SPEAKERS' ASSIGNMENTS FOR SONS OF AMERICA

Squadron of Orators to Visit Thirty-two Camps in Sections on One Night

The "flying squadron" movement is the talk of the entire order. Berks County camps are talking about taking up the movement to visit every one of the sixty-two camps in that county. The speakers in the "flying squadron" are receiving their final instructions from the State headquarters this week regarding their assignments, etc., for Monday night, February 26, and as all of the camps are giving the undertaking a real hearty co-operation there is an assurance of a great renewed spirit of activity. Many of the camps to be visited are large and progressive, and though they have had steady growth, the interest and enterprise which the executive officers are manifesting in all the camps will certainly prompt a greater effort from February 26 on to advance in numbers and in patriotism among the Monday evening camps at least. The members of the entire order have been urged to attend one of the camps on that date.

The number of camps meeting on Monday evening are thirty-two, which have been divided into twelve sections, as follows:

Section 1—Camps 77, 703 and 376.
Section 2—Camps 1 and 187.
Section 3—Camps 336, 389 and 533.
Section 4—Camps 111 and 814.
Section 5—Camps 255, 317 and 758.
Section 6—Camps 83, 4 and 277.
Section 7—Camps 243, 290 and 563.
Section 8—Camps 9, 15, 485 and 95.
Section 9—Camps 204, 651 and 342.
Section 10—Camps 570 and 598.
Section 11—Camps 667 and 394.
Section 12—Camps 326 and 348.

The speakers assigned in the various sections follows:

Section 1—The Rev. Charles Hunter, of Camp 187; Robert Thompson, of Camp 533, and Charles Gum, of Camp 478.
Section 2—State Camp Trustee Buffington, of Lykens; W. H. Clarke, of Camp 293, and H. J. Daley, of Camp 481.
Section 3—Past State President John W. Boom, of St. Clair; James Kellerson Helms and John Holt, of Camp 101.
Section 4—State Master of Forms John W. Harper, of Chester; George Williams, of Camp 481, and Charles H. Davis, of Camp 672.
Section 5—State Secretary Charles R. Helms, John Hanlon, of Camp 101, and Walter S. Stack, of Camp 746.
Section 6—Past State President Herman A. Miller, of Easton; R. John Bord, of Camp 101, and Hiram L. Wynne, of Camp 50.
Section 7—Senior Vice Commander-in-chief Horace V. MacFadyen; George S. Dearwart, of Camp 50, and Morris May, of Camp 481.
Section 8—State Vice President Gabriel H. Moyer, of Lebanon; Harry Stager Helms, Seibert Waltman, of Camp 101, of Reading, and Frank L. Thomas, of Camp 111.
Section 9—State President Ernest E. Clark, of Pittsburgh; Henry M. Wentzel, of Camp 50, and David J. Jacks, of Allentown.
Section 10—John W. German, chairman of legislative committee of the State Camp, Harrisburg; W. C. Hahn, of Camp 403, and Robert A. Keely, treasurer of Camp 50.
Section 11—District President David Vetter, of Kew Ringold (known as the old war horse of the order); Fred Loos, of Camp 50, and Millard Blean, recording secretary of Camp 704, and assistant State secretary.
Section 12—Lewis A. Barry, Esq., of Camp 236; Walter E. Button, of Camp 50, and George B. Dellett, assistant to the State secretary.

Camp No. 50, Roxborough, has regained first position in the order by taking in twenty-two propositions. Until last Thursday, Camp No. 163, of Reading, had been just equal in membership, and the results of the meeting of Camp No. 163 tonight will be anxiously awaited by the members of Camp No. 50. Each camp is determined to hold the lead.

A big meeting of the first Philadelphia district was held at the State camp headquarters last Thursday evening, when the following camps were represented: Camp No. 17, No. 765, No. 687, No. 332, No. 688 and No. 376. The meeting was in charge of William E. Press, district president. Addresses were made by Brother Z. Pister, of Camp No. 687; Brother Edward T. Smith, of Camp No. 17, and George B. Dellett, of Camp No. 163. After the business meeting a smoker and an entertainment, consisting of singing and an exhibition of several patriotic and humorous lantern slides, were enjoyed.

The Wilkes-Barre Club of Camp No. 485 will hold a prize drawing on the last Monday night in May under the charge of Past President H. M. Davis.

