

Welcome, C. M. B. A.!

Everything in Readiness for the Grand Council Convention.

Programme of Exercises—History of the Association—Grand Parade on the Evening of August 30th—Field Day at Ontario Beach Wednesday, August 31st—Portraits of Prominent Members.

In View of the Fact that the Grand Council of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of New York State Will Hold its Eighth Biennial Convention in Rochester Next Week, the Catholic Journal Presents its Readers Appropriate Reading for the Occasion.

HISTORY.

The C. M. B. A. was organized at Niagara Falls, N. Y., July, 1876, and incorporated by the New York State legislature in 1879. The object of this association, as set forth in section 5 of an act of incorporation known as Chapter 496 of the Laws of New York, passed June 9, 1879, is, "To improve the moral, mental and social condition of its members; to educate them in integrity, sobriety and frugality; to endeavor to make them contented with their position in life, and to aid and assist members or their families in case of death."

The qualifications for membership are, that a man shall be a practical Catholic, physically sound, of the full age of eighteen years and under fifty years of age at date of initiation.

The total membership of the association January 1st, 1892, was about 32,500, of which New York State, with 166 Branches, contained 13,507, or nearly half of the entire membership.

CITY MEMBERSHIP.

Branch 12 was the first organized in Rochester, March 29, 1879; No. 34, May 11, 1879; No. 58, April 18, 1883; No. 80, March 15, 1885; No. 1885, Branch 87 was organized Dec. 26, 1885, No. 83, Jan. 11, 1886; No. 81, April 20, 1885; No. 82, June 21, 93, May 5, 1886; No. 117, May 14, 1888; No. 121, Aug. 4, 1888; No. 131, March 31, 1889; No. 134, May 5, 1889; No. 139, Aug. 9, 1888.

The membership of the Branches in this city, April, 1, 1892, was as follows:

No. 12, 185; No. 34, 158; No. 58, 105; No. 80, 80; No. 81, 193; No. 82, 108; No. 87, 73; No. 88, 97; No. 83, 93; No. 117, 99; No. 121, 64; No. 131, 42; No. 135, 28. No. 137, 60 Total, 1,380.

There is a Central Council composed of three delegates from each Branch in the city, which meets the first Thursday evening of each month in the rooms of Branch 81. It discusses matters pertaining to the general welfare of the organization.

Charles P. Mead is president; Chas. A. Parr, first vice-president; Michael Hyland, second vice-president; Ferdinand Rosser, Chancellor; Lawrence McGreal, treasurer; E. J. Ernst, secretary; Anton Halsebrick, guard. J. H. Casey, marshal.

THE CONVENTION.

The following circular issued by the local committee having in charge the arrangements for the Convention contains the full programme of exercises:

TUESDAY, Aug. 30.—The Delegates and Grand Council Officers will proceed in a body to St. Patrick's Cathedral, where solemn High Mass will be celebrated at 10 a. m. Right Rev. Bishop McQuaid will be present and address the delegates and members. Every member of the C. M. B. A. in the city is requested either to attend in person, or have some representative of his family at the Mass that morning. Twenty-five pews on each side of the centre aisle will be reserved for the officers and delegates. After Mass the delegates will proceed to Cathedral Hall, where an address of welcome will be delivered by the Hon. Richard Curran, Mayor of Rochester.

The ground floor of Cathedral Hall will be reserved exclusively for the delegates and the clergy, and the entire gallery will be open to the members of the C. M. B. A. It is expected that the members will avail themselves of this opportunity of attending a Grand Council Convention.

On the evening of Tuesday, Aug. 30th, the Grand Parade of the entire association will take place, and it is expected that every man will feel it his

duty to participate in this demonstration. The Parade will end at Washington Rink, where a public meeting will be held and short addresses made by prominent members outside of City Branches. Chas. B. Ernst, of Branch 81, will preside, and the meeting will consist of speaking, vocal and instrumental music. The upper galleries will be reserved for the ladies. After the meeting is over the members of the C. M. B. A., including all who took part in the parade, will be invited to remain and partake of some light refreshments.

