ODD FELLOWS IN ANNUAL SESSION

Officers Elected to Serve the Largest Beneficial Order in the State

The annual session of the Grand Lodge in Reading was opened on Tuesday by the address of welcome of Congressman Arthur G. DeWalt and Assistant City Solicitor F. A. Marx, acting for Mayor Filbert. Grand Master Montgomery made the response. The feature of the day was the dedication of a large service flag for 5000 members called to arms. Ralph H. Mengel, Reading attorney, presided at the opening session.

The election of officers yesterday advanced Roy D. Beman, of Harrisburg, to grand master; Jacob E. Weaver, of York, to deputy grand master, and selected Frank Shannon grand warden; Usher A. Hall grand secretary and Fred C. Hanyen grand treasurer were continued as usual.

The official statistics show the present membership to be 174,618, an increase for the year ending September 30, 1917, of 6287. Initiations during the year were 14,144; admitted by card, 1280; reinstated, 767; deceased during the year, 2280; withdrawn by card, 1535; suspended, 6067; expelled, 24. The large number of suspensions was greatly due to carelessness of members called to war service.

The visitation of Wayne Lodge to Philanthropic Lodge, arranged by President Frank Shuman, proved to be one of the most enthusiastic meetings connected with the operation of the boosters' committee, more than fifty visitors being present.

Through the efforts of the degree masters of Philanthropic, Wayne and Bernard Brown Lodges, which were largely represented, a full staff was formed, which conferred the first degree on two candidates from Bernard Brown Lodge and one from Philanthropic in a very impressive manner.

N. G. Edmond Dube, Jr., of Wayne Lodge, presented the bundle of sticks and verses to N. G. Charles Shingle, of Philanthropic, who made a touching response, assuring the donors that the memories would have a safe journey to Chosen Friends Lodge. V. G. Nicholas Lalli, of Wayne Lodge, presented his compliments and appreciation, and Secretary Dube, Sr., of Wayne, explained the work of his lodge and complimented the boosters for the idea of the bundle of sticks as the traveling emblem, expressing the marked appreciation and success attained by the committee's achievements.

P. G. Kurtz, of Spring Garden Lodge, vice president of the Boosters, explained that Wayne Lodge had been scheduled to visit Excelsior Lodge, but since the latter had merged with Spring Garden, he considered it his duty to be present. On May 8 was Brother Kurtz's twenty-fifth anniversary in the order, and he has visited lodges in all parts of the United States and Canada accepting the privilege of preaching Odd Fellowship at all times everywhere.

Brother Fred O. Friebel, of Mountaineer Lodge, No. 321, Albany, N. Y., now serving in the marine corps at League Island, said that he had taken his third degree Monday, leaving Albany for Philadelphia the following day, and that he enjoyed this first visit outside of his own lodge.

P. G. Russell, of Orphans' Rest Lodge, Darby, informed the brothers that his lodge had been enrolling eight to twelve candidates every month and that year before last 204 members were added, now leaving a membership of more than 500. On some of their visitations to Philadelphia lodges they have taken ninety to a hundred members, a showing of activity that can hardly be excelled.

N. G. Paul, of Bernard Brown, thanked the members of Philanthropic and Wayne Lodges for the courtesy of conferring the degrees on the candidates.

P. G. Mason, of Wayne, one of the veterans of '61 and a member of the order for fifty-two years, related interesting reminiscences of Odd Fellowship during the Civil War.

Chairman Joseph M. Walker congratulated Philanthropic Lodge on being able to bring such a large representation to the visitation. He explained the work of the boosters' committee, their organization and the mission of the bundle of sticks. He thanked the joint degree staff for the work and requested their services at Bernard Brown Lodge, which would need assistance in the second degree.

All the members were invited to the visitation of Philanthropic to Chosen Friends in the Parkway Building on May 28. Among other speakers were P. G. Taplinger, degree master of Bernard Brown, P. G. Fred Gennaro, degree master of Wayne, and P. G. Vincent D. Stephano, his assistant.

