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THE BEGINNINGS, 1847, OF ST. ALOYSIUS YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETY HOLY CROSS CHURCH, COLUMBUS, OHIO

The first Catholic youth organization to be formed in Columbus was at Holy Cross church. It was known as the Aloysius (or St. Aloysius) Young Men's Society, established in 1847. Holy Cross parish was the first Catholic parish in the city. (One other parish society had been started previously. The St. Catharine's Ladies' Altar Society was organized July 16, 1843, and was the first such in Columbus.)

The constitution of the society is the first recording in the book of minutes of its meetings. The book was presented to the Catholic Record Society by Monsignor Josaph A. Hakel, former pastor. The Constitution follows.

Constitution of the Aloysius Young Men's Society

Following several invitations from Rev. Fr. Schonat (1) to form a German Young Men's Society, a number of young men from the Catholic Parish in Columbus assembled on Sunday, December 12, 1847, in their local school building, and pledged themselves to raise and promote the religious and moral life of the said Society Members in a special way with the following rules and regulations.

No. 1. Purpose of the Society.

The Society which shall be called the Aloysius Young Men's Society, has as its goal the encouragement and obligation to lead a moral and Christian life; and [make] contributions to support the completion and decoration of the Catholic Church in Columbus, Ohio. Contributions shall be collected at monthly meetings and shall be the same amount for every member.

No. 2. Officers

The Society shall hold its election on the founding day; namely, the second Sunday in December, and on every anniversary of that date, and the officers shall be chosen from the members of the Society. The officers shall be President, Vice-President, first Secretary and Treasurer and second Secretary.

No. 3. Obligations of the Officers.

The President shall open and preside at all meetings, maintain order, decide the order of business and resolutions to be presented.

The Secretary shall keep a list of members and their contribtuions, conduct roll call at every meeting, report on income and expenses.

The Treasurer will keep the money collected and report on income and expenditures. He shall make no withdrawal of money without the written consent of the President and Secretary.

- No. 4. The officers shall have the right to make expenditures in emergencies, but not more than \$5.00. For larger sums the entire membership must be consulted.
- No. 5. Members must actually belong to the Catholic Parish, that is they must observe the Precepts and Commandments of the Church.
 - No. 6. The Society has the right to expel members who give open scandal.
- No. 7. Purchases of articles for the Church shall be made only on advice of the pastor.
- No. 8. The Society shall have the right to add amendments to this Constitution provided they do not conflict with the purpose of the Society, and are ratified by a 2/3 majority.
- No. 9. Members who have done nothing for the Society and have not paid dues for one year, shall be dropped from the membership list by the Secretary.

Amendments

- No. 10. On December 9, 1854, the Society decided to raise the monthly dues from $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents to 15 cents a month.
- No. 11. On July 8, 1855, the Society decided that from now on new members shall be accepted only by a 2/3 vote of the members.
- No. 12. It was decided that any member who missed a meeting without excuse shall be fined 25 cents.
- No. 13. On November 9, 1862, the St. Aloysius Young Men's Society passed the following resolutions:
 - 1. That members be mutually obligated in cases of illness to stand night watches with the sick member whenever necessary except in the case of contagious disease.
 - 2. That when illness is reported the standing committee shall investigate if a night watch is needed, and shall notify the President and Secretary. It shall be the duty of the first secretary and, in his absence, of the second secretary, to make out the daily list of members who will keep the night watches, and appoint two members for each night. It shall be the duty of the President and, in his absence, of the Vice-President, to see that the Secretary carries out this helpful duty and keep a watchful eye on it.
 - 4. All members over fifteen years of age who do not fulfill this obligation shall pay a fine of fifty cents, and if any member fails to pay his fine within three months, he shall be dropped from the Society.

⁽¹⁾ Rev. William Schonat (1813-1879) was pastor of Holy Cross Parish from 1843 to 1849.

Some Early Minutes of the Aloysius Young Men's Society

First meeting, Columbus, December 12, 1847.

The meeting was opened by naming A. Buerkle chairman and J. Kronenbitter secretary pro tempore.

The Constitution was read by Rev. Father Schonat.

