WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE FRATERNAL AND SECRET ORDERS

ALL ITEMS INTENDED FOR PUBLICATION IN THE FRATERNAL COLUMNS OF THE BALTIMORE AMERICAN MUST REACH THE EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT NOT LATER THAN NOON ON FRIDAYS.

P. O. S. of A.

[Contributed to The American.]

The "Camp 19 style" meetings are becoming more popular every week. We held another very interesting one last Monday night, with a good attendance. Brother Edward M. Adams, district president, installed the following officers, these being the only ones present: President, Herbert F. Reynolds; vice president, William B. Metzbower; master of forms, Raymond C. Kennard; financial secretary, C. W. Phieffer; recording secretary, Charles Dietrich; guard, C. Sellman.

CHAS. SELLMAN

With a few well-chosen remarks Brother Adams presented to Brother Charles Sellman a beautiful past president's emblem in consideration of the faithful performance of duties and regular attendance during the many months required in passing through the various chairs. Brother Sellman has in the past also earned and received a gold lapel emblem for entering five new members in the camp, and a gold watch charm for selling the most tickets for the recent Flag Day excursion. Although having passed through the highest chair, Brother Sellman has now entered upon another term as an officer and promises to continue his usual activity.

We had one proposition on the desk with promises of many more in the near future. Brother August Eck, who has been confined to his home with a severe spell of sickness, was reported out of care of the camp. Brother Norman Myers was reported sick, which leaves us with four disabled brothers.

The report of the Maryland Death Benefit Association, accompanied by the notification of their next annual meeting to be held Saturday, February 22, was received. Brother Charles Dietrich was elected as delegate and Charles Sellman as alternate to attend this meeting. The auditing committee appointed by the president, composed of Brothers Walter Schloman, chairman; John E. Metzbower and Charles Sellman, rendered a complete report of the standing of Camp 19 for the year ended December 31, 1912.

A delightful evening was spent by the members of Washington Camp, No. 14, at Delta Hall, Wednesday, the occasion being the regular semiannual installation of officers. District President Charles D. Butler performed the ceremony, with Past State President Dr. H. G. O'Conor assisting. Following the installation a supper was served by the entertainment committee, and State Secretary Dr. William James Heaps delivered a masterful address, dealing with the important problems which confront us as an order.

Last Tuesday night Camp 82 held an interesting meeting in its camp-room at Lewis' Hall, Ann and Jefferson streets. Brother H. P. Stitts presided. Brother Wilson was proposed for membership by Brother C. Fred Snyder. The sick committee reported Brothers Lambe and Bell improving. District President Adams pleaded with the members to work for the upbuilding of the order. Other remarks were made by Brothers Stitts, Snyder, Warner, O. Danneberg, C. Wuesner, William Wuesner and Walson, of Camp 82.

Camp 31 had a very interesting meeting last Monday night. Our district president, Brother Thomas Bruff, was with us and gave a splendid talk for the good of the order and camp. He also installed the following: Brother Edward Seymour as president; Brother Joseph Hales, vice president; Herbert Sieling, master of forms; Brother Evans, conductor; Brother McDonnell, inspector; Grant Seymour, guard; Nelson Seymour, recording secretary; H. Y. Beck, financial secretary; Herbert Scribner, treasurer. Our mock trials will be continued during the month of January.

S. of H.

[Contributed to The American.]

Hiawatha Lodge, No. 19, was called to order with Worthy Master L. W. Buck in the chair. Every officer answered the roll-call. Two candidates were made acquainted with the mysteries of the order by our degree team, under the supervision of Capt. John T. Lewis. Grand Master James E. Dunn spoke on Increasing Membership. Past Master John T. Barbour also spoke.

The regular weekly meeting of Enterprise Lodge, No. 15, was called to order by Junior Master C. J. Cunningham at 8 P. M. The routine business was dispensed with when the call came for the grand officers to be admitted from the purpose of installing the officers for the ensuing term. The lodge was amazed when the full quota of grand officers filed before the altar. Those present were: Acting Senior Grand Master Hugh Bowen, Grand Master Joseph E. Dunn, Junior Grand Master Andrew George, Grand Secretary William J. Cunningham, Grand Treasurer William H. H. Sultzer, Grand Conductor John H. Watts, Grand Chaplain Charles A. Hilbert, Grand Outside Guard Louis P. Dill. The following were duly installed: Senior master, Fred C. Hilbert; worthy master, Peter J. Cunningham; junior master, Dr. D. Kailinsky; recording secretary, Milton A. Wherley; financial secretary, John C. Retz; treasurer John H. Lechleiter; chaplain, Charles Kissner; conductor, Charles Finreichsen; inside guard, Charles E. Jansen; outside guard, George W. Huber; right supporter to the worthy master, Louis William Hilbert; left supporter to the worthy master, Charles H. Hilbert; right supporter to the junior master, Emilius Miller; left supporter to the junior master, Henry W. Buddemeier. After the installation and under good of the order there was quite a flow of oratory.

