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.

I. O. O. F.

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E. W. SHANKLIN.

Centennial Lodge, No. 129, met on Friday evening, January 3. There was a large attendance and great interest is being taken in the work. There was only one lodge in the Temple that took in more members than Centennial last year. The grand officers were present and installed the following officers for the ensuing year: Noble grand, J. W. Hamilton; vice grand, Louis Wonder; past grand, C. W. Crowley; recording secretary, E. M. Mullican; financial secretary, M. Whitley; treasurer, John Haas; chaplain, Jesse W. Bradford; warden, W. D. Pitt; marshal, Paul Gist; inside guardian, J. H. Cloplisn; outside guardian, H. M. Shimp; right supporter to noble grand, C. M. Newkirk; left supporter to noble grand, E. W. Shanklin; right supporter to vice grand, Ray Helt; left supporter to vice grand, Wake Iseley; right scene supporter, W. E. Daily; left scene supporter, Henry S. Wheeler. The lodge presented Brother E. W. Shanklin, past grand, with a past grand's jewel. Brother Shanklin responded by giving the lodge his history and work in Odd Fellowship. The Reds and Blues tied for getting new members and the contest was extended until the 1st of April.

Gatch Methodist Episcopal Church, Belair road and Hamilton avenue, Raspeburg, Baltimore county, was crowded last Sunday afternoon, January 26, when services were conducted under the auspices of Garden Lodge, No. 114. An invitation had been extended to the lodges of District No. 11, which is presided over by Special District Deputy Grand Master William H. Hofstetter, Sr., and all members of the order to attend. Over 100 members assembled at the hall of Garden Lodge, No. 114, Belair road and Furley avenue, where a line was formed, wearing their regalia, and under the command of Brother William H. Hofstetter, Jr., marshal of the lodge, they marched to the church, about a mile away, making a splendid demonstration and attracting much attention along the line of march. At the church they were met by a large attendance of the Rebekah lodges, besides a large congregation that completely filled the church. The pastor, Rev. E. P. Fellenbaum, who is a member of the lodge, preached an eloquent and impressive sermon. The choir rendered a special musical program. Miss Helen Armstrong sang a solo. Several grand officers and officers of the Rebekah Assembly were present.

Blue Ridge Lodge, No. 50, Salisbury, Md.—Senior master, Riley Knowles; worthy master, William Fields; junior master, George Webb; recording secretary, George H. Kersey; financial secretary, Barton Mumford; treasurer, Frank Jenkins; chaplain, L. A. L. Parsons; conductor, E. Pillott; inside sentinel, Charles McAllister; outside sentinel, William Mumford; representative to the Grand Lodge, Barton Mumford.

Union Lodge, No. 57, Uniontown, Md.—Senior master, George W. Slonaker; worthy master, William E. Cryer; junior master, Raymond H. Dayhoff; recording secretary, Guy Cookson; financial secretary, J. Snader Devilbiss; treasurer, W. Guy Segafoose; chaplain, Solomon Myers; conductor, Pierce H. Zile; inside sentinel, Edward F. Caylor; outside sentinel, O. H. Hamburg; representative to the Grand Lodge, J. Wedney Bowersox; alternate, Ezra C. Caylor.

Snydersburg Lodge, No. 60, Snydersburg, Md.—Senior master, Clarence G. Miller; worthy master, John G. Reed; junior master, George R. Snyder; recording secretary, Clarence M. Webster; financial secretary, David J. Yingling; treasurer, William H. Ruby; chaplain, John R. Houck; conductor, George L. Shaeffer; inside sentinel, John A. Myers; outside sentinel, William N. Grosse; representative to the Grand Lodge, J. Henry Leister; alternate Ira J. Basler.

Union Mills Lodge, No. 61, Union Mills, Md.—Senior master, Carroll Bemiller; worthy master, Herman Feeser; junior master, Josiah Erb; recording secretary, Weldon R. Nusbaum; financial secretary, Harry L. Cratin; treasurer, Calvin E. Bankert; chaplain G. L. Wetzel; conductor, Herbert Myers; inside sentinel, Ira Heeser; outside sentinel, J. R. Hesson; representative to the Grand Lodge, George W. Bankert; alternate, Charles W. Koontz.

Valley Lodge, No. 67, Hagerstown, Md.—Senior master, C. G. Cooper; worthy master Xevirious Shank; junior master, Edward S. Donahue, Jr.; recording secretary, D. Paul Russell; financial secretary, J. E. Hopp; treasurer, J. G. Meyer; chaplain, H. G. Barber; conductor, A. B. Bowerman; inside sentinel, H. Smallwood; outside sentinel, Charles Long; representative to the Grand Lodge, John G. Meyer; alternate, H. K. Hoch.

