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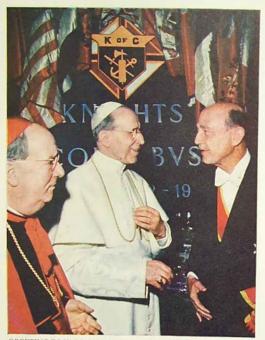
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GREETING TO KNIGHTS is given by Pius XII to K, of C. Rome representative Enrico Galeazzi on the 75th anniversary, At left is Cardinal Ottaviani.



SUPREME KNIGHT Luke E. Hart, order's head since 1953, stands by bust of Columbus in New Haven headquarters. At right are papal and K. of C. flags



WEARING PLUMED HATS, MEN OF TOP-RANKING GROUP OF KNIGHTS

KNIGHTS OF

A million-member fraternal order

The world's largest and strongest Roman Catholic fraternal organization, the Knights of Columbus, this spring celebrates the 75th anniversary of its founding. Seven men organized the K. of C. at New Havels, Conn. in 1882. Now its active membership numbers more than a million practicing Catholics, and the Vatican admiringly describes it as "the right lay arm of the Catholic Church in America."

In a church traditionally dominated by its priestly hierarchy, the Knights wield a powerful lay influence, typified by one of their slogans. "Serve your Faith, Flag, Family, Self," It was founded to give active Catholics a secret society they could join with the full endorsement of

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their church, and it resembles other large fraternal orders which do not have strong religious ties. The Knights have elaborate initiation ceremonies for different degrees of membership, use special words and symbols, hold their ceremonies in secret and dress in various colorful uniforms, hold their ceremonies in secret and dress in various colorful uniforms, Like an ardent Mason, Moose or Elk, an enthusiastic Knight can easily find himself devoting a vast amount of time, energy and emotion to the work of his order. The Knights publish a monthly magazine, Columbia, with the biggest Catholic circulation in the world (over a Columbia, with the biggest Catholic circulation in the world of valuable property including a big brass tube mill and the own a lot of valuable property including a big brass tube mill and the

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land under Yankee Stadium, and are now celebrating their diamond anniversary by building a 316-foot campanile in Washington, D.C. The Knights are an actively functioning order in all 48 states and all 10 provinces of Canada, as well as in Alaska, Cuba, Mexico, Puerto Rico, the Panama Canal Zone and the Philippines. They chose the first word of their title to emphasize their knightly ideals of service "to Church, Country and fellow man" and honor Christopher Columbus as "the Catholic Discoverer of America." Lire recently received permission from the order's Supreme Board of Directors to photograph many ceremonies which have never before been seen by nonmembers. many ceremonies which have never before been seen by nonmembers.

FOR EVERY AGE, A SOLEMN PAGEANTRY



COLUMBIAN SQUIRES in New Haven initiate members. Seated youths already belong. Robed

officers explain the importance of their Catholic heritage to the new candidates (in white shirts),

As a big, active fraternal order, the Knights have a lot of related organizations. Mostly they are for the relatives of Knights, but any practicing Catholic can join. The Columbiectes are set up for adult women, the Columbian Squires for boys of high school age, the Squirettes for teen-age girls. There are outlist that go in for everything from high jinks, like the marching Zouaves (below, left), to history, like the Order of the Alhambra, which wears Moorish-type costumes and has sprinkled statues and markers over the U.S. and Canada.

The Squires hold "vocational evenings" in which they discuss various lines of work they might enter. They collect for repair broken rosaries to use in the mission field. They get together with the Squirettes to hold dances, The ladies' auxiliaries also go in for a wide range of activities, from Communion breakfasts to blood donations to discussions on teen-age dating. The ceremonies of all these branches have the rich color and vivid pageantry long associated with Roman Catholicism, and they possess a natural attraction for everyone over 13 in any Catholic family. Membership in the related organizations is now more than 100,000 and growing fast. That of the Squires alone has tripled in the past three years.