Sincerity Lodge, No. 54, on last Friday had a crackerjack meeting. It was installation night and the following grand officers, James E. Dunn, grand master; Andrew George, Jr., grand master; William J. Cunningham, grand secretary; W. H. P. Sultzer, grand treasurer; John E. Watts, grand conductor; Wilson R. Payne, grand inside guard, were present and installed the following officers for the ensuing term: Worthy master, John Dahler; junior master, Henry A. Schreiner; recording secretary, Peter Jorchel; financial secretary, E. F. Decker; treasurer, E. C. Gontrum; chaplain, William Mangold; conductor, J. C. Lotz; outside guardian, Joseph T. Fisher. After installations, cigars were passed around. The grand officers then addressed the lodge on matters pertaining to the good and welfare of the order, emphasizing the fact that the order has taken on new life. The following responded: Past Master J. A. Litchfield, Peter J. Jorchel, William Mangold.

On Wednesday, January 15, the following officers were installed in Franklin Lodge, No. 32: Theodore L. Dillaway, worthy master; William Germershausen, junior master; William Lehr, senior master; John Weller, conductor; William O'Neil, financial secretary; Conrad Flack, recording secretary; Mr. Kruger, treasurer. Grand Secretary Henry acted as grand master. A short address was given by each officer.

Unclimbed Scottish Peaks.

[From the Dundee Advertiser.]

It is sometimes forgotten that the mountaineer can find some excellent places for the exercise of his powers in this country. The wild region round the pass of Glencoe, in Argyllshire, affords some of the best rock-climbing in Great Britain. The approach is through the grim recesses of Glenfalloch, and onwards by Tyndrum and Bridge of Orchy. On the left, looking up the pass, the long ridge of Aonach Aagach cuts the skyline with its jagged outline, while on the opposite side rise the majestic rocky bastions of the Three Sisters. The latter is the highest mountain in Argyllshire, and on the Glencoe side its symmetrical peak is upheld by two tremendous walls of rock cleft by a great gully. The western wall, known as the Church Door, has been occasionally "unlocked," but there is no record of the Eastern Buttress having been climbed from the foot.

I. O. O. F.

[Contributed to The American.]

The officers of Star-spangled Banner Lodge, No. 7, were installed January 10 with Brother Weidel-Heimen, district deputy grand master, in the chair, assisted by Brothers Horisberg and Hendricks. The ceremonies were very impressive and all of our elective and appointive officers were present to be installed. The officers who were installed were: Noble grand, J. M. Frizzell; vice grand, H. Davis; recording secretary, J. E. Carter; financial secretary, H. W. Frome; treasurer, V. L. Schuerholz; chaplain, A. C. Eccles; warden, H. C. Hoffman; conductor, W. Schaefer; outside guardian, Paul C. Ritzins; inside guardian, Charles Eakle; right supporter noble grand, J. Richards; left supporter noble grand, L. A. Brown; right supporter vice grand, A. C. McGuerney; left supporter vice grand, Arthur Ackle. Brothers Kimball and Frome served refreshments, and while disposing of same the Mohawk Mandolin Club rendered several selections, between which Brother Kimball, acting as toastmaster, introduced Brothers Jones, Weidel-Heimen, Frome, Frizzell, Schuerholz, Schaeffer and several others.

Fellowship Rebekah Lodge celebrated their third anniversary Wednesday evening, January 22, in the parlor of the temple. Among those present were the grand officers, officers of Rebekah Assembly and visitors from a number of other lodges. Mr. A. Howard Hieatzman and his two little boys, Masters Leslie and Methias, entertained with musical selections. Master Leslie is but six years old. Everybody was served with ice-cream and cake. Sister Sarah Schaeffer, chairman of the committee, made interesting and pleasing remarks and called upon the following, who responded: Grand Master Frederick A. Groom, Grand Secretary William A. Jones, Grand Treasurer J. D. Plummer, Past Grand William H. Hofstetter, Jr., Deputy President Sister Mary Delhm and Past President Margaret M. Groom.

Perseverence Lodge, No. 26, held their installation of officers on Wednesday, January 8, and the following brothers were installed into their respective places: Noble grand, Bernard Meyers; vice grand, Samuel David; recording secretary, Maurice M. Berngartt; financial secretary, Jacob N. Freedenberg; treasurer, Philip Klompus; warden, H. A. Savage; collector, Herman Isaacs. The attendance was great. This lodge will soon hold their twenty-fourth anniversary celebration. Past Grand Louis Setlen was presented with a gold watch by Past Grand Herman Isaacs in behalf of the lodge.

All Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are invited to attend divine services this afternoon at 3 o'clock at Gatch Methodist Episcopal Church, Belair road and Hamilton avenue, when Druids Garden Lodge, No. 114, will attend services in a body. They have invited all the members of the lodges in District No. 11 to be present, meeting at the hall of Garden Lodge, Belair road and Furley avenue, at 2 P. M., where a line will be formed and, under the command of the marshal, Brother William H. Hofstetter, Jr., they will proceed to the church. Rev. E. P. Fellenbaum, pastor of the church and a member of the lodge, will preach a special sermon.

Naomi Rebekah Lodge, No. 6, held a monster meeting last Tuesday evening at the temple, when over 100 enthusiastic sisters and brothers crowded into the room to participate in one of the best meetings the lodge has ever held. Visitors were present from nearly every lodge in Baltimore and vicinity. The feature was the conferring of the Rebekah degree upon the following candidates: Miss Sophia Welbking, Miss Lula B. Thompson, Brother Frank I. Duncan, judge of the Second judiciary circuit and a member of Towson Lodge, No. 79, and Brother William P. Cole, Jr., grand marshal of the Grand Lodge of Maryland. The work of the staff under Captain Hoppman was magnificent. At the close of the degree Brothers Duncan and Cole both spoke, expressing their pleasure at being members of such a splendid lodge. The social committee, under the direction of Mrs. Alverda Boyd, served refreshments to all.

Saturday evening, January 18, was a great one for Odd Fellowship at Aberdeen, Harford county, when the grand officers visited Blenheim Lodge. They were welcomed by a crowd of enthusiastic members, including a delegation from Triumph Lodge, No. 16, at Belair. The degree staff conferred the first degree in a most admirable manner. Grand Master Fred A. Groom, Grand Warden W. L. Arthur, Grand Secretary William A. Jones, Past Grands Young, McComas, of Triumph Lodge, and others made short addresses. At the close of the meeting everyone was served with ice-cream and cake. A rally of all the lodges in Harford county will be held at Aberdeen Friday evening, February 21, when the degree staff of Blenheim Lodge will confer the three degrees upon large classes of candidates from all the lodges in the county, and a big time is promised.

Grand Master Fred A. Groom and Grand Secretary William A. Jones paid a visit to Warren Lodge, No. 71, Friday evening, January 17. The second degree was conferred upon a candidate by the staff under the direction of Captain Thomas E. Mankee. Refreshments were served. Dr. Manakee, acting as toastmaster, called upon the Grand officers, Messrs. Jones, Meacham and Ellis, and other members of Warren Lodge, who responded.

Oak Grove Lodge, No. 101, which meets at Washington Grove, and which was instituted January 25, 1912, celebrated its first anniversary Thursday evening. The members and friends, including the ladies, were invited and enjoyed a most interesting musical and literary program. Brother Rynex, the noble grand, presided and made the welcoming address. Grand Master Fred A. Groom spoke upon the work of Odd Fellowship and congratulated the lodge upon the fact that it had gone beyond the one-hundred mark.

The officers of the Pride of Elkridge Rebekah Lodge, No. 32, of Brunswick, were installed by the president and the secretary of the assembly, assisted by Brothers Moore, Suter and Smith, past grands of Elkridge Lodge.

At the last regular meeting of Hampden Rebekah Lodge, No. 24, the officers were installed by the special deputy, Mrs. Susan Jones, assisted by the assembly treasurer, Mrs. Katherine Stansbury, and the past noble grands of Hampden Rebekah Lodge, Mrs. Elsie Belchner and Mrs. Evelyn Dix.

Monumental Lodge, No. 16, last Thursday evening adopted a resolution petitioning the Rebekah Assembly for a charter to open a lodge to be known as Monumental Rebekah Lodge. A committee of seven were appointed with full power to act for the lodge.

The officers of Philanthropic Encampment, No. 16, are planning to bring Encampment Odd Fellowship to the attention of every subordinate member, and in consequence attract many to join in the work of the patriarchal order.

John M. Jones Lodge, No. 141, held a largely attended meeting in their hall at Hamilton, Baltimore county, Friday evening, January 10, when the following officers were installed by D. D. Grand Master Edgar B. Pohlman, assisted by Grand Master Fred A. Groom, Special District Deputy Grand Master William H. Hofstetter, Sr., Special District Deputy Grand Master William H. Hofstetter, Jr., and Past Grand H. B. Parsons: Noble grand, Dr. High J. Burton; vice grand, Charles W. Hart; recording secretary, August C. Munzner, Jr.; financial secretary, John Goellner; treasurer, John F. Neidhardt; chaplain, Clarence H. Bradfield; marshal, William McCallister, Sr.; right supporter noble grand, Adam Snyder; warden, James Read; right supporter vice grand, Harry Sinz; left supporter vice grand, William Snyder; inside guardian, George T. Edwards.

Large delegations were present from Maryland Lodge, No. 139, of Govans, and Garden Lodge, No. 114, of Gardenville. After the installation Brother T. F. Mallonee, retiring noble grand, was presented with a handsome past grand's collar. Brother C. H. Bradfield made the presentation. A banquet was served.

