

Cincinnati Chosen Catholic Press Convention City

Chicago, Oct. 4.—The next annual convention of the Catholic Press Association will be held at Cincinnati, May 16, 17 and 18, 1929. This was decided at the Executive Board meeting held at Hotel Sherman.

The civic leaders of Cincinnati have been in touch with Dr. Thomas P. Hart, editor of "The Catholic Telegraph," and Rev. Alfred Hermann, O. R. M., editor of "St. Anthony Messenger," Cincinnati, for some time past, and at the Board meeting Dr. Hart, who is one of the founders of the Catholic Press Association, presented the arguments for Cincinnati.

Most Reverend John T. McNicholas, O. P. S. T. M., heartily encouraged the holding of the next convention in his See city, the Executive Board accepted the invitation.

Topics for discussion have been selected and the secretary was instructed to announce the names of the speakers as soon as the assignments have been accepted.

More Time For "Shop Talk" At the Cincinnati convention less time is to be devoted to the reading of formal papers and much more time is to be given over to "shop talk," that is, the discussion of actual every-day problems concerning Catholic newspapers and magazines.

The Board expressed its extreme appreciation and gratitude to His Eminence, Patrick Cardinal Hayes, Archbishop of New York, for his kindly cooperation, his presence at some of the functions in connection with the Catholic Press Association Convention in New York City, and the encouragement given to the C. P. A. members. The Board instructed the secretary to send to His Eminence a copy of the resolution as passed at the convention.

Prize Contests Announced A prize contest was arranged for 1929 and the secretary was instructed to announce the details during the first week of January, 1929. In the meantime plans are to be worked out with the Literature Bureau of the C. P. A.

Anthony J. Beck, editor of "The Michigan Catholic" and president of the Press Association, was instructed to continue vigorously the drive for life memberships so that the required 500 memberships will be raised before the Cincinnati convention opens. This will enable the Press Association to offer much larger prizes a literary awards.

Judges were announced for this year's contests. Judges for the best Catholic novel of the year are: Mary Snow, Marion Moore, Nellie N. DeJany and George N. Shuster.

Judges for the best literary work on apologetics are: Rt. Rev. Francis C. Kelly, D. D., Rev. Dr. John A. Ryan, Elizabeth Jordan and Dr. James J. Walsh.

Judges for the best literary work of general character but of special interest to Catholics: Sister Mary Madevva, Conde B. Pallen, Brother Leo, Katherine Rankin and Rev. M. F. Murphy, S.S.J.

Judges for the newspaper and magazine contests were announced as follows: For the best poem: Katherine Bregy, T. A. Daly and Thomas Walsh. For the best editorial: George Barton, Denis A. McCarthy and Joseph I. Breen. For the best article: Oswald Schuetz, John B. Kennedy and Charles J. Phillips. For the best short story: Francis D. Hanna, Grace Morse and Katherine Rankin.

Handling of Awards The handling of the awards this year will be in charge of the Literary Awards Committee, which is constituted as follows: Simon A. Baldus, Chairman; Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas V. Shannon, LL. D., Rev. Giles Strub, O. F. M., Rev. J. W. DePencier, O. S. M., and J. H. Meier.

Many important matters were handled by the Executive Board and two full days were devoted to the work of the Association. Every member of the Board, namely, A. J. Beck, president; Rev. E. J. Berger, vice-president; Charles H. Rider, treasurer; Benedict Elder, Dr. Thomas P. Hart, Rev. Giles Strub, O. F. M., and J. H. Meier, were present at all sessions both days.

Former president Simon A. Baldus was called on by the Executive Board and sat in with the members while the meetings were in progress. Rev. J. W. DePencier, O. S. M., and John A. Harney, members of the Circulation Committee, accompanied by George J. Lillig, manager of the Central Bureau presented Circulation Committee matters and the Board authorized the Circulation Committee to send out a letter urging the C. P. A. members to cooperate with the Circulation Committee.

Methodist Laymen In South Denounce Church In Politics

Deplore Actions of Some Bishops, Ministers And Church Papers—Unfair To Members They Declare—Fair Internal Strife

Atlanta, Oct. 8.—Disapproving the actions of certain of their bishops and ministers during the present presidential campaign, eighty-three laymen of the Methodist Episcopal Church South in Georgia, on Saturday issued a statement declaring that "on behalf of our great and faithful membership we protest against dragging our beloved church into politics."

"We deplore the action of our bishops who have attempted to reverse the established position of the Methodist Episcopal Church South with reference to the bringing of the church and its ministry into party politics," the statement said. "From the very beginning of our church it has refused to intrude into party politics, and has sought through the gospel alone to promote the welfare of our State and Nation.

Fear Strife Within Church. "We believe the movement started by some of our bishops, if continued, is liable to engender serious strife within the church, if not to disrupt it absolutely.

