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.

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In connection with the "Camp 19 style" meeting held last Monday night, the fourth meeting of the Thirteenth district took place with the largest attendance yet. Two candidates—Chester Nowlin and Charles Conn—were initiated into the mysteries of the P. O. S. of A. by Camp 19's unequaled uniformed degree team, under the leadership of the captain, Brother Charles Phieffer. Every part of the degree work is given to the candidate when initiated in Camp 19, each part being memorized to the letter.

CHAS. PHIEFFER.

This being the second initiation in our camp since the first of the year, and another proposition brought in, gives every indication of 1913 being the banner year for old Camp 19.

Besides the initiation our meeting was one of a type which should bring credit upon our order. Every officer was at his post of duty. Past State President McCleary was present, and spoke enthusiastically of the great work which the Thirteenth district is doing. Particular mention was made of the attendance, which shows that district meetings are encouraging co-operation among the camps that comprise same.

Brothers District President Dixon, of the Eleventh district; Harry Heath, of Camp 27; Irving A. Roe, of Camp 78, and James Holland, of Camp 27, also spoke in the interest of the district's future prospects. The others present besides those of Camp 19 were Brothers Smith, Marshall, Meek, Langhirt, Baker, Adams and Heath, of Camp 27; J. Milton Reynolds, Camp 32; L. E. Davis, Camp 6; H. W. Stintz, Camp 82; E. J. Googins, H. D. Carroll, E. J. Carnes, F. O. Jones and J. C. Barnes, of Camp 78. With an attendance such as this, our room gaily bedecked with the national colors and the arrangement of our unique paraphernalia this meeting was one that impresses the minds of the members and brings great credit upon our order at large.

In the district meeting the committee appointed to arrange for our elaborate affair to be held at Odd Fellows' Hall on Friday, February 21, reported progress. A motion was made and carried that the district hold a divine service immediate in the near future, and the following committee was formed to arrange the plans: Brothers Irving A. Roe, Camp 78, chairman; William Smith, J. H. Metzbower, H. W. Stintz and H. G. Reynolds. Brother District President Adams presided and urged all members to hustle and make the coming affair a great advertising medium for the order. After the routine business was dispensed with Camp 19 served oysters, coffee, pickles and cigars.

Camp No. 14's session Wednesday night was one of the best held for some years. Many of our members classed as "stay at homes," were on hand to enjoy the good things which are ever present at our meetings. New life has been instilled since the advent of the new year, and everyone is becoming enthusiastic over the new spirit. We had one proposition on the desk, and one applicant was found worthy and elected. District President Edward Adams, of the Fourth district, was with us and spoke at length on what is going on in the ranks, giving a resume of his work among the camps in his district. Cigars were passed around and amid clouds of smoke a regular talkfest was on, participated in by Brothers Herbert Gaphardt, J. M. Kellogg, George Koeppers, T. B. Kellogg, John Freeman, Leroy Hicks, Edward Whaley, W. S. Sudler, R. Dashiells, State Trustee E. M. Wolf and Past State President Dr. Connor.

District President Dixon has requested each camp in the Eleventh district to appoint a committee of two to meet at Camp No. 88, February 13, to consider plans for aggressive work, also complete plans for a class initiation. The camps are taking unusual interest along all lines and Brother District President Dixon is much elated over the united help he is receiving, not only from the camps, but also from the 1,000 members in his district. A full representation from every camp is expected to be present at Camp 38, Thursday evening, February 13.

Camp No. 6, held an interesting meeting on Tuesday evening. The attendance was good and the subjects discussed were very interesting. S. A. Pitt, of Camp No. 38, was with us and gave an interesting address on true fraternity. He was followed by Brothers Dixon, Geisbert and others of the local camp. The various committees are doing the work allotted them with alacrity. The officers of the camp are at their posts and dispose of the routine work of the camp in a business-like way. The hustling committee is arranging for a surprise and Camp No. 6 is on the "high tide" of success.

K of P.

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On Friday night, January 31, the officers of Stoddard Lodge, No. 17, were installed by Grand Keeper of Records and Seal James M. Hendrix, acting grand chancellor, assisted by Past Chancellor George M. Turner and James A. Hanbury. An exemplification of the new secret work by Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Hendrix followed, with remarks as to the best methods to push the work of the lodge to the front. The newly-elected officers give promise of much energetic work and the outlook is bright for a handsome increase in membership.

On Tuesday night, February 4, a joint meeting of the Maryland Pythian Castle Building Commission, members of the advisory board on Great Pythian Fair, 1912, incorporated, and officers of the booth committees, was held in the main hall of Pythian Castle. Reports were compiled showing the amounts which each committee has been able to secure and which were turned over to the committee for deposit and further disposal.

