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Ithaca K. C. Slate First Major Degree In 25 Years

Ithaca — As a result of the successful membership campaign now being conducted by Ithaca Council, Knights of Columbus, the Major or Third Degree will be exemplified on a class of more than 100 candidates in Ithaca, Sunday May 7.

REV. WILLIAM BYRNE

This will be the first time in more than 25 years that this Ceremony has been staged by Ithaca Council.

The class will be known a "The Rev. William Byrne Third Degree Class." The committee has arranged with Hugh Sheridan and his Major Degree staff from New York city to conduct the ritual.

PROGRAM FOR the day will open with a special 8 a.m. Mass in Immaculate Conception Church Ithaca with all members assisting and receiving Holy Communion. The knights and candidates will offer their prayers as a Spiritual Bouquet for their pastor Father Byrne.

At 1:30 p.m. all candidates will meet in the Knights of Columbus Home on S. Albany St. and march to the Eagles Building. The parade will be led by the color guard of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus Assembly and members of the Fourth Degree in uniform.

Following the degree a dinner will be served in the K. of C. home for all candidates and members.

Committee named to make Sunday May 7 an outstanding day in Ithaca Knights of Columbus history includes: Thomas Solan, Edward Nevins, Edward Keaty, George Loveless, William Egan and Michael J. Leary.

CDA Initiation Set In Waterloo

Waterloo — Plans to initiate 8 new members at 2 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Rooms, Sunday April 23 were made by Court Waterloo, Catholic Daughters of America, on April 10. Grand Regent, Mrs. Helen Cleere presided.

A reception will follow the initiation ceremonies and will be held at the New Brunswick Hotel on Virginia St. Mrs. Eleanor Ryan is reception chairman.

Grand Regent Mrs. Cleere, will attend the state convention in Syracuse as a delegate from the Court. The convention will be held May 15, 17 and 18 with headquarters at Hotel Syracuse. Anyone intending to go is asked to get in touch with Mrs. Cleere.

Mrs. Bernice Tooms is chairman of the April committee and she and her committee are planning Canasta games for Monday evenings, April 24 and May 1 at 8 p.m.

Praises Missionaries

Lisbon, Portugal — (NC) — The Minister of Colonies Capt. Teofilo Duarte has issued an official statement praising the work of the Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver in the Portuguese colonies.

Minstrels Listed At St. Francis

Auburn — St. Francis Minstrels of 1950 will be presented April 24, 25 and 26 in Central High School auditorium, under sponsorship of the Young Ladies' Sodality and the choral group of St. Francis Church.

End men include: Grace Agati, Phil Simone, Mike Alfieri, Ida Giangreco, Dom Basile, Paul Tripiciano and Frank J. Lentini. Mary Calimeri will be interlocutor.

School Fund To Get Proceeds From Party

Auburn — Mrs. Gustave Wellhuechter and Mrs. Robert McCarthy, were co-chairmen of the Catholic Action League's card party held Monday evening, April 17 at the Water Street Hall. The proceeds of the party will be turned over to the St. Alphonsus New School Fund.

The Misses Elizabeth and Wilhelmina Salzer, assisted by others, were in charge of the special game. Door and table prizes were awarded.

The assisting committee included Marguerite Clifford, Pauline Davie, Margaret Geherin, Marie Meehan, Louise Merna, Elizabeth Painter, Frances Palmeri, Elizabeth Salzer, Mary Jane Schneider, Alice Shaw, Florence Steigerwald, Wilhelmina Salzer, Rita Walsh and Winifred Weaver.

Eight Prisoners In Japan Baptized

Tokyo — (NC) — With eight more prisoners baptized during Holy Week, Sugamo prison, which was the last habitat of wartime Premier Tojo and his associates, now has a total of 33 Catholics.

An interesting feature of the religious life in the prison is the special Catholic Action Association founded by the prisoners themselves. Remembering that St. Paul too was a prisoner, they chose this Saint as patron and titular of their association.

Knights of St. John Staff In Dress Parade

As Rochester Regiment, Knights of St. John and Ladies Auxiliary line up for review, staff officers enter the East Main St. Armory for inspection and parade. Among officers in line are: (from left) Brigadier General Frederick J. Wegman; Colonel Joseph F. Wendelgass; Brigadier General Leo A. Rosenfeld; Regimental Chaplain, Rev. Joseph M. Gefell; Rev. John B. Hayes and Lieut. Col. Al Miller; Rev. Raymond G. Meisel and Judge Advocate Louis Hofmayr; the Rev. Robert Dobberstin and Captain Bert Clark of Auburn. A larger number of spectators was reported this year.