Highland Lodge, No. 5, held a public installat on at Delta Hall, Highland avenue, Highlandtown, Monday evening, January 13, at which time the officers for the ensuing term were installed by District Deputy Grand Master Rev. Martin L. Beall, assisted by Grand Master Fred A. Groom, Special District Deputy Grand Master William H. Hofstetter, Sr., Major W. K. Kenney and Past Grands Graham Trull and Edward D. Bieretz. After the meeting a supper was served in the chapel of Highland Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church. Brother Edward D. Bieretz was the toastmaster. John M. Merritt, retiring noble grand of the lodge, was presented with a beautiful past grand's jewel. The officers for the ensuing term are: Noble grand, H. P. Hurd; vice grand, John Giemestefer; recording secretary, T. F. McClelland; financial secretary, R. E. Holley; treasurer, James Biemestefer; chaplain, R. Kirkwood; marshal, T. Schaeppe; warden, M. Wright; outside guardian, Fred Kemlecke; inside guardian, F. Neye; right supporter to noble grand, Edward Erdman; left supporter to noble grand, B. P. Overton; right supporter to vice grand, W. C. Rose; left supporter to vice grand, James Button; right scene supporter, P. R. Weems; left scene supporter, George Burkhardt; conductor, Charles Burkhardt; trustees, Charles Weems, Edward Bieretz and William Apple.

Hampden Rebekah Lodge, No. 24, held a very pleasant meeting on Wednesday, January 15. The officers were installed by Special Deputy President Susan Jones, assisted by Past Noble Grands Kate C. Stansbury, Evelyn Dix and Elsie Belchner. Visiting Rebekahs are always welcome.

Another bright star was added to the Rebekah branch of Odd Fellowship in this state last Tuesday when Garden Rebekah Lodge, No. 33, was instituted in the Odd Fellows' Hall at Gardenville. Thirty-three sisters and brothers were present to receive the degree and to form the new lodge. The degree was conferred by the Rebekah Assembly degree staff under Capt. William H. Hofstetter, Jr. The lodge was instituted by Mrs. Susan Jones, assisted by the officers of the Rebekah Assembly. The following officers were installed by Mrs. Susan G. Miller, president of the Rebekah Assembly, and her associate officers:

Noble grand, Mrs. Anna L. Grace; vice grand, Miss Adda Shipley; recording secretary, Miss Gussie Ritz; financial secretary, Catherine Doetsch; treasurer, Mrs. Edna Kesselring; chaplain, Miss Emma Schone; conductor, Mrs. Margaret Koppleman; warden, Mrs. Annie Engel; left supporter to noble grand, Mrs. Mollie M. McCormick; right supporter to noble grand, E. B. Pohlman; right supporter to vice grand, Mrs. Ada B. Lautenklos; left supporter to vice grand, Mrs. Martha Swendsen; inside guardian, Mrs. Mary E. Scott; outside guardian, Mrs. Emma Greenstreet.

Baltimore City Lodge, No. 57, celebrated their sixty-fifth anniversary in the Grand Lodge room of the temple Wednesday evening, January 15. An interesting feature of the evening was the unveiling of an oil painting of Brother James Young, past grand patriarch, past grand representative. The presentation of the portrait was made by Brother George C. Hildt, who presided over the meeting. The unveiling was done by Miss Alice Pearl McGuire, flower girl, and Master Paul Melvin Blake was the page. The portrait was accepted on behalf of Baltimore City Lodge by Brother Alexander Kinnaird. Brother James Young made a response and as he arose to do so he was tendered an ovation. The trustees' report, which was most interesting reading, was read by Brother Jacob W. Hoke, past grand, who is a member of Baltimore City Lodge. Another interesting feature was the presentation of a veteran's jewel to Brother George W. Ward, sitting past grand of the lodge. The presentation was made by Grand Master Frederick A. Groom, which was happily responded to by Brother Ward, who has given over 40 years of service to his lodge and our order. Addresses were also made by Brother John B. Goodwin, past grand sire and grand secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge; Brother William A. Jones, past grand master, grand secretary of the Grand Lodge of Maryland and grand scribe of the Grand Encampment of Maryland, and Mrs. Susan G. Miller, president of the Rebekah Assembly of Maryland.

T. B. H.

[Contributed to The American.]

Ben Hur Court, No. 9, held a large, enthusiastic meeting on Friday, January 17. Several visitors from other courts were present. State Manager Brother J. B. Parr installed into office the newly elected officers. Interesting speeches were made on the good of the order by Brothers Henesley, Dixon, Parr and McDorman. Applications are coming in fast.

Canton Court, No. 12, held its regular meeting Wednesday evening, with Sister Mary Nagengast in the chair. There were more present at the meeting than there has been for some time. They had election of officers, which resulted as follows: Sister M. Nagengast, chief; Sister Minnie Walden, past chief; Sister A. Schulmeyer, keeper of tributes; Brother B. Gross, scribe; Sister M. Rubeling, judge. They had a large crowd from Highland Court, No. 3, with Brother Aten included, who made the presentation of a bouquet to Chief Sister Nagengast and a box of handkerchiefs to the scribe, Brother Gross. He also installed the members of the court. After the meeting refreshments were served, and Brother Aten sang.

