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## BEAUTIFUL

Were the Initiation Ceremonies of the Knights of Columbus.

Distinguished Members Present From the Leading Western Cities.

A Banquet at Louisville Hotel Presented a Brilliant Scene.

LOUISVILLE WINS MORE LAURELS.

An event long to be remembered in the annals of Columbian Knighthood in the city of Louisville was the third initiation given by Council No. 390 of the Knights



MATT J. WINN,  
Grand Knight, Louisville Council.

of Columbus Sunday, July 1. Fully sixty candidates were expected to take the degrees, but owing to sickness and other causes forty only were initiated. The ceremonies started at 2:30 p. m. The first degree was beautifully exemplified by Grand Knight M. J. Winn, Deputy Grand Knight R. A. Watson and the Chancellor, J. J. Fitzgerald.

The second degree was given in an impressive and instructive manner by Dr. Hart, of Cincinnati Council.

The third degree was given with much effectiveness by Messrs. Souter and Dawson, of Chicago.

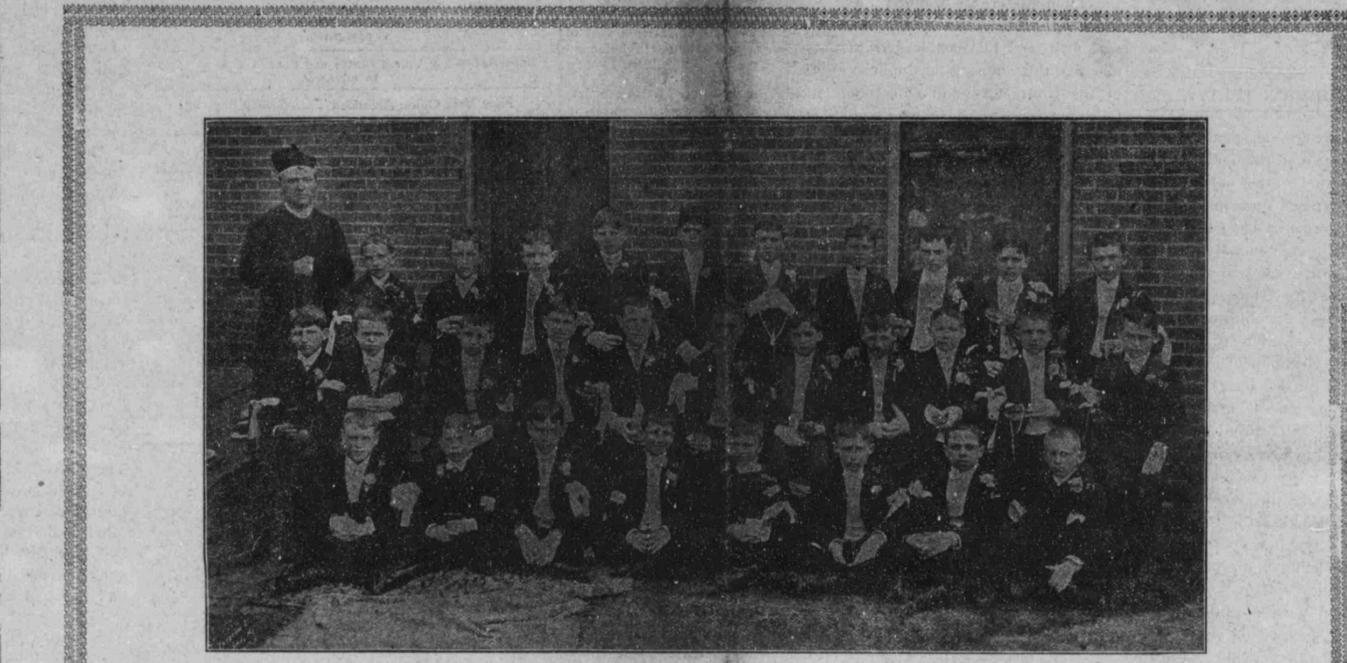
After the degree work the members, candidates and visitors to the number of 250 adjourned to the Louisville Hotel, where an elaborate menu was spread by Manager George Mulligan. The dining room was a scene of beauty. The tables were covered with plants, with candelabra of varied colored candles peeping through the flowers, while strains of sweet music were heard from an orchestra in the balcony.

