

Knights of Columbus

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About the Bogus 'Oath'

As noted in report from the Supreme Convention, the Order is prepared to prosecute anyone engaged in the publication or distribution of the bogus "Fourth Degree Oath."

Council "Burdens"

The Michigan Councilor, in an editorial, has a few words of encouragement for Councils that find themselves afflicted with debts.

"The smooth way is not always the way of progress. In fact, the scopybooks were built up on axioms of the opposite import."

"So the 'burden' that the council may be carrying, if it is a burden shouldered in good cause, or incurred in good faith with a motive of progress behind it, is rather an asset than a hindrance."

"This whole scheme suggests the story of the colored hunter who explained why his dog did not catch the rabbit. Just as the hound, was about to seize the cottontail, he said, the rabbit climbed a tall tree. But his hearers protested, rabbits do not climb trees. And the answer contains the answer to most of the difficulties of councils or individuals—This rabbit did, because he just naturally had to do it."

New York Chapter Plans Election Night Party

Plans are under way for an election night supper-dance at the K. of C. Club-Hotel which even at this early date promises to excel any affair ever before held at the big hostelry home of New York Chapter Knights of Columbus.

Arrangements have already been perfected for the installation of special telegraph wires, with operators experienced in handling election returns; a screen will be hung across one end of the dining room and the results will be flashed as soon as received.

In order to insure a non-partisan atmosphere the decorative scheme will be developed through the use of autumn foliage while the favors will be suitable for the followers of both political parties.

KINGSTON COUNCIL ANNIVERSARY

Council No. 275, Kingston, New York, recently celebrated its 30th anniversary and the 15th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of its Council Home.

"An Exemplary Convention"

"Cleveland Topics," a high class weekly publication, in its issue of August 25, thus summarizes Cleveland's impression of the Supreme Convention of the Order held in that city.

"A principal event in Cleveland this week was the forty-sixth national convention of the Knights of Columbus, a non-secret fraternal organization of Catholics, one whose good deeds have been extended into many realms of human endeavor."

It is proper to say here that the newspapers of Cleveland, without exception, were most generous in their treatment of Convention news. An example of the fine co-operation of the press was a special Knights of Columbus edition that appeared on the streets the morning of the parade before the marching Knights had disbanded after the Pontifical High Mass opening the Convention.

IOWA KNIGHTS HAVE BARBEQUE

Over 10,000 persons attended the barbeque picnic given under the auspices of the Councils at Keokuk, West Point, Ft. Madison and Burlington on the fair grounds at West Point, Sunday, August 26.

Despite rain clouds and a strong wind, the crowd began to gather early. Every officer in the third district was present, including delegations from northern Missouri, Monmouth, Gallesburg and Nauvoo, Ill., Ottumwa and Washington, Ia., and numerous other points. A fine program of sports and amusements was enjoyed.

Bishop Papineau Feted by Quebec Knights

St. Johns Council 1147, province of Quebec, Canada, tendered a reception to His Lordship Bishop C. Arthur Papineau, recently nominated to the diocese of Joliette, Que. The new Bishop has been the founder of the classical college of St. Jean and the Superior of that Catholic institution since its foundation 16 years ago.

Fort Wayne Council Has Successful Picnic

With 700 children and even greater number of adults attending, Fort Wayne Council, No. 451, Knights of Columbus, held the most successful picnic in their history at the Elk's Country Club, near the city. Members of Our Lady of Victory Circle Daughters of Isabella were invited. The picnic was also open to girls and members of the Boys Club, of the Fort Wayne Catholic Community Center.

The program lasted all day, beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning with many novel games in the water and on the land, all of which were arranged for the fun afforded rather than for matching of athletic prowess and concluded with a dance in the pavilion at night. Many brought basket lunches; others secured sandwiches and hot and cold refreshments at the concessions.