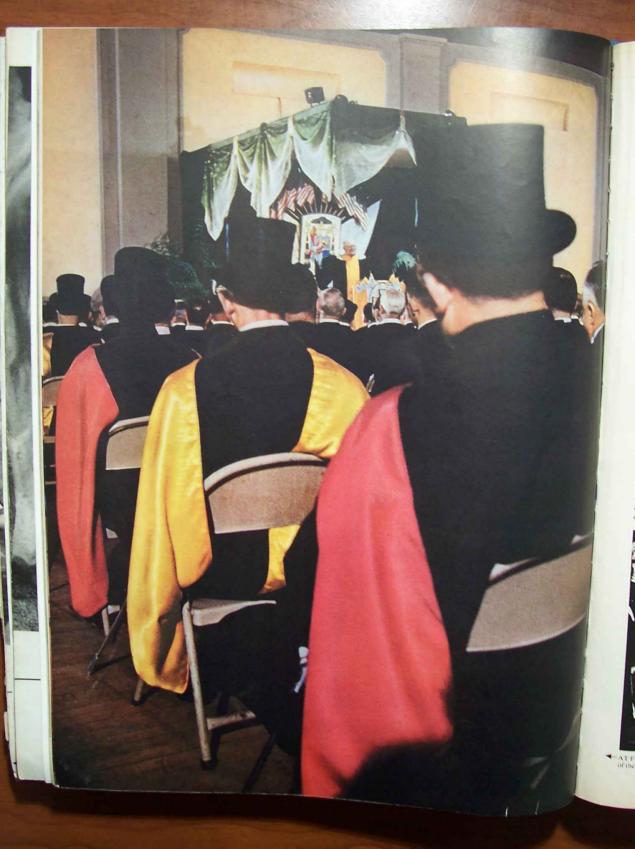
COLUMBIETTES of New York show installation of state officers in Breck lyn council hall. Guarded by warriors, the new secretary gets sash of officers

ZOUAVE DRILL TEAM of Third Degree Knights march in high step at Cathedral School in St. Louis. Gold sashes on uniforms represent papal colors.



SQUIRETTES, officers of a group in Silver Spring, Md., gather round statue of Virgin Mary in ceremonial. They are (left to right) President Susan Ingram,

Treasurer Nancy Troy, Secretary Sharon Byers, Vice President Kathleen Kinsella. The array of candles stands for love of God, service to God and purity.



CEREMONIAL POMP FOR FOURTH DEGREE

To recognize its most worthy members, the Knights of Columbus instituted a topmost honorary rank called the Fourth Degree. A new member of the K. of C., starting as a First Degree Knight, rises quickly through the First and Second Degrees to the Third Degree. If he serves in this degree faithfully for two years, he becomes eligible for the Fourth Degree. More than a fifth of all Knights belong to the Fourth Degree.

The Fourth Degree initiation ceremony of the K. of C. is shown here for the first time in photographs taken at Milwaukee. Three successive "stations" explain the theme of the degree: "Patriotism hand in hand with religion." Candidates are instructed in their responsibility to Catholicism, the U.S. Constitution and the ideals of Christopher Columbus. At the fourth station, initiates are girded in the colorful gear which contributes most of the pageantry of the Knights (next page).

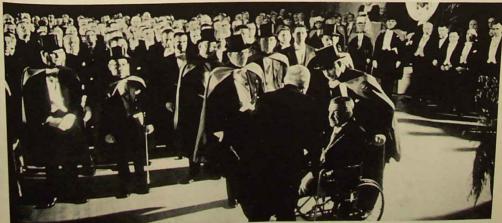


GIRDING CANDIDATES, men of Milwaukee color guard adjust initiates' baldrics and swords.



CEREMONIAL SWORDS, mark of new rank, are picked up by Fourth Degree candidates in

Milwaukee initiation. Swords are used in salutes in degree's participation in Church ceremonies.



AT FIRST STATION, members in capes, formal dress, top hats hear Defender of the Faith instruct candidates on Fourth Degree's obligation to Catholicism.

KNIGHTING CEREMONY for 210 candidates is done for one candidate, Harlan Kelley, who though a blind amputee, practices law in Baraboo, Wis.