- 1. It was approved as read.
- 2. The name Aloysius Young Men's Society was approved.
- 3. Dues of $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents per month from each member were approved.
- 4. The list of members was drawn up.
- 5. The following officers were elected for one year: Jacob Kronenberger, President; Ludwig Zettler, Secretary; Franz Weingard, Treasurer.
- 6. The monthly expense account was paid by the Treasurer, and amounted to \$4.16.

Since there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Signed by J. Kronenbitter, secretary pro tempore.

January 9, 1848

The Aloysius Young Men's Society held its regular monthly meeting on January 9, 1848. After the roll call the financial report was read. The The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

It was moved that: 1) The dues must be paid in cash; 2) That Wilhelm Engler be elected Vice President for one year; 3) That in case of the death of a member the members shall attend the funeral, and absentees will be fined 25 cents, unless they are ill or out of town; 4) That a Mass be said for the deceased member and the stipend be an extraordinary expense; 5) That the following committee, Franz Pirrong, Lorenz Hilbert and Jacob Pirrong, be named for one year. Their duty will be to deliver to the members the death notices made out by the Secretary; 6) That the Society meet in the school house at 9 a.m. next Sunday; 7) That two books be bought for the Secretary and Treasurer.

It was moved that the meeting adjourn.

Signed: Ludwig Zettler, Secretary.

February 13, 1848

The Aloysius Young Men's Society met as usual. It was approved 1) That the death notices be written out by the Secretary; 2) That Mr. Joseph Voll be elected Treasurer in the place of Mr. Weingard who resigned.

The meeting was adjourned since there was no further business.

Signed: Louis Zettler, Secretary.

March 12, 1848

The Aloysius Young Men's Society held its regular monthly meeting. It was approved 1) That the Society donate \$10.00 for a carpet for the church and \$1.00 for a sanctuary lamp; 2) That \$3.00 be donated for a hymn book for the church.

Signed: Louis Zettler, Secretary.

November 12, 1848

At the suggestion of the Rev. Pastor it was approved 1) That the Society meet next Sunday in the usual place to consider a matter of great importance; 2) That the meeting be adjourned.

November 19, 1848

The Aloysius Young Men's Society met and the President announced that it was the wish of the Rev. Pastor that the Society buy a Ciborium, or candlesticks, for the church. It was decided to give the Pastor all the money in the treasury for the candlesticks. The meeting adjourned.

Dec. 17, 1848

After roll call and reading of the minutes, election of officers was held. The following were elected for oen year: Wilhelm Engler, President; Johannes Mittelholz, Vice President; Johannes Hinterschied, Secretary; Martin Hinterschied, Treasurer.

January 14, 1849

Resolved that a committee composed of H. Birkle, J. Kronenberger and L. Eisel, present a vote of thanks to Fr. Schonat who supported the St. Aloysius Society with fatherly care and who is leaving our parish. Secretary, Joh. Hinterschied.

March 25, 1849

In extraordinary meeting, it was resolved that the Society construct a Holy Sepulchre at a cost of 8 to 10 dollars. The committee members, Jacob Pyrron, Joh. Mittelholz and Jacob Kronenberger will consult with the pastor, Fr. Burges [Borgess]. Secr. Joh. Hinterschied.

December 9, 1849

The election of officers was postponed until the next meeting because there was no quorum at the December meeting. John Hinterschitt, Secr.

January 13, 1850

St. Aloysius Society monthly dues amounted to \$7.20 3/4. Election of officers was held. New officers were elected. They are: Michael Lunz, President; Franz Birong, V. Pres.; Jacob Ury, Secr., and John Hinterschitt, Treas. Jacob Ury, Secr.

February 10, 1850

Treasurer's report for 1849. Income for the year, \$59.65 $\frac{1}{4}$; expenses, \$12.95; Balance, \$46.70. Finance committee, Anthony Engler and Frank Pirong. Jacob Ury, Secr.

July 26, 1850

The members of the St. Aloysius Young Men's Society met in the school house at 1 p.m. to attend the funeral of member Peter Zettler. After the burial they met again in the school and returned their mourning bands to the Secretary. Roll call was read and absent members were fined $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents each. The members resolved to pay the Secretary for the mourning bands which he had bought by order of the President. Jacob Ury, Secr.

