GRAND LODGE MEETS IN SPECIAL SESSIONS

For Admission of Past Officers, Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows Holds Special Sessions

A special session of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for the purpose of conferring the past official and Grand Lodge degrees and admission of past grands to member-ship will be held at Bellefonte in the hall of Centre Lodge, No. 153, Wednesday, April 26, at 7 p. m. Grand Master J. P. Hale Jenkins has called this session for the accommodation of past grands attending the celebration of the 97th anniversary of the order by the Fennsylvania Odd Fellows' Anniversary Association, and it is believed a large number will take advantage of this opportunity. Past Grand Master Fred C. Hangen will preside and conferdegrees. A school of instruction for all third-degree members will be held immediately following the special season. diately following the special session.

Thursday evening last the installing team of Kenderton Lodge. No. 268, installed the newly elected officers of American Star Lodge, No. 368 in its hall, 21st and South streets. After the ceremonies the members and their cuests were escorted to the Bethany Brother need building, where the Entertainment Committee, assisted by the Ladles' Auxiliary, served a supper. During the evening Past Grand John Williamon, of Wayne Lodge, No. 3, on behalf of the Ladles' Auxiliary, presented the lodge with a bandeeme slik banner. The gift was accepted on behalf of the ledge by P. G. N. P. Sherry. Music was supplied by an orchestra, under the leadership of Brother Hebry Kitselman. Among the honored guests present were Thomas Sipps and his wife. Brother Sipps is president of the Old Fellows' Home and has been a member of American Star Lodge over 51 years.

der the auspices of Silcam Encampment, tous services were held Sunday afterin the Odd Fellows' Home, ITth and
a streets. Music was furnished by the
r of Maripers' Presbyterian Church. Solos
r rendered by Miss Ethet Goldraith. Miss
r Sistron and Franklin S. Ford, Jr. A
address was made by President Thomas
s and an interesting sermon preached by
Rev. H. Preston McHenry.

Anna M. Ross Rebeicah Lodge last week gave an enjoyable evening's entertainment for fits members and friends. The secretary of the lodge, Mrs. S. Schleicher, presided in a capable manner. An excellent musical entertainment was given by a number of graduates of the Philadelphia Institution for the Bilind, after which refreshments were served.

The efficers of Merchants' Lodge, No. 283, were installed Friday last by a team from Energetic Lodge, as follows: Noble grand, M. L. Lower; vice grand, E. A. Henry; third member relief, R. A. Calhoun; R. S. to N. G. P. G. Joseph Denver; L. S. to N. G. P. G. William Mante; conductor J. Hanna; chaplain, P. G. W. H. Draper; R. S. to V. G. F. E. Latham; L. S. to N. G. W. Boehm; R. S. E. A. Luther; L. S. S. N. Mine; O. G. P. G. G. N. Ott; J. G. D. H. Ross. The Installing team consisted of D. D. G. M. J. Fisher, D. D. G. W. H. Kelloge, D. D. G. T. C. Dowling, D. D. G. S. G. Waltman, D. D. G. M. H. H. Hinckel, D. D. G. H. G. Cushman, D. D. G. G. T. Taylor, D. D. G. C. F. Spackman.

Young.
At the meeting tomorrow night five candidates will be initiated.

A special session of the Grand Lodge, for the admission of past grands and instruction in the unwritten work of the order, will be held Saturday evening, in the hall of White Deer Lodge, No. 309, at Montgomery, Lycoming County,

Monterey Lodge, No. 242, of Lancaster, has mounced the fact that 100 new members will e admitted this year. Already 28 candidates are been initiated, and a number of proposi-ons are in prespect, assuring the success of e self-appointed task of membership increase.

Independent Americans The 23th anniversary of William Windom Council. No. 580. Order of Independent Americans, was enjoyably celebrated in Davis Hall. 3830 Lancaster avenue, by a banquet for members and their ladies. Music was aup-

SONS OF AMERICA

William J. Muir Named as New State Secretary of This Growing Order

William J. Muir. of Camp No. 39, of Shamokin, has been named by the State board of officers, as the successor of the late William J. Weand, of this city, as State secretary of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, with its more than 115,000

members in Pennsylvania alone.
For the coveted office there were many aspirants, some of whom already have announced their intention of going before the members and becoming candidates at the next annual election for the State score-

taryship.

The appointment made is only for the interim, until the meeting of the State camp in this city in August next it is believed, however, that the action of the State officer, will then be approved and that any contest will then be approved and that any contest will be deferred until the regular annual election.

Brother Mult comes to the office of the State secretary in this city well equipped for the ardonas dujues of this, the ment important office in the State camp. He is at present of the order and widely and favorably known for his fraternal activities.

