KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN

CONVENTION PROGRAM
FOUNDED IN ROCHESTER

Committees Named For Convention

Committee members by the hundreds worked zealously to prepare the welcome and to arrange for the enjoyment of the thousands coming for the 43rd International Convention of the nights of St John and the 22nd International Convention of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Knights of St John, next week.

Honorary chairmen of the Convention Committee are: General Frank M. Biel, K.H.S. and Mrs. Teresa Ganster

General Chairman is Brigadier General Frederick J. Wegman with Mrs. Georgiana Weisenel, vice chairman.

The hardworking secretary is Quartermaster John G. Bittner with Miss Zita Flanagan as assistant secretary.

Treasurer is Col. Frank J. Koch and Assistant Treasurer Mrs. Rose Fromm.

Completing the Convention Executive Committee are: the Rev. Dr. Joseph H. Gefell, regimental chaplain; Lt. Col. William H. Rossenbach, Major Joseph F. Wendelgass, Paymaster Raymond J. Crombach, Mrs. Margaret Kalb and Mrs. Lillian Hengstler.

Committee heads of the General Committee are the same as the Executive Committee. In addition these knights and ladies are serving: Father Gefell, Major Wendelgass, Major John W. Daringer, Harry Sigrist, Assistant Inspector Edward J. Bach, Lt. Al G. Miller, Adjutant Emil G. Eckert, Thomas H O'Connor, Herbert Heinzle, Chief of Staff Albert Golbach, Herbert Hazell.

Lt Col. Rossenbach, Harold Collins, August M. Maier, Capt. August Zeitvogel, Leonard Nickel, Major Fred J. Kunz, Anthony G English, William C. Schwab, Paymaster Raymond J. Crombach, Lt. Louis J. Kuhn, Thomas F. Herlihy, Charles J. Keller, Robert P. Kiernan.

Mrs. Margaret Kalb, Mrs. Olive Eckert, Mrs. Ann Lamphier, Mrs. Camilla Hasslauer, Mrs. Julia Boesert, Mrs. Barbara Wahl, Mrs. Mayme Schwalbach, Mrs. Charlotte Henchen, Miss Sophia Schmidt, Mrs. Margaret Smith, Mrs. Leona Gifford, Mrs. Nellie Gibaud, Mrs. Edna McGrath, Mrs. Louise Statt, Mrs. Blanche VerHoeven, Mrs. Lillian Hengstler, Mrs. Florence Ritzenthaler, Mrs. Anna Trabold, Mrs. Mary Keller, Mrs. Helen Bittner, Mrs. Lucille Florin, Mrs. Concetta Sargi, Mrs. Elda Marcigliano and Mrs. Clara Schoenberger.

Various Committees are headed by the following Co-Chairmen representing the knights and the auxiliaries:

GENERAL RECEPTION—Herbert Hazell, Commandery No. 25—Mrs. Edna McGrath, Auxiliary No. 160.

DEPOT—Assistant Inspector Edward J Bach, Commandery No 43 Mrs. Olive Eckert, Auxiliary No 43.

BAGGAGE—Capt. August Zeitvogel, Commandery No. 17—Mrs. Margaret Smith, Auxiliary No. 133.

REGISTRATION—Major Joseph F. Wendelgass, Commandery No. 9—Mrs. Ann Lamphier, Auxiliary No. 44.

INFORMATION—A. D.C. Thomas F. Herlihy, Commandery No. 106—Mrs. Margaret Kalb, Auxiliary No. 43.

BADGES—Robert P. Kiernan, Commandery No. 291—Miss Sophia Schmidt, Auxiliary No. 52.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS—A. D. C. Charles J. Keller, Commandery No. 106—Mrs. Mary Keller, Auxiliary No. 262.

DECORATIONS—Adjutant Emil G. Eckert, Commandery No. 39—Mrs. Mayme Schwalbach, Auxiliary No. 47

SIGHT-SEEING TOUR — Paymaster Raymond J. Crombach, Commandery No. 272 — Mrs. Blanche VerHoeven, Auxiliary No. 182.

CHURCH SERVICES—The Rev. Colonel Joseph H. Gefell, Commandery No. 197—Mrs. Julia Boesert, Auxiliary No. 45.

MILITARY—Chief of Staff Albert Golbach, Commandery No. 25—Captain Camilla Hazlauer, Auxiliary No. 44.