G. A. R.

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A. W. Dodge Relief Corps, No. 5, auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, held its installation of officers at its post headquarters, Baltimore and Green streets. The corps was installed by Mrs. Alviare Briscoe, who, after the installation, was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers and the past president, Mrs. Mary May, was presented with an umbrella. Refreshments were served. The officers installed were: President, Mrs. Irwin; senior vice president, Mrs. Gibson; junior vice president, Mrs. Kahl; secretary, Mrs. Mary May; treasurer, Mrs. Runge; chaplain, Mrs. Luber; conductor, Mrs. Strodtman; guard, Mrs. Cuddy; assistant guard, Mrs. A. Weaver; assistant conductor, Mrs. Emma DeFalco; color-bearers, Mrs. Klimmellein, Mrs. Eichelberger, Mrs. Brundige, Mrs. Burdette.

K. of U.

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Baltimore Council, Knights of Usona, held its regular weekly session at its hall in the Old Town Bank building on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. A goodly number of the sir knights of the council were present. Considerable business of importance was transacted. The special committees outstanding all made interesting and encouraging reports. The degree team is rapidly perfecting itself in the ceremonial of the three degrees of the order. Sir Knight Edward J. Carnes is confined to his home with the grip, this being the only member at present on the sick list. The entertainment committee reported progress on the preparations for the smoker and talkfest to be held by the council on Wednesday, February 12.

D. OF P.

[Contributed to The American.]

On last Monday's sleep Aztec Council, No. 29, kindled their council fire with their usual large attendance. The scouts captured a paleface and the degree team adopted him into the council. In the name of Aztec Council Wenona Sister Grace Steinert presented Past Pocahontas Sister Mary Bonacker with a beautiful regalia. Brother George Brown, of Silver Cloud Council, gave us a fine talk and after a very pleasant meeting the fire was quenched.

Where "the Mister" Was.

[From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.]

The lady of the house had a worried look on her face as she came down to breakfast.

"Bridget," she said to the maid, "Mr. Bodkin hasn't been home all night. I am somewhat alarmed—I do hope that nothing is wrong."

"Why, bless your heart, th' mister's all right," reassured the maid. "He's down on th' front dure mat right now, mum. He says he's been there a long time, but he can't remember whether he's goin' out or comin' in. Whin he's made up his mind I'll let ye know."

JR. O. U. A. M.

[Contributed to The American.]

Waverly Council, No. 56, held its regular meeting at Waverly Hall, on Wednesday last, with our councilor, Brother W. J. Wilkinson, Jr., presiding. Every officer was at his post of duty. The business of the evening was transacted in a businesslike manner, every member having a voice in its management. Our sick brothers, Yost, Seidel and Wilkinson, received our attention. Our delinquent committee has cleared the desk, and at present have no duties to perform. All other committees reported progress. The entertainment committee wishes to notify all members of Waverly Council that they will hold a theater party during next April. Brother Legg, of Patapsco Council, No. 58, gave us an interesting talk on our patriotic duty to our council and its officers.

Vigilant Council, No. 109, held its regular weekly meeting at its hall, 1741½ North Gay street, last Tuesday evening with a very large attendance, with Councilor Brother F. Pollock in the chair. He welcomed State Councilor Brother George E. Garrett and other state officers and visiting members. The relief committee reported on the sick brothers and they were cared for. The hustling committee reported progress for our class initiation, which is to take place in the near future. Homecoming committee reported progress. The councilor chair was turned over to our state councilor, Brother George E. Garrett, who made very interesting remarks about building up the order.

Maryland Council held its regular meeting Tuesday evening, with Councilor Paul K. Smith in the chair. Being the regular initiation night, Dr. Charles L. Schmidt was led into the mysteries of the first degree. The reports of the different committees were favorable. Under the head of "good of the order," some interesting remarks were made by Brothers Baer, Askew, Baker and Krause. Some very interesting games of quoits were played.

The Junior Rifles, Company A, met last Monday night, with a goodly number of their members in attendance and with several candidates awaiting to be instructed. An invitation to be present and assist in the laying of the cornerstone of the new Junior Order Temple was received and accepted, and all members of the rifles are requested to be on hand. We will meet on the corner of Roland avenue and Thiryt-sixth street, on Sunday next at 1 o'clock in the afternoon in uniform.

