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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Eugene S. Anderson Encampment, No. 40, will complete the conferring of the degrees upon the petitioners for charter on March 18 in Patriarchal Hall, I. O. O. F. Temple. The degrees will be conferred by Philanthropic Encampment, No. 16, James K. Kean, captain. The permanent place of meeting has not yet been decided upon, but the present thought of the membership is to locate in Highlandtown. Brother John M. Merritt is the chief patriarch of the new encampment.

Perseverance Lodge, No. 26, will celebrate its twenty-third anniversary on Thursday, March 13. More than 650 ladies and gentlemen will assemble around the festive board at Hazazer's Hall for a banquet which has been arranged. Perseverance Lodge is one of the most progressive lodges in the jurisdiction of Maryland, having grown from a small body of 18 members to 375 at the present time. Of these 18 charter members there are only Herman Isaacs and Jacob J. H. Mitnick living. The grand officers will be honor guests. No set speeches are provided, but Brother Kloumpus, the chairman, will introduce Brother I. A. Savage as toastmaster, who, after expounding the aims and objects of the order, will call upon Grand Secretary William A. Jones, Grand Treasurer J. F. Plummer, Past Grand Jacob Nusbaum, Past Grand Herman Isaacs and others.

An important meeting will be held in the temple tomorrow evening, March 10, when several matters will be taken up pertaining to the work of the order looking for still greater advancement. The holding of another demonstration meeting or rally before the Grand Lodge meets, April 21, will be discussed.

Wednesday evening, March 5, found the Grand Officers in Frederick City Lodge, No. 100, at Frederick, Md. Besides the members of Federal City Lodge a delegation was present from King David Lodge, of Frederick, also members from Taney Lodge and Warren Lodge, No. 71. No work was attempted and the evening was given over to a discussion as to the best means to build up the lodge and the order. Addresses were made by Fred A. Groom, Grand Master; William A. Jones, Grand Secretary, and members from the different lodges in attendance. Brother H. Dorsey Ethieson responded, pledging the best efforts of the lodge in the future, and the visitors were pleased that a good report would be forthcoming this year. A luncheon was served after the meeting.

The jurisdictions of Pennsylvania and Maryland were brought closer together last Thursday, February 27, when Naomi Rebekah Lodge, No. 6, of this city, paid a fraternal visit to Salome Rebekah Lodge, No. 30, of York, Pa. Two hundred and fifty members crowded in the beautiful lodgeroom of Salome Rebekah Lodge. The degree staff of Naomi Rebekah Lodge, under the direction of Capt. B. F. Hoppman conferred the Rebekah degree upon a class of 11 candidates in a magnificent manner. Brother Jacob Raffensberger, on behalf of Salome Rebekah Lodge, presented to Naomi Rebekah Lodge a huge Easter basket filled with candies, which was accepted by Sister Laura F. Wittekindt, the noble grand. A splendid supper was served at the hotel. After the work luncheon was served to the entire crowd and addresses made by Grand Master Fred A. Groom and others. A number of the members of the other lodges accompanied Naomi Rebekah lodge. Salome Rebekah Lodge will soon return the visit to Baltimore. Sister Hattie Mills is the noble grand of Salome Rebekah Lodge.

Talbot Lodge, No. 137, celebrated its fifth anniversary at Trappe, Talbot county, Md., Friday evening, February 28, by giving a banquet to their ladies and friends, which proved a delightful social occasion. After a short business session the doors were thrown open to the ladies and those not members, a splendid menu was served. Short addresses were made by Grand Master Fred A. Groom, Rev. John R. Hood and others. Dr. W. S. Seymour acted as toastmaster. The committee in charge were: Walter L. Barnes, Harvey Slaughter, S. O. Bozman, John R. Higgins, Victor C. Smith, H. H. Kemp and A. B. Highley. Brother Frank J. Baker, the baseball player, who lives at Trappe, and who is a member of the lodge, and Mrs. Baker were present. The Grand Master was much pleased with the condition of the lodge and appreciated the many courtesies extended to him.

