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REPORT OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC PHYSICIANS' Guilds

The annual Meeting of the Executive Board of the Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds was held in San Francisco, Calif., June 23, 1954 at the St. Francis Hotel. Delegates from the following Guilds were present:

- Bronx
- Brooklyn
- Denver
- Los Angeles
- Omaha
- Philadelphia
- St. Louis
- Sacramento
- Sioux Falls

The minutes of the Winter meeting, December 1, 1953, were read and approved. It was reported that there are now 30 affiliated guilds. Of this number, five have affiliated with the Federation since the Winter meeting. It was also reported that a considerable number of new guilds are in the process of organizing.

The report on LINACRE QUARTERLY indicated there are 5,280 subscriptions to the journal of the Federation; of these, 2,780 go to guild members. The balance of the subscription list includes doctors, priests, hospitals and libraries. The editor reported that it is still difficult to maintain enough articles for publication.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. McGowan, Moderator of the Federation, reported on the requests for information concerning guilds and the efforts which had been made to interest groups of physicians in this activity. This report led to a discussion of some of the activities sponsored by various guilds. This included reports on the teaching of medical-moral principles to interns and residents (Dr. O'Donnell, Los Angeles—the work of the guild in Philadelphia with medical students at non-Catholic medical colleges. Similar work was reported by the Omaha Guild. The Bronx Guild assists the Newman Club.)

Msgr. McGowan also strongly urged the guilds to emphasize in a particular way the observance of the Feast of St. Luke which occurs on October 18. He hoped that the guilds would develop an appropriate observance of the Feast of the Patron of Physicians which would correspond to the "Red Mass" attended annually by Catholic lawyers.

At the Winter meeting in St. Louis a proposed amendment to the constitution was submitted. At that time it was voted to submit the proposed amendment to the guilds as is prescribed in the constitution and to vote on it at the annual meeting in June 1954. The amendment which reads as follows was presented to the delegates for vote and passed unanimously:
Section 3. Article VI
The Executive Board

The elected officers of the Federation, the past Presidents of the Federation, and one delegate from each active constituent Guild in good standing, shall constitute the Executive Board of the Federation. The past Presidents shall serve ex-officio, without voting privileges.

The time and place of the next Winter meeting was discussed. It was agreed that the Moderator, the President, and the Editor of LINACRE QUARTERLY should select a suitable date for a meeting early in November. There was also discussion which favored making the Winter meeting the annual meeting of the year.

Dr. Rev. Msgr. McGowan and Dr. William Charter, Past President of the Federation, are to represent the Federation at the International Meeting of Catholic Doctors in Dublin June 30 to July 4. It was reported also that all was in readiness for affiliation with the International Congress of Catholic Doctors.

A progress report, was made on the Casa project which had been presented through the Brown Star by Mr. Thomas J. Mahan. Mr. Mahan personally explained the project to the delegates. It was voted that a report is to be made at the Winter meeting.

Dr. Cafasso from the Omaha Guild asked the Board to consider further the financial plight of Catholic medical schools. The facts were reviewed for the delegates. It was voted to write to each guild and ask for suggestions of ways and means of helping finance Catholic medical education.

Dr. C. G. Krupp from Grand Rapids, Mich., came to the meeting and asked the delegates to consider a resolution on communism in medicine. The resolution was discussed and it was moved seconded and passed that the resolution, after editorial revision, should be presented by Msgr. McGowan at the meeting in Dublin.

The meeting adjourned at noon so that the delegates could attend the luncheon sponsored by the Federation for Catholic physicians, attending the A.M.A. convention. The Most Reverend Robert J. Dr. Henry Garland of the Radiology Department at Stanford University, was guest speaker. He talked on cancer and its causes. Seventy-five physicians and guests were present at the luncheon.

THE GUILDS

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Catholic Physicians' Guild of Mobile, Ala., is the fifth group to become affiliated with the Federation since the beginning of the year. Organized in March, the following officers were elected:

J. O. Muscat, President; T. J. Brader, Jr., M.D., Vice-President; H. L. Aulage, M.D., Secretary, and Rev. P. H. Yansey, S.J., of Spring Hill College, is Moderator. Father Yansey's address to the Guild at its first meeting appears in this issue of LINACRE QUARTERLY.

Another Guild in the South is most welcome and it is hoped that success will attend all endeavors.

While not affiliated at this date of publication, Catholic doctors of St. Cloud, Minn., have organized the St. Mary's Physicians' Guild. The members are subscribers to LINACRE QUARTERLY and we hope that before long affiliation with the Federation will be effected. According to the Moderator, Rev. P. J. Riley, Chaplain of St. Cloud Hospital, there will be a retreat for the doctors and their wives in August. We look forward to further news of this group's activities as time goes along.

Rev. John J. Flanagan, S.J., Editor of LINACRE QUARTERLY, was the principal speaker at the annual dinner meeting of the Buffalo Catholic Physicians' Guild. In his address entitled 'The Challenge to the Catholic Physician' Father Flanagan dwelled on the importance of continuing education in the profession to assure patients of the very best medical care.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Donald A. McGowan, Moderator of the Federation, was guest speaker for the members of the Detroit Guild at their annual Communion Breakfast. Discussing 'Scientific Citizenship and Sacrament,' Msgr. McGowan developed his theme to apply to the doctor with particular emphasis to the laity in his speciality.

This Guild has ordered 100 sets of the Medical Problems booklets of Father Gerald Kelly, S.J., a set of which is to be given to the graduates of Wayne University College of Medicine, as a farewell