On Wednesday, Aug. 31st, there will be tendered to the visiting members by the members of the City branches a grand reception at Ontario beach, at which time the following will take place:

The delegates and Grand Council officers will leave the Livingston Hotel at 1:30 p. m. sharp, in special cars for St. Bernard's Seminary, on the Boulevard. Through the kindness of our Rt. Rev. Bishop, this handsome building will be thrown open for their inspection and an opportunity will be given them to visit one of the grandest buildings in Western New York.

A visit will be made to the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, and after viewing these beautiful grounds, the party will proceed on their journey to Ontario Beach.

The sports and games for the day are—

3:15 p. m. Ball game of five innings, between the east and west side branches. East side, Capt. Walter H. Daly, of Branch 87. West side Capt. W. H. Bauer, of Branch 121.

Each Captain will select his own nine, and the Committee will provide the Umpire. Prize \$10 to be divided among the members of the winning side.

4 p. m. Running race free to all, 150 yards. First prize \$5; second prize \$3; third prize \$2.

4:15 p. m. Fat Men's race, 100 yards. Prizes—first \$3; second \$2; Contestants must weigh over 200 pounds.

4:30 p. m. Delegates' Race, 150 yards—restricted to delegates only. Prizes—first, \$3; second, \$2.

4:45 p. m. Fireman's Race, 150 yards—restricted to delegates only. Prizes—first, \$3; second \$2.

5:15 p. m. Policemen's Race, 150 yards. Prizes—first, \$3; second, \$2.

5:30 p. m. Boat race on the lake, in front of the hotel. Prizes—first \$3; second, \$2.

6 p. m. Ladies' Race, 50 yards. Prizes—first, \$3; second, \$2.

The games and races will be held on Mr. Robinson's ball grounds, Mr. Robinson having kindly donated to us the use of the grounds on that day. The races and games will be confined to C. M. B. A. members only. Visiting members and delegates have equal terms with city members.

No prizes will be awarded unless the contest is actually made. Races must be run with at least four contestants.

The following Brothers will constitute the Committee on Sports, and will have charge of the grounds on that day:

Branch 112, Geo. F. Nien; 34, H. F. Wegman; 58, E. Rosenbauer; 80, J. H. Samenlunk; 81, John Hahn; 82, John Strassner; 87, L. G. McGreal; 88, James H. Casey; 93, E. E. Dissett; 117, Charles Schied; 121, John Madi; 131, Adam Kassman; 134, E. Dugette; 139, T. H. Donovan.

From 5 to 7 p. m. a luncheon will be served in the Cottage Pavilion to the delegates and Grand Council officers. Admission will be by ticket. Delegates will be provided with return tickets, and they may return at their pleasure.

The Committee would ask the hearty co-operation of every member in the city of Rochester to make this visit of the Grand Council a pleasant one, and to that end, every member is hereby constituted a committee of one to see that our visitors are amply taken care of.

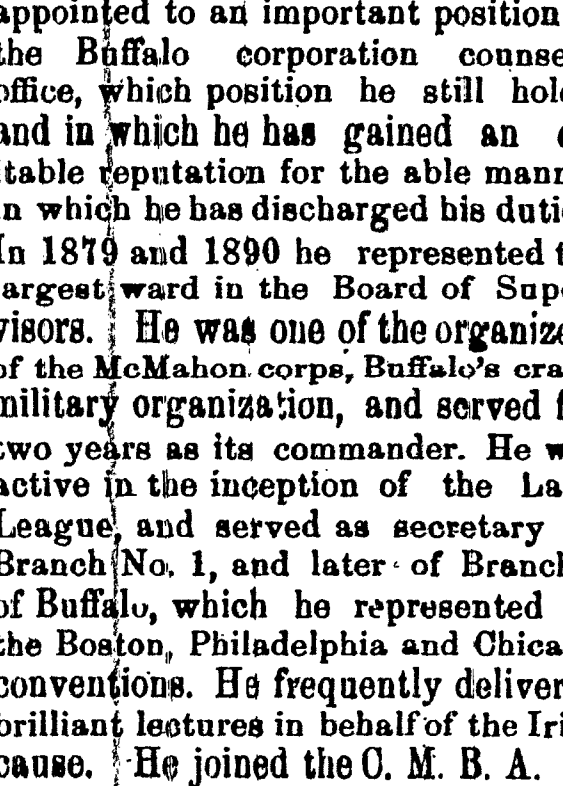
JAMES WHALEN, Chairman.
CHARLES P. MEAD, Secretary.



