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Each member is responsible for inviting respective organization of the "White Mass" and of mailing invitations which advise of place, time and (evening) reception that includes Guild members, Catholic and non-Catholic, and their families. The notice should be published in all the monthly bulletin of the groups and announced at meetings. Secure hospital permission to post an invitation on bulletin board.

**Publicity Committee**
- Secular Press
- Diocesan Press
- Catholic Church Bulletins

**Entertainment Committee**
- Arrange for refreshments after Mass, served by wives of Guild members.

**Ushers Committee**
- Guild members should form this committee and direct the seating.

**Servers Committee**
- If possible, have Guild members serve the "White Mass."

**Speaker's Committee**
- The Moderator of the Guild should, if possible, offer the Mass.

Every effort should be made to make this a united offering of the "White Mass" by all men and women "in white" who serve the sick. If possible, it should be a Dialogue Mass, with the leaflet missal distributed to those attending and following in English if that is more feasible. An added touch for all Guild members to wear a white carnation. Assign all Guild members to a committee to give them an active part in the observance of the "White Mass."

**(INVITATION TO WHITE MASS SPONSORED BY THE SHEVEPORT, LOUISIANA, GUILD)**

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**THE ANNUAL WHITE MASS**

*FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSION AND ALL OTHERS DEVOTED TO THE CARE OF THE SICK AND RELATED VOCATIONS WILL BE OFFERED IN*

**ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH**

*CORNER OF FOURTH AND MAIN STREETS*

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER TWENTIETH, 5:30 P.M.**

*A RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW IN THE CATHOLIC HIGH GYM NORTH AND FOURTH*

*YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO PARTICIPATE*

**THE CATHOLIC PHYSICIANS' GUILD**

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**MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

**FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC PHYSICIANS' GUILDS**

**SIR FRANCIS DRAKE HOTEL**

**SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

**JUNE 25, 1958**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. William J. Egan at 1:45 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Officers present:**
- William J. Egan, M.D. - President
- Eusebius J. Murphy, M.D. - First Vice-President
- Joseph R. Holoubek, M.D. - Second Vice-President
- Clement P. Cunningham, M.D. - Third Vice-President

**Representatives of Affiliated Guilds present:**
- Clyde V. Von der Ahe, M.D. - Los Angeles, Calif.
- W. Moloney, Sr., M.D. - Los Angeles, Calif.
- N. C. Barwasser, M.D. - Rock Island, Ill.
- G. Haffner, M.D. - Fort Wayne, Ind.
- B. N. Lipt, M.D. - Wichita, Kansas
- A. F. Rossitto, M.D. - Wichita, Kansas
- Anthony Facila, M.D. - New Orleans, La.
- Paul Lastropes, M.D. - New Orleans, La.
- Alice Holoubek, M.D. - Shreveport, La.
- John P. Kelly, M.D. - Minneapolis, Minn.
- John T. Lawton, M.D. - St. Louis, Mo.
- Eusebius J. Murphy, M.D. - Bronx, N.Y.
- George P. Price, M.D. - Brooklyn, N.Y.
- Gerard P. J. Griffin, M.D. - Rockville Centre, N.Y.
- Robert M. Eiben, M.D. - Cleveland, Ohio
- Jerome Hochwalt, M.D. - Dayton, Ohio
- C. R. Roscoe, M.D. - Philadelphia, Pa. (Rene Goupil)
- Philip V. Daugherty, M.D. - Nashville, Tenn.
- John Comfort, M.D. - Tacoma, Wash.
- Oliver F. Bush, M.D. - Dallas, Texas
- William J. Fitzgerald, M.D. - Albany, N.Y.
- Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas A. Markham - Sacramento, Calif.
- Frank Darrow, M.D. - Oklahoma City, Okla.