Martha Washington Lodge, No. 1, L. of I. O. M.—Past president, Mrs. Adaline Acomb; worthy president, Mrs. Mamie Perrey; vice president, Mrs. Susie Limpman; recording secretary, Mrs. Blanche Yost; financial secretary, Miss Blanche Wholley; treasurer, Mrs. Mary A. Van Fossen; chaplain, Miss Kate Hill; conductress, Mrs. Mary McKelden; inside sentinel, Mrs. Amanda Gimmell; outside sentinel, Mrs. Margaret Yeager.

Queen Esther Lodge, No. 2, L. of I. O. M.—Past president, Mrs. Kollinger; worthy president, Mrs. Shaffery; vice president, Mrs. Weinrich; recording secretary, Mrs. Ida Watson; financial secretary, Mrs. Elmer Bernhard; treasurer, Miss Mary Schmidt; chaplain, Miss Bell; conductress, Mrs. Grapp; inside sentinel, Mrs. Senders; outside sentinel, Mrs. Elizabeth Diver; representative to the Grand Lodge, Mrs. Katie Biegel.

Grand Master Frederick A. Groom and Grand Secretary William A. Jones visited Crisfield Lodge, No. 61, at Crisfield, Monday evening, January 27, and were welcomed by a good attendance of the members. No work was attempted, but the evening given over to a discussion as to the best means of building up Crsfield Lodge and bringing about a revival of interest in Odd Fellowship at Crisfield. After the grand officers had spoken every member of the lodge was called upon and responded, after which a resolution was unanimously adopted that the lodge would hold a rally in the near future, when 30 candidates would be admitted and a degree team from Baltimore would be invited to confer all four degrees. The members are enthusiastic over the event and expect to have many more than 30. At the close of the meeting genuine Tangier Sound oysters just from the water were served.

Thursday evening, January 28, found the grand officers in Apollo Lodge, No. 29, at Pocomoke City. The lodge room was crowded with enthusiastic members, including a number of visitors. The initiatory degree was conferred upon Rev. Louis L. Williams, pastor of St. Mary's Protestant Episcopal Church, by the degree staff under Capt. C. W. Pressell in a splendid manner. They wore for the first time their handsome new paraphernalia. Grand Secretary William A. Jones instructed them in the secret work and addressed the members upon the work of Odd Fellowship, as did also Grand Master Frederick A. Groom, Grand Conductor E. J. C. Parsons and Past Grand S. J. R. Holloway, after which refreshments were served and an hour spent pleasantly in a social way. The committee in charge were W. S. Bowen, A. W. Tull, A. W. Baker and Joseph Ford. The grand officers were royally entertained while in Pocomoke City. They left at midnight elated over the condition of Apollo Lodge, which is in good hands with a loyal and strongly united membership, among whom are the representative men of the community and many young men. They made a gain of 27 last year, now have 106 members and expect the year 1913 to be the best of their existence.

Wednesday evening, January 29, was a big one for Seaside Lodge, No. 21, at Newark, Md., when they were visited by Grand Master Frederick A. Groom and Grand Secretary William A. Jones. The grand officers were surprised to find so many members present who had taken advantage of the opportunity and invited their ladies and friends, bringing together a crowd that completely filled the pretty lodgeroom. Past Grand A. P. Bowen presided and made preliminary remarks, after which prayer was offered by Rev. William H. Revell, who was followed by the visitors, who addressed this assemblage upon the work and principles of our great order. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served. The grand officers were conveyed to and from Berlin by Brother Harvey Pruitt, of Paran Lodge, No. 64, in his automobile. Brother John Burbage also accompanied him. Seaside Lodge has awakened to their responsibility and the grand officers were assured that their visit would mean the beginning of a new era for the lodge.

Ivy Lodge, No. 80, which meets at Stockton, Maryland, held a great meeting on Thursday evening, January 30, which was attended by 75 per cent. of their members. They were visited by Grand Master Fred A. Groom and Grand Secretary William A. Jones. No business was attempted, but the evening given over to a discussion as to the best means of building up the lodge. The Grand Master and Grand Secretary spoke, Brother Jones exemplified the entire secret work and the lodge was given full instructions in the work of Odd Fellowship. Brother A. W. Baker and Joseph Ford, of Apollo Lodge, and Grover Hudson, of Ivy Lodge, also spoke. Brother C. H. Jones, the noble grand, responded and invited all men to the banquet room, where refreshments were served. The grand officers left Stockton Thursday night for Pocomoke City, where they took the train for home, pleased with the condition of Ivy Lodge, whose members are still enthusiastic over the rally held at Ocean City last August. The grand officers enjoyed a treat while at Stockton, being met at the train and taken in automobiles to the Bay, where a genuine oyster roast was indulged in. Oysters were served by the members in all styles and the visitors did ample justice to them and will long remember their visit to Stockton.