Naomi Rebekah Lodge, No. 6, held a rousing meeting last Tuesday evening, March 4, which was turned into a jollification meeting, during which everyone present had something nice to say about the big time all had at York on February 27 and the splendid work of the degree staff on that occasion. The noble grand, Sister Wittekindt, dispensed chocolates to all present from the huge Easter basket presented to them at York by Salome Rebekah Lodge. Past Grand Patriarch James K. Kean and Vice President Sister Emma A. Kean were present and spoke words of cheer and encouragement. Grand Master Fred A. Groom, who was chairman of the committee for the Pen-Mar reunion last August, when the degree staff gave a drill, and who also made all arrangements for the trip to York, presented the lodge with two pennants appropriately lettered for both occasions.

Thomas Wildey Lodge, No. 44, held a very enthusiastic business meeting last Wednesday evening. The following committee was appointed to remodel their hall, John H. Ramey, George Louis Piesterer, James W. Fehnestock, A. Frederick Shuh and Samuel C. Eichelberger. The lodge proposes to have when completed one of the best, up-to-date meeting halls in the city. This lodge is doing good work. Two candidates were admitted at last meeting, with prospects for a number of applications during the month.

More than one hundred persons have signed the petition of Monumental Rebekah Lodge, No. 35, and when the preliminary meeting is held it is expected that there will be about two hundred. Officers will be selected and everything done to perfect the organization before the 26th, when the institution will take place in the Grand Lodge room. The state assembly staff, under Captain William H. Hofstetter, Jr., will confer the degrees and the institution ceremony will be done by the assembly officers, Susan C. Miller, president; Emma A. Kean, vice president; Katherine Starr, warden; Susan Jones, secretary, and Kate C. Stansbury, treasurer.

On last Tuesday evening Garden Rebekah Lodge, No. 33, held a large meeting at its hall, Belair and Furley avenues, Gardenville. Sister Anna Grace, the noble grand, is to be commended for her untiring efforts, and with the support of Brothers Pohlman, Shipley, Kesselring and other active members Garden Rebekah Lodge bids fair to become one of the strongest lodges in the jurisdiction. On March 18 a class of 25 will be taken in and the degree conferred by the state assembly staff, under Capt. William H. Hofstetter, Jr. The object of having this class initiation so close to the previous one is for the purpose of closing Sister Miller's term with 100 members upon the roll, and with the interest manifested it is expected that they will exceed that number.

The meeting of Liberty Lodge was largely attended and much interest was manifested last Thursday night. There were a number of visitors present, among them District Deputy Grand Master H. Boyd, who made an interesting address. Several applications for membership were presented. The degree staff is making preparations to visit Providence Lodge, at Catonsville, March 25, and Marble Lodge, at Cockeysville, April 1.

On Monday, March 17, a new lodge of Odd Fellows will be instituted in I. O. O. F. Temple. The work of conferring the degrees will be in the lodge room by three degree staffs of the various lodges. The lodge will meet on Monday evenings, and on next Monday the final preliminary meeting will be held in Room No. 1. Every petitioner hopes to bring the name of some good man.

The temple was deserted on Tuesday, March 4. It seems that all Odd Fellows and Rebekahs had gone to the inauguration. Those from Baltimore met members from different parts of the state and the three links could be seen everywhere in the capital city. It was right that they should be there because a number of prominent Odd Fellows from all over the country were being inducted in high official positions, some of the President's cabinet are members of our order and a large number will be found in the new House of Representatives and some of the United States senators sworn in on Tuesday have held high positions in our order. The best known to those in Maryland are Secretary of State William J. Bryan and United State's Senator George W. Norris, both from Nebraska. Brother Norris made the address at the anniversary exercises two years ago and at the reunion at Pen-Mar in 1911. He is a Republican, but enjoys the distinction of being elected by a Democratic legislature.

K. of P.

[Contributed to The American.]

Plans are on foot to secure the Hon. George W. Penniman, chairman of the committee on Pythian education, appointed at the last supreme lodge convention, to deliver his Pythian lecture during the grand lodge convention in April next, for the benefit of the representatives, as well as the public in general. Brother Penniman spent a number of months on the Island of Rhodes, the birthplace of Pythian historian and this lecture is the outcome. The present supreme chancellor, Thomas J. Carling, of Macon, Ga., is endeavoring to stimulate the lodges to greater activity and hopes to have a million members by the time the fiftieth anniversary is celebrated on February 19, 1914.