JOHN J. HYNES.

John J. Hynes, Grand President of the New York C. M. B. A., is 37 years old and a native of Buffalo. He graduated from the public schools with high honors, and entered Bryant & Stratton's business college. It was not long, however, before he changed his mind and entered upon the study of law. For seven years, while pursuing his legal studies, he was chief of the engrossing department in the Erie county clerk's office. Upon admission to the bar, he resigned that position and entered upon the practice of law. In January, 1887, he was appointed to an important position in the Buffalo corporation counsel's office, which position he still holds, and in which he has gained an enviable reputation for the able manner in which he has discharged his duties. In 1879 and 1890 he represented the largest ward in the Board of Supervisors. He was one of the organizers of the McMahon corps, Buffalo's crack military organization, and served for two years as its commander. He was active in the inception of the Land League, and served as secretary of Branch No. 1, and later of Branch 2 of Buffalo, which he represented at the Boston, Philadelphia and Chicago conventions. He frequently delivered brilliant lectures in behalf of the Irish cause. He joined the C. M. B. A. as a charter member of Branch No. 8 of Buffalo, in July, 1878, and since that date has taken a very active interest in the association. He has represented Branch No. 8 in every Grand Council and invariably has been a member of the most important committees of that body. He has for several years been one of the representatives of the New York Grand Council in the Supreme Council, and in that capacity has materially assisted in framing the wise laws by which this splendid organization is governed. He was unanimously elected Grand President of the New York State Grand Council at the Auburn convention, August 9, 1888, and re-elected in Binghamton in 1890.

Mr. Hynes is an earnest and eloquent speaker, and one that never tires his hearers.

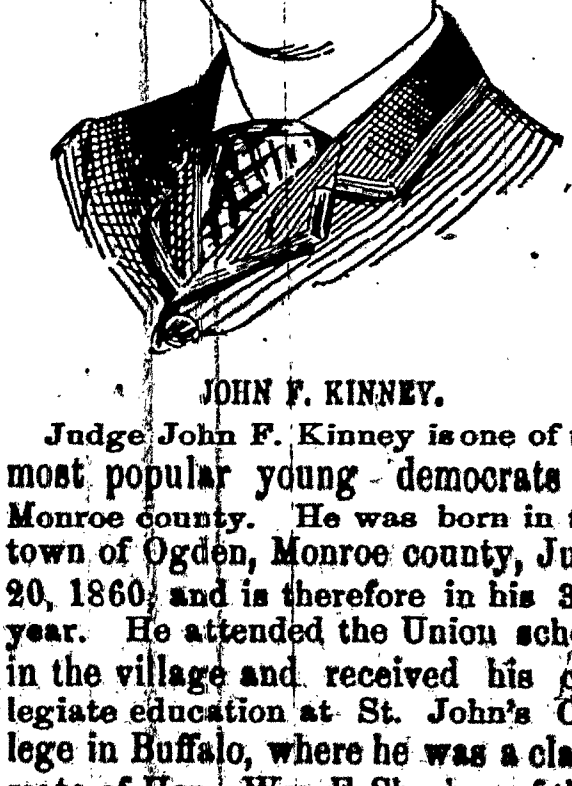


JOSEPH CAMERON.

"Honest Joe" Cameron, as his brother members love to call him, is a resident of Hornellsville, N. Y., and is one of the most highly respected young men of that city. He is now serving his 6th term as Secretary of the New York Grand Council, having filled that position since the convention of 1884. Brother Cameron possesses valuable qualifications for the office, and under his management the business of the C. M. B. A. has been reduced to a system that is well nigh perfect. All of the blank forms used by the Association have been gotten up by Brother Cameron, and the officers have his ingenious mind to thank for saving them hours of labor in the making out of reports, etc.

Always courteous and obliging, it is small wonder that he is one of the most popular members in New York State. It is more than probable that at the Convention next week, "Honest Joe" will be again elected to the office he has filled so acceptably.

