

JAMES, Waverly

IN MOURNS PASTOR

EARLY — The parish this morning mourns the loss of the Rev. Edward J. Lyons, who died Thursday, Mar. 8, after serving here for two years. A solemn funeral was conducted in St. Patrick's church last Monday (see and photo, page 1, and column 10).

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Osborn, 100 Channing St., are informed of the awarding of the Air Medal to their son, Edward J. Lyons, who has been missing in action over Holland since Oct. 24, 1944. Lieutenant Osborn, Thunderbolt fighter pilot with the 1st Fighter Squadron, Eighth Air Force, entered the Army Air Forces two years ago in January. Commissioned at Moore Field, Tex., in 1944 he went overseas in July of that year.

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A True Shepherd Passes On

Additional from Elmore A. DeWitt: GONE TO CLAIM the treasure he laid up in Heaven during his well-filled lifetime is the Rev. Edward J. Lyons, pastor of St. James church at Waverly and a former assistant at St. Peter and Paul's church here.

Father Lyons was a believer in the direct and human priesthood of the priest that found expression not long ago in one of the great motion pictures of this generation. He played baseball with the boys and he got the first uniform the St. Peter and Paul's team had. He did it in the ground and helped to build teams courts. He bought a wireless set in pre-World War I days and the boys of the parish got their introduction to the use of coils and batteries that represented a scientific miracle.

He helped to organize the St. Peter and Paul's cadets and into its ranks came boys of every creed. Later he put his enthusiasm behind a Boy Scout troop.

One day Father Lyons bought a .22 rifle and a batch of cartridges. From then on he took groups of boys to a safe place and let them shoot at targets to their heart's content under proper supervision.

The people of the parish took up a collection with which they bought an automobile to aid him in his work. It did, materially, for his work was among boys and into the car he often on his duties would permit, he'd load as many boys as possible for a trip into the country, discussing as they rode along the beauty of nature which is God's handiwork.

On more than one occasion plans to transfer Father Lyons were reconsidered at the request of people of the parish.

Father Lyons lived to see many of his boys in Elmore and elsewhere grow into useful men, leaders in community and church, good fathers of a new generation. The affection they had for him and the spiritual goodness of their lives was his reward.

Knights to Induct New Members at Ithaca

ITHACA — As a result of Bishop Kearney's recent appeal to Ithaca parish men to join the Knights of Columbus, a class of 50 will be initiated on March 22 into Ithaca Council.

Past Grand Knights will officiate at the degree ceremony in the parish hall and leading the class will be Father Welch and Father Hedges, two of the parish priests.

A meeting is being held tonight to vote on additional candidates and a meeting was held on March 8 at which plans were made to remodel and decorate the first floor of the Knights' home.

St. Patrick's Party — The Knights will hold their annual Saint Patrick's Day party in Parish Hall on March 17. All of the Knights and their friends are invited to attend.

Those serving on the committee for the party are: Elmer Hanchaw, John Sigler, A. G. Macrae, Matthew Herson, and Michael Leary.

Pilot Assigned To Troop Carrier

CORNING — A recent dispatch from the 12th American Air Force C-47 Base in Italy announced that Lt. Joseph N. Kelly of Corning has been assigned to the European Mediterranean Theater.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Norman Kelly, 40 E. First St., Lt. Kelly completed his training at a pilot at Myrtleville, Ark., where he received his wings and was commissioned a second lieutenant. He has been overseas since last January.

He is a graduate of St. Mary's Preparatory School and Corning Free Academy. He is married to Miss Mary Kelly, a student at St. Bonaventure's College, Elmira, N.Y. His wife, Mrs. Kelly, is stationed at Tuscon, Ariz., with the Air Corps.

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St. Patrick Fete Set by K. of C.

HORNELL — Plans for a St. Patrick's party, March 17, are being made by Hornell Council 102, Knights of Columbus. It was announced at a meeting held when the second degree was conferred upon a large class of candidates. The party will be staged to conform with the national custom regular.

A variety program will be offered, consisting of dancing, cards and entertainment. A luncheon will be served.

Officiating at the degree ceremonies were members of the local council's staff, assisted by District Deputy Leo Laiden and Grand Knight James McManis of Wellsville, and Edward Hogan, past grand knight of Danville Council.

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