The great Reading class initiation of February 14 was a splendid success. Over 400 new members were admitted into the fourteen camps of that city. The event was held in the spacious Odd Fellows' Hall, which was decorated with large red, white and blue streamers and American flags, a life-sized picture of Abraham Lincoln standing in the rear of the speakers' platform. State Secretary Charles B. Helms, of Camp No. 50, delivered a splendid address on the principles this organization stands for, and what it intends to do for this country. State Treasurer Irwin S. Smith, of Camp No. 89, Reading, gave a very encouraging talk to the new members, dwelling upon the duty of all loyal and true Americans to remain loyal to their country and flag under all conditions. Past State President Eugene F. Hendricks stated that the freedom of the press was one of the nation's greatest assets, urged greater patriotism and a deeper reverence for the Bible. Other speakers were National Secretary Oscar B. Weiberbold, State Camp Building Trustees John M. Strauh and H. E. Buffington, of Camp No. 233, Lykens.

The degree team was composed of the following brothers: Oscar Wetherold, Camp No. 89, president; Henry Bowman, Camp No. 500, past president; Frank Breckley, Camp No. 663, vice president; Charles D. Meitzler, Camp No. 509, master of forms; George I. Boseld, Camp No. 230, conductor; Samuel Smith, Camp No. 212, inspector; George Clouser, Camp No. 229, guard; Seibert Witman, Camp No. 163, lecturer; Claude Keim, Camp No. 163, operator, and Thomas Lenger, Camp No. 676, chaplain. District President George Meitzler, of Camp No. 509, presided at the meeting and introduced the speakers. The following are the names of the chairmen of the various committees: Hall, Oscar Neuoderfer, Camp No. 89; press, George Crouse, Camp No. 509; decorating, Thomas Lenzel, Camp No. 676; invitation, John M. Straub, Camp No. 560; degree team, Nathaniel Gring, Camp No. 678; badge, Clarence Scarfott, Camp No. 329.

Camp No. 221, Oley line, held a successful class initiation on Thursday evening. The meeting was in charge of District President William H. Price, who introduced the following speakers: State Secretary Charles Helms, State Treasurer Irwin S. Smith, State Trustee H. E. Buffington, County President Clayton Lutz and Past County President Nathaniel Gring. All of the speakers dwelt on various patriotic subjects and received hearty applause.

Camp No. 676, Reading, presented a flag to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, of that place, on last evening. Its fair and bazaar was opened with a big street parade last Saturday night. This fair will continue every Wednesday and Saturday night until March 17.

The camps of Montgomery District No. 2 will hold a district rally at the hall of Camp No. 102, Norristown, on Thursday evening, March 8. The State secretary and other prominent officials of the order will address the meeting. The event will be in charge of District President Edward T. Batting. Montgomery District No. 2 is composed of the following camps: Nos. 18, at West Conshohocken; 31, at Bridgeport; 48, at Cold Point; 114, at Norristown; 121, at Conshohocken; 322, at Penn Square; 447, at Ardmore; 502, at Norristown, and 523, at Eagleville.

Camp No. 677, Kutztown, held a successful class initiation at its last meeting night and admitted ten new members.

SEES MIDAS AND PAUPER TRANSFORMED BY DEATH

S. D. Gordon, in "Quiet Talk," Describes Divine Rule of Brokerage and Exchange

Many a Midas will be a pauper and many a pauper will be a Midas after death, according to S. D. Gordon in today's "Quiet Talk on Following Jesus," at the Garrick Theatre. He spoke on "The Master's Rule of Brokerage and Exchange."

"There is a divine alchemy whereby gold can be transmitted into the lives of men," he said. "The coinage down here among men is gold or its equivalent. The coinage current in the homeland above is lives of men. Here we reckon a man's wealth by the number of dollars he has. There they estimate a man's wealth by the number of lives of men he has influenced for the right.

"There are men down here wealthy in dollars who will be virtually paupers when they crossed over the line out of this world. And some who have not been reckoned much here in a money way will be the millionaires up there, life millionaires.

"Jesus' rule of brokerage and exchange is this: Invest your gold in lives of men. Use what you need; cultivate good, sane sense in providing for the future. Then invest all the rest in lives of men. The rule can be found in Luke, xvi, 9. Freely put, it is this: Exchange your gold into lives of men, so that when it fails you may have a warm welcome in the homeland."

The closing talk of the noonday series will be tomorrow on "The Chief Significance of This World War to the Thoughtful Man."

Will Refuse Drink to "Habituals"

LAMBERTVILLE, N. J., Feb. 19.—Finding the "jag list" ineffectual in checking habitual drunkenness, the Lambertville commissioners have asked the saloonkeepers to refuse their assistance in preventing the sale of liquor to such people.