On Thursday night, February 6, the officers of George Washington Lodge, No. 13, were installed, Grand Master of Exchequer Lewis Reitz, acting grand chancellor; Grand Keeper of Records and Seal James M. Hendrix, acting grand prelate, and Past Chancellor Dr. Calder Little, acting grand master-at-arms. The newly-installed officers are: Chancellor commander, C. A. Ferguson; vice chancellor, W. Trickett Giles; prelate, Daniel Campbell; master of work, William F. Broening; master of exchequer, John W. Krauss; master of finance, William J. Fisher; keeper of records and seal, William H. Crockett; master at arms, W. R. Lutz. Brother William J. Fisher is the representative to the Grand Lodge convention.

German-American Lodge, No. 108, met last Wednesday with all officers in their stations and a large number of knights present. The meeting was intensely interesting from start to finish, because of the vast amount of business to be disposed of in connection with the reports of the various committees. Two propositions were presented by the committee on new members. The committee on entertainment, in their report promised a surprise in the near future and great progress in their work. Committee on fraternal visits are mapping out plans that will probably enthuse our members shortly. The committee on divine worship has arranged with the pastor of Fulton Avenue Baptist Church to preach to our lodge a sermon on February 16. The members will assemble at the church at 7:30 P. M. The degree team, under George L. Henneberger, conferred the rank of page upon three strangers, leaving four out for next meeting, at which time the first and second ranks will be conferred. Past Grand Chancellor Lingenfelder visited our lodge, inviting us to unite with Concordia and several other lodges in a service devoted to the memory of Justus H. Rathbone, the founder of our order, which invitation was accepted and preparations made to attend on February 19.

Columbus Lodge, No. 27, on Tuesday, February 4, held one of the most enthusiastic meetings it has held for some time. Each member present appeared to be imbued with that Pythian spirit of increase in our ranks. It is our desire to make this year our banner year, and if all our members have the same zeal as those present at our meeting, there will be no difficulty for us to gain the necessary number we are striving for. The joint committee of Rescue Lodge and our lodge on the forty-ninth anniversary of the order met Tuesday night, and decided to hold on February 19, the anniversary date, a celebration in the main hall. This celebration is for the members of Rescue and Columbus, and will be attended by almost the entire membership of the lodges.

Plans are on foot in all the lodges for the celebration in some attractive form of the forty-ninth anniversary of the founding of the order. A writer, recently discussing fraternal orders, states "that, though the Knights of Pythias is one among the youngest orders, yet for virility of its membership and vigorous healthy growth, it is not exceeded by any other fraternity." One of the five associates of Justus H. Rathbone in the founding of the order, David L. Burnett, recently died in Washington of heart disease at the age of seventy-five. Brother Burnett was born in Ohio, and had been connected with the United States Treasury since 1866.

The joint committee of Good Will Lodge, No. 43; Steuben Lodge, No. 87, and Fells Point Lodge, No. 100, met on Thursday, February 6 at Wildey Hall to make arrangements to celebrate the forty-ninth anniversary of the order by attending divine services at the First German United Evangelical Church, Rev. Brother Charles Eyster pastor. The committee will try to make this a most successful undertaking by bringing out all of their members. Prominent speakers of the order will be invited to attend with the Grand Lodge officers. Special music will be arranged by Professor Poehlman, organist. The lodges have appointed a special committee to get in touch with all the members, as we are anxious to double our number this year.

Grand Chancellor John F. Thomas is once more on the wing to complete his official visits to the lodges of the grand domain. Ziona Lodge, No. 110, is located at Toddville, in the southern portion of Dorchester county, and is somewhat difficult to reach at any season of the year. During the summer months the mosquitoes render a visit to this part of the county something to be dreaded. Grand Chancellor Thomas wisely waited until the oyster season, knowing full well that his oystership would be served in all manner of forms and styles to please the palate by this hospitable people. When this visit has been made all the lodges in the grand domain of Maryland will have been visited personally by the grand chancellor since the last Grand Lodge convention.

GoGod Will Lodge, No. 43, held a well-attended meeting on Thursday night, 6th inst., and received delegations from Steuben Lodge, No. 87, and Fells Point Lodge, No. 100. Plans are under consideration for the observance of the forty-ninth anniversary of the order at a date to be agreed upon. The pastor of the First German United Evangelical Church, Eastern avenue and Ann street, Rev. Charles Eyster, will deliver the address, and special music will be rendered by the choir.

JR. O. U. A. M.

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Waverly Council met last Wednesday, with our councilor, W. J. Wilkinson, Jr., in the chair. All other officers were at their post but one, who was excused on account of sickness. The minutes of January 29 were read and approved. The relief committee reported Brothers Seidel and Selby under care of the council. The entertainment committee will hold a meeting at our financial secretary's home on February 9, 1113 East North avenue. All other committees reported progress. Our banquet will be held on February 21, 1913. Brother Wilbur Andrews, who has just returned home from Cornell University, gave us a talk on Medical Science and Its Benefits to Human Nature. Brother Andrews sends to every member of Waverly an invitation to be present on Wednesday next and hear his talk on What the Human System Needs. After all business was transacted the council adjourned to pay a fraternal visit to Good Will Council, where we received a hearty fraternal welcome.