Owing to a misunderstanding that Bernard Brown Lodge desired from the boosters' committee a staff to confer the second degree, Candidates Leopold I. Taplinger and Samuel Krasnoff were obligated in the degrees. P. G. Weiss, who paid a farewell visit to the lodge before his departure for war camp, made an inspiring patriotic address. The other speakers were P. G. Taplinger, P. G. Goldstein, of Bernard Brown, P. G. Walker, of Merchants, and the new members.

Caledonian Lodge exemplified the second degree in full form in the usual impressive manner through Degree Master Hamilton's crack staff. Brilliant remarks and written toasts were delivered by D. D. G. M. Thomas M. Wonderley, Jr., Charles C. Dawiser, of Clifton, Ariz., P. G. Joseph N. Walker, Merchants, Harry Bowman, Jefferson Lodge, Wilmington, Del., Harry S. Bowman and C. O. Fegley, of Franklin Lodge. Chairman Ancker, of the entertainment committee, made another surprise in store for Friday evening, May 31, which will be in the nature of a social session, and "Pink" was named it "One of My Dreams." Noble Grand Storer wants all brothers to call at Room E, Parkway Building, to enjoy the favors. Tomorrow evening the third degree will be conferred in full form and all brothers are invited to witness the superior teamwork inaugurated by Brother Hamilton.

Mill Lodge conferred the second degree on five applicants. Among the visitors was Brother Thomas E. McGrann, N. S. A. of Laurel Lodge, of Watervliet, N. Y., who made an address on the good of the order. Interesting talks were given by P. G. Blair Reddy, William E. Mills and John S. Rooke. Secretary H. L. Simes always wears his twenty-five-year emblem, as do Worthy Treasurer G. Fleidel Loudon and Chaplain J. Fred Dager their honor medals. Vice Grand John A. Weir is planning for the summer months to keep up the general attendance. The third degree will be put on tonight, and Master Brunner hopes to have a full line-up.

Spring Garden Lodge, enjoying a regular infusion of new blood, obligated three candidates. The report on Government investments showed that 1050 thrift stamps were sold and $1750 in third Liberty Loan bonds were subscribed. In a spirited talk on the good of the order, four brothers indicated their intention of accompanying the regular lodge representative to the Grand Lodge session in Reading. Since the merging of No. 46 also in Reading, Since the merging of No. 46 has been steady, and will no doubt, with the energetic spirits at work, be continuous and substantial, developing more and more the fraternal principle of Odd Fellowship.

The Encampment representatives making up the staff of Grand Patriarch Bane's "Earnest Workers" are called for conference at Grand Lodge headquarters on next Wednesday night, May 29. The Encampment of another class initiation will be considered, as well as other suggestions deserving general thought and action.

Brother Henry S. Fluharty joined America Lodge, No. 25, in February, 1907, soon getting into the activities of the workers, going through the chairs and holding the office of trustee and other positions. His energy and sincerity brought him the highly honorable position of district deputy of the sixth district, and he is now engaged in forming a degree staff which will be a credit to the order.

The Arcturus lodge room seems to be a permanent attraction. P. G. George Barton, decorator, having made the building at 249 South Sixteenth street compare favorably with the best in Philadelphia. The first degree, with several new features, was conferred upon Brothers Otto Waters and William Kahn, who were greatly pleased with the work. Among the appreciative visitors were Brothers E. J. Williston, H. Kirk and P. G. Burns, all of William Penn Lodge. Interesting talks on the good of the order were given by Past Grands Edward H. Wiggins, Thomas S. Bensall, Frank L. Johnson, Luke Maull and A. J. Craig. The staff will confer the second degree tomorrow night and a large attendance is expected. Visiting brothers receive a hearty welcome.

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FULL VOTE FOR RED MEN'S CHIEFS

Massasoit's Tribute to Great Chief Farrar—Mingo in New Wigwam

The committee on election returns report the vote for great chiefs as received from tribes to date:

Great sachem—S. Williams, Jr., Scranton, 5615.

Great senior sagamore—Charles E. Bell, Philadelphia, 5624.

Great junior sagamore—Norman L. C. Troxell, Allentown, 2959; Charles Heckman, Pittsburgh, 222; John H. Felmuth, Pittsburgh, 2477.