Pioneer Council, No. 135, opened in regular form on Monday evening, December 30, 1912, with every officer and a large number of the stay-at-homes present. After the regular order of business Pioneer council opened under election of officers, which was very interesting, as all of the nominees had their friends present, which made things very lively until the councilor announced the result of the election, which was as follows: Councilor, John W. Weidel; vice councilor, Harry Buppert; recording secretary, W. S. Kaufman; assistant recording secretary, William T. Butler; financial secretary, Charles R. Kaufman; treasurer, George H. Schafer; conductor, William Cloman; warden, Walter H. Ebert; inside sentinel, Harry W. Mitchell; outside sentinel, Harry H. Zink; trustees, Thomas L. Ray, J. George Schlesinger and William A. Atkins; representatives to the State Council for two years, Thomas L. Ray; alternate, W. Kaufman; chaplain, Harris Goodwin.

K. O. T. M.

[Contributed to The American.]

Baltimore Tent, No. 1, is beginning the new term with that spirit of aggressiveness that means much for the future progress of the tent. Under the leadership of Sir Knight Commander C. A. Reck, Jr., the sir knights are again demonstrating that No. 1 can get right down to hard work when demanded. Sir Knight Reck, who was recently installed by Sir Knight A. W. Frye, S. D. S. C., assisted by Sir Knight State Commander W. F. Ackler, is strictly on the job on every occasion, and his administration will be a success if the combined efforts of the sir knights are with him. All of the working committees will be appointed on Thursday next. Sir Knight C. F. Griebe, past commander, is lending every effort toward carrying out the policies of Sir Knight Reck, and is ably seconded by Sir Knights George L. Schwab and M. C. Pehringer, all of whom are on the job each review night. The active workers have formed the "K. K. K. K.," and through this social body are enlisting a number of new sir knights in the tent. Sir Knights Robinson, D. Elsner, J. Baker and T. S. Shamberger are always in the first rank of the social work of the tent and are doing all they can to make the reviews interesting for those who attend.

F. C. C.

[Contributed to The American.]

The Frederick County Colony, of Baltimore city and suburbs, at their regular meeting held at I. O. O. F. Temple on Thursday evening, January 9, elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Capt. J. Abner Sayler, Sr.; first vice president, Arnold R. King; second vice president, Louis J. Ramsburgh; secretary, Edward A. Moore; financial secretary, Magistrate J. Abner Sayler, Jr.; treasurer, Jesse D. Rine; sergeant-at-arms, Claude I. Fogle; board of governors, Col. G. W. F. Vernon, Frank I. Lewis, John W. Rine, Dr. D. J. Reinhart, Charles A. Zumstein, Louis J. Ramsburgh. The colony will hold their annual banquet on Thursday, February 20, at I. O. O. F. Temple. The committee, consisting of President J. Abner Sayler, Jr., Frank I. Lewis, Louis J. Ramsburgh, Dr. Howard White, met at the residence of the president on last Wednesday evening and decided to have as their special guess President P. L. Hargett and Secretary O. C. Wareheime, of the Frederick County Agricultural Society; Mr. John M. Deponai, Mr. Holger McKinsey, ex-Mayor E. Clay Timanus and J. Barry Mahool. The following committee was appointed to wait upon Governor Goldsborough and Mayor Preston with invitations to be their honored guests: J. Abner Sayler, Sr., Magistrate J. Abner Sayler, Jr., Col. G. W. F. Vernon and Louis J. Ramsburgh. The next meeting of the colony will be held on Thursday, February 13.

G. B. U.

[Contributed to The American.]

Steuben District, No. 106, held its regular meeting on January 7 in their new hall, 1838 Ashland avenue, with a large attendance of the routine business Brother Circuit Deputy Louis C. Hanselman installed the following officers for the ensuing year: President, George Himmelheber; vice president, Louisa Raab; secretary, Christian Daub; treasurer, Annie M. Spahn; guide, Lena Boerner; sentinel, Gertrude Vollkommer; trustees, Louisa Raab, Lena Boerner, Gertrude Vollkommer, Dr. Franz J. Sebald. Brother Himmelheber thanked the retiring president, Henry Behrens, for his faithful services for four terms. Brother L. C. Hanselman made a speech for the good of the order and congratulated the district on its large attendance.

The Smallest Beast of Prey.

[From Harper's Weekly.]

The smallest carnivorous animal in the world is an American weasel, which is numerous in Northwest Canada and Alaska and is occasionally seen about the Great Lakes.

Although the animal turns white in the North in winter, it does not show the black tipped tail which characterizes an ermine pelt, and so it is not sought by trappers and fur traders. This fact, with its small size and secretive life, has made its habits very little known. It feeds on insects, which it finds alive in summer and in winter digs out of rotten logs, upon small birds, etc., but lives mainly on mice. These it can follow into their narrowest holes and runways, for it is scarcely larger than a field mouse itself; or, striking the trail of one, it will trace all its wanderings, and as soon as it catches sight of its prey it will spring after it with amazing and fatal rapidity.

K. of P.

[Contributed to The American.]

