COMMANDERY GENERAL P. O. S. A. IN SESSION

Philadelphia Officers Chosen for National Body—Agitation Against German

The Commandery General, the uniformed rank of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, met in annual convention in Atlantic City last week with nearly a hundred representatives and the following officers: Past commanders, Abel K. Cassel, Harry J. Weikel, W. C. Cutter, S. J. McGonagle, Louis P. Stees; commander-in-chief, Horace Y. McFadyen; senior vice commander-in-chief, Harry E. Barto; junior vice commander-in-chief, Frank M. Anderson; recorder-in-chief, J. Harry Cumberland; treasurer-in-chief, Daniel K. Hoch; chaplain-in-chief, George W. Jewell; orderly-in-chief, Samuel K. Stinger, jr.; guard-in-chief, Ray B. Grove; picket-in-chief, Ralph L. Downs; trustees-in-chief, Charles L. Packer, Adam Barnhart, Charles W. Miller; military advisory board, C. E. Wood, Charles H. Steel, Charles A. Maginnis.

District commanders, Olen H. Phillips, S. P. Wilhelm, S. D. Mansfield, Oliver Bathcelor, Albert H. Gessner, Russell W. Woods, Charles McAllister, Richard Webb, J. H. Fredericks, Alfred Bower, John F. Boettger, W. A. Rapp, A. J. Holmes, William L. Brewer, Sr., E. E. Adams, F. A. Vergorson, A. J. Haines, Walter S. Wilson, Joseph Schultz, John L. Hewitt, C. C. Erdman and John L. Daltry.

The public exercises were opened by the singing of "America," followed in prayer by the Rev. George H. Hafer, of the First M. E. Church. The Receiver of Taxes, in the absence of the Mayor, welcomed the delegates to the city. A response was made by Commander-in-Chief H. Y. MacFadyen. Brother Harry J. Stone made a very appropriate address. Charles S. Heims, State Secretary, gave a short talk on the welfare of the order.

The twenty-eighth annual convention was called to order by Commander-in-Chief MacFadyen. The dispensation granted the national camp for a one-day session of the commandery general was accepted by the convention. The credential committee reported on the credentials of ninety-nine officers and delegates.

The commander-in-chief appointed the committees as follows: Committee on appropriation, credentials, resolutions, law, publicity, appeal, district commanders' reports, state of the order. The commander-in-chief stated that he would read his address, which was done, and referred it, with recommendations, to the following committee for its action: D. H. Hoch, Harry J. Stone, John W. Snair.

The report of the trustees-in-chief showed that a balance of $1275.44 was on hand after paying all bills, and with the investment of $500 in a first mortgage made the total valuation of the commander general $1775.44. The treasurer-in-chief filed his report, showing the same balance as the trustees-in-chief. The report of delegates to the national camp was presented and received.

Under nomination of officers the following brothers were named:

Commander-in-chief, Harry E. Barto, of Reading.

Senior vice commander-in-chief, Frank M. Anderson, of Altoona.

Junior vice commander-in-chief, Samuel K. Stinger, of Philadelphia.

Orderly-in-chief, Gilbert Hamilton, of Philadelphia.

Chaplain-in-chief, George W. Jewell, of Philadelphia.

Guard-in-chief, Ralph L. Downs, of Sunbury.

Picket-in-chief, William Pyle.

Trustees-in-chief, Adam Barnhart, of Reading; Charles Packer, of Philadelphia; William L. Wilson, of Philadelphia.

Military advisory board, Charles Stees, of Philadelphia; W. F. Dean, of Philadelphia; H. E. Haines, of Philadelphia; S. J. McGonagle, of Philadelphia; Charles H. McGinnis, of Philadelphia; H. Y. MacFadyen, of Philadelphia.

The law committee reported with favor that it had gone over the amendment to the constitution to permit members of the commandery general to be nominated for office who are in line for that office if they go into war service and this was adopted. The committee on commander-in-chief's address reported that it had considered the address, and the action of the committee was concurred in. The committee on state of the order reported that it found the order in good condition.

The committee on resolutions reported that it had received five resolutions, as follows: First, to prohibit the publication of articles from being printed in this country and condemning them for their disloyal action in the present struggle; second, for the commandery general to convene in session on the Bolshevik amendment; third, to prohibit the use of German textbooks in the public schools; fourth, that the commandery general solicit funds at the rate of $1 per member in order to purchase ambulances for the use of our Government; fifth, to appoint a committee of five to solicit subscriptions for Liberty Bonds among the delegates present. These resolutions were passed unanimously.