Ellsworth Council, No. 158, opened at Odd Fellows' Temple last Wednesday evening, with all the officers at their respective stations. There was a large attendance present to welcome the state officers, who paid their scheduled visit. State Councilor George D. Garrett spoke on the Immigration Bill, and also enlightened us as to the progress being made by our order in the State of Maryland. State Treasurer James made a few remarks, followed by Deputy Ticer, Brother Hamilton, of Vigilant Council. The following officers were elected, and installed: Noble grand, William A. Wheeler; vice grand, D. G. Harry; recording secretary, Earl Allen; financial secretary, W. F. Stubbs; treasurer, Edward Martin; warden, I. W. Heaps; conductor, Walter Gladden; chaplain, Edward Bridgeness; right scene supporter, Clarence Wilson; left scene supporter, Dr. C. W. Famous; right supporter noble grand, J. W. Famous; left supporter noble grand, J. H. Lanius; right supporter vice grand, Thomas S. Gladden; left supporter vice grand, Alonzo Wilson; inside guardian, Channell Heaps; outside guardian, James W. Davis; marshal, J. A. Wallace; ensign degree team, William H. Day.

I. O. O. F.

[Contributed to The American.]

Mrs. Wittekindt.

Naomi Rebekah Lodge, No. 6, held another largely attended and enthusiastic meeting last Tuesday evening. Besides their own members, they had a number of visitors present. The degree team held a rehearsal, preparatory to going to York, Thursday, February 27, when they will confer the Rebekah degree upon a large class of candidates for Salome Rebekah Lodge, No. 30. The brothers and sisters at York are preparing to give them a royal reception. On Friday evening, February 14, Naomi Lodge will give a valentine party and dance in the armory of the temple to the members and friends. The committee in charge is: Mrs. Laura V. Wittekindt (chairman), Mrs. Ella Hofstetter, Mrs. Mary E. Bailey, Mrs. Blanche Hofstetter, Mrs. Margaret M. Groom, Miss Lena Witzgall.

At the next meeting, February 18, members of Jeffersonia Rebekah Lodge, No. 22, will pay them a fraternal visit. Refreshments will be served. The lodge is going ahead by leaps and bounds. The new noble grand, Sister Laura V. Wittekindt, has taken hold of the work with a vim and will carry it on with such vigor that the year is going to be the greatest one in the history of this splendid lodge.

Another bright star was added to the Subordinate Branch of Odd-Fellowship in this state last Tuesday evening, when Highfield Lodge, No. 152, was instituted at Highland, Harford county, with 49 of the very best men in the community as charter members, and the prospects are that a large number will be admitted at their next meeting, which will be held on February 14. The four degrees of the order were conferred by the degree staff of Washington Lodge, No. 1, under the direction of Capt. Philip J. Bernstein. Notwithstanding the lack of room, the work was beautifully done, making a lasting impression upon the new members and the visitors. The lodge was instituted and the officers installed by Grand Master Frank Broom, assisted by Grand Secretary William A. Jones, District Deputy Grand Masters J. W. Anderson, Jacob Schapiro, George Horisberg and William H. Hofstetter, Jr. Grand Representative R. W. Starr, of the jurisdiction of Washington, who is visiting Baltimore, was an interested visitor and assisted in the degree work. The degree staff and those from Baltimore traveled from Baltimore and return by special train over the Maryland and Pennsylvania Railroad, and at Fallston, Belair, Forest Hill and other points large numbers of Odd Fellows were taken on board, so it was a large and enthusiastic crowd when they reached Highland. After the work coffee and sandwiches were served. The following were the petitioners:

Thomas S. Gladden, C. W. Burkius, W. F. Stubbs, Edgar King, Henry Bennington, Will Dick, George M. Pyle, I. W. Heaps, Earl Allen, J. Andrew Wallace, Grover Snodgrass, J. B. Scarborough, Edward Martin, Norman Harkins, B. W. Amoss, Alonzo Huff, I. H. Lanius, John Walter, Clarence Harkins, Willis Burkins, William Scarff, W. H. Michael, S. G. Harry, Archibald Wallace, Newton Heaps, Irwin Snodgrass, Wilson Wheeler, J. W. Famous, Frank Enfield, J. C. Michael, Alonzo Wilson, Elmer Grier, D. G. Harry, Parker Cavender, George Amoss, Frank Huff, Frank Ramsay, Elmer Robinson, Charles O. Michael, C. W. Famous, S. W. Gladden, Edmund Snodgrass, J. G. Heaps, Channell Heaps, W. H. Day, James W. Davis, D. A. Bay, J. C. Wilson, William A. Wheeler.

