

Rochester Men Made Knights Of Malta Order

James P. B. Duffy, Jeremiah G. Hickey and Joseph P. O'Hern Honored by Membership in Ancient Order.

Three prominent Catholic men of Rochester were created Knights of the Sovereign Council of the Order of Malta within the past few days. They are: James P. B. Duffy, head of the Duffy-Powers Co.; Jeremiah G. Hickey, president of the Hickey-Breeman Co., clothing manufacturers; and a brother of Archbishop Thomas P. Hickey, D.D., of this city; and Joseph P. O'Hern, assistant superintendent of the Rochester public schools, and a cousin of the Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D.D., Bishop of Rochester.

Thirty Americans, including the three from Rochester, distinguished Catholics from various parts of the United States, were created Knights of Malta at the same time. The Knights of Malta grew out of the famous Order of Knights Hospitaller, which had its origin at the time of the Crusades. It is an ancient and select society. Those who receive the honor of Knighthood have the twofold pleasure of the papal recognition of their good work, and of being fellow-knight of Christ with a long line of soldiers, saints, and crusaders.

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—Ellen Thorncroft Fowler.

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Encyclical on Marriage Subject of Address Before Elmira Knights of Columbus

Rev. Michael B. Groden of Horseheads, Says the Law of God Is Supreme, and That the Social Order Must Conform To It.

Elmira, Jan. 30.—A splendid talk on the recent Encyclical of Pope Pius XI on "Christian Marriage" was given before the public Study Circle sponsored by the Elmira Knights of Columbus a few evenings ago by the Rev. Michael B. Groden, rector of St. Mary's Church, Horseheads. Father Groden was heard with appreciation by a large audience. He gave a clear and convincing view of the laws governing marriage, as outlined by the Encyclical and taught by the Church. He told his hearers that the moral law never can be adjusted to the changing views of social order, but that social order must conform at all times to the moral law, which is the law of God.

Father Groden's Talk

Father Groden's talk followed: "How great is the dignity of the marriage bond," are the words which our Holy Father begins his encyclical on marriage. They are the keynotes of the whole document. The Pope in ages past have been accused of having such encyclicals whenever the times demanded. In 1880 Pope Leo XIII issued an encyclical on Christian marriage and family life in which he covered much the same ground covered by the present encyclical.

"The world at large has been stirred by the issuance from the Vatican on December 31, 1930 of the Encyclical, an outspoken document in which the Pope deals—in drastic terms with marriage, divorce, birth control, the family, companionate marriage, sterilization, woman, and the State.

Moral Confusion

"We have fallen upon days when there is a novel atmosphere of frankness concerning these topics. They are openly talked about now which before were hidden. Many of these so called novelties are not new but there is added to them a novel atmosphere of frankness because of the open discussion of the relationship of the sexes. It results in moral confusion and to those not well instructed there is engendered doubt as to the course of right moral action.

"Of course, there are those who are so enamored of being 'up to date' that they would rather fall a victim to this fad and practice these doctrines than they would prefer to be morally right. But to them it may be told that companionate mar-

riage was taught in old Sparta and we find it in the laws of Lycurgus of 500 years before the Christian Era. We read in the history of that day the degradation to which these practices reduced that civilization and if we take any lessons from history it ought to be the one that teaches us not to fall into the same pit.

Watchman on The Tiber

"It is for this reason that the Watchman on the Tiber, the Sentinel in the Watchtower of Rome reviewing the moral and religious conditions of the world, raises his voice and in stentorian tones which the world many a time before has heard, proclaims: 'How great is the dignity of the marriage bond!'

"There are those who will take issue with this ideal of Christian living. They say they are not afflicted with sexual anemia, neither have they a Spartan-like control. This issue comes at the inopportune time when the East is adopting the Western view that marriage should be monogamous, and despite ancient custom, is beginning to accord that status to women which is implied in this ideal.

Divorces Multiply

"In the United States there is one divorce in every seven marriages. In our own State birth-controlers have been endeavoring to pass and to legalize the giving of information on this vicious practice. Evil books are printed, evil pictures are shown, evil plays are played, evil teachings are taught up and down this land, and in other nations of the world—all tending to belittle or debase the sanctity and ideals of the marriage state.

