

Knights Gather in Winston-Salem For 45th State Council Meeting

The 45th annual State Meeting of the North Carolina Council of the Knights of Columbus will be held in Winston-Salem on May 14, 15 and 16. Headquarters will be the plush Sheraton Motor Inn.

Highlight of the convention will be an address by Mr. Harry C. Pierotti, Supreme Director of the Knights of Columbus, Memphis, Tennessee. Mr. Pierotti, who is a member of a legal firm in Memphis, served nine terms as



MR. HARRY C. PIEROTTI

Grand Knight of the Cardinal Stritch Council, (#616). During this period the membership of the Council increased from 475 to 2,000 to become the tenth largest Council in the Order.

After serving as State Advocate, State Secretary, and State Deputy; he was elected to the Supreme Board of the Knights of Columbus in 1956. A past president of the Catholic Club of Memphis, Mr. Pierotti has also distinguished himself in civic endeavors. He has been a member of the Memphis Park Commission for fifteen years and has been chairman of that body since 1956. He is also a member of the Civic Center Advisory Committee of Memphis.

The meeting will get underway with registration at 12 noon, May 14. Golf, bowling and other sports and social activities will occupy the visiting knights that afternoon.

The first of four business sessions will be held by the State Council officers and delegates at 7:00 P.M. and close at 9:00 P.M. Following the session the Knights and their ladies will be entertained at a social hour.

The convention Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 A.M. Saturday in St. Leo's church by the State Chaplain, Reverend Michael A. Carey of Raleigh. Following Mass a continental breakfast will be served at St. Leo's School Auditorium. The second of the business sessions will open at 10:00 A.M. with State Deputy Donald F. Cole, of Asheville, presiding. At this session delegates will be seated, reports of the various councils will be presented, resolutions presented, and ordinary business of the Council transacted.

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'Supreme Patience' is Needed In Liturgy Changes, Bishop Says

Altoona, Pa. — (NC) — A bishop said here that supreme patience is needed by bishops today as they implement Church renewal, especially the changes in the Mass.

Speaking of "conflict" over liturgical changes, Bishop William Connare of Greensburg, Pa., said that each bishop "must carefully watch barometers of change so that within his own diocese adjustment and accommodation will be orderly and easy for priest and people alike."

Bishop Connare delivered the sermon at the consecration in Blessed Sacrament Cathedral of Most Rev. Urban E. McGrary, T.O.R., as first bishop of the new diocese of Bhagalpur, India.

THE THIRD ORDER Regular Franciscan, a native of Warren, Pa., went to India in 1939 and was ordained in Ranchi in 1942. He had been serving since 1956 as Prefect Apostolic of the Prefecture of Bhagalpur which was made a diocese by Pope Paul VI in January, 1965.

Bishop J. Carroll McCormick of Altoona-Johnstown consecrated the new bishop, whose Franciscan community has headquarters at St. Francis Monastery, Loretto, Pa. Coconsecrators were Bishop John King Mussio of Steubenville and Bishop George Leech of Harrisburg.

IN THE SERMON, Bishop Connare said that "in these days of aggiornamento within the Church every bishop must be a supremely patient man" and that "nowhere is patience more necessary than in the liturgical adaptation of our day."

"General principles are clear from the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, and from subsequent instructions of the Holy See the implementation of these principles becomes the awesome responsibility of each bishop for his own diocese," he noted.

"CLEARLY," he said, "conflict must not arise about the relative importance of the liturgy of the Word over the liturgy of the Eu-

charist or vice versa.

"Conflict was not intended by placing the priest apart from the altar for the execution of the liturgy of the Word. Concern, not conflict, was the sole purpose of

the Church's action—concern for the mysterious comings of the Lord in His Mass, first in the proclamation of His Word and then in the consecration of the bread and the wine."



THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION was conferred upon 130 children and adults by His Excellency, Bishop McLaughlin, Auxiliary Bishop of Raleigh, on Sunday, May 2, at 4 p.m. at Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base Chapel. S/Sgt. Robert Zinn and Mrs. Robert Carsi served as sponsors for the ceremony. Visiting clergy included Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward T. Gilbert, pastor of St. Mary's Church,

Goldsboro; Fr. Raymond Donahue, Msgr. Frances Howard, Havlock; Fr. James McHugh, Fr. James Noonan, Newbern; Fr. Robert McMahon, Fr. Paul Turner and Fr. Dublinski, Newton Grove; Fr. Thomas Norton and Fr. Desman Keenan from Wilson. Assisting were Rev. Fr. Vincent F. Hart and Rev. Fr. Patrick M. McGowan, base Catholic chaplains.

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Catholics Welcome, NCC Official Says

By Robert J. Sievers
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Peoria, Ill. — "While we are not going on a campaign to gain Catholic members, we welcome them to membership in the National Council of Churches," Bishop Reuben Mueller, council president, declared here.

In an interview in the First Methodist church, the leader of the Evangelical United Brethren Church pointed to the membership of Catholic parishes in Oklahoma and Michigan and the entire Sante Fe Catholic archdiocese, adding that "any group that believes in Jesus Christ is welcome."

HE DESCRIBED the council as a "union of 30-churches of Protestant and Eastern Orthodox faith in which voluntarism is carried to the Nth degree." He stressed

strongly that he did not speak for all members.

A stocky, affable man, Bishop Mueller places himself in the camp favoring dialogue with Catholics, but he speaks of the "insuperables" of papal infallibility and the Immaculate Conception.

Yet he said that "through communication comes understanding and the possible finding of a way through the difficulty."

BISHOP MUELLER, whose three-year term as president ends in December, 1966, expects to work cooperatively in coming months with Msgr. William Baum, executive director of the U.S. Bishops' Commission for Ecumenical Affairs with whom he has had contact.

Two trips around the world have convinced him of a world-wide, friendly religious climate. "Compared to the U.S., ecumenical activity is as far or further along in Germany, Holland, and Britain; it is at its worst in Italy because of curia opposition," he said.

Priest Defends U.S. Intervention In Dominican Republic

MARYKNOLL, N.Y. — (NC) — A priest-specialist in Latin American affairs observed here: "Latin American leaders may complain loudly about the United States action in the Dominican Republic, but they will respect us more because of it."

Father Albert J. Nevins, M.M., recently returned from a three-month visit to Latin America, said in an interview. "Secretly, Latin American leaders welcome our firmness in the Dominican Republic crisis.

"Their protests," he said, "are mainly for internal consumption. Internal difficulties prevent them from being more frank about this matter.

"They don't want to see another Cuba in this hemisphere any more than we do," said Father Nevins. "They are feeling the power of communist subversion every day from Cuba, and they certainly do not want to see the communists gain control of another base of operations.

"But, it is extremely difficult for them to come out and endorse our action. In many Latin American countries, bear in mind, the communists are very strong in the labor unions and universities. A leader who publicly welcomed our stand in the Dominican Republic might be inviting demonstrations, strikes and riots," he said.

Father Nevins, who served two terms as president of the Catholic Press Association, is editor of Maryknoll magazine.