FRATERNAL SOCIETIES

Independent Order Odd Fellows

Grand Master Paul A. Benson and Grand Secretary Usher A. Hall will attend the anniversary exercises of the Central Pennsylvania Odd Fellows' Association at Bloomsburg tomorrow and deliver orations. The feature of this celebration will be the annual parade, in which the Boys' Band from the Central Pennsylvania Orphanage, of Sunbury, will make its first appearance. They expect to have 20,000 men in line, 5000 of whom will be Patriarchs Militants, in full uniform.

Deputy Grand Master J. P. Hale Jenkins and Assistant Grand Secretary Lewis A. Mengel instituted Hickory Lodge, No. 1066, April 17, at Bessemer, Lawrence County. The new lodge starts out under favorable prospects with 21 members, composing the most prominent young men of the community. The lodge is located in a thriving little town containing the largest brick manufacturing plant in the world and other smaller industries, and surrounded by a fine and progressive farming country. New Castle Lodge and Shenango Lodge assisted by conferring the four degrees. There were many visitors from the surrounding lodges, many of them from Ohio, Bessemer being near the State line.

A special session of the Grand Lodge will be held at the Parkway Building on Thursday evening, May 6, for the special purpose of admitting past grands to membership in the Grand Lodge, and the exemplification of the U. W. As this session will be held for the particular accommodation of these past grands who cannot conveniently attend the day sessions of the Grand Lodge, and of those who would otherwise have to be admitted at the annual session, it is hoped that advantage will be taken of this opportunity of being admitted to membership.

Grand Secretary Hall issues this notice: "Secretaries will please notify the past grands of their lodges of the above and furnish them properly authenticated past grand certificates, if they have not been previously admitted to the grand lodge, for on past grand certificates, under any circumstances, be admitted to membership in the grand lodge without presenting a regular past grand certificate. A past grand cannot be admitted upon a representative's certificate, nor upon the sentimental report of his lodge, nor upon any voucher, except the certificate prescribed in article 2, section 2, of the constitution of the grand lodge. The grand officers cannot override the constitution. Blank past grand certificates can be had upon application to the grand secretary. By order of the lodges. District deputy grand masters are requested to be present at this session, and advise the officers in their respective districts of the various lodges, urging the attendance of the past grands."

East Park Lodge conferred the second degree on Brother John G. Engelsen at its regular meeting April 20. Brother John Merkel was elected to represent the lodge at the orphanage. Brother M. C. Smith resigning on account of other lodge matters demanding his attention. The lodge will attend Corinthian Avenue Presbyterian Church, Dodge street and Corinthian avenue, next Sunday. The pastor, Rev. John F. Schweitzer, will preach a sermon on "Brotherhood." A special musical program will be rendered. All Odd Fellows are invited to attend.

Olive Branch Lodge had its officers installed by D. D. G. M. Fisher and staff in the presence of a large attendance. On Sunday night a delegation from Olive Branch Lodge attended divine service at Luther Memorial Evangelical Church. Pastor Leiser's subject was "Rejoicing," filled with the flavor of F. L. and T.

Good Samaritan Lodge, under N. G. Frank W. Heinle, had 10 candidates for the initiatory degree on Tuesday night. The team was ably assisted by D. D. G. M. Eugene Surfass, of Mosamensing Lodge; P. G. Peter Olsen, of Metropolitan Lodge; P. G. Fred. Krause, P. G. Kershaw, N. G. Frank Faroni, of Quaker City Lodge; P. G. A. G. Hamilton, of George W. Childs Lodge. With 10 applications in hand, there will be 28 candidates recorded this term. On next Monday night there will be a social with refreshments, as well as some good food for thought. The workers aim is still for 200, and they are making satisfactory progress.

Merchants' Lodge had the usual large attendance on Friday evening last, and the snappy meeting gave the brothers, who had not been out for some time, incentive to make their visits more frequent. The degrees will be put on in full form during the month of May, when a class of candidates will be initiated. The team is in excellent condition and the work will be creditably done.

The announcement in last Thursday's EVENING LEDGER that the first degree would be conferred by Ivy Lodge on Monday night brought out 120 visitors, and the hall, at 2748 Germantown avenue, was crowded. The presence of such a large and interested audience seemed to inspire the team, and the work was never done better. The drama was well staged by P. G. Hyneman, and the singing of Messrs. Ashworth and Sharp were particularly fine. The work of the guards also evoked applause. Six applications for membership were presented, all but one coming from "Ivy Workers," thus showing that this organization is active in promoting the interests of the lodge.

