



Knights of Columbus

Roundup

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GRAND KNIGHT ERNEST I. KING, WILMINGTON COUNCIL 1074, gives us a preview of things to come at the 1968 State K. of C. Convention to be held in the Port City May 17-18-19 in the following preliminary report:

"Our advertising program is going along remarkably well. We have engaged a band for our annual ball; our banquet plans are almost complete, and our plan to hold our Saturday morning session aboard the Battleship North Carolina is being worked out. Committees are working on golf and bowling tournaments and other forms of recreation, and a special committee is formulating plans for our ladies.

"For those who like deep-sea fishing, and can arrange to come a day earlier, boats may be chartered for Thursday afternoon or early Friday, and if this fails there are several fishing piers here that one may try his luck at any time. This is no fish story. As you know Wilmington is noted for its scenic beauty and its historic lore. There is Airline Gardens and Orton Plantation, Fort Fisher and many more spots of interest. St. Johns Art Gallery is one of our major attractions.

"Perhaps this is not an appropriate time to mention swimming, boat-racing, surfing, water-skiing, and the like, but come convention time, all of these sports will be in order."

Sounds like some interesting events are being planned by Brother King and his committees for the Knights and their ladies next May. And don't forget WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH. You will truly be in VARIETY LAND in Wilmington.

Although it is four months away, PIEDMONT COUNCIL 939, GREENSBORO, already has started work on its Annual Teenage Talent Show to be held in early March. This event, which has won national recognition, promises to be bigger and better than ever, according to Brother THOMAS J. MCNULTY, YOUTH ACTIVITY CHAIRMAN.

CHARLOTTE COUNCIL 770 received five new Brothers into the Order at a First Degree exemplification held at their home on November 28. . . . Two Knights-Of-The-Month were chosen for October — MIKE MASCOTTI and GEORGE BALOG.

Brother GUION C. DAVIS, 436 Carolina Ave., is the new FINANCIAL SECRETARY of ROCKY MOUNT COUNCIL 4600, succeeding Brother JOHN FITZPATRICK, resigned.

Greetings From Our State Deputy

"I wish to take this opportunity to extend to all Brother Knights and their families, on behalf of the State Council Officer's, our best wishes for a very enjoyable Christmas season. For our Brother Knights in Vietnam and those serving our country elsewhere, as well as those Brothers who are hospitalized here, know that our prayers are for your speedy recovery. To our Council Chaplain's and all members of the Clergy, God's choicest blessings for you. And to everyone — a healthy, prosperous and meaningful Year in 1968.

GEORGE E. LUND, JR.,
STATE DEPUTY, CHARLOTTE."

Daily Protests

Milwaukee Affirms Open Housing Law, Fr. Groppi 'Illegal'

Milwaukee — (NC) — The Milwaukee Common Council has adopted an open housing ordinance which duplicates the provisions of an already existing state law barring discrimination in the sale or rental of non-owner occupied housing.

Passage (Dec. 12) of the ordinance was termed "worse than nothing" by Mrs. Vel Phillips, Negro councilwoman, who has five times proposed stronger ordinances which were defeated by the council. She estimated that only 30 percent of Milwaukee's housing would be covered by the new law.

Two weeks earlier the council voted to hold an April referendum which will ask Milwaukee citizens to vote on the resolution: "That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee shall not enact any ordinance which in any manner restricts the right of owners of real estate to sell, lease or rent private property."

Father James E. Groppi, advisor to the NAACP Youth Council which has been demonstrating daily for an open housing ordinance for three and a half months, has charged that the referendum is unconstitutional. A suit has been filed in Federal Court by the American Civil Liberties Union challenging the referendum's legality.

Father Groppi had also urged the council to adopt a stronger open housing ordinance stating, "We are tired of political structures . . . that give to the black man his rights in piecemeal fashion."

Heart Transplant

Morality of Various Surgical Procedures, viewed by Daily

Vatican City — (NC) — The Vatican City daily newspaper, commenting on the transplantation of a human heart from a corpse into a critically ill patient in South Africa, has restated the teaching of Pope Pius XII on various kinds of surgical transplantation.

The front-page article in L'Osservatore Romano said that, although there is "no question whatever" about transplants of self-regenerating organic matter, such as blood from one person to another, there may be no licit transplantation "in the case of removals which are not reparable and are regarded as real mutilations seriously undermining the wholeness of the organism."

The article, by Italian Franciscan Father Gino Concetti, observed that those who maintain the liceity of transplants seriously undermining the wholeness of the donor's organism "usually advance as justification the motive of charity or of mankind's unity." But he recalled that Pope Pius XII rejected this notion.

Licit Action

However, in the case of twin organs, such as kidneys or eyes, it is considered licit to give one to a person in dire need of it.

The article continued: "When a transplant is made from a corpse its lawfulness is universally upheld. . . ."

"Is the principle also valid regarding the replacement of a diseased organ which is considered vital for the organism, as in the specific cases of South Africa and the United States? We believe we can find the answer in the speech of Pius XII of Sept. 30, 1956:

"In desperate cases, when a sick person is lost unless there is an intervention, and when there exists a medication, a means, an operation which, without excluding any danger still has some possibility of success, an upright and reflective mind admits without further ado that a doctor may proceed with the application of such treatment with the express or tacit consent of the patient."



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