Mr. Cameron was born in Ireland, Nov. 7, 1848, and arrived in America, in 1852, (there was no Castle Garden then). His record in the C. M. B. A. may be thus summed up: Charter member of Branch 33, Hornellsville; four terms President; one term treasurer, and is now and has for several terms been Rec. Sec. of his own branch. He first appeared in the Grand Council at Buffalo, in 1880, at the opening of which convention he was appointed to the office of 2d Vice President to fill a vacancy. Elected to said office at that convention; elected Grand 1st Vice-President at Rochester 1881. Elected Grand Vice-President at Syracuse 1883, and served two years, also presided over the Grand Council Convention at Lockport in 1884. Declined a re-election as Grand President, as he was a candidate for the office of Grand Secretary, and was elected at Lockport in 1884 to the position which he now holds. Representative to Supreme Council, 1884-85; Sup. Council Committee, '84-86; Supt. Council Committee on Printing, '86-'88.



JOHN F. KINNEY.

Judge John F. Kinney is one of the most popular young democrats in Monroe county. He was born in the town of Ogden, Monroe county, June 20, 1860, and is therefore in his 33d year. He attended the Union school in the village and received his collegiate education at St. John's College in Buffalo, where he was a classmate of Hon. Wm. F. Sheehan of that city. Subsequently he studied law at the law department of the Union University at Albany. He was admitted to the bar in June, 1881, after passing time in Hon. Wm. Bowman's law office. Since then he has continuously practiced law in Rochester. He has

had an extensive practice, especially in the county court, and also before the State Board of Claims. Mr. Kinney is a straight party Democrat.

Mr. Kinney was elected grand vice-president of the C. M. B. A. of the State of New York in 1888. He is a prominent member of Branch 12, a hard worker in Rochester Council, No. 207, C. B. L., and a member of the Union Club. January 2, 1890, Governor Hill appointed him special county judge to succeed Judge Werner. Since his appointment Judge Kinney has made hosts of friends and an excellent record.

In the fall of 1890, he was chosen to succeed himself as special county judge, and still holds that position.



STEPHEN MAST.

Stephen Mast, Grand Treasurer, is a resident of Buffalo, N. Y. He has held his present position a little over one year, having been appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Charles J. Ball.

Mr. Mast was born in Baden, Germany, December 26th, 1836 and came to this country in 1847. He worked on his father's farm until he was about nineteen years old, he then left home to work in a grocery, flour and feed store, where he worked two years. In 1858 he left Buffalo for California where he worked at farming for three years and from there went to Idaho, and worked in the gold mines three years. After an absence of ten years he returned to Buffalo, N. Y., and engaged in the livery business. He joined Branch 23 as a charter member, May 28, 1878.

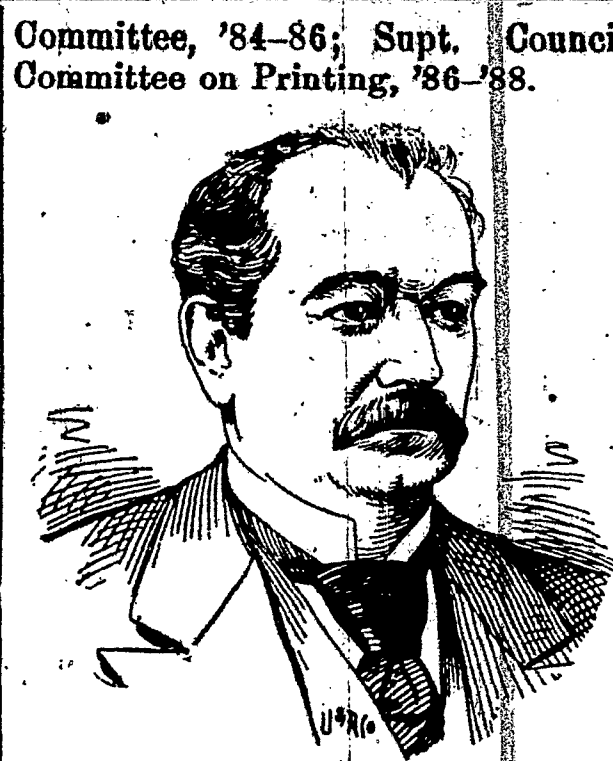


EDWARD J. ERNST.