October 27, 1850

It was resolved to take up a collection to help pay for the new organ. Committee members are Ludwig Zettler, Franz Weingart, Frank Engler and John Hentorsheat. Jacob Ury, Secr.

December 8, 1850

In the absence of the President, Vice President and Secretary, Mr. Franz Weingard was named provisional President and Andrew Wehrle, Secretary. The new

officers for 1851 were elected viva voce. They are Franz Weingard, Pres; Anton Engler, Vice Pres; Andreas Werly, Secr., Martin Hinterschied, Treasurer. Andrew Werly, Sec. pro tem.

June 8, 1851

Franz Engler presided at this meeting. A request for a donation to the new pulpit, which the pastor Fr. C. H. Borgess was having installed in the church, was tabled until the next meeting due to lack of a quorum. Andrew Werly, Secr.

July 13, 1851

Fr. C. H. Borgess presented a plan for the new pulpit. The Society voted to pay the entire cost of the new pulpit. The committee for collecting this money is Ch. Wittmann, C. Burghard, G. Pirrung and M. Hinterschied. The sum of one hundred dollars will be given to the pastor from the treasury for the pulpit. The cost of the pulpit will amount to 200 dollars.

December 14, 1851

Officers were elected for 1852 as follows: Johann Mittelholz, Pres; Martin Deibel, Vice Pres; Georg Lang, Secr; and Ludwig Zettler, Treas.

Death notice committee: Beda Baumgard, Joseph Ender, Johann Stritfaden. Committee to examine the books: Martin Deibel, Franz Engler and Johann Mittelholz. Georg Lang, Secretary.

December 12, 1852

Since too few members were present the election of officers was postponed until the January 1853 meeting.

(To be continued)

A HISTORY OF ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH JERSEY TOWNSHIP, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO (Continued)

Tombstone Inscriptions

- Marie, w. of John Conlon;
 Jan. 31, 1851; d. July 9, 1886.
 Francis Leo, b. Jan. 21, 1888;
 July 20, 1888.
- 2) Lawrence Phalen, d. Dec. 4, 1897; aged 71 Y.
 Dora, w. of Lawrence, b. Waterford Co., Ireland; d. Aug. 18, 1878; aged 47 Y, 11 M, 23 D.
- Cecilia Phalen, w. of Deano Meyers;
 July 1, 1896.
- 4) Professor John Holm.
- 5) George P. Wickliff, 1862-1921.
- 6) Margaret Wickliff, d. Nov. 15, 1886; aged 68 Y.

- 7) Delia, w. of W.M. Corey, d. Oct. 7, 1902; aged 65 Y, 10 M.
- 8) Belle, w. of Thomas Hines, d. Oct. 3, 1891; aged 31 Y.
- 9) Michael P. Hoy, d. June 3, 1867; aged 63 Y.
- 10) David Hoy.
- 11) Elizabeth Hoy.
- 12) Mary Hoy.
- 13) Catherine Hoy.
- 14) Catherine Hoy.
- 15) Maude Kennedy, 1889-1931.

- 16) Fannie Lafferty.
- 17) Theresa Durbin.
- 18) Edward McKinney.
- 19) Harry McKinney.
- 20) Jerome B. McKinney, 1869-1944. Mary O. (wife), 1868-1946.
- 21) Samuel J. Cory, son of Wm & Delia; d. Mar. 1882; aged 17 Y, 9 M, 23 D.
- 22) John F. Dinan, d. Sept. 9, 1875; aged 31 Y, 5 M, 2 D.
- 23) Joseph Edward, son of John & --Dinan; d. sept. 12, 1875; aged
 10 Y, 9 D.
- 24) Matthew, son of P. & B. Dinan; d. Oct. 11, 1875; aged 23 Y, 10 M.
- 25) Florence B. Cush; Sept. 15, 1882; Sept. 25, 1960.
- 26) Kenneth A Beal, Feb. 1, 1910;
 Aug. 31, 1976.
 Ethel M. Beal, Feb. 1, 1910;
 Nov. 7, 1976.
- 27) Emilie K. Needles, Sept. 24, 1928; July 25, 1964. Frederick (father), Jan. 14, 1925; ---
- 28) Sophia Sova (mother), Feb. 6, 1895; Feb. 7, 1963.
- 29) Lawrence E. Lafferty, 1901=1968. Edna M. Lafferty, 1914-
- 30) Earl J. Lafferty, 1897-1965. Margaret Lafferty, 1899-
- 31) James Lafferty, 1870-1944.
 Catherine Lafferty, 1872-1944.
- 32) Martha Carr.
- 33) Arza P. Carr.
- 34) Jerome Carr.
- 35) Amelia Demmon.

