

Knights Establish Trust Fund For Mental Retardation Study

Seattle (RNS) — A \$200,000 trust fund for graduate studies in the field of mental retardation was established by the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus at its 91st annual meeting here.

It was one of several resolutions adopted by the 383 delegates of the 1.2-million-member international Catholic men's organization. Other resolutions denounced abortion and obscenity, called for state aid to non-public schools, and urged

a greater emphasis on patriotism.

Supreme Knight John W. McDevitt had proposed the trust fund, suggesting that it be named in honor of the society's Supreme Chaplain, retired Bishop Charles P. Greco, who has established a home for the retarded in Shreveport, La., and is constructing another in Alexandria, La.

In adopting the proposal, the Supreme Council said the trust is envisioned as producing a

minimum of \$10,000 per year for use in graduate studies. It is open to members of the society, their sons and daughters, and the sons and daughters of deceased members.

After considering 19 proposed statements on abortion, the delegates adopted a resolution condemning the U.S. Supreme Court's Jan. 22 ruling as "an exercise of raw judicial power" that places more value on the "whim, convenience or caprice of the mother" than on the life of the unborn child.

They called for a national conference of fetal experts "to spell out the medical doctrine that human life indeed exists from the moment of conception," in the hope that this would enable the Supreme Court to "arrive at a more logical ruling."

Other portions of the resolution asked for passage of a constitutional amendment acknowledging that the unborn have rights from the moment of conception, and urged support of state and provincial legislation to enable medical personnel to "exercise actions and decisions dictated by conscientious objection to abortion without jeopardy to their positions and/or professional opportunities."

With regard to obscenity, the delegates commended the Supreme Court for its June 21 ruling which, they said, "deprives smut merchants of the legal device of appealing to national standards to vend their poisonous wares against the will of local residents."

In light of the court action, they added, "the Supreme Council and all subordinate councils should strengthen their fight against pornography by vigorously pressing states and communities to adopt laws and rules banning works which are blatantly offensive, predominantly prurient, and which have no serious, literary, political or scientific value; and by insisting on strict enforcement once these laws have been passed."

On aid to non-public schools, the delegates considered five resolutions before adopting a statement reaffirming the Knights of Columbus' "full support of parochial and non-public schools."

The statement appealed "to all public officials in a position of responsibility with respect to education to take such steps as may be necessary to see that appropriate legislation, and if necessary a Constitutional amendment, is proposed and enacted to provide financial assistance to non-public school students, which assistance shall include but not be limited to transportation, purchase of services, textbooks in secular subjects, and tuition grants or relief through income tax credits."

In other actions, the Supreme Council:

—adopted a series of resolutions aimed at promoting a sense of patriotism among young people;

—asked Congress to promote reverence for the U.S. flag and urged Knights to fly the flag on state and national holidays;

—called on the Knights' board of directors to consider the establishment of an information center in Philadelphia for the nation's bicentennial celebrations in 1976;

—urged local councils to take "whatever reasonable procedures are necessary" to stop the broadcasting of offensive radio and television programs.



IN THIS CORNER
George Beahon

The source is anonymous. This unsigned copy was hand-written and headed, "Horse Players' Ten Commandments." Some of the addicts within range who are forever hollering "We wuz robbed" might do well to study the rules.

1—Thou shalt not dispute the decision of the judges. They alone are in perfect alignment and do not see finishes through prejudiced eyes.

2—Thou shalt not condemn the owner, jockey, driver or trainer if the horse is not successful.

3—Thou shalt cleanse thy mind and know that most crooked racing festers in a player's mind after he has a lost a wager. Especially doth this apply to players who believe horses must finish according to their figures.

4—If thou playest an unruly horse, do not blame the starter for poor results.

5—Thou shouldst know thou canst beat one race and possibly three or four in one day, but thou canst not beat three or four every day.

6—If thou hast an opinion of thine own and playest someone else's losing tip, and thine horse wins, hold thy tongue or lend thy self to ridicule.

7—Thou shouldst remember to reduce thy wagers during a change of track conditions, until conditions again are normal.

8—Thou shouldst remember that to be successful thou must wager as much money on a horse, quoted at large odds, as thou wouldst on a favorite.

9—Thou shouldst not wager any money other than thine own. Not thy wife's not thy children's, nor thy friend's not thy employer's.

