



Newly elected officers of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Monsignor John J. Lee Division here preside over their first meeting: The new officers are (l-r, seated) Michael Murphy, Father John J. Leary, Edward Earley, and Arthur Post. Standing are Daniel Walsh, Larry Malley, Thomas McInerney, and James Keenan.

AOH Elect Officers

Elmira—Edward Earley was installed recently as president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Monsignor John J. Lee Division at ceremonies held here and presided over by the New York State director for the Hibernians, Thomas Eagen.

Other officers installed at the ceremony were James Gallagher, vice-president; Father John J. Leary, chaplain for the 11th year; James Keenan, recording secretary; Larry Malley, financial secretary; Daniel Walsh, treasurer; Thomas McInerney, chairman of standing

committee; Arthur Post, marshal; Michael Murphy, sentinel.

It was announced at the ceremonies that the organization's annual St. Patrick's Day March and Corporate Communion, with breakfast, will be held on March 12. The communion breakfast will be held at the Mark Twain Hotel here.

Shamus O'Hanrahan will be the featured entertainer at the affair.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians is a fraternity of Catholic men of Irish descent banded together to preserve the Irish customs and history, and to promote the cause of Irish Catholics in Ireland.

Baker Paces St. Patrick's Win

Elmira — Strong defense by Mark Baker of St. Patrick's A Division CYO basketball team

here helped to keep his squad tied for first in the A Division.

Baker helped St. Patrick's beat Sts. Peter and Paul, 64-40. In other recent A Division contests St. Casimir's edged by St. Anthony's, 69-65, with Mickey Brion's 33 points pacing St. Casimir's. Chuck Woods scored 19 for the losers.

A well-balanced attack by members of St. Mary's Southside brought them a 64-35 victory over St. Mary Our Mother and kept the Southside team tied for first place in the A Division.

In B Division contests Our Lady of Lourdes defeated St. Charles, 38-26, while St. Mary's Southside defeated St. Mary Our Mother, 20-12. In the final B Division contest St. Anthony's whipped St. Casimir's, 46 to 26.

High School competition saw St. Anthony's defeat St. Casimir's, 69-65. Paul D'Aloisio's 22 tallies paced the winners.

Other high school contests showed St. Patrick's over Sts. Peter and Paul 86-64, and St. Mary's Southside over St. Mary Our Mother 61-57.

Lourdes Scouts Take Awards

West Elmira — Troop 62 of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish recently celebrated the 62nd anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scouts of America, at its annual Scout Week Dinner and Court of Honor. The festivities began with religious services. Public recognition of the day was made by Father Francis Davis, pastor. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Eagle Award to Michael Matthew and the John Quigley Memorial Camper of the Year Award to William Maloney.

Star Scout was awarded to Michael Alderson; Life Scout was awarded to Jim Hulme and Joe Navone; 16 scouts received 38 merit badges; 12 scouts received the Year Around Camper Award and the troop was presented with the National Camping Award by the Sullivan Trail Council. Retiring Scoutmaster H. Fisher received an engraved service award from senior patrol leader, William Wayne and the scouts of the troop.

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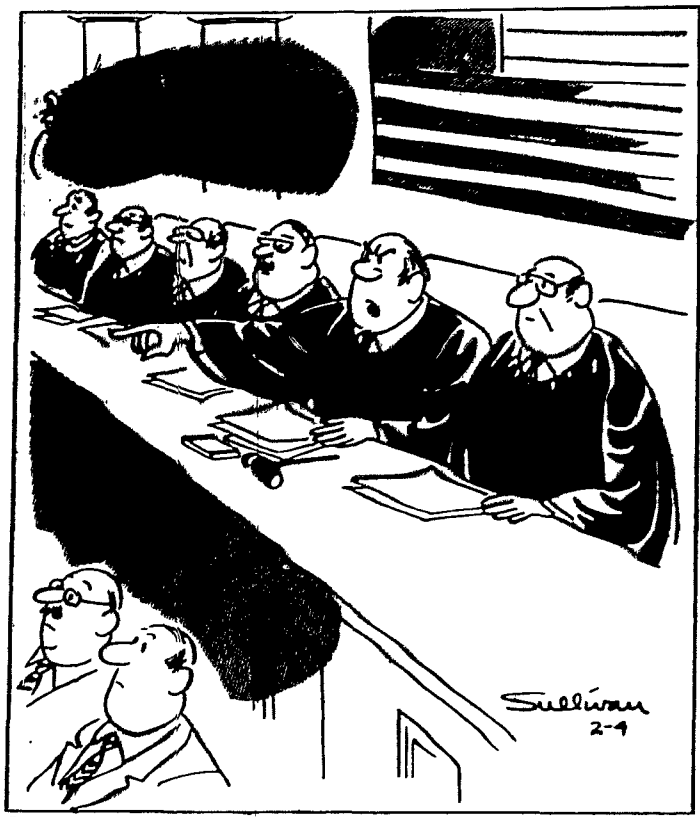
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Making the Church Present

If you were to ask me just what the Society for the Propagation of the Faith does for the missionary work of the Church, just what it does with the offerings you send in love, a three-part answer would come your way.

In the first place, the Society's help guarantees the PRESENCE of the Church in Africa, Asia, Oceania, and to a lesser extent, in Latin America. To be sure, the presence of the Church depends on the action of the Holy Spirit on people (people ARE the Church), and not on dollars and cents and material supplies, but I speak in a human way with the limitations of human speech.

Every year, through your goodness, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith injects an amount of assistance into the life-channels of the Church wherever it is poor. And it is this help which sustains, feeds and supports our missionary personnel; it is this help which assures their on-going presence. For if the Church is not first present in a place, it cannot teach, heal, feed, save and SERVE.

Secondly, your offerings are making the formation and training of the future personnel of the Church. All over what we call the missionary world, young men and women are answering the call of the Lord in amazing numbers. They are intelligent, hard-working, highly motivated; and — so very important — they are native to the peoples they will one day serve as sisters, brothers, and priests.

And lastly, whenever emergencies occur, whenever new apostolic opportunities present themselves, whenever there is the chance to plant the Church in new places, it is to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith that the Mission Church of Africa, Asia, and Oceania turns. Each year chapels are provided, schools are begun dispensaries are started — all because you help.

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Since its small beginning 150 years ago, the Society has grown worldwide. Its presence in the Church has helped to make the Church's presence in the world a reality beyond what statistics of concerned individuals like you that have made that presence possible!

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