

TO CELEBRATE COLUMBUS DAY

Organizations Plan Observance of
Discovery of America.

TWO BANQUETS THIS EVENING

Knights of Columbus Will Hold Two
Large Affairs—Italians of
City to Give Ball and
Parade.

To-day is Columbus day, and it will be observed throughout the city with appropriate ceremony, commemorating the 528th anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus.

The day, having been declared a legal holiday, will be marked by the closing of all public institutions. Sessions in the public schools will be suspended and city and county offices will be closed, but the Public Library, it was said yesterday, will remain open.

Particularly interesting are the programmes which have been prepared for the observance of the day by the two councils of the Knights of Columbus. Together with the celebration of Columbus day, Syracuse Council will observe the fourteenth anniversary of its installation with a monster banquet for members, their wives and friends in the ballroom of the Onondaga at 7.30 o'clock this evening. Arrangements have been made for 250 guests. The hall will be beautifully decorated with red roses and pretty favors have been provided for the women guests.

Grand Knight Dr. W. G. Muench will act as toastmaster and the toast list includes as speakers Judge Peter A. Hendrick, Rev. Robert J. Bogan of Utica, Andrew Tuck of Albany and Francis J. Lynch of this city. The committee which has had charge of the arrangements is composed of John J. Kessel, chairman; Dr. W. G. Muench, Martin M. Heenan, Thomas Lane, Herman J. Englehardt, Carl Hopstein, Frank F. McCarville and Captain John B. Tuck.

Le Moyne Council has likewise arranged an elaborate programme which will be presented in its rooms in the Larned Block. The speakers are to be Charles F. English of Erie, Pa., Stewart F. Hancock and Prof. Hookway of Cicero, who will discuss the general topic, "Columbus." The speaking will be interspersed with a musical programme in which numbers will be given by Miss Ethel Killian, Miss Tina Smith, Miss Margaret O'Herin, Robert Dawson and Lewis Masterson.

The programme will be followed by an informal banquet at which it is expected 500 guests will be present. Grand Knight John F. Barrett will act as toastmaster and a number of the members will respond.

Since being set aside as a legal holiday by the Legislature two years ago, the observance of the day has spread rapidly and for several month preparations for its celebration have been under way by the Italians of the city. In honor of their distinguished countryman, they have prepared a programme which will begin at 1 o'clock and will continue throughout the afternoon and evening.

The celebration will begin with a band concert in Clinton Square, in which Arturo Guinta's Duca Deglie Abruzzi band will participate. An excellent programme will popular selections.

The main feature of the celebration for the Italian citizens will take place at 7 o'clock this evening, when a number of marching organizations will parade about the principal streets of the city, prior to going to Turn Hall where a ball is to be held. The opening address at Turn Hall will be delivered by Mayor Edward Schoeneck and Paolo Marciano will follow with a speech in Italian. The proceeds of the affair will go toward the general fund which is being raised for the building of a monument to Columbus. The committee in charge is composed of Prof. De Felice, president; Joseph Maggio, first vice-president; John B. Balterine, second vice-president; Charles Smith, treasurer; G. D'Mico, financial secretary, and Nicholas Cerio, corresponding secretary.

The parade, of which Joseph C. Barry is grand marshal, will form as follows: The Red Uhlans, St. John Kauty, Knights of St. Martin, Polish Cadets and Polish Hussars from the Syracuse Fraternal Regiment, the Augustino de Pretis Society, the Camillo Cavour Society, Principe Amodeo, Vittori Emanuels, Regina Margherita, Duca Degli Di Abruzzi Society, St. Peter's Club and Lega dei Proprietari Society. The column will form at Turn Hall in North Salina street and march to North State street, to South State, to East Onondaga, to South Salina, to North Salina and disband at Turn Hall. It is expected that there will be more than 1,000 brilliantly uniformed men in line.