ARTISANS' ASSEMBLY INSTALS NEW STAFF

Good Work of Germantown, Though No Rival of St. John's, New Headquarters

Germantown Assembly had an attendance of 270 of the faithful, who witnessed the retirement of S. Horace Myers as master artisan and the installation by Deputy Chalmers of the following officers: Master Artisan J. Edward Lang, Superintendent William J. Hutchinson, Inspector Harry Kendig, Recorder Henry L. Stempfle and Cashier E. S. Baringer. The new officers had memorized the charges of their positions and made a splendid impression. The following appointments were made: Conductor, C. L. Hayhurst; chaplain, James W. Tracey, Jr.; S. M. C., Warren Lackman; J. M. C., Harry Losse, and Warder, James Murphy. Representatives elected were J. E. Lang, R. M. Jones, H. L. Stempfle, E. P. Cook, A. S. Johnson, H. Kendig, E. P. Kendrick and S. H. Myers. Alternates were W. J. Hutchinson, H. W. Shaw, Thomas Brooks, C. L. Hayhurst, H. H. Lott, H. M. Klotz, W. A. Groff and W. Lackman.

The new master artisan, J. E. Lang, delivered a fine address, filled with splendid thought of ambitions for the assembly and great love for the order. The retiring master was presented by James W. Tracey, Jr., with a bronze (?) statue of Mercury, and as Brother Myers was feelingly responding another member accidentally (?) knocked the statue to the floor, breaking it beyond repair. Thereupon Deputy Chalmers, on behalf of the assembly, presented the retiring master with a beautiful hanging chime clock.

William Mackey, past master of Collingswood Assembly, gave a pleasing talk, followed by Walter Chartriere, who is a candidate for M. E. Inspector and a must eloquent speaker, receiving great applause. Then followed a hilarious entertainment. Cook and Johnson ushered in five "coons," each of whom with hands tied ate a lemon meringue pie in a few seconds. "Mun be seen to be appreciated," which was then chanced off and won by Brother Bryan, of Progressive Assembly. Then Cook and Johnson, with a large covered crate, announced that the winner of the crate had the choice of that prize or $5. The money was chosen and the sponsors were compelled to take home a young dressed pig.

Brother George H. Wiswell, of Progressive Assembly, member of the finance committee of the M. E. Assembly, invited the assembly to attend divine services at the Church of the Advocate, Wayne avenue and Queen street, on Sunday, March 4, suggesting that the M. E. officers be invited.

The long-anticipated minstrel show, composed of members of the assembly, was a great success, as it was first class in every particular. Then chicken croquettes, peas and mushed potatoes, rolls and coffee were served, the meeting closing at 1 a. m.

The committee in charge announced that its plans for entertaining the M. E. session were progressing and that without doubt the representatives would realize that Germantown had "spread itself."

Adelphia Assembly enjoyed its January meeting in a commodious room in the new Grand Fraternity Building, 1626 Arch street, adapted as well for all kinds of entertainment and easily accessible. Brother James B. Clarke, retiring master artisan, was not only presented with the usual jewel, but also with a gift in the form of a chest of silver, and Jim was so surprised he could not say a word. A past master's club was organized, to which all past masters of the assembly are eligible. The baby member, the retiring master artisan, presented the club with an electric sign symbolic of Adelphia, which was in turn presented to the assembly by the club. Two candidates for M. E. Inspector and their campaign managers were present with their little stump speeches—a regular McNichol vs. Vare proposition.

The following officers were installed by Brother Kelly, deputy of Oak Lane Assembly: Master artisan, Benjamin Smith; superintendent, William P. Wallace, Jr.; inspector, W. Edwin Blair; recorder, John Lipsey; cashier, C. George Farmer; trustee for three years, Philip N. Arnold; medical examiners, Drs. J. L. Vanline, W. H. McKeever, Samuel Moss, W. C. Chesman and W. H. Conrad. Other elections resulted as follows: Representatives, John Lipsey, Henry S. Warford and Philip Arnold; alternates, James B. Clarke, William P. Wallace, Jr., and H. W. Shaw.