Auburn Knights Make Debut In Rochester Drill

Auburn — The drill team of St. Alphonsus Commandery 361 made its debut in the annual inspection review and dress parade of the Rochester Regiment, Knights of St. John, last week at the State Armory in Rochester.

The Auburn contingent was in charge of Lieut. Harold Ide and the local Knights received an ovation from the huge crowd that packed the armory. A large delegation from the local commandery made the trip to Rochester and attended the ceremonies.

The business session was attended by Rev. Robert Dobberstin, chaplain of the local commandery and President Joseph Androsko.

S. H. Academy Parents Schedule Tea

Annual bridge tea sponsored by the Parents Association of the Academy of the Sacred Heart will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday Apr. 29 in the Academy auditorium, Prince Street.

Mrs. Robert E. Ginna is general chairman, with Mrs. John Dale as cochairman. Mrs. Harold Drysdale heads the ticket committee while Mrs. Martin Dunsmuir will be in charge of the tea committee.

Freedom To Work, Theme KC Broadcast

Auburn — One of the most controversial and most talked about questions of our day, that of the rights of labor, was boldly treated in the fourth transcribed radio program of the Knights of Columbus series on "The Future of Democracy," sponsored by Auburn Council. The program was heard on the "Catholic News and Views" broadcast from 1 to 1:15 last Sunday over Station WMBO.

Built around the theme, "Freedom to Work", the drama depicted a future situation in which regimented labor has lost the right to bargain, management has lost the right to own, and individual workers have been reduced to the status of unthinking cogs in the industrial machine.

THE DEVELOPMENT of the drama showed that, far from being pure fancy, the situation described would be the logical result of incessant warfare between management and labor, neither side understanding the rights of the other and both, too often, heedless of the public interest and welfare.

In this, as in all the "Future of Democracy" programs, emphasis was placed on the responsibility of individual citizens to retain "the way of life we enjoy." The sponsors are confident that "Freedom to Work" will merit the attention of leaders of both labor and management.

Aquinas School, Mission Spirit One, Avers Writer

To the average student at Aquinas Institute, school spirit is synonymous with mission spirit, writes Jack Poirier in an article appearing the May issue of The Shield, national magazine of the Catholic Students' Mission Crusade. The article is entitled "City School With a World View."

The writer, a student at Aquinas, gives an account of the mission aid distributed to 1700 Aquinas Church in Angleton, Texas, and financial assistance to home and foreign missioners, working in such widely scattered places as India, Africa, Ceylon, the Panama Canal Zone, and Hawaii.

"EACH HOMEROOM elects its own mission leader and this position is considered by all as the highest honor that can be given to any student," the writer declares. In explaining the method of homeroom collections for the missions, he cites the record for one day's collection, taken up by Homeroom 218, which totaled $68 on a June day last year.

Although the Basilian Fathers, in charge of Aquinas, are active in home mission fields, they work tirelessly for the support of more than 200 members of various religious orders in the missions, the article indicates.

THE WRITER also describes a second important Crusade project at Aquinas, the financing of the education of native seminarians for the India missions. The first "Aquinas-adopted" missioner is now working in India and a second protege has been taken under the patronage of the students.

Still another project, the annual prayer crusade conducted each year to help the missions, is described. This year each homeroom chose a day on which its members offered Mass and Communion in the school chapel for the missions. Other examples of prayer projects cited are those of Sister Stella's Homeroom 120 whose students made a daily visit to the chapel and Father Looby's Homeroom 314, whose students offered the Rosary for missions intentions daily during October.

Father Arthur Looby, the guiding spirit of the Aquinas CSMC, receives a due measure of praise for his direction of Crusade activities as does Father Price, who is in charge of the freshman mission work. "With leaders like these, the future of the Aquinas Mission Crusade Unit will certainly be a brilliant one," the article concludes.

Lebanon Visas

Beirut, Lebanon — (NC) — The Lebanese Government has instructed its Legations at the Vatican and at Rome to grant free entry visas to Holy Year pilgrims desiring to stop in Lebanon for at least three days on their way to the Holy Land.

St. Mary's Class Chooses Nun as 'Most Successful'

Auburn — The Class of 1930 from St. Mary's School recalled its school days in a reunion at Springdale Inn Thursday evening, April 13.

Toastmaster Timothy Murley introduced the Rev. John P. Norris as guest. He brought greetings from Rt. Rev. Msgr. William E. Cowin who was unable to attend.

Father Norris commented on the class as an example of the loyalty of all St. Mary's people to their church and school.