He was State president of the order in 1910, has represented for eight years the State camp. He is a state camp of Fennsylvania on the floor of the national body. He is also active in the affairs of the commanderies or uniform branch of the order. While his appointment comes somewhat in the nature of a surprise, it is believed that it will be received with seneral approval by the camps and members generally.

Tomorrow evening a new camp will be formally instituted at Centre City. Somersat County. The charter list contained 68 signatures, although more are expected to join at the time of institution. The camp was organized and will be instituted under the direction of District President H. G. Hamer. State President Nomemaker and other State officers are expected to participate in the ceremonies.

JUNIOR MECHANICS

Initiations and Anniversary Celebration Claim Interest of Members

John R. Marlin Council held a busy ses John R. Marlin Council held a busy ses-sion in the council at its last meeting making final arrangements for their anni-versary week. Among some of the speak-ers announced for that occasion are Judge Raymond MacNeille. Congressman Burnett, the father of the Immigration bill; Cyrus Weiss and William E. Mor-gan, from Wilkes-Barre. A speaker is also expected from the Preparedness League to speak on the idea of preparedness. Tospeak on the idea of preparedness. To-night will be the annual pinochle party that is held once a year and is one of the

night will be the annual pinochle party that is held once a year and is one of the social features of the council.

On Wednesday, April 19, will be the start of the Anniversary week and will be known as "Ladies' Night," All members and their ladies are invited to attend on that night. Thursday evening, April 20, will be the "Men's Night," to be celebrated by a smoker, and only the members and their male friends will be present. Friday evening, April 21, the council will celebrate with a banquet to members and friends will be present. Friday evening will be held a big class initiation. It is expected that fully 200 candidates will be present to witness the degree work, which will be put on by the famous Mariin degree team. Every council in the city has been invited to be present, also to bring any candidates that they may have on their list. Sunday evening the council will attend divine exercises in the Bethel Church, at 5th street and Sedgley avenue. The Marlin Orchestra will be in attendance every evening during the anniversary week.

General Grant Council, No. \$2, of Norristown, held one of the most successful class initiations in its history last week, initiating 50 candidates. The degree work was performed by the new degree team of Grant Council, under the direction of Degree Master Ramsey. It was one of the biggest nights that Grant Council has ever had, fully 150 members of the council crowded into the room. The members were enthused with the showing of the team. Plans were immediately laid for another class in the latter part of May, when it is expected that 100 more candidates will be admitted.

Among the visitors present were Past Stais Councilor Thomas H. Weiters, D. D. S. C.

Henry Seybert Council held a meeting on Monday evening for the purpose of making final arrangements for the dedication of its new hall in Abington. The plans were laid on a large scale, Every council in the district will be invited to take part and every council that has a uniformed guard will be asked to have the guard attend. Members present at the meeting were State Secretary Charles H. Hall. Past National Representative W. C. D. Heath and Deputy State Councilor John O. Wilson.

John E. Armstrong Council. No. 130, one of the wealthiest councils in the State, is making plans for a large class initiation. The purpose is to reach the 500 membership mark. Numerous propositions are being received, and from present indications the council will soon go over the 500 mark. The council will soon council showed assets of \$33,201.81, having Invested in first mortgages alone more than \$26,000.

Deputy State Councilor John O. Wilson has made arrangements to pay a fraternal visit to Benjamin Harrison Council tonists, for the purpose of having a class initiation arranged. Franklinville Council, No. 73, expects to move to its now quarters at the end of the present month. A large class initiation is being arranged for the latter part of May in the new quarters.

Sunday School Convention at Oak Lan The 17th Sunday School District will hold its annual convention in the Oak Lane Presbyterian Church, 11th street and Oak Lane avenue, late today. The convention will continue for three hours.

PATRIOTIC AMERICANS

Many Candidates Initiated by Councils Assure Membership Gain for State

The class initiation held Friday evening. in which candidates were received from Diligent Council No. 4, Rescue Council No. 15, and Grace Council No. 631, was a pronounced success, not only from the per-fect work of the staff conferring the de-grees, but also because of the great num-ber of candidates admitted.

The 46th anniversary of Chosen Friends Council No. 86, was celebrated Tuesday evening by an excellent entertainment. Addresses were made by State Councilor Sheneman, various deputies, members and visitors. No. 86 is in a flourishing condition and will shortly have another class initiation. Brother Airey, of Integrity Council No. \$38, spoke on the coming anniversary banquet, May 17.

The 64th District, composed of Councils Nos. d. S. 9. 16, 54 and 526, held an interesting meeting Tuesday eventhus in the hall of Cobecksing Tuesday eventhus in the hall of Cobecksing the following the following

The monthly meeting of the Good of the refer Association will be held this evening in se half of Quaker City Connell, No. 84. Kennegton avenue and Cumberland streat, when is several important matters now in hand ill be considered by the various committees and members of the association. The usual semontal services will be arranged for.