Arrangements are being made to bring Company No. 10, Uniform Rank, located at Union Bridge, to Baltimore during the coming grand lodge convention for an exhibition drill and parade. We trust that the officers of the company will take the matter up and make every effort to bring every member with them on this occasion.

On Wednesday night, February 26, North Mountain lodge, No. 112, at Clear Spring, Washington county, was visited by the team of Valley Lodge, No. 70, of Hagerstown, and the Knight Rank in amplified form was conferred upon a class of seven esquires.

Columbus Lodge, No. 27, held an interesting meeting on Tuesday night. Brother A. T. Lemkuhl stated that in order to arouse the members to get busy he would offer as a prize to the member bringing in the largest number of applicants for the term ending June 30, 1913, a handsome gold watch, the prize to be delivered after the rank of knight has been conferred. In order to compete for this prize the members must have at least 10 new members who have taken the rank of knight.

Mount Vernon Temple, No. 7, Pythian Sisters, assembled at the usual hour on Thursday evening. Everything was in readiness for the candidate who had been elected and was to have received the ceremony of initiation, but was detained by being indisposed. Brother Maisch, who was recently reported very ill, is somewhat improved and hopes are entertained for his early recovery.

Central Lodge, No. 105, conferred the rank of page upon two candidates on Wednesday night in a beautiful and impressive manner. The pages expressed themselves as highly pleased with the work and much gratified that they had taken this initial step in the work of the order.

Chancellor Lodge, No. 67, is planning for a public meeting in the near future to which the wives, daughters and sweethearts of the members are to be invited with a view of arousing more interest in the work of the order. An invitation has been extended to the Grand Lodge officers to be present and it is hoped that they can be present, even if the date is close to the Grand lodge convention.

Grand Vice Chancellor B. Frank Shaffer is planning an active campaign immediately after assuming the reins of government and direction of the Grand lodge. We commend our good brother for his zeal in the cause and bespeak for him the hearty and sincere co-operation of every member of the order.

Ben Hadad Temple, No. 93, D. O. K. K., has had one of the most prosperous and successful years in the history of the organization. Eighty-two members have been added to the roster during the year and the finances have assumed a much more satisfactory condition than for many years. The membership of the temple numbered 230 at the close of the year. Harry W Nice, the royal vizier for the past year, was re-elected by acclamation and expects the present year to be a still greater one in the history of the temple. The regular monthly meeting of the temple will be held on Monday night. Plans will be launched for the spring ceremonial.

German-American Lodge, No. 108, held a rousing meeting last Wednesday night, all the officers being on the job, with a goodly number of enthusiastic knights. The committee reports showed great progress in all directions. Membership committee had several applications on desk and more on the way. Fraternal visit committee is completing plans and in a short while will yell "All aboard" and take the members to some sister lodge and try to create enthusiasm for the work of the order. Entertainment committee was congratulated on the feast prepared last week and the committee expects to go one better next time. The page rank was conferred by our superb team. Several visitors were present and made interesting and instructive talks.

L. O. R. C.

[Contributed to The American.]

A banquet and reception was given at Highland Academy, Highlandtown, on Tuesday evening, by the members of Highland Female Council, No. 4, in honor of the official visit of Mr. Alfred Aldred, supreme commander of the legion, to Highlandtown. Mr. Aldred is well known in fraternal circles and is from Nashville, Tenn. Other distinguished members of the Legion of the Red Cross present at the reception were Harry C. Martin, supreme recorder, and William Bursnell, supreme vice commander. Both the lodge and banquet rooms of Highland Academy were tastefully decorated with flags and emblems of the order. Music was furnished by a string orchestra. Several speeches were made, including one by Mr. Aldred, who praised the work that the committee of Highland Council was doing. He also complimented the work of the degree team under the direction of Mrs. Emma Oliver, the commander. A delightful menu was served. Several members of Lady Baltimore Council were present to partake of the festivities. The ways and means committee of Highland Council is making plans to entertain the members of the Supreme Council when they hold their twenty-seventh annual convention in Baltimore in June.

L. O. O. M.

[Contributed to The American.]

The Junior Order of Moose met on Thursday, March 6, at 410 West Fayette street, with a good attendance. The booster committee reported progress. Dr. Rondthak, the associate governor general of the Junior Order of Moose, was with us. A public meeting will be held at home on Wednesday, March 12, 1913. Brother Theodore C. Baker was appointed governor of the lodge.

