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Awards



(Far left): James Huggett, (r), St. Mary Ct. 1763, Marshall, Wisconsin, received his 25-Year Emblem from Gerald Ebert, C.R., (l), during the Court's 8th Annual Dinner Meeting,

September 2. (Center): Alvin Joyce, St. Mary Ct. 1763, Marshall, Wisconsin, received the Outstanding Forester of the Year Award on the same occasion. (Right): Mrs. Sheila Kunish

was presented the Outstanding Forester Award on September 16, by Leland E. Paul, Wisconsin St.Ct.T., during St. Lawrence Court 1190, Stangelville, Wisconsin, awards night held at Eddie Whipps in Green Bay. Also receiving awards were Rev. Rudolph Kerch, pastor of St. Lawrence Parish, Denmark, Wisconsin, and a member of St. Lawrence Ct. 1190, Stangelville; and Mrs. Mary Jerovetz. Although Sheila and Mary were unable to join the Foresters due to medical reasons, they have been recognized as assets to our Society. Both women have been very helpful in organizing Court functions and render their services when needed. They believe in fraternalism and have enrolled their children and grandchildren into the Order.

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It was my privilege several years ago to write an article in our fine magazine with respect to the role of the Fraternal Insurance Counsellor and the importance in the Fraternal Insurance World of this position earned only after intensive study and testing. At that time there was a total of 25 Catholic Order of Foresters Field Representatives serving in that capacity. Today there is a total of 31 Fraternal Insurance Counsellors in our Society.

At this time I'd like to write about another group in the insurance field, designated by the title of Chartered Life Underwriter. CLU, which is the abbreviation of the title, is a widely-known designation that is evidence of high academic and professional competence. This professional designation is held by many thousands of persons who are very active in life and health insurance and allied vocations. In addition to practicing high ethical standards and of being of good moral character, CLUs are expected to meet prescribed academic and experience requirements. Typical CLUs complete the program and course of study in four to five years, while actively pursuing their individual careers.

CLU examinations are prepared by the American College at Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. The American College is an accredited, private, non-profit educational institution whose programs of learning are available nation-wide. It was established in 1927 as an institution of higher learning for persons concerned with the protection, accumulation, preservation, and distribution of the economic values of human life.

Those persons who have earned the right to the CLU designation are then eligible to apply for membership in the American Society of CLU through affiliation with the nearest Chapter of the Society. The Society has 239 Chapters and over 27,000 members throughout the United States and in several foreign countries.

The Catholic Order of Foresters is indeed most fortunate to have five of our Agents with CLUs. They are as follows: Brothers Wyman F. Steinmetz, General Agent; Ronald L. Bourget, Independent Contractor Agent; Richard E. Jaeger, Independent Contractor General Agent; Charles J. Rebek, Independent Contractor Agent, all four being located in the State of Wisconsin. And, Brother Richard J. Daum, Independent Contractor Agent in the State of Ohio.

There is also another group in the Catholic Order of Foresters which is entitled to special recognition. They are Agents who have earned the degree of LUTC, meaning Life Underwriter Training Council Graduate. LUTC offers practical on the job sales training. The primary emphasis is knowledge in action, that is, the development of sales skills. The Life Course is a two-year program.

The Catholic Order of Foresters has four of its Agents in the LUTC category. They are as follows: Brothers John J. Lanigan, Independent Contractor Agent, and William J. Motes, Independent Contractor General Agent, both of whom are from the State of Indiana; Brother Donald W. Osweller, Career Agent from the State of Iowa, and Brother Noel S. Ruderman, who is our Director of Organization, for the State of Illinois.

We wish to take this opportunity to extend our most hearty and sincere congratulations to all of the above mentioned Agents for the very high achievements which they have all so justly earned and merited in attaining their respective designations.

In conclusion, may I state that the Executive Officers, the High Court Trustees, and the entire Staff of the Catholic Order of Foresters, wish all of our members a Most Blessed Christmas and a Healthy, Joyous and Prosperous New Year.

**by Elmer Wiblishauser
High Court Trustee**



EDITOR'S DESK

Human Life Amendment: Realities and Myths

(In this issue I've waived my column to begin the first part of a two-part series on the Human Life Amendment, its ramifications and purpose. The article below by Richard M. Doerflinger, Legislative Assistant to the National Council of Catholic Bishops Committee for Pro-Life Activities, is taken from the 1981 booklet of the Committee for Pro-Life Activities, National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

It is not easy reading, but Mr. Doerflinger has done an excellent job in pin pointing the real issues of the pro-life controversy, the most important problem of our day. (Editor).

When the U.S. Supreme Court handed down its decision in *Roe v. Wade* on January 22, 1973, it did more than simply overturn the abortion laws of all 50 states. It also narrowed the issue to a specific constitutional point and insured that future debates on abortion in the U.S. would focus on this point.

Despite its views about women's "right to privacy" and the comparative "safety" of the abortion procedure, the Court admitted it could not legalize abortion if the unborn child were a "person" deserving equal protection of the law. It then argued that the unborn child had never been considered a "person in the whole sense" in American law, ignoring a great deal of contradictory legal evidence on this point. Finally, the Court side-stepped all biological evidence concerning life before birth and declared that it "need not resolve the difficult question of when life begins": the Court saw no reason to recognize the legal "personhood" of every living human individual, and therefore could treat the child in the womb as a "non-person" even if that child is a human being.

Fundamental Question

The fundamental question in the abortion controversy has thus become: Is every living member of the human race a "person"? Are human rights inherent in the very fact of being human? The federal courts seem to have answered this question in the negative: one is not a "person" unless one also possesses certain functional characteristics needed for "meaningful" or "independent" life, and receives recognition of this by an authorized legal body.

Given this background, it is easy to understand why the reasoning of *Roe v. Wade* has begun to appear in court decisions having nothing directly to do with abortion, for the legal principles involved have broad implications. A recent example is the decision of the Nassau County Supreme Court in New York in a case concerning the rights of a terminally ill patient in a coma:

As a matter of established fact, such a patient has no health and, in the true sense, no life, for the State-to protect. . . . Indeed, with *Roe* in mind, it is appropriate to note that the State's interest in preservation of the life of the fetus would appear *greater* than any possible interest the State may have in maintaining continued

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MEMBERSHIP AND INSURANCE as of June 30, 1981

Jurisdiction	ADULT Record		JUVENILE Record		TOTALS
	Courts	Members	Courts	Members	Members
California	6	383	4	17	400
Colorado	—	10	—	2	12
Idaho	1	41	—	—	41
Illinois	137	16,534	104	2,399	18,933
Indiana	41	6,092	33	889	6,981
Iowa	75	16,957	72	4,487	21,444
Kansas (Mo.)	3	707	3	105	812
Kentucky	14	3,877	14	586	4,463
Louisiana	7	399	3	53	452
Maine	21	3,472	20	684	4,156
Massachusetts	23	2,844	20	290	3,134
Michigan (L)	23	4,809	21	1,162	5,971
Minnesota	121	19,029	97	3,542	22,571
Michigan (U)	8	410	4	90	500
Missouri	8	1,322	8	114	1,436
Montana	—	48	—	2	50
Nebraska	17	2,348	13	326	2,674
New Hampshire	13	2,437	13	722	3,159
North Dakota	25	1,801	17	194	1,995
Ohio	113	15,760	85	2,166	17,926
Oklahoma	12	1,486	5	204	1,690
Oregon	10	1,395	7	172	1,567
Pennsylvania	13	858	5	19	877
Rhode Island	5	266	3	24	290
South Dakota	41	4,356	28	779	5,135
Texas (Okla.)	3	397	2	61	458
Vermont	14	1,239	12	203	1,442
Washington	6	151	1	3	154
Wisconsin	208	32,362	189	6,346	38,708
Wyoming	—	2	—	—	2
High Court	4	240	—	4	244
TOTALS	972	142,032	783	25,625	167,657

LIST OF YOUTH COURTS HAVING 125 OR MORE YOUTH MEMBERS as of September 30, 1981

TOTAL NUMBER OF COURTS—37

CT. NO.	LOCATION	COUNT	CT. NO.	LOCATION	COUNT
1099	Gilbertville, IA.	487	743	Watkins, MN.	157
1903	Westphalia, MI.	460	500	Dyersville, IA.	154
636	Dubuque, IA.	457	774	Durango, IA.	151
698	New Ulm, MN.	303	1691	Moline, IL.	150
996	Remsen, IA.	287	1317	Cleveland, OH.	150
881	Holy Cross, IA.	281	501	Manchester, N.H.	148
1544	Aurora, IL.	258	594	McHenry, IL.	147
811	Dubuque, IA.	254	669	Sun Prairie, WI.	145
403	Kranzburg, S.D.	233	650	Chicago, IL.	143
552	Mankato, MN.	227	488	Manchester, N.H.	140
458	West Bend, WI.	212	1572	Cincinnati, OH.	140
1173	Dell Rapids, S.D.	210	1357	Eagle Lake, ME.	138
633	Cold Spring, MN.	191	1750	Slinger, WI.	137
1709	Sherrill, IA.	185	1054	Winsted, MN.	131
2257	Fowler, MI.	174	2172	Shandon, OH.	130
230	Fort Kent, ME.	172	795	Marathon, WI.	127
783	Arcadia, WI.	168	970	Heron Lake, MN.	127
293	Crown Point, IN.	167	856	Ryan, IA.	126
786	New Munich, MN.	164			

John A. Gorski Elected President of National Fraternal Congress



(Left to right): Immediate Past President Arley R. Bjella, Minneapolis, Minnesota, of Lutheran Brotherhood, presents the gavel to President John A. Gorski, during the Closing Session of the 95th Annual Meeting of the National Fraternal Congress of America.

John A. Gorski, H.C.R., was elected President of the National Fraternal Congress of America at its 95th Annual Meeting held in San Diego, California, September 27-30. Edgar J. Martel of Woonsocket, Rhode Island, President General of the Union Saint-Jean-Baptiste, was elected NFCA Vice President.

In his acceptance speech, Bro. Gorski called upon fraternalists to "get back to basics" to meet the challenge of the 80s. He also warned that they must be ready to provide meaningful programs to meet the concerns of young people, the future plans of those facing retirement and the problems of the elderly.

Unveiled by Gorski, the NFCA's 1981-1982 theme is "Promote Fraternalism Through Change."

Reflecting this change was the approval by the delegates of the establishment of a full-time position of



Bernard F. Milota, H.S., presents a bouquet of roses to Mrs. Deloris Gorski during the Closing Plenary Session of the 95th Annual Meeting of the National Fraternal Congress of America. Mrs. Bernard Milota is in the background.

Director of Fraternal Affairs. The Director will assist the NFCA Executive Vice President in addressing the ways and means of coordinating member-societies' interests in fraternal and communication activities in the various states and at the national level.

It was resolved by the delegates to expand the volunteer activities of their respective societies in keeping with President Reagan's call for a national commitment to volunteerism.

Several speakers at the convention touched on the rebirth of volunteer activity in the country. Newly-elected NFCA Vice President Martel told the delegates that America has changed from the "Me Generation" of the last two decades to the "Us Generation" of the 80s.

A panel presented topics on the future of volunteerism saying that attracting young people is the key. They said that fraternalists must tap the youth's latent energy and satisfy their desire for "doing" activities.

Another speaker added, "Cooperative measures must be taken to make full use of all resources and have a more effective balance between federal solutions and those that utilize voluntary agencies."

Success in the life insurance marketplace of the 1980s depends on products and people, according to Robert P. Gandrud, Senior Vice President-Marketing for Lutheran Brotherhood. Tax sheltered annuities, money market funds, universal life and variable life are examples of the product areas fraternalists should explore, he said.

The NFCA is comprised of 99 fraternal benefit societies which provide life and health insurance to their members as well as offering a wide range of social, cultural, religious and educational opportunities. †

Five COF Officers Elected President of NFCA

John A. Gorski, H.C.R., is the fifth Catholic Order of Forester officer to be elected President of the National Fraternal Congress of America since its founding 95 years ago. The office is only held for one year.

Thomas A. Cannon was the first Catholic Forester elected to this office and served from 1909 to 1910.

Thomas R. Heaney, who succeeded him as High Chief Ranger, was President of NFCA from 1941 to 1942.

George H. Crowns was elected President in 1955 while he was High Secretary of COF.

Louis E. Caron, immediate Past High Chief Ranger, was elected President in 1968.

Bro. Gorski's Acceptance Speech

It is with a great deal of humility and hope that I wish to thank you for the honor you have bestowed upon me this morning. As I look around this room and see the many men and women who have served the National Fraternal Congress so capably for so many years, I can only hope that when my year is up, that I will have served just as capably. To this end I dedicate myself.

The Fraternal Benefit System has come a long way since the Congress was formed in 1886. We have witnessed the birth and death of entire countries; two wars to end all wars; prosperity and depression; new drugs to end sickness and suffering, and, unfortunately, new diseases; landing on the moon and space explorations to planets in our solar system, and the continuation of a new society that has now spanned 200 years. All of these events originate from two primary factors: PEOPLE AND CHANGE.

Get Back to Basics

Without a doubt, fraternalism is people! Fraternalism, no matter which one you represent, were organized by people to serve people. There was no other purpose then nor should there be today. If we, as Fraternal Benefit Societies, ever lose sight of why we came into existence, our fate will be swift and certain. In our efforts to grow and prosper, our attention to investment return, insurance in force and sales, should never take precedence over what we are doing for our members, and more important, what we can do for our members that we haven't been doing.

I submit that if we gave as much attention to our members as we sometimes give to our finances, we would see a natural growth in our membership and in time our financial problems would be eased. In short, I would like to be so bold as to suggest that all of us get back to basics and start giving our grass root members the attention that caused us to come into existence in the first place. I hate to paraphrase a commercial slogan but truly "people are our most important product."

Earlier I made reference to all of the changes that we have witnessed in our lifetime. Some have horrified us and many more have put us in total awe. Some have been beneficial and others totally the opposite. But, good or bad, change is a fact of life. All of this simply leads me to—change—which is a partner to our membership.

There was a time in the history of each of our societies when our local lodges had to worry about finding a place large enough to hold their meetings. How many have that problem today? These same people who treasured the common bond that brought them together now face a society that has changed. Television, the automobile, Little League, PTA, all compete with us for the free time our members have. We cannot change these things; rather, let us change our concept of how we can better serve our lodges, and, more important, give meaning to our members.

To be sure, we provide insurance protection, return very attractive dividends and constantly remind our membership of how solvent we are and what a good job we have done with our investments, but the average member takes this for granted and it certainly doesn't motivate them to be active in their local lodge.

Meaningful Programs

In short, we must keep up with the times and change with our members. A lodge meeting or activity today must have a true purpose and be attractive if we expect participation. Our meetings should be meaningful to our members, both young and old, with the opportunity to express their opinions and ideas, and, thereby, provide them with new programs.

I don't profess to have all the answers; however, I submit a few ideas for consideration:

For our senior citizens, offer a professional who can explain Medicare Benefits and how to fill out those complicated forms. Organize a group to go into the local nursing home to visit and assist in whatever way they can, especially in creating the feeling of being useful.

For those of us facing retirement, provide a program on the pros and cons of moving to the sunbelt; discuss pension and other financial matters, and in general, aid the members in their future plans. Many of our large banks in Chicago provide this service for their employees, and they will provide speakers for various meetings in the area on these topics. This service may be available in your city or town.

At younger ages that might include newlyweds, a discussion of finances and budgets could be of interest. Getting into debt is not limited to young people, but in many instances they are more receptive to advice.

It is my understanding that the local San Diego Baseball Team—The Padres, had an attendance problem. Even a star like Dave Winfield couldn't bring the fans out in sufficient numbers. Someone in the organization had a brainstorm and what a home run hitter couldn't do—chicken man did. Baseball is still the game, but chicken man is the attraction. Let us preserve our Fraternal purpose but change the approach to make it more attractive.

Very simply, let us get back to basics with our members and meet the times with whatever changes are dictated. I ask you to PROMOTE FRATERNALISM THROUGH CHANGE.

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1981 PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS



▲ First Place, Senior: "Ann Arbor Ferry Line" Michael Kraynek,
Denmark, Wisconsin St. Lawrence Ct. 1190



Third Place, Senior: "The Whaler and the Wanderer" ▲
Jean Johnson, Hudson, Ohio, St. Aloysius Ct. 1657



◀ Second Place, Senior
"Lucid Uselessness"
Peter J. Tvarckunas
East Moline, Illinois
St. Anne Ct. 1985

Third Place, Junior
Paul Mertle
Newport, Kentucky
St. Stephen Ct. 1380 ▼





First Place, Junior: Thomas A. Basten, Solon, Iowa, St. Mary Ct. 1110 ▲

Fourth Place, Junior
Brian Bournival
Manchester, New Hampshire
Montcalm Ct. 501 ▼



Second Place, Junior: "Contemplation," Toni J. Dodge,
Cold Spring, Minnesota, St. Boniface Ct. 633 ▼



Fourth Place, Senior: Ann Thering, Plain, Wisconsin, St. Luke Ct. 2000 ▲



The High Court is happy to announce the winners of the 1981 Photo Contest. There was a 10% increase in the number of photo entries this year with the biggest increase in the Junior Division. Prizes awarded were: \$100.00 for First Place; \$75.00 for Second Place; \$50.00 for Third Place; and \$25.00 for Fourth Place in each of the two Divisions, Junior and Senior. The Junior Division included ages 14 through 17 and Senior Division, ages 18 through 22. The contest ended on August 31.

Michael F. Kraynek won first place in the Senior Division with his photo "Ann Arbor Ferry Line." The judges named this a winner because of the excellent composition and quality arrangement of the light and dark tonal values in the photo.

A member of St. Lawrence Ct. 1190, Stangelville, Michael is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Kraynek of Denmark. He has participated in court-sponsored basketball and bowling and enjoys karate, tennis and golf.

Second Place Winner in the Senior Division is **Peter J. Tvarkunas**, St. Anne Ct. 1985, East Moline, Illinois. Peter's photo was judged a winner for its tight, pleasing composition and well-executed image. The son of Peter P. (Lorine) Tvarkunas, East Moline, Peter is attending Marquette University, Milwaukee, majoring in advertising. He received a scholarship from *The Daily Dispatch* of Moline, Illinois, was assistant photoeditor for the *Marquette Tribune* in 1980-81 and is presently photoeditor for the *Marquette Journal*.

Jean Johnson, St. Aloysius Ct. 1657, Cleveland, Ohio, won Third Place in the Senior Division. Her photo showed good use of color and lighting with a tasteful composition. The judges noted that the flush day mount added extra technical quality to the photo.

Fourth Place Winner in the Senior Division was **Ann Thering**, St. Luke Ct. 2000, Plain, Wisconsin. Ann, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. (Theresa) Thering, Jr., of Plain, was also a COF 1981 scholarship winner and is presently a freshman at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. Commenting on her photo, the judges stated: "This photo has an excellent pictorial composition with sharp contrast between the light and dark values."

In the Junior Division the First Place Winner was **Thomas A. Basten** of Solon, Iowa, a member of St. Mary Court 1110, of that city. Tom's photo was judged having an interesting concept, good tonal range in color and clarity of detail. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron (Loretta) Basten of Solon, Tom is a ninth grade student at Solon Community School. He is interested in basketball, baseball, 4-H, band and speech and has won achievement awards and ribbons for 4-H projects.

Second Place Winner was **Toni Jean Dodge**, St. Cloud Ct. 633, Cold Spring, Minnesota. Her portrait was judged a winner because of the relaxed attitude of the subject, his apparent unawareness of the camera and the excellent detail.

Toni is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard (Darlene) Dodge of Cold Spring. A senior at Rocori High School, Cold Spring, she is yearbook photoeditor, newspaper photoeditor and layout editor. She has won First Place Portrait awards in Hart's Studio Contest and at Benton County Fair.

Third Place Winner in the Junior Division was **Paul Mertle**, St. Stephen Ct. 1380, Newport, Kentucky. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George (Christina) Mertle of

Judges

Judges for the 1981 Photo Contest were Ron Vician and Marie Collins. Mr. Vician is a 1968 graduate of Columbia College, Chicago, and studied photography in the Master's Program at the Art Institute of Chicago. He has worked with photography for the past 25 years and specializes in architectural and portrait photography. Ms. Collins studied photography at the Art Institute of Chicago and is a second year student majoring in photography at Columbia College.

Newport. The judges had this to say about his photo: "This is a rare and possibly a dangerous situation, but it has captured just the right amount of humor to make it a winner."

Paul is a senior at Newport High School and is interested in photography and drawing.

Brian Bournival, Montcalm Ct. 501, Manchester, New Hampshire, won fourth place in the Junior Division. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald O. (Priscilla) Bournival, of Manchester, Brian is attending New York University in New York City and studying communications and English education. He hopes to use his photographic ability as a creative means of expression.

Honorable mention in the Senior Division was given to **Gerard Sullivan**, Rice Lake, Wisconsin, St. John Ct. 1618, Rice Lake, and **Gary Mlodzik**, Kewaskum, Holy Angels Ct. 458, West Bend, Wisconsin.

In the Junior Division, honorable mention was given to **Sheila Kramer**, St. Joseph Ct. 500, Dyersville and **Jane E. Oberhauser**, St. Mary Ct. 1099, Gilbertville, Iowa.

The members of COF join with the Officers to congratulate the winners. Again, as in past years, everyone who entered the Contest received a gift from the High Court for his or her effort. In COF everyone is a winner.



TELEGRAM

September 14, 1981

John Cardinal Cody
Archbishop of Chicago
1553 No. State Parkway
Chicago, IL 60610

Your Eminence:

The entire membership of the Catholic Order of Foresters wishes to extend its filial support to you, our High Spiritual Director and Shepherd, at this most difficult time. We déploire the exploitive tactics used by one of the news media, in particular, and we promise our continued support and prayers.

JOHN A. GORSKI
HIGH CHIEF RANGER
CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS

(This telegram was sent to Cardinal Cody, H.S.D., on the occasion of a series of reports in the Chicago Sun-Times which alleged the Cardinal used Church money for a relative by marriage.)

Honorary Member of Iowa State Court

The Iowa State Court presented John A. Gorski, High Chief Ranger, with an Honorary Member plaque on October 11th at the Dubuque District Meeting held at Rickardsville. Making the presentation was Gilbert Wagner, Iowa State Chief Ranger.

The wooden plaque, that is shaped as the State of Iowa, has a clock on the right side and an inscription on the left which reads:

This is to certify that John A. Gorski, H.C.R., has become an Honorary Member of the Iowa State Court.



(L-r): Gilbert Wagner, Iowa St.C.R., presenting Honorary Member plaque to John A. Gorski, H.C.R.

Receive Full Proceeds at 96

Joseph Jean, St. Louis Ct. 1569, Manchester, New Hampshire, upon reaching his 96th Birthday was presented a check for the full proceeds of his whole life certificate. Making the presentation on July 25th were Robert P. Frees, Armand R. Lemire and David W. Rice, High Court Trustees. The Officers of St. Louis Court were also present.

Bro. Jean became a member of the Order in 1910. He was employed with the textile mills for 57 years beginning at the age of 14 and retiring at 70.

During his years as a textile worker, Bro. Jean was absent only one day due to illness.

Bro. Jean was very pleased to have so many Foresters present for the occasion.



(L-r): Robert P. Frees, H.C.T., Armand R. Lemire, H.C.T., Bro. Joseph Jean, recipient, and David W. Rice, H.C.T.



Joseph J. Kernan, age 97, St. Joseph Ct. 507, Harper's Ferry, Iowa, was presented a check for the full proceeds of his whole life certificate at the Harper's Ferry rest home where he resides. (L-r): Peter J. Gardner, Jr., H.C.T., making the presentation, as Roy Kelley, R.S., Lloyd Meehan, C.R., Mrs. Delores Osweller and Bro. Kernan's daughter, Mrs. Hugh Conway, look on.

Legion of Honor



(L-r): Joseph H. Hegenbarth, Secretary of the Northwestern District Association, State Trustee and Chief Ranger of St. Michael Ct. 1532, Cumberland, Wisconsin, received the Legion of Honor Certificate and Emblem from Robert A. Kucirek, St.C.R., on July 12th during the Northwestern District Youth Field Day held at Cumberland.



Barbara Cowie, C.R., of St. Stephen Ladies Ct. 2103, Newport, Kentucky, (l), receives the Legion of Honor Certificate and Emblem from Martha Flynn, St.T., on August 12th, during the Court's annual dinner. Sr. Cowie, presently serving as the Outside Sentinel of St. Stephen Ladies Court, has also served as Senior Conductor, Vice Chief Ranger and Trustee.



Robert Sondgeroth, (l), St. Mary Ct. 877, Dunnington, Indiana, received the Legion of Honor Certificate and Emblem from Edwin H. Huber, H.C.T., (r), during the Court's Annual Communion Dinner.

50-Year Members



(L-r): James VanRyckeghem, St. Francis Seraph Ct. 1236, Kansas City, Missouri, received the Legion of Honor Certificate and Emblem on September 13th, from Albert DeGhelder, C.R., during the Court's annual picnic held at Budd Park, Kansas City.



(L-r): William Pettinger, SS. Peter & Paul Ct. 61, Wilmette, Illinois, received his 50-Year Emblem from Anton Engels, St.Ct.T., during the Court's annual picnic held in August.



Bernard Schulte, (c), St. Joseph Ct. 1360, Norway, Iowa, received his 50-Year Emblem from Robert Frees, H.C.T., (r), during the Court's Annual Family Picnic held on August 16th. Rev. Robert Saunders, S.D., (l), looks on.



(L-r): John Rongers, St. Mark Ct. 1275, Gary, Indiana, received his 50-Year Emblem from George Helfen, St.C.R., at the quarterly meeting of the Northwest Indiana COF Association on September 19th, with St. Mary Ct. 1877, Griffith, Indiana, as host Court.



George Helfen, Indiana St.C.R., (l), and Anthony Kaiser, two fifty-year members of St. Mathias Court 102, Schererville, Indiana, were honored by their Court with a banquet on September 12th. John A. Gorski, H.C.R., and Edwin H. Huber, H.C.T., were present and offered congratulations.

Seven members of St. Mary Ct. 1382, West Brooklyn, Illinois, were honored with 50-Year Emblems and a dinner at the Long Branch Restaurant, Amboy, Illinois. The recipients were: Orville Delhotal, Ermin Dinges, Leo Gehout, Ralph Glaser, Cletus Henkel, Herschel Hoerner and Hershel Jeanblanc. Making the presentations was Albert Happ, C.R., assisted by Francis J. Ege, St.Ct.T.

Helfen Elected President



George Helfen, Indiana St.C.R., (r), St. Mathias Ct. 102, Schererville, Indiana, was installed as president of the Indiana Fraternal Congress by John A. Gorski, H.C.R.

Bro. Gorski, High Chief Ranger and President of the National Fraternal Congress, gave the keynote address at the Indiana Fraternal Congress held on October 17th and 18th in Indianapolis.

Bro. Helfen, a devoted fraternalist since the 1940s, is a Legion of Honor and fifty-year member of COF. He has served as Chief Ranger of St. Mathias Court and is presently the Financial Secretary of the Court.

Bro. Helfen has held the offices of president and treasurer of the Northwest Indiana Catholic Order of Forester Association and is presently chairman of the picnic committee. He served 12 years as Indiana State Secretary before becoming State Chief Ranger.

The Indiana Fraternal Congress was formed to associate fraternal benefit societies, operating within the state, and to provide mutual benefits that derive through membership. It received its charter in 1898. Thirty-six societies are currently represented in the Indiana Fraternal Congress which is a member of the National Fraternal Congress. As president, Bro. Helfen's aim is to improve communications and continue the services which have held the congress together for so many years.

Installed



Newly elected Chief Rangers were: (l-r), John Dockus, St. Mary Ct. 293, Crown Point, Indiana; Henry Huppenthal, St. Martin Ct. 104, Cedar Lake; and Jerome Krieter, Ss. Peter & Paul Ct. 665, Merrillville. St. Martin Court hosted the installation ceremonies.

Legion of Honor



Ms. Ruth Haller, R.S., St. Mathias Ct. 102, Schererville, Indiana, received the Legion of Honor Certificate and Emblem from Edwin H. Huber, H.C.T., (r) on September 12th as John A. Gorski, H.C.R., looked on.

Annual Golf Stag

The Past Chief Rangers of Sacred Heart Ct. 1691, Moline, Illinois, recently held their Annual Golf Stag with 24 golfers participating. The event concluded with a steak fry and Rolle Bolle tournament at the Ex-Servicemen's Club on the banks of the Rock River.



Victor J. Standaert, H.C.T., (holding club), and heroic Steve Witte, St.C.T., (lying down), appear to be performing a golf stunt for their fellow golfers during the Annual Golf Stag. (L-r): Ray Marhem, Frank DeWaele, Henry Lerminez, Frank Hendricks, Gene DeRoo, Arnold Rumler (kneeling), Bob DeLille, Ed Claseaman, Merlyn Boostrom and Art VanLancker. (This was only a stunt for the camera).



Present for the Annual Golf Stag were (front row, l-r): Pat VandeKerckhove, Joe VandeMoortel, Jack Smith, Francis Coene, Arnold Rumler, Bob DeLille and Walt Cornelis. (Back row, l-r): Ray Marhem, Henry Lerminez, Jack Peck, Frank DeWaele, Art VanLancker, Herb Vyncke, Wayne Starr, Frank Hendricks, Steve Witte, Victor Standaert, H.C.T., Gene DeRoo, Ed Claseaman and Merlyn Boostrom. (Photos by Al Lootens)



Youth members of Laval Ct. 488 and Montcalm Ct. 501, Manchester, New Hampshire, eagerly await their turn as one young member visits with Santa.

At Christmas we tend to look back and reminisce about other years. Here are photos taken of Christmas 1980. From the looks of these pictures there must be an extraordinary number of good Forester boys and girls in our local Courts. How else would Santa have hustled along his route to attend so many Christmas parties and give away so many toys and bags of candy.

We wish you a Merry Christmas

John Pettinger, SS. Peter and Paul Ct. 61, Wilmette, Illinois, struggles with a gift almost as big as he is.



If two is company and three's a crowd, what would a whole group of Foresters and Santa be? A good time! Members of Ascension Ct. 2010, Warren, Michigan, certainly had a good time joining together and celebrating Christmas.



Traveling incognito, Santa Claus pays a visit to the youth members of St. Mary Ct. 996, Remsen, Iowa. Pictured are the winners of the gift drawings and door prize. (Back row, l-r): Jeff Pottebaum, Alan and Steve Peters, Santa Claus, Mike Vaske, Kristy Harpenau and Christa Konz. (Front row, l-r): Heidi Poeckes, Katie Harpenau, Kelli Kunkel, Danny Bunkers and Scott Heidesch.



(Left): These joyful members of Sacred Heart Ct. 1326, Bellevue, Kentucky, must have been good all year because they were really happy with Santa's visit at their Annual Christmas Party. (Bottom, left): December is Santa's busiest month of the year. He even had to attend a Forester Christmas Party before getting a trim, but he was happy just to be able to see the bright smiling faces of the youth members during St. Peter's Ct. 2034, Tilden, Wisconsin, Christmas Party. (Bottom, right): Santa does it again! Look at the cute, happy faces of the youth members during the Annual Christmas Party sponsored by the Chicago, Illinois, Associated West Side Courts.



Little ones are usually thrilled about having pictures taken with Santa, but a toy caterpillar seems to be snatching some of the photographer's attention, while some toddlers decide to check if mom is still around at the Laval Ct. 488 and Montcalm Ct. 501, Manchester, New Hampshire Christmas party.

Favorite Christmas Recipes

Abbreviations: T-tablespoon; t-teaspoon; c-cup; oz-ounce and lb-pound.



Mrs. John Gorski shares this candy recipe with us.

Million Dollar Fudge

Put in large bowl:

- 6 oz. semi-sweet chocolate bits
 - 6 oz. German sweet chocolate (1½ bars) cut up in small pieces
 - ½ Jar Kraft marshmallow cream
 - 1 c. nut meats (optional)
- Set aside.
- Put in sauce pan:
- 2¼ c. sugar
 - pinch of salt
 - 1 T. butter
 - ½ tall can evaporated milk
 - ½ t. vanilla

Boil mixture in saucepan for 6 minutes stirring constantly. Turn off heat leaving mixture over burner, and empty contents from large bowl into hot mixture. Beat until chocolate is all melted, then pour into buttered pan. Let stand a few hours before cutting. Store in covered container.



The recipes below are those that the Louis E. Caron family have enjoyed over the years. Bro. Caron was High Chief Ranger from 1968-1980. The Tourtière is a meat pie served hot with jellied cranberry sauce, pickles, etc., usually following the Midnight Mass. The Oyster Stuffing is cooked separately from stuffing in the turkey and is served during dinner on Christmas Day.

Tourtière (for one ten-inch pie)

Mix together

- 1 lb. ground pork (lean)
- ½ lb. ground veal
- 2 small onions diced
- ¼ t. ground clove
- ¼ t. celery salt
- 1 t. salt
- ¼ t. pepper
- ¼ c. water
- ¾ c. bread crumbs

Cook for 1½ hours over low heat. Pour into unbaked pie shell and top with crust. (Recipe below).

Cut steam vents with knife.

Pie crust for Tourtière

- 2 c. flour
- 1 c. Crisco
- ¼ t. salt
- 1 t. sugar
- ¼ c. water

Mix ingredients as for a pie crust. Bake pie at 375 degree for 45 minutes. After this traditional French meat pie has cooled, it can always be reheated. It should always be served very hot.

Oyster Stuffing

- 2 containers plain bread croutons (about 2 lb.)
- 1 c. melted margarine to which is added
- 1½ t. salt and ½ t. pepper
- ¼ c. green pimento olives chopped
- 1 4½ oz. jar of mushrooms chopped
- 4 medium stalks of celery chopped
- 1 onion chopped
- 3 eggs beaten with ½ pt. of half and half
- 3 plastic containers of frozen oysters (3 lb)

Mix all ingredients together and pour into an 8 by 8 inch pan and bake at 325 degrees for 45 minutes. (This recipe can be halved).



Mrs. Edwin H. Huber sent in this cookie recipe which her family has always enjoyed.

Marshmallow Nut Cookie

- ½ c. shortening
- 1 c. sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 t. vanilla
- 1¾ c. flour
- ½ t. salt
- ½ t. baking powder
- ½ c. cocoa
- ¼ c. milk

Cream butter and sugar, add egg and vanilla and beat. Add dry ingredients alternate with milk. Beat smooth. Drop by teaspoon; bake 350° 8 to 10 minutes. Take from oven; place ½ marshmallow cut side down on cookie and return to oven and bake another 2 minutes then cool.

Frosting:

- 1 egg
 - 1 t. vanilla
 - ⅓ c. melted butter
 - 1½ c. powdered sugar
 - 1½ squares melted chocolate
- Dip each cookie into the frosting and place a pecan on each.



Mrs. Roger Brill, wife of our High Court Trustee, sent in this fruit cake recipe. When our children were little, she wrote, we made a family project of mixing and baking this fruit cake on a cold November Sunday afternoon around Thanksgiving time. The cake is best if it is made several weeks ahead of time, and that helped us get started on our holiday baking before the other Christmas activities took over. When Roger was small, he and his brother and sisters would go down in the basement and slice off some fruit cake, and their mother would wonder why the crock was emptier than the last time she had used some, though she really knew. She sometimes wrapped the loaves in a cloth dampened with red wine.

Grandma Brill's Fruit Cake

- 1 lb. pork back fat, ground fine
- 1 pt. boiling fruit juice (apple or other)
- 2 tps. soda

Combine, mix well and let stand 20 minutes.

- Add
- 2 c. brown sugar
 - 2 eggs
 - ¾ c. molasses
 - ½ t. salt

Mix well.

- Add
- 1 lb. dates, cut up
 - 1 lb. raisins
 - 2 t. cinnamon
 - ½ t. nutmeg
 - ½ t. cloves
 - 1 lb. glazed mixed fruit
 - ¼ lb. candied cherries
 - ½ lb. walnuts or pecans
 - ½ lb. brazil nuts (optional)
 - 2 t. vanilla
 - 4 c. sifted flour

Put in 3 loaf pans which have been greased and lined with greased

brown paper. Cover with brown paper. Bake at 275 degrees for 2½ to 3 hours. Trim with gum drops and candied pineapple. When cool wrap well and store in cool place or freeze.



Mrs. Armand Lemire sent in the recipe below which has been passed down from her husband's grandmother. It is usually served after Midnight Mass. (Reveillons).

La Bagatelle A Memère

(Memère was the affectionate name given to his grandmother).

- 1 large punchbowl
- 4 8 oz. angel food cakes
- 2 qt. milk
- 3 T. corn starch
- 3 T. sugar
- 4 eggs
- 4 pkgs. frozen or 2 pt. fresh raspberries
- 1 pt. heavy cream
- 1. Cube two of the cakes in bowl
- 2. Heat milk in saucepan till very warm.
- 3. In a small dish mix cornstarch, eggs and sugar
- 4. Add mixture to warm milk until it comes to a boil, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Add vanilla and let thicken.
- 5. Pour half of white pudding over cake until every piece is moistened.
- 6. Pour 2 pkgs. thawed or 1 pt. fresh raspberries over cake. Repeat steps 1, 5 and 6 in layers.

Beat heavy cream with mixer, add 1 t. vanilla and 2 T. of sugar. Spread whip cream over entire mixture. Sprinkle with chopped nuts (optional). Makes 12 servings.



We have many recipes for special occasions that have become traditional, writes Mary Clemen, F.I.C., Field Representative from Iowa. One of the old favorites that everyone in the family expects at Christmas are my "Date Pinwheel Cookies." I've had the recipe as long as I can remember and possibly I got it from my Home Economics class in High School or College. The simplicity of the instructions and ready availability of the ingredients almost dates it.

Try them—you'll like them!

Date Pinwheel Cookies

- 3 eggs
- 1 c. white sugar
- 1 c. brown sugar
- 1 c. shortening
- 4 c. flour
- 1 t. soda
- 1 t. cream of tartar
- 1 lb. dates (cut small)
- ½ c. sugar
- ½ c. water
- ½ c. pecan halves (chopped up small)

Mix dates, ½ c. sugar, ½ c. water and nut meats. Cook to a paste you can spread when cool.

