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## MEN OF LaSALLE WELCOMES FRESHMAN FATHERS

### COACH MEYER IMPROVES STANDING OF LA SALLE HIGH

The gentleman whose picture appears on this page is one with whom all active members of Men of LaSalle are destined to become acquainted. Judging by the success of his first varsity team at LaSalle High School, we predict that he will be around the campus for quite some time.



COACH JOHN MEYER

He is Head Coach John Myers, top man of the coaching staff which has brought so much glory to LaSalle High and so much enjoyment to the Little Explorers' followers. The rest of the staff is made up of Assistants Fred Volp, William Coyle, James Gallagher and Leo McGinley and Moderator Brother F. Joseph.

After compiling an impressive record at Ambler High, Johnny came to LaSalle this year and immediately established the Little Explorers as a factor to be reckoned with in deciding the Catholic League championship. Meeting St. James', who had put together an unbroken string of five wins, his team displayed the courage which he has instilled in them by holding this powerhouse to a scoreless tie. He holds victories over St. John's, St. Thomas' and West Catholic, while losing to South, North, St. Joe's and Roman.

Coach Myers features the "Short Punt" formation as his offensive weapon, an innovation in the Catholic High League, and it is expected that when the fundamentals of this system have

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Men of LaSalle held its first meeting of the 1949-50 year on Friday evening, September 30, with its newly elected president, James Morro, officiating. After Prayer by Brother E. Joseph, President Morro introduced Mr. William White-side, the first president of Men of LaSalle, and Mr. Ed. Ganley, the third president of the association. He then extended a cordial welcome to all Freshman Fathers. Treasurer George S. Forde, chairman of the Planning Committee, then expounded the new By-Laws and moved for their adoption with certain modifications and corrections, which he pointed out. The most important of these was the provision that past presidents would be included on the Board of Directors.

With the adoption of these By-Laws, the nominating committee presented the names of 15 nominees to be voted on at the November meeting.

One of the evening's many treats was the first appearance before Men of LaSalle of Brother E. George, Principal of the High School. Brother made it very emphatic that his inability to attend our meetings was due to the state of his health when first invited and later to the tremendous pressure of his duties after the school year got into full swing, and it in no way reflected any underestimation of the role this organization plays in making LaSalle College High School the outstanding institution it is. He said he hoped that the men who were in attendance for the first time would join wholeheartedly with Men of LaSalle in furthering its good work. In the name of the faculty he thanked Men of LaSalle for its past services to the High School. Brother George then introduced the Moderators of the various Freshmen classes: Brother Alfred, 1A; Brother Robert, 1B; also Moderator of the Mothers' Club; Brother Joseph, 1C, Moderator of Men of LaSalle; Brother Emilian, 1D; and Brother William, 1E; and Brother Albert, Guidance Counsellor. Other faculty members presented to the gathering were: Brother Francis, a Sophomore Moderator; and the messrs. Gallagher, McGinley and Courtland, lay members of the faculty.

President Morro then called upon Brother D. Luke, one of the founders and first Moderator of Men of LaSalle, to say a few words. Brother came from Baltimore expressly to at-

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## **Bud Dudley, Notre Dame Alumni President Will Attend Meeting**

### **Former All America Will Narrate Notre Dame 1948 Football Movies**

Dom D'Amico, chairman of arrangements for the Father-Son Football Meeting has come up with a program packed with interesting people and entertainment. Not the least of these will be Bud Dudley, who starred at St. Joe's and then Notre Dame, and is now president of the Philadelphia Notre Dame Alumni. Mr. Dudley will bring with him a reel of motion picture highlights of Notre Dame's 1948 season.

Planned to entertain the kids who play football at LaSalle, this meeting, scheduled for Thursday evening, November 17th, promises to merit a record turnout of students, their dads, and other men friends of LaSalle. All the football players will be there, with the coaching staff; and Johnny Meyer, popular and capable new coach, has promised to talk to us about LaSalle football, and to introduce his assistants. Other guests will include Vince McNally, Eagles manager. Musical entertainment will be furnished by Bill Thomas and Matt Bucko, Jr., two real artists from the high school student body. Incidentally, the musical portion of the program will start at 8:15 sharp, so be in your seats as soon after eight as you can in deference to the musicians. The program will be good from start to finish. And speaking of finish . . . if time permits and you want to stay, there will be a little dividend. We are going to have a thirty minute reel, *color and sound*, of the 1948-Army-Navy Game, courtesy of the United States Navy. How's that for a program? Better get there early, we have only 800 seats, and they are all free!

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## **WHAT WE KNOW**



It is only appropriate that the chairman of Father and Son Football Night is an old hand at football himself. Dom D'Amico first played at Southern High, then for Clifton, Mitchell, and other amateur and semi-pro clubs. Presently he is an official in the Pop Warner League.

