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Knights of Columbus State Convention

The twenty-sixth annual state convention of the Knights of Columbus will be held in this city on Tuesday and Wednesday May 24th and 25th. Committees have been appointed to see that every detail is well taken care of.



JAMES P. JONES
Chairman of Executive Committee

Beginning Monday afternoon, May 23rd, the members of the Hotel Reservation and Reception Committees will be at the different hotels ready to receive the delegates. Monday evening a musical entertainment and a moving picture of the K. of C. Pilgrimage overseas last year will be given. The Choral Society will be heard in some numbers and in the "movie" of the pilgrimage the members and visitors will have a chance to see the wonderful descriptive presentation of the scenes in France, Germany and Italy in which the Pilgrims took



H. J. BIETRY
Executive Secretary of Committee

part. For the first time in this country will be shown a picture of the Holy City of Rome with views taken in the interior of the Vatican and a likeness of the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XIV, receiving the delegation of Knights. An invitation is extended to all Knights and their Ladies to be present at this showing.

On Tuesday morning, May 24th, the members of Rochester Council will assemble at 9:30 A. M. at the Powers Hotel to act as an escort to the delegates who will attend mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral at 10 A. M. Sir Knight William Gragen, marshal of the Fourth Degree, will be marshal in charge of the procession to the church. The opening session of the convention will be held in Cathedral Hall immediately after the mass. Tuesday noon the delegates will return to the Powers Hotel where the convention will take up its session. To take care of the visiting ladies while

the Knights are in session, there will be an auto ride starting from the Powers Hotel at 2 P. M. Tuesday. Sir Knight Daniel F. Fitzgerald will be in charge of the autos and Miss Elizabeth S. Whalen will look after the comfort of the ladies.

Tuesday night at 8:30 o'clock the Grand Convention Ball will be started in the New York State Armory. This will be formal and admission can be gained only by possession of the first degree password. Sir Knight William M. Smith will be the Chairman of Dancing and Sir Knight William T. Connor Chairman of the Ball Reception Committee. Contract has been made for decorations which will be on elaborate scale in keeping with a K. of C. Convention Ball. Music will be furnished by Fred Bauer's orchestra of 35 pieces and those who attended the recent Fourth Degree Ball know that this means real dance music.



M. D. KAVANAGH
Financial Secretary and Member of Committee

Wednesday, the business session of the Convention will be resumed at the Convention Headquarters in the Powers Hotel.

Among the distinguished members of the order who expect to be here for the convention is Judge Daniel F. Griffin, of Brooklyn, former representative in Congress. He notified James P. Jones, chairman of the Executive Committee, of his intention to be present.

Knights of Columbus.

The annual play which is presented by the Knights of Columbus Players every spring will be given on the evenings of May 26-27th in the Temple Theater. This year the Players will present "Under Cover", the noted melodramatic success in Broadway several years ago.

Rochester Council No. 178 will hold its annual memorial service at Corpus Christi Church at 9 A. M. on Monday, May 30th. A solemn mass will be celebrated, and the Knights of Columbus Choral Society, under the direction of Professor Eugene Bonn, will sing the mass.

Rev. George F. Kettell will deliver the memorial address.

Jack Bogner, manager of the Knights of Columbus baseball team announces that the Kaysees will have a greatly strengthened lineup in the field this season.

The opening game will take place Sunday at Ritter Field against the Crystals. The management is booking games with all semi-pro teams in this vicinity. Address Jack Bogner or E. Thane, care of Knights of Columbus.

It is too bad Rochester Council could not have had its own clubhouse for the State Council of 1921.

Paris Conference Of International Catholic Union

Irish, Czech-Slovak and Palestine Situations Are Considered

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Paris, May 7.—The second conference of the Catholic Union for the Study of International Problems was held in Paris in April. This Union was constituted last November, and has for its object to examine, in the light of Christian principles, the problems, theoretical and concrete, brought up by the present organization of international relations, not only those concerning the maintenance of peace among nations, but also those pertaining to the protection of Catholic rights in various countries. Its ambition is to accomplish in the field of international law a work similar to that formerly undertaken by the "Union de Fribourg" in the social field. It also has its headquarters at Fribourg, where it was created and first began to work during the war. It is closely connected with the "International Catholic Union for the Study of International Law according to Christian Principles," the headquarters of which is at Louvain, and with which it is resolved to work in close collaboration.