The bowling team was congratulated on taking the lead in the league and has promised that it will stay there until the end of the season.

Starting off with 15 new members, Adelphia promises to have a bigger night in February with the entertainment committee at work on an athletic show that can be given with credit in the new room.

The eighth anniversary of the assembly was celebrated by an entertainment and banquet at Mercantile Hall last Tuesday night and was, of course, a great success, as all movements by this "bunch of live wires," headed by Recorder John Lipsey, always realize expectations.

Larchwood Assembly had its officers installed by Bro. James C. Marr, deputy of Bartram Assembly. The work was done without the use of the ritual in a very impressive and efficient manner. The following are the officers: Master artisan, Amos H. Roberts; superintendent, Charles Krauter; inspector, Percival E. Thornton; recorder, J. R. M. Gard; cashier, Charles S. Neff. The appointments were: Conductor, John W. Watt; chaplain, William H. Morris; S. M. C., Walter C. Melloy; J. M. C., Robert Goodwin; warder, Vincent Canacelo. Past Master E. M. Jackson was elected representative to the M. E. Assembly, and Charles P. Nagle alternate.

The annual banquet and ladies' night will be held at one of the hotels in town, place and date to be announced. All members wishing to attend should report at once to Bro. Albert L. Moore, 829 South Fifty-first street. Enjoyable entertainment and sumptuous repast have been planned.

The welfare committee, alias "the trustees," of Pennsylvania Assembly has decided to keep No. 3 to the front. The February house warming in the new quarters in the Grand Fraternity Building, 1626 Arch street, a large, well-lighted room, easily accessible, on the second floor, and with all modern conveniences, bids fair to be a big card for attendance. The farewell party of last meeting in Old Parlors in Hall was one long to be remembered, especially by the newly installed officers. Deputy Keene extended the courtesy of the installation service to the retiring master artisan and his staff, which was performed with "eclat, accompanied by red and blue fire and nerve tonic." Master Artisan Ahn was the shining light of the occasion, and the promises he gave to and received from his members present inspired the expectation for a banner year. The membership club will celebrate the success of the year with a buffet banquet and dance at the Hotel Walton on February 15. All members are admitted on the payment of the nominal cost and are urged to communicate with Master Artisan Ahn soon.

Southwestern Assembly has organized a Footlights Club for the purpose of providing entertainment at the meetings of the assembly. The following officers were elected to handle the affairs of the club: President, Raymore Ashbrook; vice president, Carl Vogt; secretary, Miss Reba Newcomb; treasurer, B. Penrose Dever; musical director, George McHenry. The following constitute the board of directors, Joseph Carmichael, Mrs. F. Lonzan, Edward Craig, Mrs. Carl Vogt and Brother Kirkpatrick.

Harmony Assembly had a good snappy meeting. The election resulted as follows: Representatives, George W. Miller and Robert D. Wagner; alternates, Harold W. Scott and Walter S. Koons. The new chair officers were installed by the deputy, Edward G. MacCracken, P. M. A., of Progressive Assembly. The boys are planning big things for 1917, and have under way arrangements for a get-together banquet to be held soon. The new officers are: Master artisan, Harold W. Scott; superintendent, Walter S. Koons; inspector, Harry J. Baldwin, all good live young men.

St. John's Assembly, No. 28, added another triumph to its long list of successful meetings on Tuesday evening, at which several prizes were distributed to winners for the remarkable work during the year 1916, when 204 members were admitted to the roll. What threatened to be a very serious matter when charges were preferred against the incoming master artisan, Charles C. Armbiaug, proved only to be a burlesque and a successful means of entertaining the great number of members present. St. John's has been meeting with difficulty in obtaining a larger hall for its meeting for some time, but a change will now be forced upon it, as Baker Post Hall, its meeting place, will soon be razed to make way for a new building. The trustees are very industriously looking for new quarters.

There was an unusually large attendance of members at the meeting of Dorlon Assembly, when one candidate was admitted. Brother E. P. Sanders was installed as recorder by Deputy William C. Kolb and accepted that office throughout the evening, former Recorder Edwin C. Gerhart, who is retiring, having been unable to be present on account of illness. The usual vaudeville show followed the meeting.