Next Monday evening the second degree will be conferred by Ivy, and on Sunday evening, May 2, the lodge will attend services at the Seventh Street Methodist Church, 7th and Norris streets, in commemoration of the 96th anniversary of the order.

Mille Lodge conferred the first degree in full form on three candidates April 15, with the following degree staff on the floor: N. G., Charles E. Brannan; R. S. N. G., Franklin Smith; L. S. N. G., F. K. Russell; conductor, William Miller; warden, S. Howard Romig; V. G., A. S. Parvin; R. S. V. G., Jesse Lesson; L. S. V. G., Charles D. Bird; R. S. S., John A. Weir; L. S. S., William J. Burnett; inside guard, Robert Garis; outside guard, Vincent Silcox; king, James H. Wilkinson; arm-bearer, F. W. Schmidt; lad, A. Middleton; Jonathan, James E. Kelly; herald, William A. Mills; David, Clarence P. Morgan; Jesse, Robert W. Ricketts; guards, N. G. Markley, L. R. Beck, George Braselmann, William Stockley, Albert A. Camp and William Culver; chaplain, J. Fred Lange; musicians, A. S. Dawson and J. S. Woodruff.

Among the visiting brothers were: O. E. Kline, of Merion Lodge; C. S. Bernier, of Apollo Lodge; Frank Faroni, of Quaker City Lodge; D. R. Fry and J. W. Parker, of Peace and Love Lodge; Ross Meiser and A. G. Hamilton, of George W. Childs Lodge; W. Gallagher, F. Simons, W. and H. Griswold, of Nicetown Lodge. The editor of this Fraternal Society department witnessed the ceremony of this first degree with surprise, interest and delight, admiring not only the unusual versatile abilities of Brothers Wilkinson and Ricketts, but the general excellent and artistic finish of the whole degree staff, comparable with the best trained teams in the order. P. G. P. George Braselmann and P. G. P. Blair N. Reilly, of Corona Encampment and Mille Lodge, journeyed to United Lodge April 14 in the interest of the Patriarchal branch of the order, with the view of enlisting new candidates for the class initiation to be held at La La Temple on May 8.

Cincinnatus Lodge had its officers installed by the staff from Arcturus Lodge, and they are about as young a set of officers as can be found, not one being over 34 years of age. They are John E. Hazlett, noble grand; Joseph C. Prince, vice grand; Ernest Z. Stead, third relief member. The lodge is over 33 years old, but the average age is low, as there has been very few initiations in those ages for 30 years. It is, therefore, one of the most flourishing lodges in the State. This lodge has been preparing its degree team to exemplify the first degree in Textile Hall, April 29, when all the lodges in the 17th district will have a gala night. Brother William J. Cassidy, who will have charge of Cincinnatus' staff, deserves great credit for his untiring efforts to make the work a success.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Cincinnatus Lodge had a big night April 16, when the male members of the lodge connected with this auxiliary tendered the ladies a banquet at Brother Degenhart's. The affair was a great surprise to the ladies, and the table delicacies were of the best. The entertainment was under the direction of Brother Thomas Whitehead, and his introduction as well as his makeup was highly amusing. The recitation of Brother Walter A. Tea was a model of originality. Brothers Cowden, Taggart and others rendered vocal selections, and Brother Harry Umstead's readings were well received. Sisters Haslett and Cowden officiated at the piano, and their efforts were appreciated. All were presented with souvenirs intended to provoke merriment as well as to be held as relics.

Norris Lodge, of Norristown, held its annual service at the Odd Fellows' Home on Sunday. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Thomas H. Evans, of Hawa Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, Norristown. The music was in charge of the Emmanuel Male Quartet, under the direction of Ernest J. Youngjohn, with an address by President Supp.

At the Rebekah Home the services were in charge of Lucy Meade Rebekah Lodge. The Rev. R. M. Howells, of Eden Methodist Episcopal Church, preached the sermon. The music was by the junior choir of Gaston Presbyterian Church, and included two solos by the preacher and an address by President Mary A. Engelman.

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Improved Order Red Men

Joka Tribe had its officers raised by the chiefs of Tuskawilla Tribe, and the ceremony made a great impression upon the palefaces present. This team is better perfect and is a credit to Brother J. H. Johnson, Joka's chief's aire: J. Bissinger, sachem; C. Ayerton, sachem; J. Mehler, Sr., sagamore; C. O. Neill, junior sagamore.