Ten Countries Represented
Prominent Catholics of ten countries already have joined and promised their support. The ten countries represented are: Belgium, Canada, Chili, Spain, France, Italy, Poland, Czechoslovakia, and Switzerland. At the second conference, just held in Paris, promises of collaboration were received from Brazil, Ireland, Jugo-Slavia and England.

The question of Palestine was one of the first on the program of the conference, and was studied from the international standpoint, with a view to the safeguarding which may be claimed by Catholics in the new statutes which are shortly to be adopted in that land where the greatest events of history took place.

Irish Situation Considered

The two sessions of the last day were devoted to purely documentary exposés of the difficulties under which the Catholics of Ireland and Czechoslovakia are now living. The Irish and British points of view were stated objectively, in a very contradictory manner. The members of the Union confined themselves to asking certain questions of the reporters after hearing their testimony. The question was raised as to whether or not Irish representatives can be received by the League of Nations. The matter was discussed but no resolution was taken. It was decided, however, to keep the Irish question on the program of the Union, which has resolved to hold a third conference at Fribourg next winter. The exact date has not been determined.

PARISHIONERS PLEDGE \$40,000.

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Grand Rapids, Mich., May 16. Erection of a Pastor's home and Bishop's Chancery at the corner of Sheldon Avenue and Maple Street has been undertaken by St. Andrew's Cathedral Parish. The residence and chancery will cost approximately \$60,000 of which \$40,000 has been pledged by the parishioners.

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The Chinese Missions

Wonderful success has accompanied the labors of St. Bernard's Unit of the Catholic Students' Mission Crusade during the first year of its existence. This is due to the burning enthusiasm of the members in the great work they have determined to accomplish. Thanks to the generosity of kind benefactors, they have at their disposal a very handsome library. Thus provided with Mission Literature, they are making a deep and careful study of Mission activity in America and in foreign lands. Each individual member realizes that this study is a very necessary preparation for the work of enlightening our Catholic people as to the crying needs of the Missions, of interesting them in the labors of the Missionaries, and of soliciting their generous and whole-hearted co-operation in the extension of the Kingdom of Christ on Earth.

This is one of the principal aims of the Unit and each member is resolved to avail himself of every opportunity to fulfill it. During the summer vacation he will have splendid opportunities for spreading the knowledge of the Missions which he himself has acquired by earnest study. He will direct the attention of his friends and acquaintances to the all important problem of the conversion of the pagans to the true faith of Christ, a problem which is of the greatest interest to every true Catholic. Among many other things he will tell them all about the 3rd Annual Convention of the Catholic Students' Mission Crusade which will take place at the University of Dayton, Ohio, on August 18th-21st. Hundreds of delegates from all parts of the country will assemble there to compare the results of the labors of the different Units during the past year, and to devise the most effective ways and means of bringing the saving Message of the Gospel to the pagan souls who still "sit in darkness and the shadow of death".

St. Bernard's Unit has dedicated the month of May to the Chinese Missions. The students are paying special attention to this vast field for Missionary zeal. Just think of it! China has a population of 450,000,000. Of these only 1,859,885 are Catholics. What of the remaining millions? Was the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ shed in vain for them? The people of China are a good, pure, honest, kindly people. They have cast off paganism and are seeking the religion that will satisfy the highest cravings of their souls. They are eager to have missionaries come amongst them. The prospects of an exceedingly large harvest are bright. China is passing through its crisis. The temples of paganism are deserted and being sold or given away for philanthropic purposes. The people are willing and ready to embrace Christianity. There is no time for mincing matters. This is the opportune moment, and it is the duty of every Catholic in America who has the interests of the Church at heart to do his utmost for the evangelization of China. Today over a thousand missionaries are laboring in this great harvest field. But they are seriously hampered in their labors by the lack of funds for their own bodily sustenance and for the erection of churches and schools. The one great lever of Catholicism in China today is education—sound education and widespread.