"Against all these evils the Holy Father teaches the unalloyed, unchangeable doctrines of Christ and Christianity. We may say the Pope's encyclical fails on a world of social change. Because there are changes in the social order it does not follow that the moral order must change. Rather should the social order be readjusted to the moral order. Rather should civilization be readjusted to the family, not the family to civilization. The moral order is founded upon God and Truth and neither God nor Truth can change. 'Heaven and earth will pass away but my words shall not pass.' Christ constituted the Sentinel in Rome, a Rock of the moral order which like the cornerstone which is the mainstay of the building, would maintain truth in the world and would be a strength and power to the souls of men.

Quotes a Minister

"Here is what a Methodist clergyman in Seattle, Washington, had to say concerning the Church a few years ago: 'I like the Roman Catholic Church because it stands so immovable in its allegiance to Jesus Christ as very God. I like it because it stands for the purity of home life and the sanctity of the marriage vows. Thank God for that Church's strong protest against the cheap divorce-mills that disgrace our American civilization. I honor it for its defense of the Bible. I especially thank God for the stand that Church takes in this land against anarchy on the one hand and an impossible socialism on the other. I go to sleep every night with a firmer feeling of security, because we have in this City, Seattle, the Roman Catholic Church.'

"In the discussions that have been going on concerning the encyclical one prominent non-Catholic clergyman said: 'I am glad that this pronouncement is so thoroughly clear cut and uncompromising. Every reader or hearer must be either for or against it. A middle ground is completely demolished by it.' Will Rogers said about the same thing: 'When you read what he says you do not have to start wondering or ask your reader what he meant. He says what he meant.'

Moral Law Binding

"There are some who claim there will be a revolt among American Catholics who are rebellious in heart against the tyranny of ecclesiastics over the personal conduct of the men and women committed to their spiritual jurisdiction. There will be no such thing. We know, of course, that ecclesiastics have nothing to do with the making of the moral law. Only God can do that. All members of the Church from the Pope down are on the same footing as concerns the relation of mankind to the moral law—namely the duty of obedience.

"When Catholics disobey the moral law—not merely in matters concerning sex relations but in any other matter—and they do not repent and make amendment—they themselves cut themselves off from the Church. They are not rebelling—when they do rebel like that—against ecclesiastics any more than people who commit secular crime rebel against the judges of the law courts. It is the law that is rebelled against in both cases; in one, the human law, in the other, the divine.

A Bad Atmosphere

"There is no question but that there are many Catholics disobeying the moral law in this particular phase of it. It is of common knowledge and the Pope himself says so. That was one of the chief reasons for the issuance of the encyclical. It will be the work of the bishops of the world to reclaim the delinquents back to an observance of the law. It will be a double task, first, of uncompromisingly proclaiming and teaching the law, and second, the more difficult task of dealing with the delinquents or the tempted, who for the most part are not wilfully rebellious but who have been overcome by the fluidities and all pervading influence of the immoral atmosphere in which to-day most people have to live and by the terrible pressure of economic injustice.

"Such matters as the teaching of the moral law and the administration of the sacrament of penance belong of course, to the priest in the confessional. But there is one point in which the laity can be of help in straightening out this complex problem and that is the action which the laity can and should take in the matter of striving to reform the bitterly unjust and wholly unnecessary pressure of the economic hardship which drive millions of fathers and mothers into temptation or even into rebellion against the moral laws concerning the sacrament of marriage.

The Machine Age

"We are in the machine age when millions of men are thrown out of employment by newly invented machines that take the jobs of myriads of men. Unemployment and lack of means to sustain their families tempt husbands and wives to break through all restrictions of the moral law which they understand very well, but which to them seem to be the barrier between plenty and want. Even those who are employed receive an unjust wage or one not sufficient to support a wife and children in frugality. It is the age of pleasure when people will not be tied down by a large family but will curtail those at the family board that they may be the less-restrained in the pursuit of pleasure. It is the age when the age of marriage is postponed from the average of 20 to that of 26 or later which gives a longer fling on the primrose path which often leads to vice and hidden sin. It is the age of the automobile where a newly married couple would rather have a brand new auto of the latest and swiftest model standing outside their home than they would a brand new baby carriage with rubber tires. It is the age of the radio when the new couple would postpone the arrival of the baby till after they have paid for the newest kind of radio in the market. It is the age of the apartment house where no children are allowed, but you may carry a pet monkey.

