

# Knights of St. John Plan Drive for New Members

The Rochester Regiment of the Knights of St. John is conducting a campaign for new members through Friday, Sept. 28.

John Bittner and Joseph Cooper are chairman and vice chairman of the membership committee.

The history of the Knights dates back a little more than a century

### MUSIC MAN

Jan Cursio, who has been teaching music in suburban parish schools for the past 12 years, launches his five-man group on a regular weekend engagement at Amalfi's Restaurant, St. Paul Street, on Friday, Sept. 14. Cursio gives instrumental music lessons and directs school bands at St. Joseph's, Penfield; St. James, Irondequoit, and Our Lady of Mercy, Greece, and teaches also at St. Thomas More, Brighton.

when a group known as the "German Catholic Union of Knights of St. Mauritius" was formed as a uniformed organization at St. Joseph's Church, Rochester.

Its purpose was to provide musical and literary entertainment for members and their families, payment of death benefits and a quasi-military display at religious and civic events.

Rochester's second oldest such group was formed at St. Michael's Church in October 1873, calling itself the Knights of St. George.

The following year the Catholic Central Verein of America held its 20th annual national convention in Rochester and the Knights of St. Mauritius acted as escorts to the delegates.

After that, several of the

convention delegates returned to their homes and formed similar uniformed groups.

During the decade, military societies were being organized in several parishes throughout the diocese but they operated independently until 1879 when Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid, the first Bishop of Rochester, was feted with a mammoth parade.

The showing of uniforms in the parade caused much favorable comment and the idea was born to consolidate the disparate groups.

Two months later, on July 13, a meeting was held at the Knights of St. James Assembly Rooms and the Roman Catholic Uniformed Union was formed. Col. George A. Begy was named commander-in-chief.

Col. Louis Ernst, whose battlefield experiences during the Civil War were widely known, was named president.

A national organization was formed that same year in Baltimore under the name "The Roman Catholic Union of Knights of St. John."

Seventeen years later a national convention was to shorten the name to the familiar Knights of St. John.

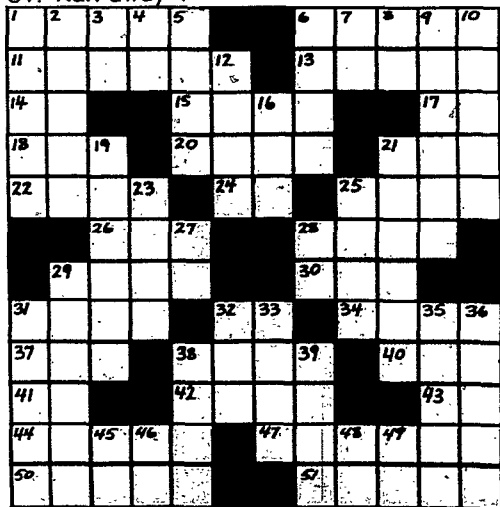
### NEW POST

New York [RNS] — Father George Nicozisin, formerly pastor of Annunciation church, Rochester, N.Y., is the new director of religious education for the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America. He also will join the faculty of Hellenic College, Brookline, Mass., to teach religious education.

## Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1. Showy flower
  - 6. Pals
  - 11. in fact
  - 13. Eagle's nest
  - 14. Plural ending
  - 15. God of war
  - 17. Compass point
  - 18. Vat
  - 20. Chance
  - 21. Take legal action
  - 22. Lamb
  - 24. Past script (abbr.)
  - 25. Raced
  - 26. Narrow inlet
  - 28. Dismounted
  - 29. Curve
  - 30. Adult male
  - 31. Run away
- DOWN
- 32. Prefix, twice
  - 34. Darn
  - 37. Sick
  - 38. Silent
  - 40. Also
  - 41. Greek letter
  - 42. Paradise
  - 43. Toward
  - 44. Weeps
  - 47. List
  - 50. Reddish orange
  - 51. Plants

**Answer To Crossword On Page 14**



- 6. Small barrel
- 7. That man
- 8. Lot's birthplace
- 9. Slow dance
- 10. Stitched
- 12. Fall in drops
- 16. Worm
- 19. Cask
- 21. Small piano
- 23. Pleasant
- 25. Close loudly
- 27. Exclamation
- 28. Part of to be
- 29. Charm
- 31. Song bird
- 32. Unopened flower
- 33. Brain passage
- 35. Renowned
- 36. Portals
- 38. High plateau
- 39. Seth's son
- 45. Within
- 46. Printing measure
- 48. Point of compass
- 49. Musical note

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