Court Margaret K. Desmond, No. 167 CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA



1912 - 1962

Fiftieth Anniversary

April 29, 1962

New Hampshire Highway Hotel Concord, New Hampshire

TO OUR CHARTER MEMBERS WE DEDICATE THIS PROGRAM

Miss Mary Cahill

MISS SARAH CASEY

MISS GERTRUDE DOHERTY

Mrs. Laura Haynes

Mrs. Mary Hegarty

MISS ELIZABETH SILVA

MRS. ADA WELCH

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HISTORY OF THE COURT

The Daughters of Isabella, as our Court was originally called, was established in April of 1912. Mrs. Margaret K. Desmond, a nurse, was the first Grand Regent. Later, in 1921, our Court name was changed to Catholic Daughters of America, and it was not until 1937, that in honor of Mrs. Desmond, our first Grand Regent and first State Regent as well, did our Court bear her name.

In 1925, member Margaret Conway was elected State Secretary at the first meeting of the State Court which was held in Concord.

With great pride do we mention member Sister Camilla Chadwick of Maryknoll, who died shortly after her return to this country following two years in a Japanese internment camp; member Mother Margaret Mary, presently in charge of the Discalced Carmelite Order in Concord, (formerly Margaret Elizabeth Champney); and Miss Louise E. Collins, who has for a number of years headed the work of the Junior Catholic Daughters of America as National Junior Director.

As we turn to the future, may the achievements of the past be doubly repeated, and may our progress be marked by continuing works of charity, our true purpose in being, and may those who join our ranks know that we stand for perpetual remembrance in prayer for all members gone before us, and that as dedicated Daughters we aim for all that Catholic womanhood should be, and with faith in God and love of Church, we pray that we shall be a lasting, worthwhile organization.

PROGRAM

Toastmistress Mrs. M. Kathleen Regan

INVOCATION Rev. Richard O. Boner,

Chaplain, N. H. State Courts

Welcome Mrs. Augustine D. Flanagan,

Grand Regent

Court Margaret K. Desmond, No. 167

GUESTS Governor Wesley Powell

Mayor Charles C. Davie

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Miss Germaine K. Shannon, State Grand Regent

Mr. Alfred E. Champney, Grand Knight,

Knights of Columbus

Miss Anna K. Buckley, National Chairman, World Missions

Miss Louise E. Collins, National Junior Director

Introduction of Speaker Rev. Richard O. Boner

Address Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles D. McInnis

Our Lady of the Presentation Church

Brighton, Massachusetts

(Former State Chaplain of C.D.A.,

Massachusetts)

CLOSING "God Bless America"

Organ Music by Mr. Earle B. Herrick

COMMITTEE

TOASTMISTRESS:

Mrs. M. Kathleen Regan, Chairman Mrs. Irene B. Marden, Co-Chairman

COMMITTEE:

Mrs. Josephine E. Ferns, Past Grand Regent

Miss Louise E. Collins, Past Grand Regent and National

Junior Director

Miss Germaine K. Shannon, Past Grand Regent and present

State Grand Regent

Mrs. Ada K. Welch, Charter Member and Past Grand

Regent

Miss Margaret M. Martin, Past Grand Regent

Miss Mary C. MacNeil, Past Grand Regent

Mrs. Thelma Savaria, Past Grand Regent

Miss M. Frances Leary, Past Grand Regent

Mrs. Doris Ahern, Past Grand Regent

Mrs. Mary Rivers, Past Grand Regent

Mrs. Frances Donovan, Past Grand Regent

Mrs. Marie Staehle, Past Grand Regent

Mrs. Helen Flanagan, Grand Regent in office

AND

Mrs. Anna Nylen

GRAND REGENTS

of

Court Margaret K. Desmond, No. 167

Mrs. Margaret K. Desmond	1912-1919
Mrs. Elizabeth W. Spellman	1919-1920
Miss Margaret A. Conway	1920-1922
Mrs. Elizabeth A. Sullivan	1922-1924
Miss Rose E. Donovan	1924-1926
Mrs. Agnes McArdle	1926-1927
Miss Agnes R. Halpin	1927-1929
Mrs. Josephine E. Ferns	1929-1931
Miss Louise E. Collins	1931-1933
Miss Germaine K. Shannon	1933-1936
Mrs. Ada K. Welch	1936-1938
Miss Margaret M. Martin	1938-1940
Miss Agnes K. Mannion	1940-1941
Miss Germaine K. Shannon	1941-1942
Miss Mary C. MacNeil	1942-1944
Mrs. Thelma C. Savaria	1944-1946
Miss M. Frances Leary	1946-1948
Miss M. Irene Halligan	1948-1949
Mrs. Doris Ahern	1949-1952
Mrs. M. Kathleen Regan	1952-1955
Mrs. Ann Haller	1955-1956
Mrs. Mary Rivers	1956-1958
Mrs. Frances Donovan	1958-1959
Mrs. Marie Staehle	1959-1960
Mrs. Helen Flanagan	1960-