SPLENDID SHOW IN SOUTH

At big K. of C. occasions, the Fourth Degree Knights turn out to perform their main function—embellishing celebrations both of the order and of the Church with the many colors of their capes (see cover), the bobbing patterns of ostrich-plumed hats and the military flourish of their sword drills. They did this recently for the annual Mass and pilgrimage in

New Orleans, honoring the order's founder. In the traditionally anti-Catholic South, the K. of C. has a special attraction. Membership gives southern Knights a buffer against anti-Catholic discrimination and, through membership in an organization with national prestige, helps them exert an influence in their districts out of proportion to their numbers.





IN PILGRIMAGE, Fourth Degree Knights of New Orleans pray at Mother Cabrini's convent.



PRESENTING SWORDS, Fourth Degree lines up before cathedral while the state officers file in

DURING MASS for a K, of C, founder, Father McGivney, color guard salutes as host is elevated.

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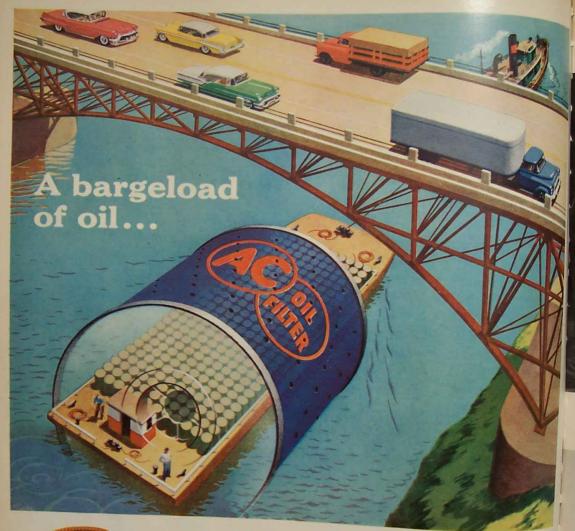
spice flavor of A.1. Sauce comes through.

BARBECUE chicken with a zippy sauce made by combining 1/3 cup A.1. Sauce, 8-oz. can tomato sauce, 2 thsps. brown sugar, 2 thsps. salad oil. Bring mixture to a boil, brush sauce liberally on halved broilers. Place on grill cut side down. Grill until tender and brown, turning often and basting with remaining sauce.

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SUPREME OFFICERS, who direct the enterprises of the K. of C., pose before flags of countries where the order has members. Seated, left to right, are William Mulligan, Deputy Supreme Knight; Luke Hart, Supreme Knight. Standing: Francis Heazel, Supreme Treasurer; Harold Lamboley, Supreme Advocate; Msgr. Leo Finn, Supreme Chaplain; Dr. Gerald Lunz, Supreme Physician; Francis Fauteux, Supreme Board of Directors' Representative; Joseph Lamb, Supreme Secretary.



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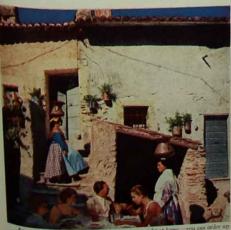
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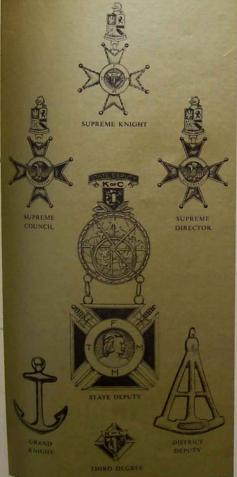
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The Knights of Columbus was the idea of a 29-year-old priest named Michael McGivney (right) of St. Mary's Church, New Haven. In 1882 he presented his idea to a group of lay Catholic friends and they wrote the charter, listing insurance, fellowship, religion, charity, education and patriotism as the brotherhood's works. Father McGivney died only eight years later, but within 20 years the K. of C. was established on a national basis.