Cream together sugar and shortening until light and fluffy. Add eggs one at a time. Then gradually add dry ingredients. Divide dough in two.

Roll dough one amount at a time thin on a well floured board. Spread date paste on dough. Roll up as for jelly roll and let stand overnight in the refrigerator. Repeat for second roll.

Later slice dough rolls in pinwheels ¼ inch thick and bake at 350 degree oven until brown. (10-15 minutes).



Lorraine Zupfer, F.I.C., Field Representative from Minnesota writes:

Here is a recipe for barbecued ribs that was my Mom's. She always served them on Christmas Eve. Mom just passed away on September 30, at the age of 65, so I guess it is a very special recipe to our family. When Mom and Dad (who died 5½ years ago) were both alive, there were 13 of us, so her recipe was for that number.

Barbecued Ribs

Brown 10 lb of ribs, pour off fat
Slice 3 onions over top of ribs
Sprinkle 6 T. brown sugar over this,
then mix up the following sauce and pour over ribs.

- Sauce—
- 5 T. vinegar
 - 5 T. worcestershire sauce
 - 2 T. salt
 - 2 t. paprika
 - 1½ t. chili powder
 - 1½ t. pepper
 - 2 c. catsup
 - 2 c. water

Bake—3 hours at 350 covered—uncover the last ½ hour.



My mother was a career woman and didn't spend much time in the kitchen, wrote Marguerite Lillig, Mo-Kan St. Secretary; consequently, I did a lot of experimenting with recipes. The sliced nut cookies were a favorite of my aunt. She made them for many years for church teas, etc. I used to bake them at night after my own little cookie monsters were asleep, as the cookies generally disappeared as soon as they came out of the oven. After my aunt's husband passed away 20 years ago, we always invited her to our feastday dinners, as she had no family, and she always brought along a casserole of baked beans. They are a good addition to any buffet. The pumpkin pie was also always a favorite of the children during the holidays.

Sliced Nut Cookies

(Delicious and no tedious rolling or cutting).

- 1 c. brown sugar
- 1 c. white sugar
- 1½ c. melted Crisco
- 3 eggs, well beaten
- 1 t. salt
- 4½ c. flour
- 2 t. soda
- 1 t. cinnamon
- ½ t. nutmeg
- ½ t. cloves
- 1 c. chopped nuts**

(blanched almonds are best)

Cream Crisco with sugars. Add eggs slowly, mixing thoroughly; add nuts; then dry ingredients sifted together twice. Shape into roll about 2½ to 3 inches in diameter. Make two rolls, wrap in waxed paper and refrigerate several hours or over night. (May be frozen). When ready to bake, slice thin and place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 8 to 10 minutes in hot oven—375 degrees. Makes about 75 cookies.

**½ cups nuts and ½ cups of raisins may be substituted for the cup of nuts. Also ½ cup drained canned pie cherries are delicious with ½ cup chopped pecans.

Aunt Linn's Baked Beans

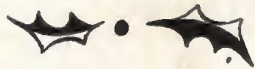
- 1 c. navy beans
- 2½ oz. salt pork
- 2 T. molasses or dark Karo
- ½ t. dry mustard
- 1 t. salt

Mix the dry mustard and salt and dissolve in hot water. Wash beans, put in pan and cover with cold water. Bring to a boil, then add $\frac{1}{4}$ t. soda. Stir well and bring to a boil; drain. Rinse with hot water. Place half of beans in a pan. Cover with salt pork that has been cut into pieces. Add remainder of beans. Add molasses, mustard and salt mixture. Cover with hot water. (If more water is needed always use hot water). Bake in 350 degree oven for 3 or 4 hours.

Pumpkin Pecan Pie

$\frac{1}{2}$ c. brown sugar
 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. granulated sugar
 1 T. flour
 $\frac{1}{2}$ t. salt
 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ t. cinnamon
 $\frac{1}{2}$ t. nutmeg
 2 c. cooked or canned pumpkin
 2 slightly beaten eggs
 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. to pt. of milk
 3 T. chopped pecans

Mix sugars, flour, salt and spices. Add pumpkin, blend. Add eggs and milk. Pour into 9-inch pastry-lined pie pan. Sprinkle with nut meats. Bake in hot oven (450 degrees) 10 minutes; then in moderate oven (325 degrees) 45 minutes, or until mixture doesn't adhere to knife.



From Ruth Coyle, Ohio State Trustee and Youth Director come these recipes.

Chocolate Chip Meringue Cookies

(More like candy than cookies)

First heat oven to 350.
 Beat 2 egg whites
 Add $\frac{3}{4}$ c. sugar slowly ($\frac{1}{4}$ cream tartar-optional)
 Beat until stiff
 Add 1 c. tiny chocolate chips

Put piece of brown paper bag on your cookie sheet. Drop small cookies onto the brown paper bag. Turn oven off and put cookies in and let them in the oven for 8 hours.

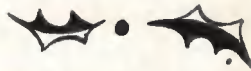
Ohio Buckeyes

—(taste like Reese's peanut butter)
 3 lbs powdered sugar
 2 lbs cream style Peanut Butter
 1 lb butter or margarine (softened)
 Mix together and roll into little balls the size of buckeyes. Refrigerate 2 hours or overnight. Melt 24 oz.

chocolate chips and 1 cake paraffin in double boiler. Dip the balls by a toothpick into the melted chocolate. Leave a small place on the top of the ball to look like a buckeye. Makes about 12 doz.

Cranberry Pie

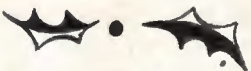
2 c. fresh cranberries
 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. sugar
 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. nuts
 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. butter or margarine
 Butter 10" pie pan. Put in berries, sugar and nuts. Beat 2 eggs—add 1 c. sugar, 1 c. flour. Melt rest of butter and $\frac{1}{4}$ c. vegetable shortening. Add melted butter to sugar, flour and eggs. Pour over top of cranberries. Bake 1 hour at 325°. Delicious served with Cool Whip on top.



Mary Armbruster, wife of Mo-Kan State Chief Ranger, William Armbruster, sent in the pie recipe below which makes a splendid finish to a holiday luncheon.

Bourbon Pie

5 egg yolks
 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. sugar
 1 envelope unflavored gelatin
 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. water
 $\frac{1}{3}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ c. bourbon
 2 c. heavy cream, whipped
 1 baked 9 inch pie shell.
 Beat egg yolks and gradually add sugar. Beat constantly until mixture turns light yellow. Soften gelatin in the water and beat over boiling water till gelatin dissolves. Add to egg mixture. Mix well. Add bourbon. Fold in whipped cream and pour into pie shell. Chill 6 hours or over night. Can sprinkle top with chocolate shaving. Serves 6 to 8.



Mary Okoniewski, Michigan State Secretary, writes:

I have chosen my favorite fruitcake recipe to share with the readers of the CATHOLIC FORESTER. Although I bake dozens and dozens of Christmas cookies, everyone always seems to favor the fruitcake. This fruitcake was a Michigan State Fair winner some twenty to twenty-five years ago. The recipe appeared in our local newspapers and I have been baking it in double and triple batches

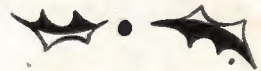
ever since. It can be served to family and guests as a dessert following Christmas dinner, as a snack on your cookie tray or as a fondue—cut in chunks served with lemon sauce. BON APPETITE!

Fruitcake Paradiso (This is heavenly!)

$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. butter
 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. sugar
 4 eggs
 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. apple jelly
 3 cs. all-purpose flour, sifted
 1 t. baking powder
 1 t. salt
 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. milk
 1 lb. candied pineapple, cut up
 1 lb. candied cherries
 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. golden seedless raisins
 3 c. broken walnuts or pecans

Cream butter and sugar at medium speed. Add eggs, one at a time. (Don't overbeat). Soften apple jelly with a fork and stir in. Sift together flour, baking powder and salt, then add alternately with milk (at low speed, just until blended) beginning and ending with flour. Add batter to fruit and nut mixture; blend well. Pour into a large tube pan that has been lined with two layers of brown paper and two layers of waxed paper. Bake at 300° for approximately three hours (or in two similarly-lined loaf pans, five by seven inches) at 300° for approximately two and one-half hours (till toothpick comes out clean). Place two cups of water in a pan on bottom oven shelf while baking. Store in cool place. Makes six pounds. Note: Fruitcake is best when allowed to age for 4 to 6 weeks.

Hope everyone enjoys the recipe as much as we do.



Tap Once for Yes

By John G. Fuller



Grateful for improving health, Casper J. Frederick, Tr., St. Angela Ct. 1374, enjoys the comfort of his family—his wife, Evelyn, Michigan State Treasurer, his older son, Donald (l) and his youngest son, Ronald, holding Ginger, the family pet.

The stricken man on the other end of the phone was in mortal danger. But *who* was he? *Where* was he?

Cass Frederick, a 57-year-old city councilman in St. Clair Shores, Mich., was sitting alone at his kitchen table shortly after noon last February 5. He was about to have a sandwich and glass of milk when he felt a peculiar numbness in his left arm. Less than a year before, a stroke had hospitalized him for several weeks. A terrible thought gripped him: Was this another attack?

He felt a tightening in his throat. As he reached for the wall phone beside his chair, his left arm began slamming up and down uncontrollably on the table. He tried to stop the spasms by squeezing the arm down with his right hand, but the moment he let go, the thrashing resumed without let-up.

Frederick grabbed the digital-button phone with his right hand and laid it flat on the table so he could punch out his wife's number at work. Evelyn was a statistical typist in an accounting office, and he occasionally called her at lunchtime. Bending toward the phone, he heard the reassuring ring on the other end. When he opened his mouth to speak, however, no words came out. Instead, there was a ghostly, choking groan that terrified him. *If Evelyn is on the phone, she will understand and call the ambulance*, he thought. Then his thrashing left hand knocked the phone off the table onto the floor.

At her office, Evelyn Frederick was about to leave for a noontime

errand at the bank when the phone rang. She picked it up but she heard only the buzz of the dial tone.

Meanwhile, back in his kitchen, Cass Frederick's arm had gone completely numb, and the constriction in his throat was intensifying. He still could move his body, though, and with great effort was able to reach down, grasp the phone and return it to the table. Then he flipped back the metal lid of his rotary index card file to find the city police number. This time, he anchored the phone between the table and his stomach and carefully punched the numbers. As Frederick waited for the phone to ring, he tried his voice again. The same eerie groan came out, regardless of what words he tried to form. He feared that he might choke to death if help did not arrive soon.

At the communications console that morning, police officer Jimmy Zerilli picked up the phone. "Saint Clair Shores police."

There was nothing but a confused, scraping sound on the line. Zerilli pressed his ear closer to the phone and waited. Still no articulate sound. Then he heard an awful noise—something like the angry roar of a tiger.

Zerilli leaned back in his chair and smiled. At 34, the officer had spent 13 years on the force, and he had gone through incidents like this a dozen times—a crank call, a sick joke from a drunk or someone who wanted to shout obscenities or insults.

The eerie sound came again. Zerilli was about to hang up; then something told him to wait. The roar

continued, followed by labored, heavy breathing. Zerilli turned to Sgt. James Bell sitting next to him, and held out the telephone receiver.

"What do you think, Sarge? Doesn't quite sound like a nut, does it?"

"Somebody's in trouble," Bell said. He picked up his phone and called the operator. "Can you trace the call on the incoming line? Sounds like an emergency."

Zerilli was almost sure now that the caller was in serious trouble and could not talk. But *who* was he? *Where* was he? What kind of trouble?

By now Cass Frederick was seized with frustration and fear. The more he groaned into the phone, the tighter his throat seemed to constrict. His useless left hand continued to thrash about. He prayed that the police would not hang up on him. Then the councilman's gaze fell on the rotary card file. If he raised the metal lid and banged it down hard, he wondered, would he perhaps be able to make the police understand his predicament?

His right hand groped toward the file, opened the lid and slapped it down. He tried again, and found that he could pound the lid rapidly.

"Are you tapping to let me know something?" he heard the officer's voice asking.

Frederick banged the lid as hard and fast as he could. They were beginning to communicate at last! Suddenly his uncontrollable left hand slammed into the phone and it crashed to the floor for the second

time. Another fear seized Frederick. What if he had been disconnected!

At Police Headquarters, Jimmy Zerilli had heard Cass Frederick's frenzied tappings loud and clear—and the crash of the phone. He was now convinced that the caller was suffering from either a heart attack or a stroke. Tracing efforts had proved fruitless and, whatever the situation on the other end of the line, he had to get the address so help could be dispatched. Although he had heard the phone fall, Zerilli couldn't know the problem Frederick now confronted.

After the phone had skidded off the table for the second time, the councilman had groped clumsily for the fallen instrument. It seemed to take forever to fish the phone off the floor. When he finally succeeded, he could hear the police-radio sounds in the background, and knew, thank God, that he was still connected. Zerilli was giving him instructions. "All right," the officer was saying, "tap once for yes; two for no. Can you do that?"

There was silence for a few seconds. Then came an unmistakable sharp, single rap. Zerilli was elated. "Good, great," he called into the phone. "Are you sick?" he asked.

Tap.

"All right," Zerilli continued. "I'm going to find out where you live. Okay?"

Tap.

The town had a population of 75,000, maybe an average of three to a dwelling. That meant one chance in about 25,000. All he could do was try.

"Listen," Zerilli said. "I'm going to start narrowing down the possibilities."

He decided to start at the south end of town and work north. St. Clair Shores is laid out in a grid pattern, starting with Eight Mile Road on the south and running up to Fourteen Mile Road at the northern line.

"Are you between Eight Mile Road and Nine Mile Road?" he asked.

Tap.

Zerilli couldn't believe his luck. It was as if he were playing a game of life-and-death "Twenty Questions." "Good. You live between Eight and

Nine Mile roads. I'm going to start listing streets. Okay?"

Tap.

He picked the name of a street at random. "Do you live on Colony?"

Tap. Tap.

Zerilli expected that negative answer. There would be a long way to go. But the heavy breathing and choking on the other end of the line told him that he would have to move fast. He looked up at the maze of streets on the large sprawling city map on the wall—between Eight and Nine Mile roads were seven vertical arteries and more than 50 horizontal streets. Zerilli felt a sense of despair. It might take an hour to name all the streets. Would it then be too late?

"I'm checking the wall map here," he explained. "Uhhhh—how about California?" Another wild guess.

Tap.

There must be some mistake. "Do you live on California?" he asked, not believing that he had made a second lucky guess.

Tap.

"You live on California. California!" He cooled himself down. "Do you live between Harper and the Expressway?"

Tap. Tap.

"Between Harper and Greater Mack?"

Tap. Tap.

He felt he had to be getting closer. There was only one vertical street possibility left. "Between Greater Mack and Jefferson?" He waited tensely.

A long series of frantic taps followed. Zerilli was confused. There must have been a mix-up in the signals.

Cass Frederick realized immediately that he had made a disastrous, maybe fatal, mistake. When Zerilli had asked him if he lived between Harper and Greater Mack, he had, in his anxiety, tapped twice for no, when he had meant to tap out yes. As the officer went on to call out the other streets, he could only smash the lid of the metal box up and down rapidly in the hope of steering the police officer back to Harper and Greater Mack.

Zerilli, though confused, knew he had no choice but to backtrack. He had eliminated all possible intersecting

streets that crossed California. Where had things gone astray? He patiently began to recheck. "You live on California, is that correct?"

Tap.

"California near Helen Street?"

Tap. Tap.

It was starting to look hopeless again. Zerilli thought of another tack. "Okay," he said. "Do you live on the 21000 block?"

Tap. Tap.

Zerilli followed quickly with 22000, 23000, 24000 blocks—all got negative responses. "Is the first number in your block two?"

Tap. Tap.

Zerilli was drawing a series of desperate blanks. He rubbed his eyes and tried to figure out what to do next. Then he realized that he hadn't yet found out what was wrong with the victim. "Are you having a stroke?"

Tap.

Another thought struck Zerilli: How had he forgotten the westernmost set of numbers on California—the 19000 block? Quickly he asked, "Is the first number of the address a one?"

Tap.

The mystery was clearing. Now Zerilli could move ahead fast. He called out a digit at a time from one to ten. Slowly, the five critical numbers emerged. "One-nine-nine-one-six California!" Zerilli almost yelled it into the phone.

Tap.

By the time the last street number was confirmed, another officer already had his finger running down the appropriate page of the city directory. "It's the address of Councilman Cass Frederick!" he shouted.

"Are you Councilman Frederick?" asked Zerilli.

Tap.

Now Zerilli told Frederick to hold on, that help was on the way. He asked if the front door was open, and received a weak affirmative tap. Then there was silence.

Officer Jim Bankard in Car 67 heard the emergency call and sped to the Frederick house. He found Cass Frederick, choking, bent over, legs half-buckled under him. Within moments a fire-rescue unit arrived with oxygen, then an ambulance took the

councilman to the Bon Secours Hospital in neighboring Grosse Point. Six weeks later, Cass Frederick was home and recuperating.

When Jimmy Zerilli stopped by one day to pay his respects, Cass came out of his chair, threw his arms around the officer and kissed him on

the cheek. Together, the two had performed a small miracle by way of a simple code plus patience, cool-headedness and a touch of luck. †

Improvement Continues

In a letter to CATHOLIC FORESTER, Bro. Frederick says that he is feeling very good these days. He has a pacemaker and thinks this will keep him on the road to recovery. He carries a tape recorder with him with a tape of his past condition and his name and address and phone numbers where his wife, Evelyn, may be reached in case of an emergency.

The Fredericks are a complete Forester family. Both his sons, Donald and Ronald, are Foresters. Sister Frederick's father, John Rostoni, has been a Forester for 60 years and spent several years as an officer on the Michigan State Court. He is presently Chief Ranger of St. Angela Ct. 1374. Although health reasons prevented his wife, Rose Rostoni, who died on September 29th of this year, from taking out insurance with COF, she was an honorary member. They always participated in Forester events.

Sister Frederick is the Michigan State Court Treasurer and

formerly served as a Trustee. She is Secretary of St. Angela Court and a member of the Legion of Honor. Bro. Frederick is Treasurer of St. Angela Court and also a Legion of Honor member. He usually goes with his wife to the State Court Meetings and participates as much as possible in the various activities.

The Fredericks are active in the City of St. Clair Shores with various functions, and Sister Frederick says this is good therapy for her husband and supports him in what he wants to do. His speech has improved quite a bit and in time, hopefully, everything will be back to normal.

Bro. Frederick was, indeed, grateful for the help that he received at the time of his stroke. He thinks the article in Reader's Digest might serve to benefit someone else who may be in that same situation some day.

Owns 42-Year-Old Business

Edwin W. Spangenberg, a long-time member of St. Michael Ct. 93, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is the owner of Spangenberg Office Supplies, a business he founded in 1939 and still operates at 200 E. Michigan Street, Milwaukee. He recently celebrated his 90th birthday and unlike most people who have no alternative but to work on their birthdays, Bro. Spangenberg chose to drive down to his store, as he does every Monday through Friday.

Although he relies on his 10 dedicated employees, among them a 30-year employe, to run the business, his interest has not decreased. He is usually at his firm from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. daily. "After 90 years, you don't quit," said Bro. Spangenberg, who can't recall missing a day of work due to illness.

Bro. Spangenberg, a widower for 14 years, has two sons and a daughter who are also in the Office Supply business. His daughter-in-law, Betty Spangenberg, owns and operates a supply firm in Appleton, Wisconsin. Both stores have succeeded because they have offered quality for the best price.

There were four other office supply firms operating in the neighborhood that Bro. Spangenberg chose as a location for his firm. He recalled smiling, "all my friends told me I should see a psychiatrist because there were four office supply stores within a half block of this location." After being in business for 42 years, Bro. Spangenberg is assured that his choice of location was a good one.

He enjoys working with people and has always treated people fair. His firm buys straight from nationally-known manufacturers and "if something is wrong, they take it back," said Bro. Spangenberg. For years he has given the Milwaukee State Court a 10% clergy discount when purchasing items in his store.

Bro. Spangenberg also has a warehouse in a four-story building at 608 N. Broadway which he owns.



Edwin W. Spangenberg, St. Michael Ct. 93, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, still uses first cash register in his store. (Photo from Milwaukee Sentinel)

He is proud of the fact that he has remained healthy and happy, not to mention staying free from debt during his long and blooming business.

Bro. Spangenberg believes his successful business is plain, simple luck, but everyone knows it's courtesy and care that makes a company prosperous. †

Human Life Amendment (continued)

life of a terminally ill comatose patient . . .
[whose] claim to personhood is certainly no
greater than that of a fetus. [Emphasis of the
Court]

Other cases have begun to compromise the rights of children already born. Following upon the Massachusetts Supreme Court ruling in *Commonwealth v. Edelin* (1976) and the U.S. Supreme Court ruling in *Collauti v. Franklin* (1978), it is no longer clear that an infant born alive during a late-term abortion has the same right to medical care that other infants have. Similarly the Supreme Court recently refused to consider an appeal from the California Supreme Court's ruling in *Curlender v. Bio-Science Laboratories*, which claimed that a child born with handicaps should be allowed to sue her parents for not having aborted her—a claim which implies that handicapped life after birth can be considered as worse than non-existence under the law.

The basic problem, then, is that a fundamental disagreement exists as to whether every living human individual has inherent rights and an inherent worth which no legal body has the authority to deny. Since the Supreme Court's rulings are considered authoritative interpretations of the Constitution, the disagreement boils down to whether the abortion decisions should be allowed to stand or should be overturned by constitutional amendment. The Catholic bishops of the U.S., together with millions of other Americans representing a variety of religious and political persuasions, firmly support adoption of a constitutional amendment. The Supreme Court's rulings on abortion, they argue, contradict a millenia-old Judaeo-Christian ethic which has provided our legal system with its very foundations; its legitimization of the destruction of human life by members of that medical profession runs counter to the ethical principles that have ennobled that profession for many centuries; and its view of "personhood" makes a mockery of our country's traditional defense of inherent and unalienable human rights.

If the basic controversy is fairly straightforward, the way in which it is conducted in the U.S. has become complex. The complicating factors include: (1) the variety of suggested strategies for overturning the Court's abortion decisions; and (2) the attempts by pro-abortion groups to divert attention away from the central issue and toward peripheral or imaginary issues.

Strategies for Protecting the Unborn Child

Human Life Statute

Among those who agree that the unborn child should be protected under American law, there is some disagreement over the best way to obtain this protection. One approach which has recently received a great deal of publicity is enactment of a "Human Life Statute." This approach has a number of drawbacks, not the least of which is that such a statute could itself be declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court. Based on a Congressional finding that human life begins at conception, the statute would declare that the unborn child is a person under the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution. But as noted above, the Supreme Court has ruled such factual evidence to be irrelevant to the issue of "personhood." Although at first glance the statutory approach seems quicker and easier, it is an inadequate

solution to the constitutional problem.

Amending the Constitution

Another approach is the "states' rights" amendment, which would empower states to prohibit abortion without explicitly recognizing the unborn child as a person. Under this approach, abortion might be totally prohibited in one state, permitted under some circumstances in another, and permitted under all circumstances in yet another. It would therefore not provide universal protection of the unborn child's unalienable right to life.

A variation of this approach is a "federal powers" amendment, which would allow Congress to set a consistent standard of protection throughout the country while allowing individual states to enact their own laws to make this protection more effective. This approach avoids the fundamental drawback of the "states' rights" approach, and is therefore more acceptable to many in the pro-life movement. Most of its supporters, however, consider it only a stepping-stone to a "Human Life Amendment"—that is, to a constitutional statement of principle recognizing all human beings as "persons" from conception until death. Such an amendment would provide a constitutional basis for the full protection of unborn children's lives under the law, would reverse the Supreme Court's abortion decisions by addressing the question of "personhood" which these decisions raised, and would prevent the Court's reasoning in these decisions from being used to determine the legal status and rights of people who are handicapped or terminally ill.

Wording of HLA Difficulty

Numerous versions of the Human Life Amendment (HLA) have been introduced in Congress over the past eight years. Two versions which have been particularly popular among some pro-life groups have been re-introduced in the Senate during the 97th Congress. The first, introduced by Senator Jess Helms, is called the "paramount" HLA:

The paramount right to life is vested in each human being from the moment of fertilization without regard to age, health, or condition of dependency.

The second, which has the support of the National Right to Life Committee, was introduced in the Senate by Senator Jake Garn, who was joined by 30 co-sponsors:

Section 1. With regard to the right to life, the word "person," as used in this article and in the fifth and fourteenth articles of amendment to the Constitution of the United States, applies to all human beings, irrespective of age, health, function, or condition of dependency, including their unborn offspring at every stage of their biological development.

Section 2. No unborn person shall be deprived of life by any person: Provided, however, that nothing in this article shall prohibit a law permitting only those medical procedures required to prevent the death of the mother.

Section 3. Congress and the several States shall have the power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation within their respective jurisdictions.

Pro-life groups are also reviewing the wording of the various proposed amendments in the hope of formulating

revised wording that would take advantage of both of the above amendments.

No Trade-off of Human Lives

Even if one argues that a few lives may be indirectly saved by keeping abortion on demand legal, the direct and indirect costs to society are so enormous as to be incapable of accurate measurement. Society presently considers rape, prostitution and heroin addiction to be unacceptable activities, despite the fact that the percentage of physical complications resulting from any of these could be reduced by legalizing them and conducting them in safe, clinical surroundings. Similarly, most Americans would consider it unthinkable to wage a "first-strike" nuclear war on another country, although millions of Americans would survive who might be killed in a war in which our country did not take the initiative. We cannot blindly approve of a deliberate trade-off of human lives in the case of abortion any more than we do on these other issues. Without even alluding to the direct results of

permissive abortion, one cannot deny the demoralizing effect on society when some human lives are considered valueless. On the contrary, the HLA would provide a statement of principle dedicating our country to the protection of all human beings' lives, while our current policy on abortion cannot help but lead to the devaluation of the lives of women, children and men alike.

None of the proposed amendments would deny a woman's right to due process, equal protection of the law, or even the "right to privacy" which the Supreme Court first defined with reference to reproductive issues in the 1960s. It simply denies that any of these constitute a right to kill the unborn child. Enforcement of this principle would have to abide by the requirements of due process, etc., which are involved in the enforcement of any other law. To base one's opposition to the HLA on such arguments is analogous to opposing the Constitution's "freedom of speech" clause for fear that it might not allow laws against slander.

(to be continued in Jan/Feb issue)

Receives Scholarship Certificate



Michael E. Mager, (l), St. Mary Ct. 293, Crown Point, Indiana, a 1981 winner of a four-year COF College Scholarship, received his certificate from George Helfen, St.C.R., on August 4th. The presentation was made during the Court's Annual Steak Fry at St. Mary cafeteria. Bro. Mager plans to attend Notre Dame University.

Claas Receives Award



Roman H. Claas (l), Field Representative of COF, received the Quality Service Award from the National Fraternal Congress for 1981. Walter V. Kowalczyk, H.C.T., (r), made the presentation on August 30th, during the Youth Field Day and Family Picnic of the Eastern Wisconsin District Association of the Wisconsin jurisdiction held at Firemans Park, Fredonia, Wisconsin.

Joins Daughters of St. Paul

Miss Diane Nagel, 22, St. Clemens Ct. 747, Bismarck, North Dakota,



who recently entered the order of the Daughters of St. Paul on March 2, 1981, officially began her year of canonical postulancy in preparation for novitiate on August 15th.

Diane, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Nagel, is a graduate of St. Mary's Central High School.

She has two sisters and three brothers and all have been members of COF since they were 6 weeks old.

Father James Alberione founded the Daughters of St. Paul in 1915. Today the sisters spread the Word of God through prayer and modern means of communication such as television, books, radio, films, records and cassettes.

The order is well known throughout the Diocese of Bismarck by means of the catechetical series entitled the "WAY, TRUTH, and LIFE." These texts are being used by a number of parishes because of the unique presentation of Catholic teaching and the popularity and acceptance among CCD teachers and students.

Receives Photo Contest Check

Tom A. Basten, (r), St. Mary Ct. 1110, Solon, Iowa, received a check in the amount of \$100 for being first place winner in the Junior Division of the 1981 COF Photo Contest. Gilbert Wagner, St.C.R., presented the check at the Cedar Valley District Meeting. Robert P. Frees, H.C.T., (l), offered congratulations. Tom's parents and grandparents, also present for the occasion, were very happy.



High Court Proceedings

September, 1981

The regular monthly meeting of the High Court, Catholic Order of Foresters, was held on September 15, 16 and 17, 1981. The following members responded to roll call: Brothers John A. Gorski, High Chief Ranger; Julius A. Coller, II, Vice High Chief Ranger; Bernard F. Milota, High Secretary; Fred J. Meyer, High Treasurer; Edwin H. Huber, Roger J. Brill, Elmer Wiblishauer, Walter V. Kowalczyk, Victor J. Standaert, Armand R. Lemire, Robert P. Frees, Peter J. Gardner, Jr., and David W. Rice, High Court Trustees. Brother John M. Spilar, High Court Trustee, was absent from the meeting.

Brother Gorski, High Chief Ranger, opened the meeting in regular form.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the reading of the July, 1981, High Court Minutes be dispensed with and that they be approved and kept as recorded.

The Committee recommends that the following members be enrolled in the Third Degree Legion of Honor:

Member	Court	Location
INDIANA		
Ruth Ellen Haller	St. Mathias 102	Schererville
IOWA		
Edward Dietzenbach	St. Luke 2100	St. Lucas
Paul D. Koch	St. Edward 2145	Waterloo
KENTUCKY		
Michael G. Schepman	Blessed Sacrament 2015	Ft. Mitchell
MICHIGAN (L.P.)		
Sandra L. Magreta	St. Stanislaus 1202	Detroit
MINNESOTA		
Leo G. Raab	St. Joseph 733	Avon
Alphons R. Rausch	St. Martin 879	Richmond
Alphonse Goblirsch	St. Thomas 1994	Lafayette
NEBRASKA		
Aian N. Beller	St. Bernard 2006	Lindsay
OHIO		
George Vande Ryt	St. Victor 1179	Cincinnati
Gerald V. Manegold	St. James 1828	Cincinnati
WISCONSIN		
Richard Crotteau	St. Phillip 475	Rudolph
Leander M. Burmesch	St. Mary 728	Random Lake
Clarence Pronschinske	Heiss 783	Arcadia
Thomas Deininger	St. Leo 795	Marathon
Anna Mae Heil	St. Leo 795	Marathon
Evangeline Juza	St. John 1084	Kewaunee
Donald L. Kaiser	Our Lady of Good Hope 1189	Milwaukee
Irvin Ketterhagen	St. Vincent 1338	Thorp
Robert Kienbaum	Sts. Peter and Paul 1530	Kiel
Bernard Schuette	St. Willebrord 1611	Green Bay
Dominic Helminiak	St. John 1807	Stevens Point
Thomas L. Lepinski	St. John 1807	Stevens Point
Norbert B. Ledvina	St. Joseph 2080	Luxemburg

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Report of the Good of the Order Committee be adopted.

Brother Brill, acting Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the following report:

The Committee recommends the approval of claims paid by the Order since the last meeting of the High Court as follows:

269	Death Claims	\$ 352,840.24
526	Cash Surrenders	304,910.05
332	Cash Loans	219,461.85

53	Matured Endowments	86,149.99
68	Supplementary Contracts	15,896.79
4	Double Indemnity Claims	22,000.00
TOTAL		\$1,001,258.92

The Committee checked all bills against the original vouchers and recommends payment of bills checked as shown on list furnished each member of the High Court.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Report of the Finance Committee be adopted.

It was ordered that the following Court be disbanded and the membership transferred as indicated, effective October 1, 1981:

St. Anthony Court 2229, Chicago, Illinois, to Karel IV Court 1502, Chicago, Illinois.

St. Michael Court 1007, Tracy, Minnesota, to St. Rita Court 1248, Currie, Minnesota.

St. Brendan Court 1328, Youngstown, Ohio, to St. Mary Court 1888, Warren, Ohio.

St. Patrick Court 73, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to St. Florian Court 1819, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Holy Trinity Court 83, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to St. Florian Court 1819, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

St. Mary Court 784, Pewaukee, Wisconsin, to St. Joseph Court 120, Waukesha, Wisconsin.

Due to a minimum of 15 members or less, the following courts were disbanded and transferred as indicated, effective October 1, 1981:

St. Gabriel Court 16, Chicago, Illinois, to Newman Court 400, Chicago, Illinois.

St. Boniface Court 43, Chicago, Illinois, to St. Gregory Court 650, Chicago, Illinois.

St. Sebastian Court 259, Chicago, Illinois, to Holy Ghost Court 679, Chicago, Illinois.

Holy Cross Court 575, Stockton, Illinois, to High Court 5000, Chicago, Illinois.

St. James Court 721, Irwin, Illinois, to High Court 5000, Chicago, Illinois.

St. Stefana Court 901, Chicago, Illinois, to High Court 5000, Chicago, Illinois.

St. Joseph Court 915, Spring Valley, Illinois, to St. Benedict Court 782, Peru, Illinois.

St. Valentine Court 1001, Chicago, Illinois, to High Court 5000, Chicago, Illinois.

St. Felix Court 1578, Chicago, Illinois, to High Court 5000, Chicago, Illinois.

Padre Pio Court 2287, South Bend, Indiana, to High Court 5000, Chicago, Illinois.

St. Patrick Court 854, Danbury, Iowa, to St. Bernard Court 873, Breda, Iowa.

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Court 2213, Baltimore, Maryland, to High Court 5000, Chicago, Illinois.

St. Joseph Court 392, Escanaba, Michigan, to High Court 5000, Chicago, Illinois.

Joan of Arc Court 1708, Marquette, Michigan, to High Court 5000, Chicago, Illinois.

Ascension Court 558, Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Hennepin Court 153, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Sacred Heart Court 813, Redwood Falls, Minnesota, to St. Rita Court 1248, Currie, Minnesota.

St. Joseph Court 843, Barnesville, Minnesota, to St. Bernard Court 1913, Kent, Minnesota.

St. Stephen Court 1989, Anoka, Minnesota, to St. Vincent De Paul Court 781, Osseo, Minnesota.

St. Luke Court 2040, Ogallala, Nebraska, to High Court 5000, Chicago, Illinois.

St. Mary Court 1131, Springfield, Ohio, to St. Michael Court 549, Dayton, Ohio.

St. Peter Court 1707, Columbus, Ohio, to St. Thomas Court 1217, Columbus, Ohio.

All Saints Court 1957, Canton, Ohio, to Canton Court 1358, Canton, Ohio.

Immaculate Conception Court 1874, Youngstown, Ohio, to St. Mary Court 1888, Warren, Ohio.

Our Lady of Lourdes Court 1990, East Palestine, Ohio, to St. Mary Court 1888, Warren, Ohio.

Sts. Peter and Paul Court 2216, Ennis, Texas, to High Court 5000, Chicago, Illinois.

Holy Cross Court 1834, Merrill, Oregon, to High Court 5000, Chicago, Illinois.

Pope John Paul II Court 2288, Gresham, Oregon, to High Court 5000, Chicago, Illinois.

St. Gertrude Court 2140, Lebanon, Pennsylvania, to High Court 5000, Chicago, Illinois.

St. Mary Court 924, Auburndale, Wisconsin, to St. Philip Court 475, Rudolph, Wisconsin.

St. Theresa Court 998, Eagle, Wisconsin, to St. Joseph Court 120, Waukesha, Wisconsin.

Parnell Court 1212, Cascade, Wisconsin, to St. Leo Court 267, Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

Holy Trinity Court 1702, Milladore, Wisconsin, to St. Philip Court 475, Rudolph, Wisconsin.

St. Joseph Court 553, Uniontown, Washington, to High Court 5000, Chicago, Illinois.

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Court 2210, Phillips, Wisconsin, to St. Antonius Court 1301, Park Falls, Wisconsin.

Brother Milota, High Secretary, presented the following Financial Statement:

Contributions levied January 1 to Sept. 30, 1981	
Members in good standing	\$ 5,893,265.72
Members on contribution loan	309,555.41
Total Contributions Levied	\$ 6,202,821.13
Benefit claims paid January 1 to Sept. 14, 1981	
Death claims	\$ 1,512,304.06
Cash surrender claims	1,003,332.10
Total disability claims	50.00
A.D.B. claims	51,000.00
Juvenile death claims	16,000.00
Cash loans	847,127.09
Matured endowments	297,678.53
Supplementary contracts	61,386.97
Old age benefit claims	517.41
Refunds to members (Dividends)	1,620,450.79
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 5,409,846.95
Cash received January 1 to September 14, 1981	
Contributions	\$ 5,606,235.58
Loans, liens and interest	277,073.75
Interest and dividends on bonds and stocks:	
Interest on bonds	\$7,708,135.62
Dividends on stocks	397,700.83
Total Cash Received	\$13,989,145.78
Bank Balance as of September 14, 1981	
Continental Illinois National Bank & Trust Co.	48,273.42
Harris Bank Passbook Savings Account 81465	11,131.92
Total Cash	\$ 59,405.34

Brother Gorski reported that the October meeting would be held on the 14th and 15th.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the High Court adjourn.

The closing prayer was offered in unison.

Brother Gorski, High Chief Ranger, declared the High Court Meeting adjourned.

BERNARD F. MILOTA
HIGH SECRETARY

The regular monthly meeting of the High Court, Catholic Order of Foresters, was held on October 14 and 15, 1981. The following members responded to roll call: Brothers John A. Gorski, High Chief Ranger; Julius A. Collier, II, Vice High Chief Ranger; Bernard F. Milota, High Secretary; Fred J. Meyer, High Treasurer; Edwin H. Huber, Roger J. Brill, Elmer Wiblehauser, John M. Spilar, Walter V. Kowalczyk, Victor J. Standaert, Armand R. Lemire, Robert P. Frees, Peter J. Gardner, Jr., and David W. Rice, High Court Trustees.

Brother Gorski, High Chief Ranger, opened the meeting in regular form.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the reading of the September, 1981, High Court Minutes be dispensed with and that they be approved and kept as recorded.

The Committees duly met and submitted written reports which were approved and are on file in the High Court Office.