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Much of the success of the tribe is due to the untiring efforts of such chiefs as J. Frank Redfearn, its first sachem; P. J. Kite, its first prophet; William M. Davis, the chief of records; Harold J. Elliott, A. S. MacNutt and many others of the twenty-eight who were as pathfinders and leaders along the trail of success. Twice in its history the tribe has outgrown its quarters, and now again the question of providing a wigwam large enough to accommodate the meetings confronts the chiefs who have come to the conclusion that the only solution lies in building a wigwam of their own. The plans which will ultimately bring this to pass are being worked out, and the motto of the tribe, "Onward, never backward, never stay abaut," is ruling the action of the trustees.

Freedom, friendship and charity, the cardinal precepts of the I. O. R. M., have always been held high in Yonah, especially charity. During the last six months almost 300 fathoms have been expended in relieving the distressed and unemployed, not only among its own members, but all over the hunting grounds of Philadelphia. On Christmas eve the hunters of the tribe carried Christmas cheer in baskets filled with the necessaries of life into 49 private wigwams, more than half of whom were not members of the order. Yonah Tribe, through its sachem, Claude Clark, sends its fraternal greetings and extends a cordial invitation to the Red Men of Pennsylvania and the United States

Patriotic Order Sons of America

This organization will take the annual pilgrimage to Christ Church next Sunday in commemoration of the inauguration of George Washington as first President of the United States, under the auspices of the Allied Commanderies of Philadelphia and vicinity. All arrangements have been completed by the committee having it in charge, and it is expected that this pilgrimage will be the most successful the order has ever held.

The procession will form at Spring Garden street east of Broad at 2:15 p. m. and march south on Broad street to Market street, to 6th street, to Chestnut, to 5th, to Arch, to 2d, thence to Christ Church, where the usual services will be held. The Rev. Dr. Louis C. Washburn, rector, will deliver a special address, and music will be rendered by the splendid choir of the church. The features of the procession will be that there will be no music, not even a drum to help the men keep step, this being the third year that they have adopted this plan. And, while it was a privation at first, the men have become quite accustomed to it; in fact, the majority of the commanderies and camps would rather have it thus, styling the pilgrimage as "the silent march."

Upon reaching Independence Hall the commanderies will be formed in battalion front with camps in rear facing the hall, uncover, and a wreath will be placed upon the Washington statue by the commander-in-chief of the Commandery, General Charles H. Davis, after which the oration will be delivered. The line will be re-formed and the march continued past the Flag House on Arch street. The men will uncover while passing this almost forsaken little house.

In connection with the pilgrimage this year it will also be marking the 25th anniversary of the institution of the Commandery General, P. O. S. of A., the only recognized uniformed rank of the order. The national convention meeting here next Tuesday, at which the secretaries of that many commanderies from outside of Philadelphia will be in line, and many delegates from other States will participate. New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Maryland, Illinois, North Carolina, Florida and the District of Columbia will be represented in line.

There will be not less than six past commanders-in-chief in line. The commander-in-chief, Charles H. Davis, with his entire staff, will head the procession, then the visiting commanderies from Norristown, Pottstown, Reading, Chester, Wilmington, Camden, Merchantville, Phillipsburg and Trenton. The Philadelphia Battalion, under the command of Major Harry S. Epple, will act as escort to the camps. State President Herman Miller will act as marshal of the grand division, with the district presidents as aides. Out of the 120 camps of Philadelphia there will be about 85 camps represented by large delegations, which they have said they would be in line with their entire membership.

A handsome program has been provided and will be distributed at the church. It will be a souvenir of the occasion. The committee which has charge of the arrangements are H. M. T. Cooper, picket-in-chief; Major Harry S. Epple, Captain William N. Blair, Harry Duncan and F. E. Echols.

District President Welsh expresses his sincere thanks for the kind support the members of the 17th District are giving the Educational and Fraternal Committees of the district. The monster meeting listed for No. 243 was shifted to No. 563 and the speakers were of the best. Brother Keyser, of the Fraternal Committee, is arranging for a visit to Collingswood, N. J., and it is hoped that the members will continue their interest.

Camp 461 very fittingly celebrated the anniversary of Paul Revere's ride on last Sunday night by presenting a large silk flag to Sarah M. Cooper Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, 61d and Girard avenue. The demonstration was the largest ever given in Philadelphia. Long before the services began there was not room enough to accommodate the people who crowded the church. Brother B. D. Rearick made the presentation address, and the Rev. C. Lee Gaul, the pastor, responded. Great credit should be given to Brother John Vantine, who had charge of the affair, assisted by brothers George T. Cary, Samuel McQuade, George Carr, Jr., and Brother Stringfield.