New Field for Research.

[From the Atlantic Monthly.]

We are sorely in need of research along the olfactory line. We are still questioning as to the nature of electricity and what it is, but good men are working over it. With the phenomenon of smell we are still medieval. Nobody knows, and many talk big. There is little progress to be made by vapid guessing outside of laboratories. But those of us who are inactive in research may be of use if we are only frank and talk about it enough to get it out of the taboo under which it has rested for a thousand years. Then, if we maintain a simple curiosity such as animates children and great men, there will come from laboratories one fact after another which has not been known before. Then, some day, someone with the vision will arise and arrange the facts in their real order and so, suddenly, there will stand revealed the truth. Thus, with the sense of smell added to the intelligent use of mankind, life will be greater and larger, and the boundaries of human knowledge will be moved back a span, and human understanding will take one more great step in advance toward the infinite.

P. O. S. of A.

[Contributed to The American.]

Washington Camp, No. 9, held a very interesting meeting last Wednesday evening at its hall, 174½ North Gay street. Every officer was at his station, except our treasurer, Brother William G. Reynolds, who has been confined to his bed with pneumonia, and is reported as being in a very serious condition, his advanced age being somewhat against him. Brother Reynolds has held the treasurership of Camp 9 for a number of years, and has never failed to be at his post of duty. He has kept a constant watch on the finances of the camp, and the members are anxious for his speedy recovery, for there is not a single member of the camp who has not the highest regard for him. Brother George W. Ely the financial secretary, has again returned to his station, after a few weeks absence, due to an accident. Like Brother Reynolds he has held the office of financial secretary for a number of years, and while feeling sometimes inclined to retire from said office, the members knowing his worth, have not as yet felt as though they could allow him to pass out of the financial secretaryship.

Much business, as usual, was transacted. The report of the special committee—Brothers James B. Bruff, Harry Shimp and Chester Shimp, who had been appointed to visit the brothers at South River, was indeed gratifying to all and their experience related as to the trip on Sunday last was very interesting. The committee on district social gave a full report, and especially were they pleased to note that the affair held at Overlea was a great success, and a credit to the camps in the district. The next meeting of the general committee will be held at Brother Charles Leaf's home on North Chester street, near Hoffman, on next Tuesday week, March 18, when full arrangements will be made for the next function to be held at Camp No. 23. Other committees gave in very favorable reports.

As is the usual custom the camp is arranging for its annual entertainment and dance to be held at Knights of Pythias' Hall, Tuesday, April 22. The program as outlined will far exceed those of former years, and the committee that is in charge of these arrangements have decided to offer some handsome gold prizes to the Brothers selling the largest number of tickets. We are pleased to note that we were able to add another new candidate to membership. He was duly initiated by the camp. Other propositions were found on the secretary's desk, and we feel certain that as the spring months are approaching that our membership will greatly increase.

Camp No. 19 still continues to hold their most interesting meetings, which are of a class that can be called "Camp No. 19 style" meetings, because every transaction is carried through with expressive methods. Last Monday night's meeting was of the usual type, with a good attendance. On Monday night, February 17, we had as a visitor Brother Wiser, of Camp No. 22, New Jersey, who in a few remarks gave us a brief outline of the order in New Jersey and mentioned particularly how the principles of the order appealed to him.

Brother Wiser, enthused with our meeting, will more than likely become a regular visitor to our camp, as he will be in Baltimore permanently.

We are fortunate now to have but three members sick—Brother Dr. A. B. Candler, who is in a very much improved state, and Brothers Dunlap and Blucher, whose conditions are somewhat improved.

On next Sunday night, Camp No. 19 will attend divine service with the other camps of the Thirteenth district—Nos. 27, 78 and 82—at Broadway Methodist Protestant Church, Broadway and Monument street. We respectfully request all brothers to join us that night.

Our meeting tomorrow night takes place at Odd Town Bank Hall, third floor, Gay and Exeter streets, at 8 o'clock.