FRATERNAL AMERICANS

Delegation From Diligent Council's One Thousand Members on Big Visit

One of the largest visitations ever held will take place this evening at Fort Richmond Council, No. 234, F. P. A., Richmond street and Indiana avenue, when delegations will be present from Diligent Council, No. 4, with a membership of 1000; Diligent Guard Association, with a membership of 200; Fidelity Council, No. 21, of Bristol, with a membership of 500, and Colonel John Clark Council, No. 615, of Holmesburg, with a membership of 250. A most interesting time is being arranged. District Deputy State Councilor William Freeman, of No. 234, will give a royal welcome to the visiting councils and members. Past State Councilors McKelvey, Solly and a host of deputy State councilors will be present and be heard. Brother William L. Bell, of No. 21, will be among the speakers from Bristol.

More than the usual good will and fraternity has been manifested by the councils to be represented at tonight's social engagement, and this is another sample of the real brotherly spirit so manifest in and among the various councils of the order. Jr. P. S. C. Sheneman and S. C. Secretary Ford have promised to speak as to the great work being done in the order and the general success attending the efforts of officers and members.

Mt. Moriah Council, No. 546, will hold another class initiation tonight at Sixty-third street and Woodland avenue. The excellent staff and guards of Hamilton Council, No. 841, under the direction of P. C. Brother E. H. Sherwood, No. 546 has had many class initiations since the last session of the State Council and is reporting steady gains in membership and activity. All members who can attend are requested to witness the perfect work of the team and guards of No. 841.

Pennsburg Council, No. 961, will have another large class initiation this evening and will have on the floor the entire staff and guards, all of whom do the very best kind of work.

Tomorrow evening will be a gala occasion at Hamilton Council, No. 841, 5210 Market street, when State Councilor Miller, of Allentown, will pay the council an official visit. Notices have been issued to all the councils of this city and it is expected that the large hall will be packed to overflowing. The various representatives, deputies and active members of the order in this part of the State will be present to meet the executive officer. Among those expected to be present will be Alexander M. De Haven, Charles L. Cadwalader, secretary of the Funeral Benefit Association of the United States; Past State Councilors Cody, Berry, Wobensmith, Fry, McKelvey and Solly, of this city; S. C. Secretary Ford and Jr. P. S. C. Sheneman. An interesting program has been arranged, consisting principally of addresses on the character of the work now being done in the order. All members of the various councils are urged to attend, because of the excellent opportunity to learn many things of general interest. At the same time and place the regular monthly meeting of the Good of the Order Association will be held and many important subjects discussed and acted upon. Jr. P. S. C. Sheneman, in behalf of the committee recently appointed to report as to the matching club for the next session of the State Council at Reading, will make a full report. The reports coming from the various councils are so encouraging that several thousand are expected to be in line on the day of the parade.

Chairman Brother Francis Airey has called an adjourned meeting of the committee on annual banquet for the same time and place, when information and circulars will be given to the various representatives.

State Councilor Miller will pay an official visit to Col. John Clarke Council, No. 615, Holmesburg, next Wednesday evening, when an exceedingly large attendance of members and visiting brethren is expected. S. C. Secretary Ford, Jr. P. S. C. Sheneman, a host of past State councilors, deputies and other active workers are expected to attend. No. 615 will also celebrate the occasion as the first month in which a new record for candidates has been made and a large class initiation held.

Old Glory Council, No. 10, Smith's Hall, Fifty-second street and Woodland avenue, will hold a class initiation Friday evening, when Jr. P. S. C. Sheneman and a special staff will exemplify the beautiful ritual in the short form. All members are invited. After initiation an interesting program is arranged for, addresses being made by State council officers and refreshments served. No. 10 is doing very well in its new hall and is going to make a contest for a State council flag.

JUNIOR ORDER U. A. M.

Marlin Council Honors in Spirit and Token Class of Charter Members

The inclement weather did not prevent a large turnout at John R. Marlin Council, No. 20, to assist the officers in doing honor to the charter members of the council. At the institution of the council fourteen years ago there were thirty-six names enrolled. Today there are twenty still on the roll, and of that number there were nine present as follows: Theodore J. Kay, who was the first councilor; George S. Rowen, who was the first junior past councilor of the council; George W. Kay, Charles F. Whitman, William G. Gross, Harry S. Furness, Thomas H. Walters, Horace McKinley and Lewis H. Max. Brother Thomas H. Walters, the chairman of the General Committee in charge of the reception, gave an interesting talk on the institution of the council. Councilor William Ploss then presented to each charter member a bouquet of flowers as a token of appreciation from the council. Several of these veterans expressed their thanks to the council for the remembrance.