Mr. J. W. Anderson, special district deputy grand master of district No. 14, reports that Deer Creek and Triumph Lodges are on the progressive line. While obstacles seeming unavoidable have presented themselves, their indomitable zeal has never slackened and their goal is onward, as their reports show. Orion and Harford are baby lodges, yet their cry is so loud that it can be heard above the din of their older sisters. Orion, with her 53 zealous workers, deserves great credit. Indeed, with the basement completed, much of their building material on the ground, they will soon have a two-story-and-basement building to be dedicated to Odd Fellowship, while Harford, but one year old, has a two-story building, covered with slate, heated, lighed by acetylene and nearly furnished. They are planning now for the dedication sometime in May and are determined that the occasion shall not be second to the one gotten up by the district at the fair grounds to confer on Past Grand Patriarch Shapiro the grand decoration of Chivalry, October 5, 1911.

S. of H.

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Welcome Lodge, No. 22, held an enthusiastic meeting last Wednesday night, with W. M. J. H. Higgins in the chair. The business of the evening was very interesting. Reports of committees in general show progress. Candidate John Kinsey Sparrow, Jr., was initiated in the works of the order and became a member. There were some interesting subjects spoken on by the members.

Lafayette Lodge was opened in due form Friday, January 17, Worthy Master Henry Schmelz presiding. After the regular routine business the installation of the newly elected officers took place. Supreme Secretary Brother William T. Henry, acting grand master, with his staff of grand officers, Brothers Ford and Dunn, installed the following officers for the next current term: Brother Henry Schmelz, senior master; Brother James Nicholson, worthy master; Brother Charles G. Kirschenhofer, junior master; Brother Henry T. Williams, recording secretary; Brother Andrew George, financial secretary; Brother John C. Engel, treasurer; Brother David Hartsel, conductor; Brother Mason Brown, chaplain; Brother J. H. Hammond, inside guardian; Brother A. M. George, outside guardian. After the installation the grand officers, as well as members of the lodge, made very interesting remarks for the good of the order. At this occasion Past Master Brother Anthony Kirschenhofer was presented with a beautiful shield of honor watch charm from the lodge.

Betsy Ross Lodge, No. 2, Ladies' Auxiliary of the Shield of Honor, Inc., met at the usual time and place on January 30. This lodge will move from its present quarters on February 5 to Sonnenberg's Hall, Baltimore and Greene streets. We will meet on the first and third Wednesdays in each month until the hall can be gotten for every week. We hope to see a large number of members present at the new hall.

Franklin Lodge, No. 32, was called to order, with Worthy Master Dillaway in the chair. The meeting was the best the lodge has held for some time. Worthy Master Dillaway showed his appreciation for the members showing up so strong when he informed them of the work on hand and hoped they would continue their interest in the lodge. On Wednesday Brother Ringold, couductor of the Mercantile Lodge, paid us a visit and gave a very interesting talk on increase of membership. The lodge has accepted an invitation to visit Mercantile Lodge on Thursday, February 6. Outside guardian Hill and Chaplain Wimbbigler were on the job.

On last Wednesday evening the regular meeting of Hiawatha Lodge, No. 19, was the largest attended of the season. Our hustling committee still meeting with success in bringing in new applications and would like to have some of our stay-at-homes get busy and bring in an applicant. We believe if our stay-aways would attend a meeting and see the good work that is being accomplished along the lines of upbuilding our order they would attend regularly. Under good of the order Brother Martin Miller made an excellent speech followed by Brother George F. Warnsman. These were responded to by Brothers George Kern, Theodore Ludwig, John King and Charles E. Stork.

T. B. H.

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Ben Hur Court, No. 9, held a very pleasant and enjoyable meeting on Friday evening, January 24, with Chief Brother Hemsley in the chair. More members were present than have been out for a long while. Speeches were made by Brother and Sister Wahlman, Brother Waders and Sister Weddmore. After the regular business was transacted, the sick cared for as usual, and six new members obligated a scrap supper, which was highly enjoyed by everyone, was served by the ladies. Music and dancing were indulged in until a late hour.

Highland Court, No. 3, held a very interesting meeting on Tuesday, there being a large turnout of members. Two applications were received and placed in the hands of the investigating committee. One candidate was initiated by the degree team and the work was very well done. Highland has taken another start to try and increase its roster and the new officers feel very proud of the aid given them by the members. After the regular routine of business and for the good of the order, Brother John Hartlove gave a short speech and he was highly complimented.

F. O. E.

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Baltimore Nest, No. 3, opened in due form with President Wegner in the chair and all officers present. The secretary read some important letters from the supreme president. Among them was one stating that there were 12 new nests opened in different parts of the North and West in the last six months, none with less than 200 members. Brother Syfer, chairman of the touring club, reports that he is having a book printed and one will be sent to each member, with a circular describing the plan. Brother Eben, of the social club, has organized his committee as follows: Brothe. Eben, president; Brother Summer, secretary, and Brother Warner, treasurer.