This has been a busy season for the state officers of the P. O. S. of A. They have taken time to respond to the many calls from the camps and district presidents for service. State President William T. Childs has instituted two new camps in the past month. A new camp of the Patriotic Order Sons of America was instituted in Chestertown on Saturday night, February 22, by the state executive committee of Maryland. The following state officers were present: William T. Childs, state president; W. L. Seabrook, master of forms; William T. Carter, state treasurer; William J. Heaps, state secretary; William J. Davis, state trustee; Edward M. Adams, state district president; J. Frank Wheatley, national representative. The camp was organized by W. E. Ringgold, assisted by H. M. Rollison. The following prominent workers of Washington Camp, No. 34, were present and assisted: Professor J. L. Smyth, J. Frank Wheatley, J. B. McIntire, W. B. Coleman, J. Frank Elburn, W. P. Malin, J. E. Cooper, S. E. Cooper, Walter T. Bennefield, Bennefield Home. A camp is named Washington Camp, No. 87, State of Maryland. The following are the officers of the camp for the current term: Past president, Harry G. Coleman; president, Virgil Kendall; vice president, Grover C. Hadaway; master of forms, W. H. Jamison; recording secretary, John E. Pennington; financial secretary, Robert V. Moffett; treasurer, H. M. Rollison; conductor, Brown Stevens; inspector, W. B. Truitt; guard, George Patrick; trustees, W. E. Patrick, H. D. Green, R. Snowden Thomas; assistant recording secretary, L. W. DeCorse; chaplain, W. E. Ringgold; right sentinel, Bryan Newton; left sentinel, Colin Duyer. The following camps were represented at the institution— 15, 27, 28, 32, 34, 37 and 68.

On Saturday night, March 1, State President William T. Childs, assisted by State Secretary William James Heaps, State Treasurer William J. Carter, District President Clinton S. Hancock, and State Representative Charles W. Leef, assisted by a delegation from Washington Camp, No. 51, of Havre de Grace, instituted Washington Camp, No. 89, at the Level, six miles west of Have de Grace, in Harford county, Md. The camp was organized by District President Eugene Worthington, of Hampstead, Md. There were 42 names on the charter, and 41 of them were present and received the degree at the hands of the crack degree team of the executive committee. The following are the officers of the camp: Past president, Murray Donohue; president, S. A. Hughes; vice president, C. McCummins; master of forms, L. Stevens; recording secretary, Charles Ford; financial secretary, S. A. Smith; treasurer, William J. Price; conductor, J. A. Spencer; inspector, Abington Bowman; guard, J. W. Tollinger; trustees, Amos Hughes, J. W. Silver and W. D. Craig.

State President William T. Childs, and State Secretary William James Heaps, visited Washington Camp, No. 62, Cumberland, Md., on Thursday last, and found an enthusiastic crowd. Brother Thomas H. Morgan and a delegation from Frostburg were also present.

An enthusiastic meeting of Camp No. 8 was held in Independent Order of Odd Fellows' Hall, Brooklyn, Anne Arundel county, on Thursday evening. The initiatory team, arrayed in their new uniforms, conferred the degree on one candidate. The teamwork was excellent. The committee on the Washington Birthday celebration made a report that was very acceptable. Rev. George Farring, of Wilmington, Del., delivered an inspiring patriotic talk. National Assistant Conductor Robert M. Farring addressed the camp. One of the members of the team is past President Alice A. Farring. Refreshments were served by Sisters M. A. Plack and Serena Hasbeun.

A. O. H.

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The all-absorbing topic in the minds of all the good, patriotic Irishmen of Baltimore at this time is the fitting celebration of the great feast of Ireland's patron saint on this coming St. Patrick's Day. The county board, under whose auspices the affair is to be held, have taken steps to hold a monster demonstration in the form of a parade, to which are invited every good Hibernian and every patriotic Irishman in the city of Baltimore. From present indications this parade will eclipse anything of the kind ever held under the auspices of the ancient order in the city of Baltimore. Judge Dunn will be marshall of the parade and with his characteristic zeal and earnestness is working hard to make the parade an unprecedented success, and the following members of the parade committee are putting forth their best efforts to the same end: Thomas F. Kelly, county president; John L. Doyle, John M. Ward, Capt. John J. Carroll and J. J. Cummings. All of the different divisions of the order, as well as the ladies' auxiliary are expecting to make the parade a grand success. And, as usual in such matters, Division No. 5 is most enthusiastic over the matter and is doing everything possible to bring out a large percentage of its membership for the parade. Brother Goss called the extension committee together a few evenings ago and issued a special circular to the members, appealing to their Irish blood and race pride on this occasion. All good, sincere patriotic Irishmen are appealed to in this instance. All good Irishmen are expected to stand true to their colors; get in line for the parade and march bravely and proudly behind the old banner of green. Participation in this parade then will be justly construed as a test of Irish manhood and patriotism, so all are exhorted to get in line. Division No. 8 will hold a smoker and celebration at night in honor of the occasion, for its members and friends, and from the present outlook it promises to be one of the most enjoyable St. Patrick's Day celebrations ever held by this division.

