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MINUTES PRELIMINARY MEETING 1970 PROVINCIAL CHAPTER: January 2-3, 1970

The first general assembly opened in the provincial residence chapter room at 10 a.m. on January 2, 1970, with all present except Brothers James Sullivan and John Barrett. A special prayer, composed by Brother James Moroney, opened the session.

In his opening remarks Brother Charles Krupp, Provincial, noted that the representation was the most democratic in the history of the Brothers, since elected delegates outnumber ex-officio members. He further noted that the provisional agenda was the result of consultation with province members by the steering committee.

Brother Charles next outlined the objectives of the 1970 Provincial Chapter:

1. To give direction to the province within the context of the constitutions and statutes of the congregation;
2. To engage all members of the province in study and deep consideration of what is appropriate to us as Brothers of Holy Cross today in order to better understand the ultimately express our role before God and our fellow men;
3. To evaluate our life and work;
4. To legislate where required by the constitutions.

In commenting on these objectives, Brother Charles pointed out the necessity of direction being given by the chapter so as to avoid reacting to circumstances and conditions which could be anticipated. While the new constitutions give us considerable direction, he felt that the members of the province want a confirmation from within, one that is ours, as well as some elaboration where this is necessary, since the provinces are left much latitude in implementing the constitutions. He also urged the chapter members to engage the members of the province in the work of the chapter since much of the success of the chapter will depend upon the degree to which this is done.

After the opening statement by Brother Charles, the members broke up into committees to select committee chairmen, divide into subcommittees, and to begin consideration of the agenda assigned to each committee. Committee work occupied chapter members the rest of Friday and Saturday morning. The second general assembly met at 1:15 p.m. on Saturday, January 3.

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The first matter considered at this session was settling on an opening date for the chapter. Brother Charles outlined three reasons for opening around Easter:

1. To restimulate interest in the work of the chapter;
2. To give the entire province a progress report on the work up to that time;
3. To afford the chapter time for consultation with province members before the final session in June.

Members voted to open the chapter with an evening Mass on Thursday, April 2, 1970. Chapter sessions will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 3, 4, 5. The June session will open on June 8, 1970.

The next item for consideration was the Code of Procedures. Several suggested changes were made in the proposed Code for incorporation into the final document which will be adopted at the April meeting. A final decision was to invite the scholastics at James Hall to design an appropriate liturgy for the opening Mass on April 2.

The Steering Committee, which is responsible for the over-all direction and good order of the chapter, met three times on Saturday, January 3. Members of this committee are: Brothers Charles Krupp, president; James Moroney, secretary; Jerome Chandler, Walter Davenport, Francis Englert, Bonaventure Foley, Pedro Haering, Douglas Roach, Kieran Ryan, and James Sullivan.

Decisions taken by the Steering Committee were these:

1. To suggest to the chapter Brothers Sigismund Danielski and Evan Schmid as non-capitulant secretaries.
2. To approve a proposal by Brother Pedro to add temporarily professed to the chapter as advisors. Five temporarily professed Brothers will be elected as non-voting members. They will be free to attend committee meetings, to express views of the younger members, and to speak at the general sessions of the chapter.
3. Since several committees are planning to visit the various houses to further involve province membership in the chapter, the Steering Committee will coordinate these visits to prevent unnecessary overlapping of the work of the various committees.

The next session of the Steering Committee is January 30 at 7:30 p.m.

Chapter members exhibited a high degree of enthusiasm and dedication to the work of the chapter at this preliminary meeting, and it is hoped that this spirit will be carried back to the individual houses and communicated to each member of the province.