Concord School Council, No. 500, will hold class initiation next Monday evening in its all. 4954 Germantown avenue. State Councilor Sheneman and a selected staff will examplify the beautiful fitual. All members are nyted to attend, No. 500 will have a large number of candidates for initiation.

The Committee on Anniversary Dance and Banquet will meet Saturday evening next at 18th street and Columbia avenue at 8:30 o'clock. Reports from various committees will be presented and acted upon. It is estimated that at least 1000 persons will be present at Lu Lu Temple Wednesday evening, May 17, when this, the greatest social feature of the year's work, will be successfully held.

Rockland Conclave, No. 1143, Tuesday evening held a "social night" for members in the hall, 1315 Columbia avenue. Remarks were made by Financier C. C. Bridge, telling of the betterment of the order since the adoption of the fraternal congress, table of rates, Archen Frank Kilpatrick announced the creation of a new degree tehm, with N. G. King as captain. At the next meeting several candidates will be duly initiated.

RED MEN TRIBES INSTAL NEW OFFICERS

A New Term Inaugurated With Ceremonial Visitations and the Raising of New Chiefs

A delegation of 50 members of Montezuma Tribe, No. 21, of this city, on Saturday's sleep trailed to Lancaster and
formally raised, to their respective aturops,
the recently-elected chiefs of Conestoga
Tribe, No. 203. Upon their arrival, the
visiting warriors and braves were met
by a welcoming committee, and preceded
by the Fourth Regiment Band, were escorted to Maennerchor Hall, where the
ceremonles were held.

Following the installation, a banquet
was served, at which a number of tilky of
a complimentary character were given.
Among the speakers was Great Junior
Sagamore T. C. Berwick, who, in his usual
felicitous style, told of the general scope
of the traternal work of Red Men and the
brightening prospects of the future. In
recognition of his admirable work, Captain
Robert J. Boucher was presented with a
beautiful bouquet of American Beauty
roses. The Rainmakers vied with the
tribe in hospitable entertainment of the tribe in hospitable entertainment of the

The newly elected chiefs of Minonk Tribe, co. 451, were formally raised on Friday's gen in the wigwam. 3948 Lancaster avonue, he new chiefs for the current term are rophet, J. Smith Yarnolf; sachess. Edward S. Iahn, senior essampre, Charles Dalloy; imiter anninge. Howard Haumaardner; chief of recrist, John A. Estell, collector of wampum, larry C. Upright; keeper of wampum, David iammond; tristee, Harry Gilman; processing, W. A. Martin, and alternate. Harry Gillan.

Itaaka Council, No. 27, degree of Poca-hontas, last week raised the chiefs of Chat-tahoockee Council. Among the many visitors was a large delegation from Stransck Coun-cil, of Camden. Tomorrow night Joska Cenn-cil will visit the tepes of Itaaka Council, 528 Market street, and Instal the recently elected officers. Lillie Christic, of Itaaka Council, jazt week installed, with the assistance of Linge Cristics, the officers of the Past Chiefs' League.

Last night a public installation was held of newly elected officers by Tribe No. 335, of Chambersburg. Tribal members trailed to the wigwam, from various sections of the Comberland Valley and listened attentively to short talks by Great Prophet Charles E. Pass and Great Sachem S. H. Walker.

The new chiefs of Plute Tribe, No. 251, were raised on Thursday's sleep in the wiswam. Passyunk avenue and Moore street, by Mr. Struder and a staff from Neshaminy Tribe, assisted by Denty Camero. Short talks were made by Past Sachems Walter L. Bayne and Harry Mouiton. After the council fire was quenched, corn and venison was served and the members were entertained with vocal selections by the Culonial Quarter.

FORESTERS OF AMERICA

Courts Discuss Amalgamation Local Bodies as an Economy Move

The subject of the amalgamation of courts is one being seriously considered by the Foresters of America Fellowship Club of Pennsylvania, as well as by thoughtful members generally. In an article presented by a past grand chief ranger of the State, many interesting facts are given. Showing the benefits of such a course, where prudence dictates such a course, where prudence dictates it should be done, he has advanced the viewpoint of economy as well as of effi-

One hall rent and salary list answers for 1000 or 100.

In considering the question of amalgamation it is done as one of the methods proposed, not as the only method. Many other aspects, such as federation of courts and like plans, will all be considered, so as to set the most practical and feasible way to benefit weaker courts, Such a saving would say \$2 a week more in benefits, making \$7 a week for 13 weeks to 100 members sick that period each year, quite a step in the direction of better sick benefits. Solvency in fraternal benefit features, as enacted by law in New York and 13 other States, to so into effect December \$1, 1911, makes it importative to provide a perfected plan of fraternal operation insuring solvency before State legislation forces such action.

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