The election of officers followed, the nominees named being declared elected. Upon motion $500 in Liberty Bonds was invested. The report of the appropriation committee showed that the sum $4323.50 was necessary for the next year. New Britain, Conn., was selected as the next place of meeting, a motion to make the vote unanimous being given the Atlantic City committee for its trouble in entertaining the convention and to the press for its good work in the present convention. The report of the Installation of officers followed, L. F. Stees, past commander-in-chief, assisted by National Vice President Samuel Roberts, conducting the installation. Brother MacFadyen was presented with the official jewel as past commander-in-chief by Brother Harry J. Stone, of Philadelphia.

Camp 50, of Roxborough, held on Thursday night the first entertainment under the auspices of the new literary committee, of which George Lehr, jr., is chairman, when an interesting and well-rendered program was given under the directorship of Harry Price, called "The Awkward Squad." The literary committee consists of all the younger members of the camp. Camp 50, of Norristown, paid a fraternal visit to Camp 50, and the same was honored by the presence of Assistant State Secretary Clarence Maiden, of Camp 111. State Secretary Helms, of Camp 50, No. 50, was also present. Addresses were made by Brothers Helms, Kent, Lewis, Johnston and Jolley, of Camp 50; Brother Maiden and Brothers Schlichter, Wessel, Frey and Raudebaugh, of Camp 111. Camp 50 has many thousands of dollars subscribed for Liberty Bonds.

The allied commanderies of Philadelphia, assisted by the state camp, held yesterday their eighth annual pilgrimage to Christ Church in commemoration of the election of George Washington as the first President of the United States. The line of march formed at Broad and Spring Garden streets at 10 o'clock and moved promptly down Broad to Market, to Sixth, to Chestnut, to Independence Hall, where a wreath was placed on the statue of Washington and a short address made by State Secretary Helms. The march continued past the Betsy Ross House on Arch street to old Christ Church, where a patriotic service was held and Doctor Washburn, the pastor, preached a most excellent sermon.

Camp 746, which has eighteen of its members in the service of Uncle Sam, in following out the suggestion of the national president in setting aside a few minutes at each meeting to offer a prayer for our boys in the service, Recently Brother John A. Pollock introduced an idea of two stanzas to the tune of "America," which he had heard sung in the Bustleton Camp. It is now part of the devotional exercises of No. 746. The following Sunday the camp held its annual ladies' night entertainment on May 16, when an excellent musical program will be rendered. Brother J. P. Murphy has been able to enlist the services of some first-class talent for the occasion, as on previous ladies' night entertainments he has produced an array of vocal and instrumental numbers equal to a high-class vaudeville, which the audience enjoy free of cost, with refreshments thrown in.

Sons of America note with a great deal of pleasure that the Society of the Sons of St. George have lined up for the suppression of the German language and German press. Our British brethren are closer to us than ever before in our history.

Camp No. 3, of Ambler and Norris streets, passed strong resolutions in regular meeting last week in protest of the teaching of the German language in the public schools. This patriotic institution has also purchased a $500 Liberty Bond and the individual members have purchased thousands of dollars' worth of bonds and war stamps. The officers of this live camp are: Past president, R. B. J. Wilkins; president, Robert Gerold; vice president, E. E. Mitchell; secretary of forms, Allen Thomas; recording secretary, Charles J. Zinger; financial secretary, H. Genderling; treasurer, H. Spire; chaplain, C. Spencer; conductor, Samuel Lebowitz; inspector, M. Waterman; sentinels, C. Haines, Samuel Gell; trustees, W. C. Steel, Thomas Horton and Robert Gerold.

The twenty-second annual and fourth biennial convention of the Funeral Benefit Association, P. O. S. of A., will be held in the Columbia Club auditorium on Tuesday, May 7, at 10 o'clock, with Grand President Edward A. Smith, the president, Edward A. Jones, treasurer, Henry T. Koehler, secretary, Louis F. Stees, brother-in-chief, Charles M. Schlichter, treasurer, Feb. 14, 1860. The entrance fee in the Funeral Benefit Association is $1 and a dues of $1 per year, and the entrance fee in the Sick Benefit Association is $1 and a dues of $1 per year. The entrance fee in the Funeral Benefit Association is $1 and a dues of $1 per year, and the entrance fee in the Sick Benefit Association is $1 and a dues of $1 per year. The Funeral Benefit Association has paid over $1,000,000 in death benefits since its organization, and the Sick Benefit Association has paid over $100,000 in sick benefits since its organization. The Funeral Benefit Association has a surplus of $100,000 and the Sick Benefit Association has a surplus of $10,000. The Funeral Benefit Association has a reserve fund of $100,000 and the Sick Benefit Association has a reserve fund