A. O. H.

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Division No. 11 held its regular meeting at McCann's Hall, Falls Road and Thirty-sixth street, on Wednesday evening, January 29, with a goodly number of members present and four candidates awaiting initiation in the order. We have six applications pending and every indication of at least as many more before our next meeting. Following the regular order of business Brother John T. Mullin, of Division No. 5, deputy from the county board, assisted by State Treasurer John T. Doyle and T. P. Flannigan, of Division No. 5, installed the following officers: President, F. P. Cunningham; vice president, J. C. O'Donovan; financial secretary, H. C. Clary; recording secretary, D. F. McMenamin; treasurer, James M. Harrigan; sergeant-at-arms, W. J. Reddington; sentinel, Bernard Kaller; chairman of standing committee, B. J. Reynolds. After the installation ceremonies were concluded a social session was held, at which some very interesting and timely remarks were made by visiting Brothers Doyle, Mullin and Flannigan. Brothers Clary and Wehn rendered some up-to-date vocal selections. Brother D. F. McMenamin announced that at all future meetings a chapter of Irish history will be read. A vote of thanks was tendered Brother J. C. Boone, chairman of the social committee, and his able assistants, B. J. Reynolds and J. C. O'Donovan.

Division No. 3 held its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 14, at Heer's Hall, Charles and Barre streets. County President Thomas J. Walsh was present and installed the following officers, who were elected for the ensuing year: President, John H. Flynn; vice president, Charles E. Hickey; recording secretary, John T. Doyle; financial secretary, James P. O'Connell; treasurer, John Murray; sergeant-at-arms, Thomas E. McGee; sentinel, Richard Woolmer; chairman of standing committee, Henry Kelly; chairman of sick committee, George McNamee. The annual report was read showing the division to be in excellent condition, both financially and numerically, having a larger treasury and more members on the roll than ever in its history. Addresses were made by County President Thomas J. Walsh and Brothers Charles Redmond, of Division No. 2. Plans were started for a big turnout from the division in the St. Patrick's Day parade. A very fine entertainment of music, song and recitations followed the meeting, in which the following brothers furnished the talent: Henry F. Broening, piano selections; Leo Norton, piano, and Martin Carey, Jr., and Martin Jennings, violins; M. Joseph Manning and Michael Feeney, Irish songs; John Mannion, recitation; Thomas J. Toolan, Gerald Murphy, Charles E. Redmond and Michael Feeney, jig dancing.

The Hibernian Rifles held their regular drill at the armory of the Fifth Regiment Veterans Corps on Friday night. There was a large turnout under the command of Capt. John J. Carroll and Capt. Thomas J. Luby. The rifles and the Hibernian Cadets expect to make a fine showing acting as escort of the order in the large parade to take place on St. Patrick's Day, March 17. The various divisions are getting in shape out in many from in large numbers on that day. Weekly drills will soon begin to get them perfect in marching. The committee in charge of the celebration is composed of John T. Doyle, John Ward, Capt. John J. Carroll, Charles M. Whiteford and Charles Redmond. Mayor Preston will be invited to a position in the line of parade. Cardinal Gibbons will review the parade from St. Patrick's Church, on Broadway. The marshal of the parade will be chosen at the next county board meeting.

One of the most successful and enjoyable social events held under the auspices of the Ancient Order of Hibernians this season was the complimentary dance given to its members and friends by Division No. 8 at Claggett's Hall, North Fremont avenue, on Monday evening, January 27. The decorations were of those present fully measured up to the best standards of a representative Irish gathering. Here could be seen the Irish colleen with the grace and beauty which is characteristic of her Milesian ancestry, and also the strikingly attractive type of Irish American womanhood which was strongly in evidence and added a zest and charm to the occasion as with their partners they glided with terpsichorean grace through the mazes of the light fantastic. Too much credit cannot be given Mr. Thomas P. Cavanaugh and his able assistants for making this affair such a pronounced success. Among those notable in Ancient Order circles who graced the occasion with their presence were the following: Mr. and Mrs. John J. Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Adelsberger, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Butter, Mr. and Mrs. James Fitzsimmons, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Corrigan, Mr. and Mrs. Julius F. Diehl, Mrs. M. Lyng, Miss McGraw, Miss Anna Brady, Miss Mary Broening, Miss Mary J. Landrigan, Miss Kearney, Miss Quinn, Miss Jeannette Nelson, Miss Broening and Miss Fallon. There were also representatives from the Ladies' Auxiliary Divisions of St. Anne's, St. Joseph's, St. Peter's and from the state and county boards, from St. Patrick's Club of East Baltimore and from many of our sister divisions in the city. Among the prominent gentlemen present were John T. Mullen, of Division No. 5; Mr. George Eisenberger, of St. Patrick's Club; Capt. John J. Carroll, Francis Stafford, W. K. Landrigan, Robert E. Goss, Charles F. Stewart, Thomas Howe, Luke J. Kearney, J. A. Kirby, James J. Quinn, James J. Tierney, John K. Wess, Leo J. Cummings, James E. Taylor and others.