Enterprise Assembly, No. 16, entertained its ladies with a minstrel show of home talent, composed mostly of members of the Bible Class of which the late Rev. Hugh C. Mellride was the teacher. More than 100 members enjoyed the entertainment and refreshments that followed. Master Artisan A. J. Kelley, of Oak Lane Assembly, delivered an appropriate address in the presence of Deputy W. F. Voorhees, who was engaged in the bowling alleys there with his assembly team.

The most excellent recorder will shortly issue announcements of the forty-fifth annual session of the most excellent assembly, to be held in the M. E. Assembly Hall, Germantown, Wednesday, March 7. Germantown Assembly will act as host, and preparations for an unusual day are being begun. Business sessions will be held morning and afternoon and a banquet in the evening, with social and entertainment to follow.

JUNIOR ORDER U. A. M.

Great Work of Big Degree Staff Between Marlin and General Warren

Councilor William A. Ploss, of John R. Marlin Council, No. 20, opened the council promptly at 8 o'clock instead of later, as formerly. An invitation was received from Keystone Council, having a class initiation next Thursday evening, to attend with the degree team to do the work. Both meeting on the same night, one at Fifth street and Allegheny avenue and the other at Fifty-second and Market streets, caused some thought. Brother William Ferguson settled the question by his offer to have his "joy wagon" on the job at 8:30 o'clock, when the entire degree team and others can be taken in good time. This is the result of some of the activities in Keystone Council.

The meeting of General G. K. Warren Council was well attended. Many of the prominent members of the order and deputies and district deputies were present. The following were called on for remarks: State Treasurer Charles Lamborn, Past State Councilors J. S. Hahn, George S. White, Henry Weiermann, Fred C. Weber, John F. Rue, Jr., D. D. C. Arthur Neitz, Howard Thornsbile, S. S. Kohler and A. D. Jones, counselor of Dirigo Council. After the business session the council was turned over to the fifty-seventh annual banquet committee, which was called to order by Chairman George S. White. Reports were heard from the committees on catering and hall. Reports were also had from the councils represented. The committee on seating over the reports came to the conclusion to postpone the annual banquet for this year. Councils in the eastern district will be so notified.

There being so much business to handle by General Warren Council and by the fifty-seventh annual banquet committee it was a late hour when the committee adjourned. The organization of the deputies and district deputies was postponed until February 8, when a call will again be issued for the organization of this body of workers at the council room of State of the East Council, in Welcome Hall, 319 East Susquehanna ave.

George M. Polnsett Council is showing some of the councils in the eastern district a clean pair of heels when it comes to proposing candidates and taking members in the council. A large class was admitted at the last meeting of the council and five new propositions were handed to the secretary for action. A poll of the members was taken and thirty propositions were promised for the next two months.

The meeting of the John R. Marlin Council Oriental Court was held at the council room, 508 West Allegheny avenue. The meeting was well attended by the members of the court. This has been the first meeting of this court for three months and the members present requested that the meetings be held oftener. Much amusement was derived from the many candidates that presented themselves to be admitted. The following were initiated: W. S. Ferguson, Wayland S. Herb and Edward Bower.

The following are the staff officers of General Grant Council No. 82: Councilor, Leroy Grover; vice councilor, George Boone; recording secretary, H. E. Crockett; assistant recording secretary, Franklin Boos; financial secretary, M. Williams; treasurer, W. Percy Hallman; conductor, Joseph H. Rittenhouse; warden, Robert Kay, Jr.; sentinels, William Irven and R. Harris; chaplain, Owen Davis; junior past councilor, Samuel Silcox; trustees, Charles Ramsey, W. L. Carter and R. G. Carter; representative to State Council, A. C. Thomas; alternate, R. G. Reller. The trustees' report showed that the council had not only made a large gain in membership but in finances as well, making a gain in membership of 129 new members, now having a membership of 230, with cash of more than $900. The plans for a progressive year as last were laid at the last meeting of the council. Live committees have been appointed. Degree Master Charles Ramsey now has the degree in first-class shape. The team will put on the work for Spring City Council in February.

