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Appointed to Pastorates

Appointed by Bishop Kearney, this week, are: the Rev. Henry J. Doerbecher, (right) pastor of St. Michael's Church, Newark, and his successor as pastor of St. Mary's Church, Geneseo, the Rev. G. Stuart Hogan.

Father Simonetti Warns 4th Degree Americanism if Abused Could Fail

"We are fortunate to be living in this country because of our form of government — because of Americanism," the Rev. Albert L. Simonetti, pastor of St. Anthony's Church, Elmira, declared at the installation dinner of Elmira Assembly, Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus, Nov. 15.

More than 100 members and their ladies attended the dinner held prior to installation of Elmira Assembly officers by Cyril J. Stalt of Rochester, Master of the Fifth New York District.

Father Simonetti traced the Catholic contribution to the Declaration of Independence.

"There is absolutely no historical evidence to show that atheistic materialism was the source of our political philosophy," he said.

"Our forefathers were imbued through and through with the concept of man's spiritual makeup. When they spoke of freedom, they meant freedom to realize spiritual possibilities, not merely economic well-being and material wealth. We Americans were conceived as a nation, not of super men, but of supernatural men!"

The speaker warned that the American system of government is not fool-proof.

"When we Americans look upon liberty as meaning license," he cautioned, "when honesty becomes a virtue practiced by only those afraid to cheat; when just-

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13 Knights Paid Tribute At Annual Memorial Rites

Fitting tribute to 13 members of Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus, was paid at the annual Memorial Services conducted last Sunday in Columbus Center.

Honored were the late Rt. Rev. Msgr. John J. Lee, V.F., Pfc. Trieste J. Ponzi, William A. Doran, John J. Hanrahan, William J. Manning, John T. Osowski, Michael H. Murphy, Henry H. McKenna, Thomas J. Collins, George L. Helstrom, Daniel H. O'Brien, Myles K. Kelly and P. Stephen Daly.

Conducting the services, Grand Knight Thomas R. Burns was assisted by the following Ritualistic Committee: the Rev. Albert L. Simonetti, Joseph P. Lynch, Robert L. Pautz, Joseph H. Berrigan and Bernard J. Lochern.

In the eulogy extolling the 13 members, Past Grand Knight Eugene F. Agan paid particular tribute to Monsignor Lee and Private First Class Ponzi who made the supreme sacrifice.

Of Monsignor Lee, Past Grand Knight Agan said: "He exemplified as well the major principles of our Order, charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism."

He recalling 4 other members who gave their lives in the service of their country. Memorializing the knight who died in service this past year, he said "Let us fervently pray that his sacrifice was not in vain."

In memory of all Elmira Knights who died during the past year, the speaker declared: "they enjoyed the respect of all creeds and in their many contacts and activities never failed to practice first, last and always, the faith of their fathers."

Holy Name Men Hear Faith Society Leader

Corning — The Rev. John S. Randall of Rochester, diocesan director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, was guest speaker at the Communion breakfast held Sunday morning by the Holy Name Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Church.

Members of the Society received Holy Communion in a body at the 8 a. m. Mass and later were served breakfast in the Church hall by the women of the parish under the direction of Mrs. Cauncey Bulkley.

Enos Kotcum, president, was in charge of arrangements.

Redemptorist To Address K. of C.

The Very Rev. Augustine Aylward C.SS.R., director of Our Lady of the Lake Retreat House, Geneva, will be the speaker at a Saturday night supper to be held in Columbus Center and limited to members of the Knights of Columbus and prospective members.

Father Aylward is widely known as an orator and has a message of special importance to bring before the Catholic men of Elmira.

Novena Opens At St. Patrick's

A Novent in honor of the Immaculate Conception will open in St. Patrick's Church, Elmira, on Friday, Nov. 30, and continue throughout Sunday Dec. 8.

The Rev. Vincent M. Raetz, O. P., of New York City will conduct the services to be held each evening at 7:30. Morning Masses will be celebrated at 6, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30.

The Very Rev. William J. Brien, pastor, announces that the Novena is being offered for a just peace.

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