



## Knights of Columbus Roundup

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As the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS closes the curtain on its forty-sixth annual state convention in historic NEW BERN this Sunday afternoon following a fruitful meeting of Knights from all parts of North Carolina, it was gratifying for them to know that just two weeks prior to their meeting, one of, if not the largest class of candidates in the Order's history in North Carolina, received their major degrees and became full Knights in this Society of Catholic men.

One hundred and ten Catholic men, representing practically all of the 15 councils in the Tar Heel State, journeyed to beautiful Chapel Hill where in St. Thomas More School Auditorium beginning at 1:30 p.m., on Sunday, May 1, they participated in the solemn ceremony that impressed upon them the principles upon which the Order was founded in 1882 and has adhered to for more than 83 years. They left five hours later for their travel back home, but they carried with them the knowledge that they were now Brother Knights in the Order and an inspired vision of the great undertaking they were now part and parcel of in the years ahead.

State Deputy Matthew J. Bird described the ceremony attending the exemplification as "a scene I will never forget, very impressive and magnificent in every respect." He warmly congratulated the new Brother Knights for having taken their major degrees. "You have profited much with your appearance here this afternoon," he told them, "and the fraternalism and brotherhood you are to receive will depend largely upon how active you are in your Council. Your Grand Knight already has a job awaiting you. Take it and carry it out to the very best of your ability. Help make your Council greater by being an active member yourself. I bid you Godspeed in all your endeavors."

It is appropriate at this time that our new Brothers in the Order, as well as others who will benefit therefrom, should know what their emblem (which they can now wear) stands for. We are indebted to the "KNIGHTS OF

COLUMBUS RECORDER" for the following:

"The emblem of the Order dates from the Second Supreme meeting, May 12, 1883, when it was designed by James T. Mullen, then Supreme Knight.

"A quick glance at the emblem indicates a shield mounted upon the Cross of Malta. The shield is that associated with a medieval Knight. The Cross of Malta is the representation in a traditionally artistic design of the Cross of Christ through which all graces of redemption were procured for mankind. This, then, represents the Catholic spirit of the Order. Mounted on the shield are three objects, a mace standing vertically and crossed behind it, an anchor and a dagger or short sword. The mace from Roman days is symbolic of authority which must exist in any efficient operating organization. The anchor is the Mariner's symbol for COLUMBUS, patron of the Order, while the short sword or dagger was the weapon of the Knight then engaged upon an errand of mercy. Thus, the shield expresses Catholic Knighthood in organized merciful action and with the letters — K. of C., it proclaims this specific form of activity . . . FAITH, HOPE, CHARITY.

Red is the symbol of Faith, of belief in Christ, in the redemption and in the mission of every man to spread the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ. White is the color of the Eucharistic Host, pledge of God's Eucharistic presence among men, of the Infinite love God had for man and of the overwhelming affection which God-man had for each individual. It is the symbol of Christ-like Charity. Blue is the color of our Lady's mantle, in which she draped her beloved Son, through whom came salvation to a sinful world. Thus, Blue is the symbol of Hope.

"The Red, White and Blue in the background of the shield and foreground of the Cross of Malta are the colors of our beloved country. This is also the ecclesiastical symbolism in which red becomes the reflection of the drops of Christ's redemptive blood shed upon Calvary, and of the martyrs' blood shed in defense of the Faith"

## Salisbury and New Bern Courts Elect Officers

NEW BERN — Miss Trudy Connolly was re-elected grand regent of Court Msgr. Michael A. Irwin, Catholic Daughters of America, at the monthly meeting held Monday night, May 2, in St. Paul's auditorium. Elected to serve with her are Mrs. Peter Harmatuk, vice grand regent; Mrs. Paul McSorley, financial secretary; and Miss Rosemary Romanus, treasurer; Mrs. Philip Fecher, prophetess; Mrs. Joe Lawrence, historian; Mrs. William Bradt, monitor; Miss Blanche Johnson, sentinel; Mrs. Euclid Armstrong, lecturer; and Mrs. Joe Kaczynski, Mrs. Joe Britch and Mrs. Dora Taylor, trustees.

Committee reports were given by Mrs. Bradt, Mrs. Fecher, Mrs. Joe Britch, Mrs. Armstrong and Miss Virginia McSorley.

Officers will be hostesses for the June meeting at which officers for the coming year will be installed.