- 36) Marie E. Withrow (mother), July 24, 1967. Kathleen Withrow (daughter), Nov. 29, 1918-Jan. 2, 1920. Sidney L. Withrow (father), Oct. 1, 1888-Sept. 25, 1943.
- 37) Edward Phalen (father),1856-1934.Clara Phalen (mother), 1858-1952.
- 38) Frank W. Obert, 1902-Martha C. Obert, 1904-1966.
- 39) Bart R. Stires, 1955-1970.
- 40) Bernard A. Phalen, 1883-1964. Rutti M. Phalen, 1890- .
- 41) Linda Marie Kwiat, 1950-1970.
- 42) Helena Porter, Mar. 9, 1899; June 22, 1971.
- 43) Infant dau. Roberta Withrow, Jan. 4, 1950-Jan. 22, 1950.
- 44) Vetrice M. Cohgaen, Sept. 9, 1932.
- 45) Richard C. Cohagen, Apr. 17, 1924; Feb. 21, 1977.
- 46) Son, Patrick A. Cohagen, 1960-1977.
- 47) Frank J. Lafferty.
 John Lafferty.
- 48) Maria J. Lafferty, 1847-1916.
- 49) Roddy Lafferty, d. Nov. 5, 1882; aged 79 Y, 7 M, 19 D. Rose A., w. of Roddy; d. Apr. 24, 1866; aged 54 Y, 6 M, 12 D.
- 50) Julia A., dau. of R & R Lafferty, d. Aug. 8, 1848; aged 6 Y 4 M, 20 D.
- 51) Infant, son of R & R Lafferty; Mar. 26, 1843; aged 3 D.
- 52) John Burns, d. Sept. 8, 1864; aged 35 Y.
- 53) James B. O'Connor.
- 54) Margaret O'Connor.

- 55) Corpl. Barney O'Connor, Co. E. 76 Ohio Inf.
- 56) Leona Haugh.
- 57) Caroline T. Lafferty (dau.), d. Aug. 18, 1848; aged 8 M, 7 D.
- 58) Bernard, son of Lafferty; d. Aug. 14, 1848; aged 6 M, 6 D.
- 59) Dennis J. McKinney, 1830-1902.
- 60) Elizabeth McKinney.
- 61) Orlena McKinney.
- 62) Edward P. McKinney, 1848-1910.
- 63) Jerome E. Cush, 1851-1939. Eugenie Cush, 1845-1914.
- 64) Jno O'Connor, Co. C, 27th Ohio Inf., d. Mar. 16, 1879, aged 50 Y.
- 65) Mary Haugh.
- 66) N. J. Haugh.
- 67) Alice McKinney, 1877-1892.
- 68) Emmett McKinney, d. 1892. Eugene Cush McKinney, d. 1928. Belle, 1928. Austin, infant.
- 69) John Carr.
- 70)James Phalen, 1853-1932.
 Ella A., w., d. June 16, 1891;
 aged 32 Y., 11 M, 16 D.
 Florence, dau. of J & E Phalen,
 d. Sept. 3, 1891; aged 10 M, 1 D.
- 71) John Hillar; d. July 1862; aged 29 Y.
- 72) John Doherty, d. Aug. 27, 1853.
- 73) Polly, w. of John Doherty; d. Sept. 10, 1849, aged 53 Y.
- 74) Haugh.
- 75) Thos. Haugh
- 76) Ann Haugh.
- 77) Barney Horan.

