board of Directors of the Marjaree Mason Center, member of the Board of Trustees of San Joaquin College of Law, member of Valley Children's Medical Group Board of Trustees, and a member of the Rotary Club of Fresno.

Mrs. Smittcamp is married with two children and resides in Fresno County.



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Book Review - Ingenious Mechanicks

By Christopher Schwarz

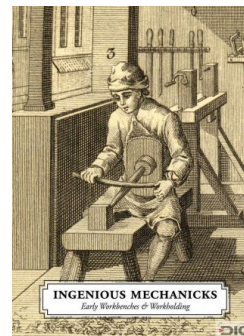
Lost Art Press LLC, Ft Mitchell, KY 2018

147 pages, Hardbound

By John Kasaian

The treatise “Roman Workbenches” by Christopher Schwarz, which I previously reviewed in June, is out of print; however, that treatise grew into a larger volume, “Ingenious Mechanicks, Early Workbenches and Workholding” which is very much in print, and if you found the treatise, “Roman Workbenches,” interesting, well here’s more of the same.

Schwarz’s writing is humorous and entertaining, and his story of researching and reproducing early carpenter’s workbenches from



the Roman Empire and the Middle Age, and discovering how they were used, isn’t unlike an Indiana Jones story. I found it a delightful read.

If you like, you can order your copy from Cotters Religious Goods

Editor’s Note: In June 2021 John reminded us that St. Joseph was a carpenter—hence the connection to this book.

Quotations From The Imitation Of Christ – Part II

By Jim Flanagan

This is a book written by a West German priest six centuries ago. It remains to be the second widely read spiritual book next to the Bible. I had an early edition of it from my mother, which was very difficult to read. Now I have one translated by Msgr. Ronald Knox, an English priest, and Michael Oakley. Msgr. Knox unfortunately died before he finished his translation, but it was finished by Michael Oakley at Msgr. Knox’s request.

Msgr. Knox and Oakley got rid of the incomprehensible theological terminology and made the book more human and common sense. The translation by Knox and Oakley is regarded as the best English translation and greatly enhances its life-changing insights.

The book is composed of four books, but I shall quote here some brief passages from Book One, Practical advice about the spiritual life.

From Chapter 4 on caution in our undertakings:

“Here is a very wise rule: never act in a hurry, and always be ready to alter your preconceived ideas. And here is another that goes with it; don’t be too ready to accept the first story that is told to you, or hand on to others the rumors you hear, and the secrets entrusted to you.”

From Chapter 5 about reading holy scripture:

“By all means ask questions, but listen to what holy writers have to tell you; do not find fault with the hard sayings of antiquity – their authors had good reason for writing as they did.”

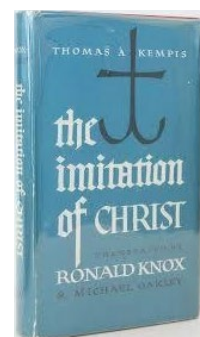
From Chapter 10 about useless gossiping:

“We need more watchfulness, more prayer; our time mustn’t be frittered away in doing nothing. When you have leave and leisure for talking, let your talk be such as makes for spiritual profit. Victims as we are of bad habit, unambitious as we are about our soul’s progress, we speak so unguardedly! And yet there is talk which can be a great spiritual help to us – I mean, the earnest exchange of ideas about spiritual things; especially when two souls, well matched in temper and disposition, find themselves drawn together in God.”

From Chapter 11A on how to attain peace:

“We could have peace to our hearts’ content, if only we would not concern ourselves with the things other people are saying and doing, things which are no business of ours.”

This article will be continued in a future newsletter.



Diocesan Event Corner

If your parish or Catholic organization is hosting an event open to all the Diocese of Fresno, we ask for you to notify us no less than five weeks before the event. We will gladly post this in our newsletter mailed to all CP&BC members. Contact Tim Dodd for more information (559) 860-9198

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

63rd Annual Festival & Car Show: With a Father’s Heart: Celebrating the Year of St. Joseph

Sunday, October 3, 2021

9 am – 5 pm



Become Part of Our Prayer Network Today!

Prayers when you and your loved ones need them the most! It’s amazing, simply join the CP&BC Prayer Network, call or email your requests, and our network will pray for you.

To join, contact Sally salauritz@att.net or 559-439-8378

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October Prayer – Prayer to Be Disciples and Missionaries

In the name of the Father and of the
Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary ...

Lord you left your Mother in our
midst that she might accompany us.

May she take care of us and protect us
on our journey, in our hearts, in our
faith.

May she make us disciples like herself,
missionaries like herself.

May she teach us to go out onto the
streets.

