FRATERNAL SOCIETIES

The EVENING LEDGER opens its columns today to a department of news of the fraternal orders. The activities of organizations which play so important a part in the economic and social life of the community as do these societies cannot fail to interest a multitude of readers.

In these columns will be printed on Friday of each week a record of the doings of the various important fraternal societies represented in Philadelphia. Elections, appointments of officers, legislation, significant resolutions, items of personal interest all will be noted. Whenever consideration of space make it necessary to omit news it will be printed in the next issue.

Secretaries and others who may send communications to this office should be careful to write names and titles legibly on one side of the paper only and send on the day after meetings or by Wednesday of each week, addressing the FRATERNAL EDITOR, EVENING LEDGER.

Improved Order of Red Men

On the sleep of Tuesday the eighth sun the Allied Association of West Philadelphia had its fourth gathering in the council chamber of Tuskawilla Tribe, No. 4. One hundred and sixty members were present, the team work being performed by the degree team of the allied association. The following great chiefs were present: Great Senior Sagamore Samuel H. Walker, Great Prophet Richard E. Tongue, Great Chief of Records Thomas K. Donnalley, Great Keeper of Wampum Joseph Farrar and Deputy Great Sachems Warner, Kuhs, Upright and Pfeffercorn. The next gathering of the Allied Association will be held in the council chamber of Tuckahoe Tribe, No. 271, when it is expected that more than 500 members of the order will be present. The association is doing good work in West Philadelphia.

On the sleep of Friday the eleventh sun the great chiefs will pay a fraternal visit to Mingo Tribe, No. 124. This tribe has issued to each of its members as a surprise a button, on the face of which is 400, followed by a question mark, thus suggesting that it is the desire of the active members of the tribe to increase their membership to that number.

Great Prophet Richard E. Tongue and Great Chief of Records Thomas K. Donnalley last week took up the trail to Dubois for the purpose of making arrangements for the next session of the Great Council of Pennsylvania. They had the opportunity of talking to more than 500 members of the order, representing some 15 tribes located in the immediate vicinity of Dubois. Indications point to a large gathering at Dubois when the Great Council meets there in Hot Moon next, as much enthusiasm was manifested and all appear to be interested in making the session a success. While on the trail the above-mentioned Great Chiefs also visited Williamsport, Brockwayville, Ridgway and Johnsonburg and met the members assembled in these various council chambers. Work is being done by all the tribes in that locality, and notwithstanding the industrial conditions, there will be an increase of membership.

On the sleep of Friday, the fourth sun of this Moon, Great Sachem Charles E. Pass, accompanied by Great Sannap Rodenhaver and other members from Harrisburg, sat within the council chamber of Canonicus Tribe, No. 94, at Mechanicsburg. Several pale faces were admitted.

Shawnee Tribe, No. 8, on Friday evening last was visited by a large delegation, representing the former downtown Parade Committee, now banded together and known as Dacota Association. They made a monthly visit to their tribes and are forming a degree team, who will go on invitation to any of the 10 tribes and adopt in regular form any pale faces who desire to become true red men. All work is to be memorized. W. M. Barton, of No. 8, is one of the oldest past sachems in the order, having been a contributing member for 53 years. Shawnee Tribe is 66 years old.

Wi-Chi-Ta Tribe, No. 69, announces the return of Past Sachem I. J. Marks after a sick absence of four weeks, during which time the brothers secured 25 pale faces in his honor. Brother Marks was not aware of this surprise until the time for the adoption was to take place, and, though not fully recovered, he became so enthusiastic that he at once donned his costume and conducted the degree in splendid style. The Entertainment Committee will hold a donation party at the wigwam on December 18. An elaborate program has been arranged. Past Sachem Jones, degree master and keeper of wampum, is arranging a contest among the brothers and offering prizes for securing pale faces.

Tongwee Tribe, No. 322, at its regular session last Friday's sleep adopted a pale face and received two propositions. The adoption team, under the captaincy of Brother John Martin, performed the work in a creditable manner. The Anniversary Committee is working with the co-operation of the brothers to make the anniversary ball, to be held January 21, a great success. Tongwee Tribe is one of the most prosperous tribes in the Northeast, due to the activity of all its members, young and old.