**Others:**
- Rosalie Reardon, M.D. - San Francisco, Calif.
- Allen Sterling, M.D. - San Francisco, Calif.
- Lawrence Steffen, M.D. - Kansas City, Mo.
- Joseph J. Reidy, M.D. - Chevy Chase, Md.
Report of the President

Dr. William Egan welcomed all those attending the meeting in behalf of the Federation, and thanked them for the spiritual and financial sacrifices they had made in the last two years. In his annual meeting of the Executive Board. All were encouraged to express their views on the topics of the day. Dr. Egan advised that his report would coincide with those given for the various committee activities.

The LINACRE QUARTERLY

In the absence of the Editor, Dr. Egan reported on subscriptions to the Federation's official journal and indicated the following statistics:

- June, 1957: Subscriptions totaled 8,940
- November, 1957: Subscriptions totaled 8,970
- May, 1958: Subscriptions totaled 9,218

The importance of THE LINACRE QUARTERLY was stressed as a publication of reference on medical-moral problems, often quoted by other journals. The president urged the Guilds to encourage members to write articles. Each Guild was asked to appoint an historian whose writing would be a stimulus for other members to submit material for publication in LQ. The suggestion became a motion and unanimously passed.

Membership Report

As of the meeting date, there were 75 Catholic Physicians Guilds affiliated with the national organization. The total number of Guilds in 1950 was 12 and they were located in six dioceses. In June, 1957, there were 61 Guilds, indicating an increase of 14 during the past year. A report from the office of Monsignor McGowan, the Federation Moderator, indicated six new Guilds pending. Word from the St. Louis office of the Federation advises of Guilds pending in Springfield, Ill.; Duluth, Minn.; and Kansas City, Mo.

It was further noted that there are thirteen States that are not represented in the Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds, namely: Arizona, Georgia, Idaho, Maryland, Mississippi, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Utah, and West Virginia. A general discussion ensued regarding ways and means of contacting these areas to encourage the formation and development of Guilds. The three target areas for the present are Maryland, with emphasis on the first diocese in the United States—Baltimore; New Jersey, site of the new St. John's Hall Medical School, and Illinois.

Emphasis was laid on the importance of forming the Guilds of the purposes of the Federation, that is, to promote individual autonomy in activities and programs. The benefits derived from the membership in the Federation were noted.

The purpose of the Federation was to: (1) encourage the formation and development of Guilds, (2) promote the organization on national projects such as the exhibiting at the A.M.A. convention, a Catholic Action endeavor of great importance, and the White Mass on October 18, to honor St. Luke, Patron of Physicians; (3) afford opportunity for a Catholic voice in medicine, on the national level; (4) provide an ideal plane of discussion on which hospital administration and staffs can meet.

Federation Exhibit

Dr. Gerard P. J. Griffin, chairman of the Exhibit Committee, reported excellent response to the booth at the A.M.A. Convention then in progress. Interest in the part of non-Catholic physicians was great as Catholic members and other Catholic physicians extended their form from the purpose of the project was to supply information through reprints of articles from THE LINACRE QUARTERLY and other publications on medical-moral problems to indicate the efforts of the official organ of the Federation; to be of a public utility medium to further the Federation's interest in the Federation. Mr. Griffin advised that many of the Catholic physicians who visited the booth had not known of Guilds and left enthusiastic about formation of groups in their respective areas. Others were members of local Guilds but unaware of the national organization.

The Exhibit Committee thanked Miss Jean Read, assistant secretary of the Federation, for her efforts in handling the advance details for the setting up of the Exhibit. Gratitude of the Federation is extended to the following whose time and talent were devotedly given to staffing the booth during the days of the A.M.A. convention: Rosalie Reardon, M.D.; Clement Cunningham, M.D.; George Price, M.D.; Eugene J. Murphy, M.D.; William J. Egan, M.D.; Paul Wenzl, M.D.; Joseph Holoubek, M.D.; J. O'Laughlin, M.D.; S. Carmean, M.D.; Norbert Frey, M.D.; Dan Tobin, M.D.; Frank Darrow, M.D.; and Drs. Frey and Wozniak. Special thanks to the Washington Post and the New York Times for their aid in securing space in their papers.