The public meeting by Stephen Girard Council No. 144, announced for January 25, was postponed to February 8, when Professor Grayson, of the Girard College faculty, will deliver the address on the life of Stephen Girard and the history of the Girard estate. Invitations have been issued to all councils to take part in this meeting.

Degree Master Joseph Smith is working up the degree team to the best condition for the class initiation that will be held by Stephen Girard Council the latter part of March.

Penn Township Council, No. 65, is forging to the front, four candidates having been admitted. A get-together meeting was held and more than 100 were in attendance, to whom State Vice Councilor Nagel gave a very interesting talk. Brothers Bethell and Selden were presented with beautiful bouquets of flowers.

JOHN E. DORMER
Grand keeper of exchequer (elect), Knights of the Golden Eagle.

JOHN E. DORMER HEADS KNIGHTS GOLDEN EAGLE

Active Fraternal Career of a High Officer Promoted From the Ranks

Brother John E. Dormer was nominated at the last session of the Grand Castle, K. G. E., without opposition for the post of grand keeper of exchequer, and was, therefore, selected at the annual election. For service in this office for five consecutive years the incumbent enjoys the honors of a past grand chief, and is admitted to the Supreme Castle.

Brother Dormer has been one of the very active members of the order from the time of his admission into Ivanhoe Castle, No. 2, in April, 1900. He became a past chief in 1904, was clerk of exchequer for five years, keeper of exchequer for nine years, district grand chief of his district for five years and district grand chief of Philadelphia County for one year, member of the committee on appeals and chairman of the anniversary committee of Philadelphia County for two years. He has served as secretary of Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 26 (military branch), for eight years, second lieutenant for two years, first lieutenant one year and captain since 1913. He was the organizer of Clearview Castle, No. 497, and organized the first company of the junior military branch.

Besides his K. G. E. connections, he is a member of the following: Clearview Temple, No. 192, Ladies of the Golden Eagle; Red Cross Lodge, No. 312, K. of P.; Philanthropic Lodge, No. 15, I. O. O. F.; Maumee Tribe, No. 179, I. O. R. M.; Concordia Lodge, No. 67, F. and A. M., and John Bright Lodge, No. 19, Sons of St. George.

The forty-first anniversary of the introduction of the order into Pennsylvania was celebrated by the castles of Philadelphia on Thursday evening last in the way of a reception and dance at Stearns Hall, Broad and Ontario streets, which proved to be the most successful and enjoyable affair held by the castles in the city for many years. More than 400 couples were on the floor.

The Philadelphia castles have a permanent committee for the purpose of arranging for celebrating the anniversary, the members of the committee being: Chairman, Past Chief John E. Dormer; vice chairman, Past Grand Chief Walter S. Haas; secretary, Past Chief Harry J. Lutz; treasurer, Past Chief John D. Migeot. The following were the various committees of arrangements:

Reception committee—Past Supreme Chief John M. Bennett, chairman; P. G. C. Harvey J. Lutz, secretary; P. G. C. Walter C. Haas, P. C. Charles G. Hahn, D. G. C. F. K. Lyttle, D. T. Max Trankner, P. C. John D. Migeot, P. C. Clarence H. Lesch, P. C. Harry E. Durgin.

Chairmen of subcommittees—Publicity, D. G. C. F. K. Lyttle, printing, P. C. Frederick Wudinsk, Jr.; reception, P. S. C. John M. Shappell; class initiation, G. H. S. C. G. Stemme.

Floor managers—Frederick Wudinsk, Jr., J. R. Auch, Clarence H. Lynch, George Haller, Eugene Y. Funk, F. K. Lyttle, Joseph Lattle.

Among the prominent members of the order at the reception were the following: Supreme officers were: Supreme Master of Records John D. Trebler, P. S. C. John M. Shappell, P. S. C. John C. McKinney, P. C. John W. Ely, Past Grand Chief Dean J. Dwigans, John W. Hooper, Eugene Y. Funk, Grand Sir Herald A. G. Stemme, Colonels E. C. Guyant and Charles W. Williams and Grand Master of Records L. L. Gallagher.