Anchor Lodge, No. 111, of Midland, is making extensive preparations for a monster demonstration on February 3. Myrtle Temple, No. 2, Pythian Sisters, will assist in the affair, and knights, ladies and friends from all parts of the state are invited. The celebration will be in commemoration of the twenty-third anniversary of Anchor Lodge, and will begin in Ward's Opera House with an elaborate program of music, dancing and speeches by grand lodge officers and other visiting knights, and moving pictures portraying the beautiful incident in the life of Damon and Pythias, upon which the order is founded. At the conclusion of the entertainment a banquet will be served. A ball will be given in Ward's Opera House. The proceeds of the affair will be donated to the treasury of Myrtle Temple, No. 2, Pythian Sisters. The committee in charge is composed of the following: Thomas Taylor, Jr., chairman; Enoch Thrasher, secretary; Andrew Eisentrout, treasurer; William Montgomery, Joseph Robertson, Edward Muir, John Loar and Edward George.

On Monday night at the regular meeting of Lafayette Lodge, No. 25, the officers for the ensuing term were installed by Grand Keeper of Records and Seal James M. Hendrix, acting grand chancellor; P. C. Charles I. Alderson, No. 5, acting as grand prelate, and P. C. John W. Conway, No. 39, acting grand master at arms. The new unwritten work was explained by Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Hendrix and the instructions of initiates dwelt upon as of great importance in the work of the order.

On Friday night the officers-elect of Eureka Lodge, No. 11, were installed by Grand Chancellor John F. Thomas and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal James M. Hendrix, assisted by Past Chancellor A. E. Hodson. After the ceremony of installation a collation was served by the lodge and a pleasant social hour spent by the members and grand lodge officers.

Anchor Lodge, No. 111, installed the following officers for the ensuing term: Chancellor commander, Edward Eisentrout; vice chancellor, Edward George; prelate, Albert Berry; master of work, E. Edward Muir; M. of A., Thomas Williams; K. of R. and S., Enoch Thrasher; M. of F., James Evans; M. of E., Thomas Taylor, Sr.; I. G., Joseph Robertson; O. G., Thomas Taylor, Jr. Representative to grand lodge, Andrew Eisentrout, and alternate, Joseph Robertson.

Myrtle Temple, No. 2, Pythian Sisters, of Midland, Md., at their last meeting elected the following officers for the ensuing term: Mrs. Lola Stevens, P. C.; Miss Edna May Thrasher, M. E. C.; Miss Minnie Wilmer, M. E. S.; Mrs. Brimlow, M. E. J.; Mrs. Della Hill, manager; Mrs. Sarah Bowen, M of R. and S.; Mrs. Hannah Powell, M. of F.; protector, Susanna Thrasher; O. G., Mrs. Grace Koontz; trustee, Mrs. Jane Russell; representative, Miss Victoris Landacre; alternate, Mrs. Jane Russell.

German American Lodge, No. 108, met as usual on Wednesday night. While the attendance was not as large as usual those present were full of enthusiasm and determination to keep moving forward in the work. The various committees submitted encouraging reports, the membership committee filing several applications, with others in prospect. Under degree work Sages W. F. Sauers and J. Hopke were very impressively raised to the rank of esquire. The lodge will attend divine worship on the evening of February 16 at Fulton Avenue Baptist Church.

The monthly meeting of the library board on January 21 was well attended. The library for the last few months has been patronized by more members than ever before. The board endeavors to secure all the latest works of fiction, and before placing any volume on the shelves it is carefully perused by a board of censors, so that all volumes in circulation will suit the taste of the most particular reader. The purchasing committee reported having requests for a number of new books, but on account of our funds being depleted were unable to purchase same. Past Grand Chancellor Henry Lingenfelder and Past Chancellor J. William Fisher, two of the original incorporators of the board, were present. They spoke of the formation of the library as a voluntary donation of books and cash donations from the lodges to the time the library was recognized by the Grand Lodge and became an adjunct to same. Brother Lingenfelder also spoke in reference to how much more valuable the library would be if had the funds to satisfy a greater number of those asking for new publications.

On Thursday night Baltimore City Lodge, No. 3, held the best attended meeting for many months. Every member in attendance agreed that he would be present at every meeting each month, and often if possible.

Salisbury Lodge, No. 56, has had one of the most active terms in its history and report shows a substantial gain, both in its membership and finances. The retiring chancellor commander, Brother J. S. Hayes, has shown himself to be an untiring and intelligent officer. The lodge has taken on new life and vigor, the meetings are well attended and every member deeply interested. A most attractive notice of lodge meetings has been prepared by Brother Wilcox and is now in use by the lodge.

At the regular meeting of Cumberland Lodge, No. 60, last Monday night, Brother Earnest Rice was installed chancellor commander. Vice Chancellor Harry Cochrane resigned on account of removing from the city. Brother Rice has just recovered from an operation performed several weeks ago.

Albert E. Marean, a member of Cumberland Lodge, No. 60, was buried in the German Lutheran Cemetery Sunday afternoon. The beautiful ritualistic service of the Knights of Pythias was used at the grave. Previous to this services were held in the German Lutheran Church. The B. of L. E. also held services at the grave. The knights' service was conducted by Past Chancellor C. H. Wolford.