BAND MUSIC—A. D.C. William C Schwab, Commandery No. 197—Mrs. Louise Statt, Auxiliary No. 164.

RECEPTION—ELKS CLUB—Lt. Al G. Miller, Commandery No. 43—Mrs. Charlotte Henchen, Auxiliary No. 48.

BANQUET—Lt. Colonel William H. Rossenbach, Commandery No. 28—Mrs. Rose Fromm — Auxiliary No. 102.

MILITARY BALL—August M. Maier, Commandery No. 40—Miss Zita E. Flanagan, Auxiliary No. 166.

OUTING — ONTARIO BEACH PARK — Herbert Heinzle, Commandery No. 39—Mrs. Lillian Hengstler, Auxiliary No. 282.

PRINTING — Major Fred J. Kunz, Commandery No. 197—Mrs. Anna Trabold, Auxiliary No. 260.

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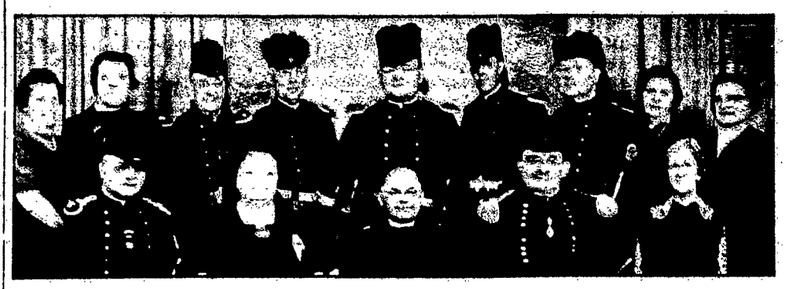
SOUVENIR BOOK—Major John W. Daringer, Commandery No. 9.

PROGRAM—Quartermaster John G. Bittner, Commandery No. 40—Mrs. Helen M. Bittner, Auxiliary No. 262.

Holy Ghost Fathers To Build In Capital

WASHINGTON. — The Holy Ghost Fathers of the United States Province have purchased a residence in this city which will serve as a home for the officials of the Province, the Very Rev. George J. Collins, C.S.Sp., Provincial, has announced. It will also house missionaries of the congregation who will pursue graduate studies at the Catholic University of America, here.

Committee Heads Who Planned the Conventions



OFFICERS AND LEADERS in Rochester Regiment, Knights of St. John, and the Rochester District Ladies' Auxiliary, forming the Executive Committee directing plans for the International Conventions of both orders, next week, are shown above. They are: (front row), from left, Brigadier General Frederick J. Wegman, Chairman; Mrs. Teresa Ganster, Supreme President of the Ladies' Auxiliary; the Rev. Colonel Joseph H. Gefell, D.D., Regimental Chaplain; General Frank H. Biel, K.H.S., Supreme PPresident of the Knights of St. John; Mrs. Georgianna Weisenel, vice-chairman. Standing: (from left) Mrs. Margaret Kalb; Miss Zita E. Flanagan, assistant secretary; Colonel Frank J. Koch, Treasurer; Lieutenant-Colonel William H. Rossenbach Paymaster Raymond J. Crombach, Major Joseph F. Wendelgass, Quartermaster John G. Bittner, secretary; Mrs. Lillian Hengstler; Mrs. Rose Fromm, assistant treasurer.

PROGRAM

43rd International Convention of The Knights of St. John

AND

22nd International Convention of The Ladies Auxiliary, Knights of St. John

Rochester, N. Y.

Friday and Saturday, June 21 and 22
Registration and reception for Supreme Officers.

Sunday, June 23

Reception of delegates and guests at depots, bus terminals, hotels
Registration of delegates and guests at Hotel Seneca, Convention Headquarters
1 30 to 3 00 P. M. Cars start from Hotel Seneca for sight-seeing tour of Rochester
3 30 P. M. Official opening of the Convention at the Columbus Civic Centre Auditorium by Brig. Gen. Frederick J. Wegman, General Chairman of the Convention Committee Addresses of welcome by His Excellency, Most Rev James E Kearney, D.D., Bishop of Rochester, the Hon John J Bennett, Attorney General for the State of New York, representing the Governor, Councilman Frank W. VanLare for the City of Rochester. Responses by Gen. Frank H Biel, K.H.S., Supreme President of the Knights of St John, and Mrs Teresa Ganster, Supreme President of the Ladies Auxiliary
Music by Charles Siverson and his orchestra. Soloists, Inez Quinn, Soprano, and Ken Loysen, Baritone. Selections by the Rochester Gas & Electric Male Chorus, under the direction of Mr Frank M. Houston

