

# Elmira Host to State Council Knights of Columbus Convention

## Mass, K.C. Parade Open Sessions

New York State Convention of the Knights of Columbus is opening in Elmira this morning (Friday) with Bishop James E. Kearney as the Celebrant of a Mass at 10 a.m. in St. Patrick Church.

Bishop William A. Scully, of Albany will preach the sermon and Bishop James J. Navagh, of Ogdensburg will be present in the Sanctuary.

Elmira Elks Lodge 62 uniformed band will lead the procession of K. of C. delegates and guests in a procession from the Mark Twain Hotel to St. Patrick's for the Mass. Uniformed Color Corps from Elmira, Ithaca and Endicott Assemblies, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus will participate in the parade and act as an honor guard at the Mass.

**JOHN O. MURTAUGH** of Elmira is parade marshal and Michael J. Leary of Ithaca will be commander of the combined Color Corps.

Opening ceremonies will take place at 11:30 a.m. in the Mark Twain Hotel where the Hon. Edward A. Moers, Mayor of the City of Elmira will extend a formal welcome to the visitors.

The first business session will open in the Mark Twain ballroom at 2 p.m. and will be presided over by Emmett Burke, state deputy.

Highlight of the three day meeting will take place at 7:30 p.m. tonight when eight finalists in the statewide oratorical contest will compete for first and second honors. The winner is to receive a \$2,500 scholarship and the second place winner will be

presented a scholarship valued at \$1,500. This State Council sponsored oratorical contest is open to the public.

The State Convention ball will follow and is open to members of the Order and their guests. Frank A. Bellotti is chairman. Tomorrow (Saturday) business sessions will commence at 9 a.m. and will continue until adjournment expected in the late afternoon.

**THE STATE BANQUET** will be held tomorrow night in the Mark Twain Hotel at 6 p.m.

Bishop Navagh will be the guest speaker. Others to speak are Bishop Kearney and Burke, Supreme director William E. Burke of Utica will be toastmaster.

Guests on the dais will include Rev. Msgr. William J. Brian, V.F., pastor of St. Patrick Church; Rev. John F. Walsh, chaplain of Elmira Council; Joseph F. Lamb of New Haven, supreme secretary;

Also Past State Deputies Denis Mansfield, Hugh A. Doyle, Matthew F. Kennedy, Frank D. J. Flanagan. State officers, Edward Wyka, secretary to State Deputy; Alfred DeLandri, Warden to State Deputy; Francis Koszman, state advocate; John Fountain, State secretary; Francis McCormack, state warden and Fred Harrison, state treasurer. Also Grand Knight Joseph B. Rempe of Elmira Council and Edward A. Clauss, Convention Chairman.



BISHOP NAVAGH



BISHOP KEARNEY



BISHOP SCULLY

## 'Catholic Contribution' Urged For Oratoricals

State Commerce Commissioner Edward T. Dickinson today (Friday) urged that "The Catholic Contribution to New York State" be the subject for the New York State Knights of Columbus Oratorical Contest in 1938. He pointed out that the topic is in keeping with the Year of History to be celebrated by the Empire State next year.

In a letter to Emmett Burke, State Deputy, New York State Council, Knights of Columbus, at the 63rd annual meeting of the Council here, Commissioner Dickinson offered to donate gold medals to be awarded to each of the eight sectional winners in the 1938 Oratorical Contest.

The statewide winner chosen from among these sectional winners will receive a full-tuition four-year university scholarship.

**IN HIS LETTER** to Burke, Commissioner Dickinson emphasized that during the Year of History New York State will recall its rich heritage. It will also give us an opportunity to re-examine the basic principles that made this State and Nation great.

"The contribution of New York State to the Nation's history has been neglected," he said. "Most history was written by New Englanders who, not surprisingly,

assembly for the first time. In American history the right of the people to govern themselves was asserted. Dongan's Charter of Liberties was the inspiration for the Declaration of Independence and the Federal Constitution. Yet it was written in 1683."

Commissioner Dickinson listed the vital contributions of Thaddeus Kosciuszko, the great Polish friend of American independence, and of Commodore Macdonough, hero of the Battle of Plattsburgh in the War of 1812. He mentioned Dominick Lynne, founder of Rome, New York, the Devereux brothers, who established Utica, and John Hughes, first archbishop of New York, friend of labor, and founder of Fordham University.