Minona Tribe has decided to give an entertainment some time in February. After the next election of officers in March they will be raised in public some time in April. After the meeting on last Friday's sleep the tribe proceeded to Minisis's Tribe wigwam, where a district meeting was being held. The tribe was marshaled to the wigwam by District Deputy Grand Sachem Harry C. Upright. There was a large attendance from every tribe in West Philadelphia and other sections. The great sachem and the great senior sagamore made addresses. Minona Tribe is still taking in pale faces, three now standing for adoption.

Maumee Tribe will have a minstrel entertainment and dance on next Monday evening at 715 North Broad street. This affair is expected to be one of the best efforts this tribe has ever made. This minstrel troupe is composed of members of the tribe only and their entertainment will be high class. The particular star is Frank H. Miller, the popular comedian, who will be on one end. The other end will be taken by the eccentric comedian, J. Howard Bell. The interlocutor will be Charles E. Bell. The Board of Great Chiefs of the State will attend. After the minstrel show there will be a package party. Brother Harry L. Missemer will be the auctioneer, the funniest man in the business. The entertainment is for the purpose of starting a campaign for getting new members. The Entertainment Committee has promised a series of monthly entertainments.

On next Thursday evening Wissinoming Tribe will hold a social, at which all the members and friends are requested to be present.

Moscosco Tribe, No. 34, meeting at 3930 Lancaster avenue on every Wednesday sleep, has one of the best council chambers in the great reservation, and is always pleased to welcome visitors. On the second sleep visits were made by Great S. Sagamore Samuel Walker, Past Great Sachem John E. Poore and Doctor Beswick, all of whom made excellent remarks. The tribe is endeavoring to raise enough money to buy a handsome banner, and will give a card party in its room on Wednesday evening, January 20. All the banners and flags were destroyed by fire in 1910.

Independent Order Odd Fellows

Grand Master Benson has issued a warning to the State lodges against the use of spurious ritual books now on the market. The possession of such books by a member in good standing is a violation of the laws and brings the penalty of expulsion of membership from the order.

Grand Secretary Hall has sent notices to the subordinate lodges that the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its last session held in Atlantic City amended the law on transfer of membership by change of residence to the effect that on and after the 1st of January next all applications for transfer certificates must be accompanied by a fee of 25 cents to pay the cost of the card and that this fee must be paid by the brother to the new lodge to which he makes application for membership.

The flag presentation and patriotic services by Cincinnatus Lodge in the Beacon Presbyterian Church on Sunday were highly successful. The program included the Orphanage Orchestra and Chorus; William J. Caskey, Sr., in Civil War uniform and Zouave costume; Charles Hammond and Mary Tuson, in vocal solos; singing of the national hymns, sermon by the Rev. George P. Horst, and the presentation by Robert W. Montgomery, of Damascus Lodge. The committee was composed of William Taggard, Samuel L. Prince, W. L. Crouthamel, Thomas Whitehead and Thomas Cowden.

Coaquanock Lodge holds "open house," with entertainment and "feed," every second Tuesday night.

Energetic Lodge invites members outside of the jurisdiction specially to visit its sessions on Wednesday evenings in the Parkway Building. All the degrees are conferred in full form.

The Eleventh District Progressive Committee held its first convocation at Fame Lodge, Textile Hall, corner of Kensington avenue and Cumberland street, which was attended by 350 members of the order. John Watkins introduced the Grand Lodge officers. P. G. McMullin rendered several solos. Past Grand Master Robert Graham spoke of the good work the order was doing throughout the State, and addresses were made by Past Grand William Kennedy, Past Grand Samuel French, D. D. G. M. of the 11th district, and Deputy Grand Master J. P. Hale Jenkins, of Norristown. Brother Past Grand Grant R. McGlathery, of Norristown, was the orator of the occasion. The famous I. O. O. F. band rendered a good part of the program. The next convocation will be held at Mutual Friends' Lodge, Amber and Norris streets, on Wednesday next.

The Lizzettee Rowe Rebekah Lodge will pay Fame Lodge a fraternal visit this evening. All members of the order are invited.

Grand Patriarch Samuel H. Pope has inaugurated a series of official visits to the subordinate encampments in Philadelphia, with a view to creating renewed enthusiasm in Patriarchal Odd Fellowship in this section. Recently he has visited Cyprus Encampment, National-Palestine, Keystone, Corona and Temple. He was accompanied by the grand officers located in the city, and the visits were well received.

The Temple Encampment, at its last meeting conferred the Patriarchal, Golden Rule and Royal Purple Degrees on 14 candidates, and a number of propositions were received.