"Not a few of our preachers, following the example of the bishops mentioned, have brought political discussions into their pulpits. We feel that the pulpit is a sacred place, and no utterance should be made from it except to expound the Scriptures and proclaim the gospel of salvation contained therein.

"This is not a matter involving the rights of a preacher as a citizen. Rather the rights of the members of the church are involved. Any one entering one of our churches is entitled to hear the gospel untrammelled by political deliverances. When they are forced to choose the alternative of absenting themselves from their churches or submitting themselves to political agitation, thereby their rights are invaded and their spiritual life hindered. Hence we deplore and deplore the conduct and utterances of such preachers as those who have brought political agitation into their pulpits. We believe that such preaching is contrary to the Scriptures and is inconsistent with the history and traditions of our church.

Also Criticize Church Papers. "We regret also to see that some of our church papers have become political periodicals more bitter and intolerant than many secular papers.

"We concede that all our bishops and preachers and editors have the right to vote their convictions in any and all elections; but we protest against the use of the pulpits and papers of the church to discuss political questions, and we condemn their perversions to political ends.

"On behalf of our great and faithful membership we protest against the dragging of our beloved church into politics. And we respectfully submit to the consideration of all the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South that it is their duty to oppose all such movements of a political character."

Among the signers of the statement were James K. Hines, Norman C. Miller, Thomas F. Glenn, Robert F. Maddox and John S. Candler. Atlanta; J. F. Bell, Mrs. J. F. Bell, and R. B. Wooten, Milledgeville; Boykin Wright, Lawton B. Evans and J. E. Davenport, Augusta; W. H. Hightower, Mrs. P. N. Johnston, Thomaston; J. Howell Green, Decatur; J. H. Burton and T. T. Sewell, of Lavonia.

St. Mary's, Kas., Has Record Enrollment

St. Mary's, Kas., Oct. 5.—St. Mary's College here has begun its scholastic year with the largest enrollment in its history. The registration in the college department is nearly 200, while about the same number of students are taking the high school courses.

Under a new president, the Rev. F. T. O'Hern, S. J., and a new dean, the Rev. John Danahy, S. J., the college has inaugurated a number of changes in administration, while the curriculum offers a greater variety of courses. A newly established office of discipline, with Mr. John Byrne, S. J., in charge, relieves the dean of all matters not pertaining to studies.

Pittsburgh Knights Arrange Columbus Day Banquet

Speakers for the Columbus Day banquet of Pittsburgh Chapter, Knights of Columbus, will be Rev. Richard Blackburn Washington, of Hot Springs, Virginia, great-grand-nephew of President Washington; Supreme Knight Martin E. Carmody of Grand Rapids, and Thomas Augustus Daly, of Philadelphia, nationally known humorist, poet and versifier. Bishop Boyle will deliver the invocation and John E. Laughlin will be toastmaster. Past District Deputy David McMartin will lead the Knights of Columbus "Salute to the Flag." The banquet will be held at the Pitt Hotel on Thursday evening, October 11, at 8:30, preceded by a musical reception at 6:00 o'clock for the band guests and speakers.

Knights of Columbus Philadelphia Chapter To Observe Columbus Day

The thirteenth annual Columbus Day reception which will be held in the ballroom and the Clover Room of the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, on Friday evening, October 12, under the auspices of Philadelphia Chapter, Knights of Columbus, bids fair to outdo all previous receptions in brilliancy, according to John R. P. Magill, who is directing the event.

Originally will prevail in the lighting and decorative effects and special attention has been given to the ballroom music, which will be of the highest possible order. The promise made that evening will not only include prominent Knights and ladies from Philadelphia and vicinity, but visiting parties are being arranged from many councils embraced in the territory east of Harrisburg, south of Trenton, the seashore cities, and from Wilmington north. Invitations have been extended to the Mayor, the Governors of New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware, attaches of the Spanish and the Italian Embassies, the Supreme Court and the Master of the Fourth Degree, and many prominent jurists and city and national Government officials.

Under date of October 1, Supreme Master John H. Reddin issued instruction to all masters of the Fourth Degree for the conduct of the prize essay contest of 1929. The subject selected for the contest in the United States is: "Religious Liberty in America Before and Since the Constitution." In all other jurisdictions, the Master in each district may choose the subject.

Supreme Master Reddin, in his announcement of this Fifth Annual Essay Contest, says: "Speaking more particularly to the masters in the United States, the purpose of this annual contest is to instill in the hearts and minds of the rising generation, and the generations to follow, a love of American ideals, American principles, American institutions and the American system of government. We seek to reach every boy and girl of junior and senior high school age in every section of the country, not this year, but every year, in order that these potential citizens may have a knowledge and love of the form of government under which they live. The fundamental concept behind this movement is the making of good and intelligent citizens out of all classes, races and creeds in our country. That dissolves internal dangers and spells perpetuity for the Republic.

