

REPORT BIG INCREASE Prizes to Many Members for Camp Candidates—Records to State Secretary

This is an interesting period in the year of work in the Patriotic Order Sons of America, as nearly all the counties hold county conventions previous to going to the State Camp session. Then the semiannual reports are nearly all in by July 20, and it is possible to estimate the gain in membership and note the new officers elected in the various camps.

The latest news to hand regarding candidates for election to the annual convention is that Andrew Berry, a young attorney of Philadelphia, will be a candidate for the position of State Secretary. Berry is a young man of about 30 years of age, and is a member of the Philadelphia camp.

Two hundred and twenty or more members of the order will receive prizes from the State Executive Committee on behalf of the State Camp. Prizes of \$100 per camp were distributed in the order this year. In the great increase of membership in the order, the following are the counties to which State Secretary Berry will be making his rounds.

Camp No. 53, of Cold Point, Montgomery County, has had a very successful year. It has had a total membership of 316 coming forward to the State Camp. The camp is located in a beautiful spot on the banks of the Schuylkill river.

Camp No. 846, of Fox Chase, deserves mention for its efforts to build up one of the best local bodies in this order. On June 30, 1917, this camp had a membership of 100. They came forward with the record of 175.

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Two Associations With Official Attendance Still Active Among Councils

The Terry-go-round Association, P. P. A. held its annual convention at Fort Richmond, Pa., on July 15, and arranged to have an open-air meeting at a clubhouse some day during August. Interesting reports were made by State Council Secretary Ford, Jr., Past State Councilor Sherman, Past State Councilor Solly, Bros. Kern, Smith and Freeman, of No. 234, and Bro. Lyndall, Bell and a host of others from No. 211.

The monthly meeting of the Good of the Order Association will be held tomorrow evening at No. 211. The business of importance will be the annual election of officers for the year ending on August 1st. All councils should be represented at this meeting.

The Good of the Order Association of Lehigh County will hold a special event at Kunkelton, Pa., Saturday afternoon and evening next. Visitation will be present from the large membership of the order in Lehigh County.

The following letter, under date of July 18 and under the signature of William A. State Council secretary of the Order of Independent Mechanics, has been forwarded to Washington:

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DEATH BENEFITS TO CONSCRIPTED MEMBERS Allowance Made for War Conditions by Royal Arcanum in Sound Operation

The Supreme Council in session made a number of business announcements, among them the law relative to army and navy service during the present war. Every member who enlists or who is conscripted will be protected to the full amount of his certificate. No member admitted after July 1, 1917, who may thereafter enter the military or naval service of the United States or Canada, whether as the result of volunteering or conscription, should death benefits from the order.

When the death losses, as the result of military service, shall aggregate the sum of \$100,000, the order will be authorized to make an assessment on each member on the basis of the amount of his certificate. The assessment will be made in the form of a monthly payment of five cents per month for each \$500 of insurance.

The Penn Club has been booked to visit the State Camp at the September meeting. The club will be composed of members of the order who are serving in the military or naval service.

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