The degree staff of Cyprus Encampment conferred the three degrees on a class of candidates for Penn Township Encampment on Wednesday evening last. The "Trail Hitters" are making a series of visitations in the interest of Patriarchal Odd Fellowship. Frank F Conway, William McM. Cull, Charles M. Entwisle and others are leading the "Trail Hitters" in their work.

It is reported that a suspended member of Cynosure Lodge, No. 805, located at Eldersville, Pa., is soliciting aid from lodges in the order under the name of W. H. McClain.

Mills Lodge, one of the strongest in the State, having a membership of 715 and a crack degree team, initiated last evening five candidates in the first degree. On January 28 Mills Lodge will be honored by a visitation of the Grand Lodge officers. They have already started preparations to attend the 100th anniversary of the order at Baltimore in 1919, when they hope to have increased their membership to 1000.

One of the most active lodges in North Philadelphia is Ivy Lodge, No. 295, meeting at 2748 Germantown avenue, which is as powerful with out-of-town as with local visitors. The last annual statement of this lodge showed a membership of 494, and assets of almost $37,000, making it one of the wealthiest in this jurisdiction. The degree staff is famous and the members are noted for their true fraternal spirit. Next Monday evening the Degree of Friendship will be conferred and a visitation is expected from Tacony Lodge, No. 238, of Bridesburg.

Star of Bethlehem Lodge, with a membership of 203, has accumulated assets to the amount of $20,000. Much of the success is due to the following officers: N. G., M. A. Wolf; V. G., P. W. Kulin; secretary, C. H. Ellis; secretary's clerk, P. Schall; treasurer, W. K. Matsinger; R. S. N. G., E. Baunar; L. S. N. G., J. H. Beitzel; warden, L. E. Underwood; conductor, H. S. Nutter; R. S. V. G., M. Loughery; L. S. V. G., M. H. Smith; R. S. S., F. T. Beyer; L. S. S., J. E. Reiter; I. G., W. B. Kelley; O. G., L. M. Wilson; organist, L. O. R. Corbin; degree master, Charles Ellis; representative to Grand Lodge, C. W. Roberts; representative to O. F. Home, J. R. Partenheimer; representative to Orphans' Home, C. Cuesta Ellis; representative to O. F. Cemetery, J. C. Seek; representative to General Relief Association, Charles H. Ellis; trustees, J. R. Partenheimer, C. Wilson Roberts, J. H. Beitel, Harry Dietsch, C. W. Roberts, C. H. Ellis, L. E. Underwood and E. Bannar.

East Park Lodge conferred the degree of Friendship on Brother James R. McNeary on Tuesday evening. There was present a delegation from Washington Irving Lodge. The work of the staff was highly praised. Brief addresses were made by Brothers Major Batroff, Hankinson, Reed, Wynnt and Drain and responses made by Brothers Hayes, Brill, Rhea, Smith and Thomas.

Patriotic Order Sons of America

Today the order celebrates its 69th anniversary with a total membership in the State of nearly 120,000 and the reports coming from all parts of the State show a wonderful increase of interest in the order. The order since its inception has never in any year experienced a decrease, but has always shown a healthy gain. There are at the present time 365 subordinate camps in the State, all in a good, healthy condition.

Since the close of the State's camp session held at York, Pa., in August, there have been instituted the following camps: Camp Nos. 536 and 538, of Philadelphia; 804, of Llanerch, Delaware County; 866, of Shanksville, Somerset County; 867, of Philadelphia; 868, of Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County; 869, of Allentown, Lehigh County; 870, of Woodlawn, Beaver County; 871, of Philadelphia, with camps to follow in York and Whitaker, Allegheny County.

Philadelphia has at the present time 98 camps with a membership of close to 25,000 and many camps report good gains for the past six months. There is a movement on foot in the city to have a class initiation of 3000 to be held in some suitable hall some time during the month of June next, and to that end all the camps of the city are showing the growth of the project on a dial each week, the hand of the dial moving as the reported candidates are received.

The order has taken up the work of presenting flags to the public schools and churches. This project is extending all over the State.

State President Herman A. Miller, together with the entire State executive committee, feels that the annual reports at the end of the term, December 31, will show a wonderful gain in the membership at large.

Camp No. 50, of Roxborough, is the largest camp in the country, having a membership of more than 2000. Camp 163, of Reading, is second, with a membership of almost 2000, and Camp 254, of Lebanon, whose membership is now more than 1200, and Camp 485, of Philadelphia, with 1000 members. Many camps of Philadelphia have from 300 to 800 members.