Grand Marshal Edward J. Ernst is a son of the lamented Col. Louis Ernst, for many years one of Rochester's best loved Catholic citizens. He is associated with his brother in the hardware business established by Colonel Ernst. Mr. Ernst joined Branch 81 in 1887; and was elected President for one term, commencing Jan. 1, 1888. At the Binghamton Convention, held two years ago, he represented his Branch as delegate. When Brother James M. Whalen was made Supreme representative from this State, Grand President Hynes appointed Brother Ernst Grand Deputy to succeed him, and made a most fortunate selection. The interest of the Branches under his jurisdiction were well guarded by the new Grand Deputy, and several new Branches were added to the list. His address, delivered before the members of Branch 12, when the officers of that Branch for the year 1891 were installed, was a masterpiece. It was published in the CATHOLIC JOURNAL shortly after its delivery, and copied by nearly every Catholic Society paper in the land.

Last January, when Grand Marshal Dunn, of Syracuse died, after having served but a few months, the zealous Grand Deputy for this District was chosen his successor. He still holds that position.

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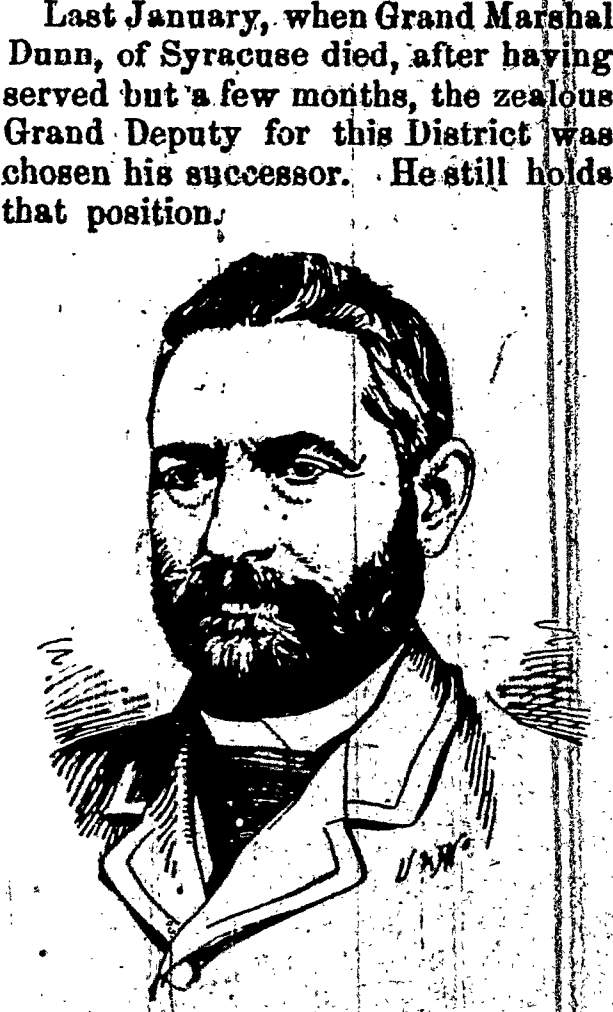


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JOHN H. LEHMAN.

Guard of the New York City Grand Council is a resident of this city. He is a member of St. Michael's Branch No. 34, the oldest German Branch in this city. His popularity is shown by the fact that he has been president of Branch 34, and has represented it at the State conventions. He was elected Grand Council at the convention of 1890.

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He was born in Germany in 1849, and came to Rochester in the year 1868, where he worked a number of years at his trade, that of a carpenter. He then carried on the business of builder until in 1882 he established the restaurant which he now successfully manages. He was one of the organizers of the Union Brewing Company, and became its first president, which position he held until the beginning of this year.



