

Knights of St. John Hold Convention Here

The national convention of the Knights of St. John was held in this city this week and was attended by thousands of members of the order. The Monday program started with the celebration of a pontifical high mass at St. Joseph's Church in Franklin street at 9 o'clock. The knights in fatigue uniform assembled at their headquarters at the Powers Hotel and the Ladies' Auxiliary at the Hotel Seneca at 8:30 o'clock and the delegations proceeded to the church in a body where Rt. Rev. Daniel J. Curley, Bishop of Syracuse celebrated pontifical high mass in the absence of Bishop Hickey who is abroad.

The convention was opened officially at Convention Hall by General Frank H. Biel, of this city, chairman of the Convention Committee. Mayor C. D. Van Zandt welcomed the delegates and extended the hospitality of the city to the visitors. Other addresses of welcome were made by Rev. Michael J. Nolan, D. D., chancellor of the Rochester diocese and Rev. John P. Sheelhorn, assistant chaplain of the Rochester regiment. Frank X. Schwab, mayor of Buffalo who is the supreme president of the organization made a response for the knights. Mrs. Teresa Ganster, of Rochester, supreme president of the Ladies' Auxiliary, also spoke for the women.

After the roll call and the examination of the delegates' credentials, President Schwab named the membership of the convention committee and the session adjourned. Bishop Curley was assisted by Rev. Andrew B. Meehan, of St. Bernard's Seminary, Rev. M. J. Nolan, Rev. J. Emil Goffel, of St. Peter and Paul's and visiting members of the clergy. Rev. J. P. Sheelhorn preached the sermon.

At 8 o'clock Monday evening the Cleveland degree team exemplified the fourth degree in the ballroom of the Powers Hotel. The days' program was concluded with a grand military ball and open house in Convention Hall. In the afternoon the big parade was held.

The long column of uniformed knights, which was led by a squadron of mounted policemen, followed by Supreme President Francis X. Schwab, mayor of Buffalo, and the other officers of the order, was broken by the brilliant colored uniforms of bands and the distinctive blue and white of the degree drill teams of branches of the Women's Auxiliary. Aside from the Rochester commanderies, Detroit and Buffalo had the largest delegations in the formation each of the cities being a separate division in itself.

The Rochester battalions, headed by Colonel Joseph H. Weis, and with the Fifty-fourth Regiment Band at their head, formed the first division. The Buffalo regiment, under the leadership of Colonel John J. Schwartz of Buffalo, with four degree teams in their number, executed difficult marching formations with an ease that won the plaudits of the crowd. This division was headed by the Buffalo City Police band, the largest musical organization in the formation.

Most of the color of the column was given by the drill teams of the Women's Auxiliary and a small contingent of degree workers from Columbus, Ohio. In contrast to the sombre black dress and fatigue uniforms of the other delegations, the Columbus Knights appeared in glistening aluminum helmets with blue and red plumes. About two hundred women, from St. Louis, Cincinnati, Utica, Dayton, Columbus and Buffalo, as well as Rochester, marched in the blue and white uniforms of the degree teams.

Each team displayed a variation in costume, which set it off from the preceding delegation, although all the women's teams were massed in the fourth division under the leadership of the Rochester Knights of St. John Band. The St. Louis delegation evaded the conventional white dress with a blue and white cape and a smart military cap, while the Dayton, Ohio, women appeared with blue and white mortarboards. Utica showed a line of alternate blue and white overalls caps.

At 10 o'clock the convention settled down to its first business session. Supreme President Schwab delivered the main address before the knights at the banquet in the ballroom of the Powers Hotel Tuesday evening. Other speakers were Rev. Michael J. Nolan, D. D., chancellor of the diocese of Rochester, Rev. J. P. Sheelhorn, assistant chaplain of the Rochester regiment of knights.

William H. Fleisch, of Syracuse, president of the New York State Federation of Catholic Societies; John C. Shea, of Dayton, supreme counsel of the Knights of St. John; Colonel Joseph H. Weis, commander of the Rochester regiment; James B. Dugan, of Columbus, past supreme president; Leo G. Schu, of Evansville, Ind., supreme secretary; Rev. George V. Burns, pastor of Sacred Heart Church. Mrs. Teresa Ganster, supreme president of the Ladies' Auxiliary was the only woman at the speakers' table.

Nearly 10,000 persons, according to Brigadier-General George E. Noeth, witnessed the exhibitions of inspection, sword drill, marching and countermarching at Edgerton Park on Tuesday afternoon.