After full justice had been done to the viands the toastmaster, Mr. M. J. Winn, in his usual happy manner asked for several impromptu speeches. Mr. Sherman Steele, a rising young lawyer of Indianapolis, in a few moments' talk, scintillating with gems of wit and wisdom, spoke of the future of this country as looked at from a Catholic point of view, and made the assertion that a man could not be a good Catholic or good Knight of Columbus without being first of all a good American citizen. His speech was greeted with rounds of applause.

Dr. Hart, the scholarly editor of the Cincinnati Catholic Telegraph, had prepared a speech on chivalry. At the very outset he said Kentucky was the very sanctuary of chivalry, where no man dared insult a woman. He reviewed the history of knighthood from the time of Charlemagne and King Arthur and the knights of the round table down to the present time, and stated that the Knights of Columbus in their teachings and principles were the legitimate successors of the knights of old and warriors bold in uplifting the fallen, helping the weak and aiding their fellow-men in every way, and especially protecting the honor of woman—"lovely woman!"

Judge Shine, of Covington, being called upon, expressed his gratification at becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus, which he now considered as the very acme of Catholic societies. He also said that due credit should be given to other Catholic societies, which were the precursors of the Knights of Columbus, and no good, practical Catholic has longer an excuse for not belonging to an organization like this, which is the flower of Catholic societies. He stated that the Knights of Columbus of Covington—of which he was the only one—were proud to be with you. He created much amusement by referring to the Cincinnati brethren as members from North Covington.

Hon. Matt O'Doherty made quite a lengthy talk, showing that the Knights of Columbus was a society to which all nationalities should belong. It was not a German Catholic, Irish Catholic, Italian or French Catholic, but a component of the whole, a glorious American Catholic society. He also spoke of the ennobling influence of womanhood, and asserted that the Catholic church had lifted up woman from the drudge of slavery and



## HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASS, ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

REV. THOMAS A. YORK, RECTOR.

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| 1. Charles Michael Bishop. | 8. John Aloysius Harty.        | 15. Adam John Loeser.         | 22. John Thomas Silliman.       |
| 2. William Joseph Oerther. | 9. Frank Anthony Siegel.       | 16. Adam Joseph Hildebrand.   | 23. George Thomas Becker.       |
| 3. William F. Moore.       | 10. Adam Paul Stengel.         | 17. Albert Joseph Fusting.    | 24. Moran Thomas Kirchdorffer.  |
| 4. John Michael Rawley.    | 11. Edward Joseph Stengel.     | 18. Charles Joseph Lorsch.    | 25. William Anthony Fow.        |
| 5. Joseph Paul Paslick.    | 12. John Thomas Siegel.        | 19. Joseph Anthony Welsh.     | 26. Christopher Anthony Young.  |
| 6. George Anthony Fleig.   | 13. Cornelius Anthony Haffner. | 20. Thomas Anthony O'Connell. | 27. William Thomas Smith.       |
| 7. Joseph Martin Fiestner. | 14. Charles Paul Crow.         | 21. Richard Anthony Dickens.  | 28. David Charles Minchenhagen. |
29. Robert Thomas Fahey.

made her the equal of man, had exalted her virtue, discountenanced divorce and sanctified the marriage tie. We should never cease to thank God that we were members of that grand old church.

Mr. J. J. Fitzgerald, aptly termed the "silver-tongued orator of Louisville Council," was the last speaker. He portrayed in beautiful language the duties of all true knights, especially in the event of the death of a brother knight, when in tear-laden words he depicted the crushing sorrow of the widow and the gloom of the orphan's heart, assuaged by the soothing hand of the true Christian fraternity of the Knights of Columbus. At



W. D. HARRIS,  
Trustee and Chairman of Entertainment Committee.

the conclusion of the last speech the entire assemblage joined in singing our national anthem, "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," making the glasses tinkle and the hall resound with the glorious volume of sound.