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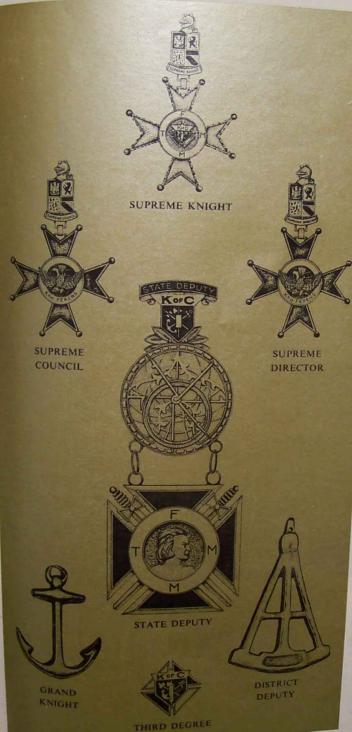


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A candidate for the Knights of Columbus, coming in as a First Degree Knight, usually takes the Third Degree in a few weeks. Third Degree members are the ones who run the order. The Fourth Degree is entirely honorary. The ranks of the K. of C. are shown above in jewels worn by different levels of Knights. Every Knight belongs to a local group called a council, headed by an elected Greet Knight. A council sends two representatives to

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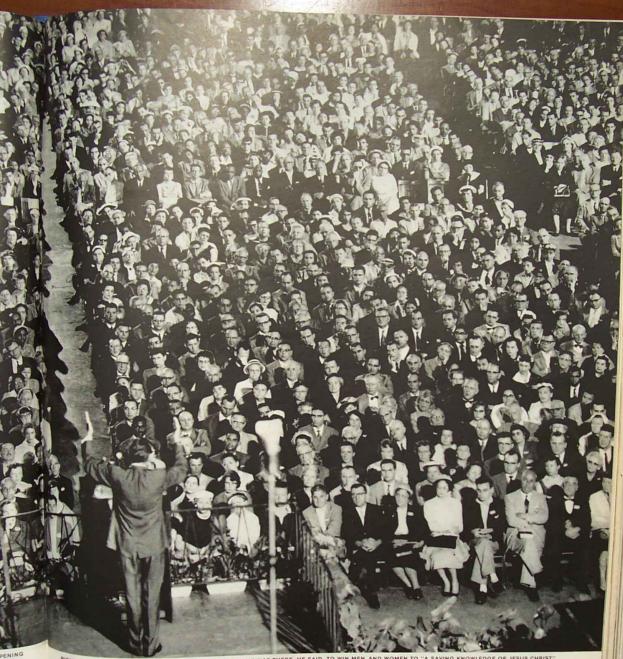


A MIGHTY CITY HEARS BILLY'S MIGHTY CALL

One night the preacher stood alone as the evening rain glistened in the gaudy heart of the city he had come to save. The next evening in New York's Madison Square Garden, Bith Graham launched his most ambitious crussly. Graham launched his most ambitious crussile oraham launched his most ambitious crussias exhorting his hearers to renounce sinful say and rediscover Christ, "We need a spiritual revolution in America," he cried, "and the revolution in America," he cried, "and the place where it could begin is New York City."

For 10 years Graham had conducted his crussial sades from one end of the world to the other.

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NIGHT AUDIENCE OF 18,500 IN MADISON SQUARE GARDEN. HE WAS THERE, HE SAID, TO WIN MEN AND WOMEN TO "A SAVING KNOWLEDGE OF JESUS CHRIST"

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sepset to fill the Garden each night for nearly seen weeks, and maybe more, something no liam, no event, had ever done before. Behind the New York crusade lay months of careful preparation (next two pages). It would cost shout \$1.3 million. Billy was aiming not only at the city's eight million but at another

six million people in the suburbs. Over 1,500 six million people in the suburbs. Over 1,500 churches were encouraging their members to hear him. Radio and television programs would reach many others outside the Garden and the churches. The Garden itself, Billy said, was now "a great cathedral." And the lean, blond, handsome figure with

the earnest, resonant voice did indeed draw the earnest, resonant voice did indeed draw the multitudes to the Garden's steep balconies. His message was simple and traditional: re-pent and be saved. Each service ended with

Graham gently inviting his hearers to accept Christ. On the first night 704 did, and Billy called it the best beginning he had ever had.

There were some religious dissenters, Ro-man Catholics were admonished not to attend man Catholics were admonished not to attend Graham's meetings, and even some Protestant groups declined to support him. There were a few empty seats, but Billy was still confident. "It takes us about a week or two weeks to get moving," he said the first night, "but it will soon be like a mighty river through the city."



NEW AND OLD TENANTS of the Garden pass in the night as Graham, whose crusade began three

days later, watches elephants from circus, which just closed, plod along 57th Street to catch a train.