The castles of the city will arrange as a part of the anniversary to hold a large class initiation at the K. G. E. Hall, 814 North Broad street, on February 20. Candidates are being elected for that event.

The newly elected officers of Antioch Castle, No. 38, were inducted by the A. C. Lytle installing team, under command of Lieutenant William Ferguson, on Friday evening. Visitors were made by Past Supreme Chief John M. Shappell, Grand Chief John F. Brownley, Past Chief Harry J. Lutz and Grand Keeper of Exchequer Chief John E. Dormer.

Grand Chief John F. Brownley, accompanied by Past Supreme Chief John M. Shappell, paid an official visit to New Holland Castle, No. 157, and was royally entertained at the anniversary celebration of the castle. Elaborate plans for a banquet and smoker program were highly successful.

Grand Master of Records L. L. Gallagher, accompanied by General George R. Brown, made an official visit to Oley Castle, No. 119, at Fredericksburg, Saturday evening, the occasion being the introduction of twenty-five new members and the conferring of the three degrees.

Oley Castle is one of the strongest in the order, having four hundred and twenty-three members and funds to the amount of $15,946.95. During 1916 this castle initiated 84 new members and has the largest degree team in class initiation on February 26, and the work will be done by its own efficient degree team.

Grand Chief John F. Brownley, accompanied by Grand Keeper of Exchequer Harry Neamand, Grand Vice Chief Harry A. Herbst and Grand Master of Records Charles W. Williams, visited Barre on January 25 in the interest of forming a new castle in that city. When organized, this castle will be announced to Philadelphia citizens of that thriving industrial city.

FRATERNAL AMERICANS

Banquet Committee Seeking Interest of All Members of the Order

Chairman Francis Airey, of the annual banquet committee, has called a meeting of the general committee F. P. A., and work will be commenced in earnest to make the coming event the largest and best ever held. Although last year was the most successful theretofore held, efforts are to be made to eclipse it. All of the councils of Philadelphia will be requested to appoint large committees to canvass the entire membership and interest members in such an important occasion.

D. D. S. C. Freeman, one of the most faithful and earnest workers of this district, is arranging for a big fraternal smoker and heart-to-heart talk with the members of Gratitude Council, No. 582, and expects to have in attendance the greater part of the membership of that council. Delegations will be present from the other councils and, in conjunction with other entertainment, interesting remarks will be made by S. C. Secretary Ford and Jr. P. S. C. Shaneman.

Arrangements are being made for a visitation during the coming month to Port Richmond Council, No. 231, by the following: Guards of Diligent Council, No. 4; Fidelity Council, No. 21, of Bristol, and Colonel John Clark Council, No. 615. These councils have entered into an arrangement by which a monthly visitation will be held in one of the councils named.

State Councilor Miller reports the greatest success throughout the entire jurisdiction of the state councils and expects the greatest gain during the present year.

America Council, No. 39, is arranging for a large class initiation. A selected staff of officers will exemplify the beautiful and significant ritual.

Jr. P. S. C. Shaneman is highly elated with the great efforts being made by the councils of this city to increase the membership by holding large class initiations.

Foresters of America

Court De Lancey, No. 321, will hold its eleventh annual banquet at the new hall, 5219 Market street, on Wednesday evening next, and extends a cordial welcome to its members and friends. Nothing has been spared to make this event a great success. The guests of honor are J. P. Donohue, grand trustee; Harry W. Mace, Assistant Director of Health and Charities, and Lawrence Pilot, grand chief ranger.

GRAND FRATERNITY

Festive Gathering of Prize-Winning Workers Earning Annual Honors

One hundred and fourteen of the faithful fraters of Philadelphia, Branch No. 4, gathered around the festive board in the banquet hall in the Grand Fraternity Building on Thursday evening, and, after partaking of a sumptuous feast, the following speakers were introduced by Recorder D. J. Gibbons, who acted as toastmaster: Address of welcome, Commander Parker A. Clymer; "Our Organization," President Frederick Gaston; "Home," Vice President George A. Huggins; "Effort," Secretary William E. Gregg; "Light," Superintendent H. Bruce Meixel; "Protection," Department Superintendent M. W. Meixel.