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Changes in assignments for the second semester are as follows:

Brother Michael Becker - Gilmour Academy, Gates Mills
Brother Chester Caster - Boysville, Clinton
Brother Joseph Cernick - Teach at St. Joseph's High School, South Bend,
and at Holy Cross Junior College; reside at James Hall
Brother William Easton - Study, St. Edward's University, Austin
Brother Flavius Ellison - Director, Corvilla House, South Bend; reside Columba H.
Brother Romain Healy - St. Patrick High School, Monrovia, Liberia
Brother Daniel McGinley - Study, St. Edward's University, Austin
Brother Charles Pinto - St. Edward High School, Cleveland
Brother Jerome Schwabe - Notre Dame de Campinas, Brazil
Brother George Stefanik - Dujarie House; reside at Columba Hall
Brother John Tryon - Boysville, Clinton
Brother John Zoglman - Study, Catherine Spaulding College, Louisville;
reside at Bishop David High School

The annual meeting of principals to consider school personnel for the 1970-1971 school year will be held at the provincial residence on January 31, 1970

Brother David Martin has been approved for final vows and will make his life commitment to Holy Cross at Holy Cross Brothers Center on January 31, 1970, at the time of the annual retreat there of the Holy Cross High School and Holy Trinity High School communities.

The Boysville community hosted a dinner honoring Brother Romain Healy, who has been assigned to Liberia. More than 120 people gathered for a noon Mass, followed by a social hour and buffet dinner in the school dining room. Brother Romain has served at Boysville since 1950.

Over sixty Brothers from the three Ohio houses assembled at Gilmour Academy on December 23 for a community soiree. After a lapse of several years the Yule get-together was revived. Hoban will sponsor this gathering of the clan next Christmas.

The Brother Provincials of the three Brothers' provinces in the United States met at the Midwest provincial house on Sunday and Monday, January 4 and 5, for the annual meeting to discuss matters of concern and interest. Brother Elmo utilized part of his time in meeting with members of his province who are at the scholasticate and houses on the Notre Dame campus. Brother Romard took the opportunity to visit with Brother Edmund and the Brothers at St. Joseph Farm.

The Father Gibault School for Boys community hosted the Brothers from Indianapolis, Evansville and Louisville at the annual pre-Christmas get-together on December 21. Despite the bad weather a large number attended.

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1970 PROVINCIAL CHAPTER COMMITTEES (& SUBCOMMITTEES)

Midwest Province

COMMITTEE ON VOCATIONS, FORMATION AND INCORPORATION

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Subcommittee on Vocations & Formation

Pedro Haering (Chairman)
Columba Curran
John Driscoll
Raymond Dufresne
William Verstraete
Richard Weber

Subcommittee on Incorporation

Andrew Sukenik (Chairman)
John Barrett
Jerome Chandler
Charles Smith

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY LIFE

Francis Englert (Chairman)

Subcommittee on Government and Authority

Just Paczesny (Chairman)
Bernard Donahoe
Joseph Fox
Viator Grzeskowiak
James Moroney

Subcommittee on Prayer Life

Thomas Moser (Chairman)
Vincentius Balog
Francis Englert
Michael Flanagan
Donald Fleischhacker
James Reddy

Subcommittee on The Person and Community Living

Edward Overstreet (Chairman)
David Baltrinic
Joseph Chvala
John Dunham
Raymond Harrington
Donald Kuchenmeister
Robert Lavelle
Harold Ruplinger
Donald Stabrowski

COMMITTEE ON APOSTOLIC LIFE

Douglas Roach (Chairman)

Subcommittee on Education

Jeffrey Michels (Chairman)
John Benesh
Thomas Cunningham
Carl Englert
Richard Gilman
Peter Graham
Majella Hegarty
James Linscott
Joseph W. Olszowka
Douglas Roach
Carl Shonk
Brian Waldron

Subcommittee on Community Services

Thomas Shaughnessy (Chairman)
Rex Hennel
Frederick Raehsler
Henry Skitzki

Subcommittee on Experimental Apostolic Activities

John Ryan (Chairman)
Robert Belanger
John Herbert Kuhn
Charles Van Winkle

COMMITTEE ON FINANCES

Kieran Ryan (Chairman)
Donald Bailer
Walter Davenport
Paul Kelly

COMMITTEE ON DISTRICTS AND MISSIONS

Bonaventure Foley (Act. Chairman)
Fulgence Dougherty
Gerald Kraeger
Raymond Papenfuss
Ramon Purzycki

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