Washington Camp, No. 485, celebrated last night its 25th anniversary, having been instituted December 9, 1889. A select concert and dance in the Philadelphia Quartet Club Hall, Germantown avenue above Lehigh avenue, was given. This camp's membership is now 985, being the second largest camp in Philadelphia and the fourth largest in the State.

Camp No. 819 is a little over three years old, and now has a membership of 161 with two propositions. The camp meets the first and third Friday evening. The following were nominated to fill various offices for the ensuing year: R. P., Wilbur Deibler; P., Wesley Horwell; for vice president, John Watson; for master of forms, Howell Barnes; for conductor, Russell Nixon; for recording secretary, Freeman Long; for financial secretary, Joseph Hellings, Jr.; for treasurer, William Kellar.

On Sunday evening last Camps No. 744 and 488 presented to the Logan Baptist Church, Yord road and Rockland street, a large American flag. The presentation was made by Brother Harry Walters, past president of Camp 488, and the flag was accepted for the church by Brother William T. Wier, Jr., a member of the church and of Camp 744, of Logan. Camp 744 was organized last June by Brother George Grissom, of Camp 488, and has made a wonderful gain in membership.

The claim of Camp No. 199 of Bridesburg is that it has more orators in proportion to membership than any other camp in town. A general invitation is extended to hear them. There are 359 members.

Camp No. 101, of Frankford, has a large roll and sound treasury and will initiate a class of candidates in meeting this evening.

Knights of Pythias

At Red Cross Lodge on Wednesday evening Past Grand Chancellor Thomas Thompson entertained the members with an instructive address. The old veteran, Past Chancellor Ben F. Zebley, amused his hearers by the recital of the happenings of the past. Grand Representative Harry Hilge would not be content until the lodge devised ways and means to further entertain the members, and the following committee was appointed: Walton C. Robinson, Ben F. Zebley, Harry Hilge, Albert E. Kirks, William Thomas, Robert Cranston and Harry Wright. Interesting subjects were discussed by Nicholas G. Willy, Theodore Savill, Thomas Kovets, Archibald Thomas and others.

Myrtle Wreath Lodge, No. 61, moved on Saturday last to new quarters in the Odd Fellows' Hall, Broad and Federal streets.

An accounting in court is demanded of the members of Goethe Lodge, No. 97, by the Grand Lodge, of money alleged to have been distributed by the members of Goethe Lodge among themselves when the lodge dissolved. There is said to have been $2900 in the treasury, and this amount is claimed by the Grand Lodge.

Order Independent Americans

At the 11th annual session of the State Council charters to 16 new Councils were issued, making 279 Councils with a membership of 46,447.

The following officers were elected for the year: State Councilor, Frank L. Thomas, No. 768; State Vice Councilor, Robert D. Dickson, Jr., No. 396; State Council Secretary, William A. Pike, No. 837, and State Council Treasurer, Charles A. Hendrickson, No. 110.

The per capita tax for the year was fixed at 15 cents for orphans and 18 cents for expenses.

A proposed amendment to the laws providing for the establishment of a plan to care for the old age members of defunct councils, to be known as the "O. of I. A. Veteran Council," was adopted and will be submitted to a vote of the councils.

A resolution was passed directing the State Legislative Committee to prepare a bill providing for the appointment of a special commission by the Governor who shall make an investigation of all the institutions receiving State aid and to recommend the amount to be appropriated annually to each, and to present the same to the coming session of the Legislature of the State.

A resolution approving the efforts so far made in the work of obtaining restrictive immigration laws in Congress and urging a continuation of the same was passed.

A resolution was approved opposing any attempt on the part of "The Federation of Patriotic Fraternities" or any other political party or parties to bind the members of this order to unitedly support any candidate for any political office and to urge upon the members to refuse to be bound by such indorsements coming from outside parties.

The session next year will be held at Phœnixville.

A special committee consisting of Past State Councilors Dr. M. P. Dickeson, E. C. Lafean and B. F. Myers and Representatives Weston C. D. Heath and Arthur M. Fording was appointed to raise funds and to have erected and equipped a building at the National Orphans' Home to be used as an isolation ward in the cases of contagious diseases and a place of detention for new applicants.

Kentucky built and equipped the hospital, New York furnished the laundry, while Ohio is now beginning the erection and equipment of a $35,000 school building. It was, therefore, felt that Pennsylvania should not be behind her sister States in this noble work.