Great prophet—T. C. Beswick, Philadelphia, 5460.

Great chief of records—Thomas L. Fraser, Philadelphia, 3472; Hamilton S. McKee, 2167.

Great keeper of wampum—Charles T. Davis, 1714; Joseph Farrar, 3913.

The Eureka Auxiliary of Court Schuylkill, at 1404 Spring Garden street, held a rally for the weight-lifting Liberty Sale on the Carson P. G. A. memorable night, May 11 to the Sagamore Club. Chairman of the committee in charge of the entertainment, composed of Joseph Farrar, chairman, Frank M. Buhl, George W. Buhl, Jr., C. Frenske, W. F. Menzel, H. C. Alexander, E. F. Zane and William G. Mayer, presented a fine program of entertainment. Allen's Minstrels, under the Manager Tribe, the Brothers Charles Sperber, interlocutor, Leslie Le May and Tom Howe as premier and men, Wilbur Stockton and Frank Miller entertaining with songs and humorous talks.

Great Sachem Dr. Beswick gave a splendid talk and then, with complimentary remarks, presented G. K. W. Farrar with a traveling bag as a token of affection from the members of Massasoit Tribe. P. G. S. Samuel H. Walker delivered a splendid address, dwelling upon the special work of R. Thomas L. Fraser, P. G. S. William J. Conley, P. G. S. Dodge, Joseph Farley, Past Sachems Edward O'Neill, Peter J. Site, Dougherty, Schmidt and others. Brothers Joseph Farrar and Robert showed that they could sing as well as talk. Eli F. Zane gave a splendid exhibition of log dancing. Harry C. Alaver gave a recitation. About 100 members and friends thoroughly enjoyed the fraternal reception and the good collation which followed.

Rechobah Tribe held a "pot scrapers" night, the oldest past sachems present filling the stumps and conducting the business of the tribe. These were Sachems Joseph Cave, Robert Haines, Matthew Walker, L. A. Wiker. The committee in charge was John Barrett, chairman, James Jones, Jr., T. J. Collier, Emil Wintergrest, Charles Cane and Joseph Cane. Community singing was interspersed with clever recitations.

Sachem Bassett introduced the speakers, D. G. S. William E. Griffith, G. C. of R. Thomas L. Fraser, D. G. S. John E. Johnson, K. of R. S. Robert Crosby, member of election board, James B. Pinkerton, chairman publicity, Past Sachems L. A. Wiker, Robert Haines, John T. Collier, J. Rowbah and John Cassell. Great Sachem Beswick made a stirring patriotic address, which brought forth long applause. The tribe has seven members in war service, all of whom are retained in good standing until their return. Palefaces are being adopted almost every council sleep.

Minnewa Tribe since the beginning of the new term has established a splendid record, having adopted thirty-five palefaces. Four more adoptees at the last council sleep, a member, Robert McTrath, was a former member of the 314th Infantry football team. The tribe has organized a new degree team, composed of the new members, one of whom has been a member more than two moons, and is already doing the work in a creditable manner. A special musical program was rendered on the last council sleep, composed of popular songs, a piano solo by Brother Harnbergar and "Keep the Home Fires Burning," by the Minnewa Sextet, a feature that was heartily applauded.

Another special program of excellent talent is being arranged for council night, May 28, when a large attendance is expected.

Mingo Tribe gave a housewarming in its new wigwam in Spratt's Hall, 2025 Ridge avenue, and a good attendance of members and visitors enjoyed the favors of the committee. In addition to a fine musical program, interesting talks were made by P. G. I. Joseph Farrar, P. S. Charles E. Bell, G. C. of R. Thomas L. Fraser, P. S. William C. Conley, P. S. Judah Levy and others. Smokes and refreshments were served.

G. C. of R. Joseph E. Nowery, of New Jersey, who has been seriously ill for several months, is reported greatly improved, being able to attend the last council sleep of his tribe.

Kiskiminetas Tribe has subscribed $100 of its wampum to the third Liberty Loan. Twenty-one of its members have subscribed the sum of $4600.

