

State Hibernian Conclave Reported From Elmira

A report from the recent State Hibernian Convention, held in Elmira, was presented on two occasions last week by General Chairman Martin J. Fogarty and Ladies' Chairman Mrs. Thomas F. Coggins.

Chairman Fogarty gave the first report to the members of the Elmira Irish Nite Division at their July 19 meeting.

A joint report by the general chairman and Mrs. Coggins was rendered the next night, July 21, at a picnic supper for the division and its Ladies' Auxiliary at the Coggins home, 638 W. Wyster St.

The report singled out all committee workers for the efficient manner in which each event was carried out.

Particular praise was due the division chaplains, the Rev. John S. Hayes, pastor of St. Patrick's Church and chaplain of the Ladies' Auxiliary, and the Rev. John J. Leary, pastor of St. John the Baptist Church and chaplain of the men's division.

The 1964 Convention, the 72nd Biennial State meeting of the Empire State Irish Nite Division, was held in Elmira in 1960.

Some 700 Hibernian men and ladies from all corners of the Empire State took part in the conclave which began with registration at the Mark Twain Hotel on Wednesday afternoon, June 24. A welcome party for delegates was held that evening.

St. Patrick's Church was the scene, Thursday morning, of the first formal session opening the Convention, a Solemn High Mass, at which the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester, presided and spoke.

The celebrant was the Very Rev. Donald M. O'Callaghan, O. Carm., of New York City, State Chaplain and Deputy National Chaplain to Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, National Chaplain.

Father Hayes, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, acted as attendant to the Bishop.

Prior to the Mass, the delegates marched up No. Main Street, behind massed colors with the Elmira Fourth Degree Assembly and the Hibernian band leading.

The marchers were guided to the church by the traditional Green Line on the pavement. Capt. Thomas Whitford was parade marshal.

BISHOP KEARNEY and participating clergy, together with the Hon. Edward T. Lagonegro, Mayor of the City of Elmira, reviewed the marchers on the church steps.

The girls choir of St. Patrick's School, under the direction of Sister Mary Bellarmine, responded.

Following Mass, the Convention picture was taken in front of St. Patrick's Church.

The Communion Breakers held at Convention headquarters in the Mark Twain Hotel, following the picture feature, an address by Father O'Callaghan and the civic welcome by Mayor Lagonegro.

Father O'Callaghan, known as the country's foremost speaker on the Irish Catholics, inspired the delegates with his remarks, among which were, speaking on Civil Rights, he reminded them:

"We, whose forebears were work chains, should be the first to strike the shackles off others."

Chemung County District Attorney Paul H. McCabe, was toastmaster.

The Convention business sessions were opened Thursday afternoon with State President William Kinsane of Brooklyn presiding at the men's meeting and Mrs. Lillian Leach of New York City presiding at the ladies' meeting.

That evening, Irish Nite was held in the Hotel Ballroom, highlighted by Old Time Irish entertainment of the Irish bards, Jim Conroy and Jim Sinclear; the voices of the local Barber Shop Chorus and the

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Nun Plans Stamp Exhibit

Weston, Mass. — (RNS) — Sister M. Fidelma, C.S.J., curator of the Cardinal Spellman Philatelic Museum on the campus of Regis College in Weston, Mass., is the nun who prepared a special stamp exhibit for the Vatican Pavilion at the New York World's Fair. The curator of the internationally famous collection said the exhibit depicts some significant events in the pontificates of recent Popes. These include ecumenical events highlighted by the journey of Pope Paul VI to the Holy Land.

New Superiors Elected By Capuchin Order

The Province of St. Mary of the Capuchin Order (comprising New York and the New England States) elected its top superiors at its triennial chapter on Tuesday, July 7.

Superiors of the many monasteries of the province, as well as the Corning, Waverly and Bath Convents.

Lawrence Connelly was elected recording secretary of the council to replace Schaller.

Corning Knights Meet, Elect

Corning—Frank Cross, George Vergamini, William Russell and Richard Aker were elected to the Home Association Thursday evening at the meeting of the Corning Council of Knights of Columbus in the K. of C. Hall.

It was announced that George Schaller, a past Grand Knight, has been appointed a district deputy of the New York State Council, Knights of Columbus. Under his jurisdiction will be the Corning, Waverly and Bath Convents.

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as elected delegates, convened for the election at Mary Immaculate Monastery, Garrison-on-Hudson, N.Y., Monday, July 6.

The Capuchin Fathers maintain St. Fidelis Priory and St. Francis Solanus parish in Interlaken and St. Pius X parish, Van Etten.

The Most Rev. Giles Stanz, O.F.M. Cap., General Definitor for the English speaking provinces of the Order, came from Rome to preside at the Chapter.

The following were elected the ranking officials of the Capuchin Province of St. Mary: Very Rev. Father Provincial Adrian Holmister; First Definitor, Father Godfrey Leuchinger; Third Definitor, Father Seraphin Winterroth; Fourth Definitor, Father Hugh Morley.

Father Winterroth is the brother of the late Father Theodore Winterroth, former pastor of St. John the Baptist Church, Elmira.

The Chapter, which closed on Thursday, July 6, also discussed the valid and growing apostolate of the Capuchin Friars in New York and the New England states.

Retreat Meet Calls Area's Laywomen

National Laywomen's Retreat Movement will hold its National Congress in Detroit, July 31 to August 3. Representing the Rochester Cenacle Retreat League at the Congress will be Sister Marie Halligan of the Cenacle Retreat House, and delegates Miss Norma Denlinger, president and secretary respectively, of the League.

Simultaneously, the National Conferences of the National Catholic Laymen's Retreat Conference and the Canadian Retreat Movement will be held in Detroit, thus constituting the first International Retreat Congress.

These groups, which are dedicated to promoting the idea of the "closed retreat," among lay people, have selected as their "Joint Congress theme," "One ... all Making it," taken from the words of St. Paul.

Among the prominent speakers at the N.L.W.M. Congress will be its Episcopal Advisor, Bishop John J. Wright, of Pittsburgh, who will address the opening session, and Donald Thornton, outstanding lecturer and writer (author of "The Emerging Layman"), who will speak at the Sunday luncheon.

At a banquet sponsored jointly by the three retreat groups, participants will hear a talk by Paul Martin, Canadian Minister of Foreign Affairs and Representative to the United Nations.

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E. A. Claus Named Head Of KC Unit

Edward A. Claus, a past grand knight, was elected to head the 1964-1965 slate of officers by members of Elmira Council 229, Knights of Columbus at the June 17 meeting.

Named to serve with the new grand knight were: Raymond Douglas, deputy grand knight; Daniel Burns, chancellor; Fred Dykins, recorder; John Nelson, treasurer; Edward Ees, warden; Attorney Sam Castellino, advocate and Past Grand Knight; Clement Knuth as trustee.

Grand Knight Claus served as grand knight of Elmira Council, 12 years ago. He was also president of Elmira's Columbus Center Corporation for 10 years and is a former district deputy.

After his election, Grand Knight Claus asked for full support from all members. He reminded them that hard work will be necessary to accomplish the program he will inaugurate soon.

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