An appeal for contributions was, therefore, made at the session and a sum of $2610 was pledged, $770 from 25 individuals and $1840 from 75 councils and four organizations within the order. The personal contributors were E. C. Lafean, Stephen Collins, Charles S. Crall, the Rev. M. D. Lichliter, the Rev. A. W. Davis, Dr. W. H. Painter, I. V. Robbins, C. S. Weiss, A. J. Richards, John H. Eby, A. M. Fording, J. C. Bond, R. A. Magill, Thomas H. Walters, A. F. Noah, Frank A. Schulze, George B. Nesbitt, V. H. Crisman, D. W. Williams, C. H. Noss, O. B. Thornburg, W. C. Walp, M. P. Dirkeson, H. G. Colbert and George McCambridge.

Knights of the Golden Eagle

The new "Knights of the Golden Eagle Benefit Association," as authorized by the Supreme Castle at its last session, will shortly be put into operation by the committee appointed by that body. The committee is holding meetings and arranging all of the details and will shortly announce these to all of the castles and temples throughout the supreme jurisdiction. There will be two classes; one for $100 and the other for $250. Membership is optional.

The chairman of this special committee is Past Supreme Chief John B. Treibler, who has had 20 years' experience in fraternal insurance, working as secretary to one of the prominent fraternal insurance orders prior to his election as supreme master of records. This association will have as its sponsor, the Supreme Castle, which guarantees its rates. The committee preparing the details is Past Supreme Chief John B. Treibler, Supreme Chief John W. Ford, Past Supreme Chief Eli Manchester, Past Supreme Chief Garrett S. Smith, Grand Master of Records L. L. Gallagher.

Much interest is manifested in the election this year for Grand Castle officers, and the unofficial votes received indicate that Past Chief R. M. K. Lewis, of Gilt Edge Castle, of North Wales, is elected grand high priest. Past Chief Harry A. Herbst, of Bethlehem, is elected grand sir herald. The present grand master of records, L. L. Gallagher, is re-elected by a much larger majority than was given to him last year. These are three principal offices for which there were contests.

Tomorrow evening there will be a testimonial and banquet tendered to Past Grand Chief Joel Y. Keck, of Victory Castle, at Reading. The chairman of the committee is Past Supreme Chief Jenkin Hill, and all of the Grand and Supreme Castle officers will attend.

The Arabian Degree Klan, connected with Columbia Castle, at a recent meeting had eight castles represented and more than 75 members present. After the initiation of the new members, 12 prizes were awarded to those entitled to them. This interesting and funny degree is attracting many members to Columbia Castle. The next regular quarterly meeting will be held at the same castle, when the election of officers and the admission of a large class will take place.

A complimentary banquet will be tendered to Past Grand Chief Walter C. Baus at Eagle Hall, 814 North Broad street, this evening. Acceptances have been received from the following: Grand Chief John B. Graybill; Grand Vice Chief John E. Beggs, Grand Sir Herald John F. Brounley, Grand High Priest Charles L. Seasholes, Grand Keeper of the Exchequer Harry Neamand and Supreme Chief John W. Ford.

Past Supreme Chief John M. Shappell is chairman of the combined committees, and during the evening there will be presented to Brother Baus a very handsome past grand chief's badge and jewel from the Grand Castle of Pennsylvania. There will also be presented to him on behalf of his castle, Antioch, No. 38, a very handsome testimonial. The committee having the affair in hand are Past Supreme Chief John M. Shappell, Supreme Chief John W. Ford, Past Grand Chiefs John W. Hooper, Elmer A. Resser, Lewis L. Gallagher, Past Chiefs A. G. Stemme, Andrew Wagonhaur, Leon Moffett, Harry W. Wertz, William F. Baus.

Fraternal Patriotic Americans

The first annual session of the State Council under the reorganization and present name was held in Gettysburg. The official report shows that there are 135 councils, with a membership of 23,000, and a total value of $550,000. The per capita tax is fixed at 40 cents, 10 cents of which goes to the orphanage. The laws are similar to those of the parent body, but in some respects are revised and simplified. The cry and motto for 1915 are "40,000."

The officers selected are: State councilor, G. U. McCoy, of Pittsburgh; vice councilor, William H. Sherman, of Philadelphia; junior P. S. councilor, Erwin L. Getter, of Easton; S. C. secretary, George S. Ford, of Philadelphia; S. C. treasurer, A. H. Leslie, of Hoboken.

The next session will be held in Harrisburg.