Tomaluka Tribe will pay a fraternal visit to Kiskiminetas Tribe with fifteen palefaces to receive degrees in Kiskiminetas wigwam. The meetings are well attended and interesting.

Minonk Tribe had a good attendance at the last meeting. Two applications for membership were presented. Past Sachem Drewett was a visitor after an absence of several months. The tribe is making a special effort to get the older members to attend the meetings to fill the places of those in war service.

A special session of the State body of Haymakers was held in Chattahoochee Hall, with S. C. of S. George H. Staus presiding. The P. C. H. degree was conferred on several past chief Haymakers. S. C. of S. Mahlon Trumbauer reported that the ways and means committee—Thomas L. Fraser—had turned into the funds of the State body $254 received from the donation fund; also that the order would show a numerical gain for the year. S. C. H. Stawa reported that an enthusiastic district meeting was held in Yamassee hayloft; also that a new loft would be instituted in Wyanoke Tribe at Kennett Square on June 6. Interesting talks were made by P. S. C. H. Doctor Perley, P. N. C. H. Louis Schreck, S. V. C. Andrew Staiger, P. S. C. H. James R. Pinkerton, P. S. C. H. Louis Shaw, N. C. H. George W. Price, P. S. C. H. Williams, of New Jersey, P. C. H. Harry Wilson, T. H. Fearson, Louis Marx and P. C. H. O'Keefe, of New York.

POTTERS ASK MORE PAY

Special Wage Conference in Session at Atlantic City

Atlantic City, N. J., May 23.—A special wage conference was opened today by committees of the Sanitary Potters' Association and National Brotherhood of Operative Potters. The men are seeking a substantial pay increase.

They are now operating on a biennial agreement, which expires on October 1. A yearly conference is arranged between the men and the manufacturers during August, but the pottery workers asked for an earlier meeting because of the unrest in the industry.

The action here will directly affect 4000 organized potters, which produce virtually all of the sanitary ware in the country.

GRAND CHIEF RANGER IN SCHUYLKILL

High Officials of Foresters View Class Initiation at Court Pottsville

Court Pottsville, No. 297, made a high record, and the degree staff exemplified the work in fine form on a class of thirty-eight candidates at the last meeting. Grand Chief Ranger Farley leaded the brothers of Court Pottsville, who are doing their bit for the advancement of forestry in Schuylkill County, and thanked them for their patriotism and loyalty in adhering to the laws of the order made evident by the unity displayed in this successful court.

Grand Treasurer Clerc said that he was delighted to visit Court Pottsville and felt the sincere and cordial hands and patronage manifested to this and other courts in Schuylkill County, displaying a deep sense of gratitude for the benefits of fraternal unity, benevolence and concord.

Supervising Deputy Grand Chief Ranger Mooney, the visitor, said that Schuylkill County's first duty has always been to the members, and exalted this statement to the supreme war-cry among Foresters, which the courts of Schuylkill County have observed as a matter of duties have partaken and right to bar non-war men. No Foresters in Schuylkill County need to remind us sow the words of Stuart in the spoken order to this county which he spoke, but always been our slogan to all Foresters. Brennan McMahon, Reilly, McDonald and Lawlor spoke.

Court Standard, of Ashland, along on Monday evening at 1402 South Broad street, Valentine Kaffer, John Dugan, being one of the most joyful meetings as evidenced with a double-ace handful, a gift of the brothers of the so-called Temperance Society, Dugan and Kaffer, P. Kaffer, J. Gorgan, Past Grand Chief Ranger Lee, Grand W. Pilot and Supreme Representative James J. Campbell and other prominent members spoke.

Court Hamilton will hold an anniversary, bringing the events of Thirteenth street and Girard avenue, which will be attended by a large number of Foresters and many prominent members. The committee consists of Edward Martin, Harrison Williams, Doyle, secretary, and John D. Nash, treasurer.

Court Hamilton No. 86, of Third, Second and Market streets, held a session to pay tribute to the memory of one of its most popular members, Frederick Frances. Deceased had been affiliated with the order for a quarter of a century. He was a member of the Supreme Court of Appeals, and was elected to the advancement of the Foresters, and was one of the most popular of Foresters in the State. Until his death he