California Knights Return From European Tour

Created by Mayor James R. Rolph, Jr. and other civic officials and local leaders of Catholic and fraternal orders, approximately one-half of the original delegation of 189 members and friends of San Francisco Council, No. 615, Knights of Columbus, arrived home recently from a ten-weeks' vacation tour of the European continent and Great Britain and Ireland.

Exchanges Wanted

Brother Frank P. Twyford, editor of St. Mary's Council Bulletin, wishes to exchange with editors of Council papers. He should be addressed at 17 Race Street, Nutley, New Jersey.

Catholic Inter-Racial Committee For Negro Advancement Urged

Cincinnati, Sept. 6.—Formation of a Catholic Inter-Racial Committee composed of leading Catholics of national organizations was urged by Dr. Thomas W. Turner, president of the Federated Colored Catholics of the United States, at the fourth annual convention of the organization, held here Sunday and Monday.

"There are many problems involved in our community life which cannot be settled by either group acting alone," said Dr. Turner, referring to the white and colored groups. "They call for the serious, authoritative setting together of thoughtful Catholic persons of both races in a co-operative conference which may lead to better understanding between them, larger opportunity for colored Catholics and greater glory for God and country."

300 Delegates Attend

The convention was held at Holy Trinity auditorium here, and prominently colored Catholics from many parts of the United States participated. A solemn High Mass was the opening event, and the reading of a message of paternal blessing from Pope Pius XI was a high-light.

Several speakers stressed the need for proper education of negro youths. Dr. Turner included in his president's address a plea that opportunity be given Catholic negroes to obtain higher education under Catholic and also urged continued promotion of the move for more negro Catholic clergy.

The Federated Colored Catholics, as an organization has had "a remarkable growth in the interest expressed in its work," he reported. Alfred E. Segal of Cincinnati, of the executive committee of the Inter-Racial Commission of Greater Cincinnati, was one of the chief speakers. He declared that the negro must establish economic power for himself by which opportunity will be opened, at least for some of the negro youths who are now denied employment befitting their education and talents.

Striking out thus for economic independence, said Mr. Segal, is the negro's only hope. Yet, he added, along the race is too weak financially to help itself. Accordingly, he suggested that a loan fund be established and administered by an inter-racial commission.

How Commission Would Act "This commission," he said, "would ascertain what industries and businesses could be supported by the negro community and what colored men were capable of administering such businesses and industries. It would further be desirable to lend money at a low rate of interest to businesses and industries that it is considered desirable to establish. Such a loan fund would be as worthy as anything that is done by the community itself."

The negro community of Cincinnati, nearly 100,000 strong, was cited by Mr. Segal as an ideal situation. He said it would have its own businesses and industries operated by negroes and loyally patronized by negroes at the same time giving employment to negroes.

Mr. Segal expressed the further view that "racial prejudice cannot be cured by committee resolutions, good-will committees or inspirational addresses in churches."

'Little Crusaders' Grow In Holy Land

Jerusalem, Aug. 27.—A new society which gains more and more the sympathies of the Catholics in Palestine is that of the "Little Crusaders of the Holy Land" established on March 19, 1926, by the Rev. Father Francis Triantafyllidis, O.F.M., director of the parish school of Terra Santa in Jerusalem. It was officially consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ in the Basilica of Anony, at Gethsemane, on June 23, 1927.

The society's religious program includes individual formation, exercises of piety in common and apostolate among the school-companions. Especially touching is the "Public Hour of Adoration" held every Thursday at the Sanctuary of Anony in the Garden of Gethsemane.

It is planned to establish groups of "Little Crusaders" in the other principal parish churches of the Holy Land.

GIRL MISSION WORKERS SAIL

San Francisco, Sept. 5.—Eight American girls who have embraced the vows of the Foreign Missionary Society of America sailed for the Orient Friday.

Man's Possession Of Soul Armed By Science Leader

Glasgow, September 6.—In his first address as president of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, delivered in St. Andrew's Hall here last night, Sir William Bragg told his audience in unmistakable terms that man is possessed of a soul. He added that science is not setting forth to destroy the soul, but to keep the body and soul together.