The following officers were elected and installed: Noble grand, William A. Wheeler; vice grand, D. G. Harry; recording secretary, Earl Allen; financial secretary, W. F. Stubbs; treasurer, Edward Martin; warden, I. W. Heaps; conductor, Walter Gladden; chaplain, Edward Bridgeness; right scene supporter, Clarence Wilson; left scene supporter, Dr. C. W. Famous; right supporter noble grand, J. W. Famous; left supporter noble grand, J. H. Lanius; right supporter vice grand, Thomas S. Gladden; left supporter vice grand, Alonzo Wilson; inside guardian, Channell Heaps; outside guardian, James W. Davis; marshal, J. A. Wallace; ensign degree team, William H. Day.

The president, Sister Susan G. Miller, and the secretary, Sister Susan Jones, during the past week paid official visits to Mary Young Rebekah Lodge, of Hagerstown; Ruth Rebekah Lodge, of Williamsport, and Deborah Rebekah Lodge, of Boonsboro. At every place they were received with a great deal of kindness and a large attendance of the membership. Rebekahism in all its forms was taken up and explained, and instructions given which no doubt will be helpful in the work in the future. Hospitality and courtesy of the lodges of Western Maryland cannot be excelled, and their work is of the highest character.

The well-attended meetings of Perseverance Lodge, No. 26, prove that the members find something interesting whenever they are present. At the meeting on last Wednesday the second and third degrees were given to several candidates and heartily enjoyed by all. Perseverance Lodge keeps pace with the requirements of time and always furnishes something new and interesting; encourages debates on various topics, thereby keeping up the principles of the order, which are to educate and spread intelligence among its members. On Tuesday next, February 11, there will be a dance, and a large attendance is expected. The affair will be held in the temple. Members and their friends should supply themselves with tickets in time. The committee in charge have made elaborate arrangements, which bid fair for a royal good time. Next Wednesday at the meeting something entirely new will be presented.

Another star will be added to the Rebekah branch of Odd Fellowship on February 25 by the institution of a Rebekah lodge at Washington Grove. On January 25 of last year a subordinate lodge was instituted, which has at present over 100 members, and the brothers desire their wives, daughters, sisters and mothers to enjoy Odd Fellowship also. They are, therefore, giving them an opportunity by the institution of a Rebekah lodge. The brothers and sisters of the District of Columbia have given considerable influence to the cause at this point and in honor and respect to them Esther Rebekah lodge, of the District of Columbia, will confer the Rebekah degree before the institution.

Columbia Lodge, No. 3, is arranging for a class initiation on February 19 in the armory of the temple. Four more applications were added to their class list last Wednesday. Monumental Lodge degree staff will confer the initiatory and first degrees. The lodge decided to attend divine service at Canaan Methodist Episcopal Church, Appleton and Monroe streets, on Sunday, February 26. Canton Maryland, No. 1 (P. M.), has accepted an invitation to act as escort, and Capt. W. H. Hanaman has extended an invitation to the other cantons to accompany Canton No. 1. Every indication points to a large gathering at the class initiation, and also at the church service. The committee having in charge the arrangements consists of W. H. Hanaman, John A. White, Harry Mehrling, W. F. Weagley and W. H. D. Bennett.

Grand Master Fred A. Groom visited Marley Lodge, No. 107, Thursday evening, February 6, and found the fires of Odd Fellowship burning brightly. The degree staff, under the direction of Capt. D. F. Keefer, conferred the initiatory degree upon two candidates. After the work the Grand Master and District Deputy Grand Master Howard Caulk were called upon and responded with well-chosen remarks. Marley Lodge is one of the most progressive lodges in our jurisdiction. They have adopted every means possible to make their meetings attractive, and to interest their members a neat pamphlet is issued at the beginning of each month, which is sent to every member of the lodge, giving them information as to what will occur during the month and on what nights the different degrees will be conferred. Another feature is the Marley Social, which is composed of the members of the lodge who contribute a small sum each month, which is used for the purpose of arranging for social functions and other features. At the next meeting a reception will be held and on February 27 a smoker will be given. The result of the labors of this active lodge was a large increase in membership during 1912. Seven new members were admitted in January and four applications have already been received this month.

Hampden Rebekah Lodge, No. 24, held a very enthusiastic meeting on Wednesday, February 5. Sister Katie Weller, district deputy, was with us, and Brother J. F. Plummer, grand treasurer, was an interested visitor, and on behalf of the lodge presented Sister Evelyn Dix with a past noble grand's jewel. The following officers were installed: Noble grand, Florence M. Georing; vice grand, Alice V. Lowman; recording secretary, Evelyn C. Dix; financial secretary, Elsie G. Belshner; chaplain, Katherine E. Williams; warden, Gladys Ryan; conductor, Cora M. Bull, and inside guardian, Mattie Marsh.

