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New Directors Elected to Alumni Association Board

Winter Meeting Held at University

Four new members of the Alumni Association Board of Directors took office at the annual Winter meeting held in January. Representing various sections of the nation, all four have been active in local club affairs as well as class programs. Those who will serve for three-year terms include: John C. O'Connor, '39, Indianapolis, Ind.; James H. Sheils, '35, New York City; Joseph R. Stewart, '22, Kansas City, Mo.; and Charles E. Rohr, '30, Cleveland, Ohio.

John O'Connor was an outstanding varsity basketball player while at Notre Dame and now is a law partner in the firm of Craig, Ruckelshaus, Reilly and O'Connor. He was formerly with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is a veteran of World War II, having served as a naval officer in the Pacific campaign. John is married and the father of seven children. He is a past grand knight of the Indianapolis K. of C. and also a past president of the Notre Dame Club. During his undergraduate days, John was president of the senior class and was in the combination law course, receiving a B.S.C. in 1939 and an LL.B. in 1940.



John O'Connor

Formerly Commissioner of the Department of Investigation in New York



Jim Sheils

City, Jim Sheils is a general partner in the law firm of McManus and Walker. He served in the U. S. Army Air Force during World War II. While at Notre Dame, he participated in varsity track and is a member of the Monogram Club. Jim received his law degree from Fordham, following graduation at Notre Dame in 1935. He is a member of the New York, American and Midwest Stock Exchanges. Currently on the Metropolitan Club of New York Board of Directors, Jim Sheils is a past president and recipient of the Man-of-the-Year award. He is a former law partner of Jim McGoldrick, national president of the Alumni Association in 1954.

Joe Stewart has been prominent in the national Red Cross organization for many years. An associate general counsel for the Kansas City Insurance Co., he was National Chairman of the American Red Cross fund in 1955-56. Joe has been a member of the national ARC Board of Directors



Joe Stewart

since 1953. He is N.D. Foundation chairman in Kansas City. Joe received a law degree from the University of Kansas City in 1925 after completing his undergraduate studies at Notre Dame. He was chairman of the Hungarian Relief Committee in Kansas City.

Following his graduation from Notre Dame in 1930, "Chuck" Rohr entered



'Chuck' Rohr

the restaurant business, established by his father, and has been managing it since 1932. He is a past president of the Cleveland alumni club and received the Man of the Year award. His son, Charles, Jr., is a senior at Notre Dame. In addition to Charles, Jr., Chuck Rohr has two other sons and two daughters. His wife, the former Loretta Kramer, is a graduate of St. Mary's College. Annually, Chuck is host to the Cleveland Club's picnic for alumni and present students on his farm.

Retiring board members include President J. Patrick Canny, '38, Cleveland, Ohio, who becomes honorary president for the ensuing year; Patrick J. Fisher, '36, Indianapolis, Indiana, club vice-president of the Association; John W. Brennan, '27, Detroit, Mich., class vice-president; and Joseph E. Whalen, '29, Des Moines, Iowa, fund vice-president.

Other members of the board who will continue as directors include: Oscar John Dorwin, '17, New York City; Edmond R. Haggart, '38, Dallas, Texas; Eugene M. Kennedy, '22, Los Angeles, Calif.; Francis L. Layden, '36, Evansville, Ind.; Leo J. Vogel, '17, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Raymond W. Durst, '26, River Forest, Ill.; Jules K. de la Vergne, '33, New Orleans, La.; and William E. Cotter, '41; Duluth, Minn.; and James E. Armstrong, '25.

Father Matt Walsh Jubilee

Hailed by Rev. John O'Brien

Rev. Matthew J. Walsh, C.S.C., president of Notre Dame from 1922 to 1928, observed the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood with the celebration of a Solemn High Mass in Sacred Heart Church on the campus December 21st.

Assisting at the altar on his golden jubilee were Rev. Eugene P. Burke, C.S.C., deacon, and Rev. Louis J. Thornton, C.S.C., sub-deacon. Rev. Theodore J. Mehling, C.S.C., provincial of the Holy Cross Fathers' Indiana province, and more than one hundred other priests attended the rites. Music for the jubilee Mass was provided by the Moreau Seminary Choir. Father Walsh was honored by his fellow-priests at a dinner in Corby Hall that evening.

Rev. John A. O'Brien, Ph.D., of Notre Dame, noted author and leader in the convert movement, paid tribute to Father Walsh when he delivered the sermon at the second jubilee Mass held in St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Chicago. Extracts from Father O'Brien's sermon are as follows:

"Everyone who has left house, or brothers, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive a hundred-fold, and shall possess life everlasting." —Matthew 19:2

These are the words which echoed in the ears of a fourteen-year-old boy sixty-one years ago. They spoke to him with a strange and persuasive eloquence. The world too was beginning to beckon him with its dreams of adventure and romance — dreams which it has kindled in the heart of youth since time began. But the music of the divine voice blurred the siren voices of the world, and the tall, slender youth responded to the invitation: to leave all that the world craves and find his all in the self-effacing ministry of the priesthood of Jesus Christ.