The Chinese government welcomes the Catholic schools. The people, rich and poor, are eager for them, and the Ecclesiastical authorities are strongest of all in their demand that the missionaries in China must begin their work by a good generous educational system. The missionaries receive very little support from Europe. It is the best the people of that Continent can do in the awful circumstances of misery and distress as a result of the late war. Consequently the Missionaries appeal to us Catholics in America, whom God has so generously blessed. They ask us to aid them to build schools and churches which are so sadly needed. They want us to help them also by our prayers. Shall they appeal in vain? No. We who have learned to make sacrifices for the erection of schools and churches in our own country will gladly contribute all in our power for the erection of schools and churches in China. We will not fail to help them by our prayers. We realize that "unless the Lord build the house they labor in vain who build it". Knowing with St. Paul that "God giveth the increase", we will send up our earnest and fervent supplication to the throne of heaven that the Divine Master might bless and protect the laborers in His vineyard and strengthen them in all their trials and difficulties, that He might pour down His light and grace on those poor pagan souls to hasten to the voice of His servants and accept the Message of the Gospel. We are aware of the enthusiasm and zeal of our Protestant brethren for the propagation of their religion in China. We know how gladly they contribute millions of dollars for the spread of their doctrines among the pagans. We will not allow ourselves to be outdone by them in our enthusiasm and zeal for the extension of the true Church of Christ. If the people of China are to receive the Gospel, hundreds of priests, students, and teachers of Brothers and Sisters are needed. Every want is being filled except this the greatest of them all. If among the young men of America realized the sad state of those pagan people who are willing and ready to embrace Christianity but have no one to break for them the Bread of Life, what a rush of zealous seekers after treasure to pick up those souls that would be theirs for the snatching. For every priest that goes to China there will be in his own lifetime, be it long or short, a certain definite number of souls who will be saved by him, and will not be saved without him, and God only knows what a rich harvest of souls will be reaped in the generation to come by the seed which his hand will scatter. Let us hearken to the command of Christ which is as urgent today as when it was first uttered: "Going therefore, teach ye all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost".

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St. Bernard's Seminary Unit Catholic Students' Mission Crusade

STUDENTS OF TRINITY

GREET MME. CURIE

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Washington, May 16.—Three students of Trinity College are members of the reception committee which greeted Madame Marie Curie on her arrival in New York, May 11. They are: Miss Ellen Devitt, of Cleveland; Miss Margaret Lenahan, of Wilkes-Barre; and Miss Margaret Walsh, of Willoughby, Ohio.

The senior class was received by Mrs. Harding at the White House last Tuesday, together with the senior classes of the other women's colleges in Washington.

Priest Makes Plea For Improvement Of Our Hospitals

American Sadly Ignorant of Loss of Health, Fr. Moellner Says

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Washington, May 12.—"If modern medical science could be made constantly available to all citizens, the average age of the nation would be raised thirty years," declared Rev. C. H. Moellner, S. J., President of the Catholic Hospital Association, in an address to the Maryland and District of Columbia Sections of the American College of Surgeons here last night. At an open house of the organization, Father Moellner made a strong plea for public support for "better hospitals." He has been touring the country in the interests of the campaign which is being carried on by the American College of Surgeons, and during the last few months has delivered addresses in more than twenty hospitals.

Cooperation in Hospital Work
Close cooperation among the members of the medical profession, the nursing profession, and the hospital management is absolutely necessary, Father Moellner said, if the institutions are to fulfill their rightful mission in the world. In many cases, he said, this cooperation does not exist. The work of the institutions is impaired by the lack of the co-operative spirit; coupled, in instances, with ignorance, especially on the part of the management.

"A hospital," he said, "is a corporate entity, standing forth to the community and claiming to give the patient the benefit of all the sciences as it is known today and where it does not accept this through lack of cooperation, the institution is failing in its mission." Father Moellner indicated that he does not approve of the idea of having individual hospitals take patients to the hospital and care for them without the cooperation of the nursing and hospital staffs. He said that there has been a great improvement in hospital conditions during the past five years, due to the efforts of the American College of Surgeons and other organizations of the medical profession.

This improvement, however, is only limited in its possibilities by the advance in the knowledge of medical sciences. Former will not attain perfection until the latter completes its knowledge in its field.

The sympathetic knowledge and good will of the American public is necessary to the success of the campaign for better hospitals. Father Moellner said that during the past five years more than 8,000,000 patients have been treated through the hospitals of the United States and Canada. In spite of the advances in medical knowledge, however, past centuries, there is still a "sad ignorance of the new science among the people."

He deplored the persons going to the hospital for treatment, rather than to the doctor's office, and said that the public is not properly educated in the importance of the hospital.