Sir William's flat declaration of fact was in direct contradiction of the statement rejecting the idea of after-life made by the association last year by its president, at that time, Sir Arthur Keith, who introduced Sir William last night and remained on the platform during his address.

"There are some who think," said Sir William, "that science is inhuman. They speak as though students of modern science would destroy reverence and faith. I do not know how that can be said of the student who stands dumb in the presence of what seems to him to be the Infinite."

"Science is not so foolish as to throw away that in which the slow gathered wisdom of the ages is stored. In this she is a conservative of conservatives." Speaking to some 3,000 scientists who were assembled in the hall, the winner of the Noble Prize and discoverer of a new method of measuring electrons and atoms in crystals had for his audience, and also urged continued promotion of the move for more negro Catholic clergy.

"It has been the best possible attempt to express what was understood at the time when it was formed. The new is to be expected. In its time it will also be put aside. It is by a series of successive steps that we approach the truth, each step reached with the help of that which preceded it. Men are often needlessly alarmed by new announcements of science and think that they are subversive of that which has been proved by time."

Accusers Of Nun In Obergorn Death Retract Charges

Mexico City, Sept. 7.—A distinct turn in the investigation for the guilt of the assassination of President-elect Obergorn of Mexico was taken this week when two of the principal accusers of Mother Concepcion retracted their charges against her.

The retractions were made by Eulogio Gonzales and Senorita Elena Manzano who previously had attempted to implicate Mother Concepcion in the plot to poison President Calles and General Obergorn, which they confessed. In these retractions, made while being questioned by District Attorney Nieto, in the presence of Mother Concepcion, they declared, in effect, that the accused did not aid in the plot against the lives of President Calles and General Obergorn, that she did not furnish the poison with which they were to be killed, that she knew nothing of the bombs manufactured to end the President's and General lives, and that she did not take part in the discussion in which the assassination plans were worked out.

A third man, Jorge Gallardo Pavon, it is said, upheld retractions of the two accusers.

Senorita Manzano is reported to have explained her previous accusations against Mother Concepcion by saying "I was so nervous that day I did not know what I said."

When Gonzales was brought face to face with Mother Concepcion, Nieto told the accused that Gonzales had "previously testified you presided over meetings at your house at which it was plotted to kill President Calles and General Obergorn, and that you furnished the poison for the attempts. Is this true?"

"It is absolutely untrue," Mother Concepcion replied.

Nieto then turned to Gonzales. "Do you say it is true?" Gonzales replied with some hesitancy. "Well, I say that the truth is whatever Mother Concepcion says is the truth."

Mass Is Celebrated Where Joan of Arc Began Her Crusade

Paris, Sept. 3.—In the Basilica of Bois-Chenu, on the spot where Joan of Arc heard voices ordering her to save her country, a Mass was sung by Mscr. Dreyer, Vicar Apostolic of Sbez, on the five hundredth anniversary of her departure from her native village. Celebrations also were held in her native Domremy and at Vaucouleurs.

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Priest And A Catholic Layman Are Made California U. Regents

Sacramento, Cal., Sept. 6.—The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles A. Ramm, D. D., of St. Mary's Cathedral, San Francisco, and John Francis Neylan, publisher, also of San Francisco, were appointed Saturday by Gov. C. C. Young to sixteen-year terms as Regents of the University of California.

Monsignor Ramm is named to succeed himself, and Mr. Neylan, who is a Catholic, was appointed to succeed J. O. Hayes of San Jose, whose term expired. Governor Young issued the following statement: "Rev. Charles A. Ramm is a graduate of the University, and has already rendered valuable and devoted service upon its Board of regents. As an ex-officio Regent, I have served for years with him upon committees of the Regents, and therefore know at first hand the fine work he has done for the University."

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