Four candidates were admitted, which impressed the honored members with the fact that no matter what was going on at the council, new material was being constantly added to the roll. The benefit committee reported that the tickets had been procured from the theatre and were in the hands of the general committee. The council adjourned at 10 o'clock to make a flying visit to Kenderdon Council. Refreshments were served by the entertainment committee.

A repetition of the large union meeting was held on Thursday evening in the council room of Kenderton Council, when a visitation was made by the Dirigo Council visiting club. The room was filled to capacity. The following councils were represented: Relief, No. 2; Spring Garden, No. 18; John R. Marlin, No. 20; Benjamin Harrison, No. 69; Franklinville, No. 73; John E. Armstrong, No. 130; Stephen Girard, No. 144; George M. Tolnsett, No. 163, and Dirigo, No. 1026. The following district deputies were present: William H. Hahn, John F. Rue, Jr., E. E. Leather, Fred C. Weber and Henry Wellemman. The following deputies were present: William Ploss, Howard Churnside, William C. Graham, Arthur P. G. Nevitt, E. E. Slugg, John O. Wilson and J. Thomas Nevitt. The dignitaries of the order present were Past State Councilor Thomas H. Walters and State Treasurer Charles Kaufmann. Remarks were made by the visiting members and refreshments were served.

The next visit of the Dirigo Council visiting club will be made on Tuesday evening, March 13, to General G. K. Warren Council, No. 684. The members of the district are asked to support this union meeting as well as the last two had been supported.

America Council, No. 236, the baby council of the district, held a class initiation on Wednesday evening which was well attended. The degree work was exemplified by the team from John R. Marlin Council, No. 20. The members of America have been working hard to make this class a success. Plans are now on to hold another class, and it is the intent of the council to double the number of candidates. The following candidates were admitted: Irwing W. Murray, Hugh H. Hickman, Reuben S. Daisy, Samuel W. Blizzard, De Witt S. Daisy and Charles A. Gall. Remarks were made by Past State Councilor Thomas H. Walters, District Deputy Henry Wellenmann, Deputy Arthur P. G. Nevitt, Councilor William Ploss, Councilor Jones, of Dirigo Council, and others.

The Deputy State Councilors' Association held a meeting in the council room of John E. Armstrong Council, No. 130, on Monday evening. The meeting was well attended by the deputies of the district. Remarks were made for the benefit of the association by District Deputies E. E. Leatherman, H. Wellenmann, W. C. Hahn and F. C. Weber, Deputies John F. Rue, Jr., and William Ploss and Past State Councilor Thomas H. Walters. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Thomas H. Walters; vice president, Frederick C. Weber; secretary, Henry Wellenmann. The association will meet next month at the call of the chair.

Franklinville Council, No. 73, will hold a large class initiation on Monday evening, February 26. This promises to be a big night, as there are twenty-seven propositions, with the promise of as many more before the initiation night. The degree team of John R. Marlin Council will put on the work on that date. Thomas Nevitt, chairman of the class initiation committee, is working hard with his committee to make this a banner night.

Dirigo Council, No. 1026, will hold a large class initiation on Friday evening, March 9. Councilor A. D. Jones wishes this to be the biggest term that the council has ever had. This will make the second class initiation held during this term. The degree team from John R. Marlin Council will put on the work on that night. Dirigo Council is in line with the other progressive councils of the district that are making their name known to every council in the district by virtue of the activity of the council and of the visiting club, which is reviving interest in every council in the district.

West Philadelphia Council's last session was honored with a large delegation from Ionc Council, which had the pleasure of witnessing its dart-quoit team defeat West Philadelphia Council's team in the fourth game of the contest, retaliating for the earlier defeat. The fifth game will be played at Ionc Council tonight. The entertainment and refreshments furnished by the committee were enjoyed by the largest attendance since the council's institution. Two new members were admitted and two applications presented. Brother Curtis Binsinger delivered an oration on "Patriotism" and remarks were made by Brother Frederick Crookshank. The fifth game of the dart-quoit contest between West Philadelphia and Ionc Councils will be played on the last Monday of April.