Mrs. Fecher reported on the parish retreat held at Maryhurst Retreat House in Pinehurst April 15-17.

Miss Connolly reminded the members of the state convention to be held May 20-22 at the Blockade Runner Hotel in Wrightsville Beach and urged members to attend. Miss Margaret Buckley, supreme regent, and Bishop Vincent S. Waters, supreme chaplain, will be guests of honor. Mrs. Paul McSorley was elected alternate to the convention with Miss Connolly as official delegate.

Miss McSorley reported on Junior Sunday at which a communion breakfast will be held at the Holiday Inn after the 9 o'clock Mass to be attended by members of the senior and junior courts. Mrs. John Shields, state regent, will be an honor guest.

SALISBURY—The membership of Court Sacred Heart, Catholic Daughters of America met in regular monthly session last Monday night. The meeting was held in the cafeteria of the newly-constructed Sacred Heart School.

Election of officers for the year 1966-67 was one of the principal features of the meeting. Mrs. Orah M. Russell was elected grand re-

gent for the third consecutive year. Other officers elected included the following: Vice regent, Mrs. Charles Taylor; prophetess, Mrs. Fred Setzer; financial secretary Miss Mary A. Nash; historian, Mrs. Thomas Moore; treasurer, Miss Frances Beaver; monitor, Mrs. Edward Murphy; sentinel, Mrs. Richard Bradshaw; lecturer, Mrs. W. E. Boone; organist, Mrs. William Gamble; trustees for three years, Mrs. Hugh H. Hackett, Sr., and Mrs. Roscoe Butler.

Mrs. Edward Murphy, chairman of the local National Catholic Community Service at the local VA Hospital, presented two awards received at the VA recognition ceremony last week. One was for Sacred Heart parish, the other for the Catholic Daughters.

The membership was pleased to re-instate Mrs. George Sherry as a member of Court Sacred Heart.

Mrs. Russell and Miss Nash will represent the court at the biennial State Court convention to be held at Wrightsville Beach May 20-22.

The Reverend Thomas J. Norton, a priest of the Redemptorist Order, who is conducting a week's

## Havelock Youth Appointed To Naval Academy

Michael Shea, son of M-Sgt. and Mrs. Francis S. Shea, Jr., of Annunciation Parish, Havelock, North Carolina, has received a Presidential Appointment to the United States Naval Academy. Michael is presently attending East Carolina Night Courses at Cherry Point Resident Center. Shea graduated from Havelock High School in 1965 and was Spiritual Chairman of the C.Y.O. at Annunciation.

He received two Americanism Awards, one in 1964 and another in 1965 from the Sojourners, and was awarded the Best Citizen of Havelock by the Civitan Club in 1965. This summer he will join the class of 1970 when he reports at Annapolis.

mission at Sacred Heart Church, was guest speaker. Father Norton Spoke on Vatican II Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity.

The Very Reverend Cletus J. Helfrich, pastor of Sacred Heart Church, stressed the urgency of increasing our prayers for vocations in the Diocese of Raleigh. The closing prayers of the meeting were offered for this purpose.

### CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS ANNOUNCE WINNERS OF POETRY CONTEST

Mrs. John Shields of New Bern, N.C., state regent of the Catholic Daughters of America announced the following state winners for the 1966 National Poetry Contest of the Catholic Daughters of America.

<b>Division I</b>	
1st. Mary Hughes, Jacksonville, N.C.	Grade 4
2nd. Francis Kulash, Raleigh, N.C.	Grade 6
3rd. Steven Sayce, Camp Lejeune, N.C.	Grade 5
<b>Division II</b>	
1st. James Curtis, Cherry Point, N.C.	Grade 9
2nd. Tresie Hatem, New Bern, N.C.	Grade 8
3rd. Michael Hargett, Wilmington, N.C.	Grade 8
<b>Division III</b>	
1st. Rosanne Reynders, Raleigh, N.C.	Grade 12
2nd. Mary Ann McSwiggin, New Bern, N.C.	Grade 12
3rd. Patricia Thomas, New Bern, N.C.	Grade 11

The judges were: Mrs. Louis D. Hayman (Carol Bessent Hayman), Jacksonville poetess, author of "Keepsake"; Mrs. L. Payne, teacher, Camp Lejeune, N.C.; Chaplain Robert Ecker, USN, Camp Lejeune, N.C. and Chaplain David McLeod, USN, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

The judging took place on April 18, 1966 at the Catholic Chapel, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

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