Monday, June 24—(Feast of St. John the Baptist)

10 00 A M —Solemn Pontifical Military Mass at St. Joseph s Church the cradle of Knighthood, celebrated by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney Sermon by the Supreme Spiritual Advisor, His Excellency, Most Rev John A. Duffy, D.D., Bishop of Buffalo Music and choir under the direction of Mr. George Minges. All Knights and Drill Teams of the Ladies Auxiliary are requested to attend in full dress uniform.
1.30 P. M.—Business sessions at Hotel Seneca. Knights in the Palm Lounge, ladies in the Ball Room.
7.00 P. M.—Grand Military Street Parade.
9:00 P. M.—Reception at the Elks Club. Music, dancing, lunch and refreshments.

Tuesday, June 25

9.00 A. M.—Solemn Memorial High Mass for deceased members of both organizations at St. Joseph's Church. Celebrant, the Rev. Col. Joseph H. Gefell, D.D., Chaplain of the Rochester Regiment.
10:00 A. M.—Business Sessions at Hotel Seneca.
11.00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M.—Competitive prize drills at Edgerton Park Paddock. In case of rain drills will be held at Edgerton Park, Building No. 5.
6.30 P. M.—Banquet in the Ball Room of the Hotel Seneca. Speaker, the Hon. David I. Walsh, United States Senator from Massachusetts.
9:00 P. M. Military Ball at the Columbus Civic Centre Auditorium. Music by Darrell Gifford and his orchestra. Knights are requested to attend in full dress uniform minus chapeau and side arms. Grand March at 11:00 P. M. (Prizes will be awarded to the three visiting commanderies having the largest number of Knights in uniform participating in the Grand March.)

Wednesday, June 26

9.00 A. M.—Business Sessions at Hotel Seneca.
1:30 P. M.—Business Sessions at Hotel Seneca.
2:00 P.M.—Outing at Ontario Beach Park. Excellent bathing beach, lunch, refreshments and music. Concert by the Rochester Park Band in the evening.

Thursday, June 27

9.00 A. M.—Final business sessions and installations of Officers at Hotel Seneca.

Suggested Visits for Guests

Rochester Memorial Art Gallery.
Kodak Park of the Eastman Kodak Co.
Shopping tours for women.

Order Founded in 1879 First Minutes Reveal

(Rochester's boast to being the "Cradle of Knighthood" for the Knights of St. John is revealed in the original minutes which have been preserved down through the years. A copy of the first meeting held in 1879 at St. Joseph's hall is given below.)

FIRST MEETING IN 1879

The first meeting of the representatives of the societies later to be welded into the "Roman Catholic Uniformed Union," the original name of the Knights of St. John, was held on June 13, 1879.

A record of the first two meetings is as follows:

"Meeting of the Board of Officers of the 'Roman Catholic Uniformed Union' held at the Knights of St. James Assembly Rooms, June 13, 1879.

"The Chief Commander George A. Begy called the meeting to order, and after a few well timed remarks, setting forth the objects of the Association, stated that the first order of business would be the election of a temporary president and secretary.

"Upon motion of Lieutenant Coughlin a temporary organization was effected by the election of Colonel Begy to the office of president and Adjutant Tracy that of secretary.

"After calling the roll of members the secretary reported that all the societies were represented excepting the Knights of Louis and St. John.

"By Captain Hasslinger — That a committee of five be appointed to draft suitable by-laws for the government of this organization.

"Captain Kavanagh moved as an amendment that a committee of five be appointed on permanent organization.

"Amendment accepted by move of original resolution and carried.

"The chair announced as committee, Captains Kavanagh, Wegman, Pope, Martin and Pappert.

"Captain Hessinger then renewed his motion to appoint a committee on by-laws which was carried and the following named gentlemen appointed, Captain Hesslinger, Sweeney, Sheahan, Schueler and Schwab.