Highland Rebekah Lodge, No. 27, held an interesting meeting Thursday evening, February 6. An applicant was elected. Sister Katherine Redding, who has been ill and was unable to be present on the night the officers of the lodge were installed, was installed as noble grand of the lodge by Sister Bertha Hughes, deputy president, assisted by Past President Margaret M. Groom.

Imp. O. R. M.

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Aztec Tribe, No. 137, held a very large and enthusiastic meeting on last Tuesday's sleep. Candidate Charles Phillips was initiated into tie mysteries of the order with the following officers on their stumps: Prophet, J. D. Ball; sachem, Samuel Mason; senior sagamore, Charles Eder, Jr.; sagamore, L. Gralley; sannaps, J. Paptistella, D. Neumeyer; chief of records, Albert Baker; collector of wampum, W. C. Ball; keeper of wampum, Charles Townsend; warriors, S. Arthur, J. Zimmerman, H. Larimore, William Manger; braves, William Reamer, W. H. Joyce, Roy Walters; guard of forest, E. T. Morrison, and guard of wigwam, E. Clark Wallace. Under good of the order the Great To Cakon of the Great Council of the United States Dr. Walter Rogers; Phil Porter, of Annapolis; John Bell, of Pikesville, and Dr. Shipley gave us enthusiastic talks. Cigars were served. Deputy Great Sachem Charles Gralley, Jr., was present.

On last Monday's sleep, Wyandotte Tribe, No. 152, kindled a regular council fire with Sachem Frank Albert on the stump. As usual, a very interesting council was held, with a fairly good attendance. Two propositions for membership were found and read by the chief of records. There is an adoption on hand for next Monday's sleep and more propositions are promised. At the end of the present term we expect to show even a better increase than last term. Our new chief of records, Brother Lauer, seems to be taking an interest in his stump and we believe he is going to make good.

Patuxent Tribe, No. 58, will entertain the great chiefs on the 8th of this moon, at which time they will make an official visitation to our tribe. We had an application last Saturday sleep and elected one for the degrees. We were pleased to hear that Brother William Maisch was out of the hospital and is on the road to recovery. Brother Hamilton D. McDonald was elected chairman of an excursion committee.

The great chief visited Aztec Tribe on the 28th of this moon and enjoyed having a good attendance. Great Sachem Sagamore W. Walker asked the tribe to enter actively into the work and help make the 10 per cent. increase he has asked all the tribes to try for. The great chief of records, James C. Littleton, exemplified the unwritten work of the order and afterwards made from the chair an address. The great keeper of wampum, Albert Baker, a member of this tribe, gave a short synopsis of the doings of the tribe. Past Great Sachem Walter Hubbard gave us one of his fine talks. All of the addresses were responded to by Past Great Sachem Charles W. Townsend.

Patuxent Tribe, No. 58, has challenged Niagara Tribe to a game of quoits on the first of snow moon at our wigwam. We have another game with Onetas, No. 69, Brother William Maisch Lauer, out again, having been discharged from the hospital a few days ago. We invite all the tribes to visit us at any time.

On January 30 the great sachem, accompanied by the great chief of records, trailed to the hunting grounds of Massey, Kent county, and instituted Toghwogh Tribe, No. 169, with 22 charter members. There were 25 on the list, but three were unable to be present on account of sickness in families. The degree team of Seneca Tribe, No. 44, of Middletown, Del., was in attendance, and conferred the adoption degree upon the candidates, and they did it in a very impressive manner.

The following chiefs were elected and raised to their respective stations: Prophet, Charles H. Hemphrey; sachem, John O. Shelton, Sr.; senior sagamore, Thomas C. Roe, Sr.; junior sagamore, F. Lester Newman; chief of records, William T. Medford; keeper of wampum, E. Thomas Massey. The sachem appointed the following, who were raised to their respective stations. First sannap, T. R. Newnam; second sannap, J. Roy Moore; first warrior, John W. Naylor; second warrior, William B. Maslin; third warrior, Walter Redman; fourth warrior, L. H. Murphy; first brave, Bartus Moffitt; second brave, Bartus Wilkins; third brave, Samuel J. Massey; fourth brave, William B. Naylor; G. of W., E. M. Newnam; G. of F., Albert Cumerford. They kindle their council fire on Thursday—sleep of every seven suns. This tribe is the direct result of the efforts of Brother W. T. Medford.

The charter fees are in hand for two new tribes of the Improved Order of Red Men. One will be instituted in Northeast Baltimore on the eleventh of this moon, and the other will be instituted at Selbysport, Garrett county, in the near future.