Prizes were awarded as follows: Sir Knights' best drilled commandery—won by Commandery No. 37, Syracuse, \$150; second, Commandery No. 22, Buffalo, \$100; third, Commandery No. 204, Buffalo, \$50. Ladies' best drilled auxiliary—won by Auxiliary No. 3, Columbus, \$100; second, Auxiliary No. 77, Buffalo, \$60; Auxiliary No. 38, \$40. Mileage prize scored by multiplying the number of delegates of a commandery present by the number of miles from its home city to Rochester—won by Commandery No. 112, Detroit, \$150; second, Commandery No. 98, Columbus, \$100; third, Commandery 244, Cincinnati, \$80; fourth, Commandery No. 169, Saginaw, \$40.

Ladies' Auxiliary mileage prizes—won by Auxiliary No. 187, Cincinnati, \$75; second, Auxiliary No. 98, Cincinnati, \$50; third, Auxiliary No. 79, Dayton, \$25.

At Wednesday's Session the following resolution was adopted unanimously after a long discussion regarding what action the knights should take in regard to the Ku Klux Klan issue:

"There is being conducted in our beloved nation a propaganda having for its purpose to incite religious and racial prejudice and to deny a great number of American people, rights secured to them by the natural law, as well as by the express provisions of the Constitution of the United States, namely to worship God according to the dictates of their consciences, and to liberty and the pursuit of happiness. At this time when the nation has for solution problems that are of the greatest moment, and which materially affect the religious, moral and social fabric of the country, it is important that the American people shall be united to bring about a proper solution of these issues and that all shall be given the fullest opportunity for action compatible with liberty in the true American sense, and that harmony and goodwill shall exist among the people of our wonderful nation.

"Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Knights of St. John in convention assembled hereby pledge anew their unyielding fealty and devotion to our country and its institutions; that we deplore and condemn the attempt to divide the American people on account of nationality, creed or color; that we express our desire and willingness and urge our members to co-operate with their fellow citizens of whatever nationality, creed or color in all movements having for their purpose the promotion of the common welfare of the American people."

Because there seemed to be conflict between the conception of the word "military" in the sense in which it is commonly used and in the sense in which it is used by the order of the Knights of St. John, a Press Committee was appointed by the Supreme President Frank X. Schwab, mayor of Buffalo. The committee is composed of William H. Fleisch, of Syracuse president of the Catholic State League, of New York; Colonel John L. Schwartz, of Buffalo and General William Heinbuch, of Detroit. The committee issued the following statement:

"In the newspaper reports of the International convention of the Knights of St. John, it was made to appear that it was the purpose and plan of the Knights of St. John to oppose the membership of another organization through physical force. No such purpose was expressed or entertained.

"The membership of the Knights of St. John is composed of both uniformed and non-uniformed members, only about one-third being uniformed members, and the emphasis that was placed upon the military department of the organization in the newspaper reports of the convention was for the purpose of creating renewed interest in the uniformed branch.

The function of the military department of the Knights of St. John is to assist in the ceremonies and festivals of the Catholic Church, such as coronations, dedications of churches and participation in feast day ceremonies.

"This military department is to the Knights Templar as to the Masonic body, that is the department of the order which symbolizes the purpose of the organization to assist the hierarchy and the glory of the church in the various ceremonials of the church.

"For fifty years the Knights of St. John have lived and existed throughout the United States in peace and concord with the people of the various communities and have co-operated in all public movements irrespective of nationality, creed or color.

"The organization is solely and entirely religious in character and is without any purpose of military aggression, its sole purpose being to promote the interests of the church and our country."

By unanimous vote the convention decided that the order should give \$1,000 to the sufferers of the Lorain, Ohio, cyclone disaster, the sum to be distributed through Bishop Joseph Schrems, of the Cleveland diocese; and to give \$650 to the Cardinal Gibbons Institute, an institution for colored people at Ridge, Md.

After considerable discussion, the convention finally adopted unanimously the recommendation of the Ritual Committee that the plan for a new honorary degree for the order, proposed by Colonel John L. Schwartz, of Buffalo, be adopted.

Delegates then joined the thousands of other visitors in the games and sports at Ontario Beach Park during the afternoon and evening.

At Thursday's closing session the Knights re-elected all officers with the exception of one, Henry Leusch of the Cleveland Grand Commandery, being elected first supreme for Europe, he appointed Rev. John Baier, former assistant pastor of Holy Family Church for 12 years, to organize a new parish in the northern section of the city at Lyell and Spencerport roads in the town of Gates.

Supreme President, Mayor Frank X. Schwab of Buffalo; second supreme vice-president, Theodore Schriener of Cincinnati, supreme secretary, Leo G. Schu of Evansville, Ind.; supreme treasurer, Joseph J. Troppa of Detroit; trustee for four the corner of Lyell and Spencerport roads until after the return of the Ohio. The term of the other supreme trustee, Frank H. Biel of Rochester, does not expire until two years from now.

