

SPALDING IS GIVEN HIGH PAPAL HONOR

On the eve of the presentation of the Notre Dame university Lactare medal to Jack J. Spalding, announcement was made Wednesday that on Friday morning Mr. Spalding will be made a Knight of St. Gregory, one of the highest of papal orders. Thus in the space of less than 24 hours the prominent Atlanta attorney will receive the greatest honor which Notre Dame can give to a layman and one of the highest awards given by the pope. The medal from the university will be given to Mr. Spalding tonight at the exercises in the Woman's club auditorium by the Rev. Father M. J. Walsh, president of the great Catholic university, and the Atlantian will be made a member of the knightly order Friday morning at the Sacred Heart church, with Bishop M. J. Keyes, of Savannah, formally bestowing the award given by the pope. The ceremonies tonight will be open to the public and will begin at 8 o'clock. In addition to the presentation of the medal by Father Walsh there will be addresses by E. R. Black, governor of the Federal Reserve bank, and J. Carroll Payne.

Conferring of Order.

At 9 o'clock Friday morning Bishop Keyes will confer the order of St. Gregory on Mr. Spalding, making him the third living Georgian to be made a member of this order, Captain P. H. Rice, president of the Catholic Laymen's association, of Georgia, having been so honored some time ago. J. W. Conway, now of Atlanta, also is a member of the order.

The order of the Knights of Saint Gregory is made up of Catholics who



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have been cited by the pope for outstanding work in behalf of the church. The order was established in 1831 by Pope Gregory XVI and is conferred "upon men of unblemished character who have promoted the interests of society and the church" by the pope at the recommendation of the bishops. A very small number are admitted to the order each year. Mr. Spalding becomes the first Georgian and perhaps the first in this country to receive two of the greatest of Catholic honors within such a short period of time.

Preliminary to the giving of awards will be a luncheon which will be given at 12:30 o'clock today at the Piedmont Driving club in honor of Mr. Spalding, many of the distinguished guests who are in the city for the occasion and many prominent Atlantians.

Those to Attend.

Among those who are expected to attend are:

Mr. Spalding; Rev. Matthew Walsh, C. S. C., president of Notre Dame university; Right Rev. Michael J. Keyes, bishop of Savannah; Right Rev. Patrick Barry, bishop of St. Augustine; Rev. R. H. Smith, Provincial Marist society; J. W. Conway, knight of St. Gregory; Rev. Michael A. Cotter, pastor of Sacred Heart church; Rev. Joseph G. Cassidy, pastor Immaculate Conception church; Rev. H. F. Clark, pastor of St. Anthony's church; George G. Gillespie, president Superior council United States Society of St. Vincent de Paul; Edmond J. Butler, secretary Superior council United States Society of St. Vincent de Paul; Captain P. H. Rice, president Catholic Laymen's Association of Georgia; Richard Reid, manager publicity department Catholic Laymen's Association of Georgia; J. J. Haverty, vice president Catholic Laymen's association, state at large; H. A. Magill, president Atlanta branch Catholic Laymen's association; P. T. McDermott, president Immaculate Conception conference, Society St. Vincent de Paul.

Dr. J. H. Hines, president Sacred Heart conference, Society St. Vincent de Paul; J. W. Masseling, president St. Anthony's conference, Society of St. Vincent de Paul; Dr. H. W. Cox, president Emory university; Dr. Thornwell Jacobs, president Oglethorpe university; Dr. M. L. Brittain, president Georgia School of Technology; J. Carroll Payne, attorney and capitalist; Eugene R. Black, governor federal reserve bank, Atlanta; O. J. McGowan, grand knight of the Knights of Columbus; Major John S. Cohen, president of the Atlanta Journal; Albert Howell, president of the Atlanta Constitution; W. C. Edwards, publisher of the Atlanta Georgian-American; Willis F. Sutton, superintendent of public schools; George W. Powell, president board of education; J. J. Condon, secretary Particular council, Society of St. Vincent de Paul; W. E. Kay, general counsel A. C. L. Railway, Jacksonville, Fla.; Benedict J. Elder, editor of "The Record," Louisville, Kentucky.