P. T. P.

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A notable event among recent local fraternal activities was the organization of a chapter in Baltimore of the Pi Tau Pi Fraternity. The national body itself is only a year old, but in its brief life has made remarkable headway. During Christmas week it held its first convention in St. Louis. Delegates were present from Cincinnati, Chicago, Kansas City, Mo.; Memphis, Tenn.; Detroit, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, New York and Baltimore. At this conclave the first national officers were elected. Chicago was selected for the next meeting place. The Baltimore chapter is composed of the following members: Charles Cahn, Bernard Cahn, Arthur Davidson, Howard Bear, Milton Greenwald, Millard Eiseman, Harold Massbach, Victor Burger, Abraham M. Seligman, Alvin A. Silberman, Lester Steinem, of Washington, D. C., and Abram Joseph. Lester Steinem, of Washington, D. C., has just organized a chapter in that city. The Balto-Pi is the name of a weekly paper issued by the Baltimore chapter. The officers of the chapter are: President, Millard Eiseman; vice president, Abram Seligman; secretary, Alvin A. Silberman; treasurer, Frank Perlman; historian and editor of weekly paper, Alvin A. Silberman.

F. O. E.

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The local aerie expects to derive much benefit from the big convention to be held here the week of August 4 next in the matter of increase of membership, and from present indications will have nearly, if not fully, twice its present number of members by the time the convention opens. The great gathering will offer so many inducements in the pleasure line for both the local Eagles and the out-of-town visitors that the attraction is proving a strong one for outsiders to join the order. Taking advantage of this, the local birds are conducting a quiet, but energetic, recruiting campaign and within the past few weeks several hundred new members have been enrolled. At the meeting of the aerie last Tuesday night 50 or more new members were enrolled and a great many applications are now on file awaiting action. The ways and means committee and the executive committee, the two most important in the arrangements for the convention, held meetings during the past week and discussed plans for raising funds and entertaining the 50,000 visitors that are expected to visit Baltimore during the convention week. The executive committee will meet hereafter at the Eagles' clubrooms every Friday night instead of Sundays, as previously. The press and publicity committee, of which Mr. Edward Hirsch is chairman, have outlined elaborate plans for publicity and during the past week press notices have been sent to newspapers in the 1,500 or more cities and towns of the United States, Alaska, Hawaii, Philippine Islands, Canada and Mexico, in which aeries of the order are located.

F. OF A.

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Court Greenmount, No. 9, on last Friday night initiated two candidates and received the applications of four more. Brother Thomas Challoner was present and made some excellent remarks, which were very interesting as well as instructive. Brother John McGuire was appointed on the entertainment committee and promised the members present they could look for some surprises within the next few weeks. Brother C. August Putens, Thomas Challoner, James Wilson and Charles Hochstede attended the funeral of Brother A. G. McIntyre, last Sunday. Brother McIntyre was one of the younger members of the court and had been sick nearly four years. The good and welfare, as usual, was interesting. The following brothers made brief remarks: Thomas Gaskins, Luke Kearney, Frank Gallagher, Joseph A. Sutton, Joseph V. Curry, E. J. Geelhaar, Martin Quinn, James Quinn, F. Jerome Nossel, John McGuire, E. Beever, C. A. Putens, Charles Smith, J. Chris Smythe, B. McGuire and Charles Hochstede.

Court Stars and Stripes, No. 12, met as usual on Monday night, February 3, at Progress Hall. Chief Ranger George K. Bechtel presided over the court. All the officers answered to their names and quite a number of the members were present. The prospects for a good increase for the present year are very bright. Several applications were received and more are in sight. Following the regular order of business, our lecturer, Brother C. F. Kipp, and others spoke. There were a number of talks on subjects pertaining to the welfare of the order.

The members of Court Carrollton, No. 3, and Pride of Carrollton Circle, No. 286, gave an entertainment and dance for their families and friends at Barry's hall, West Baltimore street, Monday evening, February 3, 1913. There was a large attendance. The entertainment program was as follows: Minstrels, seven performers; remarks, by Dr. Jos. E. Muse; Bowen & Vetter, singing, dancing and talking; Billy Kentz, black-face comedian; Supreme Quartet; one-act farce, entitled, A Manager's Troubles. Dancing was in order until 1 o'clock. Ice cream, cake and other refreshments were served. The committee in charge of the arrangements were: Adolphe J. Pierce, chairman; Mrs. Annie E. Haddock, Mrs. Mary S. Dailey, Mrs. Jennie Weber, Mrs. Emma E. Miles, Walter F. Fowler, H. M. Dunlap.

N. U.

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The meeting of John H. B. Latrobe Council, on Tuesday night, was full of enthusiasm. Three petitions for membership were on the desk in the secretary. Friend Charles W. Geeb, and more were promised. This council is showing great activity. Friend H. J. Desher spoke on the proposed National Union ball to be held after Lent, and the council agreed to dispose of 50 tickets for the affair, which will be a big event in National Union circles.