ARTISANS' ORDER'S MEMBER PRODUCERS

Honors and Prizes to Individuals and Assemblies for Superior Work Last Year

M. E. M. A. Robert C. Thompson entertained at dinner the members of his Producers' Club, thirty-six members entitled being present and several invited guests. In the presentations of prizes Fred W. Hock, of St. John's Assembly, who introduced thirty-two new members during 1916, was awarded $35 in gold; John E. Logan, of Southwestern Assembly, who introduced twenty-five candidates, was awarded $25, and James T. Hall, of St. John's Assembly, was awarded $15 for introducing twenty-one new members. Brothers D. M. Horton and F. L. Rymer, of Scranton Assembly, No. 52, were very cordially greeted, having traveled 135 miles to join the happy band. Good addresses were made by Past Master Artisan Frank A. Chalmers, P. M. E. M. Artisans T. Frank Kendrick, Charles W. McConnell, Edwin N. Mayor and Harry C. Smith and others.

The Most Excellent Master Artisan reports, according to Editor Mayor, that he has awarded the prizes for work in member-getting as offered early in his administration. Three prizes to leading producers of $35, $25 and $15 have been won by Brothers Frederick W. Hock, of St. John's, with thirty-two; Brother J. E. Logan, of Southwestern, with twenty-five, and Brother James T. Hall, of St. John's, with twenty-one, respectively. That two of these particular prizes were won by members of No. 28 bears witness to the loyal support the master received from his own assembly.

Then comes membership in the Producers' Club for this select coterie, gastronomically united forty-two have qualified, as follows: Brothers Charles A. Jackson, Spartan; John A. Logan, Southwestern; Richard E. Johnson, Southwestern; Alexander C. Dogkamp, Southwestern; F. W. Hock, St. John's; James T. Hall, St. John's; Dr. L. B. Reimer, St. John's; W. W. Donnelly, St. John's; E. J. Heitman, St. John's; Dr. J. K. Marks, St. John's; James Binson, St. John's; Samuel Winkworth, Union; George L. Hatchby, Germantown; Dana De Lellis, Germantown; E. MacDonald, Germantown; James Welker, St. Paul's; John A. Reilly, Dorian; Charles H. Waterman, Waverly; E. L. MacPherson, Lehigh; Dr. L. B. Reimer, Scranton; D. M. Horton, Scranton; R. A. Nicholas, Northwestern; A. J. Nicholas, Northwestern; Doctor Delo, Bartram; W. J. Kile, Bartram; Lawrence N. Hance, Lehigh; William A. Mayne, Lehigh; John V. Carey, Lehigh; Jacob J. Wagner, Adelphi; W. P. Wallace, Jr., Adelphi; Philip N. Arnold, Adelphi; J. E. Spitz, Adelphi; John Lipsey, Adelphi; William F. Voorhees, Oak Lane; J. Aug. Hirt, Eden, Palmyra; J. Alvin Stauffer, Palmyra; Edward S. Christ, Palmyra; J. H. Finney, Palmyra; Frank A. Chalmers, William Patton; William D. Pearce, Passyunk; Calvin Paul, Passyunk; (one member), Enterprise.

The prizes for classified assemblies are awarded as follows: One to fifty—Foxe Chase, first prize, $25; Alvira, second prize, $15. Fifty-one to 100—Palmyra, first prize, $25; William Patton, second prize, $15; Scranton, third prize, $10. One hundred and one to 250—Lehigh, first prize, $25; Adelphi, second prize, $15; Oak Lane, third prize, $10. Two hundred and fifty-one to 500—Passyunk, first prize, $25; Bartram, second prize, $15; Northwestern, third prize, $10.

The winners of the prizes for the community prizes is as follows: Community No. 1, Atlantic City, Fraternity, Hammonton, Trenton, and Goodwill; Community No. 2, Long Island, Metropolis, Newark and Brooklyn; Community No. 3, Alvira, Petersburg, Milton, Watsontown and Muncy; Community No. 4, Columbia, Conestoga, Lancaster, Continental and Harrisburg; Community No. 5, Collingswood, Harleigh, Camden and Helena. In the last named community Palmyra won out by being the only assembly that initiated more than fifteen candidates.

There were a number of producers who did not win any of the larger prizes, but whose efforts were so successful and commendable that the M. E. master desires to mention them honorably. They are P. Austin Eaden, Palmyra, 11; Dr. A. Smith, Palmyra, 10; Lawrence Hance, Lehigh, 10; R. E. Johnson, Southwestern, 13; Dr. L. B. Reimer, St. John's, 17. For some reason the 1915 producers failed to put forth the same brilliant efforts of that year and none succeeded in annexing the special prizes allotted to them.