P. O. S. of A.

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Washington Camp, No. 9, is beginning the new term with that spirit of aggressiveness that means much for the future progress of the camp. Under the leadership of the president, Brother S. Y. Bottinger, the officers and members are again demonstrating that No. 9 can get right down to hard work when demanded. Brother Bottinger, who was recently installed as the president of the camp, has shown by his action since being elevated to the highest position in the gift of the camp that he is strictly on the job on every occasion and we need have no fear that his administration will be a great success if the combined efforts of the brothers are with him. The following committees have been appointed: Auditing—Brothers Harry Mason, Chester Shimp and Joseph Dahle. Widows and Orphans—Brothers Jas. Bruff, Harry Shimp, Henry George, Edward Shanklin and H. Arnt and District President Brother Theodore E. Bruff, Sr., is lending every effort toward carrying out the policies of President S. Y. Bottinger and is ably seconded by Brothers Harry Mason, Lee W. Clarke, James B. Bruff, George W. Eby, Harry Bornemann and many others who are on the job each kindling of the camp fires. The active workers have formed a debating team and have challenged like team of Milton Avenue Baptist Church for a series of three debates. The first one will be held at the church about the fifteenth of February. The subject chosen for this debate is That Women Should Have Equal Rights With Men. The affirmative will be led by two debaters from the church, Brothers S. Y. Bottinger and Preston S. Brooks, of Camp No. 9, will take the negative. The members of the order are cordially invited to be present.

The Twelfth district committee is arranging an elaborate program for their entertainment at Keller's Hall, Overlea, Belair road, and will meet tomorrow night at Camp No. 31's new hall on Belleview avenue, Raspeburg. This committee, Brothers James B. Bruff, Harry Shimp and John Basil, is always in the first rank of the social work of the camp and like all other committees, are doing all they can to make the meetings interesting for those who attend. Among those who were present, we were pleased to note, were Past President John Johnston and Brother Ruse, two of our old hustlers.

Camp No. 6 is preparing for a vigorous campaign. The active workers of the camp are determined to add a goodly number to the roster and also to take an active part in questions of vital interest to the advancement of the principles of the order. The camp has already started the movement with anticipations of a success. The finances of the camp far surpass all former years and its staff of officers have no superior in the state. The hustling committee have promised a surprise to the members in the near future. The attendance is excellent and the business of the camp is disposed of at an early hour, so that topics of interest can be discussed by the members.

On Wednesday evening last State Secretary William Joseph Heaps paid a fraternal visit to Washington Camp, No. 67, and addressed the brethren on the vital issues now before the order. His address was filled with facts and figures and delivered in a manner to cause those who heard it to remember it. He paid a fine tribute to the camp, and especially its older hustling members. Our camp will move during the coming week into our new home. Each brother will receive due notice and is requested to be present at our housewarming, and to be sure and bring a proposition for membership.

On Thursday of last week Camp No. 1 entertained the representatives of the Twelfth district and the state secretary. Interesting remarks were made by the state secretary, Brother Heaps, and the district president, Brother Bruff. Brothers Crow and Gontrum, of the local camp, entertained the visitors with several well-rendered selections from Shakespeare.

We were unfortunate this week in again losing one of our members—Brother Charles Flock—who died January 26.

The honor roll is closed and the following camps failed to make it because of failure to render complete reports by January 20: Camps Nos. 16, 18, 31, 42, 70, 76, 81, 83, 85, 89, 91, 95 and 96. The rest of the camps all made the honor roll. State Secretary Heaps has sent a reminder during the week to the delinquents.

Brother Thomas H. Barcus, of Washington Camp, No. 18, has been re-elected as secretary of his camp. Brother Barcus has served in this capacity for a dozen years. He has also served as district president of his district and as state vice president. He has always taken an active interest in the order and his friends are booming him as a candidate for register of wills of Queen Annes county.

The following camps head the honor rol lfor numerical strength: Nos. 1, 6, 11, 45, 22, 24, 34, 14, 9, 15, 28, 32. Washington Camp, No. 62, of Cumberland, stands at the head of the list with 347 members on the roll. Camp No. 28, of Arlington, the state president's own, heads the list of camps making the largest net gain for the year. They had 47 net gains for the year. State President Childs belongs to that camp.