He stressed the value of continuing to practice the sound principles learned at St. Mary's and the importance of filling time with worthwhile activities.

PRAYERS WERE offered for the three deceased members of the group.

Joseph Dolan of Richmond, Va., and Miss Catherine McGreevey of Yonkers traveled the longest distance to attend the affair.

Mrs. Jane McGrath Martin was chosen as the outstanding mother. James Mullaly was noted to be the exceptional father.

Sister Mary Alma Krause, principal of St. Rose of Lima School, Lima, N.Y., was considered the most successful.

The address list received by each guest showed that the alumni of 1930 are now living in Persia, Texas, California, Michigan, Maryland, North Carolina, New Jersey and Washington.

THE COMMITTEE in charge of arrangements included Frank Mastropietro, Timothy Murley, Paul Reardon, George Sullivan, Margaret Dempsey Flynn, Jane Hall Stanton, Eileen McCarthy and Mary McGrath Pearce.

Other members of the class are Antoinette Avacone Strazzere, Rose Barrera Francis, Betty Bastian Tamburo, Vera Begley Obbrecht, Jane Bergan Dunham, Leo Blum, Richard Boedicker, Nicholas Capobianco, Catherine Carroll Hickey, Lillian Casey Brennan, Betty Colton O'Rourke, Margaret Crawford Obbrecht, Mae Crosby, Jane Cummings Longley, Vincent Daly, William Daley, Rita Donoghue Mason, William Emerson, Frank Ganley, Richard Ganther, Leona Gauthier Fitzgerald, Camille Giannone Donovan, Philomena Giannone Pietrosimone, Helen Ginnity Herron, Florence Hoff Steigerwald, Jack Jenner, Catherine Kelly, Emily Kelly, James Kirwin, Joseph Leonard, Ernest Martino, Eleanor Mathison Kahl, Charles McKeon, Cramer Pierce, William Sharples, Louise Spano Burns, Helen Stapleton Demming, Mary Sullivan Lynch, Robert Sweeney, John Talbot and Irene Weber Vivenzio.

Seminary Choir Nazareth Glee Club To Sing

Three glee clubs, three choirs, an orchestra and band will take part in the second annual Catholic Schools Music Festival at the Auditorium Theater in East Main Street on Wednesday, May 17, the Rev. Charles J. Mahoney, Ph. D., Diocesan Superintendent of Schools, announced today.

A boys choir, recruited from the eighteen schools conducted by the Sisters of St. Joseph in the Rochester area, will be featured on the program, which will include upwards of 700 voices.

TWO NEW VOCAL units, the St. Bernard's Seminary Choir and the Nazareth College Glee Club, will appear on the program. Dr. Mahoney said that the success of last year's initial presentation has prompted school authorities to expand this year's program.

Other glee clubs participating include the 130-voice group from Our Lady of Mercy High and the Aquinas Glee Club of 75 voices. The Perosian Choir of Nazareth Academy will sing.

Instrumental music for the festival will be furnished by the famed Aquinas Institute Band and the Inter-Parochial School Orchestra.

The Rev. Leo C. Mooney, diocesan coordinator of music, will be in charge of the overall program, Dr. Mahoney announced.

Tickets for the festival are on sale at $1 each in all Catholic schools of the area. Reserved seat tickets at $1.50 are available at the Columbus Civic Center. Both prices include federal tax.

Listed In Talk At Library Meet

Fifth meeting in a series of literature programs being sponsored by the Library Group of St. Christopher's Library, Elmira will be given tonight (Friday) in the library rooms at 8 o'clock.

Miss Marie F. MacNamara will be the speaker and has selected for her topic, "Essays of Chesterton." Miss McNamara is a member of the faculty of Elmira Free Academy.

Following the meeting, the first Christopher film, "You Can Change the World" will be shown. The film is being widely shown and is meeting with a great deal of favorable comment, the committee states.

An invitation is extended to all friends of the Library to attend.

French Missioner Murdered In China

Rome — (NC) — Thirty-six priests of the Paris Foreign Mission Society have suffered violent death since 1940. Latest reported is Rev. Marcel Signoret, director of the Leprosarium of St. Damian at Taihatse, China, who was murdered during the pillaging of his leprosarium by what were believed natives who resented the establishment of the institution there.

392 Auburnians Attend Pre-Cana Conferences

Auburn — A total attendance of 212 engaged people and 150 married persons attended the 3rd annual Marriage Preparation Course sponsored during March by the Auburn Council of Catholic Women, it was reported this week.

