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VETERANS ADMINISTRATION DIRECTOR TO SPEAK

One of the biggest problems facing the homosexual who has a discharge from the armed forces under less than honorable conditions is the loss of veterans benefits.

At the May 2 meeting of The Council on Religion and the Homosexual our speaker will be Mr. Gordon Elliott, regional director of the Veterans Administration in San Francisco.

Mr. Elliott will be accompanied by a member of his staff--and there will be plenty of time for questions from the audience.

CRH MEETING

GLIDE FELLOWSHIP HALL

8 P.M. THURSDAY, MAY 2

CRH HAS BEEN BUSY THIS YEAR!

Although you've not heard from us since the Annual Meeting last January, your Board of Directors and members of committees have been hard at work. The following are some of the actions taken:

MEMBERSHIP FEE

In view of the overwhelming vote of support from the membership for an annual fee, the Board so voted. Now, to be a member of CRH you must pay \$5 per year. We have classy new membership cards, so fill out the blank enclosed and mail it in. As a bonus for prompt action we'll send you a copy of our president's "state of the organization" message which he presented at the Annual Meeting. (As long as they last.)

PUBLICATIONS

The need for accurate and informative publications on homosexuality is vast. To help meet this need CRH published *Churchmen Speak Out on Homosexual Law Reform* early this year. Now, in cooperation with Daughters of Bilitis, Society for Individual Rights and Tavern Guild of San Francisco, we have published *The Challenge and Progress of Homosexual Law Reform*. This booklet, just off the press, is the most definitive yet on the need for reform of laws dealing with homosexuality and the status of such law reform in the various states. (See list of publications included in this Newsletter.)

Because it is imperative that distribution of *The Challenge and Progress of Homosexual Law Reform* be as wide as possible, we need volunteers to work with the Publications Committee to type labels, check zip codes, draw up lists of professional persons, etc. If you are interested in working with this committee contact Phyllis Lyon, 771-6300.

A committee under the chairmanship of Dr. Joel Fort is currently working on a pamphlet which will combat the "sickness" theory. Working title is "Medicine and the Social Sciences View the Homosexual." It is hoped that revenue from the membership fees will be enough to finance publication.

ORIENTATIONS COMMITTEE NEEDS HELP

The busiest of all CRH committees is Orientations. This is our "speakers bureau." This year we have had a number of requests from groups of teachers, churchmen and laity, and high school and college students for persons to talk with them about homosexuality. No special talents are necessary to participate in these small group discussions. The best way to tell the heterosexual about the homosexual is to confront him with one! If we ever want to achieve full first class citizenship it will be through such confrontations. If you can spare even one evening a month, contact Larry Howard, Committee chairman, or Miss Lyon. (We need LESBIANS to work on this committee!!!)

CRH OFFICERS

At the February Board meeting The Rev. Charles Lewis was re-elected as president of CRH. Other officers are Phyllis Lyon, vice president; David Clayton, treasurer, and Jim Hardcastle, secretary.

Current members of the Board besides the officers are: The Rev. Herb Allen, Bill Beardemphl, Father Robert Brophy, Mrs. Gloria Cooke, Victor Des Marais, Herb Donaldson, Dr. Joel Fort, Stan Hunter, Dorr Jones, Edward Keating, Mrs. Emogene Kuhn, Del Martin, The Rev. Ted McIlvenna, Bill Plath, Charles Street, Rick Stokes and The Rev. Ray Welles.

RECENT ACTIONS

Recent actions taken by the CRH Board include:

A decision to forego taking a booth at the California State Fair this year because the fairgrounds are far from finished and the cost appears prohibitive from the standpoint of the benefit to be gained. We'll consider it again next year.

Request for a listing in the yellow pages of the telephone book under the heading "Homophile Organizations." This action was taken in conjunction with other homophile groups in the city. It appears that the Telephone Company will not take action on this and a complaint is being filed with the Public Utilities Commission.

A seminar on homosexuality is being planned for October 24-27. It is planned that this will be presented almost entirely by homosexuals and that it will draw persons from all over the country. Further details will be forthcoming.

REMEMBER . . .

CRH exists through your help, cooperation and monetary donations!

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