



NEW KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS —
Shown at the presentation of the charter of the new Knights of Columbus Cardinal Bellarmine Council 4849 of Aurora are

(left to right): S. J. Caliendo, Deputy Grand Knight; Rev. Fr. James Gaynor, chaplain; Gerald Casey, District Deputy; Richard Falkenburg, Grand Knight; Very Rev.

Msgr. Raymond J. Wahl, Chancellor of the Rockford Diocese; Right Rev. Msgr. F. F. Connor, Council Benefactor; Rev. Fr. Francis McDonnell.



History of Council

In 1960 a group of men from 6 various parishes of Aurora arranged a meeting at Holy Angels Rectory, for the purpose of discussing the possibility of another Council of Knights of Columbus for the City of Aurora. A Council which would devote its efforts for Youth, Civic, and Religious activities. Twelve men responded, and formed the Cardinal Bellarmine Council No. 4849 of Aurora, meetings held at the Holy Angels Lancaster Hall. From its humble beginning, with its Council Benefactor, Monsignor F. F. Connor at its helm, it gradually grew. Our Charter was secured in 1962. As it grew, so did its activities. For Youth, the Council was the first to bring well-known Disc-Jockeys to Aurora, such as Jim Lounsbury, Dick Biondi, and many others for the Teenagers dancing enjoyment. First, also, to take advantage of the advertising media offered in Aurora, to insert the well-known religious Knights of Columbus Mats so often seen in the finest magazines, books, and papers. Under Civic, we are promoting outdoor advertising to keep the public aware of Knights of Columbus's many activities. Fraternalism within the Council, finds us with an annual family picnic, Christmas party, with each child of a member receiving gifts. We inaugurated a Brat-Wurst Bar-B-Q which is now an annual affair. Social dances for members and their friends are held every 2 months. Our meetings are well attended, with each member willing, for his participation in any activity which comes before the Council. We are in essence, still a small council, but, with accomplished activities that are done in a way as big as the hearts of these dedicated Knights who have made the Council a reality.
