

HELLO TOM

2/12/18

IN 1992 FATHER WANTED TO CELEBRATE THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF COLUMBUS'S DISCOVERY OF AMERICA AND HE COLLECTED ALL KINDS OF MEMORABILIA OF THE OCCASION. MOST FROM THE 400TH ANNIVERSARY WHERE CHICAGO WAS REBUILT FOR THAT OCCASION AFTER THE GREAT FIRE THERE.

FATHER CALLED ME ONE NIGHT AND SAID THAT A LADY ON GOVERNORS ISLAND HERE HAD A TAPESTRY OF THE LANDING OF COLUMBUS MADE ON THE FIRST MOVEABLE LOOM AND ESPECIALLY FOR THE WORLDS FAIR IN CHICAGO IN 1892 AND SHE WANTED \$500. CASH FOR IT AND TO GO GET IT THAT NIGHT, OF WHICH I DID. IT IS GREAT. FATHER HAD IT ON DISPLAY AT THE CHURCH LIBRARY AND THEN IN A BANK WINDOW HERE IN LACONIA. A COPY OF THE CARD THAT WAS AT THE WORLDS FAIR TO DESCRIBE THE TAPESTRY IS ATTACHED.

FATHER WROTE OUR GOVERNOR, JUDD GREGG, AT THE TIME TO SEE WHAT THE STATE WOULD DO FOR THAT OCCASION, AND THE GOVERNOR REPLIED THAT THE STATE WAS NOT PLANNING ON ANYTHING AS THERE WAS MUCH CONTROVERSY ABOUT COLUMBUS'S TREATMENT OF THE INDIANS ETC.

FATHER THEN SAID HE WOULD DO SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE THE OCCASION AND ASKED THE GOVERNOR TO HAVE A SPECIAL DAY THAT YEAR TO COMMEMORATE THE OCCASION AND ASKED HIM TO WRITE A PROCLAMATION FOR THAT DAY, AND HE DID, BUT SAID HE WOULD NOT BE ATTENDING.

THE PROCLAMATION READS, WHERE AS IN 1892 TO COMMEMORATE THE 400TH ANNIVERSARY OF COLUMBUS'S FIRST VOYAGE TO AMERICA AT WHICH TIME THE PLEDGE TO THE FLAG WAS WRITTEN, AND WHERE AS I, JUDD GREGG, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, ON THE 9TH OF SEPTEMBER 1992, DO HERE BY PROCLAIM OCTOBER 1992 AS COLUMBUS QUINCENTENARY MONTH.

FATHER PUT HIS COLLECTION IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY FOR EVERYONE WHO WANTED TO SEE IT. THE CHURCH HALL WAS FULL, AND FATHER GAVE AN HOUR AND A HALF TALK ABOUT COLUMBUS'S VOYAGE, ETC. IT WAS WELL RECEIVED. A VIDEO WAS PRODUCED AND IS AIRED EVERY YEAR HERE ON OUR LOCAL STATION THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 12.

Prayers,

Enid

TOM: 2/15/18

TO ADD TO THE LETTER OF 2/12/18, THE COLUMBUS MEMORAMBLIA IS SEVERAL HUNDRES OF PCS.

ON THE PROCLAMATION THERE WAS MORE THAT I DID NOT PRINT. I JUST MENTIONED WHAT WAS ABOUT THE VOYAGE TO THE NEW WORLD.



THE TAPESTRY IS ABOUT 5 FEET BY 4 FEET AND IS SILK. IT IS BEAUTIFUL.

FR. HAS MANY BOOKS ON COLUMBUS AND OF THE 400TH ANNIVERARY OF THE DISCOVERY OF AMERICA AT THE CHICAGO WORLDS FAIR, TO INCLUDE THE LAY OUT OF THE FAIR AND ALL OF ITS DISPLAY BUILDINGS.



SPOKE TO ARMAND'S DOCTOR LAST NIGHT AND HE GIVES HIM APPROX. 6 MONTHS. I TOLD HIM THAT YESTERDAY THAT HE FELT THAT ARMAND HAD JUST A SHORT TIME, AND HIS ANSWER WAS THAT WE ALWAYS TELL THE PATIENT MORE TIME THEN THEY HAVE SO THAT THEY DON'T GET ALL WORKED UP ABOUT THE TIME IT WILL HAPPEN. HE THEN SAID IT WILL NOT BE 6 MONTHS!

PRAYERS, ERNEST

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ernest", enclosed within a large, sweeping loop that extends to the right and then curves back under the signature.



THE COLUMBUS SILK TAPESTRY TABLE COVER



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