Bidding "Good-bye" to his parents, his brothers and sisters, his schoolmates at St. Columkill — a parish which has given a multitude of its sons and daughters to the priesthood and sisterhood — Matthew Walsh set out for the campus of Notre Dame. There in the wilderness Father Sorin and a little band of Holy Cross missionaries from

France had planted the Cross of Christ and established a school which was then developing into one of the outstanding universities of the Midwest.

Under the tutelage of holy and learned priests and self-effacing brothers, the youth advanced in age and grace and wisdom before God and men. Eleven years later — fifty years ago this December — the young man prostrated himself before the altar of the Lord and was ordained to the priesthood of Jesus Christ. All the rich talents of mind and heart and soul he cast upon the altar of the divine Master and swore to serve Him in poverty, chastity and obedience all the days of his life.

On that memorable day, whose fiftieth anniversary we commemorate today, Christ addressed to the young levite the words spoken in effect to all His priests: "Thou art a priest forever according to the order of Melchisedech." And again: "You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you; and have appointed you that you should go, and should bring forth fruit; and your fruit should remain: that whatsoever you shall ask of the

Father in my name he may give it you." The recipient of the exalted honor and dignity of the priesthood is thus seen to be of divine election.

This is the truth which St. Paul echoed when he declared, "Neither doth any man take the honor to himself, but he that is called by God, as Aaron was." Through the imposition of the bishop's hands and the gifts of the Holy Ghost, a young man was made a co-sharer of the eternal priesthood of Jesus Christ. There are not two priesthoods, as St. John Chrysostom points out, but one priesthood, and hence every priest is called to be an *alter Christus*, another Christ.

Thus the priest of the new dispensation is called by God not only into the line of Aaron, into the tribe of Levi, into the family of Samuel, into the priesthood of Melchisedech but also into the eternal priesthood of Jesus Christ. He is made a member of that goodly company of disciples whose sound has gone forth unto the ends of the earth. Throughout nineteen hundred years they have borne the teachings of the divine Master to every race and every land from the frozen stretches of the Arctic to the burning sands of the Sahara.

What a stirring of the emotions and what an exultation of soul must the priest experience as he reflects upon the day of his ordination. Once again

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Father Matthew J. Walsh, C.S.C., (center), former president of the University, says his 50th jubilee Mass in Sacred Heart church. Assisting are Father Eugene P. Burke, C.S.C. (left), deacon, and Father Louis J. Thornton, C.S.C. (right), sub-deacon.



WALTER TROHAN, '26

Hotel Founder Pick Was Sorin Protege

The late Albert Pick, father of the present president of Pick Hotels Corporation, founder of the huge Pick chain as it is known today and scion of America's oldest hotel family, spent three years as a Minim at Notre Dame. His story is told in a recent centennial tribute to the company formally organized by his uncle, also named Albert Pick, in 1857. Young Albert was two years old when the great Chicago fire of 1871 leveled the Albert Pick & Co. building and destroyed all the family's possessions. A member of the Minim class of 1885, he was sent to the old Notre Dame Preparatory School when he was 12 but left three years later to work for his father, who had bought and tried to resurrect the hotel supply firm. He bought the company from his father in 1892 and developed it into the nation's largest hotel supply house before founding, in 1926, the hotel chain which now operates in 27 U. S. cities.

Furstoss Fund Flourishes

The response to the Father Furstoss Fund for the new Moreau Seminary has been very encouraging. Appeals were mailed to alumni who had lived in Badin Hall when the late Rev. Bernard Furstoss, C.S.C., was rector. Approximately \$2,000 has been received which will be used for a special memorial in his honor. Donors have been sent acknowledgments of their gifts by the University. Friends of Father Furstoss who may have overlooked sending in a contribution last year will still receive credit in 1958 for this worthy cause.

Prominent Writer Urges Support For N. D. Library

(ED. NOTE: Walter Trohan, '26, head of the Chicago Tribune's Washington (D. C.) Bureau and one of the nation's outstanding news analysts, has written a letter to the University which we think touches on a subject of general interest to all alumni. For that reason permission has been obtained to reprint Mr. Trohan's comments in this issue of the ALUMNUS. —J.C.)

The Alumni Association
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Gentlemen:

My best friends are books. They have given me knowledge and instruction when I hungered or thirsted for them; comfort and solace when I was troubled or afflicted; adventure and romance when I quested or yearned for zest of life, and entertainment or diversion when I was bored or beset. All a man desires or hopes for are within his reach if only he grasps the right book. They are the legacies of human genius and the great gift of Divine inspiration.

Since the most friendly social gesture we exercise is to introduce our friends to one another, it follows that the most friendly gesture we can perform in learning is to introduce our books to those we wish to help improve themselves. Abraham Lincoln once said, somewhat inelegantly, "my best friend is the one who'll give me a book I ain't read."