Baltimore Council held a social session on Monday evening in Fraternity Hall, Howard and Franklin streets. A fine program of music and monologue was rendered, which was appreciated by all present, and the committee were complimented for their work. President Bell urged all members to bring in new applicants and 12 applications were announced by Secretary John H. Dew. Friend H. J. Desher spoke of the proposed ball and the members agreed to dispose of at least 50 tickets for the event.

The meeting of the Baltimore city and county cabinet on Wednesday night, at the headquarters, was splendidly attended, eight councils being represented and much interest was shown in the work of the jurisdiction. President James A. Bell announced the list of deputies and committees for the year and all promised to give their active support. The work of increasing the membership was reported as progressing finely by District Manager William S. Norris, and the year 1913 bids fair to be the most prosperous in the history of the order.

Armistead Council, National Union, held a fine meeting on Tuesday evening at Fraternity Hall, President William Roth in the chair. The council expressed great pleasure at the new awakening in the jurisdiction and promised its hearty support. President James A. Bell, of the cabinet, was present and was congratulated by all on his hustling abilities. Addresses were made by Senator Campbell, Friends Cassell, Hahn, Roth and Oehm on the work of the order.

West End Council held a good meeting on Thursday evening in Mitchell's Hall, Fayette street and Carrollton avenue, with a large delegation from the cabinet present. The newly elected officers were installed by District Manager William S. Norris, assisted by Cabinet President James A. Bell, after which addresses were made by Senator Campbell, Secretary of Cabinet William F. Gettrust, Council Secretary G. H. Hinbigler and James T. Foster. Chairman H. J. Hesher, of the ball committee, spoke of that affair and all present agreed to take tickets and push it along, after which refreshments were served. The following officers were installed: L. A. Emmerick, president; William H. Brown, vice president; H. M. Suter, ex-president; Thomas M. Putts, speaker; James P. Foster, secretary; G. H. Winbigler, financial secretary; Samuel H. Suter, treasurer; William H. Cox, chaplain; George Heck, usher; Henry Kroll, sergeant, and W. H. McNew, doorkeeper.

L. O. R. C.

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Cavalier Council held a good meeting last Tuesday night. There was a good-sized attendance of officers and members. Supreme Deputy Aires, Supreme Recorder Martin, Past Commander Huntersson, of Philadelphia, Pa., and Companion Phillips, of Emmanuel Council, were present. Several applications were received and two new members were obligated. State Deputy Aires, assisted by Supreme Recorder Martin, installed the following officers: Commander, F. P. Tully; vice commander, Walter G. Medinger; recorder, R. M. Griffin; financial scribe, W. H. Medinger; treasurer, Charles Woodward; prelate, Edwin Jenks; knight, H. C. Hooper; marshall, Frank L. A. Kreh; warder, John T. Hutson; sentinel, Ernest Griffin. After some good addresses by Supreme Deputy Aires, Supreme Recorder Martin and Past Commander Huntersson refreshments were served.

T. B. H.

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Ben Hur Court, No. 9, held a pleasant meeting at Honor Hall on Friday evening, January 31, with Chief Brother Hemsley in the chair. Five applications were received and placed in the hands of the investigating committee. Three members were obligated. After the routine of business Brothers Parr, Dickerson, Minnick, Konogo, Vultz, Waider, Hemsley and McDorman made a few remarks. Refreshments were served by the ladies.

D. OF H.

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Maryland Council, No. 1, held a very pleasant and interesting meeting Thursday night, January 30, with Principal Sister Button in the chair. The regular business was transacted in the usual way and the sick cared for. Under the good of the order the secretary spoke of the box party and farmers' supper.

K. O. T. M.

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Calvert Tent, No. 3, under its new commander, Sir Knight J. W. Seward, is making some long strides to the front. On Wednesday night there was a large attendance at the session, with some very interesting work. The recordkeeper, Sir Knight Hayes, read a letter from Sir Knight Deputy Supreme Commander A. W. Frey congratulating the tent on its standing as the leading tent of Maryland and one of the leaders of the jurisdiction, also Sir Knight George W. Buckman on the progress made under his term of office as commander. The record-keeper also read a letter from Sir Knight Fort thanking the tent and its sick committee for the care and attention given him during his illness. The social committee reported that they were arranging for a social night on Wednesday, February 26. All are invited. The officers' and past commanders' meeting was held at the home of Sir Knight Past Commander George W. Buckman, Twenty-sixth street and Maryland avenue, on Monday, February 3. All officers and past commanders were present and a pleasant evening was spent.

The tent was sorry to hear of the illness of Sir Knight Joseph L. Rhein. The tent has had a large sick list during the past few months, all of whom have been well taken care of and are now on the road to recovery.

FERD SNYDER.

The degree team is getting ready to put on the work for a class of candidates for Hampden Tent and expect to make a good showing with the new regalia. Everyone is invited to be present. Sir Knight Past State Commander F. F. Snyder, who is growing popular among the Lady Maccabees and Sir Knight Past Commander Buckman report that they are assisting at the several public installations of the tents and hives, having been at Hampden, Guilford and other tents and hives.