We held another "Camp 19 style" meeting last Monday evening with a splendid attendance. Candidate Charles Conn was elected to membership. Brother L. G. Reynolds presented the application of Chester Nowlin for membership. Tomorrow evening the district meeting of the Thirteenth district will be held in our camp room promptly at 8 o'clock sharp. A class of candidates will be initiated by our initiatory team dressed in their new regalia, which presents a beautiful sight. All members of the Thirteenth district are invited to be on hand to criticise the work, after which refreshments will be served. President Reynolds is pushing the work with a vim on commencing his second term with that spirit of aggressiveness that means much for the future progress and prosperity of the camp. Brother Reynolds' first term was one of the most active and progressive within the history of the camp. Under his guiding hand the camp has taken on new life and vigor and stands second to none. The weekly meetings are well attended and all present seem to be imbued with the spirit of zeal and progressiveness which jointly form the keystone in the arch of fraternal success. Brother Reynolds is "on the job" this year, and his second term, by his strictly business principles, will eclipse his first term by far, especially if the regulars will rally to his support. Brother G. H. Bratzell was added to our sick list. The old ones are reported improving.

Washington Camp, No. 14, met at Delta Hall, Highlandtown, in regular weekly session, Wednesday night, with a good attendance. The new relief committee, composed of J. Mason Kellogg, John Freeman and Austin Logan, made its first report, giving in detail the condition of the sick and offering suggestions for the improvement of this committee's work. One application was received and all those present were supplied with application cards and urged to get busy in an effort to run the membership over the 200 mark again. The bylaw committee made a partial report and it looks as if the camp will soon have a good set of laws, modern and right to the point. The entertainment committee, Brothers Freeman and Hannon, are planning more surprises for the boys to take place in the near future. This committee has done splendid work the past month and it is to be hoped they will keep it up. The attendance has been increased and new life seems to have been injected throughout the ranks.

Washington Camp, No. 93, held their first reception on Thursday evening at the home of Guy C. Bopst, on Second avenue. The house was tastefully decorated with flags and red, white and blue lights. The evening was pleasantly spent in music, furnished by Messrs. George W. Kramer, Edward Hoffman, James Stevens and Warren Stauffer. Recitations were rendered by Mrs. G. A. Willey and Messrs. G. W. Kramer and Warren Stauffer. At a late hour refreshments were served in the dining-room.

On Tuesday evening, January 22, Camp No. 18 installed the following officers: Past president, Sister Viannla Thomas; president, Sister Kate Block. assistant president, Maggie Winter; vice president, Grace London; assistant vice president, Ida Hammerslough; conductors, Sarah Schmeiser, Louisa Boone; sentinel, Betty Kaufman; recording secretary, Mary Davis; assistant recording secretary, Marion Davis; financial secretary, Emma Schunk; treasurer, Anna Edeler; chaplain, Cecelia Hammerslough. We had quite a large number present at the installation of officers and hope the stay-at-homes will come regularly and give their support to the new officers.

D. OF A.

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Friendship Council, No. 7, held a very pleasant meeting on January 27, with the councilor, Sister Inez Lerp, presiding. Our sick were all cared for as usual. We regret that our junior past councilor, Sister Morrison, could not be with us because of the death of her husband. The council extends its sympathy. Our memorial will be held on February 23. Tickets can be secured at the council-room. Our contingent committee gave us a treat of ice cream, cakes and fruit.

On January 16 First Howard Council, No. 62, held one of its old-time meetings that all enjoy. Two new members were received into the council and we expect more before the union class initiation. Our deputy, Sister Mollie Wilson, was present and installed the officers, who are: C., Sister Homer; A. C., Sister Hewitte. V. C., Sister Hand; A. V. C., Sister Segelken; conductor, Sister Duvall; warden, Sister Mitchell; outside sentinel, Sister Brecht; inside sentinel, Sister Hackman; secretary, Sister Thuma; assistant secretary, Sister Webster; financial secretary, Sister Christy; treasurer, Sister Hoffman. As it is a standing rule of this council to remember its members as they pass from their chairs of honor, at this time the Jr. P. C., Sister Bearry received a very pretty fruit picture; Asso. Jr. P. C., Sister Hoffman, a pretty set of collar pins, and the retiring Jr. P. C., Sister Bertha Shriver, a past councilor's jewel. Sister Hackman was given a very pretty silk waist pattern as a token from the members for her faithful work. Sister Brecht, who is a twin sister of Sister Hackman, was given a pair of pretty fruit pictures.

Maryland Council, No. 47, gave their mask ball at Claggett's Hall Monday evening and a large crowd was present. Chairman Brother William Roberts, after the promenade, gave the prizes awarded by the judges (George Kuhl, William Dinsmore and James Donelson) to Misses Lottie Adams, Annie Owens, Mary Schroder, Hazel Sparenberg, Katie Haller, Annie Reed, Reby Milky, Minnie Fleischman, Bessie Briggs, little Ruth Prentiss and James Sparenberg. Professor Nicholson furnished the music, and the comittee in charge were: Chairman, William Roberts; assistant, Frank Weaver; treasurer, Benjamin Brown, Norman Brewer, Robert Arnold, John Hiltner, Ella Brown, Hazel Sparenberg, Theresa Sagorie, Christina Stoll, Annie Mountbank and Sadie Brown

There was an excellent attendance at Wells & McComas's Council, No. 18, on January 24, despite the inclemency of the weather. Several matters of importance were brought up and disposed of in the usual brisk manner. There was one proposition on the desk and indications of many more to follow. Our sick list continues about the same, several members having reported out of care and several others being placed under care on this date. We trust to have the list greatly reduced in the very near future.

