"WE ARE SEVEN" THE ARTISANS' PRIDE

How Injection of Inspired Influential Units Gave Impetus to a Progressive Organization

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Past M. E. Master E. F. Greathead has been a member of Union Assembly since its inception, has assisted materially in its growth and in keeping it prominent before the order. Eighteen years ago he introduced the idea of an individual assembly paper, the Union Gazette, that has since grown so popular within the order. While master his assembly made substantial growth in membership, in usefulness and popularity. He appointed the first Artisan Day committee and has helped in all progressive movements of the order.

In 1904 he was elected to the board of directors and has been a member of that body ever since, and both there and in the Most Excellent Assembly always an active supporter of all progressive legislation.

In 1906 he was chosen most excellent inspector, in 1907 M. E. superintendent and in 1908 head of the order, in which position he served with success and distinction. All Artisans recall that wonderful thirty-fifth anniversary year, with its general success, the Academy of Music rally, the forerunners of many since, and the big class initiation at La La Temple. He had always enjoyed the confidence and enthusiastic support of the workers of the organization, and in 1908 they rallied loyally to his support and made that year a wonderfully successful one for the order. Previous to that time scores of local assemblies had been hampered for lack of funds for lodge extensions and entertainments. M. E. Master Greathead, feeling this condition should be changed, decided to institute all new assemblies on a higher rate basis, so as to provide the funds for aggressive work, and succeeded remarkably. On retiring from office his principal recommendation was that hereafter no assembly be instituted on a less basis than $6 for contingent dues and it became the law of the order, so that the assemblies of 1908 and those instituted since have always been on "Easy street." He believes nothing to be too good for the Artisans, that the goods they sell are of great value, that the organization cannot charge too much and that it has little to fear from insurance companies or cheaper vote fraternal associations.

The "Greathead Seven" are those unique assemblies of the Artisans' order instituted in and around Philadelphia during this year 1916 by the then most excellent master, whose name they bear. A year of great business and industrial depression, all fraternal societies were hit hard, and the successful organization of these seven assemblies and a remarkable general numerical increase in the order during the twelve months were all the more surprising.

From the first Bartram, Harmony, Northwestern, Lehigh, Adelphi, Passyunk and Haddon Heights became names to conjure with. They have constantly furnished enough ideas, enthusiasm, practical results and social functions to focus the constant attention of the entire organization. They have been foremost in fostering all the popular movements and social functions, Northwestern notably having instituted Artisan Day, supported the baseball league, baseball leagues and all athletic sports, and the general dissemination of Artisan enthusiasm among other assemblies. These seven alone initiated 2936 men: Bartram, sixty-seven in one night; Northwestern, 204 in one month, with Passyunk a close second. Paid out $50,000 in death claims, $9000 in sick benefits, with a local contingent fund of $6000. They have today a total membership of ten per cent of the entire order, produced hundreds of the most remarkable fraternal workers; among whom are such men as the great Most Excellent Master C. Walter Higgins, of Bartram Assembly; the successful president of the Artisan Dining Club, Past Master Hepple, of Passyunk; Past Master Herman Meyer, president of the Artisans' Athletic Club, and Past Master Nicholas, of Northwestern, who alone initiated ninety men last year; Past Master Muller, of Bartram, one of the successful recorders; such enthusiasts as Past Masters Lipsey, Wardell, of Adelphi; recorder Keane, of Northwestern, and Past Master Ed Shaw, of Haddon Heights, father and promoter of the remarkable secret-work contests carried on with increasing yearly interest over in New Jersey.

How fast these assemblies travel can be realized from the events of the last thirty days. On November 4 last Bartram entertained the Most Excellent Master in an equal event, in splendid shape. Passyunk came in special chartered cars with nearly 100 men, a band and fancy costumes; Adelphi in autos with fifty-five men; Haddon Heights, after a dinner at Demare's for a starter, arrived with a quartet, the Mayor, Council and prominent men of Haddon Heights. Northwestern, Harmony and Lehigh were all well represented and full of enthusiasm. It was "some night"—nothing just like it in Artisan history.

November 20 Haddon Heights triumphantly won the secret-work contest from Collingswood and Haddon Assemblies in the presence of the most excellent officers. A large class of new men were initiated on the following night and plans made for a banquet in January.

November 27 Adelphi tendered a reception to Most Excellent Master Robert C. Thompson, presenting him with a wonderful clock and a class of seventeen candidates, with not a silent or dull moment from start to finish.

Lehigh during November has conducted visitations to Bartram and to Germantown.