Brother Huber, Chairman of the Good of the Order Committee, presented the following report:

The Committee recommends that the following members be enrolled in the Third Degree Legion of Honor:

Member	Court	Location
ILLINOIS		
Lawrence M. Freund	St. Mary 594	McHenry
Thomas J. Blake	St. Mary 594	McHenry
Larain V. Ledenbach	St. Gregory 650	Chicgo
Donna M. Johnson	St. Mary 1382	West Brooklyn
John H. Schreiber	Our Lady of Good Counsel 1544	Aurora
William P. Hettinger	Our Lady of Good Counsel 1544	Aurora
INDIANA		
Norman A. Sarrazine	St. John 1375	New Haven
IOWA		
Edmund D. Ruden	St. Mary 996	Remsen
Donald J. Berendes	St. Mary 996	Remsen
Donald T. Delamore	St. Mary 1234	Waterloo
KENTUCKY		
Stanley L. Buckley	St. Stephen 1380	Newport
Harold W. Eifert, Jr.	St. Stephen 1380	Newport
Doris M. Bertram	St. Peter 1492	California
MINNESOTA		
Merle J. Wilmes	St. Joseph 552	Mankato
Duane D. Mock	St. Joseph 552	Mankato
NEBRASKA		
Dolores M. Sobczyk	Immaculate Conception 1727	Omaha
SOUTH DAKOTA		
Aloysius J. Mack	St. Nicholas 403	Kranzburg
WISCONSIN		
Daniel V. Gorski	St. Vincent De Paul 1775	Milwaukee

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Report of the Good of the Order Committee be adopted.

Brother Spilar, Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the following report:

The Committee recommends the approval of claims paid by the Order since the last meeting of the High Court as follows:

114	Death Claims	\$158,500.37
209	Cash Surrenders	135,201.67
169	Cash Loans	124,367.73
24	Matured Endowments	37,136.66
39	Supplementary Contracts	5,388.13
2	Double Indemnity Claims	2,000.00
TOTAL	\$462,594.56

The Committee checked all bills against the original vouchers and recommends payment of bills checked as shown on list furnished each member of the High Court.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Report of the Finance Committee be adopted.

It was ordered that the following courts be disbanded and the membership transferred as indicated, effective November 1, 1981:

St. Monica Ct. 279, Chicago, Illinois, to Cardinal Samuel Stritch Court 1993, Chicago, Illinois.

St. Wenceslaus Ct. 2220, Brookfield, Illinois, to High Court 7264, Chicago, Illinois.

St. Wenceslaus Ct. 2234, Chicago, Illinois, to High Court 7264, Chicago, Illinois.

St. Louis Ct. 422, Tomah, Wisconsin, to St. Augustine Ct. 1683, Norwalk, Wisconsin.

Brother Milota, High Secretary, presented the following Financial Statement:

Contributions levied January 1 to Oct. 30, 1981	
Members in good standing	\$ 6,803,295.62
Members on contribution loan	338,379.14
Total Contributions Levied	\$ 6,941,674.76
Benefit claims paid January 1 to October 13, 1981	
Death claims	\$ 1,746,060.00
Cash surrender claims	1,208,588.00
Total disability claims	50.00
A.D.B. claims	64,000.00
Juvenile death claims	16,000.00
Cash loans	1,018,688.07
Matured endowments	360,466.90
Supplementary contracts	69,361.47
Old age benefit claims	517.41
Refunds to members (Dividends)	1,926,487.74
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 6,410,219.59
Cash received January 1 to October 13, 1981	
Contributions	\$ 5,961,250.53
Loans, liens and interest	291,485.62
Interest and dividends on bonds and stocks:	
Interest on bonds	\$9,093,305.57
Dividends on stocks	461,784.58
Total Cash Received	\$ 9,555,090.15
Bank Balance as of October 13, 1981	
Continental Illinois National Bank & Trust Co.	\$ 26,556.05
Harris Bank Passbook Savings Account 81465	11,281.05
Total Cash	\$ 37,837.55

Brother Gorski reported that the November meeting would be held on the 18th and 19th.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the High Court adjourn.

The closing prayer was offered in unison.

Brother Gorski, High Chief Ranger, declared the High Court Meeting adjourned.

BERNARD F. MILOTA
HIGH SECRETARY

Washington, D.C., Internship

By: Elizabeth Bergman, SS. Peter and Paul Court 1492, California, Kentucky.

What excitement! I would like to express my sincere thanks to the SS. Peter and Paul Court 1492 in California, Kentucky, for sponsoring me to go to Washington, D.C., last summer. From June till

August, eight interns and I attended a seven week internship program in Washington, D.C. The internship was sponsored by the National Youth Pro-Life Coalition, a national organization run by students and young adults. The National Youth Pro-Life Coalition's purpose is based on the consistency philosophy that "all human life is worth living" (Victor Frankel).

The Sunday I arrived we had an orientation session to learn the names of the other interns and to learn what we would be doing the rest of the summer. The first two weeks of the internship were spent studying and going to classes. We would spend seven to eight hours a day in class only to return to our rooms to read our literature for the next class day. This intense training helped us to be prepared when we arrived on capital hill for lobbying.

Our first trip to capital hill was not a lobbying trip but an orientation tour to find out where all the buildings were located, as well as where we could find information we needed during our stay. It was on this trip that we met Representative Christopher Smith of New Jersey. Congressman Smith is a former National Youth Pro-Life Coalition State coordinator; and he and his staff proved to be very helpful friends to us during our stay in Washington, D.C.

After finding our way around, we interns lobbied on several bills and issues. These included lobbying for the nomination of Dr. C. Everett Koop to the position of surgeon general, lobbying for the Ashbrook Amendment, and we lobbied against a bill for capital punishment.

Besides having specific senators and congressman to lobby, each intern had a specific project to work on. These projects included: world hunger, capital punishment, infanticide, foreign refugee programs, prison reform programs, abortion in the military, bills to get higher wages for the handicapped, a project on the human life amendment, and a few of us interns attended a trial on a euthanasia bill in Annapolis, Maryland.

As you can see, we were kept very busy while we were in Washington, but we did take out time for fun activities, too, especially on the weekends. Washington, D.C., has got to be the best place in the world if you like to tour. There are all kinds of museums as well as historical sights. I am sorry to say that we were unable to see all the sights, but we saw as many as we could.

Other activities that we interns participated in were a day at the beach in Ocean City, Maryland. We all returned home with sunburns, but we enjoyed the ocean and beach. A great day was had by all of the interns who went to the July 4th festivities on the mall where we were able to see the Beach Boys in a free concert, as well as having a great seat for the 4th of July fireworks. One evening was spent on a cruise on the Potomac River by a few of the interns. And I had the pleasure of participating in a softball game with members of some of the congressional staffs.

Washington, D.C., is really a fantastic place to which to go. I would recommend this internship to all students because it does give you the chance to learn more about what the pro-life movement is doing and about what happens in the political system in Washington. If you would like more information on the internship or about the National Youth Pro-Life Coalition in general, please write to: NYPLC, P.O. Box 67, Newport, Kentucky 41072. †

Wedding Anniversaries



Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mack of Sparta, Wisconsin, St. Augustine Ct. 1683, Norwalk, Wisconsin, celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary with a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. John Church, Summit, on May 10th.

Bro. Mack has been an active member of COF for many years.



Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Silbernack, St. Thomas Ct. 891, Albany, Minnesota, celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary with a Mass of Thanksgiving on August 23.

Bro. Silbernack is a 61-year member of COF. The Silbernicks' three sons are also members of Ct. 891.



Mr. and Mrs. Liguori Plourde, St. Louis Ct. 230, Fort Kent, Maine, celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary on August 25, 1981.

The couple's children and grandchildren are all active members of COF.



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cushman, St. Peter Ct. 519, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with a reception at Notre Dame Church hall followed by a Mass of Thanksgiving with Father Albert Sonnberger officiating.

Bro. Cushman joined COF in 1940 and was elected Chief Ranger in 1941. He has held an office ever since his first election. He is presently the Recording Secretary of his Court.

The couple have five children and all are members of COF.



Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Durand, St. Francis Ct. 1980, Spooner, Wisconsin, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Francis de Sales Church on November 14, followed by an open house in the school auditorium.

Bro. Durand is a 40-year member of the Order and served as a State Trustee for 8 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael S. Lentsch, St. Martinus Ct. 550, St. Paul, Minnesota, celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary on November 25th.

Bro. Lentsch has been a COF member since 1923. (Not pictured).



Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Minten, Columbus Ct. 315, DePere, Wisconsin, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Francis Xavier Church, followed by a reception at Nino's Supper Club.

Bro. Minten is a life-long member of COF.



Mr. and Mrs. Aloysius Luther, St. Vincent de Paul Ct. 1775, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Barbara Church, followed by a reception at Collins Meyer Post on July 5th.

Bro. Luther has been a member of COF for over 40 years.

Family Campouts

Two Iowa State Youth and Family Campouts were held recently. One was held on July 10, 11 and 12, at Mill Creek Park near Paulina in Western Iowa and the other on August 7, 8 and 9, at Backbone State Park near Strawberry Point in Eastern Iowa.

The two locations not only save travel time and transportation expenses, but make it possible for more people to attend and participate in the campouts that offer an enormous amount of fun and fraternalism plus a chance to learn more about nature and enjoy the relaxed feeling of serenity.



One hundred and thirty people attended the Mill Creek Park campout, including 61 youth. The Iowa State Court presented a camp stove to St. Mary Ct. 2286, Alton, Iowa, for having the largest youth attendance of 40. An outdoor Mass was offered on the campgrounds Saturday evening.

Two hundred and fifty people, including 125 youth, attended the campout at Backbone State Park where the Iowa State Court presented Holy Cross Ct. 881, Holy Cross, Iowa, with a camp stove for having a total of 41 youth in attendance. Mass was offered on Saturday.

The Iowa State Court provided food and beverages for both campouts.



Mary Jo Lanser, assistant Youth Director of St. Rose Ct. 479, Fredonia, Wisconsin, helped the youth members prepare for the Bag Race during the Youth Field Day and Family Picnic of the Eastern Wisconsin District Association of the Wisconsin Jurisdiction, held on August 30th.

Picnics



The Southwest Wisconsin District held their Youth Day Picnic on July 19th at Dickeyville's famous Grotto and picnic grounds, with St. John Ct. 876, Dickeyville, Wisconsin, host Court. James Burbach and his family handled arrangements for the affair.

1981 Golf Tournaments

	Adult	Total Awards Including \$25.00 Tournament Award
St. Mary's Ct. 594 McHenry, Illinois	Golfers 122	\$137.00
Associated Forester Cts. of Western Illinois	59	84.00
Iowa State COF Golf Tournament	109	134.00
Waterloo District Golf Tournament	92	117.00
	Youth	
Detroit Mini-Golf Classic	45	\$ 70.00
WEFOPO (Lower Michigan) Golf Classic	146	171.00
Ohio State Court Youth Putt-Putt Golf Tournament	126	151.00
Illinois State Court Mini-Golf Tournament	118	143.00



St. Joseph Ct. 1360, Norway, Iowa, held their annual family picnic at Norway Park on August 16th. Everyone enjoyed a delicious pot luck dinner. After dinner the children played games and romped around the park. The women participated in games of jarts or cards, while the men took part in the annual horseshoe tournament. John Freese and Gary Haage (c) were winners of the tournament. Andrew Schulte, (r), and Steve Havran, (l), were runners-up of the close contest.



The East Side Lower Michigan Courts held their Mini-Golf Tournament on August 8th, at Elmer's Golf Course. A number of youth members participated in the event. Prizes for the tournament included cash and coloring books which this happy group of youth members are displaying. Everyone enjoyed the day and all received a treat for participating.

Bowling Trophies



(L-R): Robert Mulheron, Youth Director of Appleton Court 132, Appleton, Wisconsin, and Frank Bradley, COF Field Representative, St. Lawrence Ct. 1190, Stangelville, Wisconsin, admiring trophies for Lakeshore/Fox Valley Association Youth Bowling Tournament. Bro. Bradley presented the trophies to the winners of the tournament on April 3, during a local Court meeting of St. Lawrence Ct. 1190.



Members of St. Louis Ct. 230, Fort Kent, Maine, enjoying themselves during the Court's annual picnic.



Ss. Peter & Paul Ct. 61, Wilmette, Illinois, held their annual Court picnic in August. As you can see, it was another fun gathering for everyone present. (Left): Adult members enjoyed participating in a fill-the-bottle race. (Right): Youth members had a great time in a two-legged race. (Below left): John Schwall and his precious son, Mike, peer into the camera. (Below right): The younger youth members giving it their all in the search game.

Best Sportsman Award

Ss. Peter and Paul Ct. 1530, Kiel, Wisconsin, received the Best Sportsman Award for good conduct and participation, as the first place team of the Lakeshore/Fox Valley Association Youth Bowling Tournament, held in Luxemburg on March 3, 1981, at the Bushville Lanes.

Joseph Blazei, Financial Secretary of St. Lawrence Court 1190, Stangelville, Wisconsin, and Tournament Secretary, presented the trophy to Mrs. Isabelle Kienbaum, Youth Director of Court 1530, Kiel, at the Spring Meeting of the Lakeshore Association held on April 20th in Denmark.

Bulletin Board

INDIANA—Every year St. John Baptist Ct. 591, Fowler, Indiana and St. Mary Ct. 877, Dunnington, gather for a party. In the past it was referred to as “a party in the woods”; however, in the last few years it has been changed to “a party in Darrell Grogan’s Barn.” This year’s party was held recently and Bro. Grogan, Chief Ranger of St. Mary Ct. 877, prepared a delicious barbecued pork for the occasion and the members enjoyed the tasty meat, refreshments and friendship of one another.

IOWA—St. Joseph Ct. 1360, Norway, held a Keg Party, August 29. Hotdogs, chips and refreshments were served. After games popular with the group, everyone went on an old-fashioned hayride. . . . A fishing picnic at Maus Park on September 13 was the summer fun event of Holy Ghost Ct. 636, Dubuque. . . . St. Edward Ct. 2145, Waterloo, held their annual family picnic August 4. . . . About 150 people enjoyed a barbecue pig furnished by the Court as well as goodies brought by participants at the annual summer picnic of St. Francis Ct. 607, Worthington. . . . St. Anthony Ct. 1503, Bancroft, held their annual picnic August 30 with over 150 adult and youth members present. . . . St. Mary Ct. 996, Remsen, sponsored a delicious ham and eggs breakfast on September 13 after the 8 a.m. Mass. At the breakfast, 50 and 25 year pins were awarded. . . . Spaulding Ct. 1083, Pocahontas, was honored at their chicken supper and meeting on September 23 by Robert Frees H.C.T., and his wife; Gilbert Wagner, St.C.R., and his wife; and Robert Harpenau, Agent, and his wife. . . . The 6th Annual COF Iowa State Golf Tournament was held on August 22nd at Porky’s Red Carpet, Waterloo, Iowa. Twelve Courts participated in the event, 96 men and 13 women. Father Ray Ludwig was the best golfer among the men with a score of 72, and Diane Heinbuck, best woman golfer with a 46. A chicken buffet followed with awards being distributed afterward. Peter J. Gardner, Jr., H.C.T., along with many State Court officers were present for the occasion.

MINNESOTA—Anton W. Ebert, St. Cyril Ct. 970, Heron Lake, Minnesota, celebrated his 87th Birthday on August 2, 1981. Bro. Ebert will be a 65-year member of the Order

on December 7th, as that is the day he took out an insurance policy with COF in 1916. Bro. Ebert, who is in very good health, has been retired for 14 years. He and his wife, Olga, reside in Harlingen, Texas.

WISCONSIN—This year marks the 13th year the Wisconsin State Court is offering Seminarian Educational Grants. The Wisconsin jurisdiction established the program in 1968 to assist qualified needy seminarians preparing for priesthood. The amount of the grant is \$250 and in most cases, is renewable once, for the following year, upon reapplication, thereby totaling \$500 for a two year period. The Wisconsin State Court presently gives out 20 awards totaling \$5000. Any seminarian in the last two years of study in the school of philosophy (college), or its equivalent, at a novitiate or seminary in Wisconsin, may obtain an official application from their Rector, Vocational Guidance Counselor or from William F. Stambaugh, Wisconsin St.V.C.R., 722 William Drive, Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, 53590. . . . St. Mary Ct. 1763, Marshall, Wisconsin, elected new Court officers during their 8th Annual Dinner Meeting held on September 2nd. Earl Danielson, COF Representative, Father Archie Adams and Walter V. Kowalczyk, H.C.T., were guest speakers during the meeting. The result of the election of officers is as follows: Gerald Ebert, Chief Ranger; Harold Freidel, Vice Chief Ranger; Orville Veith, Recording Secretary; Francis Mader, Financial Secretary; John G. Morschauser, Treasurer; Lawrence Frey, Sr., Program Director; John R. Lutz, Youth Director; Alvin Ebert, John O. Morschauser and Claude Schuster, Trustees. . . . The Northwestern District Association held their Youth Field Day on July 12th at Cumberland. Donald Strohmenger, Youth Director of St. James Ct. 669, Sun Prairie, received the Youth Director of the Year Award. Benedict Konop, Youth Director of Bishop Newman Ct. 1971, Haugen, Wisconsin, and Joseph Blazei, Program Director of St. Lawrence Ct. 1190, Stangelville, were tied for runner-up honors. . . . St. Lawrence Ct. 1190, Stangelville, Wisconsin, held their annual Court picnic on August 2, 1981, at Bummer Park, Kewaunee. Nearly 180 people attended the fun affair.

† *Fraternally Remembered* †

Anthony D. Baker, 91, (Baumgartner Ct. 109, Hammond, Indiana). A 50-year member of COF, Bro. Baker served as Treasurer of his Court for over 30 years. He is a Legion of Honor member. Bro. Baker and his wife, Isabel, were the first couple married in St. Joseph Church in Indiana that was built in 1912. . . . **Edward A. Coogan**, 91, (St. Joseph Ct. 120, Waukesha, Wisconsin). Bro. Coogan served as Financial Secretary of his Court for many years. He was a delegate of the Wisconsin COF State Conventions and is a Legion of Honor member of the Order. . . . **Herman E. Dax**, 78, (St. John Ct. 1084, Kewaunee, Wisconsin). Bro. Dax is a Legion of Honor member of COF. . . . **Roy F. Delagardelle**, 49, Washburn, Iowa, (St. Mary Ct. 1099, Gilbertville, Iowa). Bro. Delagardelle was a member of COF for 34 years. . . . **Lyman E. DeWane**, 67, Denmark, Wisconsin, (St. Lawrence Ct. 1190, Stangelville, Wisconsin). Bro. DeWane served as Finan-

When sending in obituaries for the magazine, be sure to enclose the Court's name, number, location, court offices held and COF honors. The simplest way to report deaths is to send the local newspaper notice along with the above information. Pictures of deceased members will not be used.

cial Secretary of his Court from 1946 to 1981 and served four terms as president of the Lakeshore Association of COF. Bro. DeWane is a Legion of Honor member of the Order and a veteran of World War II. He was also a member of the Denmark American Legion. Bro. DeWane was named Man of the Year by the Denmark Community Business Association in 1976 for his outstanding service to his community that included organizing a Denmark Walkin Bloodbank and serving as chairman of the

American Red Cross Bloodmobile visits to Denmark from 1954 to 1980. . . . **Edgar Fandel**, 56, (St. Patrick Ct. 2273, Portland, Michigan). Bro. Fandel helped organize his Court and was a charter member. He served several terms as an officer of St. Patrick Court. . . . **Gary F. Jadin**, 34, (St. Francis Ct. 1535, Brussels, Wisconsin). . . . **John W. Otterson**, 67, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, (Henni Ct. 142, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin). Bro. Otterson was a member of the Henni Court Quartet that used to sing the praises of the Order in and around St. Francis Church, Milwaukee. . . . **Carol Ann Schriver**, 31, (St. Joseph Ct. 349, Milwaukee, Wisconsin). . . . **Bert C. Smits**, 77, (St. Willebrord Ct. 1611, Green Bay, Wisconsin). . . . **Charles VanDe Walle**, 73, (St. Mary Ct. 1790, East Moline, Illinois). Bro. VanDe Walle is a Legion of Honor member of COF. . . . **Roy W. Wagner**, 58, (St. Mary Ct. 1099, Gilbertville, Iowa).

McHenry, Illinois Golf



(L-r): Bernard F. Milota, H.S., (r), presents check from High Court to Fred J. Meyer, H.Tr., organizer of the Court's 35th Annual COF Golf Tournament at McHenry. Mrs. Catherine Meyer (seated) is delighted with the success of the event. Two young golfers, Joe Meyer and friend, Dawn. Enjoying the Beef and Turkey Dinner at St. Mary Ct. 594,

St. Mary's Court 594, McHenry, Illinois, held its 35th Annual Catholic Order of Foresters Golf Tournament on September 20th at Chapel Hill Country Club. Tee time started at 9:15 a.m. with 28 foursomes participating in this annual event. At the 10th tee hot dogs, hamburgers, beer and pop were served by Brother Al Phannenstill, Brother Tom Hickey and Brother Gary Snell.

In the evening, a family style Beef and Turkey Dinner was served to 167 golfers and guests. Brother Harold

Annual Golf Tournament were (l-r): Barb Gilpin, McHenry City Clerk; Alvin Phannenstill, Chief Cook, Joseph Ettin, McHenry's finest bowler. Members are reminded that the High Court offers monetary support to Courts sponsoring golf and other sports activities.

Michels won low gross award, 50 other prizes were awarded.

Courts participating in the Tournament were Our Lady of Good Council Ct, 1544, Aurora, Illinois; Xavier Ct. 368, Chicago, Illinois; St. John Ct. 96 McHenry, Illinois; St. Vincent DePaul Ct. 1775, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; SS. Peter and Paul Ct. 875, Virgil, Illinois; St. Gregory Ct. 650 Chicago, Illinois; St. Martin Ct. 1420 Cleveland, Ohio and St. Mary Ct. 594 McHenry, Illinois.

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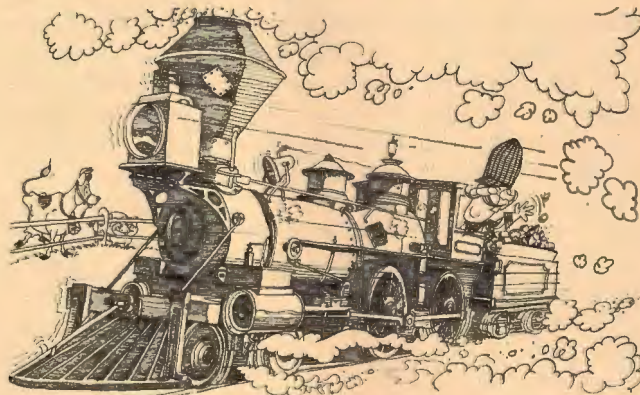
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Fr. Ambrose Windbacher, O.P., a missionary in Nigeria, prepares for a baptismal ceremony at St. Dominic's Church where 25-50 new members are added to the church every week.

pg. 22 (bottom, left): Wisconsin Lake Shore District Association field day, June 28. (bottom, right): Youth Director Paula Even of St. Mary Ct. 1099 and Waterloo District bowlers holding their prizes.

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No Santas, Please

We like to keep the magazine timely, and that sometimes means saying "no" to certain photos that are of good quality, but are out of season. An example of this are the Christmas photos that members send in of Court parties. If a member takes a photo of Santa Claus distributing gifts to the children at a Court Christmas party, there is no possible way to have that photo used in the November/December magazine as the deadline is in October and Christmas is December 25th.

Instead, we suggest that you take photos of the children excluding Santa, Christmas trees, the Easter

bunny and any other seasonal material in the background.

For example, take pictures of the children playing games, having lunch or enjoying other activities that take place.

We have a brochure entitled "Publicity For Your Court" available for members that gives a few pointers on taking quality photos. If you would like one of these brochures, please write or call the Public Relations Department, Catholic Order of Foresters, 305 W. Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606 (312-372-2615).

Span of a Century



Working together gets the job done—Carving the pork roast at the dedication of Forester Park, Kranzburg, South Dakota. (Story, pg. 12).

When I was young, I often heard my father say, "The older you get, the faster time flies." Never were truer words spoken.

Here we are, already one year past the 1980 41st Convention where we elected a new High Chief Ranger, a new Secretary and a new Treasurer. Looking ahead, we are discussing, planning and preparing for our 100th Anniversary celebration to be held in May 1983. One often wonders what our founder, Thomas Taylor, would think of the Catholic Order of Foresters of today.

Their objective in 1883 was two-fold—to promote friendship, unity and true Christian love among the members and to provide them with death benefits and financial security through life insurance. Their zeal was such that they organized at Holy Family Church, interested the priests in the society and then went to see the Bishop. The Bishop listened to their story and then advised them to "be prudent and thoroughly Catholic in all your undertakings." Soon, Courts sprang up in Chicago and the surrounding areas.

As we reflect on those beginnings and look ahead to the future, we see not only the growth of the Order, but also the work that still lies ahead of us. Your Catholic Order of Foresters has so much to offer.

Our youth program is one fine example. Our local Courts can keep our younger members busy all through the year. Each jurisdiction, through the State Youth Director, offers projects, programs, and other activities, in

addition to the High Court sponsored programs—Field Day (a day of competition for all ages), baseball, basketball (where recently hundreds of youth participated in local and state tournaments), bowling, photography contests, golf, volleyball and many others. All of these programs can be self-supporting by just getting together and following the guidelines drawn out by the High Court.

But, as we all know, *someone* has to do the work which all of these activities demand. Our founders found their strength in organizing, joining together to do the work. Our work will be much easier if we follow their example. It can also be a lot of fun when all work together.

Sometime ago, I read a poem about a little boy standing nervously at the plate with the bases loaded. Mom and Dad cannot help him; he's on his own. Fans from both teams are shouting, one, boos and the other, encouragement, and his teammates are saying "It's all up to you." Somehow, the fun has gone. Time has flown for him and he is expected to be a man.

Times flies for all of us. It's so important to make the most of each day. Through our Order we can promote family unity, friendship, and true Christian love. We can also provide financial assistance and death benefits. As an Order, we are here to help one another—on a local, state and national level. I think our founder would look at the Catholic Order of Foresters of 1981 with much satisfaction and anticipation of good things to come.



by **Roger J. Brill**
High Court Trustee

EDITOR'S DESK

Family Fun

October brings to mind costumed Halloween parties soon to be followed by Christmas celebrations. Courts are already making plans for these fun events organized for the benefit of their youth members. All the preparation and necessary planning to have a successful event of this kind bring out the child hidden inside each one of us, and this is good. In the hurry and worry of making ends meet in our inflation-burdened economy in which we are forced to raise our families, life can become too serious. Parents need to set aside time to play with their children, and your Local Courts can offer you an inexpensive way to do this.

So find out if your Local Court is sponsoring a Halloween and/or Christmas party and volunteer your time to help make it a success and enjoy it with your children. Relive the thrill of your own childhood on seeing the skeletons and black cats come to life on Halloween night or seeing the lovable jolly man with the white beard at Christmas.

Enjoy the evening out with other parents who are interested in their children's welfare. Lasting friendships can develop and grow with other members of your Local Court who share the same interests and goals in life. Perhaps, you can plan other activities for your children throughout the year at little cost to yourself.

The High Court generously supports these Local Court activities, allocating \$1.00 to the Court for each participant of an event, provided that the Court has at least 15 youth members. This revenue can be substantial for larger youth courts and a genuine help for those with fewer members. If you find your Local Court is not planning youth and young adult activities in the coming weeks, contact your Court Youth Director or State Youth Director or Chief Ranger and find out how your Court can qualify for these cash awards.

After writing this editorial, I read over Bro. Brill's High Court message on the opposite page and was surprised to find that both of us expressed the same ideas, only in different words. Local Court activities, supported by allocations from the High Court, can be an inexpensive way to have fun with your family and develop friendship with others having the same goals. The effort that it takes to plan and prepare these events can be very rewarding.



Mary Best

MEMBERSHIP AND INSURANCE as of June 30, 1981

Jurisdiction	ADULT Record		JUVENILE Record		TOTALS Members
	Courts	Members	Courts	Members	
California	6	373	4	15	388
Colorado	—	10	—	2	12
Idaho	1	40	—	—	40
Illinois	133	16,332	99	2,225	18,557
Indiana	41	6,047	31	775	6,822
Iowa	75	17,234	72	4,349	21,583
Kansas (Mo.)	3	712	3	88	800
Kentucky	14	3,867	14	538	4,405
Louisiana	7	400	3	40	440
Maine	21	3,406	19	611	4,017
Massachusetts	21	2,763	20	243	3,006
Michigan (L)	23	4,787	20	1,104	5,891
Minnesota	118	19,126	93	3,496	22,622
Michigan (U)	8	404	4	83	487
Missouri	8	1,312	8	91	1,403
Montana	—	45	—	2	47
Nebraska	17	2,383	14	374	2,757
New Hampshire	13	2,407	13	646	3,053
North Dakota	25	1,793	16	171	1,964
Ohio	112	15,530	81	2,034	17,564
Oklahoma	12	1,471	5	175	1,646
Oregon	10	1,390	8	164	1,554
Pennsylvania	12	829	4	19	848
Rhode Island	4	254	3	21	275
South Dakota	41	4,374	27	731	5,105
Texas (Okla.)	3	406	2	51	457
Vermont	14	1,225	12	168	1,393
Washington	5	143	1	3	146
Wisconsin	200	32,280	181	6,109	38,389
Wyoming	—	2	—	—	2
High Court	4	222	—	3	225
TOTALS	951	141,567	757	24,331	165,898

LIST OF YOUTH COURTS HAVING 125 OR MORE YOUTH MEMBERS as of June 30, 1981

TOTAL NUMBER OF COURTS—37

CT. NO.	LOCATION	COUNT	CT. NO.	LOCATION	COUNT
1099	Gilbertville, IA.	496	2257	Fowler, MI.	159
636	Dubuque, IA.	470	500	Dyersville, IA.	158
1903	Westphalia, MI.	465	1691	Moline, IL.	155
698	New Ulm, MN.	300	1317	Cleveland, OH.	153
996	Remsen, IA.	286	594	McHenry, IL.	153
881	Holy Cross, IA.	284	774	Durango, IA.	152
1544	Aurora, IL.	259	501	Manchester, N.H.	151
811	Dubuque, IA.	254	669	Sun Prairie, WI.	147
403	Kranzburg, S.D.	235	650	Chicago, IL.	146
552	Mankato, MN.	229	488	Manchester, N.H.	139
458	West Bend, WI.	214	1357	Eagle Lake, ME.	139
1173	Dell Rapids, S.D.	211	1572	Cincinnati, OH.	138
633	Cold Spring, MN.	196	2172	Shandon, OH.	133
1709	Sherrill, IA.	185	1750	Slinger, WI.	132
230	Fort Kent, ME.	175	856	Ryan, IA.	129
293	Crown Point, IN.	168	1054	Winsted, MN.	128
783	Arcadia, WI.	164	795	Marathon, WI.	128
786	New Munich, MN.	162	970	Heron Lake, MN.	126
743	Watkins, MN.	161			



Visting her brother, Fr. Ambrose Windbacher, O.P., a missionary in Nigeria for 26 years, Sister Cephias, also a Dominican, is impressed with the faith of the people.

26 Years in Nigeria

A 50-year member of Holy Face Ct. 316, Chicago, has served as a Dominican missionary in Nigeria for the past 26 years. He is Father Ambrose Windbacher, Dominican Vicar Provincial of Nigeria. Born Peter John, the only son of the late John and Mary Windbacher of Chicago, the tall, stately priest whose straight, soft hair is showing signs of gray, was 18 years old when he was enrolled as a member of the Order on December 1, 1931. Two of his cousins were already members of the Order, as was his father. Today cousin Anthony Seibert, a 61-year member is Chief Ranger of Ct. 316; his other cousin, John P. Puljung, a 57-year member, is Recording Secretary.

Upon graduating from a technical high school, the young Peter found a job working for an advertising firm, the idea of becoming a priest far from his mind. In fact, when his older sister, Helen became a Dominican nun, he openly questioned her decision. He enjoyed his freedom, liked to dance, and participate in sports. "No way!" was his resolute response when Helen, now Sister Cephias, questioned him about a vocation to the priesthood.

"The Lord had other plans," the nun said with a smile during an interview in the library science building at Rosary College, Oak Park, Illinois, where she works.

Values Change

When World War II broke out Peter Windbacher enlisted in the Air Force and served in North Africa, Corsica and Italy. John and Mary Windbacher, and their two daughters Sister Cephias and

Margaret, could tell from his letters home that something was happening to the youngest member of their close-knit family.

Fr. Windbacher picked up the story in an interview at the Chicago Headquarters while home on leave in July. "During my period of service my sense of values changed," he said in a soft, quiet voice. "I had never seen people starving before, begging for food, suffering—as I did now. From then on, I wanted to help people." His face was thoughtful as he spoke of those days.

He began to feel himself drawn closer to God, he said, and began to seek out religious sites in the cities and towns he visited. Priests he met also contributed to his insights and spiritual development.

When he returned from the War, he had already made his decision for the priesthood and approached the Dominicans in River Forest. But his education in a technical high school, good though it was, had not prepared him for major seminary studies, and the Dominicans advised him to go to college to prepare for this important step. Thus, it was not until 1947 at the age of 33, that he entered the Dominican Order, received the name Ambrose and began studies for the priesthood.

Mission Appointment

In the summer following his ordination while working in a parish in Amite, Louisiana, he received word that his Provincial wished to see him in Chicago.

"Our provincial smoked cigars and was a man of few words," Fr. Windbacher said, laughing heartily over the



While visiting the High Court Office on June 15, Fr. Windbacher was presented his 50-year Emblem by John A. Gorski, H.C.R., while Bernard Milota, H.S. (l), and Fred Meyer, H.Tr. (r), offered congratulations.

story he was about to tell. "I knocked on his door and hearing the invitation to enter stepped into a room heavy with smoke."

"Good morning, Ambrose."

"Good morning, Father."

"Ambrose, you've been delegated to go to Nigeria. Get your passport, shots, air tickets and be on your way. Good luck."

That was it. In a state of shock the young priest stammered something like "I hope I'll be worthy of your choice" and respectfully backed out of the room. Outside, he leaned against the door and gulped. "Nigeria! My gosh."

He vaguely remembered a line on the entrance application which read: *Would you go to the foreign missions if you were sent?* Without thinking, he had scrawled in a "yes," in the blank space, never expecting it to actually happen. The Dominican Province of Saint Albert the Great to which he belonged didn't even have a mission at that time.

Two years after his entry, however, the negotiations to establish a Dominican mission in Nigeria had been set into motion. In 1949 at the invitation of the Apostolic Delegate to English-speaking Africa, his Provincial had visited Lagos, the capital city of Nigeria, and upon his return to the States had presented a favorable report to his Council. In 1951 the first three Dominican missionaries were sent to Nigeria and were given the Yaba mission on the outskirts of Lagos. Thus the mission was four years old when Fr. Windbacher received his assignment. His technical high school education, his three years in the Air Force and his interest in mechanical engineering probably made him the likely candidate for this mission.

Looking back to these years, the missionary said he can only thank the Lord for his appointment. Since he was the only son of his aging parents, he could have begged to remain in the States. But he believes he did the right thing in going; his 26 years in Nigeria have been the happiest years of his life.

Arrival in Nigeria

Father Windbacher arrived in Yaba, an undeveloped bushland on the outskirts of the capital city of Lagos, in October 1955. The parish of St. Dom-

inic's had a small shambles of a church, a fair-sized school and a two-story rectory.

Things were soon to change, however. Almost overnight the tiny, bushland settlement blossomed into a rapidly-growing suburb. A new church large enough to hold 2,000 people was dedicated on August 5, 1956, less than a year after his arrival. Today it is filled to capacity at all six Sunday Masses and the Congregation is a colorful sight dressed in their home-dyed, home-spun, home-sewn clothes.

"The liturgies are lively; there is 100% participation," said Fr. Windbacher who was pastor of St. Dominic until his election as Vicar Provincial in 1975. "From the entrance hymn to the end of Mass there is something going on all the time. Drums. Tambourines. Cymbals. We want the people to leave every Mass with an experience of the Lord's presence through readings and music. We want them to view it as a social event, a meal in which they share. Therefore, all that goes before is a preparation for Holy Communion which is truly the climax of the worship."

The liturgy is offered in English, the official language of the country although there are 267 languages spoken in Nigeria. Most Nigerians speak three languages—English, their home language and that of the place in which they live.

The parish has six choirs—one for each Mass. Both their own music and that of Western origin are used, and the Sunday liturgies are indeed lively, punctuated with loud and enthusiastic singing, according to Sister Cephias

Happy Nigerian mother and child.





An outpost mission

who visited her brother on the occasion of his 25th anniversary as a priest.

The missionary feels certain that if Sunday were not an obligation, the church would still be packed at all the Masses. People come from all over Nigeria to join in the services.

"It's a teaching parish," Fr. Windbacher said, as one explanation for the influx of people.

"We teach other priests of the Diocese."

The priests of St. Dominic parish have been active in introducing the liturgical options provided by Vatican II. The parish was the first to introduce the new baptismal rite, the new marriage rite and the new funeral rite.

Fr. Windbacher said that every Sunday the parish has from 25 to 50 baptisms.

"Last Easter when we had as many as 8000 people for a Mass, we postponed the baptisms, and the next Sunday there were 75 of them," he said.

Every Saturday the parish has from five to ten weddings. "To expedite matters," the missionary said, "the couples line up along the Communion rail for their exchange of vows.

"One day I noticed a bride in tears as I asked, 'Do you take this man to be your lawfully wedded husband . . .?' For a moment she couldn't speak she was crying so hard but she finally recovered her voice and wailed, 'This man is not my husband.' The bridegroom in question was standing at the end of the line," Fr. Windbacher chuckled. "Somehow he had gotten lost in the shuffle."

Like any other city parish, there are many activities going on throughout the week. Bible study groups are held on Thursdays, healing sessions are conducted on Fridays. A prayer group meets on Sundays. On the Wednesdays and Fridays of Lent the Church is packed for Stations of the Cross.

Christianity was introduced to Nigeria by the Portuguese in the 15th Century, but it was not until the 19th Century that systematic evangelization began. Of the 80 million people in Nigeria, the most populous country in Africa, 10 million are Christians, 30 million pagans and 40 million Moslems. The Christians form an important minority in the south and west. The northern region is predominantly Moslem.