Toastmaster Gibson, commending Frater Huggins, the baby member of the "faithful," presented him a nursing bottle, and in response the vice president stated that no "home" is complete without such an article. He felt extremely proud that the banquet was attended by the faithful fraters of the fraternity; that it was held in their own banquet hall, prepared in their kitchen, served by a caterer enrolled with the fraternity and that the music was furnished by members of Branch No. 4.

Department Superintendent M. W. Meixel announced the passing of the beloved friend and loyal frater, J. A. Michaels, and called for the drinking of a silent toast to his memory. Frater Michaels was a regular attendant at the various meetings of his branch, being absent upon but two occasions during the entire time of his twenty-one years of membership.

Impromptu addresses were made by Past Commander Charles E. Cruser, Past Commander J. A. Snyder, Medical Examiner Dr. E. E. Johnson, Representative to the Governing Council Thomas H. Burns, District Superintendent William F. Fisher and Deputies Robert H. Dickman and William A. Stewart.

East Park Branch, No. 14, will meet in the new Grand Fraternity Building, 1626-28 Arch street, Thursday evening next. There will be a drawing for three attendance prizes, and this benefiter will be one of the features of the meeting. Last year the number of attendances at the various meetings of the branch will have a claimed of winning one of the prizes. An entertainment of merit has been arranged for the occasion, to which the members are entitled to invite their friends. Any frater who attends six meetings of Branch No. 14 during the year will be entitled to a free ticket, which will be given in the early part of January.

A dance for the Philadelphia members and their friends is being arranged, of which definite information will be given later.

Sterling Branch, No. 66, held a well-attended meeting. The following officers were duly installed by Department Superintendent M. W. Meixel: Past commander, Jacob Rosenstein; commander, Albert Silver; vice commander, John Rowley; recorder, Steven Glunberg; collector, M. C. Salzer; treasurer, Joseph Romney; regent, Jack Schwartz; sentinel, Meyer Russell; marshal, Jacob Goldstein; guard, Louis Gross; secretary, Benjamin Tiesman.

After the business session the doors were opened to the friends of members and a social entertainment of several hours was thoroughly enjoyed. Professor Lasson presided at the piano in his inimitable manner. Members of the Racquet Club entertained the guests with song and story. Robert Gomnes, familiarly known as Bob, exhibited his "stable" of coming world champions, including Jumbo Maxim, Kid Slattery, Lemuel Mosley, Harry McGrath and Mat Ferraine.

Ladies' Branch, No. 20, held the first of its 1917 meetings in the banquet hall of the Grand Fraternity Building on Friday evening. The following officers were installed by Department Superintendent M. W. Meixel: Commander, Mrs. Clara Bickham; vice commander, Mrs. C. Fisher; regent, Miss Margaret J. Burns; marshal, Mrs. M. E. Pomfret; recorder, Mrs. Mary Kelley; collector, Mrs. E. E. Meixel.

The doors were opened to the invited guests and the meeting adjourned over to Miss Marjorie Lyons, a domestic science expert of New Jersey. Chafing dishes were in evidence, and the delighted guests had Welsh rabbit prepared under the direction of Miss Lyon were thoroughly enjoyed. A profitable evening was spent, and several of the guests were enrolled as members.

The next meeting of this branch will be held on Thursday evening, February 22.

SONS OF AMERICA

Work of Camp 814 Among the Best Types of American Citizens

The biggest event in the history of Camp 814 will be held tonight, when it will admit a large class at Odd Fellows' Hall, Falls of Schuylkill. The State Secretary will deliver an address. The initiatory work will be performed by the crack degree team of Camp 26, the largest camp in the order. This team has won many of the best Camp 814 has forwarded a strong circular letter to its members to make every effort to build the camp into a stronger and livelier organization. James S. Seeds is chairman of the boosters' committee, and through his faithful efforts the members of 814 have co-operated and worked hard to make this banner event a complete success.

Camp 366 will hold a smoker tomorrow evening at the hall, 2729 Frankford avenue. The committee of arrangements reports that it has secured very good speakers, and gives all the brethren a very cordial invitation to be present. The camp is also planning for a class initiation.