All Artisans who have qualified for a plate at the Producers' Club banquet are invited to meet at the Bingham Hotel at 8 o'clock on the evening of February 26.

It is somewhat striking that in the Producers' Club only three assemblies of the first rank can claim membership, viz. Southwestern, Germantown and St. John's, with a total of thirteen. The Greathead Seven have qualified with fourteen members in five assemblies. Among the smaller assemblies Adelphi led with six members in the Producers' Club and Palmyra comes second with four. All the assemblies are led by St. John's with seven.

Of the eleven assemblies winning in the classified class, five are in the Greathead seven.

Progressive Assembly had a big attendance and a spirited meeting, initiating a class of candidates, including one for Northwestern Assembly, to whom the buttons were cleverly presented by Dr. H. Hunter Lott, of Germantown Assembly, Brothers Kelley and Voorhees, of Oak Lane Assembly, made an appeal on behalf of the latter's candidacy for M. E. inspector. Speakers called upon by Master Artisan Gray were Recorder Gunther, of Oak Lane Assembly; John Lipsey, recorder of Adelphi Assembly and a candidate for the board of directors; Master Artisan Engle and P. M. A. Marr, of Southwestern Assembly; Frank G. Treston, of Girard Assembly, and the beloved Larry Brennan, who had been away from the activities of the assembly for many months and was on his way to Washington. Of course, Deputy Harry Smith said the right word in the right place.

The assembly by vote instructed the recorder to request formally the incoming M. E. Master Artisan for the reappointment of Deputy Harry C. Smith. The entertainment, besides refreshments, was furnished by Dr. J. Marvin Hanna, of West Philadelphia Assembly, and his trained male Temple Chorus, giving several numbers of part songs in real artistic style. Brother James Groetzinger, the baritone, sang sentimental numbers with fine effect. The chorus is becoming popular with society and church entertainment circles.

Superintendent Jordan is very much interested in the ritualistic work and he proposes to hold an initiatory contest throughout the entire order. The officers of each assembly will be judged by the character of their work upon the occasion of the official visit. They will be marked fifty points for memory, fifty for language and 100 points for impressiveness. The scores will be announced immediately after the meeting and will be published in the Artisan each month.

Much interest is being shown in the coming dinner of the Artisans Dining Club, open to all members of the order, to be held at Thirteenth street and Girard avenue on February 28. The price is seventy-five cents per plate and word should be sent to Alfred J. Kelley, 555 South Yewdell street.

P. M. A. Alfred J. Kelly, of Oak Lane Assembly, paid a fraternal visit to Apollo Assembly and instructed the newly elected officers in the ritualistic work of the order. The next meeting of Apollo will be held at the Fraternity Building, 1626 Arch street, and it is expected there will be at least five candidates initiated.

West Philadelphia Assembly pleased the new officers with two candidates. The visitors were P. M. E. M. A. Samuel Scattergood, the old deputy for twenty years, and Brother Chalmers, of William Patton Assembly, candidate for M. E. superintendent, who was an inspiring talk. Music was furnished by the well-known glee club of this assembly, under the direction of Dr. J. Marvin Hanna. Refreshments were served in the usually good style and quantity.

Passyunk Assembly had a well-attended meeting and two candidates. After routine business an excellent address was made by Brother Cunningham, of Haddon Heights Assembly, to which he secured a promise of a visitation in April. It was also decided to make a visitation to Lancaster on February 13. Other addresses of unusual merit were made by Brothers Them, of Energetic; Lipsey, of Adelphi; Deputy Phil Arnold and Brother Kelly, of Oak Lane. P. M. A. John Harbion, of Passyunk, was presented with a handsome silver service as a token of appreciation for services performed in furthering the interests and welfare of Passyunk for a number of years. It was also decided to name the next meeting night "W. C. Heyde night," in honor of P. M. A. William C. Heyde. Passyunk was congratulated on winning the first prize in division four of assemblies proving the greatest producer last year. An excellent luncheon was served.

A general invitation to assembly delegations to attend Adelphi Assembly on "John Lipsey night" at the new hall, 1626 Arch street, February 26, has been sent out by the committee composed of Philip N. Arnold, chairman; Harry S. Warford, William F. Wallace, W. Edwin Blair, George K. Hale, James R. Clarke, H. Walter Davis, Joseph Moss, Esq., Bertram Smith, master artisan.