Two cousins of Fr. Ambrose (l-r): Anthony Seibert, a 61-year member and John P. Puljung, a 57-year member of Holy Face Ct. 316.

Vocation Director

Before his election as Vicar Provincial, Fr. Windbacher served as vocation director for his Order, once even risking his life to plead with the parents of a young man who was interested in the priesthood.

"The biggest problem encountered in the recruiting of priestly vocations," said the missionary, "is the close relationship of the families. First of all the oldest son is expected to carry on the family name and won't easily be allowed to enter religious life. On the occasion mentioned above the priest trekked miles into the bush to speak to the parents. At first hostile, when they saw the love he had for them and his dedication to the church, they found it easier to relinquish their son to the Lord. The second difficulty posed for vocations is that parents want their children educated. Although the government offers free primary education for all children, both boys and girls, the families sacrifice much to put their children through secondary school. To allow them to enter religious life would mean that the money would have been spent in vain.

Today there are 14 ordained indigenous Dominican priests in Nigeria, almost all of whom entered the Order while he was vocation director. Many of these priests are now in administration; one is pastor of one of the seven Dominican missions in Nigeria; another is Formation Director; others are chaplains and teachers in universities and seminaries. Nigeria presently has 33 bishops, all but five of whom are indigenous. A native Nigerian, Anthony Okogie, a member of the Ibo tribe, is the present Archbishop of Lagos, the youngest Archbishop the Archdiocese has ever had. The Cardinal, Dominic Cardinal Ekandem, is from Ikot-Ekpene. The missionary knew all of these ecclesiastics as young students, and the relationships have remained close over the years.

Despite the difficulties in the way of young men to the priesthood, the largest major seminary in the world is in Nigeria. The west, where Lagos is located has 200 seminarians, the northeast, 200 and the eastern section 620. Congregations for sisters have been founded by each bishop in his diocese. Last year the Daughters of Divine Love had 360 candidates. Among his many other responsibilities, Fr. Windbacher is Secretary for the 26 Major



An earlier picture of the First Lady of Ogun, Nigeria, and her Vicar Provincial whom she never forgot.

Religious Orders of Men in Nigeria and a liaison between the Church and the Apostolic Delegate.

"The people are deeply religious," Fr. Windbacher said. "When a child returns from his studies in Europe, for example, the family arranges to have him come to church to give thanks for a safe return before he goes to his home. Also before a person leaves for an extended trip, he or she comes to the priest for a blessing.

"The people manifest a great respect for the priesthood," Fr. Windbacher observed. "They see the priest as a minister sent from God to help them grow to honor and love Him."

Establishing a Home

Fr. Windbacher quoted Bishop Fulton J. Sheen who said that the missionary's work is to work himself out of a job. "I'd go a step further," said the priest, "and say a missionary is someone who goes to the missions to establish a church and while doing it becomes a part of the people making up the church. He loves them and they love Him. When does he say 'my work is finished; I'm going home?' He already has established a home, relationships."

It reminded the missionary of a young teacher in the parish school, Lucy Onabanjo from the Yuraba Tribe, whom he met upon his arrival in Nigeria. An excellent teacher, she was soon transferred to a secondary school in another parish where she was named principal. Over the years they never lost contact and Lucy often referred to him as *My vicar provincial* after his election in 1975. Her husband, a business man was also in politics. Nigeria had become an independent dominion in the British Commonwealth in 1960 and a federal republic composed of 19

States in 1963.

Last year when the first gubernatorial elections were held for their State of Ogun, situated next to Lagos, Lucy's husband was elected governor. Father Windbacher was invited to the inauguration at the stadium and the dinner reception following at the governor's house. At the state dinner all the guests were in their places when the governor and his retinue entered, Lucy, resplendent in a colorful native gown, in the lead. Gracefully, the First Lady conducted the dignitaries to the head table. Father Windbacher, sitting among the guests, saw her glancing around the room, then motion to one of the servers who left the platform immediately and sought him out. "The governor's wife wants to apologize," the server whispered in the priest's ear, "but she can't come to you because of protocol." He was touched by her thoughtfulness, but more was to follow.

When the dinner was over and the head table rose to leave, the First Lady, again, led the procession of dignitaries through the maze of tables in the spacious dining room. Suddenly she broke rank, hastened to Father Windbacher and falling to her knees took his hand in hers and kissed it warmly. Embarrassed, he gently lifted her up, whereupon she threw her arms around him and kissed him in the presence of all the dignitaries and honored guests. "Pray for us," she said. The simple little school teacher had not forgotten her beloved pastor even in her moment of glory and wanted his prayers. Here was her friend, a priest, whom she highly respected. She was expressing her deep faith and love before the entire assembly.

"I was, indeed, touched," Fr. Windbacher said. It was evident as he recounted the incident over a year later that the memory of the event still moved him deeply.

Wants to Return

In the States during the months of June and July, Fr. Windbacher was looking forward to his return to Nigeria.

"I realized how much my heart was there during the Biafran crisis," he said. "Some of us missionaries were home on leave at the time, and our Provincial mentioned that it might not be possible for us to return. Upon hearing this, my heart dropped to the bottom of my stomach. Then I realized, more than ever before, how much the Nigerian people meant to me."

Upon his return to his mission this year in August he was to officiate at the 25th wedding anniversary ceremony of a couple he married when he first came to Yaba. "They call me their spiritual grandfather," he said and smiled quietly as a grandfather should.

Father Windbacher and his two sisters remain very close despite the distance that separates them. Speaking of her brother, Sister Cephias said, "His greatest happiness is in sharing his tremendous love of the Lord with everyone."

"His personal love of Jesus is manifest in his enthusiasm and desire to have all whom he knows and loves partake of his joy that fills his life," added Margaret.

The Catholic Foresters are proud to have Father Windbacher as a member. In the name of the Foresters, John A. Gorski, H.C.R., presented him with a check to be used for the Dominican missions in Nigeria. †

75-Year Member



Joseph Bilek, (r), St. Mathias Ct. 521, Cicero, Illinois, received his 75-Year Emblem on July 16th in his home at Van Nuys, California, from Simon Le Duff, California St.C.R.

Honored



(L-r): Alfred Poirier, C.R.; Albert L. Boucher, St.C.R.; Msgr. Alfred Julien, St.S.D.; Bernard Poulin; Valmore W. Gaulin, St.S.

Bernard H. Poulin was honored with a testimonial sponsored by the Massachusetts State Court and Ste. Jeanne D'Arc Ct. 1671, Haverhill.

Bro. Poulin was a member of Ct. 1671 for over 60 years and an officer of the Court for 50 years. He served as Financial Secretary for the last 35 years. Bro. Poulin was elected a State Court Trustee in 1956 and in 1968

succeeded to the office of State Treasurer, and served in that capacity until his retirement in 1980 at the State Convention.

A couple of weeks after the testimonial, Bro. Poulin died unexpectedly on May 12th, although he had been in poor health for some time.

Legion of Honor Court Plaque Designed



(L-r): Fred J. Meyer, H.Tr., and Roger J. Brill, H.C.T., displaying Legion of Honor court plaque of St. Leo Ct. 795, Marathon, Wisconsin.

A Legion of Honor Court plaque for the members of St. Leo Ct. 795, Marathon, Wisconsin, was designed by Roger J. Brill, H.C.T., and executed by Fred J. Meyer, H.Tr., through the assistance of the Public Relations Department of the Catholic Order of Foresters. The walnut plaque has the Forester logo in the top center and the Legion of Honor Emblems on either side. There is space on the plaque for 36 name plates of satin gold aluminum.

The first name plate to be entered on the plaque was that of Peter Seubert, Sr., who received the Legion of Honor Certificate and Emblem on October 20, 1938, with the last name being that of Rev. William Nikolai who received his Award on November 20, 1980.

Two more names will soon be added to the plaque which will make a total of twenty people who are Legion of Honor members of the Court.

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Courts interested in making similar Legion of Honor plaques may write or call Fred Meyer, H.Tr., at the High Court Office Building. Plaques 12" x 15" can accommodate 24 names; 15" x 18", 36 names; 18" x 20", 48 to 60 names. Plaques are offered to the Courts at cost.

Housing Unit Named for Priest



Rev. Cletus J. Hawes, St. Joseph Ct. 507, Harpers Ferry, was honored in mid June by the city of Stacyville when its new housing units for senior citizens were named "Hawes Court."

The housing units were only in the planning stage when Father Hawes arrived in Stacyville as the new pastor of Visitation Church in 1972. He had served as secretary on the board of a housing unit erected at

Postville, Iowa. He called a meeting for all who were interested in the project and from the nearly 80 town and rural residents attending, a steering committee was organized to gather information. All serving on the committee were Catholic Foresters: Father Hawes, Sylvester J. Pitzen, Bernard J. Hemann, Glen J. Bawek, Harold J. Isaac and Peter E. Marzen, all members of St. Mary Ct. 944.

In January, 1973, the committee

reported that a home could be built if \$6,000.00 were collected through selling shares and free will donations. The remainder of the money would come through a loan at a low interest rate reduced through the Federal government.

The steering committee held an election of officers with the following results: Sylvester Pitzen, president; Glen Bawek, vice president; Bernard Hemann, treasurer; Rev. Hawes, secretary, and Harold Isaac and Peter Marzen, directors. Their work was entirely voluntary.

The land was purchased in January, 1973. Work began on August 28, 1973, and on April 1, 1974, the first unit was ready for occupancy. In May, 1980, three entire units with 14 apartments were completed.

Father Hawes served on the committee to the end of 1975 when he was assigned to a new parish in Lansing, Iowa. But the Senior Citizens of Stacyville did not forget him. They rewarded his interest and labor on their behalf with the sign bearing his name. †

Father of the Year

Emile M. Bilodeau, St. Auguston Ct. 894, Augusta, Maine, was honored on Father's Day, 1981, with a special tribute from his daughter, Anita Bilodeau. Bro. Bilodeau's tribute appeared in *The Church World*, Maine's Catholic Weekly newspaper, with a photo and introduction on the front cover.

At the age of 79, Bro. Bilodeau remains a vivacious person in his community. He attends Mass daily, serving as an acolyte and a Eucharistic Minister, and reaches out to all as he visits the sick and elderly in nursing homes and private residences to distribute Communion.

Bro. Bilodeau is an active 47-year member of COF, and a member of the Charismatic renewal, attending prayer meetings for the past eight years, as well as a team member and speaker of the Cursillo Movement for the past nine years. He is also a very busy man in the home, as he prepares all the meals for his daughter and himself.



Courtesy of CHURCH WORLD


He and his daughter, Anita, do not have many luxurious or materialistic things to share with others, but they find that the greater joys of life come from within a person. Bro. Bilodeau has set a beautiful example

for Anita, and others as well. She feels her father has shown her how to respect people and find goodness in them.

Anita described her father as "an intellectual man, a self-educated man whose talents developed through reading and by caring about people. He is the type of man with whom you can carry on any kind of conversation. He has the gift of being a good listener as well as a peacemaker."

People who are personal friends or acquaintances of Emile, (and he is known by people from every area of Maine) feel a deep sense of admiration and love for him. Because of his unique character and pleasant disposition, it has been said, "to know him is to love him." In Anita's letter to the paper she says, "He's not the type of man that you could pick out in a crowd, unless you were looking for a man who is kind, gentle and loving. When you look into his hazel eyes, all you would see is a deep and intimate love of God." †

The proud little town of Kranzburg, South Dakota, population 147, was host to 400 people for the dedication of its Forester Park on July 12.



FORESTER PARK

The town of Kranzburg, South Dakota, population 147, has a new park, equipped with scoreboard, lights, fencing, storage area, modern restrooms and bleachers, thanks to the foresight and hard work of St. Nicholas Ct. 403 and its townspeople.

Dedication of Forester Park was held on July 12 in conjunction with a parish picnic. Over 400 people were present, including John A. Gorski, H.C.R., and his wife Deloris; Harry Spindler, St.C.R.; Arvis Raml, St.V.C.R.; Anthony Schwab, St.S.; Dennis Vogel, St.Tr.; Arthur Klein and Harold Heitgen, State Trustees.

The land for the Park, a little more than the size of a city block, was bought for \$400 in 1940 because the Catholic Foresters had no place for their annual picnics. They were going to various farms owned by members in the area on these occasions when Frank Hupf, a member of the Court, proposed buying some land where they could plant trees and develop a picnic area of their own. William Mack C.R., and the other members of the Court agreed wholeheartedly and the purchase was made. It wasn't much—a swampland, half under water where numerous muskrats had made their homes. But soon afterwards the railroad discontinued service to Kranzburg, and the Foresters used the cinders from the track bed to fill in the water-logged park area. Then they planted trees on the outer perimeters. An agreement was made with the town (which was not then incorporated) that the area would be available for anyone to use as long as the Foresters kept it mowed.

This was done faithfully by the present mayor of Kranzburg, Charles Strang, also a member of the Foresters as is most of his large family. It was he who urged the Foresters to do something about the land to make it more useful.

"Look," he said, "we have this beautiful land here with no facilities. Let's see what we can do with it."

That was in 1978 when David Lindner was Chief Ranager of Ct. 403.

"The work just mushroomed," Bro. Lindner said in a

telephone interview. "Thanks to a great community spirit it was completed in less than two years."

All the work in the construction of the facilities was donated by the Foresters and the community, but special credit should be given to Steve Mikkelsen, a young carpenter in the town, who donated hours of his time.

"St. Nicholas Court and the town of Kranzburg assumed half of the \$27,000 needed while the Bureau of Parks and Recreation took care of the other half," said Bro. Lindner. "The Park now pays for itself from concessions which are handled by the youth program and COF Youth Director, Scott Turbak. Bro. Turbak is also Park Manager."

Since it opened in July, the Park has been used seven days a week. It has hosted seven softball tournaments, a men's and women's softball league, little league and t-ball.

In October the Foresters expect to have their first softball tournament at the Park. It will be the first in South Dakota.

"We thought it would be used," Bro Lindner said proudly, "but its popularity has gone far beyond our expectations."

People come from all over to use the Park. Kranzburg is situated in a farming community: 9 miles to the west is Watertown with almost 15,000 people; 4 miles to the east is a town about the size of Kranzburg called Goodwin; 9 miles to the north is Waverly and 10 miles south is Castlewood and Clear Lake. All of these people, many who are members of the Court and/or the parish and many who are not of the Catholic faith, contributed their time and money and come to use the Park. In December 1980 the Foresters purchased additional land across the road for parking cars.

The Park was dedicated on July 12 with a pig roast, a feast common to the area which may have as many as a half-dozen a year. The pigs weighing 200 to 250 pounds each were roasted in large ovens on the grounds.

"We were planning this parish picnic," Bro Lindner



Above left, present for the dedication of Forester Park were: (l-r): Bro. Francis Hupf, who received the Forester of the year Award; Abbott Gilbert Hess, OSB, former St.Sp.D.; Bro. John Gorski, H.C.R., Sister Dolorita Richter, OSB, who received a check for the Sister Ernestine Scholarship Award to be given at the college where she works; Ron Lindner, C.R. of Ct. 403, David T. Lindner, COF Agent and Project

explained, "and we decided to have the dedication on that day since the community had given us so much help."

A highlight of the day was the presentation of the Sister Ernestine Scholarship Award to a member of her Benedictine community, Sister Dolorita Richter from Mount Marty College, Yankton, South Dakota. The presentation was made by Ronald Lindner, C.R. Sister Ernestine, a native of Hoven, South Dakota, taught for 26 years in Kranzburg and was greatly loved by the people. Although she left the town in 1951, she never forgot the



Director, and William Mack, Chief Ranger when the land was purchased. Above right, (l-r): Bro. Gorski with Mrs. Carol Rinehart holding her daughter, Anne Marie, the youngest Forester present; John Sturm, 56-year member, who is the grounds maintenance man for the Park and was the oldest Forester at the celebration.

people there, nor did they forget her. She died in 1978 at the age of 88, and the Foresters of St. Nicholas Ct. 403 established a scholarship in her memory. The \$2,000 scholarship money will be invested and the interest and other monetary gifts will be awarded annually as an academic scholarship to a student at Mount Marty College.

Also honored was Bro. Francis Hupf, P.St.C.R. of South Dakota, who received the Forester of the Year Award from the State Court. †

Remodel Meeting Room

Members of St. Mary's Court 594, McHenry, Illinois, volunteered their time and money to remodel and redecorate the Oak Room in the basement of Montini Middle School on the premises of St. Mary of Assumption Church. The work was done in the evenings.

The multi-purpose room is used by the teachers of Montini Middle School during the day and by parish groups in the evenings. The Court has its meetings here twice a month.

At a cost of \$700 the Court volunteers furnished and replaced the ceiling with accoustical tile and added and painted sheet rock to the walls above the walnut paneling.

Chairman of the project was Richard Freund; co-chairman was Marvin Bauer. Also assisting was Raymond Smith, Gary Snell, Alvin Phannenstill and James Freund. A refreshment committee helped the men get through the almost 90 hours they donated to the project.



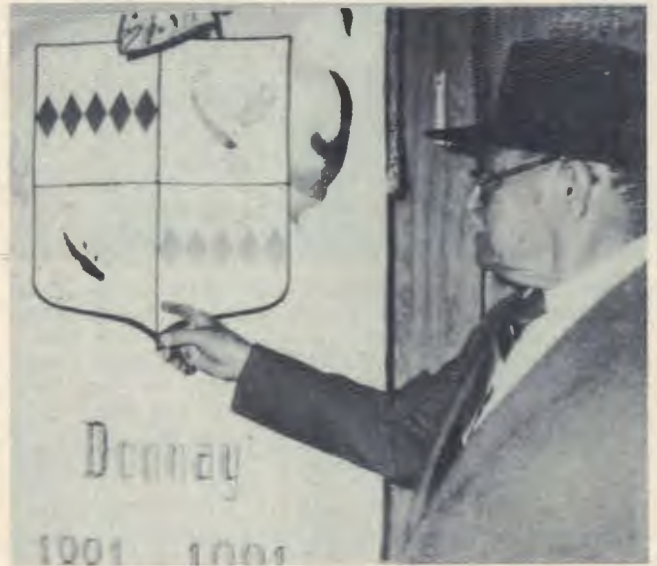
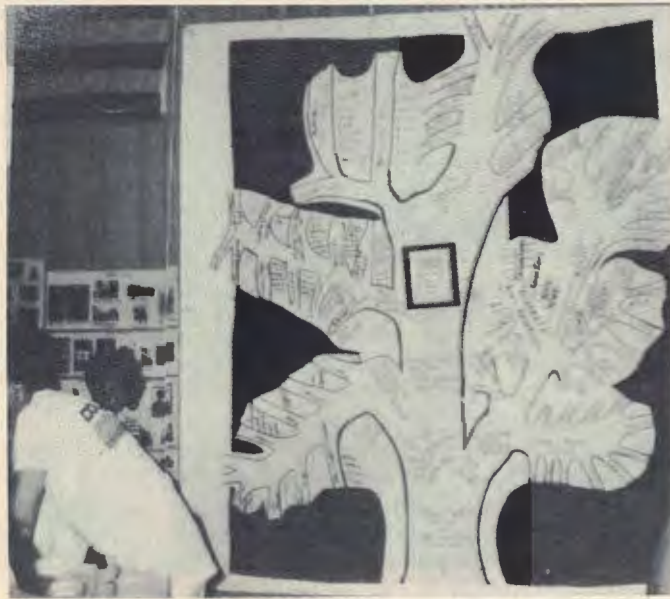
(L-r): Richard Freund, St. Mary Ct. 594, McHenry, Illinois, replacing the heat register in the Oak room; Raymond Smith, adjusting accoustical ceiling tile.



Ramp Built

On May 24, 1981, Holy Rosary Church in Caribou, Maine, blessed and dedicated a new ramp for the handicapped. Father Romeo St. Pierre, St. Pierre Ct. 471, Lewiston, a long-time member of COF, celebrated a special Mass for the handicapped, many of whom are members of a nearby nursing home. Nurses and doctors from the local hospital, plus many COF members of Holy Rosary Ct. 1465, Caribou, helped in assisting the people in church. Many received the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Family Celebrates Centennial



(Above, left): A mounted picture display showing the history of the Donnay family and the Donnay family tree on exhibit. (Right): Matt Donnay, 86, points to the family's coat of arms.

On June 13th and 14th, seven hundred Donnays, descendants of Nicholas and Catherine Jacobs Donnay, assembled in Watkins, Minnesota, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of their ancestors arrival in this country from Germany.

Born near Sittard, Holland, in 1828, Nicholas Donnay moved with his family to Germany, where he married a woman by the name of Catherine Jacobs. When Nicholas' father, Mathias Donnay, and the rest of the family moved to the United States in 1875, Nicholas and his German wife remained in Karken, Germany, where they owned a clothing factory and store.

Six years later, in 1881, Catherine, Nicholas and their five children closed their store and left Karken in the middle of the night. Their 21-year-old son, Matt, traveled as a stowaway since he was of age to serve in the German army under the Kaiser. It is believed that the family left Germany to prevent his induction into the army.

In America

Arriving in America the Donnays at first stayed with relatives near Glencoe and Chaska until 1885. When Nicholas' father moved to Meeker County, the rest of the family followed and settled on a 120-acre farm near Clear Lake.

Around the year 1901, Nicholas, age 72, and Catherine 73-years-old, moved to Watkins, Minnesota. A few years later, on February 6, 1905, Nicholas Donnay died. His wife lived until April 20, 1920 when she died at the age of 92. Their relatives 400-500 strong, populate the Watkins area.

As 1981 marked 100 years since Nicholas and Catherine arrived in America, it was time for a celebration. Gerald Meierhofer, St. Anthony Ct. 743, Watkins, was chosen General Chairman of the event. Letters were first sent out to descendants whose addresses the planners had. About 50 people met for the first meeting. Minutes of this meeting were sent out to a growing list of addresses. In March, formal invitations were sent to 500 persons.

Meet Relatives for First Time

An informal party opened the festivities for those who arrived on Friday evening, June 12, from as far as California, Washington, Massachusetts, Arizona and other parts of the U.S. They learned about each other for the first time. Most were surprised to learn there were so many of them. When it came time to say good night, some returned to their nearby hotels while others slept in tents and mobile homes or found shelter with Watkins relatives or residents.

Saturday's festivities consisted of registration, lunch, games and informal meetings. There was a mounted picture display showing the history of the family, and a family tree was drawn up as well. Tours were held of Donnay landmarks and historical places. In the evening everyone joined in the square dance at the parish hall and Matt Donnay, Sacred Heart Ct. 1813, Oklahoma City, did his magic tricks to the delight of young and old.

Matt H. Donnay, 86, is the grandson of Catherine and Nicholas. He has been a resident of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, since 1920 and owned his own construction company. He served as Chief Ranger of his Court and remains an active member of COF.

The Donnays in Watkins are members of St. Anthony Ct. 743, Watkins, or St. Edward Ct. 871, Glencoe. Most of the Donnays of Ct. 743 are very active members and many have held offices of the Court at different times. Gerald Meierhofer, chairman of the centennial, has served as Chief Ranger, Speaker and Past Chief Ranger.

Sunday Mass Special

On Sunday the families attended Mass with Reverend Raymond Nicholas Donnay, St. Anthony Ct. 743, celebrant. The Mass servers, organ and trumpet players, singers



(Above, left): Henry M. Donnay, 87, St. Anthony Ct. 743, Watkins, Minnesota, seen here with another attendant of the celebration, is the oldest living member of the Donnay family. (Right): Gerald Meierhofer, St. Anthony Ct. 743, Watkins, Minnesota, was general chairman of the event.

younger descendant (representing the passing of the Catholic faith from one generation to another), as well as a symbolic offering of gifts and other touching moments took place during the Mass. Sister Cecelia Schmitt of Little Falls, Minnesota, together with sisters from St. Francis Convent were in charge of the solemn celebration. A dinner followed after the Mass. A meeting and activities were held in the afternoon.

"It was a day we shall never forget," says Sister Cecelia. "It was a most memorable milestone in all of our lives."

Besides memories to take back with them there were souvenirs, such as tee shirts, cups, pens, the Donnay Story in book form and banners. †

and gift bearers were also members of the Donnay family. A candle lighting ceremony in which the oldest person in a family handed down a light to the

Legion of Honor



Frank Kaiser, V.C.R., Holy Family Ct. 1577, received the Legion of Honor Certificate and Emblem from John Spilar, H.C.T., on June 24, 1981. The Court held a dinner party in Bro. Kaiser's honor. He has been a Forester for over 60 years and is the eldest active member of the Court. (L-r): Bro. Kaiser, V.C.R., his wife, Ann and Marie Hlavaty.



(L-r): Wayne, Nate and Corinne Wiley; Donna Wiley Guzenda; and Raymond Laurin, St.C.R. The Wileys are a 100% Legion of Honor Forester Family.



On August 12 Anthony Jilk, St. Casimir Ct. 746, was presented the Legion of Honor Emblem and Certificate by Edward F. Skalicky, P.St.C.R. of Minnesota, at the joint meeting of Court 746 and St. Thomas Court 360, both of Winona. (L-r): Roman Kaldunski, C.R. Ct. 746, Bros. Jilk and Skalicky, and Msgr. Henry F. Speck, S.D. of Ct. 746.

Donna Wiley Guzenda, Youth Director of Smulder Ct. 1101, Allen Park, Michigan, is the fourth member of her family to receive the Legion of Honor Certificate and Emblem. The presentation was made by Raymond Laurin, St.C.R., during the Court picnic held on August 2nd.

Donna's father, Nate Wiley, joined COF in 1951. He has held every office in the Court and served as a State Court Officer, serving part of the time as State Youth Director. Donna's mother, Corinne, was the first woman policyholder of the Court in January, 1953. Corinne served as Financial Secretary for a number of years. Donna's brother, Wayne, has also been a member since 1951 and has served as Chief Ranger and in various offices of the Court.

The Wiley family is a 100% Forester Legion of Honor Family.

Mary Lou Norander, also a member of Smulder Ct. 1101, received her 25-Year Emblem from Donald G. Cornyn, R.S., during the picnic. She is a very active member of the Court and especially enjoys helping with the youth Halloween and Christmas parties.

Agents Cited for Outstanding Service

The National Association of Fraternal Insurance Counsellors held its annual convention on May 7th, and 8th, at the Music City Rodeway Inn in Nashville, Tennessee.

Nine COF Agents were cited for their outstanding life insurance service:

Mary E. Clemen, F.I.C.

14th Year Award Seal for Quality Business
3rd Year One Million Dollar Production Award Seal

Roman H. Claas, F.I.C.

9th Year Award Seal for Quality Business
4th Year One Million Dollar Production Award Seal

Frank J. Bradley, F.I.C.

6th Year Award Certificate for Quality Business
1st Year Two Million Dollar Production Award Certificate.

Donald W. Osweiler, F.I.C.

5th Year Award Certificate for Quality Business
5th Year Two Million Dollar Production Award Certificate

Frank J. Prijatel, F.I.C.

5th Year Award Certificate for Quality Business
11th Year One Million Dollar Production Award Seal

Robert F. Spofford, F.I.C., GA

5th Year Award Certificate for Quality Business
2nd Year Half Million Dollar Production Award Seal

Gary F. Heil, F.I.C.

3rd Year Award Seal for Quality Business
1st Year One Million Dollar Production Award Certificate

Kenneth J. Zupfer, F.I.C.

2nd Year Award Seal for Quality Business
2nd Year Plate for Three Million Dollar Production

Duane D. Mock, F.I.C.

1st Year Half Million Dollar Production Award Certificate

Bro. Thelen Honored

At a recent meeting of Most Holy Trinity Ct. 2257, Fowler, Michigan, members honored Sylvester Thelen who recently retired from active sales for COF.

Gerald Fox, St.V.C.R., presented Bro. Thelen with a plaque of appreciation from the High Court for his years of service to the Order.

Donna Schafer, C.R., presented him with a gift certificate, thanking him for organizing Most Holy Trinity Ct. 2257 and for his guidance and services in helping to make the court one of the most active in Michigan.

Brother Thelen thanked the members for their cooperation and assured them he would keep an "eye" on them and be available if needed. He urged them to give the area's new agent the cooperation they had given him and they would continue to grow and prosper.



50-Year Members



Nine members of Weiss Ct. 990, New Munster, Wisconsin, received 50-Year Emblems on May 26th. (Back row, 1-r): Richard Elverman, C.R., Marcellus Kerkman, Francis E. Willegal, Field Representative, Ralph Kerkman and Charles Toelle. (Front row, 1-r): James Kerkman, Francis Kerkman, Stanley Kerkman and Raymond Toelle.

Wedding Anniversaries

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Vlach, Columbia Ct. 1285, Cleveland, Ohio, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on September 5, with a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Monica Church in Garfield Heights, Ohio.

Bro. and Mrs. Vlach were married on September 2, 1931, at St. Adalbert Church in Cleveland, Ohio.

Bro. Vlach is a 53-year member of the Order.

Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Schmit, St. Mary Ct. 1099, Gilbertville, Iowa, celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary on August 15th, with a Mass of Thanksgiving at Immaculate Conception Church in Gilbertville, followed by an open house and dance.

Bro. Schmit, St. T., is a Legion of Honor member and Program Director of his Court.

The Schmits and their five children are a 100% Forester family.



Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Van Den Bosch, Kaukauna, Wisconsin, Van Den Broeck Ct. 450, Little Chute, Wisconsin, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on June 28th, with a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Nicholas Church, Freedom, the parish in which they were married.

Bro. Van Den Bosch is a 54-year member of the Order.



Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schroepfer, St. Paul Ct. 639, Sleepy Eye, Minnesota, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on May 31, 1981, with a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Mary Church. A reception followed in their honor, at St. Mary's Social Room for relatives and friends.

Bro. Schroepfer is a Legion of Honor member, has a 25- and a 50-year Pin from COF, and is the Financial Secretary of his Court. He has held that office for 40 years.

A World War II veteran, Bro. Schroepfer was awarded three battle stars during his two years service in the U.S. Army.

Scholarship Winner A Dentist

Dr. Richard B. Nemmers, St. Mary Ct. 1234, Waterloo, Iowa, a native of Cedar Falls, has returned to the area and opened a dental practice.



Dr. Nemmers won a Catholic Order of Forester 4-year College Scholarship in 1971. After graduating from Cedar Falls High School, he attended the University of Northern Iowa and graduated in 1975 with a bachelor of science degree. He continued his education and graduated in 1978 from the University of Iowa College of Dentistry.

Bro. Nemmers has been in the U.S. Navy Dental Corps for the past three years serving at Camp Pendleton, California, Okinawa, Japan and Great Lakes, Illinois. He achieved the rank of lieutenant during his service.

Bro. Nemmers and his wife, Cindy, have an 11-month-old son named Benjamin.

Honored



Rev. Roman G. Neva, St. Cecelia Ct. 1247, Harvey, North Dakota, was honored by the members of St. Anthony Ct. 2194, Selz, North Dakota, with a cake for serving as their Spiritual Director in the absence of a pastor. Rev. John Rath, a new priest of the parish, will assume the office of Spiritual Director.

Scholastic Trophy



Timothy Piatkowski, St. Stanislaus Ct. 1202, Detroit, Michigan, maintained a 96.5 average over his entire school year. Timothy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Piatkowski, received a trophy for Scholastic Excellence from Our Lady of Good Counsel School at a Banquet held at the Polish Century Club on May 28th. He was in 4th grade during the past school year.



(Far L): Heroic-sized crucifix outside St. Peter's Church in the Chicago loop. (L): Inside, Marie Kacirek, Secretary to Bernard Milota, H.S., prays with the popular St. Anthony statue in the background.

800th Birthday of St. Francis

In April a letter from the New York Franciscan office coordinating the publicity of the 800th anniversary of St. Francis' birth arrived at the High Court Office asking if the editor of CATHOLIC FORESTER would be interested in an article on the Saint or the Franciscan way of life. Of course, the answer was "yes" as was hundreds of replies from other editors across the country who had received similar letters. As a result, the Franciscan office could not honor the many requests for articles, a magnificent testimonial to the Saint who after 800 years is, undoubtedly, one of the most popular Saints of the Catholic Church and, indeed, of the whole world.

In the newsletter detailing the dilemma into which the Saint's popularity had put his brother and sister Franciscans, Fr. Roy Gasnick, O.F.M., director of the Franciscan Communications Office in New York City and author of the popular 50-page comic book on the Saint's life, said he was not surprised that St. Francis is so well-loved today.

"About 65 books a year are written on St. Francis, who remains a powerful force in contemporary society because he was so complex a person that he touched many fields of human endeavor," he said. "There was St. Francis the naturalist; the mystic who attracts people of prayer; the personalist, who looked upon people as individuals rather than part of a crowd; the activist, who created an order-model of what the church should be like based on small, caring communities; Francis the reformer; Francis the peacemaker, who tried to stop the killing on both sides during the Crusades; and the Francis who purposely identified himself with the poor and the oppressed."

St. Peter's Church

An article may still arrive for CATHOLIC FORESTER from the Franciscan headquarters before deadline; but if not, probably, for Catholic Foresters, no better article could be written than one on St. Peter's Church in the Chicago loop, just two blocks to the

east of the High Court Building. Staffed by Franciscan priests and brothers, it is an oasis of blessings and peace in the hurried pace of a workaday world for many COF employees who slip in for an early morning Mass before going to the office. High Court Trustees also take advantage of a Mass on their regular visits to the city. Just inside the vestibule of the church on the left is a statue of St. Francis seated among the animals, which was donated by the Foresters in memory of its deceased members when the new St. Peter's edifice was built in 1953.

St. Peter's has been the Church on the move in more ways than one. The first St. Peter's church, built in 1846, one of the first two churches in the Chicago diocese, was located on the south side of Washington Street between Wells and Franklin. It was later moved in two sections to Polk and Clark Streets to accommodate its German parishioners. When two disastrous fires, one after the other, caused the people to leave the area and settle in a safer section of the city, it became a church without a parish. Thus in 1953 when the new building was planned, it was re-located in the loop (the one and one-half mile square in the heart of the city bounded by Lake, Wells, Van Buren and Wabash Streets and overshadowed by the elevator tracks).

Busiest Church in the City

St. Peter's is by far the busiest church in the city and holds a unique place in the Archdiocese of Chicago. As the "church of the loop," unlike a parish church it does not have parishioners, weddings or funerals.

What it does do is offer tens of thousands of commuters who come into the city every day to work an opportunity to attend daily Mass, receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, worship the Lord exposed in the Blessed Sacrament, receive counseling, religious instructions and prepare for Sunday Masses in their parish churches. Bringing the Lord's healing ministry into the very center of Chicago is a tremendous challenge, and the staff of 24 Franciscan priests and 11 brothers are equal to it. The church offers a full program of religious services for an estimated 20,000 people every week.

Beauty in Stone

The nine-story-high church could be lost between the two skyscrapers on either side of it if it were not for the striking heroic-sized statue of the crucifixion which hangs above its bronze outer doors. Passers-by cannot help but be struck by it. The eighteen foot, twenty-six ton statue depicts the figure of the crucified Christ, alive and virile, suffering extreme agony. It was carved during the summer of 1951 with pneumatic hammers from rough blocks of Georgia pink Etowah marble by J. Watts, the sculptor of Chicago's famous Buckingham fountain in Grant Park, and his two assistants.

The main church is large enough to accommodate 1500 people. The pinkish-tan Minnesota marble walls, the pink Tennessee marble floor and the colorful rose window in the rear of the church add a special warmth to it.

The best sculptors in Italy were employed for the cutting and polishing of the cream-colored Botticino marble art work in what was then the simple imposing high altar; in the exposition throne above the tabernacle; in the

majestic reredos with its white Carrara marble crucifixion group and statues of Sts. Peter and Paul; in the decorative canopy above and in the two side altars dedicated to our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph. The marble altar of sacrifice, which was added after Vatican II, blends in perfectly with the marble art work of the sanctuary.

The Communion rail, the pulpit and the sanctuary bench of reddish brown marble add a touch of color. Ten recessed areas were designed to relieve the severity of solid interior walls. In these areas, each about eight feet wide, fifteen feet high and one foot deep, is a set of Botticino marble panels, carved in bas-relief, each depicting a scene in the life of St. Francis of Assisi. They were done by Carlo Vinchessi, noted Italian sculptor, after sketches made by Louis Carracciolo, a Chicago artist, whose murals of St. Anthony and St. Francis enhance the white marble Carrara shrines of these Saints. These shrines, plus others honoring the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Sorrowful Mother, Infant of Prague, St. Therese of Lisieux have their special niches under the panels described above.

The only window in the church is the roseate window in honor of Mary, Queen of Peace, and symbolizes Mary's role in the church. Just as the only natural light coming to the church enters through this window, so all graces of God's people come from God through Mary.

There are two chapels on the second floor, sometimes used for weddings of couples not having established themselves in any parish or for couples who want their marriages blessed. Below the church are an auditorium and offices. On the third, fourth and fifth floor is the friary, the residence of the Franciscans.

Services Offered

Fifteen Masses are offered daily Monday through Friday. The Masses begin at 5:30 in the morning and continue on the half hour up to and including the one at 9. Before his death the former Mayor of Chicago, Richard M. Daley, was a familiar figure at the 7 a.m. Mass at St. Peter's. At 10:10 Masses began again on the half hour concluding with one at 1:10, followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Two Masses in late afternoon, one at 4:40 preceded by benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and one at 5:10 complete the day's Mass schedule. The Masses are not hurried, and most of the time celebrants offer a short homily or reflection from the Scripture readings. At each Mass two more priests join the celebrant to distribute Communion.

On Saturdays and Sundays, as could be expected, when most offices are closed, only half the number of Masses are offered.

There are 21 confessionals along the nave of the Church, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation is always available, except on Sundays and Days of Obligation. On weekdays confessions are heard from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Saturday from 6:30 to the evening Mass of anticipation.

Besides Masses and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, downtown workers are offered other services during the week. Popular are the noontime religious continuing education classes and the scripture studies held weekly from October through May. The program for the past year offered a series on justice and peace, the sacraments and



(L): Evelyn Spoerlein at the statue of St. Francis donated by the Foresters in 1953.

an understanding of the Sunday readings. Both staff and invited theologians from the city and nearby suburbs are speakers. While listening, participants munch sandwiches provided by the Third Order of St. Francis or brought from home, thus nourishing both the spirit and body at the same time. It can be an embarrassing moment for first-timers who unwittingly packed celery sticks in their lunches. They soon discover that in the quiet lecture hall, it would be better to stay with food having fewer sound effects.