Mrs. Teresa Ganster, of this city, was re-elected Supreme President of the Ladies' Auxiliary. Mrs. Ganster has held this office since 1909.

Other supreme officers of the auxiliary elected were: First vice-president, Mrs. Rose Tepe, of Indianapolis; second vice-president, Mrs. Clara Thries, of Buffalo; secretary, Miss Johanna E. White, of Newport, Ky.; treasurer, Mrs. Anna Brossard, of Cincinnati; trustee, Miss Anna McCullen, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Josephine Frank of Erie, Pa.

SS Peter and Pauls. Pledges for the Aquinas Institute will be taken up at all the masses on Sunday. The collection recently taken up for Bishop Geier of Germany for his Seminary for mission students amounted to six hundred dollars.

The Young Ladies Sodality and the Holy Name Society will have a picnic next Sunday, July 20th, at Corbets Glen. All parishioners are invited to attend as the picnic will also be a farewell to Father George Kalb who has been assistant in this church for seven years and has recently been transferred to St. Andrews Church.

The funeral of Amelia Donnelly took place on Tuesday morning, at 8:30 o'clock from her home, 152 Clifton street and at 9 o'clock from this church. Burial was made in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

An outstanding feature of the Knights of St. John and the Ladies Auxiliary convention parade on last Monday afternoon, was the beautiful float in line from the Auxiliary of this parish representing the eight Beattudes. Eight young women bearing a standard containing one of the Beattudes made an attractive picture on the float. Those taking part were: Edna Hart, Marion Hart, Malinda Rivers, Agnes Laterville, F. Perry, Sophia Klueber, Catharine Eberhard and Agnes Molan. The following arranged the float: Catharine Schwarz, Mary Hart, Catharine Eberhard, Anna McGrath, F. E. Perry, Anna Tobin, Gertrude Spahn, Winnie Flynn and Catharine Klueber.

NOVENA AT ST. JOSEPH'S. A novena in honor of St. Ann opened at 8 o'clock Thursday evening in St. Joseph's Church, Franklin street.

Garden Party To Be Event At Nazareth

Alumni of Nazareth Academy are planning a garden party on the academy grounds, Lake avenue, for Thursday evening, July 24. Friends and former students of the academy are invited to attend this mid-summer festivity which marks the revival of an old Nazareth tradition. In the days of the Jay street convent and motherhouse, now occupied by the Rochester School for Cripples, a colorful garden party completed the alumnae social program each year. As the association grew, the problem of adequately caring for the increased numbers suggested the temporary suspension of the custom. This year, however, a group of alumnae desiring to restore the pleasant tradition to its former place on the association calendar has been appointed by Miss Nan Cleary, the alumnae president, to arrange for the party.

Extensive plans are already under way for multicolor lighting, music and decorations. Among other attractions, ice cream, candy, soft drinks and hot booths are being prepared.

Miss Grace Keenan is general chairman of the arrangements committee assisted by Mrs. Arch H. Martin, Mrs. William Miller, Miss A. Margaret White, Miss Margaret Leyden, Miss Anne Dodge, Miss Margaret Grady, Miss Margaret Devoreaux, Mrs. George Frey, Mrs. Thomas Murray, Mrs. Arthur Meyer, Miss Katherine Miller and Miss Grace Nolte.

New Parish Organized

Bishop Thomas F. Hickey Appoints Rev. John J. Baier As Pastor

Before Bishop Hickey's departure for Europe, he appointed Rev. John Baier former assistant pastor of Holy Family Church for 12 years, to organize a new parish in the northern section of the city at Lyell and Spencerport roads in the town of Gates. Masses will be celebrated at 8 o'clock every Sunday morning in the home of Michael Kennedy at Troppa of Detroit; trustee for four the corner of Lyell and Spencerport roads until after the return of the Ohio. The term of the other supreme trustee, Frank H. Biel of Rochester, does not expire until two years from now.

Father Cameron Plans New School At Immaculate Conception

Plans for a new school for the children of Immaculate Conception parish, which were begun some years ago by the Rev. A. M. O'Neill, have taken definite form and, according to an announcement made at the masses Sunday by the Rev. Joseph S. Cameron, actual construction of the new school will begin next spring. Properly has been acquired in the rear of the church in Plymouth avenue, giving Immaculate Conception Church possession of more than half of the block bounded by Plymouth and Caledonia avenues and Edinburgh and Glasgow streets. The site of the proposed new school measured 200 by 324 feet.

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