

Catholic group sets lectures

A month-long series for divorced and separated Catholics seeking to understand how to integrate church teaching and personal conscience with regard to life's decisions has been planned by the Separated and Divorced Catholics' Committee.

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Nominating strategy was plotted, with a quip, by (from left) Oakland Prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson, Orin Commissioner George Kuhn and Circuit Judge Richard Kuhn at the Republican state convention. Judge Kuhn unsuccessfully sought a supreme court nomination.

Was court bid Patterson's test?

By TIM RICHARD

Was it as simple as Upshaw's Joseph P. Swallow beating Oakland's Richard Kuhn for a Republican state Supreme Court nomination?

Or was it a test run for the 1978 Republican gubernatorial nomination between Rep. Dennis O. Carver of Manistee and Oakland County Prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson?

There were undertones of things to come at last weekend's GOP state convention in Grand Rapids. The immediate purpose was to nominate candidates for the high court and eight education posts in this November's election, but there was already some quiet wonderment at who will succeed William G. McMillen when he yields the next two years from now.

CANTORINE, who makes no secret of his ambition to be governor, gave the nominating speech for Swallow, 42, a circuit judge and former state representative. Carver made a couple of digs at Kuhn, saying Swallow was "electable in November" and was prosecuting crooks "long before it was popular to be tough on the criminal element." Kuhn has won two elections for constitutional convention delegate in 1961 and Oakland circuit judge in 1972 and lost two for the Republican nomination for Congress in the 15th District in 1968 and for prosecutor in 1969.

Patterson, also known for his ambition, made Kuhn's nominating speech and passed on the rhetoric: "I want to nominate a man who is a lawyer and not a social planner. I want to nominate a man with common sense and not a common snare. I want to nominate a man who will interpret the law and not rewrite the law. I want to nominate a man to whom the rights of victims of crime are as cherished as the rights of criminals."

GEORGE KUHN, the judge's brother, a West Bloomfield resident and county drain commissioner, acknowledged Swallow had "a head start because he's been running for weeks."

"Dick got into it Wednesday three days prior to the convention. We wanted to make sure the governor OK'd it. Dick

Kuhn's candidacy because he (McMillen) can stir up the ticket."

We read what (Chief Justice) Kavanaugh said about legislating, not prostitution and pornography and said, "Somebody's got to run against him."

George Kuhn said Oakland County Chairman Arthur Elliott "played power better, trading votes with other delegates."

Judge Kuhn's other selling point was that he would have faster access to the metropolitan area for campaign purposes than Swallow would.

SWALLOW WON the nomination, 1,010 to 468, carrying 14 congressional district delegations to Kuhn's five.

Swallow carried the 3d District, 47-22. Lawton conservatives were happy to support Kuhn, remembering the days when he ran a hard-fought battle with Jack McDonald for the GOP nomination to Congress in the old 18th District, but party moderates recalled that race with distaste.

Swallow carried the 12th District (eastern Greater Rochester) and much of Macomb County, 43-29.

Kuhn took the normally moderate 15th District, 29-22, after Party Chairman Ernest Fackler made a second speech for him.

Swallow easily won the 17th District, 41-9. The 17th includes Bedford Township and the Farmington community, which were parts of the old 18th that were loyal to Jack McDonald.

Most of Oakland County is in the 18th and 19th congressional districts, and Kuhn easily won those, 31-4 and 29-7, respectively.

KUHN WASN'T overly disappointed at his defeat. "We got the message across," he said, referring to the "prostitution and porno" theme.

Patterson, whose wife was "nine months and eight days" pregnant, was visibly fatigued all day. He didn't take the convention's rejection of Kuhn's candidacy personally.

He did see any problem with his supporting the advancement of a judge before whom he may try future cases. "A prosecutor has got the same constitutional right to support a candidate as any other citizen," Patterson said.



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