

May 22, 1947

Sister Mary Carolyn and Sister Marie Danail arrived in Las Vegas. They were met by Father Peter Moran who was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Unsworth and Mr. and Mrs. Charles McNamara. The Sisters were taken to the Convent of the Holy Family Sisters in Las Vegas where Mass was said by Father Moran. Later in the day the Sisters were driven out to Henderson to see the Hospital. They visited St. Peter's Church and Rectory. Upon returning to the Convent in Las Vegas arrangements were made to remain with the Holy Family Sisters until housing could be procured in Henderson.

May 23, 1947

This and the following days were spent at St. Peter's Rectory where Father Moran introduced the Sisters to the various officials concerned with the transfer of the hospital and also many local dealers interested in making arrangements for future business with the Hospital. Colonel Reilly, Colonel More and Mr. McCann were among the first presented from War Assets Administration.

May 25, 1947

After making the proper arrangements, Mr. McCann took the Sisters to the hospital on a tour of inspection. They were met by members of the staff including Dr. David Hemington, Dr. Ralph Hemington, Dr. Compton Dr. Starzynski, Dr. Nelson, Dr. Rodda, Mrs. Nelson, the nursing supervisor, and Mr. Bunsow, acting manager of the Hospital. They conferred with the group but gave no information as to future arrangements.

May 26, 1947

From this date on the Sisters spent part of each day in the hospital studying the set-up and becoming acquainted with the routine and the members of the staff.

June 1, 1947

Father Moran drove the Sisters to Reno to visit St. Mary's Hospital conducted by the Dominican Sisters of San Raphael. The Sisters were very cordially received and spent a week visiting the various departments of the hospital and discussing methods of procedure and State regulations.

June 6, 1947

The Sisters returned from Reno and were welcomed by the Holy Family Sisters.

June 7, 1947

Various doctors in Las Vegas were contacted with a view to forming a medical staff.

June 11, 1947

A house was rented in Henderson through the good services of Mr. Unsworth and suitably furnished. It was at 14 California Way about a block from the Hospital.

June 15, 1947

A Reception was held for the Sisters at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Unsworth. The members of St. Peter's Altar Society were the hostesses and about two hundred residents of Henderson, Victory Village, Carver Park and Boulder City attended.

June 17, 1947

A meeting of the various doctors of Las Vegas and Henderson who had been previously interviewed was held at the Holy Family Convent. The policies of the hospital were outlined and the doctors elected Dr. Kenneth Smith, F.A.C.S. as Chief of Staff and Dr. Z. Starzynski as secretary. Other members of the Staff present were: Doctor Chester Lockwood, ophthalmologist; Doctor Samuel Wick, neurologist; Dr. Raymond Nelson, dentist; Doctor James Swank, secretary of the Clark County Medical Society; Doctor Edgar Compton; Doctor Harry Fightlin; Doctor Elmer Garlington. After prolonged consideration Dr. Ralph Hemington was accepted as an active staff member.

June 23, 1947

Correspondence was received from Bishop Gorman appointing Monsignor John Lambe as extraordinary confessor for the Sisters and Monsignor James B. Empey as ordinary confessor.

June 26, 1947

Sisters Marie Augustin, Marie Angelita, Daniel Therese, Felicia and Marie Joyce arrived early Thursday morning after their train had been delayed by floods in the midwest.

June 27, 1947

Basic Hospital passed to the Sisters of St. Dominic at 7 a.m. and the name was changed to Rose de Lima Hospital. This name was the selection of Bishop Gorman and Mother Mary Gerald. In the presence of Father Moran, Mr. McCann, Mr. Julian More and Sister M. Carolyn a letter was signed giving legal sanction until the Interim Permit was drawn up and the final Deed executed. The Sisters then took charge of the various departments and the hospital routine continued. There were fifteen patients registered.

June 28, 1947

The First Mass was said in the hospital by Father Moran at 6:15 A.M. A four-bed ward, 107, was converted into a chapel and the necessary equipment was furnished through Father Moran's efforts.

June 29, 1948

Hospital cleaned and doilies, scarfs and pictures sent by Mother Gerald were placed in the rooms giving them a more home-like atmosphere. Crucifixes furnished by Sister Cyril Edwin placed in each room throughout the hospital.

July 10, 1947

The Holy Family Sister from Las Vegas attended Mass in the hospital Chapel.

July 18, 1947

The first official staff meeting was held in the hospital. Dr. Smith presided. Tentative Constitution and By-laws were discussed.

July 23, 1947

Two sisters of Loretto asked for hospitality and stayed overnight.

July 24, 1947

Dr. Elmer Garlington, member of the newly organized medical staff passed away at Clark County Hospital.