The new sir knight commander of Baltimore Tent, No. 2, is doing everything in his power to make our reviews interesting and wants each member to attend as regularly as possible. The review last Thursday night was of interest to all persent and this was shown by many expressions of appreciation. Sir Knights Beck, Hubbard, Robinson, Thompson, Chelf, Glover and Shamberger interestingly addressed the tent under good of the order. Under the present regime the tent is called to order promptly at 8:15 P. M. We will try to entertain you and show you how much we really appreciate your efforts to improve not only our conditions, but the tent's and yours. The members of outstanding committees are especially requested to report next Thursday. While the past review was pretty well attended, more members of one of our important committees were excused.

S. of H.

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Welcome Lodge, No. 22, was called to order with W. M. J. H. Higgins in the chair. The business of the evening was interesting. Reports of committees in general showed progress. The members are hustling getting in new members. The attendance has been very good and they expect to make this their banner year.

Hiawatha Lodge, No. 19, held its regular meeting last Wednesday evening, Junior Master Earl Hammet presiding. The relief committee, consisting of Brothers George F. Warnsman, Earl Hammet and Martin Miller, made encouraging reports. Brother Ford, of Patapsco Lodge, and Brothers Hulse and Powell, of Maryland Lodge, made interesting speeches. After the closing of the lodge Maryland's quoit team pitched a series of games against Hiawatha.

Franklin Lodge, No. 32, held their usual successful meeting last Wednesday with Worthy Master Dilaway in the chair. From the attendance it looks as if new interest has been revived in the lodge. All records point to a record increase during the present term. The application of Harry Schultz was received and one is still out. The officers proceeded to Secretary Flack's house last Sunday and had their photographs taken in a group and separately. After the photographs were taken a lunch was served by Mrs. Flack.

On Thursday evening our lodge was the guest of Mercantile Lodge. The members met at the grand lodge and marched in a body to Mercantile Lodge. Some very interesting and timely remarks were made under good of the order. After the meeting refreshments were served. Among the speakers who spoke were Grand Master Dunn, Junior Master Andrew George, R. C. Jones, Federal Lodge; J. H. Carl, Franklin Lodge, and F. Maguire, Merchants Lodge.

A. O. H.

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The forthcoming meeting of Division No. 8, to be held at Marshall's Hall, Pennsylvania avenue, on Wednesday evening, February 12, promises to be one of unusual interest. At the social session of this meeting it is proposed to resume the oratorical contests which proved such popular drawing cards during the latter months of last year. The subject of debate on this occasion will be Daniel O'Connell, the Patriot, Statesman, Lawyer, Wit, and a Pioneer in the Tactics of Constitutional Agitation as a Means Toward Redressing His Country's Wrongs. Considering the conditions and prejudices of his time, the disadvantages under which he labored and the obstacles which he had to overcome, there are few more commanding personalities who loom up on the horizon of Irish history, who have bequeathed to their native land more tangible proof of devotion to her cause, or whose name is written larger in the pages of the world's history, or whose memory is more lovingly enshrined in the hearts of his countrymen than is that of the great emancipator, O'Connell. The contest on this occasion will be open to all members of the division, and the usual prize of $5 will be awarded the winner. The subject being of more than ordinary importance from an Irish historical standpoint, it is well calculated to call forth the best efforts of the scholars and orators of Division No. 8. The literary committee, of which Brother John M. Adelsberger is chairman, has arranged a program quite out of the ordinary, so that from present indications all who attend this meeting can reasonably anticipate an enjoyable evening.

D. OF A.

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Wells and McComas Council, No. 16, convened on January 31 with Councilor Sister May Johnson presiding. There was another proposition on the desk, and several communications of interest brought before the council. Sisters Sallie E. Gray and Johanna Canoles were appointed to represent this council at the linen shower to be given the Homeopathic Hospital, February 22, in honor of P. N. C. Sister Mary Boram. A substantial sum was given the committee to procure necessary linen for the occasion. The memorial committee have received tickets for the annual memorial services to be held this month.

The councils interested in the union class initiation held a rousing meeting in the hall of Betsy Ross Council, No. 56, on Friday evening. The councils are working hard for a large class on the evening of the 18th. Twenty-four councils are directly interested in securing members and the number of candidates promises to be the 200 mark. The committee on talent, reception, program and arrangements of hall are perfecting their work. The printed matter for the program will be forwarded to the chairman of the committee, A. M. Geisbert, tomorrow, and the final meeting of the committee approaching held in the hall of Goodwill Council, No. 39, at Brooks' Hall, 1104 West Baltimore street, next Friday night.

On Monday, February 3, Star of the East, No. 29, celebrated their sixteenth anniversary and also entertained the state councilor and her staff and members of the various councils. The regular business of the council was transacted as usual. The relief committee made their