On successive Tuesday evenings an average weekly attendance of 75 persons heard lectures on the values and ideals of marriage, the physiology of marriage, the use and abuse of married love, and marriage laws.

SPEAKERS INCLUDE the Rev. Albert J. Shamon, Rev. Charles J. Langworthy, Rev. Dennis W. Hickey, Rev. Emmet J. Murphy, Dr. William Madden and Dr. Angelo J. Raffaele.

Written comments made by the audience included the following: A wife wrote: "The ideal of putting God in all our married life has taken some embarrassment out of married life"; an engaged man: "This series gave me knowledge I would never have received from everyday life"; a wife: "The course gave me a deepened sense of the sanctity of marriage."

Card Fete Listed By Seneca Guild

Seneca Falls — Court Seneca Falls, Catholic Daughters of America, will hold a card party in St. Patrick's School auditorium next Monday evening, April 24. All types of card games will be played; prizes will be awarded and refreshments served.

The committee in charge includes the Misses Teresa McGrain, Yola Barbi, May E. Barbi, Elizabeth Moreland, Amelia Sandroni, Josephine Rossetti, Madeline Mariello, Gloria Povero, Helen Reagan, Alice Ferguson, Anna Ferguson, Alice Rogers, Genevieve Rogers, Anna Marie Lawler, Lena Pannucci, Mary Gilmore, Angeline Borse, Lena Cavone, Virginia Forelli, Jane Forelli, Anna McGraw, Pat Valenti.

Also, Mrs. Catherine Lattimer, Mrs. Elizabeth Moreland, Mrs. Mary McMillian, Mrs. Marion Comstock, Mrs. Antoinette Cherchia, Mrs. M. Bianchini, Mrs. Amelia Mariello, Mrs. Mary Povero, Mrs. Mary Furphy, Mrs. Julia Burns, Mrs. Camilla Gentile, Mrs. Catherine Coyne, Mrs. Nellie Johnson, Mrs. Eliena Rocco, Mrs. Emelia Vergamini, Mrs. Catherine Fredenburgh, Mrs. Mary Curry, Mrs. Agnes Seeley, Mrs. Elsie Forneri, Mrs. Anne Romeo, Mrs. Jessie Bove, Mrs. Mabel Scannell, Mrs. Edna Deary, Mrs. Amelia Dunham, Mrs. Irene Diviney, Mrs. Mary Carrigan, Mrs. Alice Sandroni, Mrs. Catherine Davis, Mrs. Eva Baldassarri, Mrs. Leonila Collela, Mrs. Rose Calavito, Mrs. Lena Comis, Mrs. Nancy Cafaro, Mrs. Margaret Gilfore, Mrs. Lena Kipp, Mrs. Nora Forneri and Mrs. Daphne Plunkett.

The public is invited.

Mrs. F. Alexander Heads Flower Guild

Auburn — Announcement of officers of the Flower Guild of Mercy Hospital at the Osborne Hotel, April 11, listed Mrs. Francis Alexander as president for the ensuing 12 months.

Other officers chosen are: Vice president, Miss Gertrude Falley; treasurer, Mrs. Edward Carroll; secretary, Mrs. Rosalie Wride; financial secretary, Miss Mae Blair.

Miss Loretta Donahue was appointed chairman of the mothers and daughters banquet, to be held in May.

Author

REV. ALBERT J. SHAMON

Father Shamon To Be Honored By Auburn Unit

Auburn — Auburn Deanery Council of the National Council of Catholic Women held its monthly meeting Tuesday evening, April 11. Mrs. George Frank, deanery president, presided.

At the meeting it was announced that a "Meet the Author" party and buffet supper will be held Sunday, April [illegible] at 6 p.m. in the CDA Home, [illegible] South. Rev. Albert J. Shamon, author of the book, "[illegible] the Man" will be the honored guest. Father Shamon, a former Auburnian, is now a Professor of English at Aquinas Institute, Rochester.

Tickets may be procured from the presidents of the various organizations affiliated with the Auburn Council and at Hohman's Catholic Shop, Genesee Street.

Reservations must be made by April 26.

Attends Mission

Asuncion, Paraguay — (NC) — More than 4,000 soldiers and 200 officers of the First Cavalry Division attended a week-long mission here presided over by Archbishop Anibal Mena Porta of Asuncion.

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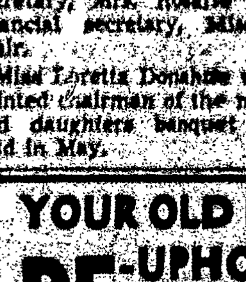
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