A. E. SCHWEIGERT.

at the present time Grand Chancellor of the New York State Council C. M. B. A., was born in Cleveland, Ohio, of Swiss parents, July 16, 1838, and at the age of about one year, his parents removed to Buffalo, New York, where he has resided ever since. He is married. He was educated in the parochial schools. At the age of 13, he carried papers for the Buffalo Democrat, and afterwards took to the "case." After fulfilling many important positions in the different offices, the position as assistant foreman of the Daily Courier, was tendered to him by Mr. Rogers, now Brig. General and Superintendent of the Soldiers' Home, at Bath, N. Y., which place he held for 25 years, to the satisfaction of proprietors and men under him. About nine years ago he formed a partnership with Mr. Hansman, under the firm name of Hansman & Schweigert, the well-known and extensive job printers of Buffalo. Mr. Schweigert was one of the founders of the Grand Council of New York at a session held at Niagara Falls, and up to the present date held an important position in the Grand Council. At the convention in Syracuse, 1889, he was elected Vice-President, at Lockport in 1884 he was elected President, and in 1886 at Utica was re-elected to the same place, which he held up to 1888, when Mr. Hynes became President. Mr. Schweigert represented the New York Council twice in the Supreme Council, and at the present time is holding numerous other positions in Catholic and other societies of that city.



JAMES L. WHALEN.

Supreme Rep., was born in Utica November 11th, 1857, and is consequently 34 years old. As his name implies, "Jim" is an Irish-American, and a good representative he is of that type of citizen. His parents moved to Rochester when he was but 6 years of age, so James can almost be classed a Rochesterian from his birth. He was educated in the Christian Brothers' school and at St. Patrick's parochial school. After leaving the latter he completed a business course at Williams & Rogers' university and graduated. In 1878 he went into the tobacco business and has since pursued that line. In 1888 he formed a co-partnership with his father, Richard Whalen, and brother, Richard F., under the firm name of R. Whalen & Co., which has become a synonym for good goods. Mr. Whalen is an enthusiastic C. M. B. A. man and was one of the charter members of St. Patrick's branch 33, organized in 1878, and served in that capacity for two years. He represented the branch in Utica State conventions in 1884, 1886 and 1888. He was appointed District Deputy September 1888, and in January, 1890, Grand President Hynes appointed him Grand Deputy. During the time he held last office, Mr. Whalen instituted new branches—Nos. 131, St. Francis Xavier's, 134, Church of Our Lady Victory, 138, Lima, 139, Corpus Christi, 143, Canandaigua, 143, Laramie.

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DR. MONAMARA.

The position held by this gentleman is one of the most important in the entire association. It is that of a supervising Medical Examiner, and the papers of all applicants are forwarded to him for approval by the local medical examiners. It will be seen that great care is necessary in the examination of these papers to prevent the admission of applicants whose physical condition makes them poor risks into the association. Dr. Monamara has filled the duties of his office to the satisfaction of all members and has held the position for several terms. His home is in Syracuse, where he is highly respected.



CHARLES B. ERNST.

Charles B. Ernst, the popular ex-City Attorney, is the son of Col. Louis Ernst and was born in Rochester in 1854. He received his primary education at St. Joseph's parochial school. He afterward attended Mount St. Mary's, Emmittsburg, Md., and graduated from that institution. After leaving St. Mary's, Mr. Ernst went to Albany Law school and graduated from there. He then returned to this city and entered the law office of Judge Angle and afterward went into partnership with Frank J. Hone, under the firm name of Hone & Ernst.

Mr. Ernst was a candidate for city attorney in 1888, and on April 15th of that year received the appointment from the Common Council. In April of 1890 he was reappointed. He was a most capable and efficient officer and gave general satisfaction. "Charley" is an eloquent and convincing speaker and did good work in this county for the Democratic party in the campaign of 1892. His platform utterances are tinged with dry humor, much appreciated by his audience. He is a member of Branch 81, as is his brother, Marshal E. J. Ernst. Brother Ernst's many friends predict that before many years his voice will be heard in the halls of higher legislatures.

Mr. Ernst has been chosen to preside over the meeting to be held at Washington Rink Tuesday next.

CHAS. P. MEAD.

We regret that we have been unable to procure a photograph of this popular gentleman. Brother Mead is the President of the City Central organization, and one of the best liked members of the city. He is a member of St. Mary's Branch No. 87, was its president, and will represent it at the coming convention. He is also one of the district deputies for the section having several branches under his charge. He was one of the foremost members in organizing the Central Council and was elected its first president. Mr. Mead is connected with the firm of Brewster, Gordon & Co., being the city salesman for the house, and is as popular among the customers as he is among the members of the C. M. B. A.