"This is but part of our Catholic heritage in New York State which we shall recall vigorously in 1938," the Commissioner said. "Certainly nothing could be more challenging to the great brotherhood of the Knights of Columbus in New York State than to take the leadership of such a crusade."

Referring to his offer of gold medals to the sectional winners in the Oratorical Contest, Commissioner Dickinson concluded: "This would be my way of paying tribute to the Knights of Columbus for the vital role they themselves have played and are continuing to play in the development of this great State."

## Events Planned For Visiting Women

Visiting and local ladies attending the New York State Council convention of the Knights of Columbus will have ample opportunity to make their stay in Elmira an enjoyable affair according to Chairman Edward Clauss.

The local ladies have arranged a tea for this afternoon (Friday) from 2 until 4 p.m. in the Langwell Hotel. A registration badge is needed for admittance.

Mrs. James P. O'Leary and Mrs. Edward A. Clauss are co-chairmen. Tomorrow from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. a brunch is arranged by the Columbiettes in the Mark Twain Hotel. Mrs. Edward J. Fraxley is assisting with plans. Chartered buses will leave from the hotel at 1 p.m. for a

trip through the nationally famous Corning Glass Center.

All ladies are welcome to take this trip. Mrs. T. A. Doran is in charge of arrangements.

Tonight (Friday) the women will be welcomed at the State Convention ball to be held in the Mark Twain Hotel.

All ladies are extended an invitation to be in attendance at the opening Convention Mass today (Friday) at 10 a.m. in St. Patrick Church.

## State Convention Tickets On Sale

Tickets for the state convention banquet of the Knights of Columbus are now on sale at the Mark Twain Hotel, Elmira. It is requested by the committee that they be purchased early so that arrangements may be made with the hotel management for ample seating to take care of the large attendance expected.

## Hornell Novena Held To Honor Lady Of Fatima

Hornell — A Novena in honor of Our Lady Fatima was held in St. Ann's Church. Members of St. Ann's Girls' Choir and the Boys' Chancel Choir formed a Living Rosary in the sanctuary for the initial part of the services. They were the "Hail Marys" of the five decade rosary and the boys, wearing red cassocks and white surplices, formed the "Our Fathers."

AS EACH recited a prayer of the rosary, the candle each was carrying was lighted, illuminating the form of the rosary in the darkened sanctuary. Between decades, the choir sang the Fatima Hymn in three-part harmony, a capella.

At the conclusion of the prayer, a novena of the Holy Spirit was held, symbolically crowning Our Lady of Fatima as Queen of the May.

Elizabeth Haughton was made altar girl, and Roscan Prior, organist. Attendants were Barbara Sherman, Joseph Danaher, Judy Kelly and Mary Lou Benedict.

Little Kathleen Corbett and Angela Morey were flower girls. At the conclusion of the evening, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was imparted with Monsignor Lawrence W. Gannon, V.F., celebrant. Choir members sang the Benediction hymns.

The Feast of Our Lady of Fatima commemorated the first appearance of the Blessed Virgin Mary to three peasant children at Fatima, Portugal on May 13, 1917, in which she asked that the world return to Christ through prayer and penance.

Ceremonies were in charge of the Sisters of Mercy of St. Ann's School. Miss Madeline Brohn was organist.

## Notre Dame High Notes

By TONETTE TOTA and PATRICK SAXE

REPRESENTATIVES of the Westinghouse Educational Foundation are taking over the physics class for three consecutive Tuesdays in May. On May 14 Dr. Eugene Feaster of the Westinghouse plant at Horseheads spoke to science students on the theory of the television tube, its structure and function.

The main purpose of the science program is to interest more pupils into entering the science field.

Preparations for Junior Day are being ahead under the student direction of Bernie Coffey and Ellen McWilliams. The event will be held May 29. The spectacular scenery will set the stage. Jerry Meeker and Mary Louise Morse, co-chairmen, are being assisted by Penny York and her dad, Lorraine Knuth and her dad, plus a group of Juniors.

Cooperating on the business end are Peggy Farmer, Judy Rice, Lorena Sheehy and Judy Gyska.

**THE MARYLEAF**, Notre Dame's monthly paper, won a Certificate of Merit at St. Bonaventure's High School Press Day last Thursday. Individual Certificate of Merit were merited by John Murphy and Daniel Lann, photographers, and by Jerry Coffey, sportswriter.

## Too Many!

Because of their great number, photos of First Communion classes and grammar school graduations; names of children in the classes cannot in fairness to all be published here.

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