The city and suburban councils of the Daughters of America are anticipating a week of activity and pleasure during Washington week, ending February 22. A number of the councils will hold a large class initiation in the grand lodge room in the I. O. O. F. Temple, including Councils, No. 1, 3, 4, 6, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 29, 33, 36, 39, 47, 50, 56, 62, 65, 67, 70, on February 18, and a reunion in the same hall on the following evening. The national councilor, Mrs. Dunn, of Tennessee; National Vice Councilor Mrs. Thompson, of New Jersey; National Secretary Mrs. Roth, of Ohio, and National Treasurer A. M. Vaux, of New York, will be present on these occasions, and will remain as the guests of the committees during the remainder of the week and will also attend the annual memorial services at the Maryland Theater on Sunday evening, February 23. An appropriate musical and literary program will be presented on Wednesday evening, February 19. The national officers will participate. Mrs. Roth, of Ohio, will be the orator of the evening. On Thursday evening, North Point Council, No. 21, will entertain the national officers, and on Friday evening, Mount Vernon Council, No. 22, will entertain them. On Saturday, at 6 P. M., the councils throughout the state will give a "linen shower" to the Maryland Homeopathic Hospital in honor of Past National Councilor Mrs. Mary Boram, who has filled the position of matron of that institution for a number of years, and at night will conclude the week's pleasure with a theater party and supper. The events of this week will surpass all former public events of the order in the state.

On Friday evening, January 17, Fairmount Council, No. 4, held a very interesting meeting. The relief committee reports the sick improving and three out of care. There were three propositions on the table and we hope that there will be many more next week, so we can make a good showing at our union class initiation that will be held February 18, in I. O. O. F. Temple. All members are cordially invited to this institution. On Saturday evening the council will take part in the linen shower that will be given the Maryland Homeopathic Hospital, 1122 North Mount street, in honor of our past national councilor, Sister Mary Boram. On Sunday evening, February 23, at 7:30 o'clock, the state council will hold their memorial service, and those members that cannot come to council for tickets for admission can secure same from the secretary, Amelia Oliver, 401 South East avenue.

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Goodwill Council, No. 17, held a well-attended meeting last Wednesday evening with every officer in his station at roll-call. Two more applications were received and turned over to the investigating committee. Under the head of degree work Captain Eichner stated that there would be a class initiation held in our hall next meeting night, as we expect candidates at that time. Evening Star Council, No. 3, paid us a fraternal visit last Wednesday evening. Goodwill degree team has accepted an invitation to initiate a class of candidates for J. Adam Sohl Council, No. 34, on February 9.

Waverly Council, No. 56, met on Wednesday last with all its members present but one. The business of the evening was transacted in regular form. The relief committee reported on our sick Brothers Yost, Seidel and Wilkinson and they received the sincere attention of their council. The council wishes them a speedy recovery. All other committees reported progress. Brother Stagmer has again appeared in our council. We hope he will again become active in the work of the council. Remarks were made by Brothers J. S. Andrews, J. K. P. Wilkinson and our financial secretary, W. J. Wilkinson, on their visit to Baltimore Council and the magnificent hospitality of its members.

Brother Gifford, of Waverly, was again with us and gave us an interesting talk of his travels through the different states. We had with us Brother Dennis, of Adam Sohl Council, who gave us a talk.

Coronella Council, No. 9, met at their temporary meeting-rooms, Cook's Hall, 12 South Shroeder street, last Friday, with Brother F. Parran Bond as presiding officer. The inclement weather did not affect our attendance—the largest we have had this month. Our hustling committee reports great progress in its work, having secured nine applications since January 1, 1913. Brother William M. Crane was elected trustee of this council to fill the office vacated by Brother Wippert, who resigned.