Scranton Questions Claim of 'Youngest' Grand Knight

Mount Vernon Council, No. 410, New York, will sponsor a ten-evening Boyology course to be conducted by the Supreme Council Boy Life Bureau beginning Sunday afternoon, October 7. Field Secretary Joseph D. Becker will be in charge of the course which offers an excellent opportunity to Mount Vernon Knights and also members from nearby cities, to secure a real insight into this important activity of the Order, Boys' Work. Joseph V. Aspenleiter ever since he took over the office of Grand Knight has given active leadership to his Council's activity in the field and from a small beginning in 1926, a boys' club with a membership of several hundred boys has with Superintendent Hector MacNeil, a graduate Knight of Columbus scholar of Notre Dame University, been given much assistance and backing by Mount Vernon Council.

On Thursday evening, September 27, Rosati Circle No. 35 of St. Louis was instituted and a class of sixteen candidates were invested as charter members of the first unit of the Columbian Squires in St. Louis. The investiture was carried out by St. Louis boys trained as a conferring team by Chairman John T. Gorman of the Council's Columbian Squire Committee and his assistants. The affair was a very inspiring one and the boys who were invested with the mantle of Squirehood will soon be heard from as members of the pioneer St. Louis circle. Chairman Gorman and his committee deserve much credit for the able manner in which they prepared their youthful charges for membership in the Squires and they, no doubt, regarded the successful exemplification of the ceremony with considerable satisfaction. However, they are not stopping at the initiation, but are preparing the circle for vigorous pursuit of the activities of the five-fold program.

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Supreme Master Announces Essay Contest Rules

This letter, written to the 'News Sheet' by Brother Frank J. Maloney, Grand Knight of Soranton Council, No. 280, is self-explanatory. It may bring forth more correspondence. Brother Maloney writes: "In your last issue, you tell about Brother Thomas E. Mallem, who was recently elected Grand Knight of Father Master Council, of Jacksonville, Florida, saying that he is one of the youngest members to ever hold the office.

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Supreme Knight Carmody to Attend Calumet Degree

Supreme Knight Carmody will be the guest of Calumet and Hancock Councils at an exemplification of the Third Degree which will be held Sunday, October 21, at Calumet, Michigan. The exercises will start in the early afternoon and will be concluded in the evening at a banquet. The members of both councils are preparing a program that will be the finest ever arranged in this district. The Supreme Knight will spend the latter part of the month of October visiting councils in northern Michigan.

This is Worth Doing

The Compass, published by Cincinnati Chapter, says: "The council meetings in early October are devoted mainly to the installation of new officers. Aside from the personal enjoyment he may derive from witnessing a truly impressive and significant ceremony, any Knight of Columbus may consider his attendance at such a meeting a graceful act on his part. Newly elected officers naturally feel some anxiety as to how their regime will be received by the members. And they look around, all too frequently in vain, for some gesture on the part of their members that they may construe as an expression of confidence, or as a guarantee that they may proceed with their plans for the year with a reasonable hope of enthusiastic support. Really thoughtful, loyal, considerate members will see to it that they do not elect officers amid loud applause and fanfare, and then leave them, half bewildered, to their own devices. Their election night demonstrations will not be transient, but will be followed up the very next meeting by a vote of confidence. It will come in the form of a large and spirited attendance at the meeting, and of attentive consideration to the installation ceremonies. Then, after attendance at two meetings in a row, it will hardly be necessary to urge further support. A member, when he gets into the good habit of attending meetings, and of tasting the resultant pleasure of fraternal contact, usually comes regularly. As a result, a successful season is virtually assured.

"Come to your installation meeting in large numbers. Your loyalty on this one night alone may give you your new Grand Knight, and all your new officers, the optimism and self-confidence that will buoy them up through the vicissitudes of a year's administration. Help them off to a good start!"

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Bishop Drumm Endorses Membership Program

In a letter sent to the executive secretary of the Iowa jurisdiction, the Right Rev. T. W. Drumm, Bishop of the Des Moines Diocese, has given his hearty endorsement to the Selective Membership Program of the Knights of Columbus.

"Please permit me to take this occasion to voice approval of the Selective Membership Program of the Knights of Columbus. This seems to me to be the one thing necessary for the rehabilitation of the Order.

"Whatever mistakes have been made, the chief, it seems to me, has been to try to assimilate the crowd too quickly. The Selective Membership Program is the corrective of that, and it was also the original plan of the organization. I have not heard that cherished phrase we used to be so proud of years ago: 'The cream of Catholic manhood.' May we hear it again soon and with all truth. Take back and take in only those Catholic men who are capable of being a credit to their parish, their community, the Church and the Country; and the Country; men who are capable of fitting into the high ideals of the Order."

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