Camp 120 had one of the largest turnouts for flag presentation last Sunday at Sanctuary Church, 28th and Thompson streets. Joseph S. MacLaughlin making the presentation address. The Rev. F. W. Barrett delivered a patriotic sermon. Representatives of 21 camps attended the service.

Several camps were at a special service conducted in St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Wayne avenue and Harvey street, Germantown, when the rector, the Rev. Stuart P. Keeling, preached a patriotic sermon.

The recently organized Boosters' Club, of the P. O. S. of A., of Ardmore, has placed the services of its organization at the order of the police department of Lower Merion township to assist the department in running down criminals and making Ardmore a "spotless" town. In the last few months the Boosters have brought the membership of the order up from 39 members to 100.

Order of Independent Americans

State Council Secretary William A. Pike will present a silk flag to the Ford Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Norristown, on behalf of General John F. Hartranft Council, No. 381, on Sunday, May 2. State Councilor Frank L. Thomas will address the congregation on "Our Fraternity."

Pride of Coplay Council, No. 17, Coplay, Pa., will present, on May 2, a silk flag to the first church built outside of Philadelphia. It was erected in 1732, and will be the first church in Lehigh County to receive a flag from any patriotic order. The church is located at Egypt, Pa. State Council Secretary William A. Pike will present the flag and State Councilor Frank L. Thomas will speak on "Our Order."

The work of the uniformed rank goes on and increasing in membership, now nearing the 1200 mark. A series of interesting lectures to the officers has been arranged by Dr. Thomas Matlack, who is major of the Hospital Corps, and his assistants, Dr. G. Philip Mayer and Dr. James Hunter Smith. The lectures take up practical everyday matters as sunstroke, heat prostration, drowning and other subjects where the proper first aid often results in the saving of life.

The surgeon general of the United States army wrote Dr. Mayer commending him as well as his associates for this work, stating that it was the first on record where a patriotic organization had gotten down to the actual work of being a soldier.

The following are officers of the regiment, Colonel Ely S. Single, Major J. C. Sommers, Major M. Gilbert, Captain H. Eisenbrey, Captain F. E. Griffiths, Captain W. T. Hallman and Captain W. Conner, have arranged for the first anniversary and dance of the regiment to take place May 6. The finest hall in the city has been secured, a fine orchestra for the dancing and a banquet will be provided.

William Windom Council, No. 580, will present a silk flag to Christ Methodist Episcopal church, 18th and Hamilton street, Sunday evening, May 9. The members will assemble at 7 o'clock sharp, to proceed in a body to the church, two squares distant. The following distinguished gentlemen will be present and deliver short addresses: Hon. John F. Eskin, Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, Edward Wilson, past State councilor; Horace D. Gaw, Esq., honorary member of William Windom Council and the donor of church flag; representatives from the eastern portion of the United States; William A. Pike, Esq., State Council secretary, the father of the Bible Lill; Rev. Harry R. Johnson, pastor of Christ church.

Reign Stone Council, No. 668, will present to the German Bethlehem Reformed Church a silk flag on Sunday evening, May 16. This church is located at Frankford avenue and Norris street. Owing to the distance from the council room, the delegation will meet at Sepviva and Norris streets at 7 o'clock sharp. The flag will be presented by Hon. William H. Shoemaker, Judge of Common Pleas Court, on behalf of the council. State Council Secretary William A. Pike will deliver an address on the objects, principles and accomplishments of the order.

Jr. Order United American Mechanics

John R. Marlin Council, No. 20, has moved from 5th and Huntingdon streets and will hold its first meeting this evening in the new large hall, 598 West Allegheny avenue. This council will celebrate its 12th anniversary by a big banquet at the Continental Hotel tomorrow evening. The main speaker will be the Hon. Charles Brown, President Judge of the Municipal Court. There will be a large class initiated in the new hall on Saturday evening next, when 100 candidates are expected to report for initiation. There will be a big crowd and a big time.

Benjamin West Council, No. 187, of Swarthmore, held an interesting meeting and smoker on Tuesday evening. State Vice Councilor S. G. Scott, State Secretary Charles H. Hall and Past State Councilor Thomas H. Walters made addresses.

Franklinville Council, No. 73, held a package social on Monday evening, which was voted by the members and their lady friends to be a big success. A delightful musical program was followed by ice cream and cake.

Henderson Gaylord Council, No. 316, of Plymouth, is one of the councils that has enthusiastically taken up the 62d anniversary class initiation plan, and it reports 24 applications now.

The State Session Entertainment Committee of Uniontown is making great preparations for the entertainment of the representatives of the State Council in its city September 14 to 16.

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