

The Tournament of Roses.

Ye Knights of Old were wont to perform feats of prowess, which were always referred to the glory of their ladies. A joust was a combat between two individual knights on horseback; a tournament was an armed conflict between two equal bands of cavalry. The name came to be applied later to various forms of contest, among them the annual Rose Show of Southern California.

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For the past three months the world has marvelled at the feats of a certain band of Knights of Our Lady who have travelled thousands of miles to do honor to her name, seeking contests of skill and strength with the most skilled knights of other ladies. These other knights have fought a good fight, in the name of patriotism, of culture, of Southern hospitality, of Western vigor, of good breeding, of manliness; our Knights have fought in the name of the Queen of Heaven, the Immaculate Mother of God. They have worn her monogram as their shield, they have fed on the Heavenly Food which she gave to the world; they have fought and they have conquered.

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From the City of Our Lady of the Angels comes a challenge to final combat. A new enemy offers battle; a new world, a foreign clime, a worthy foe. "A rose to the fair" is the gage of battle.

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Roses belong to the Queen of Heaven. Ages ago she appeared to the lowly Dominic to claim them. "Make me chains of roses," she said; "make them to grow wherever hearts beat in unison with the Heart of my Divine Son." Mystical rose, Vessel of honor, Comforter of the afflicted, Queen of Angels, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, she claims as her own the white rose of purity and the red rose of sacrifice.

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The favor of his lady-love strengthened the arm and deepened the courage of the knight of old. But her favors had to be prayed for, and the honor of victory belonged to her.

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You have rejoiced in the exploits of the Knights of Notre Dame, and you have basked in their reflected glory. You have given beautiful thanks to God for the visible protection He has given them. In the new challenge of battle you can strengthen their arm---with roses.

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How many times will you say the rosary for the team before the New Year's game? Take stock of yourselves: what will you do? Let the team know how generous you are. Give the men a spiritual bouquet before they go. Make a promise of a certain number of rosaries; hand it in to the Rector of the hall or mail it to the Prefect of Religion. Ten thousand rosaries will make a fitting supplication to the Queen of Angels for her protection and her favor. Act promptly. Send in your promise today, that the team may know that from now till New Year's Day there will be unceasing prayer in their behalf before the throne of the Mother of God.

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George Gipp is Still Remembered.

The number of Communion yesterday was 1040, a new record for Sundays. The number at the student Mass at St. Joseph's, South Bend, was 112, a very gratifying increase.

Prayers.

A student asks prayers for his brother, who is very sick. Msgr. Juttrell of Chicago, an old and valued friend of the University, died Saturday night.

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