One of the rewarding experiences of attending Men of LaSalle functions is that of meeting old friends. For instance, we bumped into Tim McGee at the last meeting. If you're as old as we are you may remember when Tim played center at Catholic High.

Frank Branagan is doing very nicely with his new building operation in Camp Hill, just west of Harrisburg. Just got some more started.

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John McNichol has volunteered to get some ads for the *News*. He really has something good to offer to you fathers who have something to sell. This paper has a circulation in excess of 1,000 copies per issue, and goes to a rather select group of men, men who have been able to pay or are now paying private school tuition.

### **George Harkins Appointed**

Well, now we know that the January meeting will be in good hands. Our golden-voiced football announcer, high-powered George Harkins has been appointed chairman of arrangements. Of course details are not complete, but we can give you a hint of what it is all about. The central theme of the meeting is "School Activities," and the idea will be to spotlight the activities that engage the interest of those of our youngsters who are not athletic specialists. These are the musical groups, the dramatic group, the Benilde Club, the student publications, the art group, the photo club, various hobbies that individual lads engage in. We feel sure it will be interesting for both the men and the boys.

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## Members Will Vote For New Directors

Failure of the members to nominate director candidates from the floor has posed a special problem, since only fifteen were nominated by the nominating committee, and fifteen must be elected, five for three years, five for two, and five for one year. However, provision will be made on the ballot for choosing candidates for each of these terms. Please be sure to get your ballot at the door and consider your choices carefully.

## Men of LaSalle Welcomes Freshman Fathers

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tend this meeting, and we were highly honored by his visit, the first in three years. He outlined the early years of Men of LaSalle, recalling when meetings had to be held in poolrooms or any other place where you could get in out of the rain. While marvelling at the progress the association has displayed, Brother Luke expressed surprise at the change in the constitution which cuts down the number of meetings. He said it was his opinion that one night a month was certainly not too much time to spend in our efforts to assist our boys. He reminded us that our first loyalty must be to our boys and that today more so than ever before we must make a conscious effort to try to understand the confusion and bewilderment in the minds of our boys. This is a tremendous responsibility which we are not justified in laying entirely upon the shoulders of the Brothers and LaSalle High School. President Morro promised that the next meeting would be given an opportunity to reconsider this change in meeting dates.

## Nominations

At the last meeting the Nominating Committee placed fifteen names in nomination for the fifteen places on the Board of Directors and then asked for additional nominations from the floor. As none were forthcoming, nominations were closed upon the fifteen names. This action is tantamount to election and under the constitutional revisions they will select from their number the officers for the coming year.

Those nominated are: Frank Branagan, Dr. John Connolly, Frank D'Amico, George S. Forde, Charles Happ, George Harkins, Edward Kelly, Fremont Levy, James Morro, Ray Murphy, Ignatius L. Murray, P. J. McFarland, John McNichol, Harry M. Stites and Hiland M. Watts.

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## Fathers Give Scholarships

We have just learned that Men of LaSalle will be asked for almost \$1,000.00 this year to defray tuition of boys whose families have run into economic storm. This, of course, is the principal reason for our existence as an organization, and we are proud to be able to meet this obligation. That is why we ask that you pay your annual dues if you have not done so for the 1949-50 school year. Dues are \$2.00, but anyone who can is asked to increase the ante. This is a non-profit, philanthropic organization.

## News Can Become Self-Supporting

At the meeting of the Board of Directors held on Nov. 2 Treasurer George Forde reported that the printing costs for MEN OF LASALLE NEWS was very nearly covered by receipts of the advertising carried therein. He also reported that our new mailing permit had cut our postage costs considerably. These facts coupled with the bringing up to date of our mailing list now gives this paper a circulation in excess of 1,000. (This should be borne in mind when soliciting ads, a task in which all our members may share. Ads are \$5 per one-column inch.)

President Morro mentioned the meeting of Nov. 17, and expressed his opinion that attendance records might be broken at this time because of the excellent program arranged by Chairman D'Amico, of the football Committee and the Entertainment Committee.

After a short discussion it was decided to delay the printing of the By-Laws in book format until experience proves them reasonably permanent, at which time it will be possible to compile a new directory.

Because of the unusual condition attendant upon the election to be conducted at this meeting, where of fifteen nominees five are to be chosen for three years, five for two years and five for one year, it will be necessary for voters to mark the number of years they wish each candidate to serve.

## Coach Meyer Improves Standing of LaSalle High

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been mastered by his squad we shall see the gonfalon whipping the breeze in the vicinity of 20th and Olney.

Men of LaSalle offers congratulations to Johnny upon a good season completed and best wishes for future successes.

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