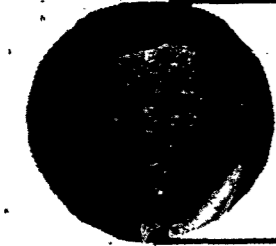
10—Thou shouldst regard racing in its true light, as a sport and not as a gamble. But wager no more than thou canst afford to lose and thou wilt have an enjoyable time.

Notes, Quotes, 'N Anecdotes: Buffalo Bills, their biggest problem trying to decide on a quarterback — incumbent Dennis Shaw or rookie Joe Ferguson — open with a pair of softies, New England and San Diego. But this could lull them into false security before they hook the real pros, and then they'll be on their way to another no-shot season. . . . A survey of 28 colleges in the Northeast, including Ivies Harvard, Yale and Dartmouth, shows that college hockey outdrew basketball in most cases. . . . Some of my friends want to indict the kid who gimmicked his Soap Box to win the Derby at Boulder, Colo. Some others think maybe Ford or General Motors ought to sponsor him to MIT or Cal Tech. . . . This is about the time when college football coaches agree on one thing: When the one great scorer comes to write against your name, whether you won or lost means the most of anything. . . . and Duffy Daugherty, the ex-Michigan State coach now doing color work for ABC college football, insists: "All coaches who lead their teams in prayer before games should be forced to attend church once a week. The Good Lord has more to do than worry about the outcome of a football game."



ACHA Members

William J. Riordan, administrator of St. Mary's Hospital, recently became a Fellow in the American College of Hospital Administrators' convocation ceremonies in Chicago. At the same meeting, Sister William Bradley, right, and Sister Margaret Tuley, also of St. Mary's were named Nominées of the professional group with 9,500 members.



SCHOLASTIC
NOTEBOOK
John Doser

The city-owned Holleder stadium isn't attracting the city's four Catholic high schools for its football games as easily as it might have anticipated.

Bishop Kearney has scheduled a game Sept. 22 against Franklin High at the University of Rochester's Fauver Stadium and is playing its Sept. 15 date with Jefferson at McQuaid. Three other BK home games are slated for Holleder.

Cardinal Mooney is playing two of its home dates at McQuaid and two at Holleder (formerly Aquinas) Stadium.

The reasons for the change in locations is simple—money. The city wants too much and the schools involved can get better financial arrangements elsewhere.

Kearney athletic director Marty LaFica said BK is just trying out the U of R thing to see how it goes. But you know, if it goes, BK and others will try to do the same thing next year.

"It's good for the U of R, it's good for us," LaFica said. "It exposes the U of R campus to kids (and parents) who might never have had any occasion to see it," he explained.

LaFica said a faculty party at Kearney where Mrs. Clifton Largess teaches home economics (she's the wife of new UR athletic director Capt. Clifton Largess) resulted in a swap of opinions and problems between Largess and himself and both thought they'd like to give the football idea a try.

It's believed to be the first time in UR history where the Fauver Stadium gridiron has been turned over to two local high school teams.

"The city will have to face up to the fact that there's something definitely wrong when the stadium's major football tenants over the years go somewhere else to play. They should get the message," LaFica said.

LaFica said the Catholic schools were forced into Holleder this year, but predicted next year would be different.

Silver Stadium is not a possibility this year after all, but Red Wings general manager Carl Steinfeldt is not ruling out future seasons.

Mooney athletic director Ed Nietopski said flatly that the city has to come down with its rental prices.

"How can high schools pay \$1,000 to play football in there?" he asked. "We're concerned, we had problems finding a place to play this year," he said.

Nietopski thought Kearney's use of Fauver Stadium was a terrific idea and wondered why he hadn't thought of it. "We'd also like to explore Silver Stadium again as a possibility next year," he added.

Rochester city councilman Charlie Schiano said it was terrible if Kearney has to play somewhere else other than Holleder.

While he's still executing plans for the huge free-to-the-public dedication of Holleder Stadium Sunday (Sept. 9), he thought also that the city rental fees were too high for schools, despite the recent reduction to non-profit groups.

Ironically, Aquinas Institute, which owned the stadium for 23 years, is the only Catholic school in town to put all five of its home varsity games into Holleder Stadium.

"We hope," Councilman Schiano said, "to put 20,000 people in the stands for the dedication of Holleder Stadium."

Schiano said a souvenir program will be distributed with many Holleder photos and that the Sunday evening will be one to be remembered for many years to come.

We'd like very much to see a full house, too.

The family of Father William Doran, late beloved pastor of St. Anne's and the parish family express their heartfelt gratitude to the many people who extended their sympathy and helped us celebrate the fulfillment of his faith.

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