The following candidates were initiated:

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| F. W. Bonhe,         | L. A. Downs,         |
| T. J. Kira,          | J. B. Stickler, Jr., |
| F. L. Eberhard,      | M. T. Casick,        |
| Edward T. Bright,    | John M. Mulloy,      |
| H. C. Kinnison,      | Leo Osterman,        |
| W. H. West,          | Patrick Bannon,      |
| R. T. Campbell,      | Frank L. Reeder,     |
| Michael Cassin,      | James T. Coleman,    |
| Oscar J. Kleinmeyer, | M. B. Kealty,        |
| John P. Cassilly,    | Daniel J. Duane,     |
| H. Thiemann,         | Matt J. Cassin,      |
| Thomas H. Malone,    | Henry Bosse, Jr.,    |
| Frederick C. Krels,  | James B. Dowling.    |
- NEW HOPE.—COVINGTON.  
Richard Masterson, Hon. M. T. Shine.
- PADUCAH.  
A. W. Grief,  
E. F. Lally, Edward D. Hannon, J. J. Doris. || NASHVILLE. | |
| F. E. Kuhn, | W. J. Varley, |
| H. J. Grimes, | William Smith, Jr., |
| M. M. McCormack. |  |

Many distinguished visitors were present from Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Dayton, New York and Chicago.

### PATHER KELLEHER.

During the past few days it has been rumored that he had received the appointment of Vice Chancellor, but the report lacks official confirmation.

## WITTY AND WISE.

Some Good Stories Told of an Irish Judge of High Repute.

Lord Morris, who has served his country in a judicial capacity for the long period of thirty-three years, is a representative of one of the old families known as the "tribes of Galway." Lord Morris has never lost that mellifluous brogue which distinguishes West of Ireland folk. This characteristic provides the groundwork for at least two stories told on him. On one occasion the noble lord, twice an occupant of the Irish bench, was present at a wedding in company with Judge Keogh. Morris was lamenting that he had forgotten to throw an old shoe after the bride and bridegroom, when Keogh remarked: "Throw your brogue after them; it will do just as well." At another time Lord Morris was sitting at the Four Courts as Lord Chief Justice of Ireland, when a young barrister from the north rose nervously to make his first motion. The judge had declared that no one listening to himself would ever take him for anything but an Irishman, which was perfectly correct. But Galway could not understand Antrim. The Lord Chief Justice leaned over the bench to ask the Associate where the barrister hailed from. "County Antrim," was the response. Then asked His Lordship of the official: "Did ye ever come across sich a frightful accidint in the course of yer loife?"

When Lord Morris first went to Connaught circuit, where he had practiced before his elevation to the bench at the early age of thirty-nine, he gave many specimens of his native wit. At one session town the judges arrived late, and the grand jury, after being sworn in, sent down a true bill in a very simple case, intended to fill up the spare time of the court for the "heel" of the evening. It was a case of the abduction of a small farmer's daughter by a shopkeeper, who could not arrange the matter of dowry to the satisfaction of his sweetheart's relations. The accused had met the maid near his shop and had kept her, half-resisting, half-consenting, on his premises in company with an elderly female relative. The offense was therefore only of a technical character. Charles O'Malley made a wonderful speech for the prisoner, in the course of which he told the frieze-coated jurors that they were the most intelligent, high-minded and naturally gifted men he had ever addressed.

Justice Morris, when the proper time came, said to the jury: "You have seen my friend Mr. O'Malley's amusing performance. Dismiss it from your minds, and don't go home to your honest wives with peacocks' feathers in your hats to proclaim the distinct'on he piles upon you. I am compelled to direct you to find a verdict of guilty in this case, but you will easily see that I think it is a trifling thing, which I regard as quite unfit to occupy my time. It is more valuable than yours. At least it is much better paid for. Find, therefore, the prisoner guilty of abduction, which rests,

mind ye, on four points—the father was not averse, the mother was not opposed, the girl was willing and the boy was convaynient." After the verdict the judge sentenced the prisoner to remain in the dock till the rising of the court. Then turning to the Sheriff, he said: "Let's go." Before the "boy" was clear of the dock the Judge's head appeared again. "Marry the girl at once," he said, "and God bless you both."

One day it fell to the lot of Lord Morris to hear a case at Coleraine in which damages were claimed from a veterinary surgeon for having poisoned a valuable horse. The issue depended upon whether a certain number of grains of a particular drug could be safely administered to the animal. A dispensary doctor proved that he had often given eight grains to a man, from which it was to be inferred that twelve for a horse was not excessive. "Never mind your eight grains, docther," said the judge. "We all know that some poisons are cumulative in effect, and ye may go to the edge of ruin with impunity. But tell me this: The twelve grains—wouldn't they kill the devil himself if he swallowed them?" The doctor was annoyed and promptly replied: "I don't know, my lord; I never had him for a patient." From the bench came the answer: "Ah! no, docther, ye never had, more's the pity. The old boy's still alive."