Preparations have begun for holding the forty-fourth annual session in this city on March 7 of the most excellent assembly, to which representatives from subordinate assemblies in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and District of Columbia have been called. The headquarters are located in the Parkway Building and the executive officers are all Philadelphians, as follows: M. E. Master Artisan Robert C. Thompson, M. E. Superintendent George J. Pawling, M. E. Inspector Jacob B. Jordan, M. E. Recorder Allen F. Cox, M. E. Cashier Americus R. Underdown, M. E. Conductor Herman Meyer, M. E. Sr. M. of C. William C. Heyde, M. E. Jr. M. of C. William Voorhees, M. E. Chaplain the Rev. Robert E. Johnson, M. E. Warden, J. R. M. Gard.

The annual dinner dance of the Membership Association of Pennsylvania Assembly at the Hotel Walton was the event par excellence ever held by this band of workers. The conception of new features never before enjoyed and the unmalloyed success of the affair are due to the untiring efforts of Recorder Stockley and Master Artisan Abs. The gratifying payments of the month, as ever, are satisfactory to the prophets.

HARRY A. HERBST
Grand chief-elect, Grand Castle Knights of Golden Eagle.

THE MACCABEES

Lieutenant Commander's Surprise Party for Woman's Benefit Association

Girard Review, Parkway Building, Miss Mary Collins, commander, had a surprise party at the close of the last meeting by lieutenant commander, Mrs. Martha Arters, of Phoenixville, who, to celebrate her twenty-first wedding anniversary, took a few of the members of the Review into her confidence, and when the meeting was over, the rest of the members found the tables beautifully set in one of the ante rooms with things good to eat and decorations. The favors were heart-shaped boxes of candy with an American flag on each box, and a silk flag handkerchief at the plate of Supreme Chaplain Minnie E. Burgin, who, with Mrs. Marium Nicholson, Commander Evans of Bartram Review, and Mrs. Clara Lang, of Penn Treaty Review, were the guests of the evening.

Another surprise was sprung on the faithful and efficient record keeper of Girard Review, Miss Anna Berli, who had a "birthday" recently, and she was presented with a pretty and useful gift as a demonstration of her loyalty to her review. Miss Burgin was presented with a pretty silk "flag" handkerchief by Mrs. Arter's daughter. All enjoyed the supper and the pleasant social hour and wished Mr. and Mrs. Arters many happy returns of the day.

Keystone Review, Fifty-third street and Haverford avenue, Mrs. E. M. Helms, commander, had some of the new methods of work explained to them at their last meeting by Supreme Chaplain Miss Burgin, who left early to visit Girard Review.

Bartram Review, Fifty-second street and Haverford avenue, Mrs. Minnie Evans, commander, arranged to give its hall on its next meeting night to Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Nicholson to hold a handkerchief bazaar for the benefit of the uniform rank Port Huron trip fund. The bazaar will be held afternoon and evening on Monday, February 26. Refreshments will be served and the entire proceeds given to the uniform rank.

Betsy Ross Review, Lincoln Hall, Frankford and Allegheny avenues, received one application for membership, presented by Commander England and Mrs. Edwards. They appointed a committee to look for another meeting place which would be more convenient. Visitors present were Mrs. Evans, commander of Bartram Review; Past Commander Mrs. Collins and Lieutenant Commander Mrs. Marium Nicholson, of Keystone Review, and Supreme Chaplain Miss Burgin.

Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Nicholson extended a most cordial invitation to Betsy Ross members to patronize the bazaar for the uniform rank benefit, and Miss Burgin explained about the new prize offer and membership for reduction dues. Some members and about the headquarters for Philadelphia, and the beautiful photograph which Miss West, the supreme commander, will send to each member in Philadelphia who will obtain one new member this month. The record keeper, Mrs. Jennie Hartman (nee Lex), was congratulated and wished much joy. A fine cake was then relished and the dance. Mrs. Rathgaber, complimented upon its excellence.

THREE HUNDRED FOR KNIGHTS GOLDEN EAGLE

Local Castles Bunch Class Initiations—Fraternal Career of New Grand Chief-Elect

Tomorrow evening, February 20, the castles of Philadelphia will confer the three degrees on 300 candidates. This is a combination of all the castles, and will take place in the K. G. E. Hall, 814 North Broad street. Grand Sir Herald A. G. Stemme is chairman of the committee of arrangements. The degree team of Aeolian Castle, No. 348, will confer the first degree; the degree team of Ivanhoe-Pilgrim Castle, No. 2, will confer the second degree, and the third degree will be conferred by the degree team of Delta Castle, No. 8.