Camp 293, the big, wideawake camp of this city, located at 1010-12 Chestnut street, makes a specialty of entertainments and probably has more social features than any other camp in the city. One big event which was a great success was the Mardi Gras. The next big feature will be held February 13, when the "Bachelors' Club" of the camp will entertain regally. There will be dancing from 10 o'clock until 2:30, supper being served between 12 and 1 o'clock. No 250 invitations for outside members of the camp have been issued. Louis A. Berry is recording secretary and is one of the hardest workers for the order. He will probably be a member of the "flying squadron" which will pay visitations to all the camps in the city during the months of February and March.

Camp 688, located at 1617 North Broad street, will have a class initiation on Tuesday, February 13, when fifty or more new members will be enrolled. Prominent State and national officers, including National Secretary Charles Stone, National Treasurer Omar B. Wetherhold, State Secretary Charles H. Helms and State Treasurer Irwin Smith, will deliver stirring addresses. Members of the order are urged to attend.

Camp 728, of the Fourteenth district, had a fine meeting. District President John Warden organized a team for the installation of officers. Visitors were welcomed by President Hess, Kraft, Del Warden, Schopic, Koch, Sieg, Hoit, Mills, White, Weed and Hatecker. The better team of Camp 570 initiated a class of candidates for Camp 728 in a splendid manner. State M. P. John Harper made an interesting address, complimenting District President Warden on his services, the drawing team of 570 and the whole Fourteenth district. State Inspector M. M. Haas was congratulated on his promotion from the office of deputy district president. Visitors of Marcus Hook Camp, D. P. Smith, of Chester, George Koch, of 681, Brother Kraft, of 861, and Brother Pfeod, of 570.

The camps of the Fourteenth district will combine to attend divine service on February 18, further details to be announced.

The biggest event of the last week was the dedication of the new hall of Camp 24, at Lancaster. The state secretary and state treasurer with the aid of a number of leading members of the camp performed the dedication ceremony. District President James Pyle spoke in solo and entertaining to the order. The affair was voted a great success and the camp is very proud of the new building. Camp 537, of Lancaster, is a very strong camp, having over 300 members, asking for their aid in an extensive membership campaign. Every member is to bring in one new candidate before March 31, when will be staged the most elaborate ceremonial sessions ever held by any camp in Lancaster County will be conducted. Prominent speakers will be present.

Outside of the annual State convention, the biggest event in Washington's Birthday, February 22, will be the joint celebration by the camps for patriotic ceremonies, either as the individual, combined or district camps. Four counties will hold conventions that day, one the big Berks convention at Hamburg. The following events are a few of the many camp activities on the day: Lancaster County will hold a big class initiation, State Master of Forms John W. Harper will deliver an address.

Huntingdon County will hold its semi-annual convention, State Secretary Helms will probably speak.

Camp No. 209, Columbia, will have a big social entertainment and banquet in the evening. Hiram L. Wynne, one of the old-time horses of the order, and a leading member of Camp No. 209, will speak.

Harry S. Helms, also of Camp No. 50, and a brother of the state secretary, will speak at the big rally held by Camp No. 501, Tyrone.

Past State President Eugene Heckerman, State Treasurer Irwin Smith, State Secretary John M. Straub, Assistant State Secretary George H. Kunz and Assistant Treasurer Omar B. Wetherhold, including all the district presidents, will be present at the Berks convention at Hamburg on February 22. The Berks town, will conduct a fine entertainment in the Armory Hall.

State President Ernest K. Clark will be busy on Washington's Birthday. State Auditor Vincent Gabriel Moyer will be present at various services by camps of Lebanon.

The anniversary of the order has been over in the State in wonderful all things considered. The new life that has been instilled into it by the election of clean, upright, fearless Christian men has renewed the spirits and hopes of many of the brethren who had become disheartened by conditions. This year the order is out of politics. It is stated that a leading politician sent for the state secretary before election to talk over the legislative matters in which he was interested. The secretary politely but firmly informed the politician that he would not be a party to any such proceedings. The