

THE NARRATOR

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OHIO KNIGHTS JOIN BATTLE AGAINST PEDDLERS OF FILTH LOCAL AND STATE FOUNDERS DAY OBSERVANCE PLANS SET

At the annual mid-year conference for state officers and chairmen in Columbus the Ohio Knights of Columbus gave full approval to a resolution adopted by the Supreme Council, K. of C., at their convention last August, and formulated plans to join the battle against smut and protect the minds of youth.

State Deputy Donald W. Emerson, Bay Village, Ohio, said: "We want to be POSITIVE in this matter and strongly advocate good clean reading matter. Therefore, if we are to be FOR cleanliness, we must of necessity be against filth. When our young people see sex and smut boldly displayed and readily available to them, is it unreasonable for them to think that this sort of thing is acceptable and has community approval? To permit such conditions to exist is truly an indictment against the community."

The 270 Councils, comprising over 65,000 members throughout the state, will be asked to arouse the public so as to clearly demonstrate that filthy and revolting publications are universally considered unfit for consumption by our 20th century enlightened civilization."

In conjunction with the Knights' battle against smut merchants, State Press Chairman Donald E. Wheeler, Norwalk, Ohio, announced that Councils throughout Ohio will erect Catholic Press Month displays during the month of February, to honor, and promote the use of, the Catholic Press. The state chairman said that "It is hoped that through the establishment of these displays, a force for decent literature will be generated to counteract the inroads made in recent years by the fifth peddlers and smut dealers."

BLOOD TYPE INFORMATION NEEDED

Fraternal Activity Chairman, Don Weindorf, advises that his Blood Bank Chairman, Adam Hesser, is still in need of assistance from council members in compiling a list of the various blood types among the council knights. Thirteen requests for help have been answered this term and such information will make the job much easier.

FOUNDERS DAY DINNER SET FOR FEB. 27

Another highlight of the annual mid-year state officers and chairmen conference was State Deputy Emerson's request that each K. of C. Council in Ohio join together in March in an observance of the purposes for which the Knights of Columbus was founded by Father Michael J. McGivney, a Connecticut priest, and those laymen associated with him in 1882.

Council 4731 will observe Founder's Day on February 27, 1965, by holding its second annual Founder's Day Banquet. This year arrangements have been made for a 7:00 P.M. dinner at the Brown Derby next to the Cleveland Hopkins Airport.

This is an excellent opportunity for all the knights to get out on Saturday night for a really enjoyable time. Already the response has been enthusiastic and an excellent turnout is expected. It is coincidental, and a happy turn of events, that St. Richard's Holy Name Society is staging a dance at 9:00 that same evening, thus affording a chance for a complete evening of dinner and dancing. With this in mind, we are asking that the wives of our knights circle the 27th on their calendars, and see to it they make up groups, or come in single couples, prepared to lend their presence to a memorable evening.

Prices are reasonable and we are to have the benefit of private facilities at the Brown Derby, where a choice of two dinners is available to us. Reservations must be turned in on the 22nd.

Please contact Council Activity Chairman Tony Havelka, 777-0428, to let him know that you will be there.

K. OF C. TRACK MEET DATE NEAR

Grand Knight Bill Bonner advises that he still has tickets available for the Silver Anniversary Track Meet scheduled for March 19. Please contact Bill (777-1583) for ducaats.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Regular Meeting	February 17
K C Club Elections	February 17
Second Degree Exemplification	February 22
Six Point Meeting	February 24
Officer-Trustee Meeting	February 25
Third Degree Exemplification	February 26
Founder's Day Dinner	February 27
Regular Meeting	March 3
Summer Festival	July 30, 31, August 1
Deadline for next Narrator	February 28

COUNCIL DEGREE TEAM ACTIVE

The Council 4731 Degree Team responded well to a request from the Father Shueber Council, participating in a degree at the 98th and Lorain Sts. chambers on January 31st.

ANNUAL COUNCIL RETREAT HELD

St. Stanislaus Retreat House in Parma was the site of the annual retreat held on the weekend of February 5-7.

Guided by Frs. Acker, Thomas Gadeon, and O'Brien, all of the Jesuit Order, the following knights of our council made the sacrifice of their time to attend: Bill Beyer, Bill Bonner, Jay Ellis, Ben Lyons, Ed Majors, Joe Resnick, Sr., Joe Resnick, Jr. and Ed Zarn, Jr.

All found the retreat to be very beneficial and it is hoped that next year many others will follow the example of this group and join in the weekend retreat.

ISABELLA GUILD HOLDS TEA

According to Mary Jo Franczak, Publicity Chairman of the Isabella Guild, the "Sweethearts" of the Knights of Council 4731 were invited to a tea celebrating the fifth anniversary of the North Olmsted Isabella Guild. Appropriately, the tea was held on Valentine's Day, February 14, from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. at the North Olmsted Community House.

The "Sweethearts" included wives, mothers, and single daughters, 18 years and older, of any member of Council 4731.

The program consisted of a style show and social hour.

BROTHER JOHN FREEBORN HOSPITALIZED

Best wishes and prayers for a speedy recovery are sent from our council to John Freeborn. We have learned that he has been confined to Lakewood Hospital, due to a leg operation. Until he recovers and is able to rejoin us, we will miss his attendance at our regular meetings.

DEGREES SLATED FOR FEBRUARY

With a First Degree accomplishment on the 21st of February, Membership Chairman Joe Kucharik announces that the Second Degree is set for 8:00 P.M. on February 22. This will be held at the Brooklyn-Parma Council.

A Third Degree is also planned at the same location on the following Friday night, at the same time.

It is hoped that we will have a good turnout for both occasions. All those planning to attend are urged to meet at 7:00 at St. Richard's parking lot on the respective evenings.

Kucharik has stated that the future of our council "... is up to you."

He goes on to ask if any of us has visited a Catholic non-member yet, in pursuit of new members, and he reminds us that our chances of finding such a person home are better during the cold, winter months than at any other time of year.

"Your experience of providing food and shelter for your family qualifies you with all the experience you need to talk to your neighbor about MEMBERSHIP," states Kucharik.

"However, if you think you lack experience, all you need is enthusiasm. The same kind of enthusiasm as when your wife says "Go out with the boys, I'll redecorate the house."

Let's all get behind Joe, and make an honest effort to bring in new members, and set them a good example by attending regular meetings.

COUNCIL RAMBLINGS

Bill Bonner has set the monthly Officer-Trustee meeting up to Thursday, the 25th, in order not to conflict with the Third Degree set on the 26th ... regular meeting attendance continues to be poor, in spite of excellent inducements introduced by Lecturer, Jim McShane ... gives poor picture to new members ... The Second Annual "Catholic Man of the Year" Award will be made at the Annual State Convention in Cleveland in May. Each council will submit a nominee to be considered by the judges ... Our plans for the Summer Festival are moving along nicely, according to Hepler and Lyons, co-General Chairmen for the affair. ... How would you like a trip for two to Hawaii, all expenses paid? ... this prize promises to be the highlight of the festival ... chances will be available as the festival time approaches ... Let's get behind the second Annual Founder's Day Banquet ... the more we have there, the better the affair ... Also, a good turnout for this week's regular meeting would be appreciated for the election of officers to the K C Club ... to this club are assigned the major social events of the council year ... Let's send postcards to Adam Hesser with the blood types of our family members and ourselves ... might be helping yourself this way.

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