

# Delegate Travels 12,000 Miles

By FRANK KELLY

What do teachers do when school's out? One that we know of travelled 12,000 miles to attend a convention here in Rochester.

He is Patrick Hulede of Kumasi, Ghana, West Africa, who attended the Knights and Ladies of St. John International Convention this week at the Hotel Manger.

Dressed in his everyday costume that is as colorful to American eyes as the Knights in their full regalia, Hulede is a member of one of the nine Knights of St. John Commanderies in West Africa.

As an officer in one of them, he represented all of West Africa at the convention.

HIS EVERYDAY national dress consists of a yellow, full sleeved shirt covered by a bright sarli-like drape of a handmade woven material known as kente cloth and leather sandals.

Hulede is a teacher of book-binding in the Institute of Technology in Kumasi, where he has been, since 1934.

The current Rochester heat, which has been in the high 80's since his arrival, doesn't bother Hulede. "The only thing that's different," he said, "is the high humidity. We don't have humidity like this in Ghana. But I'm glad that the convention wasn't called for in winter. We have no snow in Ghana," he added.

Hulede arrived at the convention late — but it wasn't his fault.

"On my way to Lisbon, the plane ran into trouble. One motor failed so we had to return to Rabat in Morocco," he related.

Besides bringing his Knights of St. John sword and regulation uniform, he brought two "talking drums," wood carvings by the Ghanese, to give to the Knights and the ladies' auxiliary.

The drums are used in Ghana and other African countries as a form of long-distance communication and are often carved and decorated.

His visit to Rochester gave him the opportunity to meet Charles Keller of 62 Jacobs St., Rochester. The two have been corresponding for over nine years on Knights of St. John matters.

ONE MATTER that Hulede is trying to solve while in Rochester is the purchase of uniforms for his fellow Knights.

"The Knights uniforms in



PATRICK Hulede, delegate of West Africa to the Knights of St. John convention held in Rochester, holds two wood carvings made by natives of Ghana, his homeland.

Ghana cost the equivalent of four or five months pay," Hulede said. "I hope that I can arrange trading of the articles that I brought with me for the uniforms we need in West Africa. Besides, trading is much simpler to do," he added.

Besides being active in the Knights of St. John, Hulede also has taken a deep interest in Catholic Action. He was a delegate to the second World Congress of the Lay Apostolate held last year in Rome.

Hulede intends to remain in this country about two months before going back to his wife and three children in Ghana. He has already received an invitation to go to Texas where he will stay with a friend he met at the

Lay Apostolate congress last year.

This native of Ghana is also impressed by the reception he has received since his arrival. "The people of your country are grand and your spirit of reception is wonderful," he said.

A grand sergeant-at-arms of the West Africa Grand Commandery of the Knights, Hulede is also well-known in his country for his ability on the tennis court. He once won the inter-colonial championship while competing with players from Ghana and Nigeria.

There are nine commanderies of the Knights in Ghana and two in Liberia, with a total of 410 members.

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Brooklyn—(NC)—Dr. William J. Neilligan, of the New York State Education Department's bureau of teacher education and certification, has been appointed dean of St. John's University school of education.

# Masterpiece Under The Table

Wolfenbuettel, Germany — (NC) — The old kitchen table of a family in modest circumstances here has turned out to be a 500-year-old painted altar piece of great value.

The father of the family recently made a new kitchen table and decided to burn the old one for firewood. When he turned it upside down to remove its legs, he found an ancient painting of the crucifixion on the under side of the wooden top.

Dr. Friedrich Thoenes, director of the Wolfenbuettel museum, declared it a fine example of late Gothic painting. After some research, he identified it as an altarpiece from a nuns' cloister in the Harz mountain region. The cloister was destroyed during the Reformation and its art objects scattered. Other experts have confirmed this opinion.

The painting has been purchased by the Wolfenbuettel museum and is now being restored.

The father of the family which owned the table could give no explanation as to how his people happened to get it. He said that his grandmother had told him that the table had been in use in his family for at least 100 years.

# Town Zoning Bans On Churches Ruled Unconstitutional

Minneapolis — (RNS) — Eifereth B'nai Jacob congregation is legally entitled to build a synagogue and youth center in suburban Golden Valley, a court has held.

In a decision that could have nationwide application, Judge James E. Montague of Hennepin county district court has ruled that a church cannot be denied the right to build in a residential section providing it meets all the building codes.