In November Northwestern enthusiastically proposed that the "Greathead Seven" should take the Metropolitan Opera House for a rousing rally night.

Passyunk, November 28, 100 strong visited Palmyra with its German band and enthusiasm, initiated eight candidates at its own meeting on November 2, entertained a delegation from Adelphi and made preparations for a Robert C. Thompson night December 2.

Fidelity Assembly held past masters' night last Monday and had a full house. Eleven out of the twenty-two surviving "has beens" were present and gave a splendid exhibition of how they used to preside in "days of old." The guest of the occasion was Dr. J. N. Wunderlich, who was initiated in 1879 and served as Master Artisan in 1883. He was given an ovation as he hurried off to catch the midnight train for home. The feature on this joyous occasion was the mammoth Christmas tree, laden with gifts in paper bags. Each member received a present, "Santa" being "Berry" good to all.

Four candidates were initiated. P. M. A. Schultz presenting the buttons in true railroad fashion. The election of officers proved a "walkover" until it came to the inspector, when a battle royal waged, Brother E. L. Gibson finally winning out. He "looked good" for the job. The list is full: Master artisan, Colin G. Wilson; superintendent, Arthur S. MacNair; inspector, E. L. Gibson; recorder, Dr. H. A. Jones; cashier, John Kassbacher; trustee, C. E. Peary; medical examiners, Dr. J. L. Redman, Dr. E. H. Ermer, Dr. C. F. Chandler, Dr. H. H. Willoughby and Dr. A. D. Kurtz; assistant editor of Gazette, A. S. MacNair.

The attendance prize was won by Brother C. G. Wilson and the popularity prize by Brother Alonzo Stone. The quartet did efficient work, rendering some splendid selections and capturing the encores. Recent sick cases were commended, until finally Taylor and Shoemaker carved Brown and Breslin back of the huge Christmas tree, where they were fanned back to life by the obsequious accompanist, while Warden Brown delivered the prayer. During recess, while the gifts were being distributed, pool ran rampant, the brothers running their "express wagons" across the room, etc., while the boys in the bleachers over in the right-hand corner played basketball. Brother Kane, of Progressive, No. 4, said he hadn't seen so much "fun" in a long time. The committee served refreshments.

West Philadelphia Assembly, No. 8, had 190 members present, initiated three candidates and elected the following officers for 1917: Master artisan, T. F. Roedel; superintendent, Elwood A. Metz; inspector, J. G. Merwood; recorder, H. B. Prentzel; cashier, C. W. McConnell; medical examiner, J. Marvin Hanna; trustee for three years, C. H. Bromell, there being no opposition for any office. The regular Christmas service was rendered by the glee club, assisted by the ukulele and P. M. E. M. A. Charles W. McConnell. The assembly presented to every one present a pound box of fine candies. Brother A. J. Kelly, of Oak Lane Assembly, made a fine address.

William Patton Assembly's meeting proved one of the most interesting of the year. Four candidates were admitted and several applications were presented, which will be acted upon at the adjourned session on December 29. It looks as if the century mark in membership will be reached and probably overtopped, which is indeed encouraging to the hustling officers of this two-year-old assembly. The election of chair officers resulted as follows: Master artisan, Walter H. Kester; superintendent, Joseph D. Morelli; inspector, Frank J. Neuman; recorder, Richard Potter Jefferd; cashier, Walter H. Jackson; trustee, Walter E. Gray; medical examiner, Dr. Ernest W. Kelsey. Brother Cuncinham, of Haddon Heights Assembly, addressed the meeting in a most happy and entertaining manner, choosing for his subject, "What Is an Artisan?" The Christmas gifts to each member present by the entertainment committee proved in many ways acceptable and appreciated. Sandwiches, cider and cigars were provided.

Prospect Park Assembly meets tonight and will elect the following officers, nominated at the last meeting: Master artisan, Frank T. Leffertz; superintendent, Henry F. Moore; inspector, Theo. V. Touchstone; recorder, William D. Norman; cashier, Walter Snawdon; trustee, for three years, James H. Haines; medical examiner, Dr. E. S. Boice.

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Preparing for the Thirteenth District Rally and Big Class Initiations

A meeting of the representatives from all the camps and also of the degree team which will officiate at the 2000-class initiation was held at the State headquarters on Friday night last, when all the committees reported progress and that all of the State officers would be present at the ceremony to be held Saturday evening, January 6.

The regular meetings of the Wilkes-Barre Club and County Convening of Philadelphia were held in the Blue and Red Rooms at the State headquarters on Wednesday last. The committees of both associations reported great progress, and the County Convention Association notified the 2000-class initiation committee that it would hold a combined meeting with the latter January 5 and will help all it possibly can in the movement. All of the leading camps of the city are now enrolled in these progressive movements.