Hateful Abominations

"We are restrained, as the Pope says, by the moral law from divorce, birth-control, companionate or experimental marriage, sterilization—all of which are hateful abominations which reduce truly cultured natures to the barbarous standards of savage peoples. Who is it that suffers the most from these practices? It is the women who will suffer most. The enduring bond of matrimony changed woman from a chattel like a cow, or a horse, to a queen; that bond changed mating into Christian motherhood.

"Your Church and my Church, harkening to the word of God will have the self-control which is a virtue, not that vice which masquerades under the name of birth-control. When Herod's beheading of John the Baptist can be called

Archbishop Of Montreal Warns Of "Red" Danger

Pastoral Letter, Read In Churches of Archdiocese Sunday, Says Social Upheavals Are Goal of the Communists.

Montreal, Jan. 30.—In all Catholic churches of the Archdiocese of Montreal Sunday a pastoral letter from Msgr. Georges Gauthier, Archbishop Coadjutor of Montreal, was read, warning the people of the dangers of Bolshevism and of Communism. The goals of the Russian agitators, the letter said, are social upheavals, and he warned the people that the agitators are determined and energetic.

Archbishop's Letter

The Archbishop's letter was in part as follows: "The Soviets have already achieved the conscription of man labor, they are now preparing the people's mind for that of woman labor. They are mercilessly ransacking every sort of public necessities. Thus, as a result, producing at a minimum cost, they can export their agricultural and industrial products at prices which defy all competition. By this means, they reckon, and not without reason, they can dislocate foreign industries and markets broader in content and prepare effectively for a general world-wide revolution.

"There is no one who has not noticed the reaction of such a system on our Canadian industries. Already we have seen some who have been hard hit by it. But if the famous plan of the Soviets, which should next year reach the maximum of its success, as they desire, we can expect to see other Canadian industries suffering disastrous disorganization.

Russian "Dumping"

"Such is the problem before us. It would seem that simple good sense should urge all the governments to protect themselves against the Russian dumping as it is called. Here and there, in Europe especially, some cries of alarm are being heard. Why, however, do they find so slight an echo? It is because, if one would go to the very root of the evil, the cause of the evil has to be reckoned with. Economic laws are powerless to extricate the world from the depression it is struggling under when moral laws essential to good order are disregarded and transgressed.

"Here in Montreal we are faced by an unaccustomed phenomenon. How this theory of Bolshevism continues to exist among those of their own race and their own tongue who are already imbued with it and whom a badly regulated system of immigration has allowed to implant themselves here, we can understand, though we cannot excuse. But what is new and what we can less easily grasp is how the Soviets have found and initiated followers among our own people and how men of our own blood and in our own town have devoted themselves to the Soviet cause.

"By rumors on Sunday and during the week, propaganda in the taverns, secret societies within our very tongue-control, when the murdering of a husband can be called man-control, and the shooting of a wife woman-control, when intoxication can be called thirst-control, then may the practice invented by Onan and approved of by some modern clubs of women but cursed by God, be called birth-control. Your Church has seen the workings of birth-control and has seen nations perish that practiced base indulgence, and your Church has seen nations prosper that repudiated base indulgence.

A School of Virtue

"Birth control does not mean a better nation, it means annihilation. Another child a financial responsibility? No! Rather a financial asset, a still-edged investment which will pay parents precious dividends when old age makes them dependent. A family of children is a school of virtue, children bless one another, bless their parents, bless the world. Christ has both arms outstretched and a warm loving heart awaiting them, and He cries to His people: 'Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.'