The exhibit this year also included brochures on the same subject as the one-volume Medical-Moral Problems by Father Gerald K. Sl. came off the press in time for display at the convention. A limited number of subscriptions to the committee's activities were sent us some of their publications for display. It is the wish of the Federation to thank them for their cooperation: P. J. Kenney & Sons, New York; Newman Press, Westminster, Md.; McGraw-Hill Book Co., Inc., New York; F. A. Davis Co., Philadelphia; Loyola University Press, Chicago, Ill.; Westvite College Press, Weston, Mass.; International Catholic Truth Society, Brooklyn, N.Y. Gratitude is extended to Rev. Gerald FitzGibbon, S.T., of Creighton University, Omaha, Neb., for his contribution of many booklets and leaflets concerning spiritual care of patients. The Committee felt that the Federation should again thank Mr. Thomas Mahan, whose generosity provided the display which was first used at the 1956 convention of the A.M.A. in Chicago.

The Chairman also announced to the Board the availability of the display is available to any local Guild wishing to use it at any appropriate meeting. Shipping charges will be paid by the sponsoring Guild.

Catholic Physician of the Year

In lieu of a definite plan for selecting the Catholic Physician of the Year, the Executive Committee recommended a change in the choice for 1958. Announcement will be made at the winter meeting. Proper acknowledgment will be made and a scroll presented at that time.

For future selection of the recipient of this award annually, it was suggested that a committee of four or five physicians be named to choose from a list of candidates whose names would be submitted by the respective Guilds. The selection would not be limited to Guild membership, however. It was further recommended that endorsement of the Bishop of the diocese be obtained before submitting names to the committee.

It was moved that the Guilds be informed of these suggestions and that action be deferred until the winter meeting.

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more groups. Because visits to neighboring dioceses where there are no Guilds was recommended. Contacting the Bishops of the respective dioceses was advised to be the first procedure to be followed. Chaplains of Newman Clubs and military installations should also be contacted for the formation of new Guilds. At present some 5,000 Catholic physicians belong to Guilds. It was indicated that there are possibly 40,000 Catholic doctors in the United States, representing a great membership potential still ahead.

PROJECTS—It was urged that Guilds sponsor a Memorial Mass at their state level, through the State Medical Society, offering same for deceased members of that group as well as the Guilds.

With the fasting regulations changed, it was recommended that evening Mass be sponsored wherever diocesan permission granted and follow same with supper meetings, in the hope that the later hour might be more convenient.

Also suggested was family type activities to which the wives of members would be invited. A general topic of dual interest would have to be selected for a meeting. Business to Guilds might be more convenient.

CONSTITUTION—With one change in wording of Article 6, Section 1, last part to read “Social Action Department of the N.C.W.C. instead of Administrative Board of Bishops of the N.C.W.C.,” the revised Constitution was discussed and will be put to vote for final ratification at the winter meeting of the Executive Board. Meeting adjourned — 1:00 p.m.

WAY AND MEANS—The financial statement for 1957 and proposed budget for 1958 were presented to the Board for discussion. (Copy of same mailed to all United Guilds.)

It was reported that the sum of $100 would be mailed to the Executive Director of The Catholic Association to Reverend John J. Flanagan, S.J., Executive Director of The Catholic Association for the reception which followed the Board meeting.

Ways and Means was moved that the Federation approve Mr. Thomas Mahan as an honorary member to the Federation, in acknowledgment of his outstanding contributions to the advancement of Catholic Action in behalf of the Federation. Motion carried.

An insurance plan was presented that would enable the Federation to carry out plans for a Scholarship Fund. It was voted to discuss the matter further at the winter meeting of the Executive Board.

The President asked that the Federation acknowledge, with thanks, contributions by Dr. Leo P. Flanagan of the Taupes Corporation and the Merck, Sharp & Dohme Corporation for the reception which followed the Board meeting.

It is hoped that the President might be invited. A general topic of dual interest would have to be selected for a meeting. Business to Guilds might be more convenient.

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