The eleven camps of the Thirteenth Philadelphia District will hold a big rally Saturday, December 30, in the hall at 251 South Sixteenth street. The combined camps of this district have more than 3000 members. National Secretary Charles Riess will very likely be present and can be counted on for a very stirring address. Other national and State officers will attend.

During the last week State Secretary Helms visited Camps 459, 589, 891 and 485, in addition to visiting the Allentown camps on Thursday night. The new State secretary succeeds in stirring new life and greater interest in all the camps he visits and the office at the State headquarters is busier than ever before.

A fraternal visit was made by Camp 806 to Camp 675, of Verona, recently, and the crack degree team of Camp 806 conducted the initiation rites for the other camp.

Camp 75, of St. Clair, entertained the camps of Gilberton, Frackville and Girardville on Thursday night last. About 250 visiting brothers were present. Past State President John W. Reese spoke on the subject, "A Live-wire Year in the Order." Speeches were also delivered by the district president, officers and members of the various camps. On January 4 Camp 75 will entertain the camps of Mahanoy City and Ashland. This camp is proud of its glee club, which is recognized as one of the leading musical clubs of the P. O. S. of A. in the State.

A large class initiation was held at Allentown in the Opera House on Thursday night last, which was preceded by a street parade. Speeches were delivered by Trustee Hemp, David Jacks and officers of the camp. State Secretary Helms spoke on the subject, "Noble Teachings of Our Order." The meeting was very spirited and was in charge of District President Rex.

The new P. O. S. of A. journal and magazine, called the Live Wire and edited by H. H. Huffington, of Lykens, Pa., will soon make its appearance, starting with over 500 subscribers. This journal will be instrumental in putting in certain directions the necessary vigor and support that the order has needed for years, and will aid all the great movements fostered by the new State executive committee. It will deal entirely with the news of the camps of Pennsylvania and will be a great factor in insuring the success of the order.

The 1000-class initiation of Reading will be held on February 17 in Odd Fellows' Temple. A meeting was held Wednesday night last and was attended by 150 representatives of the foungeen local camps. District President George Mellwee is in charge of the affair. The entertainment committee is as follows: Frank R. Heider, Camp No. 163, chairman; Nathaniel Grimes, Camp No. 678, and John Straub, Camp No. 560. Press committee, George Crouse, William Hoffman and Benjamin Latus. The camps have set the goal at 1000 candidates, and if this is reached it will be a new record in P. O. S. of A. circles for such a short time. State President Ernest E. Clark, State Secretary Charles R. Helms and State Treasurer Irwin Smith will address the meeting.

A large rally was held in the room of Camp No. 121, Conshohocken, on Tuesday evening last, in charge of the district president. Addresses below made by leading officials of the camp. Camp No. 51, of Bridgeport, recently admitted a class of eighteen candidates.

The large class initiation of the Harrisburg camps will be held on Washington's Birthday, when a class of several hundred will be initiated into the order. District President George Hohenshilt is in charge of the affair.

THE MACCABEES

Work of the Various Committees of the Woman's Benefit Association

The dedicatory committee held a very interesting meeting last Friday evening, with Assistant Chairman Mrs. England, of Betsy Ross Review, presiding in the absence of Chairman Mrs. Helms, of Keystone Review. The press committee, consisting of Mrs. McGlinchey, Mrs. Emery, Mrs. Rotenbury, Mrs. Anna Wright, Mrs. A. D. Kennedy and Mrs. Martha Ungemach, brought in most interesting reports. The door committee, consisting of Mrs. Sabina Friedhoff, Mrs. Mary Jodan and Miss Frank, will have a report for the next meeting, as will the wardrobe committee, consisting of Mrs. Mary Morissey, Mrs. Hattie Edds and Mrs. Bertha Riter. Arrangements were made for the supper for the committee and guard and other talent and for the supreme and great commander, if they can remain over for it. Mrs. Morissey, Miss Collins, Mrs. Edds, Miss Frank, Mrs. Huber, Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Beck constitute this committee. Miss Burgin announced that the next rehearsal for the dedicatory staff would take place tonight. The next meeting of the committee will be held on Friday evening, December 29.

Bartram Review, Fifty-second street and Haverford avenue, reports a very pleasant evening and a social party last Monday evening, and that it is going to assist Mmes. Evans and Nicholson with a handkerchief sale for the benefit of the Port Huron Fund of the Uniform Rank.