For this reason I was most cheered by the recent article by Professor Rufus Rauch in the Notre Dame Magazine concerning the Zahm Dante Library, which I was privileged to view as a Freshman in 1922 and to use in taking a course on the Divina Commedia as a Junior under the late Professor Charles Phillips. The handling of some of these magnificent volumes was almost as much of an inspiration as the lectures of the gifted teacher who carried us through the horrors of hell, up the awesome slope of purgatory to the glorious company of saints.

More important than the visit to the past, the article gave me a glimpse into the future. I was delighted to know that plans for aiding the library are in progress. These cannot be too extensive nor can they fail to enlist the enthusiastic support of every Notre Dame man.

Even in my day the library, while adequate, left much to be desired. I spent much time during my vacations in the great libraries of Chicago looking up writings I could not find at Notre Dame. No doubt conditions have improved in more than thirty years, but the flood of books has swelled tremendously so that the demand on funds must be enormous.

It strikes me that Notre Dame, now widely recognized as a major university, needs an organization to support a library, which will store treasures of the past, keep pace with the present and be prepared to absorb the wondrous promises of the future. While there may be a certain amount of oversimplification in the statement of Thomas Carlyle that "The true university of these days is a collection of books," it holds much truth.

No university can be truly great unless it meet the demands of its student body. All demands cannot be answered in the library, because other facilities, resources and materials are equally necessary. Still the library needs increased support along with the teaching staff and facilities in general.

I should like to see the formation of some companionate of book lovers, a dedicated band who would work to minister to the mind through funds and books as the orders of hospitalers cared for the sick and needy.

Sincerely,

(s) Walter Trohan

Father Walsh Jubilee

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he finds himself asking with the Psalmist, "What shall I return to the Lord for all the things that he hath rendered to me?" And with the Psalmist he replies, "I will take the chalice of salvation and I will call upon the name of the Lord." Hence it is that the jubilarian offers up today as the supreme expression of his thanks the gift that is beyond all price: the eternal victim immolated in the unbloody renewal of Calvary, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

The day of priestly jubilee must center its observance upon that which elevates the jubilarian above all his kith and kin — the holy priesthood. We have glanced briefly at the sublime dignity of the priesthood which lifts frail flesh and blood into a participation of the eternal priesthood of the great High Priest, Jesus Christ. Let us now glance briefly at its powers.

First is the power of teaching with the authority of Christ Himself. It was conferred by Our Lord upon His Apostles and through them upon all the priests of His Church. After His resurrection the divine Redeemer appeared to the Apostles and said: "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."

The second great power of the priestly office is that of pardoning. "As the Father hath sent me," said Jesus to His first priests, "I also send you." Then He breathed upon them to indicate the bestowal of a divine power upon them, and said: "Receive

ye the Holy Ghost. Whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them; and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained."

The third great power of the priestly office is the apex and the climax of all: the power of consecrating. At the Last Supper our Divine Lord pronounced over the bread and wine the words of consecration: "This is my body, which is being given for you . . . This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which shall be shed for you." This same power Christ conferred upon the Apostles when He turned to them and said, "Do this in remembrance of me."

For fifty years Father Walsh has served God, souls, country and Notre Dame as a faithful and devoted priest. After receiving the doctorate at the Catholic University of America, he carried on post-doctoral studies at Columbia and Johns Hopkins. He brought lustre and distinction to the chair of history at Notre Dame, and brought the past to life by his vivid and dramatic presentation of the movements, characters and events of bygone days.

He will rank with the greatest teachers of the University, and I know of none who stirred greater enthusiasm among his students: the unfailing mark of a great teacher who communicates not only knowledge but something of his own spirit and ideals as well.

But first, last and always Father Walsh has been a faithful, devoted and dedicated priest who has labored for the honor and glory of God, the salvation of souls, the extension of Christ's kingdom and the Christian education of youth. Whether serving as administrator, army officer or professor, he was pre-eminently the ambassador of God and the dispenser of His mysteries. Like the true priest that he is, his ceaseless concern has been to

advance in virtue and holiness, and much of his life has been hidden in God.

More eloquent, however, than any tribute my tongue could frame is that paid by the mighty concourse of parishioners, former students of Notre Dame, prelates and priests who pack this spacious church to its very doors. Especially touching is that paid by His Excellency Archbishop Hoban, who comes from afar to grace the occasion with his distinguished presence and to manifest his warm esteem for his friend of sixty years.

Father Walsh was named vice-president of the University in 1912, a post he was to hold for ten years except during World War I. He was decorated for his combat duty as chaplain to the 30th Infantry of the Third Division in France.

Appointed president of Notre Dame on July 7, 1922, Father Walsh launched the University's first extensive building program since before the turn of the century. His administration was highlighted by the construction of the University Dining Hall and Howard, Lyons and Morrissey residence halls. The Notre Dame student body and faculty doubled in size during the same six-year period.

In 1928, when Father Walsh completed his presidential term, limited to six years by canon law, he resumed his career as one of Notre Dame's great teachers of history. From 1929 to 1933 he also served as vice provincial of the Congregation of Holy Cross. He continued as an active member of the faculty until 1947 and has been living in retirement since that time.

His two brothers and two sisters, who live in Chicago, were present for the jubilee Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas Church.

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