The church also provides a magazine rack, a bookstore and religious articles store, all under the same roof. In the auditorium the Third Order groups and the Legion of Mary have their regular meetings, and counseling by the priests is available by appointment at anytime.

City Outreach

But the church is the focal point for all who come to St. Peter's. And for the city as well, for one never attends Mass at St. Peter's without seeing the collection basket. Two professional Andy Frain Ushers in their navy blue and gold-trimmed uniforms are on hand every day from 6:30 to 10:30 and for the Masses on Sunday. They also watch for characters who may drop by for reasons other than worship although they do not disturb the knights and ladies of the road who come lugging their shopping bag of personal belongings into their Father's house to rest their feet awhile before returning to the soup kitchen or searching out a park bench for the night. And who knows—in the eyes of their Father they may find a warmer welcome than the person next to them wearing an expensive business suit from Sacs.

Do people realize where their nickels and dimes, quarters and dollars go? Besides the means of livelihood for the Franciscans, and the church maintenance, heating, lighting, and the like, the outreach of St. Peter's church

throughout the city is no less outstanding than its program for the downtown workers.

Not only do those who come to the church for spiritual nourishment receive help, but St. Anthony's Inn, St. Francis Center, Poverella House and the Greater Chicago Depository located in various parts of the city, are a vital part of the church's ministry. Here one sees Christ reaching out to the poor, the helpless, the sick. The collection basket gives the workers the opportunity to be a part of this ministry to the poor.

St. Anthony's Inn is a halfway house for men from the penitentiary. At this facility the Franciscans offer temporary lodging, food and counseling while they assist the residents to find jobs or schooling.

About 100 to 175 poor come to the St. Francis Center where volunteers pour soup twice a day and give out clothing when needed. Both men and women and sometimes entire families are helped at the Center.

Poverella House is a six-flat where stranded people are sheltered temporarily while they look for jobs and/or housing.

Until 1976 millions of dollars worth of food was being wasted annually in the city by food and packaging industries due to overstocking, mispackaging, and other business errors. At the same time, thousands of Chicago-area residents were suffering from hunger or malnutrition. The churches and community groups could not obtain enough food to meet their needs.

In 1976 the Tax Reform Act provided substantial benefits to the corporations for contributing to the poor the food that they were throwing away. Obviously, there was a need for a central organization to transfer this food to neighborhood programs that would distribute it to the hungry, and thus the Greater Chicago Food Depository came into being. It receives the food donations at its centrally-located warehouse and distributes it among 100 carefully-screened churches and neighborhood groups for direct distribution to hungry people. Several Third Order members are charter members of the Board and continue to serve on it. One of the priests at St. Peter's is a board member and Treasurer of the Depository.

Everyone Served

Thus from the Mayor of the City to the poorest of the poor, the Franciscans minister to God's people in the loop, serving all with the cheerful Franciscan spirit that has become their trade mark.

"St. Peter's is a real blessing," says Evelyn Spoerlein, a 35-year COF employee and a frequent Mass-goer at the church.

Indeed it is, for the 20,000 people it serves weekly.

"Despite the people coming and going, there is an atmosphere of deep serenity and peace," says Marie Kacirek, who is Secretary to Bernard Milota, H.S., and attends the 8 a.m. Mass daily.

On Sunday, October 4, 1981, Franciscans the world over began an International Year of St. Francis in honor of the 800th anniversary of the birth of the Saint. The theme for the year is "Let us love and serve the Lord."

Catholic Foresters will want to join the Franciscans in this celebration year, especially in those areas where they are privileged to receive the services of Franciscan priests, brothers and sisters. †

Qualities of Strong Families

After studying families in the United States and South America, Dr. Nick Stinnett, Chairman of the Department of Human Development of the Family at the University of Nebraska, identified six qualities found in strong, happy families. They are: appreciation expression, commitment to the family group, good communication patterns, ability to deal with crisis, religious orientation, and spending time together.

Appreciation expression was defined as building one another up by affirming one another with gratitude, thereby enhancing self-esteem. *Spending time together* included time spent with family members at meals, recreation, worship, etc. The study pointed out that strong families had good communication patterns. They not only listened to one another, but they referred to their communication as embodying a high degree of respect for one another. A very strong commitment to the family group was demonstrated by family members, both as individual and as a group. When choices needed to be made on use of time, the family and its needs were considered. The strong families demonstrated a religious orientation with a commitment to a spiritual lifestyle which guided them in decision making. The families were generally able to deal with crises in a positive, supportive

Beranek Family Honored



On June 14, the Beranek family was designated as the Catholic fraternal family of the year by the Minnesota Fraternal Congress during a picnic held in Shakopee, Minnesota. Posing for a memory photo are: Leo Beranek, St.Tr., (far left); his wife, Carol, (third from left); Julius A. Coller, II, V.H.C.R., (far right); the Beranek children, grandchildren and in-laws. Carol M. Hietala, president of the Minnesota Fraternal Congress, is in the back row, third from left.

manner. Strong families were armed with the requisite commitment and communication skills needed to positively resolve family conflicts.

Dr. Stinnett has organized a major symposium to address the issue of strengthening families. The Fourth

Annual National Symposium—Building Family Strengths will be held May 13 through 15 at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

(Taken from *The Family Life Exchange of the National Fraternal Congress of America*).



Above are new members of St. Peter Ct. 1492, (front row, l-r): Robert Reis, R.S., holding Elizabeth Reis, while next to him is his son, Joey; Michael and Rodney Holtz. (Back row, l-r): Michelle, Amy and Beth Thomas, Curtis Bezold, Maynard Futscher, St.Y.D., holding Earin Rauch, Jeremy Bezold, new adult member Jeff Gaskins holding Connie Sue Laver. Two new members not on photo are Anita Gaskins and Michael Butsch.

Membership Drive

A successful membership drive of St. Peter's Ct. 1492, California, Kentucky, that began with the April meeting resulted in 14 new members, two adults and 12 children. Certificates were presented to the new members at the June meeting by Hilda Futscher, Field Representative. After the meeting the members held their annual horseshoe pitching contest.

King and Queen

Nicholas Adams, a member of St. Mary Ct. 944, Stacyville, Iowa, and Ida Kinney, a charter member of the National Society of Catholic Foresters, St. Rita Ct. 819, were chosen King & Queen of the Quasquicentennial Parade held in Stacyville.

The attendance of the two-day Quasquicentennial celebration (125 years since the beginning of Stacyville) was estimated between 6,000 to 10,000 visitors.

The members of St. Mary Ct. 944 were selected to choose the king and queen for the parade by the Commercial Club Officers and members. The committee selected 18 candidates (all over 80 years old) to vie for the title of king and 35 candidates to run for queen. At the May meeting of Ct. 944, the names of the candidates were written on the blackboard and the members began casting their ballots for their favorite candidate. The ballot box was not open until Edmund May, Chief Ranger of the Court, returned home that evening.



Mrs. Ida Kinney and Nicholas Adams holding plaques awarded them after they were chosen as King and Queen of the Quasquicentennial Parade held in Stacyville.

He counted the votes and a week later asked two other members to count the votes. The winning names were kept secret until the day of the celebration. Nicholas Adams, age 87, won the title of King by 3 votes and Ida Kinney, 90, won the title of Queen by 2 votes.

Prior to the parade Bro. Adams and Mrs. Kinney made their debut on stage as the dignitaries to preside over the 208-entry Sunday parade.

During the parade the King and Queen rode in a 1920, Model T Ford, owned and driven by Mr. Lawrence Brumm, as several Foresters wearing baldrics and carrying a COF banner and an American flag marched ahead of the car.

Bro. Adams resides at the Stacyville Community Nursing Home. He served as Chief Ranger of his Court from 1924-1932. He enjoys walking and covers at least 4 blocks daily.

Mrs. Kinney resides at Stacyville Housing Inc. recently named Hawes Court after Rev. Cletus Hawes, St. Joseph Ct. 507. She served as Chief Ranger of her Court for 20 years and still attends the monthly meetings. Her husband, Joe Kinney, had served as Chief Ranger of Ct. 944. Ida does her own house cleaning and cooking and attends Mass a few times a week. †



Let's Get Involved



We all have a responsibility to advance the cause of fraternalism. We also have a commitment to continue to offer solid and reliable protection as we advance into the decade of the 80s. This is not a one-man or -woman endeavor. We are all part of an industry that has been a pillar of the American way of life—the American family. Let us dedicate ourselves to the pursuit of constructive actions which will advance public recognition and involvement in the fraternal interests of our individual societies in every community state-wide. Success cannot be attained by working alone; but, by combining forces we can reach our goals.

It is important that we have goals and set a course of action to reach them. Our unique fraternal features must be maintained and strengthened for the future. The Congress can and must inaugurate programs and projects to set community standards for giving and sharing. We can foster interest in community spirit and work together to

meet community needs. Let us reach out to build stronger family relationships and more vital communities.

I am convinced that the future of this country and the Fraternal Benefit System lies in what we do individually as well as collectively. Thus, what is needed most is the willingness of more individuals to involve themselves in helping each other and in contributing more within their own communities. In return, you find the opportunity to develop fully your character and your potential as human beings.

Albert Schweitzer summed up the philosophy of fraternalism with the observation that "The only people who will be truly happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve." Get involved and be happy.

Harriett Robison, President
Illinois Fraternal Congress
(taken from Illinois Fraternal Congress Newsletter)

Camp Mahpiyato



Nick Feyerisen, camp master, giving the youth a few swimming instructions at Camp Mahpiyato.



Pow! Who knocked the volleyball out of play!

Forty-one youth and six adult members from St. Mary Ct. 1173, Dell Rapids, South Dakota, attended Camp Mahpiyato, Marvin, South Dakota, which is sponsored annually by the South Dakota State Court. The camp is connected with the Blue Cloud Abbey at Marvin, and Nick Feyerisen is the camp master.

The camp's activities included Mass, a tour of the Abbey, swimming, fishing games, crafts and bonfires.

The St. Mary Court youth group are very active the entire year. Besides their monthly meetings, they have had a hay ride, roller skating party and ball games. Last winter they had a Sunday morning breakfast as a money making project and gave a donation towards the Christmas flowers at church and another towards playground equipment at the school.

Annual Picnic



Youth members of St. Edward Ct. 2145, Waterloo, Iowa, pause for a memory photo during the Court's annual picnic.



St. Edward Ct. 2145, Waterloo, Iowa, annual picnic.

St. Edward Ct. 2145, Waterloo, Iowa, held its annual picnic at Miller Park on August 4th, with 48 people attending.

The Rev. Lloyd Reuter offered Mass at the picnic. Donald Osweiler was lector, Ruth Horton song leader and Elaine Thoma, Special Minister of Communion at the Mass.

After a Kentucky Fried Chicken supper furnished by the Court, everyone enjoyed themselves playing softball. Paul Koch, C.R., was in charge of the event.





Winners in the WEFPO Mini-Golf Classic were: Top left, (l-r): Dan Fox, Mark Theis and Beverly Thelen, winners in the 16-18 year division; top right, (l-r): Jason Bauer, Jack Nurenberg, Tom Pung, winners in the 7-9 year division and Donald Cornyn, St.Y.D. Center, (far left): Donald Cornyn, St.Y.D., and Brian Thelen, winner in the 4-6 year division; (center): Donald Cornyn, St.Y.D., and Sue Nurenberg, winner in the 19-21 year division; (far right): Donald Cornyn, St.Y.D., and Joe Keilen, winner in the 4-6 year division. Bottom left, (l-r): Jim Schmitz, Chris Schmitz and Bruce Nurenberg, winners in the 13-15 year division. Bottom Right, (l-r): Dan Smith, Doug Nurenberg and grinning Scott Platte accepts congratulations from his opponent Smith, after winning their sudden death playoff at the WEFPO Mini-Golf Classic in the 10-12 year division.

Michigan State Court Golf Tournament

The Michigan State Court (LP) had two successful golf tournaments this year.

The 8th Annual WEFPO Mini-Golf Classic was held on August 1, at the Saginaw Sportsland Course in Grand Ledge, Michigan. One hundred forty-six participants were on hand to compete for prizes and consume gallons of pop. The Courts that participated were: St. Mary Ct. 1903, Westphalia, Most Holy Trinity Ct. 2257, Fowler, St. Patrick Ct. 2273, Portland, Smulder Ct. 1101, Allen Park, and St. Josaphat Ct. 1515, Detroit.

The 8th Annual Detroit Mini-Golf Classic was held on August 9, at the Harper-Metro Miniature Golf Course

in Mt. Clemens, Michigan. Forty-five people competed for prizes. The Courts that participated were: Smulder Ct. 1101, Allen Park, St. Josaphat Ct. 1515, Detroit, Ascension Ct. 2010, Warren, St. Stanislaus Ct. 1202, Detroit, and Guardian Angel Ct. 1522, Detroit.

In 1974, Brother Don Cornyn (newly appointed State Youth Director) had decided to extend the State Court Activities to include other areas of Michigan instead of having them always in the Detroit area. The decision was made because of the hardship involved in producing large numbers of participants with the rising cost of transportation. The first Classic was

held in a more central area between Detroit and Lansing and was a success with 94 participants from five Courts. Encouraged by the first year, Brother Cornyn opened the tournament to include 16 and 17 year olds in 1975. He was given the State Court's blessings and backing. It was a challenge because the additional cost would be picked up by the State Court since the High Court did not compensate for this age group at that time. Another success in 1975 resulted in raising the age limit to 18 year olds for 1976.

In 1976 Bro. Cornyn separated the tournament into the two major areas, and both proved to be successes. Finally, in 1978, the ages of



Mark Schafer, Y.D., (l), St. Mary Ct. 1903, Westphalia, Michigan, was having a difficult time locating golfballs for the youth and young



adult members during the 8th Annual Mini-Golf Classic sponsored by the Lower Michigan State Court.



Golfing, along with the State's Young Adult Bowling (16-21 year olds) and HUGE Youth Bowling tournaments, and the newly-created Basketball Competition are the basis for an ever-forward high activity.

19, 20, and 21 were added.

Bro. Cornyn admits to some apprehension before these tournaments are held; especially in the WEFPO area. It seems that the youth of WEstphalia-FOWler-PORTland are constantly on the go. The date that is set always seems to compete with a 4-H show, baseball, and a variety of other special events. This

year it was Band Camp; however, a few more were on hand to play, increasing the count from 1980. Last year there were 193 total golfers for the State; this year there were 191 total golfers. "Michigan is shaped like a mitten," says Bro. Cornyn, "but we in Michigan, take off the mitten and extend our hand in helping the youth get to know the Foresters better."

Waterloo District Golf

The Waterloo District held their Second Annual Golf Tournament on July 26th, at the Silver Springs Country Club, Jesup, Iowa.

There were 92 entrants ready to tee off on the 9 hole course. Fr. Lloyd Reuter, Iowa State Spiritual Director, Msgr. Kenneth Ryan, Past State Spiritual Director, and many local priests were present for the occasion. Dennis and Joan Kessens and Wesley and JoAnn Schons were chairpersons of the event. More than \$1,000 worth of prizes were distributed with everyone entering the tourney receiving a prize and prizes being given for the longest putt on #9 and closest to the pin on #7. Door prizes were also distributed.

Below, left, two participants of the Waterloo District Golf Tournament were Kevin Kisher (left), St. Edward Ct. 2145, Waterloo, Iowa, and Vince Schons (right), also from Ct. 2145. Vince won the youth golfing trophy in the tourney with a 101 for 18 holes; Kevin came in second with 109. Both boys received umbrellas as prizes. Below right, Roland A. Thoma, Past High Court Trustee; Leo Schares; Merrel Serfoss; Dennis Kessens and Wesley Schons, chairpersons of the Waterloo District Golf Tournament; and Leo Delagardelle are seen with some of the prizes distributed during the event.

The results were as follows:

Creighton Parr, St. John Ct. 1289, Waterloo, Iowa, champion with a 77.

Ms. Diane Heimback, St. John Ct. 1289, Waterloo, Iowa, ladies champion with a 48 on 9 holes.

Vincent Schons, 13, St. Edward Ct. 2145, Waterloo, Iowa, youth champion with a 101.

Eight Courts were represented in the District golf tourney with 16 couples; 2 mother-daughter; 6 father-son; and 4 youth golfers.

After the tourney a steak supper was served at the country club and prizes were awarded there.

Cap and T-Shirt for Young Member



William T. Armbruster, St.C.R., and Chief Ranger of Ss. Peter and Paul Court 1225, Kansas City, Missouri, presents a COF ball Cap and T-Shirt to the youngest member of their court, 5 month old Kirk Edward Walters, son of Tom and Kathy Walters and grandson of Margaret Walters above. Presentation was made at the Court's annual picnic held June 10, 1981, at Loose Park, Kansas City.



Maine Bowling Tournament



The Val Ouellette memorial trophy was won by Nadeau's House of Furniture in the first annual COF bowling tournament held in Edmundston. Mrs. Val (Therese) Ouellette, Fort Kent, presented the trophy to Arms Labbe, captain of the team. (Back row, l-r): Stew Smith, Sput Voisine, Dana Lamore, Arms Labbe (captain), Mrs. Val Ouellette. (Front row, l-r): Pat Labbe and Dave Labbe.

The Maine First Annual COF State Bowling Tournament was held on May 31, at the Riviera Lanes in Edmundston, Maine. The tournament was in memory of Val Ouellette, a former Fort Kent COF bowler, and a Val Ouellette Memorial Trophy awaited the team with 3 consecutive victories.

Six teams participated in the tourney as Nadeau's House of Furniture captured first place by 33 pins with a total of 3162, followed by Fort Kent COF Acres with a 3129 total. Madawaska placed third with a team total of 3109, followed by Clair KC, 3089, Fort Kent No. 2, 2883,



Brian Rice (c), received trophies from Gil Levasseur (l), and Legs Labbe (r), for rolling a high single string of 144 and high five total of 621 in the COF bowling tournament. Bro. Rice bowled anchor for Clair's KC team. Bros. Levasseur and Labbe were in charge of the tourney which attracted 36 bowlers.

and Fort Kent COF Juniors taking 6th place with a total of 2561.

High single strings were rolled by Brian Rice, Clair, (144); Legs Labbe, Fort Kent, (137); Dana Lamore, Fort Kent, (136); Rice, (135); Gille Lajoie, Clair, (134); and Stew Smith, Fort Kent, (131).

Nadeau's House of Furniture won the Val Ouellette memorial trophy in the COF first annual bowling tournament which was presented to Arms Labbe, captain of the team, by Mrs. Val (Therese) Ouellette of Fort Kent.

Youth Bowling

The Annual Youth Bowling Tournament sponsored by the Wisconsin State Court was held on May 9th at the Bushville Lanes. Five members of St. Mary Ct. 1065, Luxemburg, Wisconsin, received trophies.

Steven Paul, senior division, bowled a 199 for the highest single game score and was the high series bowler with a 522 total. Richard Salentine, Steve Haen, Tom Melchior and Greg Salentine, junior division, received trophies with a team total of 1789. Steve Haen captured the highest single game with his 183 score and was the high series bowler with a 519 total.



(L-r): Steven Paul, Richard Salentine, Tom Melchior, Greg Salentine and Steve Haen, members of St. Mary Ct. 1065, Luxemburg, Wisconsin, were winners in the Wisconsin State Court COF Youth Bowling Tournament.

LSD Association Field Day

The Lake Shore District Association of the Wisconsin jurisdiction held its Annual Youth Field Day on June 28, at Algoma, Wisconsin.

The day began with a Mass at St. Mary Church, followed by a luncheon in the parish cafeteria. Nearly 150 youth and adults attended. Since the day was cold the children played games in the parish hall and school gym. Everyone had a good time, especially the children, as they participated in numerous games including a balloon blowing contest.



A balloon blowing contest at the Youth Field Day of the Lake Shore District Association on June 28.



Rules For The 1982 Bowling Tournaments

1981 Bowling Tournament Awards

	No. of 4-Person Teams @ \$4.00 Per Team	Total Awards Including \$25.00 Tournament Award
Northwest Indiana	16	\$ 89.00
Minnesota	42	193.00
Oklahoma/Texas	11	69.00
South Dakota	16	89.00
Wisconsin Youth	95	405.00
	180	\$ 845.00

	No. of 5-Person Teams @ \$5.00 Per Team	Total Awards Including \$25.00 Tournament Award
St. John Ct. 96, McHenry, Illinois	26	\$ 155.00
Geo. P. Freund Jamboree (McHenry)	41	230.00
Illinois	40	225.00
Illinois (Youth)	22	135.00
Western Illinois Association	16	105.00
Northwest District (Iowa)	23	140.00
Iowa	54	295.00
Waterloo District	21	130.00
Kentucky	28	165.00
WEFOPO Youth	40	225.00
Detroit Youth	16	105.00
Michigan Young Adult	20	125.00
South Central Michigan District	24	145.00
Dodge Bowling Association (Nebraska)	32	185.00
K.I.O. (Adult)	88	465.00
K.I.O. (Youth)	30	175.00
Wisconsin	92	485.00
Fox River Valley & Lake Shore	112	585.00
Chippewa Valley District	16	105.00
Total	741	\$4,180.00

1. Any State Tournament or group of State Tournaments or Districts or Chapters with either a minimum of 10 Local Courts, or 5 Local Courts with a minimum of 15 teams, in order to qualify for awards must certify to the High Court that the entries are members in good standing of the Catholic Order of Foresters.
2. Both Youth and Adult entries shall be counted as eligible for Awards.
3. Tournaments must have the approval of the A.B.C.
4. Candlepin Bowling Tournaments shall be governed by the Rules and Regulations of the W.C.B.C. (World Candlepin Bowling Council, Inc.).
5. Tournament to be run on a handicap basis.
6. Tournaments must produce a printed or mimeographed program to be submitted to the High Court at least three days prior to start of Tournament.
7. Awards must be used for prizes or promotional purposes only. (At the completion of the tournament, an itemized statement indicating how the award money was spent should be submitted to the High Court.)
8. A minimum of \$25.00 per Tournament plus \$1.00 per bowler per Team Entry Adult or Youth. Teams must have no less than four persons per team. For example, awards would be \$4.00 per 4-Person Team and \$5.00 per 5-Person Team, plus the minimum award of \$25.00 per Tournament.

NOTE: In the event you do not qualify under the High Court Rules and Regulations, kindly submit information pertaining to your Bowling Tournament to the Fraternal Committee c/o High Secretary, Catholic Order of Foresters, 305 W. Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606, giving reference to number of teams (4 or 5-person) participating.

Deadline for Poster Contest

The deadline for the 1981 Poster Contest is October 31, 1981. Entries postmarked later than that date cannot be accepted.

The themes for the contest are MY FAVORITE HOLIDAY for the Junior division, (ages 8 through 11) and BOOKS COME TO LIFE for the Senior division, (ages 11 through 16).

The artist's name, address, birth date, social security

number and COF COURT and ROSTER numbers should be printed on the back of the poster. ONLY ONE entry is permitted per member.

Mail poster entries FLAT (not rolled in mailing tubes). Carefully wrap in cardboard and paper to prevent damage in the mail, mark "Poster Contest" and mail to Public Relations Department, Catholic Order of Foresters, 305 W. Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606.

High Court Proceedings

July, 1981

The regular monthly meeting of the High Court, Catholic Order of Foresters, was held on July 15 and 16, 1981. The following members responded to roll call: Brothers John A. Goraski, High Chief Ranger; Julius A. Coller, II, Vice High Chief Ranger; Bernard F. Milota, High Secretary; Fred J. Meyer, High Treasurer; Edwin H. Huber, Roger J. Brill, Elmer Wiblehauser, John M. Spilar, Walter V. Kowalczyk, Victor J. Standaert, Armand R. Lemire, Robert P. Frees, Peter J. Gardner, Jr., and David W. Rice, High Court Trustees.

Brother Goraski, High Chief Ranger, opened the meeting in regular form.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the reading of the June, 1981, High Court Minutes be dispensed with and that they be approved and kept as recorded.

The Committees duly met and submitted written reports which were approved and are on file in the High Court Office.

Brother Huber, Chairman of the Good of the Order Committee, presented the following report:

The Committee recommends that the following members be enrolled in the Third Degree Legion of Honor:

Member	Court	Location
ILLINOIS		
Thomas J. Frencl	St. Procopius 443	Chicago
Terrence M. Frencl	St. Procopius 443	Chicago
KENTUCKY		
Joseph B. Emminger	Sacred Heart 1328	Bellevue
Gerard C. Zeller	St. Anthony 1574	Louisville
MINNESOTA		
Victor R. Dietman, Jr.	St. Cloud 404	St. Cloud
Anthony K. Jilk	St. Casimir 746	Winona
MISSOURI		
John C. Schoen	SS. Peter & Paul 1225	Kansas City
WISCONSIN		
Oscar Link	St. Joseph 1708	East Bristol
Eugene C. Horn	St. Frederick 826	Cudahy

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Report of the Good of the Order Committee be adopted.

Brother Spilar, Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the following report:

The Committee recommends the approval of claims paid by the Order since the last meeting of the High Court as follows:

147	Death Claims	\$229,306.50
142	Cash Surrenders	75,200.65
148	Cash Loans	106,025.42
16	Matured Endowments	25,004.99
	Supplementary Contracts	7,801.29
2	Double Indemnity Claims	22,000.00
TOTAL		\$465,338.85

The Committee checked all bills against the original vouchers and recommends payment of bills checked as shown on list furnished each member of the High Court.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Report of the Finance Committee be adopted.

It was ordered that the following Court be disbanded and the membership transferred as indicated, effective August 1, 1981:

St. Aloysius Ct. 1094, Elmwood, Ohio, to St. James Ct. 1628, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Brother Milota, High Secretary, presented the following Financial Statement:

Contributions levied January 1 to June 30, 1981	
Members in good standing	\$4,618,803.48
Members on contribution loan	176,004.02
Total Contributions Levied	\$4,794,807.50
Benefit claims paid January 1 to July 15, 1981	
Death claims	\$1,264,058.63
Cash surrender claims	783,042.85
Total disability claims	50.00
A.D.B. claims	40,000.00
Juvenile death claims	16,000.00
Cash loans	699,342.92
Matured endowments	221,768.41
Supplementary contracts	54,254.99
Old age benefit claims	108.68
Refunds to members (Dividends)	1,131,402.27
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$4,210,028.75
Cash received January 1 to July 15, 1981	
Contributions	\$3,637,013.64
Loans, liens and interest	139,668.23
Interest and dividends on bonds and stocks:	
Interest on bonds	\$8,119,565.04
Dividends on stocks	312,430.80
Total Cash Received	\$10,208,677.71
Bank Balance as of July 14, 1981	
Continental Illinois National Bank & Trust Co.	\$ 143,088.41
Harris Bank Passbook Savings Account #81465	10,984.71
Total Cash	\$ 154,073.12

It was moved, seconded and carried that the High Court adjourn.

The closing prayer was offered in unison with special prayers said for the recovery of Edward Kowalczyk, brother of High Court Trustee, Walter V. Kowalczyk, and Brother Roman Imborski, former member of the Illinois State Court, and for the repose of the soul of Brother Earl P. Duffy, former High Treasurer.

Brother Goraski, High Chief Ranger, declared the High Court Meeting adjourned.

BERNARD F. MILOTA
HIGH SECRETARY

Fraternal and Ceremonial Items

EMBLEM JEWELRY

FA-140	Woman's 10 Karat gold Ring (Indicate correct size)	MFG. COST
FA-141	Man's 10 Karat gold Ring (Indicate correct size)	MFG. COST
FA-143	Legion of Honor Emblem replacement (Male)	\$23.00
FA-144	Legion of Honor Emblem replacement (Female)	31.25
FA-145	Cuff Links	2.00
FA-146	Tie Tack	2.00
FA-147	Cuff Links and Tie Tack Set	4.00
FA-148	Past Chief Ranger Cuff Links and Tie Tack Set	3.00

BADGES

FA-111	Member's reversible ribbon Badge (minimum order-12)	MFG. COST
FA-112	Member's single ribbon Badge (red or black) (minimum 12)	MFG. COST

CARDS

FA-103	New Arrival-Baby Congratulations	.05
FA-107	All Occasion	.10
FA-106	Get Well	.10
FA-131	Spiritual Bouquet (Mass)	.10
FA-101	Sympathy	FREE
FA-132	COF Building Post Card	FREE
FA-130	Opening and Closing Prayers	FREE
FA-133	Prayer for Deceased Member at Mortuary Chapel	FREE

MISCELLANEOUS

FA-165	Rose for Life Appliques	.10
FA-105	Playing Cards, 2 decks in case (picture of COF Building)	2.00
FA-150	Ballpoint Pen with COF Logo	.55
FA-151	Pen and Pencil Set	2.00
FA-152	COF Letter Opener	2.25
FA-162	Ballpoint-Pens with COF Logo	.25
FA-117A	Gavel (gold band, engraved—COF and emblem)	4.00
FA-120A	U.S. American Flag	1.00
FA-120B	Flag Stand	1.00
FA-154	Automobile Decal (4 inch exterior) (Luminous)	.10
FA-155	Decal (12 inch)	1.50
FA-156	Baldric (adult)	10.00
	Baldric (Legion of Honor)	10.00
FA-134	COF Arm Band (Die stamped felt)	FREE
FA-135	COF Arm Band (Embroidered Cloth)	.50
FA-163	Iron-On COF Decals	FREE
FA-118E	COF Emblem, Glossy, various sizes (printing purposes)	FREE
FA-125	Placemats	FREE
FA-136	Dinner Napkins	FREE
FA-160	Place Cards (FOR HEAD TABLE ONLY) (maximum order 25)	FREE
FA-161	Identification Badge	.02

*Must have Name, Court and Roster number of Legion of Honor member who desires this type of Baldric.

Please include check or money order for merchandise you are ordering. (DO NOT SEND CASH) Give your complete address and Court Number. Send your order to the Fraternal Activities Department, Catholic Order of Foresters, 305 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. Allow ample time for shipping.

National Youth and Young Adult Prolife Contests Offered

We would like to bring to the attention of COF youth members in junior high, high school or college and not over 21 years of age the MARCH FOR LIFE annual essay, poetry and poster contests.

As we go to press, the theme for 1982 has not yet been decided, but students can write to MARCH FOR LIFE STUDENT CONTESTS, Box 2950, Washington, D.C. 20013 for more information. Include a stamped self-addressed envelope to speed up the reply. The telephone number is 202-547-6721. The Contests end around the first week of December.

The essay on the theme for the year is to be no longer than 1000 words; a poem no longer than 30 lines; the poster 11 inches by 17 inches in not more than two colors.

The first prize winners of each contest will be invited to Washington, D.C., on January 22, 1982, all expenses paid for themselves and a parent or guardian of each. The winner's work will be published in the Program Journal passed out to participants in the March for Life on January 22, 1982. A prolife organization named by each winner will also receive \$100 for local prolife work.

We encourage COF youth to write to the address above for the rules and to participate in the contest. Perhaps you will be on the Washington podium in January with people like Illinois Senator Henry Hyde, Secretary of Health and Human Services, Richard Schweiker and others and even have a chance to meet the President. It will also give you an opportunity to meet other young people from all over the United States.

Mary Best, editor of CATHOLIC FORESTER, would also appreciate receiving copy of any work sent to the MARCH FOR LIFE. Since only one can win each of the contests, there may be good material written or drawn that could be shared with readers in CATHOLIC FORESTER.

We encourage youth directors to consider this as a project for their courts.

Missionary Slain

Rev. Stanley Rother, 46, Holy Trinity Ct. 1816, Okarche, Oklahoma, an Oklahoma-born priest, was shot to death at his mission in the Guatemalan city of Santiago Atitlan on July 29.

A group of nuns heard the shots ring out and went to the mission rectory where they found Rev. Rother's lifeless body.

Rev. David Monahan, a spokesman for the Catholic Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, which sponsors the mission, said Bro. Rother is believed to be the first American missionary to be killed in Guatemala in recent times.

Within the past year, nine Guatemalan priests have been slain. Since Guatemalan government troops occupied the city in October, more than 20 other parishioners have been killed by executioners.

Father Monahan said Bro. Rother's death followed an announcement issued on July 2 in all Guatemalan Catholic churches that denounced violence against the church and a lack of official action.

Rev. Rother's father, Franz Rother, a retired Okarche farmer, said his son was forewarned of being marked for execution. Bro. Rother and a Guatemalan priest fled the country in January after an execution warning.

The February 15 issue of "The Sooner Catholic," the archdiocese newsletter, said Fr. Rother returned to



the United States in January with a Guatemalan associate pastor, the Rev. Pedro Bocel. The article stated that the men were threatened with death after they witnessed the abduction of a parishioner on January 3, from the front porch of their rectory.

"He didn't seem too worried about it until they started kidnapping people," Franz Rother recalled of his son's January visit. "He stayed until the Sunday before Easter and then

returned to the mission."

Bro. Rother returned to Oklahoma again in May to attend his cousin's ordination. He didn't appear to be concerned of the threats at that time.

Bro. Rother entered St. John's Seminary in San Antonio, Texas, shortly after graduating from High School. In 1963 he was ordained and served two parishes in Tulsa, one in Durant and another in Oklahoma City, before becoming a missionary.

Father Rother had served 13 years at the Central American mission and was described by his father as "real dedicated to people in stress, like the Indians of Guatemala."

"That was his type of work," his father said later. "He was a real missionary."

Extreme right-wing death squads have been blamed for the killing of priests, professors and students in the past by the government and diplomatic communities. However, no group claimed responsibility for Rev. Rother's death. Father Monahan, a friend of the slain priest, said he did not believe Father Rother was killed by leftists.

As we pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. Rother, a man who represented the poor and oppressed, let us pray for world peace and justice for all. †

† Fraternally Remembered †

Russell Brunette, 89, Madison, Wisconsin, (St. Willebrord Ct. 1611, Green Bay, Wisconsin). Bro. Brunette is a 50-year member of COF. . . . **J.J. Delagardelle**, 80, (St. Mary Ct. 1099, Gilbertville, Iowa). A 50-year member of COF, Bro. Delagardelle has served as Past Chief Ranger of his Court. . . . **Lloyd F. DeNamur**, 55, (St. Francis Ct. 1535, Brussels, Wisconsin). Bro. DeNamur was a member of the Southern Door Board of Education for 16 years and was director of the community State Bank, Algoma. He had served as Past Chief Ranger of his Court. . . . **George Detampel**, 73, (St. Peter Ct. 1550, Casco, Wisconsin). Bro. Detampel has held various offices in his Court. . . . **Kuno M. Durben**, 90, (St. Mary Ct. 944, Stacyville, Iowa). Bro. Durben has served as Chief Ranger of his Court and for a number of years played for the Iowa Red Coats orchestra. Bro. Durben was a resident of the Stacyville Community Nursing Home. . . . **Vincent N. Engels**, 63, Palm Springs, California, (St. Willebrord Ct. 1611, Green Bay, Wisconsin).

Bro. Engels is a Certificate of Merit Award recipient and was speaker of his Court. He was a Federal Government employee for 30 years and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. . . . **Roman G. Imborski**, (Pulaski Ct. 482, Chicago, Illinois). Bro. Imborski is a Legion of Honor member and former High Court Trustee. . . . **Anthony J. Konkell**, 72, (St. Vincent de Paul Ct. 1775, Milwaukee, Wisconsin). Bro. Konkell is a Legion of Honor member of COF. . . . **Mrs. Grace (LeGrave) LeMense**, 63, Casco, Wisconsin, (St. Francis Ct. 1535, Brussels, Wisconsin). . . . **James C. Mauszycki**, 71, (St. Thomas Ct. 360, Winona, Minnesota). Bro. Mauszycki served as trustee and secretary of his Court. . . . **Ralph Mooney**, 81, (Maple Lake Ct. 690, Maple Lake, Minnesota). Bro. Mooney served as Chief Ranger of his Court for over 36 years. He was mayor of Maple Lake for a number of years and was an active member of his community and the Order. He is a Legion of Honor member of COF. . . . **Sigmond Thomas**, 66, (St. Cecelia Ct. 1247, Harvey, North

Dakota). Bro. Thomas is a veteran of World War II. . . . **Conrad M. Tschida**, Little Falls, Minnesota, (St. Mary Ct. 944, Stacyville, Iowa). Bro. Tschida died suddenly of an apparent heart attack while attending Mass in his home parish. . . . **Raleigh L. Williquette**, 77, (Annunciation Ct. 1693, Green Bay, Wisconsin).

When sending in obituaries for the magazine, be sure to enclose the Court's name, number, location, court offices held and COF honors. The simplest way to report deaths is to send the local newspaper notice along with the above information. Pictures of deceased members will not be used.

Bulletin Board

ILLINOIS—Hampshire Ct. 729, Hampshire, Illinois, entertained 65 members and their spouses at a dinner on June 17, at the Blue Moon Restaurant in Elgin to encourage more members to attend meetings and partake in the activities of the Court. During the dinner six members, who joined Ct. 729 as youths, were honored for their 50 years of active membership. They are: Albert Keller, Anthony Herrmann, Robert Conro, William Conro, Jr., Gerald Conro and Ambrose Seyller. . . . Coming on November 14-15, the Sixteenth Annual Bowling Tournament sponsored by the Illinois Fraternal Congress at Holiday Bowl, 4747 N. Halem Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. The Illinois Fraternal Congress is the only one of the 35 State Fraternal Congresses sponsoring such an activity for members of all of its member societies, which provides a joyful weekend of fraternal fellowship and friendly competition. If Illinois COF members wish to participate, they should write or call John Gorski, H.C.R. . . .

IOWA—Seven COF members received the Legion of Honor Certificate and Emblem Award from Francis Heiderscheid, St.V.C.R., at the Dubuqueland District Legion of Honor Banquet held on March 22, 1981, at the Midway, Holy Cross, Iowa. Those proud Foresters are: Rev. Matthew Baelner, William Drummy, Lawrence Quint, St. Patrick Ct. 856, Ryan; Patty Errthum, Holy Cross Ct. 881, Holy Cross; Dan Platz, St. Joseph Ct. 500, Dyersville; Harold Maiers, St. Joseph Ct. 2053, Earlville; Loras Feldmann, St. Francis Ct. 607, Worthington. . . . St. Mary Ct. 944, Stacyville, Iowa, donated \$50.00 to sponsor the TV Mass on Station 10, Rochester, Minnesota. The Mass is for people who are unable to attend Mass in Church and those residing in nursing homes. The Court also collected \$230.00 after Sunday Masses to hand out Tootsie Rolls

donated by the K. of C. The money will be given to help handicapped people. . . . On August 5th, nearly 100 youth members of St. Mary Ct. were entertained at the Stacyville City Park with softball games, tennis, basketball, a wiener roast and refreshments. . . .