The permanent committees are: Credential, H. A. Hoffman, Edward G. Bolton, S. W. Goodyear; finance, Z. T. Wobensmith, W. F. Shaffer, J. R. McKelvey; law, L. W. Nicholas, S. M. Muchler, W. H. Portzer; appeal, J. P. Dunker, W. Lancaster, W. O. Sassaman; legislative, J. R. Fry, J. C. Fiero, E. H. Beltz.

State Vice Councilor William H. Sheneman and 125 members of this city paid a fraternal visit to the Good of the Order Association at Easton. They were escorted to a beautifully decorated hall, where refreshments were served. Addresses were made by Jr. P. S. C., Brother Getter, State Vice Councilor Sheneman, various deputies and brethren.

The 52d District held a union meeting on Monday evening at Independent Council, No. 8, and arrangements were then perfected, through D. S. C. Brother Charles F. Bauman, for an enthusiastic affair at Murphy Council, No. 16, January 5 next.

An official visitation was paid to Lexington Council, No. 479, Tuesday last. The State vice councilor, State council secretary and all the deputies of the county were present.

Hamilton Council, No. 841, will present a flag to Tennent Presbyterian Church, 53d and Arch streets, on next Sunday evening, Brother Samuel C. Wells making the presentation address, and the response by the pastor of the church, the Rev. Brother Samuel A. Harker, chaplain of the State Council of New Jersey. All members should meet at 5219 Market street at 7:30 sharp.

An official visitation will be made to Pipersville Council, No. 620, Saturday, 12th inst.

Foresters of America

The executive council chambers of the Grand Court of Pennsylvania having been removed to 1507 Arch street, this city, many members call to inspect the new quarters and furnishings, and all express pleasure with the change.

Increased interest is being manifested in many courts throughout the city and State, and the reports of active work in all sections are such as to warrant the belief that the activity will result in a substantial gain to the order.

Courts Passyunk, Energetic and Standard, all meeting at Energetic Hall, 1802 South Broad street, are engaged in a contest to increase their membership, which will close at the end of the present year. Each court has admitted a large number of candidates up to this time and now it is "nip and tuck" with all of the active members striving to land their particular court as the winner in the contest.

Grand Chief Ranger M. J. Seymour met with a painful accident a couple of weeks ago and while his recovery is slow, his many friends hope that he will soon be able to fully resume his former activity.

Court Nimrod, No. 65, will celebrate its 26th anniversary on Tuesday evening next, with a banquet which bids fair to be attended by almost the entire membership of the court. This progressive court is rounding out its first quarter century of existence under most favorable conditions, having more than 200 members on its roll and $16,000 in the treasury, and is numbered among the strong fraternal and beneficial organizations of this city.

The degree team of Court Haverford has been very active of late in performing the initiatory work in various courts, having recently conferred the degrees on large classes of candidates for Courts Passyunk and Liscum and will render similar service for Courts Glenwood, December 15, at Thompson's Hall, Sixth and Venango streets, and West Philadelphia, No. 229, December 18, at Pettit's Hall, 54th street and Wyalusing avenue. The reputation of the team for efficiency, and the fact that it is exemplifying the initiatory work in accordance with the new ritual of the order, is arousing considerable interest among the membership and attracting large number to witness the work, which is performed in a highly commendable manner.

Court Fairhill, No. 47, announces that on account of Christmas week the quarterly meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, December 23, when election of officers, physician and druggist will take place. On Wednesday, December 30, the officers will be installed. After New Year's the regular court meetings will be on Friday evenings.

Court Hamilton, at the regular meeting on Friday evening last, made preparation for a contest for the election of officers. As the members were anxious to settle the date upon which to hold the election the meeting was kept in lively action, and the proposition of candidates was above the usual. This contest now has fallen upon Jacob Conver and Frank J. Coughlin, which will be settled at the next meeting. This court is the oldest in West Philadelphia, and is looked upon as the mother court of West Philadelphia.

Court Americus, one of the progressive courts in Philadelphia, has inaugurated a series of entertainments during the fall and winter to be held the third Friday evening of each month at the meeting room, 21st and South streets. The object is to keep alive an interest in the work of the court and to promote a feeling of good-fellowship among members and the order. A big time is promised for Friday evening, January 15.