MOMENT OF MEDITATION in Madison Square Garden Club gives Graham a last session with Bible

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TWO YEARS OF HARD PLANNING —AND A SMOOTH-WORKING TEAM

INSPIRING THE CHOIR, Cliff Barrows, Billy's musical director, leads 1,500-voice group through a last-minute rehearsal before the second-night meeting.

Billy Graham's arrival was preceded by two years of meticulous planning, starting when the Protestant Council of New York City in 1955 asked him to crusade in the city. Early work was done by New York followers, including leading businessmen who joined a committee (top, right) to raise funds—the nightly offerings would not begin to cover all costs. A permanent organization, the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association of

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GRAHAM'S BACKERS, from New York crusade's executive committee, meet with him (center). At

Billy's left is Committee Chairman Roger Hull, executive vice president of Mutual Life of New York.

Minneapolis, which pays his \$15,000 salary, dispatched an advance team. These men lined up support from churches in and around New York, scheduling bus loads for every night of the crusade. They recruited volunteers: 1,500 ushers, 3,000 singers for two choirs, 4,000 counselors. Ten weeks ago the counselors began receiving instructions on how to handle the seekers, as Billy calls those who come to his rostrum to "make a decision for Christ." The other key members of Billy's team were Musical Director Cliff Barrows (below, left), associate evangelists—and press agents, whose build-up included 580 billboards, half a million leaflets, newspaper advertisements and radio-TV commercials. But more important to the crusade than all the publicity and the organization, Billy felt, were the people all over the world who were praying for his success.



EARNEST CHORISTER, Soprano Minnie Ritzo of North Bergen, N.J., helps swell a mighty anthem. Singers, recruited from local churches, serve without pay.



"I BELIEVE THAT THERE IS A VAST HUNGER IN AMERICA TODAY TO KNOW WHAT THIS BOOK HAS TO SAY"



"WE'RE OUT OF BALANCE: WE HAVE LOST GOD

A FIERY SERMON, A QUIET PLEA, THEN A FILLING OF THE AISLES

"Thave come only as a messenger," said Billy Graham. "An old message, the message of the word of God." Waving his Bible, lunging to right and left, gesturing with elenched hands, he talked of sin and salvation: "We have chosen to break God's laws deliberately . . . and that sin we are all guilty of . . . has separated us from God, and man cannot live correctly and happily and peacefully apart from God. . . . Your soul is screaming

THE HEARERS MAKE THEIR DECISIONS—SLOWLY AND SINGLY AT FIRST. IN THIRD PICTURE FROM LEFT A COUNSELOR HAS STEPPED FORWARD TO ESCORT A YOUTH







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WEN AND WOMEN SEARCH FRANTICALLY FOR PEACE ... AND CAN'T FIND IT"



"THROUGH THE WAGNIFFING GLASS OF HIS HOPES GOD PONDERS THE HEART"

for God.... You throw in another aspirin and say, 'Be quiet, soul.'
"If I said you could give \$1,000 and get into heaven, you would try
to take it... but you only have to make your decision for Christ. You
only have to come forward and pledge your life to God."
Then came his quiet plea. "I am going to ask every one of you to get
up out of your seat, over here, in the bulcomies, everywhere.... I want

you to come as evidence of the fact that you are presenting your life and heart to Christ.... There may never be another moment quite like this for you. Come. We are going to wait." Of the 2,800 who came in the four nights, a majority, the Graham staff almitted, were church members reaffirming their faith. But 40% were new decisions. As it always does, the Graham team referred them all to local churches of their choice.

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A SHOW OF DECISIONS FOR CHRIST—'I KNOW THE LORD IN MY HEART I



THE "SEEKERS" GATHER before the rostrum. The vanguard of the 704 who made decisions for Christ on the opening night of the crusade stand at the front

of the Garden waiting for the others to come forward. As they waited the sang Just~As~l~Am: "Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I can



PARADING TO PRAYER, seekers walk to a counseling room where they will read the Bible and meditate before filling out cards to be sent to their clurches.

SHARING A PRAYER with Mrs. Vivia Colaiuti, a counselor, Mrs. Evelyn (left) of Brooklyn, wife of Army sergeant, says, "I know the Lord in styles"