KENTUCKY—St. Jude Ct. 2189, Dayton, Ohio, held its Annual Family Picnic on July 5th at the K. of C. Park. The adult members enjoyed the day by participating in horseshoe pitching and bingo while children of all ages played various games. Everyone enjoyed the tasty food. . . . On September 25th the Court sponsored the Dessert Card Party. Proceeds went to the Children's Medical Center, E. Dayton Emergency Program and COF activities. . . . On October 25 the Young Men's Softball Team will sponsor a fifty-fifty dance. . . . The Kentucky State Court held a fishing derby—3 day campout, on June 26, 27 and 28, at Kincaid Lake State Park, Falmouth, Kentucky. Thirty-seven youth members participated in the event. Winners of the derby received fishing rods and reels, caps and lanterns. A Mass for departed members followed in the evening. After the Mass everyone sat around the campfire and joined Charles Rust, St.C.R., in a sing-along.

MINNESOTA—Raymond Hoffman, St. Peter Ct. 1774, Canby, Minnesota, received his 50-year Emblem at the Communion Breakfast held at St. Peter Church in Canby.

NEBRASKA—George V. Belitz and Frank H. Kozol, both of Immaculate Conception Ct. 1727, Omaha, Nebraska, received their 50-Year Emblems from Maurice Menke, C.R., at a testimonial dinner held on July 5th, at the Short Stop Restaurant. . . .

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Lawrence A. Broeski	Pulaski	482	496	Chicago, IL
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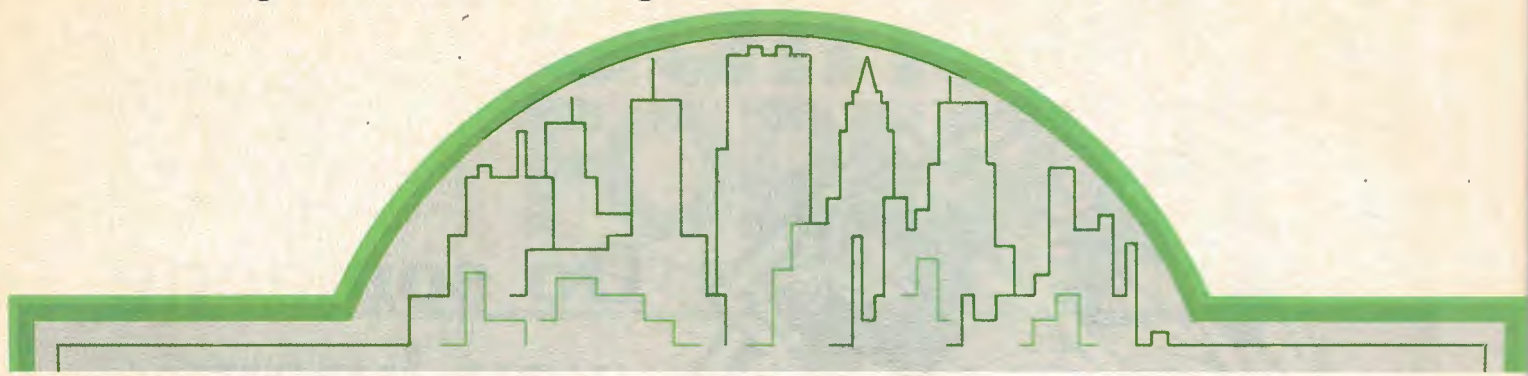
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Fraternalism and the Eighties

The United Nations designated 1979 as the International Year of the Child. Our Order has designated every year as such, for many of our activities are aimed at our youth.

The National Fraternal Congress of America, of which the Catholic Order of Foresters is a member, picked for its theme for 1980 "Fraternalism Strengthens Family Life." The family and fraternalism make a good pair: the family is the hub of life; fraternalism is the heritage we all cherish, and its success is in our hands. The individual person is the most vital of all if fraternalism is to succeed. No movement can begin, nor can it go forward without one dedicated and motivated person to lead. Be that person yourself, recognize your importance in your family and lead your family into action. Join with other families in our Catholic family organization, the Catholic Order of Foresters, to strengthen fraternalism in our daily lives. Our Order is dedicated to the preservation and the protection of family life. We should strive for more family participation in our activities on the local, district, chapter, state and national levels.

The nineteen seventies brought our Order to the plateau of five hundred million dollars of insurance with about one hundred and seventy thousand members. As we travel into the new decade, the eighties, many of our horizons of life may change. We can not help but wonder what the new decade will bring. The advent of the eighties has brought a rash of crystal ball gazing and the prophecies already have us conditioning ourselves to a high cost of living, in-home computers, Collegians studying solar engineering and lawyers specializing in the rights of the sun's

rays. Perhaps we are anticipating these changes too soon, however; it may take years or even another decade or more for many of these forecasts to materialize. It is possible that despite all the technology, life in the eighties will not be that much different from the life today. One writer said forecasters are like cross-eyed javelin throwers, not very accurate but they sure make you pay attention.

There will be two events in the early eighties, however, that should make all Catholic Foresters sit up and take notice. In 1980 we have our State and National Conventions, the National Convention to be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, from August 3 to 6. We should all strive to make this the best Convention ever for our Order.

In May of 1983 our Order will be one hundred years old. Great celebrations should be planned on the state and national levels.

Next, not only should we increase the amount of insurance in force, but we should double our membership. With the help and grace of God, if every member proposes one new member for our Order in the next three years our 100th Anniversary would be a tremendous success. Time is running out. Let's not procrastinate; the time to act is now.

With the increasing of membership in our Order and the participation of our members in the family and youth activities that are offered by the Catholic Order of Foresters and by living up to the Cardinal Principals upon which our Order was founded, Faith, Unity and Christian Charity among our members and fellowman, fraternalism can not help but strengthen family life in the eighties.



by Walter V. Kowalczyk
High Court Trustee

The State Conventions

Convention years are exciting, and 1980 is no exception. The State Conventions are now over, State Court Officers elected for the coming four years, delegates to the National Convention in Minneapolis chosen, Constitutional changes recommended and resolutions proposed.

Now delegates to the 41st National Convention in Minneapolis are looking forward to hearing about the new insights and resolutions for the growth of the Society that were generated by the State Court Conventions through the sharing of ideas.

Changing life styles pose a challenge to traditional values and fraternalism as we approach the end of the first century of our existence. Our Judaean-Christian beliefs and values are being replaced in many instances by a humanistic secular philosophy. This is all the more reason for us to share our fraternal riches with our families, friends, and especially, our children. Our motto of faith, hope and charity expresses values that we can be proud to pass on to others and instill into our youth. In order to do this effectively, we must stop occasionally to examine our own lives to see how effectively we carry out this motto, for we can only pass on to others what we, ourselves, truly have.

Fraternalism, plus excellent life insurance programs planned for individual and family needs, has a strong pull in these inflationary times. Records show that in the first quarter of 1980, COF topped its 1979 figures in both insurance and membership. While well-deserved credit for this goes to Noel (Nick) Ruderman, Director of Organization, and his excellent field force, it is a strong proof that COF has a product that can expand to embrace each new generation of Catholics and their many insurance needs.

Congratulations go to the State Court Officers and elected delegates from the Subordinate Courts who pooled their wisdom and energies at the State Conventions for the continued growth and development of the Order. Thanks go to the people behind the scenes who worked together to make each of the State Conventions the success that it was. They alone know the tremendous amount of time and labor they poured into the preparations so that all could run smoothly.

We have the product. We have the tools. We have the people. What then is stopping us from doubling both membership and insurance in 1980?



Mary Best

MEMBERSHIP AND INSURANCE as of MARCH 31, 1980

Jurisdiction	ADULT Record		JUVENILE Record		TOTALS
	Courts	Members	Courts	Members	
California	6	387	4	19	406
Colorado	—	10	—	2	12
Idaho	1	41	—	—	41
Illinois	137	16,564	104	2,490	19,054
Indiana	41	6,098	34	898	6,996
Iowa	75	16,917	72	4,500	21,417
Kansas (Mo.)	3	715	3	107	822
Kentucky	14	3,873	14	606	4,479
Louisiana	7	405	3	56	461
Maine	21	3,492	20	707	4,199
Massachusetts	23	2,868	20	297	3,165
Michigan (L)	23	4,801	21	1,189	5,990
Minnesota	121	18,997	98	3,591	22,588
Michigan (U)	8	415	4	84	499
Missouri	8	1,327	8	119	1,446
Montana	—	50	—	2	52
Nebraska	17	2,345	13	332	2,677
New Hampshire	13	2,449	13	742	3,191
North Dakota	25	1,800	17	204	2,004
Ohio	113	15,783	85	2,223	18,006
Oklahoma	12	1,487	6	205	1,692
Oregon	10	1,398	7	176	1,574
Pennsylvania	13	865	5	19	884
Rhode Island	5	267	3	24	291
South Dakota	41	4,373	28	776	5,149
Texas (Okla.)	3	395	2	64	459
Vermont	14	1,247	12	209	1,456
Washington	6	149	1	5	154
Wisconsin	208	32,383	189	6,363	38,766
Wyoming	—	2	—	—	2
High Court	4	241	—	4	245
TOTALS	972	142,144	786	28,033	168,177

LIST OF YOUTH COURTS HAVING 125 OR MORE YOUTH MEMBERS as of MARCH 31, 1980

TOTAL NUMBER OF COURTS—40

CT. NO.	LOCATION	COUNT	CT. NO.	LOCATION	COUNT
1803	Westphalia, Mich.	482	783	Arcadia, Wisconsin	187
1099	Gilbertville, Iowa	482	786	New Munich, Minn.	165
636	Dubuque, Iowa	478	488	Manchester, N.H.	159
698	New Ulm, Minn.	305	500	Dyersville, Iowa	159
1544	Aurora, Illinois	301	594	McHenry, Illinois	159
881	Holy Cross, Iowa	299	774	Durango, Iowa	156
996	Remsen, Iowa	278	1317	Cleveland, Ohio	154
811	Dubuque, Iowa	237	1357	Eagle Lake, Maine	151
403	Kranzburg, S.D.	228	669	Sun Prairie, Wis.	151
552	Mankato, Minn.	227	1572	Cincinnati, Ohio	150
458	West Bend, Wis.	224	2172	Shandon, Ohio	147
1173	Dell Rapids, S.D.	219	1691	Moline, Illinois	141
633	Cold Spring, Minn.	209	970	Heron Lake, Minn.	138
230	Fort Kent, Maine	203	1054	Winsted, Minn.	137
1709	Sherrill, Iowa	195	1750	Slinger, Wis.	136
293	Crown Point, Ind.	189	656	Ryan, Iowa	134
650	Chicago, Illinois	179	1818	Okarche, Oklahoma	132
501	Manchester, N.H.	174	795	Marathon, Wis.	129
743	Watkins, Minn.	173	1640	Cleveland, Ohio	126
2257	Fowler, Michigan	189	2000	Plain, Wisconsin	125



(Above) Bro. John A. Gorski, on his election as High Chief Ranger, receiving congratulations from (l-r), his wife, Deloris; Bro. Louis E. Caron, P.H.C.R.; and Bro. Alex Ciezki, proud to have enrolled him in January, 1946, as a member of St. Vincent de Paul Court 1775, Milwaukee. (Left), present for the administration of the Oath of Office to Bro. Gorski (seated l), as High Chief Ranger were: (seated l-r), Bros. Louis E. Caron, P.H.C.R.; Richard T. Tobin, H. Tr.; and Edwin H. Huber, H.C.T. (Standing): Bros. Emil J. Stuermer, H.C.T., and Walter V. Kowalczyk, H.C.T.

John A. Gorski Takes Oath

On April 1 at 11 a.m. Bro. John A. Gorski was sworn in as High Chief Ranger of the Catholic Order of Foresters by Bro. Louis E. Caron, who resigned as High Chief Ranger on March 31. Bro. Gorski had been elected by the High Court Board of Trustees at their March 19 meeting to complete the term of office of High Chief Ranger.

Bro. Gorski, the son of Stanley and Edith (Mackiewicz) Gorski, both deceased, joined COF in January, 1946. He had learned of COF from his father-in-law, Bro. Victor Osinski, now deceased, who was Vice Chief Ranger of Ct. 1775, and was enrolled by Bro. Alex Ciezki, St. Vincent de Paul Ct. 1775, Milwaukee.

Bro. Gorski immediately became involved with the youth of his Court. This was not difficult to do because he had been captain of both his high school track and basketball teams. Under his captainship Boys Tech won the city High School League basketball championship two years in a row, and one of those years went undefeated. While track captain, he was a two-year champion of the half-mile race in both city and state meets. He brought these talents to his local Court helping to form basketball teams of young people and initiating lively contests between father and son teams.

During this time Bro. Gorski attended Marquette

University and State Teachers College. While attending College, he was employed by the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company. Eventually, he bought his own grocery store. Five years later, he sold his grocery store and went to work for Kohl's Food Stores, where he was employed for 17 years. In his later years with Kohl's, he served as supervisor.

Bro. Gorski was Recording Secretary of his local Court from 1950-1968; Part-Time field man from 1967-1976; Wisconsin State Court Trustee and State Youth Director from 1968-1972; Wisconsin State Vice Chief Ranger from July 1972 to September. Upon the death of Bro. Felix Yakunas, Wisconsin State Chief Ranger, Bro. Gorski was elevated to that position until his election as High Secretary at the 40th National Convention in Chicago, Illinois, in August, 1976.

Bro. Gorski has also served as President of the Milwaukee South Side District Association which, at the time, was composed of 45 Courts and as President of the Legion of Honor Association when it encompassed the entire state. While President of the Milwaukee South Side Association, he began the joint North and South Side annual picnics which are still enjoyed today. He also initiated the Wisconsin Youth Bowling Tournaments which had as many as 48 teams competing in one day. As State

Chief Ranger, he initiated the "Recognize your Fellow Forester" program with Gilbert O. Leack, former High Court Trustee, as the first recipient of the honor.

Bro. Gorski was the recipient of the Legion of Honor Award in February, 1963.

A true fraternalist, Bro. Gorski has been active in both the Illinois and the National Fraternal Congresses. He was elected Treasurer of the Illinois Fraternal Congress in March, 1980, and has served on the Board of Directors of the National Fraternal Congress of America since 1977.

Bro. Gorski's love of basketball in high school was instrumental in his finding the love of his life. Sitting in the bleachers during a game between the champions of Boys Tech and the South Division High School losers was a lovely young South Division student named Deloris Osinski. Although she cheered her own team on, she must have seen something special in Tech's Star player because she managed to meet him after the game. They were married on August 25, 1945, two months before Bro. Gorski was honorably discharged from the Air Force, where he earned the Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaves and the Distinguished Flying Cross. An active Forester, COF's First Lady received the Legion of Honor Award on March 20, 1977.

John and Deloris have three sons. James, a programmer analyst for Schlitz Brewery and his wife, Sharon, have two sons, Robert and Jeffery. Ronald, a sales engineer for Milwaukee Cylinder and his wife, Marsha, also have two sons, Craig and Grant. In August, wedding bells will be ringing for their youngest son, Daniel, who is market Administrator for Wisconsin Telephone Company. The Gorskis are 100% Forester families.



Bro. Gorski's success on his championship high school basketball team (he is No. 15 on the 1940-41 photo above) proved a stepping stone to success in romance and COF involvement.



(L-r): Bros. John Gorski, R.S., John Zabkawicz, Y.D., Alex Ciezki, C.R., with the Intermediate Division (ages 9-12) Champions of the first Annual Wisconsin State Youth Bowling Tournament held in 1972.

Illinois State Spiritual Director Chosen

Very Rev. Msgr. Vincent J. Cloos has accepted the position of Illinois State Spiritual Director, replacing the Very Rev. Sylvester J. Eye, who resigned. Msgr. Eye had served as Spiritual Director since 1972.

Pastor Emeritus of St. John the Baptist Parish in Winfield, Illinois, Msgr. Cloos has been a very active member of St. Aloysius Ct. 148 over the past 27 years. He has served his Court as Recording Secretary and Treasurer.

He was ordained on April 6,

1929, at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, Mundelein, Illinois. Prior to becoming Pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish, Msgr. Cloos' previous appointments included assignments in St. Paschal's, St. Cecilia's, St. Mathius' and St. Mary's Parishes in Chicago.

Msgr. Cloos has been involved in a number of extra-pastoral projects. He was Director of the Chicago South Side Sodality of the Blessed Lady and Sectional Director of the Catholic Rural Life Conference for more than 10 years. He has also directed the

Bishop's Resettlement Program handling placement of persons from other countries in homes and jobs. He has been a member of the Winfield-West Chicago Clergy Conference, an organization of clergymen of all faiths. Msgr. Cloos has promoted retreats, activities and meetings of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in DuPage-Kendall Deanery of Diocese.

In 1974, Msgr. Cloos was named "Man of the Year" by the VIP Council of Northern Illinois and was also accorded a similar honor by St. John's Holy Name Society. †

Joint Program

On April 20, members and their families of St. Florian Ct. 1819, St. Patrick Ct. 73 and Holy Trinity Ct. 83, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, took part in a Joint Annual Family Corporate Communion Mass and Breakfast program held at St. Florian Church.

Rev. Redemptus Short, O.C.D., S.D., was concelebrant of the Mass. Later, during the breakfast, he formally installed Bro. Gilbert O. Leack as

the newly-elected Chief Ranger of St. Florian Ct. 1819. In respect for the Court's late Chief Ranger, Bro. Henry R. Grohall, a moment of silence and a prayer followed.

A highlight of the program was the presentation of 25-Year Emblems to several members of Ct. 1819. Bro. Richard E. Jaeger, CLU, ICGA, also gave a brief talk as part of the agenda. It was announced that the

next major activity of the three Courts would be the Annual Family Picnic to be held Sunday, August 10, at Jackson Park, Area 3.

Officers and members of St. Florian Ct. 1093, N.C.S.O.F., who served the breakfast were given a round of applause for their work as were Bro. Ernest Terrien and his committee, who handled arrangements for the occasion.

Joseph Hucek Dies

With the death of Bro. Joseph Hucek, 84, the Catholic Order of Foresters has lost a true fraternalist from its ranks. Bro. Hucek's more than 60 years of dedication to the Order included service as High Secretary and High Court Trustee.

A resident of Berwyn, Illinois, at time of death, Bro. Hucek began his long association with COF in June, 1915. He was active in local Court functions and held the office of Chief Ranger of St. Procopius Ct. 443 in Chicago until 1944 when he was elected a High Court Trustee.

That same year he was elected Chief Ranger of the Associated Czech Courts in Chicago, which office he held for many years. He was elected a High Court Trustee in 1948 and was re-elected in 1952 and 1956. He became High Treasurer in 1960 and held that office until August, 1972. Bro. Hucek, known for his intense dedication to the principles of fraternalism, took an active role in the COF International Bowling Tournament, which he introduced and organized. The tourney was held for more than a decade. He was awarded the Order's highest honor, the Legion of Honor Certificate and Emblem, in 1936.

The owner of a shoe store in Chicago until his retirement, Bro. Hucek served for more than 20 years as Chairman of the Board of Directors of St. Joseph Orphanage in Lisle, Illinois. He received a number of citations for his service in Civil Defense during World War II and the Korean War.

His daughter, Mrs. Rosalie Bobal, and her husband and two sons will particularly feel the passing of this compassionate and gentle man. His numerous associates and friends will also feel a sense of immense loss in his death. We offer our prayers for the repose of his soul. †

Ct. 1486 Celebrates 75th Anniversary



Rev. Anthony Fischer, (l), St. Joseph Ct. 1486, Stratford, Wisconsin, receives his 50-Year Emblem from Bro. Henry Marohl, P.C.R. of the Court. Pleased with the recognition are Bros. Robert Kucirek, St.C.R., (2nd from l), and Roger Brill, H.C.T. Presentation took place during Ct. 1486's celebration of its 75th Anniversary.

Members of St. Joseph Ct. 1486, Stratford, Wisconsin, celebrated their Court's 75th Anniversary with a Mass in St. Joseph's Church which was concelebrated by Rev. Francis Wavra, Pastor of St. Joseph's Parish, and Rev. Anthony W. Fischer, retired and formerly of St. Anne's Church in Wausau and St. Joseph's Church in Stratford.

COF members in the men's choir led the singing. Mass was followed by a dinner in the Parish Hall. Bro. Joseph Kaiser served as master of ceremonies and presented an interesting history of Ct. 1486.

Bro. Robert A. Kucirek, Wisconsin St.C.R., presented a check from the State Court to Bro. Gilbert Leick, F.S. of St. Joseph Ct. 1486. Bro. Roger Brill, H.C.T., presented the Court a check from the High Court in recognition of the Court's 75th Anniversary.

Annual Corporate Communion Held

Members of St. Vincent de Paul Ct. 1775, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, held their Annual Corporate Communion on Sunday, March 16.

An 8 a.m. Mass was followed by a breakfast in the Church Hall. A memorial service was held for deceased members of the Court, and 25-Year Emblems were presented to: Jerome Wesa, Kathleen Novak, Tom Adamski, Ray Raflik, Cecilia Ciezki, Linda Kharitou, Marie Ciezki and Helen Konkel. Attending the event was John A. Gorski, H.C.R., a member of the Court and Walter V. Kowalczyk, H.C.T.

Radio Rosary

For the 31st consecutive year, the Northeast Iowa District Association, COF, sponsored the Radio Rosary over Station KDEC, Decorah, Iowa, at 7 p.m. every week day evening during Lent.

Fifteen persons participated in the first of the 1980 Lenten Rosary programs broadcast on Ash Wednesday. Introduction to the program was given by Bro. Bernard J. Hemann, Past District President. Leading the Rosary was Bro. Paul M. Kolbet, current President.

Following the radio program, a dinner and meeting were held at the Cliff House in Decorah. Highlights were installation of Bro. Kolbet as new President and a donation of \$150 made by the District to assist two members of the District now attending an Indiana seminary where they are receiving education for the priesthood.

Serves at Pentagon

Rev. John W. Hemann, St. Mary Ct. 944, Stacyville, Iowa, State Chaplain of the Iowa Army National Guard, was invited by the National Guard Bureau to spend the month of March at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

The son of Bro. and Mrs. Bernard J. Hemann, St. Mary Ct. 944, Father Hemann joined the Iowa Army National Guard in 1966 as a chaplain. In January he was promoted to the rank of Lt. Colonel. He graduated from the Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, a year ago. His present assignment with the Iowa Army National Guard is that of State Chaplain. On March 1 he became senior chaplain for the 34th Brigade of the 47th Division headquartered in Boone, Iowa.

In Washington, Rev. Hemann represented some 1400 reserve and National Guard chaplains of all faiths from the 50 states. His special mission was to advise and help plan programs that affect the Army Reserve Chaplain Program in our country. This will deal primarily with recruitment and retention of the civilian clergy in the program.



Honored

On February 24, St. Mary Ct. 996, Remsen, Iowa, held a Memorial Mass and Corporate Breakfast for members and their families. A highlight of the morning was presentation of a \$100 cash prize to Sister Ann Galles, who was selected Iowa Youth Director of the Year. After Bro. Robert Freeze, St.Y.D., presented the award, members of Ct. 996 also honored her with a plaque for her dedicated work with youth members of the Court.



Youth members of St. Mary Ct. 996 who were present at the Court's Corporate Breakfast gathered for picture-taking with, (back row, 1-r): Bro. Gilbert Wagner, Iowa St.C.R.; Sister Ann Galles, Y.D. of Ct. 996; Bro. Robert Freeze, St.Y.D.; Rev. Richard Birdsall, Chaplain; and Helen Galles, who has become Ct. 996's new Youth Director.

FIC of the Year



Congratulating Ken Zupfer, (l), at St. Cyril Ct. 970, Heron Lake, Wisconsin, Pancake Breakfast, March 30, for his outstanding record in sales in 1979 is Julius A. Collier, II, V.H.C.R. Bro. Zupfer added 62 youth members and 25 adult members to Ct. 970.

Congratulations go to Bro. Kenneth J. Zupfer, FIC, Windom, Minnesota. Bro. Zupfer was named COF Fraternal Insurance Counsellor of the Year at the May Convention of the Fraternal Field Managers Convention in May.

Bro. Zupfer, a member of St. John Court 698, New Ulm, Minnesota, is a staunch believer in fraternalism and promotes it at every possible opportunity. In 1979 he established an all-time high in life insurance production for a single year with the Order by selling \$4,163,250 of life insurance. He had a 92% persistency record.

Receive Honors



Rev. Abbot Gilbert Hess, (c), proudly accepts the portrait presented him by Bro. Francis Hupf, South Dakota C.R., (l), while Bro. Julius A. Collier, II, V.H.C.R., holds a plaque he received for services rendered members of St. Nicholas Ct. 403, Kranzburg, South Dakota. Both presentations were made during Ct. 403's Annual Awards Night.

Awards Presented



Bro. Ed Rotert, (c), Marquette Ct. 1323, Salem, South Dakota, receives the State Forester of the Year Award from Bro. Francis Hupf, St.C.R., (l), as Rev. Gilbert Hess, St.S.D., offers best wishes.



Receiving awards at Marquette Ct. 1323's Annual Awards Banquet were, (l-r): Bros. Myron Eich, representing the Court's bowling team; Bob McCormick, who received his 25-Year Emblem; Wilfred Schulte, a member of the bowling team; Gottlieb Wegener, who received the Legion of Honor Certificate and Emblem; and Francis Hupf, St.C.R., who presented the awards.

Members of Marquette Ct. 1323, Salem, South Dakota, held their Annual Awards Banquet the evening of March 30 at St. Mary's Hall in town.

Among those honored was Bro. Ed Rotert who received the State Forester of the Year Award. Bro. Rotert, who has been a Catholic Forester for 53 years, has held various offices in his local Court for the past 30 years. He is also a past State Court Officer and past Field Representative of COF and is a Legion of Honor member.

Bro. Gottlieb Wegener, also a 50-year member, was the recipient of the Legion of Honor Award, and Bro. Joe Healy, the Certificate of Merit Award.

On this occasion the 1979 trophies were presented to the members of the Court's Bowling team which won the State Championship. Members of the team were: Wilfred Schulte, Jeff Deters, Dean Koch and Myron Eich.



Six members of St. Nicholas Ct. 403, Kranzburg, South Dakota, were presented awards during the Annual Awards Night held in their honor by members of the Court. Bro. Melvin Mack, (l), was presented the Legion of Honor Certificate and Emblem, while, (l-r), Bro. Anton Feyereisen received his 50-Year Emblem; Sister Dorothy Turbak was awarded the Woman Forester of the Year Award; Bro. Anthony Mack received the Man Forester of the Year Award; Bro. Charles Ruhr, his 50-Year Emblem; and Bro. Martin Appelhof, his 50-Year Emblem. Bro. Julius A. Coller, II, V.H.C.R., who presented the awards, is seated in front.



Receiving their Legion of Honor Certificates and Emblems are, (2nd from l and 4th from l, standing), Bros. Carl P. Kuklinski and Benjamin S. Cekosh as Bro. Clarence Helminiak, (c), receives his Certificate of Merit Award. Bros. Leonard Glodowski, (l), C.R. of St. John Ct. 1807, Stevens Point, Wisconsin, and Robert A. Kucirek, St.C.R., (r), present 50-year Emblems to Bros. Raymond Steinke and Stanley Novak. The presentations took place during Ct. 1807's Award Night.

Coming Events

The Annual Joint Family Picnic of the Milwaukee North and South Side District Associations will be held Sunday, July 13, at Humboldt Park in Milwaukee. There will be games, contests, prizes and refreshments.

The Waterloo District will be host for a COF Golf Tournament to be held Saturday, June 28, at the Silver Springs Country Club in Jesup, Iowa. Bro. Francis Hennessy is Chairman.

Legion of Honor



Bro. Herbert Goessl, (c), St. Louis Ct. 1576, Dorchester, Wisconsin, proudly accepts his Legion of Honor Certificate and Emblem from Bro. Robert A. Kucirek, St.C.R., as Bro. Clem Heindl, C.R., offered his best wishes to the recipient. Presentation took place during the meeting for joint installation of officers of St. Kilian Ct. 1239, Colby; Dorchester Ct. 1576, Dorchester; St. John Ct. 823, Rib Lake; and Sacred Heart Ct. 1603, Stetsonville.



Shown as he received his Legion of Honor Certificate and Emblem is Bro. Anthony Danno, (c), Sacred Heart Ct. 1458, Nekoosa, Wisconsin. Bro. Robert A. Kucirek, St.C.R., (l), made the presentation at the joint installation of officers of St. Phillip Ct. 475, Rudolph; SS. Peter and Paul Ct. 496, Wisconsin Rapids; and Sacred Heart Ct. 1458, Nekoosa, as Bro. Norman Heil, C.R. of Ct. 1458, offered his congratulations.



Bro. Henry Furtmann, St. Michael Ct. 93, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, received the Legion of Honor Certificate and Emblem from Bro. Joseph F. Bronesky, St.S., during the Annual Milwaukee North and South Side District Association Family Corporate Breakfast Program March 23. His wife shared the happiness of the occasion.



Bro. David Zynda, St. Mary Ct. 498, Wausau, Wisconsin, (l), receives his Legion of Honor Certificate and Emblem from Bro. Robert Kucirek, St.C.R., during a meeting of the Court.

Bro. Daniel Kozitza, St. Jerome Ct. 812, Nicollet, Minnesota, was presented the Legion of Honor Certificate and Emblem by Bros. Leo Beranek, St.C.T., and James Rubie, COF General Agent, at a meeting of his Court.



Sister Florence Hejra, Maximilian Ct. 2268, Cleveland, Ohio, receives her Legion of Honor Certificate and Emblem from Bro. John M. Spilar, H.C.T., as a highlight during the Court's Annual Memorial and Breakfast program.



Bro. Lucien Oulette, C.R., St. Anthony Ct. 1735, Wallagrass, Maine, (2nd from l), received the Legion of Honor Certificate and Emblem from Bro. Claude Dumond, St.T., during a COF Palm Sunday Breakfast held at Wallagrass School. Bros. Ammy Deprey, (l), and Ernest Pinette, (r), served as Conductors for the occasion.

Four COFers Honored

Four COFers from the Kansas City, Missouri, area were among a select group of leading Catholics who were honored for outstanding service to their respective parishes by the most Rev. John J. Sullivan, Bishop of Kansas City-St. Joseph, at a dinner held February 17 at the Radisson Muehlbach Hotel in Kansas City. Honored were Bros. Bert Walters, St. Elizabeth Parish, SS. Peter and Paul Ct. 1225; William Hare, Redemptorist Parish, and John Marx, Guardian Angel Parish, both of Guardian Angel Ct. 1998; and Robert Pierce, Assumption Parish, Assumption Ct. 2027.

Down the Forest Trail

Today there are 200 fraternal benefit societies in the United States and Canada with more than 11,000,000 members. Although each Society is unique, they all share certain characteristics: each is a non-profit, fraternal corporation, society, order or voluntary association without capital stock; is organized and carried on solely for the mutual benefit of its members and their beneficiaries; is governed by a lodge system with ritualistic form of work and a representative form of government, and makes provision for the payment of death, sickness and/or disability benefits to its members.

The origin of fraternal benefit societies can be traced to the principle that men and women are their brothers' and sisters' keepers, that if people are to survive they must care about one another, especially when death or sickness strikes the family of one of them.

As far back as ancient Greece and Rome, societies were formed that offered financial aid to their members in times of sickness and paid for funeral expenses at their death. After the fall of Rome, the Guilds set a pattern that is followed, in some respects, by the fraternal societies of today. They were organized into common interest groups. One Guild was made up of people with a certain religious background; others, of those in a particular craft or type of work; others of men in special fields of trade or commerce. When the Guilds were suppressed, the British Friendly Societies arose to fulfill the same needs. It appears that nothing could stop people from uniting for mutual support. The British Friendly Societies were the direct origin and pattern for the American fraternal societies, COF included. They were the ordinary working classes: people who were too proud for the foodlines, yet had too much self-respect to accept charity, except from their brothers in their own fraternity. They united for mutual aid in sickness and for funeral benefits through contributions to a common

In three years the Catholic Order of Foresters will celebrate its 100th Anniversary.

One hundred years—what were these years like? How did COF hold up to its ideal of offering family insurance protection and fraternalism to its members? What are the highlights of its history? Who were the leaders who propelled COF on to ever greater growth and security?

With this issue, CATHOLIC FORESTER begins a series on the history of COF, researched and written by Mary Best, editor, and Henry Cox, staff writer. Every effort has been made to make this a thorough and true history of the Order.

The early history was searched through the books at Holy Family parish where COF had its start, to Loyola University, Chicago; and Loyola University, St. Louis, Missouri.

Future articles will dwell on the highlights of the national and international Conventions of the Order, famous Foresters, COF in the Depression Years, in World Wars I and II, as well as the moral standards expected of members. Begin your exciting walk back in time through the halls of COF in CATHOLIC FORESTER. In this issue, we begin the history by taking a look at fraternalism in general.

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The American fraternal benefit system added still another dimension. It went beyond mere funeral expenses and sickness and assisted the widow and orphan. The founding date for the first American fraternal society is October 27, 1868. On that evening John Jordan Upchurch, employed as a master mechanic in the lathe shop of the Atlantic and Great Western railroad, organized the first lodge of fraternal life insurance society in the U.S. It was called the Ancient Order of United Workman and is no longer in existence. There are some who say he was more interested in providing working men with better working conditions than were found in

trade unions of the times rather than in providing death benefits. Nevertheless, the records show that the constitution he wrote for the Order did include death benefits to widows, small though they were. Besides setting up an insurance fund of not less than \$500 to be paid to the heirs of the deceased members of the Lodge, the by-laws created a means of prompt and effective co-operation in matters of common interest, established libraries, provided lectures and other means of education and relieved conditions of its unfortunate and afflicted members.

The constitution also contained various provisions regarding qualifications and the manner of making application for membership; method of balloting upon applicants; initiation fee; meetings; quorum; officers and the manner of electing them, their duties and term of office; vacancies; regalia and supplies; establishment of subordinate and state lodges; state lodge per capita tax of one dollar per member per year payable in quarterly installments; a national lodge, and the method for amending the constitution. In a word, the constitution covered the entire field of fraternal operation.

On October 6, 1869, one year later, Upchurch offered an amplified amendment to the Insurance Fund Article which was readily adopted by the Lodge. It



provided for each member to pay \$1 to the Insurance Fund upon initiation. When a member died the Grand Lodge would pay the heir up to \$2000; then each member would contribute another dollar, or in case the membership exceeded 2,000, members would pay a pro rata share. The Constitution also provided for payment of disability benefits to members.

As we have seen, there were fraternal societies before Upchurch; some of them paid a small disability benefit or burial benefits to their members. There were also Commercial insurance companies, but their premiums were beyond the means of the ordinary working man. It was Upchurch who combined these two elements into one society. For this reason, he is justly called the Father of the fraternal benefit system.

The idea of fraternal insurance protection appealed to the general public, especially to the working classes, because they recognized it as insurance protection at affordable rates. By 1886, three years after COF was founded, there were almost 50 fraternal benefit societies in the United States.

In November, 1886, twelve fraternal societies met in Washington, D.C., and formed the National Fraternal Congress. COF was not among this first group, but joined the NFC a few years later. The first major move of the Congress was in public relations, for laws were being passed to hurt the fraternal cause. In a short time, it was able to win over its opponents. It succeeded in having laws passed to define and limit the field of fraudulent organizations, which were an embarrassment to the honest societies really trying to help their members. It sponsored a movement for a bill to regulate the business and define the status of fraternal societies to be submitted to the several legislatures. An amendment adopted in 1897 suggested the creation of a reserve fund. In 1899 the members adopted a table of mortality. Because it provided a formula of scientific rate-making on a legal reserve basis, this was an important step for the fraternalists in establishing a safe and permanent position.

After a series of conferences between fraternalists and the Insurance Commissioners, the New York Conference Bill, which broadly speaking became the general fraternal insurance law of the land, was passed in 1912. From this came the requirement that the societies must print and distribute to each member by June first of each year the valuation report and explanation of the societies' financial condition.

Younger societies, who had left the parental wing over the mortality table and formed the Associated Fraternities of America later returned to the NFC, and together they formed the NFCA—National Fraternal Congress of America.

On December 31, 1978, fraternal insurance-in-force amounted to \$49,083,525,687, insurance paid to members and beneficiaries totaled \$9,097,159,008.

To serve its members better, the NFCA maintains Standing Committees on Law, Financial Statements, Investment Management and Valuations, and the General Sessions Programs. There are also six Sectional Committees plus additional Committees which vary to meet changing needs of the industry.

COF has played an active role in the NFCA, many of its members serving as state, district and national Presidents. COF members who have held positions as President of NFCA are Thomas H. Cannon and Louis E. Caron. High Chief Ranger John A. Gorski is presently on the Board of Directors of the NFCA.

COF is proud to unite with the 11,000,000 fraternalists in promoting fraternal insurance. It recognizes that the need for fraternal insurance is as great today as it was in 1868. It is more than buying an insurance policy that covers your family in the event of an illness or death; it is caring about one another, a visit when ill, aid in time of disaster, religious, social and athletic events enjoyed with people sharing a common bond. For COF, it's Catholics helping other Catholics, the Church and society.

In the next issue: *Tom Taylor's Dream.*

The National Shrine Czech Madonna

SPECIAL TO THE CATHOLIC FORESTER

This detail from a large, triple stained-glass window—the Mary Window—at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C., is a replica of the Czech Madonna, Our Lady of Hostyn. The original is in the major Marian shrine of Moravia (now Czechoslovakia).