Junior Order United American Mechanics

At the 55th annual session of the State Council the following officers were elected: State councilor, Daniel K. Herner, of Wilkinsburg; vice councilor, S. C. Scott, of Toughkenamon; S. C. secretary, Charles H. Hall; treasurer, Charles Kaufmann, of Philadelphia; national representatives, John T. Wagner, of Spring City; R. A. Magill, of Philadelphia; Charles H. Noss, of York; Arthur E. Fuller, of Scranton; O. B. Thornburg, of Crafton; A. F. Noah, of Pittsburgh; George W. Smith, of Johnstown, and A. J. Richards, of McKeesport.

The number of councils reported was 277, with a membership of 28,451; amount invested, $637,210; amount in treasury, $65,063.

The per capita tax was fixed at 25 cents.

Thomas H. Walters, Jr., John S. Alcorn and B. Frank Myers, the committee appointed to confer with Alex. M. De Haven, Esq., representing former members of the order, for the purpose of effecting a settlement of moneys due for per capita tax collected by these former members, submitted the following report: "After several meetings with Mr. De Haven and his colleagues a settlement was effected whereby they paid $5000 and delivered to us all the old records, books and miscellaneous property of the State Council in their hands. We feel that this is a very satisfactory settlement."

An appropriation of $1000 was made for use in conferring degrees at institutions of new councils and class initiations.

Silk flags to councils and cash prizes to individuals for new members were allowed.

The board of officers was empowered to appoint organizers and an appropriation was made for the purpose.

A resolution of thanks to Colonel Horace B. Gow, of West Philadelphia Council No. 5, for inaugurating the custom of placing the American flag in the pulpits of churches, was passed.

The following resolution was unanimously passed: "That this State Council do hereby express its hearty approval of the resolution in Congress looking toward the abolition of the liquor traffic, and urge the members of our order to assist by every honorable means the passage of the resolution and the adoption of the proposed constitutional amendment."

A resolution was adopted urging Congressmen to use their best efforts to bring about action in the United States Senate on the Burnett immigration bill, which passed the House but has been delayed by the press of other bills, and thanking the Congressmen who supported the Burnett bill in the House.

A resolution was adopted recognizing the Junior Order United American Mechanics, Volunteers of Pennsylvania, as the military rank of the order in this State, and recommending the formation of military companies throughout the State, subject to the rules of military rank.

A resolution was adopted instructing the national representatives to offer an amendment to the national laws, so that it would read: "It shall be the duty of the national and all State officers to aid so far as may be within their power the advancement of the uniform rank and the military organizations connected with the several States of our order."

A resolution was adopted approving Brother John H. Noyes as an energetic worker for the order and for his excellent work in presenting before the American Congress the restrictive immigration bill, commending the State of New Hampshire for nominating Brother Noyes for the office of National Vice Councilor, indorsing Brother Noyes for the position, and requesting the national representatives to use their best efforts to bring about his election.

The next session will be held at Uniontown.

Brotherhood of America

All of the subordinate circles in meeting this month will vote for the following nominees who will be installed in the various offices of the Grand Circle at the 40th annual convention at Quakertown, Pa., next year: Grand Chief Washington, N. W. Chester, No. 51; Grand Chief Jefferson, Robert W. Solly, No. 36; Grand Chief Franklin, John A. Stover, No. 47; grand herald, John Held, No. 48; William H. Hart, Sr., No. 8; grand watcher of the day, Andrew H. Schuler, No. 57; grand watcher of the night, William C. Tongue, No. 71; grand trustee, Charles F. Klufkee, No. 53; representative to the Supreme Circle, John M. Megargal, No. 28; H. G. Michael, No. 31; William J. Duryea, No. 130; William Lehman, No. 15; Charles F. Hess, No. 16; W. S. Reed, No. 67; William J. Spearer, No. 48; George T. Bingham, No. 39; H. C. Bright, No. 39; William S. Mellon, No. 41.

The present membership of the Grand Circle numbers about 10,500 and the total funds about $250,000.

Grand Chief Washington Charles A. Kern, of Philadelphia, accompanied by several of the officers of the Grand Circle and the Supreme Circle, paid an official visit to Marion Circle, of Quakertown, on Monday evening last.

The 1915 demonstration committee also met in Quakertown upon the same evening to discuss various plans for the entertainment of the delegates coming to the 50th annual session.

Captain John Taylor Circle, of Philadelphia, has just issued a pamphlet to its members with the idea of increasing the membership. Beautiful presents are given to the initiates as well as to the members who propose candidates. The circle has a roll of 275 and is worth $15,000.

The E. W. Association, of Philadelphia (composed only of past officers) held their regular monthly meeting on Saturday evening last. After the nomination for officers and routine business a banquet was enjoyed.