F. O. E.

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Two Eagles, having as their mission the boosting of the big convention of the order to be held here next August, are now at sea on the British steamship Anette, bound for Panama, where they will get around among the many members of the order in the service of the Canal Commission, distribute literature about Baltimore and the convention and generally boom the big gathering. They are: Charles S. Flannery, treasurer of the convention committee, and Paul J. Quinn, its secretary. In view of the fact that many of the members of the order now at Panama will be returning home in August it is expected a great many will be induced to come to Baltimore to join in the festivities. At an informal meeting of the convention committee, held Thursday night, it was decided to invite President Wilson to open the convention sessions in the Maryland Theater Building and a special committee will be appointed to go to Washington and tender him the formal invitation. Many congressmen will also be asked to accompany the President, as will many of his Cabinet officers.

The Eagles' Clubrooms, in the Maryland Theater Building, have been handsomely decorated and frescoed in honor of the convention. This will be for the benefit of the ladies, to whom the clubrooms will be turned over during convention week. The special committee of 50 Baltimore ladies, whose duty it will be to see that the visiting ladies are not lacking in entertainment and hospitality will be appointed shortly by a special committee, appointed for that purpose, of which President Albert Neuhahn, president of Baltimore Aerie, is at the head. Elaborate plans are being laid for entertaining the visiting ladies and they will be taken on auto and trolley rides, given yacht trips down the Bay, picnics at the parks, receptions, teas, concerts and entertainments in the clubrooms, etc.

Chairman Edward Hirsch, of the publicity committee, is meeting with generous responses to his appeal to all the aeries to aid him in giving wide publicity to the convention and several hundred newspapers, from Maine to Mexico, have been received at the local headquarters, each of which contains glowing accounts of the plans for the big affair. Nearly every one of these papers refer to the deep interest and great enthusiasm the local Eagles are manifesting in the convention and the strong probability of large attendance.

The badge committee will shortly meet and awrd the contracts for the several thousands of badges that will be needed. They will be of handsome and unique design and of such worth that every visitor will be glad to take them home as souvenirs.

The announcement that a fleet of warships would be here convention week is awakening great interest in the West and many letters are being received asking if they will be accessible to the visitors and if they will be allowed aboard. In view of the close proximity of Washington a great many of the delegates and their ladies will also visit the National Capitol.

The plans of Mr. F. C. Schanberger, of the Maryland Theater, to perpetuate the convention in both sound and scene, by means of the new Edison Kinetophone, which he controls in this state, is meeting with great favor among the business folk who appreciate the great novelty of such an advertisement for Baltimore, which would be shown all over the country.

D. OF A.

[Contributed to The American.]

Star of the East Council, No. 29, met in due form Monday, February 24, with Councilor Sister Bowers in the chair. There was a good attendance. The sick were cared for as usual and all are improving. The members are very busy preparing for the Easter mask carnival. Under good of the order Sister Elizabeth Dusch favored us with one of her interesting speeches. Brother Moessinger was very busy drilling the guards. The council would like the members to bring in candidates, as we would like to have our initiatory team kept busy.

Wells and McComas Council, No. 16, held another interesting meeting on February 28. One applicant was elected to membership and encouraging reports were made by the various committees. The committee on memorial service and linen shower reported that both had been held with great success. After all the business on the desk was disposed of the secretary read several articles of interest from the Daughters of America Review, which evoked a great deal of interest, particularly the editorial dealing with the immigration question. As a patriotic organization we have been deeply interested in the question of restricted immigration and would like to have more of our stay-at-homes pay us more frequent visits and learn the various phases and developments of this important topic. At the close of the meeting Friday evening the members retired to the dining hall to partake of refreshments provided by the social committee.