July 25, 1947

Father John Ryan of Boulder City was served a farewell dinner. He left the following day for a visit to his home in Ireland. Pick-up truck acquired from War Assets Administration for one dollar through the help of Father Moran.

July 29, 1947

Father James Flannagan arrived from Reno. He was appointed as assistant at St. Peter's Church and chaplain for Rose de Lima Hospital. He spent several days at the hospital.

July 31, 1947

A dinner was served in honor of Father Flannagan's arrival. Monsignor Empey and Father Moran attended.

August 1, 1947

The sisters moved from the house on California Way to new quarters in the hospital.

August 5, 1947

Second Staff Meeting took place. Constitution and By-laws discussed and adopted.

August 11, 1947

Rose de Lima Hospital incorporated under the laws of Nevada. Mother Mary Gerald, Sister Mary Carolyn and Sister Marie Danahel were the incorporators.

August 14, 1947

Sister Ann Patrick visited the hospital on her way to Chicago. Sister Vincentia and Loretta Marie accompanied her but returned to Los Angeles.

August 15, 1947

Father Moran presented the Sisters with a new Packard car. Mr. Robert Leibert arranged to service it free of charge at the Packard Sales, Las Vegas.

August 20, 1947

Sister Magdalene Grace arrived from Adrian to be a permanent member of the staff.

August 30, 1947

Special Mass was said in honor of St. Rose de Lima. Congratulatory messages were received from Mother Gerald, Sister Edmund and Novices, Sister Coleman and Sister Rose of St. Mary's Hospital, Milwaukee.

September 2, 1947

Third Staff meeting. Analysis of hospital service was reported and deaths discussed.

September 3, 1947

Sister Marie Augustine returned to Adrian.

September 12, 1947

Cut out letters in gold were erected over the main entrance to the hospital carrying the name Rose de Lima. A gold cross was also erected on the roof peak above the central lobby.

October 6, 1947

Mother Gerald and Sister Edmund made a short visit. They went through the hospital and Mother offered suggestions for the coming dedication.

October 7, 1947

Fourth monthly staff meeting. A Library Fund was set up. Each member was to contribute \$15000 for books and periodicals.

October 14, 1947

Mother Mary Gerald and Sister M. Edmund returned for the dedication. Bishop Gorman arrived and occupied the suite specially prepared for him.

October 15, 1947

Dedication Day. The community Mass was celebrated by the Bishop in the hospital chapel. Following the Mass the stations were blessed and erected. Dinner was served for the clergy, the medical profession and many civic leaders. Chef Rom of the El Rancho Vegas offered his services in preparing the food and presented the Sisters with a large cake made as a replica of the hospital. The actual dedication ceremony began at 3 o'clock, terminating with outdoor Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The speakers at the exercises represented the important civic, professional and religious activities of Clark County. Representative groups of sisters were present

from Casa Grande, Winslow, and Kingman, Arizona; Santa Cruz and Los Angeles, California; and Las Vegas, Nevada.

October 16, 1947

The Bishop celebrated Mass in the hospital chapel and returned to Reno the following day.

October 18, 1947

Father Moran drove Mother M. Gerald, Sisters Kevin Marie, Judith and Helen Margaret to Los Angeles.

October 20, 1947

The Sisters drove Sister M. Edmund to Kingman en route to California.

October 28, 1947

Congressman Charles Russell and Mr. Clark of Washington were served dinner and inspected the hospital.

November 1, 1947

Rose de Lima Hospital was accepted as a member of the American Medical Association of Hospitals.

November 4, 1947

Fifth monthly Staff meeting. Discussion of a Child Guidance Clinic to be instituted under the direction of Dr. Samuel Wick. A room was offered for the use of the clinic by Sister Carolyn.

November 7, 1947

Sister Francis James arrived from Roy, New Mexico. Sister Regina Grace accompanied her.

November, 1947

Father Gaynor of Detroit stopped with his nephew. They spent the night and continued on their western trip in the morning.

December 2, 1947

Annual Staff Dinner served to members of courtesy and active staff. Thirteen members attended and were much impressed. Dr. Kenneth Smith thanked the Sisters in the name of the doctors for their thoughtful attention and service.

December 4, 1947

Father Hugh Smith arrived and began arrangements to procure a rectory and church for St. Bridget's parish which he was to found.

December 25, 1947

Midnight Mass celebrated by Father Moran. Later Masses were said by Father Flannagan and Father Smith.

December 26, 1947

Sister Marie Donald and the Sisters from St. Raphael's arrived from Los Angeles. One of the Carmelite Fathers drove them down and remained for a few days. Sister Rose Xavier and Sister Gervase arrived from Kingman.