"On motion, by the adjutant, Chief Commander Begy was added to the committee. Lieutenant Martin—That a committee of three be appointed to ascertain and report at the next meeting the cost of coats and blankets for the use of the union, carried.

ADOPT SWORD MANUAL

"Committee, Adjutant Tracy, Lieutenants Martin and Leinen.

"The president then read a copy of a manual for the sword as used by the Knights Templar and on motion of Captain Schueler, a committee consisting of the commander of each organization was appointed to make such changes in it as they may deem best before same is printed.

"Upon motion by the adjutant it was ordered that the committee be given full power so that they could have manual printed without being obliged to wait until next meeting to report.

"Captain Schwab moved that when we do adjourn it be to meet two weeks from tonight and all committees be instructed to report at that meeting. Carried.

"Lieutenant Thein moved that the meetings hereafter organize promptly at 8 o'clock which was carried.

"There being no further business the meeting then adjourned.

JOHN T. TRACY.
Adjutant and Secretary pro tem.

Adjourned Meeting Roman Catholic Uniformed Union, June 27, 1879.

Chief Commander Begy in the chair.

The minutes of previous meeting read and adopted.

The committee on permanent organization submitted the following:

This committee would suggest the names of the different officers to be elected as follows:

For president, Colonel Louis Ernst, German Catholic Union.
For vice president, Timothy Casey, St. Patrick's Society.
For recording secretary, Peter G. Pope, Knights of St. Gregory.
For financial secretary, Joseph J. Connor, Knights of St. John.
For treasurer, Fred Wegman, Knights of St. Gregory.

In the opinion of this committee the names of the gentlemen heretofore named are capable of filling the position assigned to them.

(Signed) Capt. Kavanagh,
Capt. Pappert,
Capt. Wegman,
Capt. Martin,
Capt. Pope.

On motion by Captain Kavanagh the report was adopted.

Captain Hesslinger from the committee on by-laws asked further time which was granted.

The same gentlemen from the Committee on Sword Manual reported having done their duty and have produced the printed copies at this meeting. Report accepted and committee discharged with thanks.

Captain Kavanagh moved that a committee of three be appointed to notify Colonel Ernst of his election. Carried.

Captain Schwab moved that we now adjourn for two weeks and that we drill on that night.

JOHN T. TRACY
Adjt. and Sec. Pro Tem.

Knights of St. John Meet To Draw 9,000

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governor and governor of Massachusetts before his election to the Senate in 11919. Senator Walsh is now serving his fourth terms in the Upper House.

Impressing Opening Set

A capacity crowd of delegates, members and friends of the Knights of St. John and Ladies' Auxiliary will greet supreme officers and guests in Columbus Civic Centre auditorium, Sunday night. The program is scheduled to begin at 3 30 P. M.

The Church, the nation and the state will be represented at the opening mass meeting. Greetings from the diocese of Rochester will be extended by Bishop Kearney. The Hon. John J. Bennett, Attorney General and noted Catholic layman, is coming to speak for Governor Lehman. The city's welcome will be given by Council Frank W VanLare representing Mayor Dicker.

Welcomes from the two Supreme leaders of the organizations, both Rochesterians, will be voiced by General Frank H. Biel K.H.S., the Knights' supreme president, and Mrs Teresa Ganster, supreme president of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Presiding and introducing the speakers will be Brigadier General Frederick J Wegman general chairman of the convention committee.

A musical program will be presented by Charles Siverson and his orchestra soloists Miss Inez Quinn, soprano, and Ken Loysen, baritone, and the Rochester Gas and Electric Male Chorus directed by Frank M. Houston.

Mass for the Dead

On Tuesday, the knights and ladies will pause in memory of their distinguished dead by attendance at a Solemn Memorial Mass in St. Joseph's Church at 9 A. M. The Mass will be celebrated by the Rev. Colonel Joseph H. Gefell, D.D., chaplain of the Rochester Regiment. Father Gefell will read the roll of those knights and auxiliary members who died during the past year.

Business sessions will be held in Hotel Seneca beginning Monday at 1:30 P. M., the knights in the Palm Lounge and the ladies meeting in the Ball Room. Sessions will continue on Tuesday at 10 A. M., Wednesday at 9 A. M. and 1:30 P. M. with the final business session and installations of officers on Thursday at 9 A. M.

Supreme Secretary Leo G. Schu of Evansville, Ind., will set up his office on Friady, as will Supreme Secretary Mrs. Anna Brossard of Cincinnati of the Auxiliary.

