

Grand Knight John Nolan presents Bishop Matthew H. Clark with check for \$1,000 in the name of the Bishop's Marathon Catholic Schools Fund.

## Bishop Becomes Knight

Fifty-three men, including Bishop Matthew H. Clark, were installed as members of the Knights of Columbus during ceremonies Jast Tuesday evening, Dec. 9, at the Rochester council headquarters on Thurston

It was the largest admissions class since World War II, and also included three area priests. Fathers Edwin Metzger and Thomas Celso of Geneva, and Father Paul Ryan of Newark.

Officials presiding over the installation included Grand Knight John Nolan; Carl Colcord, chairman of district deputies; Sam Stramandinoli. master of the Fourth Degree; and three members of the Supreme Council Angelo Lisuzzo, Armand Dumont and Robert Hohl.

Following the induction ceremonies, Nolan presented Bishop Clark with a check for \$1,000 in the name of the Bishop's Marathon Catholic Schools Fund:

At the present time, there are some 6,000 members of 33 councils in the Rochester diocese. Installed to the First or Admissions Degree are: from the Rochester council -Bishop Clark, Thomas Walpole, Robert H. Alexander, Jr., Raymond Auble, Robert Mulcahy, Joseph Zembrot, Robert Murphy, Kevin Smith, Patrick Dwyer, Bruce Zasowski, David Jensen, Thomas Coughlin, Thomas Fiscus, James Fiscus, William Scahill: Edward Dembowski, Kevin Kelly, John Ormiston and John Finucane.

Geneva council — Fathers Metzger and Celso. Newark

Harry Patyka. East Rochestercouncil — Dan DiDomenico. Fred Wilcox, Douglas Wilcox, Jack Wheeler, Roger Corea, Arthur Chester, David Bourgeois, Charles D'Ambra, Robert DiLaura, James Brosseau Sr., and Edmund Finucane.

Greece council — Daniel Scapelitte, Roger Robach, Frank Donbrowski, Thomas Dacey, Jr., Anthony Mark, Joseph Buscemi and John Philippone. Webster council

— Frank LaPlaca, Robert Coddington and Eugene. Viggiani. Irondequoit council Angelo Lichard, Clem Weslay, Clarence Wallenhorst, Dennis Albert, Phillip Nuccie and Charles Knope. Henrietta council — Arthur Fantuzzo. Spencerport council — John Grieco.

Carey Reviews **Abortion Policy** 

Schenectady (RNS) — Gov. Hugh Carey said he is reexamining the state's liberal policy of providing Medicaid payments for all "medically" necessary" abortions.

New York is one of the few states that still provides Medicaid funds for almost any poor woman who seeks abortion for physical or psychological reasons. Most states have been following the lead of the federal government, which provides Medicaid abortions only in cases of rape or incest, or to save the life of the mother.

Easter Seal

adults.

under provisions of the socalled Hyde Amendment.

Carey told a town meetinghere that New York officials plan to "look more carefully" at the adequacy of the current state policy which provides Medicaid payments for any abortion certified as "medically necessary" by a doctor.

Carey stressed that he wasn't advocating change inthe current laws, but was reviewing the issue in the light of the Supreme Court decision upholding Hyde Amendment restrictions.

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Talks With Parents

## **Military Families**

In my years of writing this column, this is the first time that I've written about the military family. Yet it is a unique part of our church to understand and appreciate more in the past few years as I have been invited to study and address such families in various parts of the world.

Last year I was privileged to spend three days in Berchtesgaden, W. Ger-

## 'Clowning For Christ'

"Clowning for Christ." .a. seven hour seminar for youth and adults on the basics of clown entertainment; will be held from 9 a,m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 29 at St. Augustine's hall. 420 Chili Ave.

The seminar will be conducted by Father David Mura. The event is sponsored by the parish's religious education department/ . - - -

many, working with more than 500 American women whose families were stationed at the armed forces bases in Europe. In preparation for my talks, I interviewed a great number of military parents and read as many studies on the military family as I could.

Although I was well received, I came back with more than I gave. This is true whenever I work with military families, here or abroad. They have great strengths and needs.

The major strength in the military family is the ability to cope. Decisions and changes which would throw many of us into paralysis don't faze these families. They calmly seek new housing every few years, find new schools, new pediatricians, friends and parishes. When their serviceman is sent off for weeks or months of temporary duty, they rearrange their lives and responsibilities to live with this void and to make him a viable part of family life, although, he's not with them physically.

A second strength lies in the area of responsibility. Military couples tend to

what it offers their families and take the responsibility for initiating the services that don't exist. One young woman told me this often puts civilian parishes on the defensive. "They think we're taking over when we come in and offer to get involved in the women's group, CCD, or whatever. They don't understand that because we'll only be there two years, we can't waste time waiting for things to happen. We're very action oriented and many civilian parishes

move into an area, look at

I perceive as the major. need among military families - and a crying one — the need to support one another in family adversities like marital problems, teen alienation, alcoholism, drug, usage, and other pressures on family life. Support systems are not built because of the structure of the military career. Admitting a family problem jeopardizes promotion.

So problems are buried rather than addressed, often only to surface in a more drastic form later on.

These needs are often severe. Military parishes need to establish some way of devising support systems that are not threatening to the livelihood of the military member. Here is where the civilian parish might be of great assistance because it can open its support ministries to military families without threatening their position.

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