Tradition holds that during the Middle Ages, the invading Tartars threatened the city of Hostyn as they swept through eastern Europe. The townspeople gathered in their parish church to pray urgently to Our Lady. Soon thereafter, a violent storm and floods destroyed the army's supplies and wreaked havoc with the troops. After this miracle, the church at Hostyn became a focus for pilgrim-



ages from all over central Europe and even beyond.

In the Mary Window, Our Lady of Hostyn is depicted in deep red and blue against a pale grey background. In her arms she holds the Christ child, who, in turn, holds symbols of the saving storm, thunder and lightning.

Above Our Lady of Hostyn, but not shown here, the principal figure of the window is Our Lady being assumed into heaven. Her robe is white, marked with gold fleur-de-lis. Four figures appear around the Virgin—St. Anne, St. Elizabeth, Anna, and Mary Magdelene. The smaller panels to the right and left depict four scenes from Mary's life: the Annunciation, the birth of Christ, the Miracle at Cana, and the death of Christ.

The Mary Window is one of two triple windows contributed to the Shrine by the National Alliance of Czech Americans. It is located in the west wall of the National Shrine above the entrance to the sacristy.

Two Receive 75-Year Emblems



(Far left), Bro. Fred Steiger, (seated), receives his 75-Year Emblem from Bro. Roland A. Thoma, H.C.T., (l), as (1-r), Bro. Carl Schmidt, Tr. of St. Mary Ct. 944; Bro. Steiger's daughter, Mrs. Viola Blaser; and Bro. Bernard Hemann, F.S., St. Mary Ct. 944, offer congratulations. (Far right), Bro. Alex C. Birren, Sr., (seated), was presented his 75-Year Pin by Bro. Donald W. Ledenbach, St. C.R., (l), as Bro. Edward R. Wolf, C.R., DeSoto Ct. 528, looked on.

Two COFers, Bro. Fred Steiger, St. Mary Ct. 944, Stacyville, Iowa, and Bro. Alex C. Birren, Sr., DeSoto Ct. 528, Chicago, Illinois, were presented 75-Year Emblems.

Bro. Steiger, 94, who joined the Order in 1905, is the first member of his Court to have received the 75-Year Pin. He retired from farming in 1959 and currently is residing at the Stacyville Community Nursing Home.

Bro. Birren, 93, who joined the Order at the age of 17, was proprietor of Birren & Son Funeral Home in Chicago until his retirement at the age of 84. The mortuary business, instituted in 1859 by his grandfather, is still managed by Bro. Birren's two sons, Alex, Jr., and Robert. Alex Jr., is a member of St. Gregory Ct. 650. Bro. Birren is the oldest living alumnus of Loyola University in Chicago.



Receive Awards

(Above far left), Holly Schroeder, (c), daughter of Bro. and Sister Wayne Schroeder, St. John Ct. 105, Antigo, Wisconsin, received a \$100 U.S. Series E. Savings Bond as first-prize winner in the Junior Division of the 1979 COF Poster Contest. Bros. Roger Brill, H.C.T., (l), and Robert Kucirek, St. C.R., made the presentation February 14 at a dinner held in Antigo. (Center), Lenore Kittok of Maple Plain, daughter of Bro. and Sister Martin Kittock, St. Stanislaus Kostka Ct. 1560, Delano, Minnesota, received a \$100 U.S. Series E. Savings Bond for winning first place in the Junior Division of the 1979 COF Photo Contest. Making the presentation was Bro. Roman DeWenter, Minnesota St. C.R. (Far right), Andrew J. Vogl, (r), St. Matthew Ct. 414, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was presented a \$75 U.S. Series E. Savings Bond as second-place winner in the 1979 Poster Contest. Bro. Joseph F. Bronesky, St. S., made the presentation. At left, Bro. Charles Ouradnik, C.R. of Ct. 414, offered his congratulations. (Below, right) Bro. Paul Tressel, (l), Marquette Ct. 811, Dubuque, Iowa, proudly accepts a check for \$50 awarded him as second-place winner in the Iowa State Youth Director of 1979 judging. Making the presentation is Bro. Francis Heiderscheit, St. V.C.R., as Bro. Gilbert Clemen, St.C.T., and Sister Dolores Osweller, St.C.T., offer congratulations.



Certificate of Merit



Sister Frances Kikel smiles happily upon receiving the Certificate of Merit from Bro. Bernard F. Milota, H.C.T., during Maximilian Ct. 2268's Annual Memorial Mass and Breakfast.



Bro. Raymond Schmidt, Y.D. of St. Mary Ct. 1173, Dell Rapids, South Dakota, (2nd from l), proudly accepts the Certificate of Merit Award presented him by Bro. Elmer Wiblishauser, H.C.T., (r). Offering congratulations are Bros. Francis Hupf, St.C.R., (l), and Harry Evans, C.R., Ct. 1173. Presentation took place during the Court's Awards Night last November.

Outstanding Forester Awards



Bros. A. C. "Atz" Kubisiak, (l), and Alvin Miskowski, (r), both of St. John Ct. 1807, Stevens Point, Wisconsin, were recipients of Recognize Your Outstanding Forester plaques during their Court's Awards Night. Making the presentations were Bros. Leonard Glodowski, C.R. of Ct. 1807, and Robert A. Kucirek, St.C.R.



Members of All Saints Ct. 1606, Andover, South Dakota, held their Annual Awards Night in November. Bro. Anton Schwab, St.S., (r), received the 1978 Forester of the Year Award. Congratulating the recipient are, (l-r), Bro. Francis Hupf, St.C.R.; Abbot Gilbert Hess, St.S.D.; and Rev. Marvin McPhee, S.D., Ct. 1606. A State Court officer since 1956, Bro. Schwab is currently serving a second term as State Secretary.



During a meeting of St. Mary Ct. 498, Wausau, Wisconsin, Bro. Robert Kucirek, St.C.R., was awarded that Court's Outstanding Forester Award, which was presented by Bro. Robert Corda, C.R. On the same occasion, Bro. Kucirek, (r), presented a 50-Year Emblem to Bro. Vincent Richards, (l), a member of Ct. 498.

Ct. 745 Hosts Spring Social

Members of St. Aloysius Ct. 745, West Allis, Wisconsin, hosted the Spring Social of Group #3 held March 13 at St. Aloysius Parish Gonzaga Hall in West Allis.

Those attending included members and their spouses from St. Matthew Ct. 414, Milwaukee; Holy Assumption Ct. 1635, West Allis; St. Charles Ct. 1688, Milwaukee; and St. Florian Ct. 1819, Milwaukee. Card games were played, with table and attendance prizes awarded. An excel-

lent repast with refreshments was served to conclude the program.

In charge of arrangements was Bro. Ralph Sterzinger, elected Chief Ranger of Ct. 745 to fill the vacancy left by the death of his father, Bro. Matthew Sterzinger. The latter had served his Court in this office for 40 years. Bro. Ralph was assisted by Bros. John H. Scherer, V.C.R.; Jeffrey M. Meyer, R.S.; Walter M. Meyer, F.S.; and Paul Sterzinger, Tr.

Announcing the 1980-1981

COF Fraternal Scholarship Program

Each year the Catholic Order of Foresters awards on a competitive basis 10 four-year scholarships of \$750 a year or a total of \$3,000 for four years.

The scholarship will be sent directly to the college at which the recipient is enrolled. The award will be credited to the recipient's account and used in accordance with the scholarship policy of the college.

Qualifications

To qualify for the competition, the student must:

- Have insurance in force with the Catholic Order of Foresters at least two years prior to making application for scholarship and be a member in good standing.

- Be a secondary school senior; "senior" defined here as any student to be graduated at any time between January 1 and August 31, 1981.

- Be in the upper third of his or her graduating class (or have a written recommendation of his or her high school principal).

- Have an application for scholarship signed by an officer of the local Court or Agent in the area, if possible.

To Apply for a COF Scholarship

Fill out the scholarship application blank on the next page or obtain a similar blank from your Court Secretary or Agent.

- Send this completed form to: FRATERNAL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE, Catholic Order of Foresters, 305 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. Your scholarship application must be received no later than September 30, 1980.

- Take the required College Entrance Examination Board Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) on the first Saturday in November or on the first Saturday in December, at the testing center nearest to your home.

- Or if you have already taken the SAT Test, file an

Additional Report Request Form and specify Code 0528 for the colleges or scholarship programs to which the scores are to be sent. If the form is not available from your high school, you may call or write one of the following:

Sponsored Scholarship Programs
Educational Testing Service

Box 176

Princeton, NJ, (609) 921-9000

West Coast

Sponsored Scholarship Programs

Berkeley, CA, (415) 849-0950

The results of the SAT will be used to determine the 40 semi-finalists in the Fraternal Scholarship competition of the Catholic Order of Foresters.

Selection of Scholarship Winners

The Catholic Order of Foresters Scholarship winners will be selected by an independent committee of professionals, who are experienced in interpreting test scores and school records. They are assisted by Educational Testing Service, Princeton, New Jersey.

The top 40 students with the highest combined SAT verbal and math scores will be named as semi-finalists. Semi-finalists will be requested to provide additional information for Scholarship Committee review.

The Committee meets in April to review the qualifications of the semi-finalists. Each candidate's records are reviewed by each member of the Committee and are rated according to standards established by the College Scholarship Service. Ten candidates are selected as winners, and three to five additional candidates are named as alternates. Winners and alternates will be notified in May. If a winner does not accept the award, the first alternate will then be offered the award. If necessary, this procedure will be followed in the order of the remaining alternates. †



Important: Applications must be received no later than September 30, 1980.

The Good Guys



The "Good Guy" volunteer group of St. Mary's Parish, East Moline, Illinois, includes, (l-r), Bros. Clem Loete, Al DeJaegher, Paul Hibbs, Don DeCapp and Jim DeMeyer.

Five retirees, all members of St. Mary Ct. 1790, East Moline, Illinois, have taken up a pastime every bit as satisfying as a hobby and one of tremendous benefit to members of St. Mary Parish in East Moline.

Known as the "Good Guys," the five COFers give without remuneration countless hours of work to their Parish. The volunteers are Bros. Al DeJaegher, Clem Loete, Don DeCapp, Jim DeMeyer and Paul Hibbs, who have made St. Mary's their special project for good deeds. Last year the men put in more than 4,000 hours as volunteer workers.

Among their accomplishments for St. Mary's School and Church are: rewiring the Convent; repainting 252 school desks annually; the construction of shelving and bookcases for use by the school; refurbishing 52 lunchroom benches; rewiring the library; boiler room insulation; gym ceiling replacement; rectory kitchen remodeling; constructing a resource center; erecting bulletin boards throughout the school; rebuilding the gymnasium floor after it had been damaged by water; and numerous minor repair jobs.

"We're not fast, but the work's good," Bro. Don DeCapp said.

"They have saved the school so much money that it would be almost impossible to calculate," Sister Anita, St. Mary's Principal, commented. "Even more important than the savings is the effort and sincerity they put into their work," she added. "They are a good example to the young

people, showing them how much satisfaction comes from doing for others.

"They live in the neighborhood and are available when needed," Sister Anita said. "When there is something to be fixed, they're here within minutes."

With the exception of Bro. Hibbs, all of the men are former students at St. Mary's. Because all except Bro. DeMeyer were foremen in factories prior to their retirement, there was a consensus that it was only right that they name Bro. DeMeyer as foreman of the group. He had been an electrician before he retired.

Together as a group for nearly five years, the men, through their dedication, have inspired other members of the Parish to increase their efforts in volunteer work. As altruistic people generally do, the "Good Guys" shy away from accepting much credit for what they enjoy doing.

"Their contribution to the Parish has been considerable," said Rev. John Dunne. "All are long-time members who feel very devoted. Consequently, instead of the usual retirement activities such as fishing, traveling or hobbies, they do work for the Parish. The work is their recreation because it's what they really enjoy doing."

The students at the school have come to look on the five volunteers with respect and admiration, while the men say they enjoy the youngsters' wholesome and lively presence as they do their work.

They may not wear white hats, but they are definitely the "Good Guys" at St. Mary's Parish in East Moline. †

No Fads, No Frills, the Common Sense Plan—Permanent (Cash Value) Life Insurance—

Still the Best Buy

by Noel S. ("Nick") Ruderman
Director of Organization

Yo-yos, hula hoops, skate boards and other fads have come and gone. Sometimes I wonder in just how many American households these once-popular items can be found, and, if found, how many are in use and not just gathering dust.

Could Hurt Person Who Tries It

Most fads come and go without seriously hurting anyone. To be sure, there was the occasional broken window from a yo-yo top flying off its string, a shoulder, back or hip out of joint from too rigorous a bout with a hula hoop, or a fractured knee from a skate board fall. But all of these could be patched up without too much discomfort. Not so with a fad that's around today. It could seriously hurt the person who tries it. It concerns tricky family life insurance selling, namely, "buy term insurance and invest the difference." The person led to believe that to buy term insurance and invest the difference is the way to go may experience future negative repercussions that could seriously affect the financial well being of his or her family.

Because of the damaging effects of this fad, I invite you to join me in taking a closer look at the consequences that it could have on the one who participates in it. To begin with, let's look at the initial and renewal premium rates for a popular 5-Year Renewable Term insurance policy. Let's say this policy is for a 35-year-old husband and father who is in good health. The policy is a \$25,000 non-participating (pays no dividends) 5-Year Renewable Term policy. Let's assume that the policy is to be kept to age 65.

Here is what it looks like:

The total Premiums paid to Age 65	\$8,890.00
Guaranteed Cash Value at Age 65	-0-
Accumulated Dividends and interest at Age 65	-0-
Paid-up life insurance at Age 65	-0-
Invested Difference	?

Look at the Invested Difference

Let's take a good look at the invested difference which is the key word in this fad. True, we can only speculate on what this might be at Age 65. But even if it materializes beyond the insured's expectations, it accomplishes no more than the built-in values of comparable dividend-paying permanent life insurance with its attendant tax savings. At the same time, the insured could be paying three, four or more than six times the premium for the same protection when he was 50, 55 or 60 years old as he did at age 35. To be sure, the \$25,000 death benefit would be paid if the insured died along the way. But remember that there would be no *paid-up life insurance* for his wife's retirement income should she be widowed and live on past him.

Finally, what about the self-discipline needed to consistently invest the difference? Will this be done with regularity regardless of family income needs or market fluctuations?

Now suppose this same man in our first example—a

35-year-old male, husband and father—decided on a \$25,000 permanent whole life insurance policy with COF. His premium—\$538.75—would remain constant throughout his life.

The picture would look like this:

Guaranteed Cash Value at Age 65	\$13,450.00
Accumulated Dividends and Interest (Dividends at current scale, not guaranteed)	24,541.64
Total Cash for Insured	\$37,991.64
Total Premiums at Age 65	\$16,162.50
Gain	\$21,829.14
Paid-Up Life Insurance (with dividends) totaling	47,248.00
Or a Monthly Income of 10 Years of	\$416.73

You Begin To See the Value

Should his wife be widowed and live on past the insured, the *paid-up insurance benefit* at age 65, with dividends, would equal \$47,248.00 or to the insured, should he live, a monthly retirement income of \$416.73 for 10 years totaling \$50,007.60 by age 75.

Now, are you beginning to see the value of a permanent life insurance policy as opposed to buy term and invest the difference?

Permanent life insurance is purchased *not* so much because someone is going to die, but because someone is going to live. With permanent life insurance someone *will be paid* whether it be a young widow with dependent children, an elderly widow or another dependent without adequate income or the insured himself, grown to retirement age and in need of additional income.

The peculiar thing about the fad of buy term insurance and invest the difference is that it isn't new at all. Life insurance, as it was originally conceived, required a higher premium payment each year because more people in the older insured group died each year. Those that lived continued to pay higher premiums because of the death benefits paid to the beneficiaries of those who died. Term insurance works the same way today.

The only possible time term insurance is a good buy is when we know we're going to die and buy it the day before. But life's funny that way. We don't know. And even if we did, chances are we couldn't buy it anyway. Long ago people decided that there had to be a better way, a way in which premium deposits stayed level, built a cash reserve and paid the insured back if he lived. That's permanent life insurance, a plan designed with the living in mind.

Try This on Salesperson

In closing, I'd like to remind you of one of the great lines of Will Rogers: "If you're trying to sell me something, make it so you'd rather be the man who bought it than the man who sold it." Try this on any salesperson who comes around and tells you to buy term insurance and invest the difference.

Did You Know

That Pope John Paul II

- Is 5' 10" and weighs about 175 lbs.
- After his nap and exercise, devotes an hour or more to reading, writing and study.
- Uses a bedroom, dining room and study in the papal apartment which has 22 rooms.
- Has three special reminders of his real home—a jar containing soil from several regions of Poland, a painting of the Virgin Mary by a fellow member of the anti-Nazi underground, and a sweater knitted for him by a blind girl in Krakow.
- Rises at 5 a.m. and shaves with an electric razor.
- Celebrates Mass in a private chapel a few feet from his bedroom, thirty minutes after rising.
- Has two private secretaries, Rev. Stanislaw Dziwisz, a Polish priest who is his personal chaplain, and Rev. John Magee, an Irish priest. They usually are the first to see him each day.
- Prays and meditates until about 6:30 when breakfast is served. He often invites one of two aides, special guests or fellow priests to join him. His breakfast usually consists of eggs with sausage, ham or bacon, toast, cheese at times, and coffee. All his meals are prepared by five Polish nuns of the order of the Sister Servants of the Sacred Heart.
- He never smokes and does not drink anything stronger than wine (and only one or two glasses of that).
- Speaks six languages, not counting Latin.
- Usually reads several newspapers, including *Die Welt*, *Le Figaro*, Italian dailies, the English-language *International Herald Tribune*, and Polish dailies sent him by air mail. The Vatican newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*, is brought to him by special messenger each afternoon.
- Begins his workday about 8:30 a.m. when he goes to his study for about two hours of paperwork, which ranges from diplomatic correspondence to reports from bishops. He reads at least 100 briefs or summaries a day.
- Does not type or dictate. He writes in longhand, in large letters (to make reading for others easier).
- At about 10:30 a.m. steps into the antiquated private elevator a few feet from his bedroom and descends to the third floor to start his average three hours of daily audiences.
- Often eats lunch alone. It usually is a light lunch, typically a sandwich and a glass of buttermilk.
- After lunch, often naps for 15 to 30 minutes.
- Is now limited to about an hour's walk each day through the Vatican Gardens for exercise. At one time in his life, he swam, rowed, skied, hiked and played tennis, ping pong, volleyball and soccer.
- Works in a study furnished with several armchairs, tall bookcases filled with dictionaries, encyclopedias and other reference works, a large executive-style desk, a white telephone and huge chandelier.
- Has in his study a television set, which he often turns on for sports events and special programs recommended by his aides, and a stereo.
- Likes to listen to records of Polish folk songs and to music of such favorite composers as Bach and Henry Wieniawski, a fellow Pole. He also listens to Vatican Radio news and music broadcasts.
- No longer has time for playing guitar, but still loves to sing, often humming or singing in his strong, deep baritone as he goes over papers.
- At about 6 p.m. confers with protocol officials on his next day's audiences and discusses pending business with Cardinal Agostino Casaroli, who as secretary of state, is his prime minister.
- Sometimes after 6 p.m. eats dinner. After dinner he returns to his study for more reading and writing, this time devoting more attention to theology and philosophy.
- During the evening also completes the Liturgy of the Hours, reading from his breviary, praying and meditating. Altogether, from the time he gets up until he goes to bed, he spends about two hours a day in prayer and meditation.
- Usually goes to bed about 11 p.m. If he is preparing for a special event, or if there is a special problem, he may work until 1 a.m. or so.
- Kneels in his bedroom for his final prayers and goes to bed.
- Sleeps in an old-fashioned iron, four-poster bed on the fourth (top) floor of the Apostolic Palace, overlooking St. Peter's Square. †

(Taken from *Pope John Paul II Center Newsletter* Jan/Feb 1980)

Graduates

Staff Sgt. Robert J. Russell, St. Edward Ct. 2145, Waterloo, Iowa, has graduated from the Air Force Non-Commissioned Officer Leadership School at RAF Alconbury, Huntingdon, England.

A 1969 graduate of Columbus High School in Waterloo, Sgt. Russell is an avionics communication systems technician stationed at RAF Bentwaters, England. He is the son of Bro. and Mrs. Leroy J. Russell, also of St. Edward Ct. 2145.

The Dilemma Solved

In a recent issue of *Chicago Catholic* there was an interesting photo and caption. It showed the Head of the Archdiocese of Chicago, John Cardinal Cody, H.S.D., surrounded by a couple and their five children with a television crew televising the occasion. The caption stated that the photos of the couple's five children, who had been confirmed by Cardinal Cody, hadn't turned out well, and the family

wanted a remembrance of the confirmation. The Cardinal obliged and invited the group to Holy Name Cathedral where he posed with them for pictures.

It should be a consolation to COF members whose first shots have come out poorly to remember that even a busy Cardinal of the Church is not reluctant to take the time needed to reshoot photos which didn't turn out well.

Bro. and Mrs. Gust Lichy, St. Joseph Ct. 733, Avon, Minnesota, will celebrate their 53rd Wedding Anniversary in June. Married in June, 1927, the couple became members of the Order that same year. Mr. and Mrs. Lichy own and operate a small business in Avon.

Wedding Anniversaries



Bro. and Mrs. Arnold J. Galles, (c), St. Mary Ct. 996, Remsen, Iowa, were honored on their 40th Wedding Anniversary with a Mass at 7 p.m. on April 16 at St. Mary's Church, followed by an open house hosted by their children in the church cafeteria. In attendance were their children and all but three of their grandchildren, who had chicken pox.



Bro. and Mrs. Joseph Schrobilgen, St. Francis Ct. 774, Durango, Iowa, observed their 60th Wedding Anniversary on April 6 with a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Joseph's Church. A family dinner followed.

The couple was married April 7, 1920, in this same church. They have seven children, 31 grandchildren, 11 step grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, 28 step great-grandchildren and one step great-great-grandchild.

Bro. Schrobilgen has been a member of his Court for more than 67 years.

25-Year Pins



Members of the Most Holy Trinity Ct. 2257 who received their 25-Year Pins at their Court's anniversary celebration were, (l-r): Bros. Keven Thelen, Don Schmitt, Sister Donna Schafer, Ken Schmitt, Sister Diane Kohagen, Len Schomisch, Sister Marilyn Fedewa, Edgar Thelen, Don Fedewa and Sister Lynn O'Rourke.

Members of Most Holy Trinity Ct. 2257, Fowler, Michigan, celebrated their Court's 15th Anniversary on March 15 at the Parish Hall.

Speaker for the occasion was Rev. Dennis Spitzley, the new Pastor of Most Holy Trinity Church. A number of 25-Year Emblems were presented during the evening. Special guests were Bros. Raymond Laurin, St.C.R., Gerald Fox, V. St.C.R., John Switalski, St. Tr., Sisters Helen Clark and Georgene Thelen, St.C.T., and Bro. Sylvester Thelen, Field Representative.

Officers Installed



Bro. Myron Welch, C.R., St. Patrick Ct. 239, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, (standing, r), installed these officers of the Court: Bros. David Metzger, (standing, l), R.S.; Jeffrey Schmitt, (seated, l), Y.D.; and Randall Wallintin, Tr. Bro. Welch also presented a check for \$20 to Bro. Schmitt, his grandson, who took first place in the Senior Division of the State COF Initiation Essay Contest.



Sixth Grade and Under Junior category winner, Western Division, was St. John Ct. 2050, Rapids City. (Front row, l-r): Kirt Nitz, Mark DeCoster, David DeNeive and Jim Verbeke. (Back row, l-r): Bro. Steve Witte, St.C.T.; Kevin Nitz, Bruce Plumb, Steve Bert, Andy Irwin, Jay Verbeke; and Bros. Alan Verbeke and Tom Nitz, coaches.



Eighth Grade and Under category winner, Western Division, was Sacred Heart Ct. 1691, Moline. (Front row, l-r): Paul Fret, Kerry Patrick, Pat Blondell, Matt Mitchell, Steve VandeVoorde and Kevin Gorgal. (Back row, l-r): Bro. Steve Witte, St.C.T.; Bro. Jeff Cochuyt, manager; Toby Gruenwald, Kris Vershaw, Dee Madsen, Mark Hardiek, Ron Martinez; and Mike Ebner, Coach.

Illinois Basketball Action



The Our Lady of Guadalupe Ct. 2175, Silvis, team took first place in the Tenth Grade and Under category of the Western Division. (Front row, l-r): Marcel Quinones, Gary Ramos and Robbie Carr. (Back row, l-r): Jeff Saey, manager; Brian DePorter, Jim Miletitch, J. P. Jacobs, Manuel Terronez, Roger Weyaert, coach, and Tim Wayaert.



Twelfth Grade and Under category champion, Western Division, was the St. Anne Ct. 1985, East Moline team. (Front row, l-r): Tom Sweeney, Dave Senatra, Jeff Zmuda, and Brian Rangel. (Back row, l-r): Bro. Steve Witte, St.C.T.; Mike VanDeHeede, Mark Zmuda, Jim VanDeHeede, Lester Bohnert and Roger VanDeHeede, coach.

Approximately 360 COFers making up 54 teams comprising six age categories took part in the 34th Annual Illinois Basketball Tournament held on March 16, 22 and 23.

Due to the critical national gasoline situation, this year's tournament was held in two locations. The Western Division held its competition at Alleman High School in Rock Island, while the Eastern Division conducted its matches at the West Campus High

School Gym in McHenry.

Western Division competition saw a total of 27 teams participating in the tournament from the following Courts: Sacred Heart Ct. 1691, Moline; St. Anne Ct. 1985, East Moline; Our Lady of Guadalupe Ct. 2175, Silvis; St. John Ct. 2050, Rapids City; and St. Mary Ct. 1790, East Moline.

Champions of the Western Division were: **Junior Division** (6th grade and under), St. John Ct. 2050



Open Division champion, Western Division, was the Sacred Heart Ct. 1691, Moline, team. (Front row, l-r): Pat Lootens, Jeff Mahieu, Gary VandeMoortel and Dean Lackey. (Back row, l-r): Bro. Steve Witte, St.C.T.; Bill Cornelis, Bill Mortier, Steve Ebner and Mike Vyncke.



Sixth Grade and Under Junior category winner, Eastern Division, was St. John Ct. 96, Johnsburg. (Front row, l-r), Chris Diedrich, Billy Pfefferkorn and Gary Stilling. (Second row, l-r), George Frisch, Bill Comstock, Keith Spengel and Scott Christensen. (Back row, l-r), Bros. Richard Dehn, St.C.T., and Tom Fowler, Coach.

defeating Sacred Heart Ct. 1691, 44-23; **Junior Division** (8th grade and under), Sacred Heart Ct. 1691 topping St. Mary Ct. 1790, 56-32; **Ranger Division** (10th grade and under), Our Lady of Guadalupe Ct. 2175 beating St. Anne Ct. 1985, 52-40; **Senior Division** (12th grade and under), St. Anne Ct. 1985 winning their category title by a score of 58-48 over Sacred Heart Ct. 1691; and Sacred Heart Ct. 1691 defeating St. Mary Ct. 1790, 58-56 to take the **Open Division** title.

Western Division Tournament participants selected as All Stars were the following:

Junior 6th Grade—Kier Bennett and Todd Vershaw, Sacred Heart Ct. 1691; Steve Frederick, St. Mary Ct. 1790; and Kevin Nitz and Kirt Nitz, St. John Ct. 2050.

Junior 8th Grade—Joe DeJaeger, St. Mary Ct. 1790; Steve Ford, Our Lady of Guadalupe Ct. 2175; Steve Terronez, St. Anne Ct. 1985; and Steve VandeVoorde and Chris Vershaw, Sacred Heart Ct. 1691.

The St. Mary Ct. 594, McHenry, team came away with top honors in the Senior category. Playing Our Lady of Good Counsel Ct. 1544, Aurora, the Ct. 594 team was tied with their opponents 22-22 at half time. The McHenry team emerged victorious 52-44 after a hard-fought contest. (Front row, l-r): Kevin Miller, Steve Knox, Dave Miller and Doug Schmitt. (Second row, l-r): Larry Freund, C.R., Ct. 594, Ron Freund, Doug Oeffling, Brian Greve, Brad Hertel, Ken Bottari and Paul Pitzen, C.R., Ct. 96. (Third row, l-r), Dan Conway and Bobby Knight Rosing.



The St. Mary Ct. 594, McHenry, team took first place in the Eastern Division Eighth Grade and Under Junior category. The eighth grade cheerleaders of Ct. 594, coached by Carol Wills, were winners in the cheerleading competition. The Court's seventh grade group took second. Not shown are cheerleaders Val Kilday and Chris Conway. (Front row, l-r): Diane Knox, Cary Lanphier, Chris Schmidlin, Dawn Sonnemann, Denise Sonnemann and Sandi Musielak. (Second row, l-r): Rich Hoover, Jim Sharp, Tim Schmitt, Bill Schmitt and Randy Mauer. (Third row, l-r): Fred Meyer, Chairman of Eastern Division Tournament; Ralph Schramer, St.V.C.R.; Jerry Sharp; Mike Freund; Dave Toussaint; Marty Kolenko; and Jim Jablonski.

Ranger 10th Grade—Dann Cornelis, Sacred Heart Ct. 1691; Pat Rangel and Mark Meyer, St. Anne Ct. 1985; and Marcel Quinones and Gary Ramos, Our Lady of Guadalupe Ct. 2175.

Senior 12th Grade—Lester Bohnert, Mike Van DeHeede and Tom Sweeney, St. Anne Ct. 1985; and Kevin Rafferty and Mark Taghon, Sacred Heart Ct. 1691.

Open Division—Rick Jennings, St. Anne Ct. 1985; Ray Terronez, St. Mary Ct. 1790; and Bill Cornelis, Gary VandeCastele and Mike Vyncke, Sacred Heart Ct. 1691.

Each All Star player received a trophy.

Eastern Division competition saw 27 teams participating in the action held in McHenry. This divisional tournament was co-sponsored by St. Mary Ct. 594, McHenry, and St. John Ct. 96, Johnsburg. More than 500 spectators watched the finals competition held in the West Campus Gym.

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Weary but happy with a hard-fought 62-52 victory to win the Heavies category, Eastern Division, were members of the St. Mary Ct. 594 #1 team. (Front row, l-r): Chris Alm, mascot, C. J. Ludford, Tom Les and Pete Merkel. (Standing, l-r): Roger Ludwig, John Bolton, Tim Althoff, Phil Kiefer and Len Gehrke.



The St. Mary Ct. 594, McHenry, team came out first-place winners in the 30 Years and Over category of the Eastern Division. (Front row, l-r): Jon Meyer, Marty Conway, Bob Mortell and Butch Meyer. (Standing, l-r): Gary Snell, Buzz Frett, Joe Fino, Vic Freund and Fred Meyer, Tournament Chairman, Eastern Division. The team wore St. John Ct. 96 tops because of a uniform shortage.

The St. John Ct. 96, Johnsburg, team captured top honors in the Eastern Division Ranger category. (Front row, l-r): John Wharton, Brian Diedrich, Jeff Fowler, Paul Metzger and Tom Huemann. (Back row, l-r): Bros. Don W. Ledenbach, St.C.R., and Richard Dehn, St.C.T.; Paul Klein, Joe Meyers, Jeff Bartmann, Rick Neiss, Scott Spengel; and Bro. Tom Fowler, coach, and his daughter, Karen.





(Above), At the conclusion of the competition, Bro. Donald Ledenbach, St.C.R., (1), was presented a plaque by Bro. Fred Meyer in recognition of his many years of dedicated effort in behalf of COF bowling in Illinois. (Left), Little Ryan kept his father, Paul Morenz, on the go during the Eastern Division final games as he had the urge to become part of the competition.

Eastern Division champions were: **Junior Division** (6th grade and under), St. John Ct. 96, Johnsbury, defeating St. Mary Ct. 594, McHenry, 18-16; **Junior Division** (8th grade and under), St. Mary Ct. 594, McHenry, beating St. Gregory Ct. 650, Chicago, 48-40; **Ranger Division** (16 and under), St. John Ct. 96, Johnsbury, overcoming St. Mary Ct. 594, McHenry, 56-52; **Senior Division** (12th grade and under), St. Mary Ct. 594, McHenry, defeating Our Lady of Good Counsel Ct. 1544, Aurora, 52-44 in a contest close until the end of the third quarter; **Heavies Division**, St. Mary Ct. 594 #1 team

winning over St. Mary Ct. 594 #2 team, 62-52; **30 Years and Over Division**, St. Mary Ct. 594, McHenry, defeating St. John Ct. 96, Johnsbury, 49-44.

Each member of a team winning first place received a trophy, while each team coming in second was awarded a large trophy for its performance as a team.

Participants in the Eastern Division tourney selected as All Stars were the following:

Junior 6th Grade—Joe Tonyan and Ken Schweder, Ct. 594; and Scott Christensen, Bill Comstock and Bill Pfefferkorn, Ct. 96.

Junior 8th Grade—Matt Bentz, Ct. 96; Mike Corbett and Pat McDermott, Ct. 650; and Dave Tous-saint and Jim Jablonski, Ct. 594.

Rangers—Jim Les and Don Long, Ct. 594; Rick Neiss and Scott Spengel, Ct. 96; and Mike Kuehn, Ct. 650.

Seniors—Dan Conway and Bob Grieve, Ct. 594; Don Bentz, Ct. 96; Joe Weber, Ct. 1544; and Joe Arocha, Ct. 650.

Heavies—Ken Ludwig, Ct. 594 #2 team; Mark Allen, Ct. 650; Roger Ludwig, Ct. 594 #1 team; Al May, Ct. 96; and Mike Dunn, Ct. 1544.

Each player chosen as an All Star from the Junior 6th Grade and Junior 8th Grade categories was presented a new basketball in recognition of his selection. Those players chosen as All Stars from the Ranger, Senior and Heavies categories were awarded plaques.

Presentation of trophies followed introduction of High Court and State Court guests attending the competition in McHenry, including: Bros. John A. Gorski, H.C.R.; Richard T. Tobin, H.Tr.; and Emil J. Stuermer, H.C.T.; Mary Best, Editor of CATHOLIC FORESTER; Bros. Donald W. Ledenbach, St.C.R.; Ralph Schramer, St.V.C.R.; William F. Wagner, St.S.; Frank J. Brabec, St.Tr.; and Gerald Schiltz, St.Y.D.

Bro. Fred Meyer served as Chairman of the Tournament in McHenry for the 34th consecutive year. Assisting him as committee members were: Bros. Randy Meyer, Paul Pitzen, Lloyd Freund, Richard Dehn, Bud Thennes, Jim Blake, Harold May, Bob Vogt, Richard Freund and Larry Freund. †

Long-Time Members

Bro. Benedict Kachnowski, St. Stanislaus Ct. 1202, Detroit, Michigan, is proud of the fact that he has been a COFer for more than 57 years.

He joined the Order in March, 1923, and although he cannot take an active part in Court functions because of his health, he still enjoys reading

about COF and its members in CATHOLIC FORESTER magazine. Wearing his 50-Year Emblem is a source of great pride, he says.

At a meeting of St. James Ct. 1312, Madison, Minnesota, held April 7, the following COFers were honored with 50-Year Emblems: Bros. James Schlosser, Ferd Vonderhaar, William Vonderhaar, Joe Vonderhaar, John Bormann and Cletus Schlosser.

Bros. Al Freking, St.C.T., and Agent Ken Zupfer assisted in the presentation ceremonies, later calling on Bro. James Schlosser who was hospitalized and unable to be present for the occasion.



Bro. John L. Conway, shown here with his wife, Anna, has been a COFer since April, 1924, when he became a member of St. John Ct. 1210, Indianapolis, Indiana. In October the couple will celebrate their 57th wedding anniversary.

Minnesota Bowling Tournament

Several trophies were awarded to winners in the Minnesota State COF Bowling Tournament during a pancake breakfast held by members of St. Cyril Ct. 970, Heron Lake, Minnesota, on Palm Sunday, March 30.



Winners in the Doubles category of the Minnesota tourney were Bros. James Horkey, (l), and George Mathia, (r), shown as they received their trophies from Bro. Leo Beranek.



Sister Dianne Schaffer receives a trophy as first-place winner in the All-Events category of the State Bowling Tournament from Bro. Leo Beranek. Bro. Julius A. Collier II, (l), looks on.



Bro. Leo Beranek, Minnesota St.T., (2nd from r), awards trophies to members of the first-place winning team in the State Bowling Tournament. (L-r), Bros. Charles Bartosh, Don Vanderheiden, Robert Winkler and, (r), Robert Stengel.

New Award Program

A highlight of the Wisconsin Fraternal Congress (WFC) 1980 Annual Conference held March 15 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was the institution of a new fraternalism award program.

Two awards were presented to provide deserved recognition to two Wisconsin residents, one who is a member of a WFC member society and one who is not a participant within the fraternal system. The awards honor the two recipients for their outstanding service, accomplishments and contributions to fraternalism and humanity in the State of Wisconsin during the past year.

The "Fraternalist of the Year" Award is presented to a member of one of the WFC societies who best displays fraternalism in action. The "Humanitarian of the Year"

Award is given to a nominee from the general public. Both winners of awards are selected from names of candidates submitted by WFC member societies.

Purpose of the awards is to recognize outstanding efforts of fraternalism, to promote greater awareness of volunteerism among key public audiences and to provide visibility to the fact that one person can make a difference in improving the quality of life.

The Wisconsin Fraternal Congress is composed of 38 fraternal benefit societies within the State of Wisconsin.

Among those attending the Conference and representing COF were: Bros. Walter V. Kowalczyk, H.C.T.; Joseph F. Bronesky, St.S.; Gilbert O. Leack, Past H.C.T.; and Richard E. Jaeger, I.C.G.A.

District Association Meeting

The Southeastern District Association of the Wisconsin jurisdiction held its Semi-Annual Meeting March 30 at St. George School Hall in Kenosha. Heiss Ct. 159 was host for the occasion.

Bro. Walter V. Kowalczyk, H.C.T., spoke to those attending concerning the National Convention to be held

this summer, committee structure of the High Court, fraternalism and the family.

Representing the State Court, Bro. Robert A. Kucirek, St.C.R., spoke on the functioning of the State Court and the State Convention in May.

Bro. John Gorski, H.C.R., and his wife were present to extend best wishes from the High Court.