Judge Montague said Golden Valley's "institutional" zoning ordinance, established in 1936, places restrictions on such building so that it "violates provisions of free exercise of religion" granted by the constitution of the United States.

The Golden Valley village council declined to permit the orthodox Jewish congregation to build on a site it had obtained on the grounds that the building would cause a traffic hazard, the structure was not suited to the lot and the synagogue not suited to the residential nature of the neighborhood.

In his findings of fact, the judge stated that the plans appeared to meet all building codes, no traffic hazard would result and the structure would not adversely affect the market value of adjoining property.

Carl J. Nadassy, mayor of Golden Valley, said the village

has not yet decided whether to appeal the decision.

Josiah Brill, the synagogue's attorney, said that building plans cannot go forward until a seven-months appeal period has elapsed.

# TV Dream World Wicks Marriage

Los Angeles — (NC) — Many marriages fall because young couples live in a dream world based on television concepts of matrimony, Father John J. Ward of the Los Angeles archdiocese said in a sermon at an archdiocesan conference for Happier Families.

As one example of what he meant, Father Ward cited a TV program in which the couple "have a nice apartment, never seem to work, have no children, but keep a dog..."

# Is It A Sin For Teenagers On Dates To Break Their Confirmation Pledge?

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What do you think about drinking in mixed company or on dates? At almost every party we teenagers attend, liquor is served and taken by nearly all of us. When I asked one boy why he didn't drink, he said that he had taken a pledge at confirmation not to drink any alcoholic beverages until he was twenty-one. That got me. I guess all of us took the same pledge, yet we sometimes drink at home with our parents as well as at parties. Aren't we doing wrong?

You have two problems, Michael, and I'd best answer them separately.

First, what about drinking in mixed company or on dates? I think we can answer that one rather easily. If we analyze the effect of alcohol on the user, we should consider these from two points of view: what science tells us it does physically, and what people think it does or feel it does psychologically. As we shall see, the two are closely related, though they appear as contradictions.

Considered in its physical effects, alcohol is not a stimulant but a depressant or narcotic, affecting the higher brain centers first and dulling their action. Since these centers are related to reason, judgment, and conscience, when they are affected by alcohol, these human powers are depressed and become less active.

Considered psychologically, alcohol, at least in small amounts, appears to be a stimulant. A drink is said to give one a "lift," and three people take a drink or two for a "pick-up." You probably have noticed that parties become noisier and livelier once everybody has had a drink or two.

If alcohol is really a depressant, why does it apparently stimulate us? Well, Michael, when alcohol is taken in moderate quantities, it seems this effect is partly the result of our imagination—we feel we ought to feel stimulated; and partly the result of its depressant effects on the judgment centers of our brain—we relax our habitual controls and inhibitions.

WITH THESE FACTS in mind, let's consider drinking on dates.

In the first place, why should young people feel so worn out and tired that they require such a lift? Further, although alcohol is not a sexual stimulant, it does depress the judgment centers of the brain, thus lowering self-control and consequently offering free play to the normally strong tendency



in youth to seek sexual stimulation under the guise of displaying affection.

Young people who drink on dates are clearly asking for trouble. Unfortunately, all too many recognize this only after it is too late.

This applies to college as well as high school students, though the tendency of youth to pose as grownups by aping the elders is so strong that many will continue to ignore the facts of common experience.

YOUR SECOND problem, Michael, is not so easily answered. I'm not sure what explanation of the abstinence pledge is given at confirmation or how well it is understood by young people and by their parents. It would seem that it must either be inadequately explained or the considerations some type of conditional promise; otherwise it would be difficult to account for the widespread violations you report.

One thing is certain, a group pledge taken under such circumstances does not bind under sin. To my knowledge, the

pledge is not given in all parishes, so you had best ask your own pastor how he interprets it.

As your letter suggests, this whole problem of youthful drinking is treated rather lightly by most people. Although there should be no objection if young people drink at home with their parents according to various family customs, there can be no need or justification for drinking on dates and in mixed company.

Some young people drink because they are afraid to differ from the crowd; some because they feel bad and insecure; and others because they wish to appear sophisticated and grown up.

None of these reasons carry much weight with normal boys or girls, who learned to stand on their own feet by this time and feel no need to impress others by aping older people. Young people who feel they must drink on dates in order to enjoy themselves are openly confessing that they are incapable of sharing in social life without some stimulant.

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