Artisans Order Mutual Protection

Fox Chase Assembly, No. 71, has been instituted. The assembly starts with 18 new and 13 card charter members. The organization was effected by the Most Excellent Officers, assisted by the quartet of Bartram Assembly. St. John's Assembly presented an altar flag to the new assembly. The officers elected for the coming year are: Master Artisan, Harry C. Buckley; superintendent, George Ovington, Jr.; inspector, Edward R. Pike; recorder, Albert Karl; cashier, John B. Nibling, Jr.

The roster of membership shows an increase of 1900 members for the 11 months of the present year. This is 450 in advance of the same date in 1913. The month of December last year produced 447 candidates, and it is expected that this month will show as great or even greater increase. St. John's Assembly has been the biggest producer toward this increase, having 224 members to their credit; Germantown Assembly is second, with 170; Girard Assembly third, with 104; Dorian Assembly fourth, with 98, and Southwestern Assembly fifth, with 74.

Frankford Assembly was visited by the Most Excellent Superintendent, Harry C. Smith, and Past Master T. Frank Kendrick. Fourteen new members were admitted. A special meeting is to be held later in the month for a large class.

Harmony Assembly gave a dance at Rittenhouse Hall last night. They will have a Christmas tree for the ladies and children on the 23d and a masked ball on New Year's eve.

The Most Excellent Chaplain the Rev. Hugh C. McBride and Warden Robert J. McKenty addressed the members of Girard Assembly. Eleven names were added to the roster.

Dorian Assembly, No. 41, held a housewarming party on Monday evening and increased their numbers by 22, a total of 98 for the year.

Keystone Assembly will celebrate its 41st anniversary at the regular assembly meeting on the 16th and a vaudeville entertainment and dance at Lu Lu Temple on the 18th.

William Patton Assembly, No. 70, increased the membership 12 at the meeting on Tuesday evening last. This gives a present membership of 84.

I. C. Underdown Assembly is still leading in the membership contest with Keystone Assembly, with a margin of 34 members.

The contest between St. John's and Germantown Assemblies for the dinner offered by the Most Excellent Master Artisan is getting exciting. Each assembly fully expects to win, and the order will no doubt be the richer by many new men when the contest closes December 31.

Progressive Assembly had a pig roast and entertainment for Harmony Assembly. Election of officers resulted as follows: Master Artisan, W. K. Riethmayer; superintendent, Charles G. Gartling; inspector, George W. Gray; recorder, Joseph B. Wiswell; cashier, Edward L. Scholl.

Shield of Honor

Eureka Lodge, No. 9, represented by its quoit team, went to Philadelphia Lodge, No. 4, to try conclusions with it. Eureka had hope and confidence, but the visitors laid aside the fraternal spirit long enough to take four of the six games played.

Grand Master Miller and the grand officers will visit America Lodge, No. 13, officially this evening. The lodge meets at corner of Sepviva and Norris streets.

Mercantile Lodge booked two applications for membership, and Grand Master Miller is somewhat proud, as it is his home lodge.

The Committee on Activity, appointed by Grand Master Miller, has decided to hold a smoker in Shield of Honor Hall, 1722 North Broad street, on the evening of January 29 for the purpose of stimulating activity in the order. The committee is composed of George W. Hahn, F. F. MacMurtrie, A. H. Pierson, E. G. Morris and T. J. Fay.

Royal Arcanum

The degree team of Ionic Council, of Philadelphia, consisting of the following members, Regent W. T. Wallace, Vice Regent William Morrison, Orator John C. Kausche, Past Regent Howard H. Darnell, Guide George K. Neisser, Chaplain Charles F. Walker, Warden H. S. Hoskins and Kneeling Brother Arthur Rodman, went to Chester on Tuesday evening to initiate a class in Chester Council.

Grand Regent Eaton has called a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Grand Council on January 8 to arrange for an open meeting at Lu Lu Temple, which is expected to draw 1500 to 2000 people. The order has 5000 members in this city.

Grand Fraternity

The large stone property of the Philadelphia Athletic Club, 1626-28 Arch street, has been purchased by the order, the club still occupying the building on lease pending the city's taking over the property 1414 Arch street. After removal to the new quarters the athletic accommodations and up-to-date clubhouse for the privilege of the members will be maintained. The Philadelphia branches are looking for a boom in membership.

The members and friends of the local branches enjoyed an informal dance at Lu Lu Temple on Wednesday evening last.

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