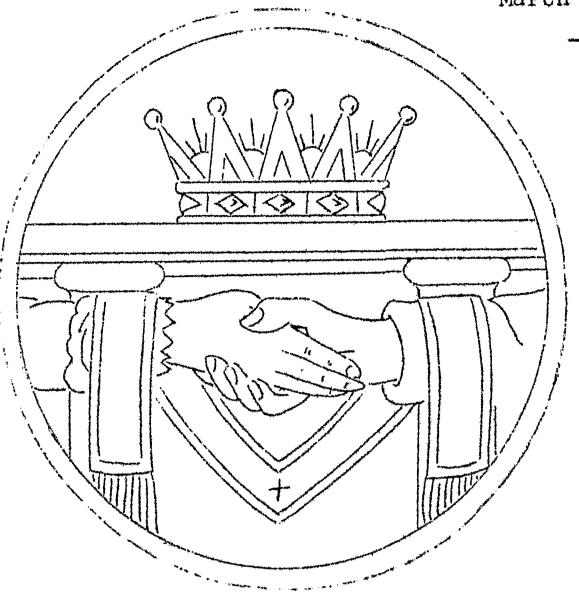
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Marriage Symbol.

The clasped hands signify the bond of love that exixts between husband and wife in true Christian marriage.

After the marriage ceremony in the Greek rite a crown of metal is placed momentarily on the heads of the couple. This expresses the wish that God may crown them with honor and glory in this world and in the next.

Happiness in marriage does not just happen. Both parties must work at this vocation to make it produce joy and satisfaction. Without prayer marriage will be a hazardous life. So make the Novena for a Happy Marriage. Start today, and for nine days make your program the following: Mass, Communion, visit to the Grotto and Litany of St. Joseph.

Is Your Conscience Clear . . .

About your Lenten Resolutions? The season of penance is nearly half over. 21 days have passed. Have you held yourself to the promises you make Ash Wednesday? Start again if you did not persevere. About the matter of penance, God has given us a clear statement of His policy: "Unless you do penance you shall likewise perish."

About the dispensation from the Lenten fast and abstinence? Our bishop made it a matter of conscience for those who use the privilege to substitute some other form of penance, like daily Mass and Communion, the recitation of the rosary, self-denial especially along the line of intoxicants. Those who have not started their Lent have no right to the dispensation. All delinquents should respond to the inspiration of grace and see their confessor tonight.

About your Easter Duty? 17 chances have passed to date. The period in which all Catholics must receive Holy Communion opened with the First Sunday of Lent.

About your future? If you are planning marriage for this summer, and you are not completely convinced that it is the prudent move to make, common sense tells you to see counsel. Talk to some priest on the campus, preferably in his room and not in the confessional. You will be more at ease in his room, and you will be able to talk more at length.

About your vocation? There can be no doubt that the Holy Ghost is calling a number of Notre Dame students to the priesthood and the religious life. The matter of vocation seldom clarifies itself until one has discussed the matter with a priest. Drop into a priest's room tonight; your mind will never be at peace until you do.

"A young woman, who was stricken with tuberculosis soon after she received PRAYERS: her college degree, has been bedridden for the past five years. Now, because of complications doctors believe she may never have the use of her logs again. She has requested the prayers of all Notre Dame men." (III) father of Jack Conway, ex. '44, and friend of John Noonan (Cav.) 2 Spec. Int.