Cumberland Lodge, No. 60, and Queen City Lodge, No. 136, have each appointed a committee to arrange for a joint meeting to be held in the city hall, February 18, in commemoration of the forty-ninth anniversary of Pythianism. This meeting is to be a public one and each knight will be permitted to invite one or more friends. Speakers from the Grand Lodge and the Supreme Lodge will be present. The joint committee consists of B. A. Wolford, Rev. George E. Brown, Dr. G. I. Sharretts, J. W. V. Weibel, B. F. Shaffer, Col. N. W. Russler and V. J. Lucas.

The field officers of the Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, met in the armory of Cumberland Company, No. 2, last Friday night to arrange for a campaign of development of the military department in this state. Plans were discussed for instituting new companies and rebuilding old ones so that Maryland will have a good showing at the golden jubilee encampment at Washington in 1914. Among the officers present were Col. N. W. Russler, Major L. C. Madore, of Maryland, and Col. C. O. Roemer, of West Virginia. Each of these gentlemen spoke enthusiastically of the prospect for development in this state. Colonel Roemer, who is now living in Maryland, is taking a general interest in the affairs of Maryland Pythianism.

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Progress Hive, No. 9, met at Lady Anthony's Home, 300 Homestead street, on January 16. Instead of a regular meeting the officers celebrated Lady Anthony's birthday. After an enjoyable evening an elaborate supper was enjoyed. Lady Anthony received some very handsome presents. A special meeting was held at Lady Pope's home, 1362 West North avenue, at which the officers for the ensuing term were installed.

Calvert, Unity and Monumental Hives held a joint public installation, entertainment and reunion at Claggett's Hall on Wednesday, January 22. The entertainment was most unique. The hall was filled to its capacity. Lady Melva Gra. Cawell, state commander, installed the officers and gave a pleasing address and encouraging words to the newly installed officers. Officers and members from the various other hives were present, including a large delegation of sir knights. Refreshments were served.

Guilford Hive, No. 7, has inaugurated some new departures from the regular order, to which must be attributed the large attendance present at its reviews, thus at the last meeting, after the routine business, the doors were opened to friends of the members and a dance was enjoyed at which also members of Baltimore and Calvert Tents, K. O. T. M., participated. For every first meeting night in a month arrangements have been made to serve a luncheon. In this way all of the reviews are bound to attract the membership. Contracts have also been signed arranging a benefit theater party for April.

The new officers are doing excellent work under the commander, Lady Bertie S. Howard, and the guard team is likewise enthusiastic, so that Guilford is sure of making some rapid strides toward eclipsing some of the older hives.

Riverside Hive, No. 6, had a fair attendance at the review on Thursday night, considering the unfavorable weather, showing that interest in the work has been revived under the new deputy. Lady Commander Klug did remarkably well, presiding for the first time since being installed, and a full guard team brought the floor work out in all its beauty, as of old. Lady Crowley, the efficient record keeper, who was re-elected, assisted as usual and is planning to make the reviews pleasant as well as profitable. A little feast was enjoyed after the review.

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Fairmount Council, No. 654, held a fine meeting on Thursday night at National Union headquarters, with President W. W. Sylvester in the chair. Speeches on the work of the order were made by Friends Michael Lehman, President Sylvester, Senator Campbell, District Manager Norris, and Friend H. J. Flescher, of Ensign Bagley Council, after which the district manager installed the following officers for the year 1913: W. W. Sylvester, president; E. C. Sylvester, vice president; B. F. Grove, speaker; H. C. Witte, recording secretary; M. B. Lehman, financial secretary; Sam Senker, treasurer; Dr. Emerich, chaplain; William Hook, usher; J. T. Norwood, sergeant; A. L. Zitzer, doorkeeper.

Progressive Council, No. 719, held a special meeting at Junker's Hotel on Wednesday evening to celebrate the initiation of two new members into the mysteries of the order. District Manager Norris installed the following officers for the year 1913: President, John H. Robinette; vice president, W. M. Smith; secretary, C. Girard Aiken; financial secretary, Wyatt W. Estep; treasurer, Frank S. Harris; speaker, Chauncey A. West; ex-president, Graham Eckel; chaplain, G. M. Kimberly; usher, E. R. Smith; sergeant, Milton Roberts; doorkeeper, Frank Huppman. A supper was served to all present and promises made to increase the membership at least 20 during this year. Council is taking on new life and meets the second Wednesday of each month at the headquarters in the Law Building.

John H. B. Latrobe Council held a fine meeting on Tuesday night at Progress Hall, President Morris Miller in the chair. Much interest was shown in the campaign for new members. Several applications are on the desk of the secretary, Friend Charles W. Goeb, and one hearty applause greeted H. J. Flescher explained the plans for the National Union ball to be held at Lehmann's H