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**Knights
and
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of St. John**

**chapters of
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Peter
& Paul
Parish**

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Organization of the Knights of St. John in this hemisphere dates back to July 20, 1873 when there was organized in St. Joseph's parish, Rochester, N. Y., a society known as the "German Catholic Union of Knights of St. Mauritius." Shortly after it became a uniformed organization and members equipped themselves with feathered hats, shoulder straps, swords and belts.

Principal purposes of this Union were musical and literary entertainments for the members and their families, payment of death benefit to widow or relatives of deceased members, exercising in military movements and participating in religious and civic events.

In June, 1874, the Catholic Central Verein of America held its 20th annual National Convention in Rochester and the German Catholic Union of Knights of St. Mauritius acted as escort to the convention parade. The Knights made such a favorable impression upon the delegates, both local and visiting, that many returned to their homes determined to form organizations of the same type.

Following the Central Verein Convention the example set by Rochester was followed closely in Buffalo where it took firm root. Commanderies came into existence in Washington, D. C., Cincinnati, Baltimore, Detroit, Syracuse, Denver, Dayton, Toronto, Louisville and Columbus. Each commandery had its own individual laws and followed its own discretion in regard to uniforms and equipment. Some appeared with helmets of steel or brass, bedecked with feathers of all possible colors, shining breastplates and enormous boots. On October 15, 1879 a few men who were members of local commanderies of Catholic Knights in Baltimore, Washington and Cincinnati, met at Baltimore to consider and discuss the question of the formation of a national organization that would result in a merger or union of the various bodies of Catholic Knights in this country. After due deliberation it was decided to form such a body and an organization was perfected with the election of officers and the selection of the name "The Roman Catholic Union of Knights of St. John."

The next convention was held at Cincinnati in 1880. Representatives were present from Rochester and other points. Commanderies of the "Flour City" became units of the national body.

At the Chicago convention in 1885 a resolution was adopted to incorporate the organization under the name of "The Roman Catholic Union of the Knights of St. John." On May 6, 1886 an act was so passed by the legislature of the State of New York. A decade later at Evansville, Ind., a resolution was passed that in the act of incorporation the name be changed to "Knights of St. John."

At present there are nearly 200 commanderies with a total membership of about 15,000 organized in the following states: New York, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Florida and Colorado. Also in District of Columbia, Panama Canal Zone, Costa Rica, Trinidad and West Africa.

Bi-annually at each national convention timely and worthwhile resolutions are adopted. At the last convention which was held at Dayton, Ohio, in 1956. Resolutions were adopted on the following subjects: The Holy Father, Good Friday, Missions, Church Societies in Our Day, Tax Relief, The Interracial Problem, Objectionable Literature, First Saturday Communion, Observance of Sunday, Movies and Comics, The Apostolate of the Catholic Press, The Sons of Malta, Pornographic Material, Support of Catholic Church Extension Society.

A special project of the National Organization is the support of the Catholic Church Extension Society and at each National Convention, a fund is presented to a representative of that Society. At the Rochester Convention in 1958, funds for a mission chapel in honor of St. John the Baptist, Patron Saint of the Order, will be donated.

The foundation of the Order is the local commandery which is affiliated with the Parish Church. As a parish organization it turns out in uniform and assists the pastor in processions of the Blessed Sacrament such as the Opening and Closing of Forty Hours Processions and the Corpus Christi Processions. The local commandery also acts as escort to the First Communion Class, as escort to the Bishop when administering the Sacrament of Confirmation, as escort to the newly ordained priest when about to celebrate his First Mass. There are many other functions of the parish where the commandery turns out for escort work.

The convention in Rochester is the 51st National Convention. Previous conventions were held in Rochester in 1883, 1902, 1924 and 1940.

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**SS PETER AND PAULS COMMANDERY NO. 28
SS PETER AND PAULS CHURCH**



Left to Right—Michael F. Long, Treas.; Sylvester Zeifel, Fin. Sec.; Rev. Robert Fox, Chaplain; Gerald Fleet-
ham, Sec.; Edward G. Long, Pres.; Edward Dryer, Trustee.

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Standing l. to r.—Emma Cromey, Messenger; Irene Bishop, Trustee; Florence Frae, Junior Directress; Louise
Schuler, Treasurer; Edna McAllister, Sentinel; Agnes Harold, Trustee; Hazel Andrews, Fin. Sec'y. Seated l. to
r.—Mary Hudson, Past Pres.; Marie Moriarty, 2nd Vice-Pres.; Catherine Wakefield, President; Father Rob-
ert Fox; Camilla Haszauer, 1st Vice-Pres.; Genevieve Benn, Sec'y; Josephine Carlin, Guard.

SS. PETER & PAUL JUNIOR AUXILIARY NO. 5 SS. PETER & PAUL PARISH



Standing, l. to r.—Carol Glaza, Guard; Linda Fees, Messenger; Cheryl Cipro, Secretary; Elaine Malare, Past President; Barbara Griffin, Sentinel. Seated, l. to r.—Elaine DiAmbrosia; Helen Wagner, 1st Vice President; Jean Wagner, President; Marian Adams, 2nd Vice President; Patricia Elsworth.

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