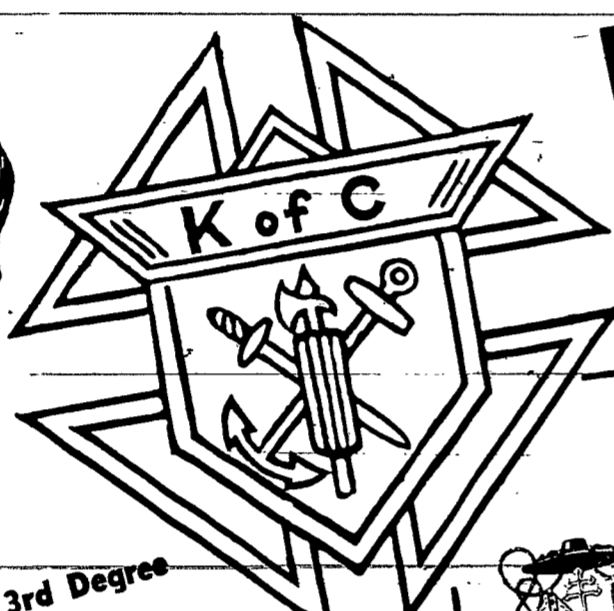
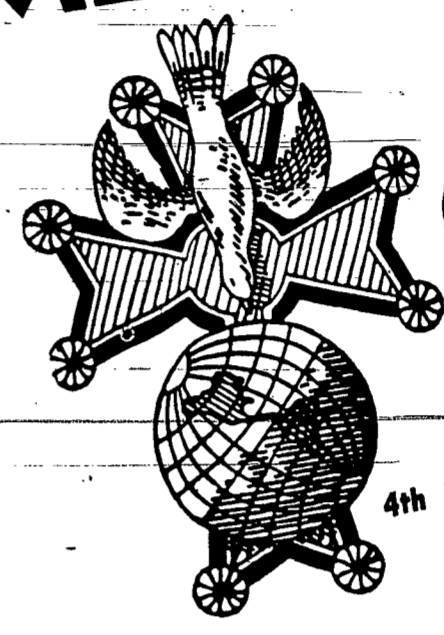


127,500 CATHOLIC LAYMEN
 IN NEW YORK STATE

**Dedicating Themselves
 To Church & Community**



A Statement From Our State Chaplain

452 Madison Avenue
 New York, New York 10022

January 28, 1969

My dear Catholic Men:

The history and progress of the Knights of Columbus leave little doubt that it is a relevant Catholic lay organization attuned to the needs of Catholic men today. It has already rendered great contributions to our Church and to our Country through its programs for social, religious and community progress.

The interest of the Knights of Columbus in the exceptional children of our State has been demonstrated by a commitment of \$500,000 to assist the mentally retarded and mentally handicapped children throughout the State of New York, irrespective of race or creed. The scholarship and student loan program, underwritten to the extent of \$100,000 a year, is most commendable. The La Farge Institute is a serious effort to provide an updated program of social action. The Knights of Columbus have contributed to the eight dioceses in New York State to support summer programs for disadvantaged children.

The Knights have announced that, in an effort to modernize their Councils and their procedures, they have revised their ceremonial program. It is hoped that the modern day layman will find in this great Catholic lay organization an opportunity to witness to Christ as an individual and as a member of a progressive Catholic fraternal society.

We recommend that each Catholic man in the State consider joining this fine organization through his local Council. We shall ask God to continue to bless the membership of the Councils throughout the State of New York.

Faithfully yours in Christ,
Terence J. Cooke
 Most Reverend Terence J. Cooke, D.D.
 Archbishop of New York

The State Council

has sponsored:

1. A \$500,000 commitment to the Bishops of the State of New York to be used for the education of mentally retarded and mentally handicapped children irrespective of race or creed.
2. A \$100,000 a year program of scholarships and loans.
3. Mercy Flights to Biafra.
4. The largest fraternal youth program in the State of New York, through the Columbian Squires, which provides our teen-age boys with the fundamentals necessary to assume leadership in the world of tomorrow.
5. Assistance to our Bishops for summer programs for disadvantaged children.
6. Supplying our State Chaplain with 14,500 rosaries and 18,500 St. Michael's medals for distribution to the members of the Armed Forces in Viet Nam.
7. Fraternal dialogue with the Free and Accepted Masons, the Prince Hall Masons and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.
8. The largest state jurisdiction in the Knights of Columbus, with 400 individual Councils.

The Supreme Council

has sponsored:

1. A commitment to support the National Task Force on Urban Problems of the U. S. Catholic Conference, with a view to correcting the inequalities among the people of the United States.
2. The financial underwriting of the LaFarge Institute study, outlining programs to be utilized by the Knights of Columbus in relating itself to the needs of 1969.
3. Supporting CARA (Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate) through the Bishops of the United States in an attempt to reactivate the spirit of religion among college students.
4. A \$1,000,000 Educational Trust Fund for the families of deceased or disabled veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States.
5. A \$25,000 contribution to aid the starving people of Biafra.
6. The largest and most inexpensive Catholic fraternal insurance program in the world.

K of C YOUTH ORGANIZATION . . .

The youth organization of the Knights of Columbus is the Columbian Squires. These young men are organized in a manner similar to regular K of C Councils. Any young man aged 13-18 can belong. Purpose of the Squires is to develop leadership and to engage in worthwhile religious, athletic, civic, cultural and social activities.

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