May she teach us to step outside
ourselves . . .

May she, by her meekness, by her
peace, show us the way.

From United States Conference of
Catholic Bishops

Speaker Recap – Hugh Blane

By Norma Williams

The September 10 in-person speaker was Hugh Blane of Seattle who described how he absented himself from the Catholic Church between the ages of 23 and 48, living a fear-based life, loving money, not self. This fear reduced his experiences of love and joy as well as his business success. He learned that everything one deems important can be taken away quickly and that financial difficulties are hard on relationships. Fearing the next 10 years would be like the last 10, he was challenged by TV evangelist Joyce Meyer’s suggestion that if things haven’t been working out to get on one’s knees.

The catechism calls us to holiness, but that often demands getting outside our comfort zones. Many feel unworthy of a Christian love of such magnitude. What we are in love with affects everything about us, Hugh says. It is Christ’s extravagant love that can remove fears. If we love the Catholic faith, we must share it. Hugh prays for himself and others that the Holy Spirit use him, for the closer one gets to God the closer one can get to others.

Memories are powerful, can be positive or negative, often needing to be reset. Hugh suggests naming three things one is grateful for in the past 24 hours, then to recall and examine three memories of the last 24 hours while inviting God into the here and now, striving for wholeness through His mercy.

After a series of entrepreneurial endeavors, Hugh now heads Claris Consulting. He has authored over 425 articles and videos on leadership and communication and facilitates Ignatian spirituality classes at his parish.

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Business Person Of The Month

by Lucina Myers

I’m very humbled to be one of the newest members of the Board for Catholic Professional and Business Club of Fresno and especially excited to be the first Business Person of the Month as we get to start a new year, finally in person.

I was born in a very tiny village in Mexico called San Gregorio, Guanajuato. When I left there as a small child, there was no running water and no electricity. People would take baths in the hot springs on Saturdays, the women during the day and the men at night, to be clean for Sunday Mass. And so, as I find myself living in Friant now, with solar panels for power and the lake just below our property line, I often ask myself why me Lord. Why me?

I’m very fortunate to be married to someone who has stood by my side as I ask this same question time and time again. Bruce and I have been married for 43 years, have three beautiful daughters and two incredible granddaughters. Yes, all girls!

For the past 20-plus years, I’ve worked at San Joaquin Memorial High School.

I look forward to meeting you at our upcoming breakfast meeting. Perhaps by then, I’ll have a few answers to “why me?”



Upcoming Events

- November 12, 2021
- December 10, 2021
- January No Meet-

Pope’s Worldwide Prayer October Intention

Missionary Disciples

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

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CP&BC Membership Dues: Annual dues are \$48 per person and are due August 1, 2021. The deadline for the 2022 Membership Directory is December 31, 2021. For more information contact John Kanaley at 315-243-6597. The 2021 directory is underway.

Reservations: Reservations are required for all breakfast meetings, held at Pardini's, and can be made by calling Denise Correia at (559) 434-2722 or by visiting www.cpbcfresno.org then click on the reservation link. Doors open at 7 a.m. for coffee and networking. The program starts at 7:20 a.m. and concludes at 8:30 a.m. The breakfast cost is \$17 for members and \$22 for non-members. An annual discounted cost of \$120 is available to members that prepay for the year; this is a savings of \$33. Reservations are still required for prepays.

Membership Directory: For the 2022 Membership directory, ad space starts at \$50. The deadline for ads in the 2022 Membership Directory is December 31, 2021, for space reservation and artwork. More directory advertising is available at www.cpbcfresno.org

Prayer Network: CP&BC has a "prayer network" to be used for member prayer needs for themselves or loved ones. We have members already signed-up to pray for special needs submitted; however, anyone else is invited to also become part of the prayer network. Sally Lauritzen is the point person to whom requests can be made, and once they are received she will email or phone the network. Contact Sally (salauritz@att.net or 559-439-8378) to become part of the network or to submit a prayer request.

Website: Please be sure to visit www.cpbcfresno.org for all the latest information about our club. CP&BC thanks J. Colin Petersen of J - I.T. Outsource for the design and maintenance of the website. CP&BC also thanks Uhuru Network, LLC for their design and preparation of the newsletter.

Misson Statement:

As Catholic professional and business men and women, we are called to live our Christian ethics not only on Sundays, but throughout our daily lives at home and at work.

Our goal in the Catholic Professional & Business Club shall be to incorporate and uphold our beliefs in every aspect of our daily lives, and to gather to share with others who seek a more ethical business environment.

Each of us shall strive to achieve a commingling of our ethical obligations and our professional obligations in demonstration of the fact that ethics and business need not be mutually exclusive terms.

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