"Stand, therefore, with your church. Stand for the marriage of your fathers and mothers, not for a mirage that contaminates. Stand for virginity and self-control in matrimony and out of it, not for base indulgence; stand against the neo-pagans who surround your home; stand for a queenly ennobled womanhood; stand with Christ Who spent 30 years in a home. Who practiced the true self-control, Who divinized marriage. Who loved little children, put angels in charge of them and made the virtues of childhood the passport to the Kingdom of Heaven."

A general discussion followed Father Groden's talk, and he answered a number of questions. The meeting left a fine influence upon all who attended, and Father Groden received many compliments for his splendid talk.

Methodist Minister a Witness To the Marriage of His Daughter By a Priest in Village of Bath

The Rev. Clarence E. Sutton, D.D., Chaplain at Soldiers' Home, Father of the Bride—Rev. Edward Lynch Officiated at the Ceremony

Bath, Jan. 30.—Miss Margaret Sutton and Lewis Hand of this village were united in marriage at 9 o'clock on Thursday morning this week in the rectory of St. Mary's Church, the Rev. Edward Lynch, pastor of the church, performing the ceremony. The bride is a daughter of the Rev. Clarence E. Sutton, D.D., Methodist chaplain at the Soldiers' Home in Bath. Dr. Sutton was one of the witnesses of the marriage. There were no attendants, the father of the bride and the father of the groom acting as witnesses.

Mrs. Sutton, mother of the bride, and another daughter were among the spectators. The parents of the groom and a number of relatives and friends of both the bride and groom were present at the ceremony, which was a very pretty affair. Dr. Sutton showed a helpful and kindly spirit towards Father Lynch in the preliminary arrangements for the ceremony.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis A. Hand, proprietor of a dry goods store in this village. He is a member of St. Mary's Church, and is associated with his father in business here. His bride is an accomplished and talented young woman, well beloved by all friends. They left on a wedding trip to Washington after the ceremony, and upon their return to their home here. They have the best wishes of many friends for a happy married life.

Mrs. Sutton is a wife under conditions similar to this one, and kindly spirit shown by Dr. and Mrs. Sutton in complying with the laws of the church in the marriage of their daughter to a Catholic is an expression of the spirit of harmony and good will which exists among all people of this community. Father Lynch has been a fine factor in upbuilding of the happy community spirit, and he is to be respected and honored by the people of all classes in Bath.

To Be Married

Invitations have been issued for the marriage of Miss Marie Moon daughter of Dr. Thomas T. Moon of Main Street West, to George Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thon H. Green of Barrington Street, Wednesday, February 11th, at 6 o'clock in St. Peter and Paul Church. Miss Moon will have Miss Barbara Calkin of Laburn Crescent as her only attendant. George J. Green will act as best man, his brother-in-law, the usher will be Theodore Moon, Eugene Moon, James Moon and Arthur T. Green. A reception will be held in the afternoon at the home of the bride.

Miss Daniel H. Joyce of Kings Road entertained at a supper and shower Wednesday night last week in her home in honor of Miss Moon and Mrs. Theodore J. Moon of C. Avenue and the Misses Dorothy A. Lutz Waddell of this Avenue, entertained at a luncheon and bridge Saturday afternoon at the Midgem Club in honor of her.

K. of C. Events Are Announced By The Lecturer

George J. Law, Lecturer of Rochester Council, No. 178, Knights of Columbus, has sent out cards announcing a regular meeting of the Council for February 5th, with a Ladies' Party DeLuxe after the meeting, and also announcing another Knight Club Dance for Tuesday evening, February 11th, the night before Lent.

All members are urged to attend the first party with their mothers, wives, sisters or sweethearts, and all members and their friends, ladies and gentlemen, are invited to the second event. The fee for the Knight Club dance is only \$1.00 per couple, a "depression" bargain. There is no charge for the party on Feb. 5th, that being for members and their lady friends. Big crowds are expected for both events.

factories, cell groups by which they multiply their activities, they spare themselves no effort in their cause. Let us not be misled as to the objective of this campaign. At first sight, it might seem that at the moment we are only confronted with an anti-religious campaign. Let us not be so simple-minded as to think it will stop at that. Social upheavals are their goal."

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