Harry A. Herbst, who has been unanimously elected grand chief of the Grand Castle of Pennsylvania and who will be installed at the next annual session, has been a member of the order for twenty years, being enrolled in Good Will Castle, No. 75, of Bethlehem. He has been its clerk of exchequer for the last sixteen years and has represented his castle in the Grand Castle session for eighteen years. He is one of the very active and strong men of the order and has had a voice in the counsels and movements and legislation for the advancement of the organization. He is an able speaker and thoroughly experienced in fraternal work.

Brother Herbst is a member also of Saucanna Commandery, No. 48, of Hellertown; a charter member of South Bethlehem Lodge, B. P. O. E., No. 1296; member of Bethlehem Camp, No. 126, Modern Woodmen of America, serving three years as State consul; member of Keystone Lodge, No. 78, I. O. O. F.; past president of Bethlehem Aerie, No. 284, F. O. E., and member of Bethlehem Branch, No. 182, U. S. A. P. O. C. He represented the State at the Postoffice Clerks' convention at Los Angeles, Cal., in 1915, and is president of the Bethlehem High School Alumni Association, graduating in 1897.

Grand Chief John F. Brounler, accompanied by Grand Castle officers and committeemen, paid an official visit to Delta Castle, No. 8, on Friday evening last.

The grand chief and his officers will pay an official visit to Excelsior Castle, No. 32, on February 23.

Grand Chief John F. Brounler on Thursday last instituted Montgomery Castle, No. 326, with fifty-seven charter members present. This is the tenth castle to be instituted by the grand chief since June, and there will be three or more instituted before the end of his term.

Flickerville Castle, No. 504, will initiate a class of thirty-two candidates on February 22.

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The grand chief has arranged for the following official visits to Philadelphia castles: February 16, Delta Castle, No. 8; February 23, Excelsior, No. 32; February 26, Sedgwick, No. 238; February 27, Spartan, No. 97; February 28, Olive, No. 18; March 1, Del Fida, No. 99; March 5, Kenilworth, No. 12; March 6, Clearview, No. 497; March 9, West End, No. 269; March 10, Dorian, No. 274; March 12, Red Cross, No. 80; March 16, Ivanhoe-Pilgrim, No. 2.

THE GRAND FRATERNITY

Activities of Branch No. 4 and Others in New Big Building

The annual valentine dance of Philadelphia Branch No. 4, held in the assembly Hall of the Grand Fraternity Building on Wednesday evening, was well attended and greatly enjoyed. Miss Julia West Hindes, accompanied by Mr. C. William Hallowell, recent winners in several prize waltz contests, participated in the lucky number waltz, the feature dance of the evening. This time, however, the honors went to Miss Mary Johnstone and Mr. Franklin Mitchell Crispin. The orchestra, headed by Frater William Weibecker, outdid all its previous efforts. Especially well appreciated was their double piano tempo. During the intermission a personally conducted tour was made of the new building under the able direction of Deputy Frederick E. West and Committeeman Frater Francis I. Shoemaker.

Philadelphia Branch, No. 4, had a spirited meeting on Thursday evening, when thirty-nine applicants for membership were elected. At the close of the meeting the invited guests were admitted and entertained by Marian, the musician; Francis Crowley, in song and story, and the Marion String Orchestra.

Twin City Branch, No. 82, held the second "hausenpfer" party in Latshaw's Hall, Royersford, on Friday evening. The prize for high score was awarded to Frater L. R. Shelly. Among other contestants were Wilson Reifsnyder, U. S. G. Detwiler, William Brownback, Clayton Anderson, John Detwiler, Harry Rambow, Clifford Nelson, Charles Hilborn, William Major, George Dawson, Clinton Ayers, B. Lewin, William Pennypacker, Samuel Bauer, Luther Berner, Harvey Ayers, Bower Ottinger, W. F. Grander and J. E. Bauer. At the close of the "hausenpfer" Department Superintendent M. W. Meisel and Department Lecturer Moyer talked on the good of the order. Indications point to a revival of interest in the Twin City Branch. Three more "hausenpfer" parties will be held during the season, on the fourth Friday of March, April and May, to which all of the members are urged to bring a friend.

Industrial Branch, No. 50, will hold a "smoker" following the business meeting tonight. Some excellent talent has been procured and the members with their friends are cordially invited to come. Superintendent Miller will be on hand.

Ladies' Branch, No. 20, will hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday evening, February 22, to be followed by a concert under the auspices of Professor Schmitt-Fabri and an impromptu dance, to all of which the Philadelphia membership is cordially invited to come and bring friends.

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