A preview of the big international convention will be held Saturday and Sunday when the New York Grand Commandery and Ladies' Auxiliary convenes here. The Executive Committee will meet Friday night.

N. Y. Grand Commandery To Meet

The joint meeting of the New York Grand Commandery comprising commanderies and auxiliaries east of Rochester in the state will be held Tuesday at 2 P. M. Greetings will be extended from the supreme organizations by General Biel and Mrs. Ganster.

Presiding will be Colonel Joseph Deckert of Albany and Miss Bertha Kennerknecht of Utica, Grand Commandery presidents. A talk on Catholic activity in charitable endeavors from the laymen's viewpoint will be given by William T. Nolan, executive secretary, Rochester Catholic Charities.

Delegates and visitors will attend Mass at St. Joseph's Church, Sunday morning at 9:45 A. M. and the Grand Commandery banquet will be held at Powers Hotel at noon, Sunday.

Rochester arrangements for the Grand Commandery sessions are in the hands of a committee headed by Lt. Al G. Miller, chairman, assisted by Major Joseph Wendelgass, Louis Hofmayr, Leo Hermann and Clarence Schoeneman.

Highlights Of Order

AIMS OF ORDER

Purposes of the Knights of St. John and Ladies Auxiliary are five-fold. The name comes from the Knights of St. John Hospitallers of crusading days.

The order affords opportunity to practice Catholic Action by public profession of faith.

It stimulates religious fervor by participating in religious functions. Broadens acquaintance and friendships and affords an opportunity to associate with men and women of the Catholic Faith, and to hear and take part in discussions on topics of general interest from a Catholic viewpoint.

It provides protection and aid in the event of sickness or death.

It provides for enjoyment an abundance of social and athletic activities.

Its military training assures physical development and manly bearing. It teaches self-reliance.

UNIFORM PRAYERS

Indulgenced Prayers for the Knights of St. John are as follows:

Every time they don their uniforms and say the prayer: "May the Lord clothe me a new man, who is created in justice and truth."—300 Days.

Every time that for any function whatever they put on their cap or chapeau and recite the prayer: "Place, O Lord on my head the helmet of Salvation, that I may overcome the assaults of Satan."—300 Days.

These indulgences to be gained at least with a contrite heart.—Pius XI. Nov. 13, 1923.

MILITARY FEATURE

The Military feature of the Knights of St. John is the most important of the Order. The advantages to be gained from military exercises are many.

It exerts a beneficial influence on Catholic young men, it inspires patriotism of the highest order because it teaches love and respect for the flag of the country. It makes young men stronger in the faith by placing them before the public clothed in the uniform of a Catholic organization thus demonstrating to the world at large that they are proud of their religion.

It is a real honor for any Knight to be selected to act as a guard of honor to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Military training is helpful to any young man in any walk of life as it teaches self-reliance, gives him a manly bearing and develops him physically.

The Knights of St. John enjoy the privilege of having been granted an indulgenced prayer to be said by the Knight whenever donning his uniform. This signal favor was granted in 1923 by the then reigning Pontiff, His Holiness, Pope Pius XI.

The Fourth Degree Ritual of the Knights of St. John is the same as that used hundreds of years ago by the ancient knights. The uniform is blessed by the priest, the knight is vested and receives the accolade with the same ceremony used in medieval ages.

Family Prayers

"It is a terrible thing to go through a day without prayer," said St. Jerome, speaking of the individual soul. The same thing may be said of a Catholic family. If the members do not all unite at least once a day to commend their common needs and interests to God there is something the matter with that family or there soon will be, make sure of that. Someone of the members is, or soon will be, estranged from the rest or from God. "Get together," is a good word in matters of daily life. Why not in daily prayer? Especially when we have Christ's own word for it that He is present in the midst of those who are united in His Name.

Evacuees

Let the Way of the Cross, which thy people follow,
Though it lead to the dark and pain of Calvary,
After the Cross is lifted, and they upon it
Die in the throes of man-made agony—
Even as Thou, O Prince of Peace, died wounded,
Torn and stripped of all but Thy trust in God,
Bring them share in Thy glorious Resurrection,
Who scourged, thorn-crowned, betrayed—in Thy steps have trod.

—Lois Donovan

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