These, of course, are stories of the early days of a brilliant career, in which politics at one time played a considerable part. In later years Lord Morris has always followed with keen concern the fortunes of his country, and he is credited with sundry caustic observations concerning home rule. An ardent separatist once observed to him that, in his opinion, Mr. Gladstone was a heaven-born genius. "Then," said Lord Morris, "may it be a long time before heaven is again in an interesting condition." Some day, possibly, the noble and learned lord may be induced to write his reminiscences. They should be rich in incident and from the autobiographer's standpoint would possess the advantage of distinguishing the actual from the apocryphal.

## THE WEDDING RING.

A wedding ring should fit the finger. If it is too large it is a sign of shallowness of purpose. If too tight it suggests that the union pinches somehow. A perfect fitting ring is symbolic of a perfect harmonious union.

## REMARKABLE CAPACITIES.

Edmund Barton, a Queen's Counsel at Sydney, New South Wales, was interviewed recently in London and said: "I am not conversant with the question of home rule, but I realize an undeniable fact. It is that out of their own country the Irish show remarkable capacities as lawyers and as members of all the liberal professions. In England Lord Russell of Killowen is Chief Justice and Sir Edward Carson is Solicitor General, while in Australia Sir Frederick Darley is Chief Justice of New South Wales and Sir John Madden Chief Justice of Victoria. All these are Irishmen, and the success attained by them and by many others of their race gives food for reflection.

## PATRIOTIC SENTIMENTS

Attorney Thomas Walsh's Oration at Connersville on the Fourth.

The citizens of Connersville, Ind., held an old-fashioned and largely attended Fourth of July celebration under the auspices of Rev. F. J. Rudolph and his congregation, and Thomas Walsh, the well-known attorney of this city, was by invitation one of the speakers for the occasion. In the course of his address he used the following language:

"As a matter of fact, and one of which we are all aware, my friends, we are the citizens of a great country, great in its resources, great in its developments and great in its splendid possibilities for the present and the future. It is populated with over seventy millions of progressive, aggressive and thrifty people. It is blessed with every climate under the sun (sometimes three or four a day) and it sends its products of mine, factory, loom and soil to every port and harbor in the world. It contains thousands of square miles of territory rich as the gardens of the Nile and it abounds in milk and honey like the promised land of old. It contains harvest fields that stretch away for miles on miles in every section of every State, all of which in due season roll in waves of gold before the wind and contribute more than their share to the shortages which from time to time occur in every other land. It has mountains teeming with minerals and ores, hills stored with mines and precious metals, timber lands that supply the markets of the world and meadow slopes that are overseeded with fruit trees that droop heavily laden to the earth with fruit of every hue. It is covered with populous cities which, like the creations of a summer night, have sprung into being and have become the wonder and marvel of the world. From the center to the circumference of its vast domains it is covered with prosperous, peaceful and happy homes, and right here, my friends, let me tell you that the real strength and bulwark of a nation, its best fortresses, arsenals and citadels of war consist in its prosperous and happy homes, in its thrifty, God-fearing, law-abiding and industrious people, in the domes, steeples and temples which they lift to the glory of the living God, and in that common humanity which they display for each other in all their relations of life.

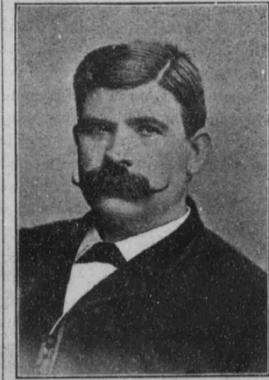
These are the elements of the true greatness and grandeur of a nation, and as long as America retains these principles and these elements of greatness in the course of her career she shall prosper and increase in power, in glory and in wealth through the coming years of the coming centuries and her flag wherever it flutters in the sunlight or the gale shall inspire the pride and respect of every heart that beats beneath its folds or that trends behind it to the music of her drums. Its stars, like the stars of heaven, shall continue to be the emblems and symbols of purity, of liberty and of peace, and its bars, like the crimson bars of sunset, shall continue to shine over

land and sea and sky as pathways of hope to havens of rest for the weary, the downtrodden and the oppressed of every land."

## JAMES WOLFE.

Successful Business Career of a Well-Known and Popular Irishman.