- 78) Kitty Myers.
- 79) Edward Haugh.
- 80) Catherine, w. of Edward Haugh; d. Oct. 5, 1871; aged 65 Y.
- 81) Dora Haugh.
- 82) Frank Haugh.
- 83) Mary Haugh, d. --- 16, 1855.
- 84) Johnie Haugh, d. Feb. 25, 1865.
- 85) Francis Carr, d. Dec. 19, 1972; aged 88 Y. Catherine, w. of F. Carr, d. July 14, 1871; aged 73 Y.
- 86) Eddie, son of D.D. & C. Cush.
- 87) Amelia T., dau. of D.D. & C. Cush; d. Sept. 28, 1865; aged 18 Y.
- 88) Daniel D. Cush, d. Sept. 2, 1894; aged 84 Y. Sacred to the memory of Catherine, w. of D. Cush; d. Nov. 21, 1892; aged 81 Y.
- 89) Vincent H. Rowe, 1868-1897.
- 90) Margarite Lafferty.
- 91) Bernad J. Mattingly, 1862-1917.
- 92) Genevieve Mattingly, 1864-192-.
- 93) Jerome F. Mattingly, 1894-1896.
- 94) Bernadetta Mattingly, 1901-190-.
- 95) A. W. Lafferty, 1884-1937.
- 96) William H. Lafferty, 1844-1916.
- 97) Catherine Lafferty (his wife) 1851-1920.
- 98) Charles L. McKinney, 1880-1961.
- 99) Effie McKinney, 1872-1939.
- 100) Florence McKinney, 1882-1926.
- 101) Madeline McKinney, 1885-1909.

- 102) Charles Daniel McKinney, 1833-1906. Honora E. McKinney, 1843-192-.
- 103) George Millay, 1864-1918.
- 104) Charles F. Millay, 1866-1940.
- 105) John A. Millay, Jr., 1872-1946.
- 106) John Milley, d. June 30, 1901; aged 80 Y.
 Dora, his wife, d. Feb. 2, 1918; Aged 76 Y. Rest in Peace.
- 107) Francis F. Cush, 1844-1918. Mary A., his wife, 1852-1930.
- 108) Edward D. Cushm 1882-1912.
- 109) Ella Phalen.
- 110) Paul Phalen.
- 111) Mary Juanita Reamer, 1913-1932.
- 112) Joseph Metzger, 1879-1949.
- 113) Mary A. Callahan, 1874-1958.
- 114) Thomas J. Callahan, 1868-1935.
- 115) Andrew J. Moore, 1905-1963. Catherine, his wife, 1906-19--.
- 116) Granny, Genevieve L. Moon; Sept. 14, 1876-Apr. 14, 1943.
- 117) Frederick F. Gleich, Jr., Sept. 7, 1926; Sept. 29, 1975. Son of Catherine Moore.

- 118) Earl W. Lafferty, 1880-1952. Mary B., his wife, 1888-19--.
- 119) Sidney L. Waithrow (father), Oct. 1, 1888; Sept. 25, 1945. Marie E. (mother), Feb. 11, 1897; July 24, 1967. Kathleen (daughter), Nov. 29, 1918; Jan. 2, 1921.
- 120) William J. Miller, 1919-1919.
- 121) Mere ----.
- 122) Mary, wife of Rory Mere.
- 123) Johnie Bor, Jan. 29, 1873;
 Mar. 8, 1874.
 Eliza Bor, Feb. 28, 1855;
 Sept. 8, 1873.
 John Gorey, Dec. 26, 1827;
 Jan. 5, 1885.
 Rachel Gorey (wife), 1840-1919.
- 124) John Gorey.
- 125) Sarah, w. of James Gorey, d. Aug. 5, 1878; aged 43 Y. 6 M, 19 D.
- 126) Jas. Carrm CDA, 113 Ohio Inf. Vet. 1861-1865.
- 127) George F. (son), d. 1879, aged 7 Y.
- 128) Julia A. Robinson, 1825-1908.
- 129) Margaret Tippy.
- 130) Frederick (son).

(End of the history of St. Joseph's, Jersey, Licking County, Ohio.)

Note: The history of St. Mary's, Minerton (Wilkesville), Vinton County, Ohio, will be continued in the next issue of the BULLETIN.