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December 28, 1947

The Children from St. Mary's school in Kingman came to the hospital and sang Carols.

December 30, 1947

Sister M. Carolyn took Sister Frances James to Adrian.

January 5, 1948

Father Edward Heffernon, O.P. stopped on his way to Phoenix, Arizona. He decided that the climate in Nevada was as beneficial as that in Arizona and that a year in this area would help him regain his strength.

January 6, 1948

Sixth monthly Staff meeting. Dr. Starzynski congratulated upon being elected President of the Clark County Medical Association.

January 7, 1948

The Superintendent of the hospital in Kingman asked to be shown through the Hospital. Later in the day Dr. Anderson of Reno also went through.

January 9, 1948

Rose de Lima Hospital became a member of the American Hospital Association.

January 26, 1948

Bishop Gorman arrived to attend the Clergy Conference.

January 27, 1948

The Diocesan Clergy Conference was held at St. Joan of Arc parish in Las Vegas. Dinner was served to the Bishop and attendant clergy at 6:30 P.M. at the hospital. Monsignor Collins as head of the Nevada Catholic Welfare promised to send a check for \$800 to pay for a much-needed anesthetic machine. The Bishop after giving his sanction to Monsignor's suggestion donated \$250 as did three of the Monsignori. Other donations were given by the remaining members of the clergy.

January 28, 1948

Letter was received from Mother Gerald stating that the new school in Las Vegas would be staffed by the Adrian Dominicans.

February 2, 1948

The Bishop and a group of ladies from Reno including ex-senator Carvill's wife, were served tea in the Bishop's suite after being shown through the Hospital.

February 3, 1948

Seventh monthly Staff meeting. Interesting paper read by Dr. Harry Fightlin.

February 12, 1948

The neighboring clergy were invited to attend a Birthday Dinner in honor of Father Moran.

February 25, 1948

The Interim Permit was signed giving legal sanction for occupancy of the hospital by the Sisters of St. Dominic.

March 2, 1948

Eighth monthly Staff meeting. Dr. Lockwood discussed the book, "Headache."

March 12, 1948

Sister Madonna attended a Convention of Nurse Anesthetists in Oakland, Calif.

March 14, 1948

Dr. Clough of Santa Barbara, first superintendent of Basic Hospital, was shown through the Hospital. He congratulated the Sisters on the improvements, presented them with the flag in the lobby which he claimed belonged to him and asked to have a plaque erected in recognition of the work he had done here.

April 5, 1948

Rose de Lima Hospital was enrolled as an institutional member of the Western Association of Hospitals.

April 6, 1948

Ninth monthly Staff meeting. Dr. Starzynski discussed a paper on OB anesthesia.

April 15, 1948

A farewell dinner was served in honor of Father Moran who was to leave for Ireland on a visit. The following clergy attended: Monsignor John Lambe, Monsignor James B. Empey, Fathers Van Skee, Town, Bourrie, Smith, Flahive, and Vorst.

April 19, 1948

Sister M. Carolyn and Sister Marie Angelita attended the American Hospital Convention in Los Angeles.

May 3, 1948

Forty Hours Devotion was opened by Father Heffernon.

May 4, 1948

Tenth monthly Staff meeting. Announcement was made that election of new officers would take place at the next meeting.

May 19, 1948

The Deed to the hospital was executed. Ownership is now vested in the Sisters of St. Dominic of Adrian, Michigan.

May 29, 1948

Retreat opened for Sisters. Eighteen were present coming from Casa Grande, Winslow, Gilbert and Kingman. Father Paul Redmond, O.P. was the Retreat Master.

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June 1, 1948

Annual staff elections were held at the monthly meeting. Dr. Harry Fightlin was elected Chief of Staff; D. Z. Starzynski was reelected as secretary. Committees were to be appointed at a later date. Dr. David Hemington and Dr. E.A. McCornack, F.A.C.S. were appointed to active staff membership.

June 4, 1948

Bishop Gorman arrived to attend the opening of a diocesan school drive in southern Nevada.

June 5, 1948

Retreat closed. Bishop Gorman gave the apostolic blessing and said the closing Mass.

June 12, 1948

The Sisters who were here for Retreat left for vacation schools. Sister Rose Xavier is remaining for the summer.

June 24, 1948

Sister Marie Joyce arrived from Santa Cruz to spend the summer here.

June 27, 1948

The First Anniversary of Rose de Lima Hospital was celebrated quietly. A Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated by Father Heffernon. Open House was announced and visitors invited. Good wishes were expressed by floral offerings from many friends.