(Above photos l-r) Bro. Don Cornyn, St. Y.D., presents a special award to Sharon Hengesbach for her three games of 117, 118 and 119 in the Michigan L.P. State Court Annual Youth Bowling Tournament. Bro. Don Cornyn, St. Y.D., congratulates Amy Thelen, who won first place, and Joyce Nurenberg, who took third place in the Youth Singles in the Sixth Annual WEFOPPO (Westphalia-Fowler-Portland, Michigan) Area Bowling Tournament sponsored by the Michigan L.P. State Court. Jim Thelen, Tim Bengel and Patty Nurenberg were winners of the WEFOPPO Young Adults Bowling competition sponsored by the Michigan L.P. State Court. (Photo right) Winners in the 10, 11 and 12-year-old category of the WEFOPPO Tournament proudly display their trophies: Dave Stump, Dan Smith, Angela Thelen, Dane Hengesbach and Troy Thelen. Not shown are the 7-9 year-old winners: Ross Thelen, Angela Klein, Ryan Thelen, Carisa Belen, Ken Schafer and Janeen Thelen and the 13-15 year-old winners: Amy Thelen, Rich Arens, Patty Smith, Jackie Bauer, Joyce Nurenberg and Doreen Schafer.



Michigan L.P. Bowling Tournaments

The Michigan Lower Peninsula State Court held three separate bowling tournaments during the weekend of March 1-2. A combined total of 340 youth members ages 7 through 21 participated in the events.

The 33rd Annual Detroit Area Tournament and the 6th Annual WEFOPPO Area Tournament were specially developed for youngsters 7 through 15 years of age. The Third Annual Young Adults Bowling Tournament, a combined effort between the two areas just mentioned, produced 16 teams with a total of 80 bowlers. Designed for the 16 through 21-year-old group, this tourney required only three years to become a self-qualifying competition. Young adults have an opportunity to compete within their own age groups and also as members of five-person teams.

Trophies are awarded based on individual efforts, both within an age group and as team contributions. Furthermore, three trophies are awarded for the highest three games of the tournament.

Bro. Don Cornyn, St.Y.D., has offered to provide a set of rules for his states bowling tournaments to any State Youth Director wishing to have them. Requests should be sent to: Donald Cornyn, 5865 Charlesworth Rd., Dearborn Heights, Michigan 58127; phone—(313) 278-6428. †

The Westphalia, Fowler and Portland, Michigan, area bowling tournament was held February 17 at the K. of C. Lanes in Westphalia with 150 participants. Bro. Mike Miller took two trophies, one for high actual game, the other for high actual series with 660. Other winners were, (l-r): Sister Terese Thelen, high actual series for women with 625; Bro. Bill Simmon, high handicap series for men with 652; Sister Jean Pohl, high handicap series for women with 643; and Elaine Thelen, high actual game and 610. Bros. Gary Pline and Darrell Hengesbach supervised the tournament.



Bowling Jamboree Winners

This year's St. Mary Ct. 594, McHenry, Illinois, Bowling Jamboree saw 44 teams participating. The Team Event was won by the Pintozzi-Etten team. Winner of the Singles Event was Harold Frett. Doubles Event winners were Ed Buss and Jeff Hubbard. All-Events winner was Bud Michaels. A highlight of the Jamboree was a bountiful roast beef and ham dinner, followed by dancing.



At the conclusion of the St. Mary Ct. 594 Bowling Jamboree, Bro. John A. Gorski, H.C.R., (l), presented Mrs. George P. Freund, (second from r), with an award stating: "In recognition of the dedicated services of George P. Freund, the Annual Bowling Jamboree shall here-in-after be known as the COF George P. Freund Bowling Jamboree." Bros. John Meyer, (second from l), chairman of the Tournament, and Larry Freund, C.R., St. Mary Ct. 594, (r), offer best wishes.



Members of one of the St. Edward Ct. 2145, Waterloo, Iowa, bowling teams won first place in its category in the First Waterloo District Bowling Tournament. (L-r): Vincent Schons, Kevin Fisher, Kara Stiles, Sue Jay and LeyAnn Schons.



Lee Frost, (l), and Joe Frost, St. Mary Ct. 1099, Gilbertville, Iowa, captured first place in the Doubles competition at the First Waterloo District Bowling Tournament held February 16-17 at the Starr Lanes in Evansdale, Iowa. Jerry Dietzenbach, not shown, St. Luke Ct. 2100, St. Lucas, Iowa, took first-place singles honors.



Kevin Fisher, (l), and Dan Koch, St. Edward Ct. 2145, Waterloo, Iowa, captured top honors in their category in the Doubles event at the First Waterloo Bowling Tournament. Dan also placed first in the Singles, while Kevin was runner-up. Both are sanctioned bowlers and members of the Waterloo Youth Bowling Association.

Waterloo District Bowling Tournament



Members of the St. Mary Ct. 1099, Gilbertville, Iowa, Team took the Championship Trophy at the First Waterloo District Bowling Tournament. (L-r): "Ish" Breitbach, Harold Reuter, Willard Delagardelle, Mike Schmitz and Eugene Schmit. They racked up 3,040 pins.

Memorial Mass And Breakfast

Members of Maximilian Ct. 2268, Cleveland, Ohio, held their Annual Memorial Mass and Breakfast on Sunday, January 20. Handling Toastmaster duties was Sister Vera Germ, who introduced honored guests. Rev. John Kumsic celebrated the Mass.

District Meeting

Members of St. Patrick Ct. 73 in cooperation with members of St. Florian Ct. 1819 hosted the Spring Meeting of the Milwaukee South Side District Association held March 6 at St. Florian School Hall in West Milwaukee.

Bro. Alroy Ignowski, Pres., presided at the meeting, which was

attended by officers and their spouses from 12 of the 16 Courts in the District. Several High Court and State Court officers and a COF Agent assisted in conducting the meeting. Lunch and refreshments were served by Bro. Ernest Terrien and his committee at the conclusion of the business session.

High Court Proceedings

March, 1980

The regular monthly meeting of the High Court, Catholic Order of Foresters was held on Wednesday and Thursday, March 19 and 20, 1980. The following members responded to roll call: Brothers Louis E. Caron, High Chief Ranger; Julius A. Collier II, Vice High Chief Ranger; John A. Gorski, High Secretary; Richard T. Tobin, High Treasurer; Edwin H. Huber, Roger J. Brill, Elmer Wiblehauser, John M. Spilar, Emil J. Stuermer, Bernard F. Milota, Roland A. Thoma, Walter V. Kowalczyk and Victor J. Standaert, High Court Trustees. Brother Leo A. Heisterkamp, High Court Trustee, was absent from the meeting due to illness.

Brother Caron, High Chief Ranger, opened the meeting in regular form.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the reading of the February, 1980, High Court Minutes be dispensed with and that they be approved and kept as recorded.

The Committees duly met and submitted written reports which were approved and are on file in the High Court Office.

Brother Wiblehauser, Acting Chairman of the Good of the Order Committee, presented the following report:

The Committee recommends that the following members be enrolled in the Third Degree Legion of Honor:

Member	Court	Location
MASSACHUSETTS		
Amelia Cantin	Notre Dame 1163	Fall River
Hector J. Richard	St. Therese 2149	New Bedford
MINNESOTA		
Mathias Willenbring	St. Martin 879	Richmond
OHIO		
Mildred A. Woeste	St. Jude 2189	Dayton
Margaret Alba	Queen of Peace 2262	Cincinnati
Rt. Rev. Abbot Theodore Kojis	St. Aloysius 1857	Cleveland
Rev. Albert Marflak	St. Aloysius 1857	Cleveland
VERMONT		
Roger LeClair	Abraham Lincoln 559	Northfield
Francis Partlow	Abraham Lincoln 559	Northfield
WISCONSIN		
Emmett J. Manogue	St. Joseph 229	Janesville
John Hrasky	St. Leo 267	Sheboygan

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Report of the Good of the Order Committee be adopted.

Brother Huber, Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the following report:

The Committee recommends the approval of claims paid by the Order since the last meeting of the High Court as follows:

143	Death Claims	\$167,114.17
167	Cash Surrenders	127,974.92
107	Cash Loans	88,418.07
22	Matured Endowments	43,844.99
	Supplementary Contracts	9,957.85
1	Juvenile Death Claim	1,000.00
	Double Indemnity Claims	— 0 —
TOTAL		\$438,310.00

The Committee checked all bills against the original vouchers and recommends payment of bills checked as shown on list furnished each member of the High Court.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Report of the Finance Committee be adopted.

Brother Gorski, High Secretary, presented the following Financial Statement:

Contributions levied January 1 to March 31, 1980	
Members in good standing	\$2,008,253.71
Members on contribution loan	130,795.49
Total Contributions Levied	\$2,139,049.20
Benefit claims paid January 1 to March 19, 1980	
Death claims	\$ 468,788.52
Cash surrender claims	276,635.21
Total disability claims	30.00
T. D. & D. I. claims	27,000.00
Juvenile death claims	12,000.00
Cash loans	206,414.62
Matured endowments	151,119.29
Supplementary contracts	24,107.13
Old age benefit claims	108.68
Refunds to members (Dividends)	319,661.18
Total Disbursements	\$1,487,884.63
Cash received January 1 to March 19, 1980	
Contributions	\$1,675,366.21
Loans, liens and interest	106,805.05
Interest and dividends on bonds and stocks:	
Interest on bonds	\$2,579,193.94
Dividends on stocks	119,321.78
Total Cash Received	\$4,482,686.98
Bank Balances	
Continental Illinois National Bank & Trust Co.	\$ 149,663.21
Harris Bank Passbook Savings Account 81465	10,276.88
Total Cash	\$ 159,940.09

Brother Caron reported that the April Meeting would be held on the 16th and 17th.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the High Court adjourn.

The closing prayers were offered in unison with special prayers for the repose of the soul of Brother Joseph Hodous, a member of Karel IV Court 1502, and for the return to good health of High Court Trustee, Brother Leo A. Heisterkamp.

Brother Caron, High Chief Ranger, declared the High Court Meeting adjourned.

JOHN A. GORSKI
HIGH SECRETARY

April, 1980

The regular monthly meeting of the High Court, Catholic Order of Foresters, was held on Wednesday and Thursday, April 16 and 17, 1980. The following members responded to roll call: Brothers John A. Gorski, High Chief Ranger; Julius A. Collier II, Vice High Chief Ranger; Richard T. Tobin, High Treasurer; Edwin H. Huber,

Roger J. Brill, Elmer Wiblshouser, John M. Spilar, Emil J. Stuermer, Bernard F. Milota, Roland A. Thoma, Walter V. Kowalczyk, and Victor J. Standaert, High Court Trustees. Brother Leo A. Heisterkamp, High Court Trustee, was absent from the meeting due to illness.

Brother Gorski, High Chief Ranger, opened the meeting in regular form.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the reading of the March, 1980, High Court Minutes be dispensed with and that they be approved and kept as recorded.

The Committees duly met and submitted written reports which were approved and are on file in the High Court Office.

Brother Wiblshouser, Acting Chairman of the Good of the Order Committee, presented the following report:

The Committee recommends that the following members be enrolled in the Third Degree Legion of Honor:

Member	Court	Location
ILLINOIS		
Genevieve T. Gibula	St. Vincent Ferr. 174	Chicago
Mary Happ	St. Mary 1382	West Brooklyn
Arthur Goethals	Sacred Heart 1691	Moline
Patrick VandeKerckhove	Sacred Heart 1691	Moline
James VanLerberghe	St. Mary 1790	East Moline
Charles K. Specht	St. Malachy 1927	Geneseo
Harold Odendahl	St. Anne 1985	East Moline
Eugene L. Fowler	St. Pius 2284	Rock Island
Louis E. Shelangouaki	St. John the Baptist 2050	Rapids City
INDIANA		
James Thiel	St. John 99	St. John
Andrew Kacmar	St. Mary 293	Crown Point
Katherine Joan Klein	St. Mary 293	Crown Point
August B. Hubertz	Star City 724	Lafayette
KENTUCKY		
Jesse Sutton	St. Anthony 1574	Louisville
OHIO		
Mary L. Kolp	St. Ann 2155	North Canton
OREGON		
Joseph C. Schmidt	St. Mary 1293	Mt. Angel
WISCONSIN		
Edward P. Wack	St. Francis 1570	Brighton
Alvin H. Derr	St. Joseph 1708	East Bristol

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Report of the Good of the Order Committee be adopted.

Brother Huber, Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the following report:

The Committee recommends the approval of claims paid by the Order since the last meeting of the High Court as follows:

165	Death Claims	\$245,737.54
196	Cash Surrenders	111,347.35
186	Cash Loans	194,149.50
13	Matured Endowments	36,069.51
1	Supplementary Contracts	5,356.76
	Juvenile Death Claims	— 0 —
	Double Indemnity Claims	— 0 —
TOTAL		\$592,660.66

The Committee checked all bills against the original vouchers and recommends payment of bills checked as shown on list furnished each member of the High Court.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Report of the Finance Committee be adopted.

It was ordered that St. Jacques Court 1178 located at Taunton, Massachusetts, be disbanded and the membership transferred to St. Therese Court 2149, New Bedford, Massachusetts.

The following Financial Statement was presented by the Office of the High Secretary:

Contributions levied January 1 to April 30, 1980	
Members in good standing	\$2,607,757.74
Members on contribution loan	152,983.34
Total Contributions Levied	\$2,760,741.08
Benefit claims paid January 1 to April 16, 1980	
Death claims	\$ 714,526.06
Cash surrender claims	387,982.56
Total disability claims	40.00
T. D. & D. I. claims	27,000.00
Juvenile death claims	12,000.00
Cash loans	402,564.12
Matured endowments	187,188.80
Supplementary contracts	29,463.89
Old age benefit claims	108.68
Refunds to members (Dividends)	497,137.25
Total Disbursements	\$2,258,011.36
Cash received January 1 to April 16, 1980	
Contributions	\$2,286,469.30
Loans, liens and interest	132,454.39
Interest and dividends on bonds and stocks:	
Interest on bonds	\$3,305,067.12
Dividends on stocks	162,169.33
Total Cash Received	\$5,886,160.14

Brother Gorski reported that the May Meeting would be held on the 21st and 22nd.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the High Court adjourn.

The closing prayer was offered in unison with special prayers for the repose of the soul of Charlotte Imborski, wife of former High Court Trustee from Illinois, Roman Imborski, and the return to good health of High Court Trustee, Brother Leo A. Heisterkamp.

Brother Gorski, High Chief Ranger, declared the High Court Meeting adjourned.

JOHN A. GORSKI
HIGH CHIEF RANGER

Nursery Program



Each Sunday during the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Edward's Church, Waterloo, Iowa, a nursery program is provided for children under the age of three. Assisting in the care of the youngsters is Sister Elaine Thoma, "grandma," and the following COF girls of St. Edward Ct. 2145 who volunteer their services: Sheila Cain, Sue Jay, Shelley Schons, Michelle Cain and LeyAnn Schons.

Obscenity Protest Gets Results

While returning home one evening last winter, Bro. Joseph F. Bronesky, Wisconsin St.S., was astounded to see in his evening newspaper a vulgar illustration of an item of merchandise featured in an after-Christmas sale at a well-known chain of discount stores.

The ad was in a supplement to five publications in Wisconsin cities where the Catholic Order of Foresters has Courts and a substantial membership.

Bro. Bronesky said, "I there and then resolved that, having been chosen by God to be the father of four daughters and a son, with the help of a lovely wife, this incident involving these five prominent daily Wisconsin newspapers should not pass without notice or rebuke into the wastebasket or the next Cub Scout paper drive."

Bro. Bronesky immediately protested in a letter to Newspapers, Inc., publishers of the two Milwaukee dailies mentioned in the margin of the advertising copy. As a retired Post Office supervisor and mail classification expert, he knew that such identifi-

cation was necessary when the publication enjoys second-class mailing privileges.

The illustration itself depicted a young lady attempting to make use of a urinal in a men's public washroom. It was clearly drawn and of ample size and was taken from the cover of a record album released by a music group. Before writing his letter, Bro. Bronesky visited one of the stores handling the merchandise. Knowing his evening paper to be a family newspaper of high standards and merit, he urged in his letter of protest, "Please do not, ever again, let such material creep into the pages of your editions."

On January 2, Gerald H. Tucker, Assistant Advertising Manager for the paper, replied to Bro. Bronesky:

"Thank you for your letter regarding the record cover illustration that appeared in the advertising section last week.

"We agree. We also find this illustration to be in bad taste. In the normal course of business, had this been submitted to us by an advertiser

as illustrative material for an ad we were to print, we would have turned it down.

"Unfortunately, both for our readers and ourselves, this section was printed on the outside and given to us for inserting and delivery within our papers (as is the case with other stores). We were unaware of any problem until after distribution was made.

"We are writing the advertiser to say we find this kind of material unacceptable and every effort must be made on their part to eliminate any recurrence.

"Again, thank you for sharing your feelings on this matter with us. Sincerely, Gerald H. Tucker."

Bro. Bronesky firmly believes that if we are to maintain our principles as Catholics, and respect for women and motherhood, such inroads on even the simplest of decency must be "nipped in the bud," and he urges all other jurisdictions to take similar action whenever it is seen. Such protests do get results. †

There's money waiting for these People!

Dividend checks for the COF members listed here cannot be mailed due to lack of an address. If you can supply an address, contact the Dividend Department, Catholic Order of Foresters, 305 West Madison, Chicago, Ill. 60606. Claims for these dividends should be substantiated by supplying the date of birth of the claimant.

Name	Court Name	Court	Roster	City & State
Rev. Thomas J. Kavanagh	St. Paul	89	403	St. Paul, MN
Thomas G. Brosseau	Baumgartner	109	1425	Hammond, IN
Earl J. Foucher	St. Monica	279	790	Chicago, IL
Gerald L. Gasper	Holy Ghost	679	620	Chicago, IL
Doris M. Melssen	St. John	876	261	Dickeyville, WI
Steven W. Pflueger	St. Emilin	1070	453	Breckenridge, MN
David M. Munoz	Smulder	1101	749	Detroit, MI
Adolph J. Simoncic	Baraga	1317	1303	Cleveland, OH
Michael P. Knotek	Karel IV	1502	838	Chicago, IL
Willis H. Eslinger	Sacred Heart	1536	177	Edson, WI
Ronald M. Pinter	Sacred Heart	1536	216	Edson, WI
Gerald T. Bensene	St. Florian	1819	349	Milwaukee, WI
Lucien C. Duquette	St. Thomas	1925	53	Toledo, OH
Mary M. Harper	St. Joseph	2096	102	Burlington, VT
Jose B. Molina	Home Office	5000	473	Chicago, IL
Joseph Motl	Home Office	5000	1314	Chicago, IL
Ronald N. Stanhope	Home Office	5000	1435	Chicago, IL
James J. Fischer	Home Office	5000	2234	Chicago, IL
Anthony T. Caiaccia	Home Office	5000	2486	Chicago, IL
Robert J. Feist	Home Office	7163	79	Chicago, IL
Michael J. Pfeiffer	Home Office	7264	25	Chicago, IL
Edward F. Zimmerman	Home Office	7264	236	Chicago, IL
Martin J. Marren	Annunciation	28	477	Chicago, IL
Michael T. Shanahan	St. Joseph	245	828	Elgin, IL
Daniel J. Coleman	St. Patrick	942	660	Boston, MA
Robert L. Trumbo	Holy Redeemer	2150	9	Hollywood, CA

† **Fraternally Remembered** †

Bro. Eugene Doperalski, 53 (St. John Ct. 1084, Kewanee, Wisconsin). He was employed as a consultant chemical engineer for the S.P.I. Engineering Co., Michigan City, Indiana. Bro. Doperalski, a Navy veteran of World War II, was a member of Sacred Heart Church, American Legion Post 451, and Moose Lodge 980. Surviving are his father, Walter; two daughters, Nora and Amy; three sons, Tom, John and Rick; two sisters; two brothers; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Bro. Nicholas J. Drilling, 88 (Columbus Ct. 984, New Hampton, Iowa). A member of COF since 1938, Bro. Drilling farmed near Cresco, Iowa, until moving to New Hampton in 1953. Survivors include four sons, Jerome, Arnold, Edward and Virgil; two daughters, Mrs. Thomas McGuigan and Mrs. Virgil Valvoda; 19 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; four brothers; and a sister.

Bro. Goldie Fenendael, 70 (St. Peter Ct. 1550, Casco, Wisconsin). A retired farmer, he was a charter member of the Kewaunee County Farm Bureau, clerk of the Liberty School Board and a member of the Holy Name Society. He was also Town Assessor and President of the Rio Creek Cheese Co-op. Surviving are his wife, Catherine; two sons, Algie and Elias; nine grandchildren; and a sister.

Bro. Henry R. Grohall (St. Florian Ct. 1819, Milwaukee, Wisconsin). Bro. Grohall, who had served his Court as Chief Ranger for the past 20 years, was a recipient of the Legion of Honor Certificate and Emblem. He was a member of the Legion of Honor Club and was a Past President of the Milwaukee South Side District Association. A long-time member of St. Florian's Parish, he served the Church as head usher for many years. He served West Milwaukee, where he resided, as a Trustee for one term. His Brother, Rev. Edward Grohall, was celebrant at the concelebrated funeral Mass. Surviving are his wife, Margaret; two sons, Denis and Edward; a daughter, Marie; five grandchildren; two sisters; and two brothers.

Bro. Charles A. Growney, 80 (St. Benedict Ct. 1685, Kansas City, Kansas). A charter member of Abbot Frowin Ct. 1941, Conception, Missouri, he was a recipient of the Legion of Honor Certificate and Emblem in 1949. Bro. Growney was employed by the Kansas City-St. Joseph Diocese before his retirement in 1968. He was a member of the Redemptorist Fathers Catholic Church. Surviving are his wife, Dorothea; six sons, Eugene, Charles, Donald, Edward, Tom and Kenneth; a daughter, Dorothy; three sisters; 29 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

When sending in obituaries for the magazine, be sure to enclose the Court's name, number, location, court offices held and COF honors. The simplest way to report deaths is to send the local newspaper notice along with the above information. Pictures of deceased members will not be used.

Bro. Felix A. Ignowski, 77 (St. Roman Ct. 1701, Milwaukee, Wisconsin). A former employee of Milwaukee Forge and Machine Co., he had served as Chief Ranger, Recording Secretary and Treasurer. Surviving are his wife, Nettie; sons, Alroy, Robert and Carl; a daughter, Cecelia; two brothers; two sisters; 13 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Bro. Sylvester J. Janczak, 62 (St. Vincent de Paul Ct. 1775, Milwaukee, Wisconsin). A Past Chief Ranger of his Court, Bro. Janczak was a recipient of the Legion of Honor Certificate and Emblem. He was a member of the Milwaukee Fire Department prior to his retirement. He had served as President of the Southside District, COF. Surviving are his wife, Virgilia; four sons; six daughters; 26 grandchildren; and several brothers and sisters.

Bro. Joseph F. Janeczek, 82 (St. John Ct. 1084, Kewaunee, Wisconsin). He was a retired building contractor and lifelong resident of his community. Surviving are his wife, Marie; a daughter, Dolores; two grandchildren; and two sisters.

Bro. Ambrose J. Kiernan, 86 (St. Leo Ct. 267, Sheboygan, Wisconsin). From 1921 until his retirement in 1948, he served with the Sheboygan Police Department, retiring as a captain. Surviving are his wife, Bernice; four daughters, Mrs. Mary Ann Gebler; Mrs. William St. Louis, Mrs. Donald Gabler and Mrs. Thomas Majerus; 18 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and a brother.

Bro. Felix Kozol, 64 (Immaculate Conception Ct. 1727, Omaha, Nebraska). Surviving are three sons, Eugene, Kenneth and Paul; two daughters, Mrs. Patrick Smart and Mrs. Michael Morse; two brothers; four sisters; and 22 grandchildren.

Bro. Charles G. Lawler, 94 (Immaculate Conception Ct. 85, Milwaukee, Wisconsin). A former COF Agent, he is survived by a daughter, Edna; five grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Bro. Robert G. Marx, Sr., 56 (Guardian Angel Ct. 1998, Kansas City, Missouri). A charter member of his Court, Bro. Marx had been a supervisor for the Shick Tube-Veyor Corp. He was a Navy veteran of World War II. Surviving are his wife, Marthalene; four sons, Robert, Dennis, Kenneth and James; a daughter, Lori Ann; three brothers; and five sisters.

Bro. Allen E. Schmidt, 46 (St. Joseph Ct. 1360, Norway, Iowa). Bro. Schmidt died as a result of injuries suffered in an automobile accident near Norway. A lifelong farmer and feed company representative for the Watkins area, he had served in the Navy. He was a member of St. Patrick's Church in Watkins and the American Legion, Blairstown. Surviving are his wife, Katherine; three sons, Tim, Tom and Regis; four daughters, Joanne, Ellen, Peggy and Susan; two brothers; and five sisters.

Bro. Julius T. Simon, 72 (St. Joseph Ct. 1221, Portsmouth, Ohio). A retired electrician, he was living in La Mesa, California, at the time of his passing. Surviving are his wife, Mary; a daughter, Joan O'Neal; two sons, Theodore and William; two grandchildren; four sisters; and a brother.

Bro. Omer St. Onge, 90 (St. Jean Baptiste Ct. 1017, Brunswick, Maine). He was a former Maine State Court Trustee and local Court Chief Ranger. Engaged in the hardware business for more than 50 years he had first worked for the Ridley Hardware Store and later was employed by the Eaton Hardware Co. for 40 years, until he retired in 1956. Bro. St. Onge was a member of St. John's Church, the Holy Name Society and the Third Order of Mary. Surviving are his wife, Alice; two sons, Omer and Remi; two daughters, Sr. Marie Agnes and Sr. Mary Fabienne; and a sister.

Bro. Raymond J. Striegel, 75 (St. Leo Ct. 267, Sheboygan, Wisconsin). A 50-year member of his Court, Bro. Striegel attended Sheboygan Business College after graduation from high school. He was employed at the Kohler Co from 1920 until his retirement in 1971. He was Supervisor of Marketing for the Plumbingware Division of the firm. Bro. Striegel was a member of St. Dominic Church, the men's Society and Senior Citizens Club of the Parish, Kohler Quarter Century Club and the Citizens Board of Review for his city, of which he was a former chairman. Surviving are his wife, Ruth; a son, Gerald; a daughter, Mary Lee; and a sister.

Sister Carol Wachuta, 44 (Appleton Ct. 132, Appleton, Wisconsin). Surviving are two daughters, three sons and her mother.



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January 26, 1982

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Mr. Edwin Meese, III
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Dear Mr. Meese:

Secretary-Treasurer

M. Daniel Splain, III
Fraternal Order of Eagles

The Conference of Private Organizations is greatly concerned about the possibility of national legislation that would link the federal tax exempt status of private organizations to their membership or admissions policies.

Robert E. Davis
Improved Order of Red Men

As President Reagan has often stated, tax policy should not be used as a tool for social engineering.

Edward McCormick, Jr.
US Power Squadrons

We are aware of the controversy that has arisen over the tax exempt status of some private independent schools that apply for exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. We are sensitive to the reasons for the administrations's submission of H.R. 5313 to Congress.

Sam Willits
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Robert A. Yothers, P.G.E.R.
B.P.O. Elks

Executive Director

Gerard F. Hurley, CAE

While we do not believe it appropriate to take a position on H.R. 5313, we wish to call to your attention that the tax policy considerations underlying the exempt status of clubs and fraternal organizations are significantly different from the tax policy considerations underlying exempt status for charitable organizations such as schools. We would be happy to present a legal memorandum supporting this point.

If there must be national legislation, it is imperative that its scope and impact be as narrowly restricted as possible. We specifically and respectfully urge that no exempt organization

other than 501(c)(3) schools should be included.

CONPOR is an informal alliance of national private membership organizations with over 5 million individual members, established to help protect the right of Americans to pursue their private social, fraternal, civic, recreational or other activities as they wish. CONPOR's member organizations are all tax exempt under Sections 501(c)(7), (c)(8), or (c)(9) of the Tax Code. We would be happy to provide additional information.

Sincerely,

Clarence J. Ruddy
Chairman

cc: Michael K. Deaver
James A. Baker, III
Morton Blackwell

BIOGRAPHY - - JOHN A. GORSKI

I was born on January 16, 1924, the third child of Stanley and Edith Gorski of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I attended parochial grade school and Boys Technical High School, graduating with honors. I was very active in sports, earning letters in basketball and track, and was Captain of the track team in 1942. I also attended Marquette University and State Teachers College in Milwaukee. In 1943 I was drafted into the Army Air Corps and served my tour of duty in the European Theatre of war as a member of the 559th Bombardment Squadron stationed in England at Framlingham Airfield. I completed 35 missions over Europe and returned to Traux Field where I received my honorable discharge in October, 1945. I was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

I am married to Deloris Osinski since August 25, 1945. I am the father of three boys and the proud grandfather of four grandsons. All are Forester members. I was introduced to the Fraternal concept in 1946 and soon thereafter was elected Secretary of our local court, a position I held for 20 years. In 1968 I was elected State Court Trustee at the Wisconsin Convention. I held this position for four years. At the succeeding convention in 1972 I was elected State Vice Chief Ranger, a position I held for only a few months due to the death of the State Chief Ranger. I was elected by Board action to finish the term of the State Chief Ranger. In 1976 at the National Convention in Chicago I was elected High Secretary, a position I held until April, 1980 when I was elected by High Court action to complete the unexpired term of High Chief Ranger, Louis E. Caron. In August of 1980 at the National Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota, I was unanimously elected High Chief Ranger of the Catholic Order of Foresters by the Delegates for a four year term.

Other fraternal honors include: Director, Secretary and Treasurer of the Illinois Fraternal Congress, and, at present, I am second Vice President of the Illinois Fraternal Congress. In the National Fraternal Congress of America I was Director for three years and Vice President for one year. In September, 1981, I was elected as President of the National Fraternal Congress at meeting held in San Diego, California.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 6, 1981

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You are meeting tomorrow at 2:00 - in Room 132 EOB - with Morton Blackwell, the following people (per your conversation with Gerald Hurley):

Gerard F. Hurley, National Club Assoc.

Samuel Willits, U.S. Jaycees

Mildred Baptista, Greater Federation of Women's Club

I have cleared them.

cc: Morton Blackwell

Nancy

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Mr. Leo V. Marchetti
National President
Fraternal Order of Police
2613 Belair Road
Baltimore, MD 21206

Dear Mr. Marchetti:

This is in response to your letter addressed to President Reagan regarding the need for attention to the nation's drunk driver problem. You urged that the President appoint a Blue Ribbon Commission to deal with this problem and volunteered to serve on such a Commission should it be constituted.

Thank you for your interest. I believe a group of experts and concerned citizens, appointed by the President, to heighten awareness of the drunk driver problem would be most beneficial. Such a group could consult with Governors, State legislators, law enforcement officials, judges and prosecutors, citizen groups, the media, and others to identify local problems and encourage grass roots action to resolve them. Should such a Commission be established, your offer to serve will be given serious consideration.

I believe a group of experts and concerned citizens, appointed by the President, to heighten awareness of the drunk driver problem would be most beneficial. Such a group could consult with Governors, State legislators, law enforcement officials, judges and prosecutors, citizen groups, the media, and others to identify local problems and encourage grass roots action to resolve them.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is encouraging the States to establish task forces to deal with their specific drunk driver problems at the State and local levels. The Agency will be working with task forces of officials and concerned citizens in a number of States, and is prepared to commit its efforts to ensure the maximum possible coordination and transfer of knowledge and experience among such groups.

We have been working closely with the White House on a decision regarding the establishment of a Commission. Let me assure you that we believe strongly that tangible solutions to the drunk driver problem do exist. With your support and the support of all such concerned groups, we can succeed in removing drunk drivers from our streets and highways.

Sincerely,

Raymond A. Peck, Jr.

Administrator

cc: Regional Administrator
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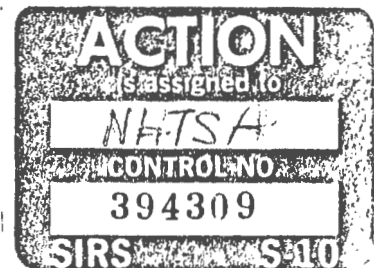
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TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN
FROM: MR. LEO V. MARCHETTI
NATIONAL PRESIDENT
FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE
5613 BELAIR ROAD
BALTIMORE MD 21206

SUBJECT: REQUESTS THAT THE PRESIDENT FORM A NATIONAL
TASK FORCE TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEMS OF
ACCIDENTS CAUSED BY DRINKING DRIVERS



PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE
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MARCHETTI
President

December 7, 1981

The Honorable Ronald Reagan, President
of the United States of America
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington D.C. 20500

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Dear President Reagan:

I am writing to you in regard to a National Task Force to deal with the problem of accidents caused by drinking drivers.

It is my understanding that the Board of Directors of the American Council on Alcohol Problems has called upon you to form such a Task Force. As National President of the Fraternal Order of Police, I am sincerely concerned with law enforcement and protecting the rights of our citizens. I join in the request for you to form a National Task Force, and I also express my willingness to serve in any manner that I can in order to assist you in protecting American citizens from the tragedies inflicted by drinking drivers.

Very truly yours,

Leo V. Marchetti
President

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 24, 1981

TO: ELIZABETH DOLE
FROM: MORTON BLACKWELL
RE: Appropriate Candidates for Slots on Presidential
Boards and Commissions

The following are leaders of groups with which I do liaison work who should be appointed to appropriate boards and commissions.

All of these have been supporters of the President's election campaign and/or the President's economic program.

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

V. Fraternal Organizations

Aubrey King (202) 466-8424
National Club Association
1625 Eye Street, NW
Washington, DC 20006

A strong supporter of the Reagan political agenda.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 19, 1981

TO: ELIZABETH H. DOLE
FROM: MORTON BLACKWELL
RE: LIST OF OUR KEY CONVENTIONS

As requested by your office, here is our list.

I think it would be appropriate for Mrs. Dole or other administration representatives to attend any or all of these.

I recommend that the President participate in the American Legion Convention and Veterans of Foreign Wars convention.

Fraternal Organizations

Lions

NAME OF EVENT: National Convention
DATE: June 17-20
CITY: Phoenix
APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 20,000
RECOMMENDATION:

USJC's

NAME OF EVENT: National Convention
DATE: June 22-June 25
CITY: San Antonio
APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 10,000
RECOMMENDATION:

Kiwanis

NAME OF EVENT: National Convention
DATE: June 28-July 1
CITY: New Orleans
APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 16,000
RECOMMENDATION:

Optimists

NAME OF EVENT: National Convention
DATE: June 28-july 1
CITY: Orlando
APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 4000
RECOMMENDATION:

Civitan

NAME OF EVENT: National Convention
DATE: July 8-11
CITY: New Orleans
APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 2000
RECOMMENDATION:

Elks

NAME OF EVENT: National Convention
DATE: July 12-16
CITY: Las Vegas
APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 20,000
RECOMMENDATION:

Eagles

NAME OF EVENT: National Convention
DATE: July 27-31
CITY: Chicago
APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS:
RECOMMENDATION:

W. Post 5/27/81

U.S. Civil Rights Panel Asks Donovan to Drop His Plan on Club Fees

By Ward Sinclair
Washington Post Staff Writer

The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, saying it is "distressed," has called on Labor Secretary Raymond J. Donovan to back away from plans to cancel a rule barring employers from paying membership fees in private clubs that have discriminatory policies.

The commission yesterday released a copy of an appeal sent three weeks ago to Donovan, urging that he reconsider his opposition to the regulation, which would have become final March 30.

In a letter signed by chairman Arthur S. Flemming and dated May 6, the commission said withdrawal of the regulation would be an "unwarranted" step at a time when the professional advancement of women and minorities is linked increasingly to their ability to broaden business and social ties through private clubs.

Without the rule, the commission warned, "exclusionary membership practices may be expected to become an increasingly frequent and salient barrier to equal employment opportunity. Consequently, this rule will become even more important in the future."

Three days before the rule was to have taken effect, the Labor Department announced its intention to withdraw it, contending it would cause excessive record-keeping and reporting burdens for firms that pay employees' fees in private clubs.

A commission spokesman said yesterday that Donovan had not replied to the letter. A similar appeal to J. Clay Smith Jr., acting chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, seeking his support, also has not been answered, the spokesman said.

Officials at Labor and the EEOC had no comment yesterday on the commission's correspondence.

In announcing its eleventh-hour decision in March to withdraw the

final regulation, the department contended that an executive order issued in 1965 by President Johnson was adequate to ensure against discriminatory policies by private clubs.

But the issue has continued to bubble up in civil rights circles for years. In 1975, the Treasury Department, for example, found such discrimination widespread in the banking industry and sought guidance from Labor's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs.

According to the commission, little guidance came from the OFCCP and, in 1979, federal financial regulatory agencies issued a policy statement encouraging financial institutions to ensure that their fee payment policies did not abet discrimination in private clubs.

At the same time, the federal financial regulators called for promulgation of a regulation by OFCCP to protect women and minorities. The rule that finally was proposed was buttressed by two supporting legal opinions from the Justice Department.

In its letter to Donovan, the commission said it does not believe the executive order adequately provides clear instructions to contractors on the question of fee payments to clubs.

"This inadequacy is compounded because OFCCP's Federal Contract Compliance Manual does not instruct its staff to review a contractor's fee payment policy to determine if it is nondiscriminatory," the letter said.

The commission also challenged Labor's position on excessive paper work requirements.

"No special documentation or filing would be required," the commission said. "The contractor would be expected to demonstrate the nondiscriminatory effect of such payments only in the course of a compliance review. This does not appear to us a major burden."



President Reagan returns a Marine guard's salute on White House lawn. Air Force One Base from California. The Reagans' extended, private horseback riding and woodchopping on their ranch near Santa Barbara. Today the president is in Point. Congress is in recess until next week, a

NBC Says It Has 'No' Of Perot's Posing as

NEW YORK, May 26 (UPI) — An NBC spokesman today denied that computer magnate H. Ross Perot sneaked into Iran in 1979 to help rescue two jailed employees by posing as a network cameraman aboard an NBC chartered jet.

"We have no knowledge of this ever happening. We have never provided credentials to anyone not associated with NBC News," the spokesman said.

During a Washington speech to former Vietnam prisoners of war, the conservative millionaire detailed the