Few Irishmen in Louisville have been as phenomenally successful as James Wolfe, the popular Louisville grocer, whose



JAMES WOLFE,  
The Popular and Prosperous Grocer of Limerick.

picture appears with this article. Before entering upon his business career Mr. Wolfe was connected with the Louisville Street Railway Company, being held in high esteem by all the employees.

Some twelve years ago he purchased the grocery at Eighth and Oldham streets. The high grade goods handled and his honorable and liberal methods have secured him customers from all parts of the city, until his trade is perhaps the largest of any grocery in South Louisville.

Mr. Wolfe is also a prominent Hibernian, being a member of Division 4. He is one of the old-school Irishmen. Though now quite wealthy his amiable and charitable disposition remain unchanged. He is ever ready to contribute to all movements for the benefit of his fellow-countrymen. His donations during his business life have been made unostentatiously, but were they known would aggregate an astonishing amount.

Happily married and the father of a most interesting family, with a splendid business record, his prospects for the future are the brightest. Few there are whose friendship has been greater for the Kentucky Irish American.

The Board of Safety has approved a contract with the Cumberland Telephone Company for placing the fire alarm telephone wires underground in conduits.

## INDIANA.

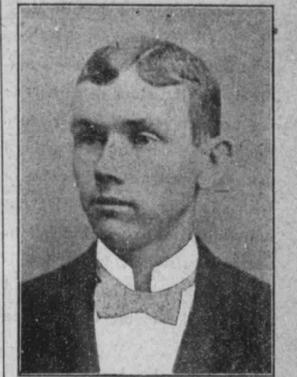
William Reilly Is Installed As County President of Clark.

Patrick W. Kennedy Again Chosen For Floyd County.

Big Smoker and Jollification at Installation Tuesday Night.

DANIEL WALSH SUCCEEDS HIMSELF.

The Hibernians of Jeffersonville had a jolly time at the installation of their recently elected officers Tuesday night. For many years James Doherty has had



WILLIAM REILLY,  
Popular Young County President.

the honor of being County President, and the members regretted to part with him in that capacity, but like Barney Coll, he insists that the young men be given more encouragement and offices. He is succeeded by William Reilly, who is possessed of much energy and ability and gives promise of infusing new life into the ranks in Jeffersonville.

Bob Gleason, now President of Division 1, is one of the best known and most popular young men in Jeffersonville, and the organization is to be congratulated upon his selection. Treasurer Michael Kinney, one of the ablest financiers in Southern Indiana, and to whom this division is indebted for much of its success, was among the officers re-elected. His excellent management has resulted in saving many dollars to the handsome sum in his hands.

The installation was followed by a smoker and reception, which was heartily enjoyed by the members and visitors. The best of feeling prevailed throughout, while the speeches and musical selections were very interesting. With over a hundred members in good standing and the number being added to, the outlook for the next two years is exceedingly bright. The following are the officers installed: County President—William P. Reilly. Vice President—Robert Gleason. Recording Secretary—Dan Gleason. Financial Secretary—Frank Hogan. Treasurer—Michael Kinney.

The Hibernians of New Albany at a largely attended and enthusiastic meeting held Thursday night of last week elected their officers for the ensuing year.

Patrick Kennedy will serve as County President of Floyd for the next two years. Dan Walsh, the well-known dry goods merchant, had no opposition for the Presidency of Division 1, and his reelection was a popular one. The membership of this division has been doubled during the last eight months, and in view of this fact all the old officers were given another term, with the exception of Secretary Flynn, whose business requirements and absence from the city made it impossible for him to serve longer. He is succeeded by John Callahan, who will prove a worthy successor. The officers elected will be installed next Thursday night. They are as follows:

County President—Patrick Kennedy. Vice President—Dan Walsh. Recording Secretary—John Callahan. Financial Secretary—James O'Hara. Treasurer—John McBarrow.

## SATOLLI COUNCIL.

This well-known organization has made extensive preparations for the entertainment of their friends on the occasion of their seventh annual up the river excursion, which takes place this evening. It will be a sunset excursion, leaving at 4 o'clock, and five or six hours will be spent on the water, during which time dancing will be furnished for the younger element, whilst singing and musical solos on the roof of the boat will afford pleasure for the elders.

One of the most pleasing of programs has been arranged and those fortunate enough to attend will spend a delightful time on the Ohio. Lunch will be served aboard the boat by the council members, who guarantee all kinds of good things for the hungry.