North Point Council, No. 93, was out in force last Wednesday evening to answer the call of the membership committee, who have arranged a very interesting program for the ensuing year. This committee, which was suspended by the members last year, accomplished great results. The members have pledged themselves to join hands in the good work already begun and try to surpass the record of the previous year. Brother Charles Rusteberg promised to have his degree team ready in a few weeks and the members proceed to keep him busy with applicants. Brother Samuel Walters started the good work by placing the first application of the new year upon the desk. Our deputy, Brother Charles Williams, has worked faithfully to get the stay-at-home brothers to take an interest and has at last succeeded in his object. Brother C. H. Lohman is still setting a fast pace with his quoit team and each night after the routine of business is finished he has his team at work. The committee on the annual theater party to be given in April reported they had made final arrangements for the affair. The committee consists of George E. Ried, S. W. Ennis, Charles Rusteberg, Samuel Walters and Allan Crone. Eugene M. Thomas, a prominent citizen of Northeast Baltimore, and a member of North Point Council, is being indorsed as national representative to the National Council. Brother Thomas was also indorsed for the School Board. The following are the officers for this year. Junior past councilor, John T. Grover; councilor, J. Phillip Korn; vice councilor, Samuel Walters; recording secretary, Allan D. Crone; assistant recording secretary, Martin Schweitzer; chaplain, Charles Baer; conductor, William C. Warner; warden, C. H. Lohman; financial secretary, Henry C. Bien; treasurer, George A. Rider; inside sentinel, Alan Fuller; outside sentinel, Elton A. Sims; representatives to State Council for two years, Charles Rusteberg; alternate, Martin Schweitzer; representative to State Council for one year, E. M. Thomas; alternate, S. W. Ennis; trustees, Charles Baer, E. M. Thomas, S. W. Ennis, Deputy Charles Williams, of Liberty Council, No. 16.

Precisely at 8 o'clock on Friday evening, January 24, Liberty Bell Council, No. 147, convened in the council chamber of Liberty Bell Hall, Linwood avenue and Hudson street, with a newly elected councilor, Brother William H. Kelser, presiding. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and approved the recording secretary, Brother Charles E. Barnes, began reading the business of the week. As each under its respective title was read the same was then acted upon accordingly. The proclamation received from the National Council calling our attention to the birthdays of two of our greatest statesmen, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, February 12 and 22, requesting that all members of the order let the Stars and Stripes fly to the breeze on these two days was read.

The relief committee had no report to make, as all of our brothers seem to be enjoying good health. The special committee, Brothers H. E. Carman, M. A. Wherley and H. F. Woolf, who were appointed to procure a new home, reported progress. During the ground of the order Brother C. F. F. W. Lanm put the guards through a series of drills. Brother O. R. Michael amused all with a few impersonations.

Star of the West Council, No. 67, held its regular meeting at Moose Hall, Howard and Franklin streets, last Monday evening, with Brother A. G. Schmidt presiding and every officer at his post of duty. Three applications were received. The chair appointed a committee to arrange for a flag-raising on February 22. Four of our stalwart brothers were introduced into the mysteries of the oriental degree and were favorably impressed.

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Columbus Lodge, No. 27, held its regular meeting on January 28. While the attendance was not up to the standard, there was, however, a fair turnout. Our sick committees have been kept very busy this fall and winter on account of the large number we have on the sick list, and they received the thanks of the lodge for the excellent manner in which they performed their duties. The anniversary committee through its chairman made a full report of the anniversary banquet held January 21, and the committee was given the thanks of the lodge for the able manner in which they served the lodge. It was our pleasure to have with us Past Grand Chancelor George W. Ward, and his eloquent address was listened to with the greatest attention by all present. We also had with us Brother S. Herman, of Warwick Lodge, No. 44, Wichita, Kan., who in his address spoke of his lodge having an attendance of never less than 100 at a meeting, and dwelt upon some of the attractions the lodge furnished to secure a large attendance of its members. Past Grand Chancelor E. T. Duneker and others, of Rescue Lodge, visited us in reference to the forty-ninth anniversary, and requested us to appoint a committee to confer with their committee, so as to have a joint celebration. Brothers J. L. Wheeler, H. M. Sweeten and S. B. Manly, Jr., were appointed our committee, to report at the next meeting.

On Tuesday evening, January 7, 1913, the Grand Lodge officers visited Loyal Lodge, No. 128, and installed the officers for the ensuing term. Every officer was present. Grand Keeper of Records and Seals James M. Hendrix acted as grand chancellor. After the ceremony of installation Grand Keeper of Records and Seals Hendrix gave an interesting explanation of the changes in the unwritten work at the last convention of the Supreme Lodge. The following officers were installed: Chancellor commander, John H. Miller, vice chancellor, Gilbert H. Panitz, prelate, Louis P. Salganik; master of works, Myer Schwartz.

The celebration of the nineteenth anniversary of Loyal Lodge, No. 128, Knights of Pythias, will be held Wednesday evening, February 5, 1913, at Lehmann's Hall. The committee is hard at work making elaborate arrangements for a big time, which will include a buffet luncheon and ball, and the indications are that this year's celebration will be a banner one, and the members of other lodges will be the guests of Loyal Lodge for the evening.

On Thursday night, January 30, the advisory board on fair and bazar met in the committee-room of Pythian Castle to receive the final reports from the various booth committees. The meeting was well attended and a deep interest taken in the results as presented by the officers of the organization whose mission is now nearly accomplished. A committee of three members was appointed to confer with a similar committee from the Maryland Pythian Castle Building Commission to plan a suitable testimonial to the untiring efforts of the presidents of the Ladies' Pythian Fair Association and Great Pythian Fair of 1912, Incorporated, Mrs. J. J. Kahler and Richard Laws Lee.