Philadelphia Review reports that the claim of its deceased sister, Mrs. Hallahan, was paid within one week after the papers were filed.

Girard Review, 256, Parkway Building, Miss Mary Collins, commander, reported a successful fair, under the management of Mrs. Lillian Siner and Miss Lena Seehrist and a few aids. The proceeds will be used to purchase new badges for officers and members and flags. Mrs. Louisa Lewis, a past commander of Philadelphia Review, was a welcome visitor. Two applications were received and two applicants had the short form conferred on them. Much credit is due the commander, Miss Mary Collins, for progressive work in Girard Review.

A rehearsal of the Uniform Rank for its display drill was held and the team will be formed this evening for the work at La La Temple on January 31. All will "get busy" to raise the funds to take the Uniform Rank to Port Huron, Mich., for the dedication of the new home office building next fall.

Keystone Review, 241, Rittenhouse Hall, Mrs. Frances M. Helms, commander, reported an excellent meeting, with two applications and seven candidates initiated. It expects to initiate another class at its next meeting, on Thursday evening, December 28, which is also its monthly "social night."

KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE

Preparations for the General Anniversary of the Philadelphia Castles

Red Cross Castle, No. 90, has secured a dispensation to omit the sessions of December 26 and January 1. This castle is in a very prosperous condition and enjoying a boom in membership, having recently taken in twelve new candidates. It has arranged to hold a public installation of officers on January 7, by the degree team of A. C. Lytle Commandery, No. 101, under command of District Grand Chief F. K. Lytle.

District Grand Chief F. K. Lytle is chairman of the publicity committee of the general anniversary of the castles in Philadelphia, and announces that every arrangement is being made for the reception and dance on January 24 in Mercantile Hall, Broad and Master streets. This will be one of the great social events for the members of the order and a large crowd is anticipated. Tickets advertising this celebration have been issued to every castle and temple in and near Philadelphia. Past Supreme Chief John M. Shappell is chairman of this reception and dance committee, and is sparing no pains to make the event equal to, if not better than, the one held a year ago, when more than 1500 persons attended.

Ivanhoe-Pilgrim Castle, No. 2, had a boom session last Friday evening, which was attended by a number of visiting dignitaries, among whom were Past Supreme Chief John M. Shappell, Past Grand Chiefs Walter C. Baus and Harvey J. Lutz and Grand Sir Herald A. G. Stemme.

Darby Castle, No. 516, one of the new castles instituted this year, has added a class of twenty-five candidates, secured through the efforts of Organizer William M. Mansley, of that castle.

Galeton Castle, No. 462, will admit a class of eighteen candidates on Wednesday night next. This castle is in the district presided over by District Grand Chief H. F. Kluck, who recently organized Leetonia Castle. Brother Kluck reports his district in a splendid condition.

Millersburg Castle, No. 832, will admit a class of ten candidates at tonight's meeting.

Through the efforts of Organizer N. H. Roth, of Livingston Castle, No. 888, of Allentown, this castle has admitted two candidates by card, three by reinstatement and six class by initiation, making a total of fifty-eight new members admitted since September 1. Livingston Castle is the largest castle in the entire order, having a membership of 825. It is the purpose of this castle to increase that number to 1000 before the next Grand Castle session, which meets in Allentown next May.

Loyal Order of Moose

After some weeks of strenuous preparations the great bazaar and carnival given under the auspices of Philadelphia Lodge, No. 24, was opened with a blaze of glory at the Moose Home last Saturday. The function is staged in the auditorium and the banquet hall, and the scene which greets the eyes of the visitors is a dazzling one. A matinee for ladies and children was held on Saturday afternoon, which was well attended, but the event proper was formally opened in the evening in the presence of a concourse of spectators that filled every nook of the vast building. So dense was the crowd that thousands merely entered, made a tour of the halls and then departed.

A similar function was held last year, and at that time a central company took charge of the affair for a percentage of the profits, which represented $20,000. This year the committee, in charge of the event itself, with a subcommittee of the Ladies' Auxiliary, and official of the lodge, the two companies of the Moose Defenders and more than 100 active members from the rank and file. The event bids fair to surpass that of a year ago, and in the present instance all profits will be diverted directly to the lodge.

With a membership of nearly 20,000 to draw upon this bazaar will probably prove to be the most stupendous and the most successful affair of its character ever held by a lodge of any fraternal order.

Woman Freezes to Death in Home

BELLEFONTE, Pa., Dec. 18.—Josephine Delige, a negro woman, froze to death in her home. Zero weather has prevailed here the last three days and, on account of the scarcity and high price of coal, there has been an unusual amount of suffering.

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