Riverside Council, No. 15, held their meeting as usual Wednesday evening, February 26, with Councilor Sister Katie Schwemmer presiding. The meeting was opened in due form. Relief committee made their reports and found one sister and brothers improving. Several other interesting points were touched upon in trying to get some new members in our council. Our captain, Sister Lizzie Williams, started a penny march, which was practiced by the guards and officers. We are looking for our deputy, Sister Lewis, to be present with us soon, as we are getting along well and our council is pleasant to attend.

K. of U.

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Baltimore Council, No. 1, Knights of Usona, held its regular session Monday evening, March 3, at Cook's Hall, 8 South Schroeder street. Although the attendance was somewhat smaller than usual, owing to a number of the active members being out of the city, attending the inauguration, the meeting was interesting, and considerable business of importance was transacted. Several of the Grand Council officers were present and spoke interestingly of the progress of the work of the order. Among those who spoke were Grand Recorder Z. T. Meushaw and Sir Knights Irving H. Roe, Francis G. Guerke and Roy C. Geisbert, of Baltimore Council. Every member of the council is urged to be present next Monday, March 10, as some very important business is to be considered.

C. F.

[Contributed to The American.]

Lafayette Assembly, No. 1, met as usual at Cook's Hall, Shroeder, near Baltimore street, on Monday night, March 3. Brother E. McNeill, the president, was in the chair. All officers answered to their names. Eight new applications were received and six new members were obligated. There was an extra good attendance of members. The button for the week was won by one of the new members.

JR. O. U. A. M.

[Contributed to The American.]

Coronella Council, No. 91, is alive with enthusiasm, due to the fact that our various committees are making great progress.

Our hustling committee presented us with three new applicants, Messrs. Ben. W. Harper, Alfred G. Schmidt and Samuel D. Fitze, all of whom will enroll under our class initiation to be held March 18 at American Hall.

Our weekly meetings have exceeded our expectations in attendance. Brother Robert B. Collison is our chief spokesman.

We invite all members to be present March 18 to see our large class initiation.

Liberty Bell Council, No. 147, convened in the council chamber of Liberty Bell Hall, on Friday evening, February 28, with Councilor Brother William H. Keiser presiding. After the roll call the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The relief committee had no report to make as all of our brothers seem to enjoy good health. When degree work was called for, Brother Warden informed us that he had two candidates awaiting in the anteroom. The initiatory team under the supervision of Brother Councilor F. F. W. Lamm, conferred the degrees of Virtue, Liberty and Patriotism on William D. Meyers, and George W. Kirchner received that of Patriotism. Under reports of special committees, the one on hall reported they had requested that all brothers be notified to be present on March 7, to vote on changing our meeting night. We hope our members will respond to the call as this is a very important question to decide. During the good of the order quite a few interesting addresses were made by several brothers. Brother Alonzo Lewis also entertained us with his fancy gun performances and sleight of hand tricks.

Goodwill Council, No. 17, met last Wednesday evening with Vice Councilor Joseph Magill in the chair. All the committees reported progress. Past State Councilor Brother Herman L. Meuneirick was indorsed for national representative and our representatives, Brothers John Ellis, Ernest Hottenbacher, will do all in their power to have him elected. Under good of the order, Deputy Mennerick was called upon and stated that he was glad to see the council progressing along the lines of harmony and membership. Brothers Frank Meyers, Denny McClelland, Frederick Finles, John Ellis and Edgar Mackbee spoke on topics of interest to the council.

Waverly Council met last Wednesday with the councilor at the helm and all other officers at their posts of duty but one. Prayer was offered by our chaplain. The minutes of February 26 were read and approved. The relief committee reported Brothers Little, Seidel and Richter still under care of the council. All other committees reported progress. The entertainment committee has everything in readiness for the theater party to be held next month. Our financial secretary, W. J. Wilkinson, Sr., gave us a splendid oration on Personal Thrift and What Makes True Americans. After the lecture by our financial secretary the council enjoyed a smoker. Those present were: Brothers John S. Andrews, George Selby, James Wilkinson, E. Cassidy, William Heimiller, J. K. P. Wilkinson, H. Gifford, J. J. Wilkinson, Jr., George H. Turner, Wilbur Andrews, C. Munzner, E. McCulloh, E. Mackenzie.

I. O. H.

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Broadway Conclave held their regular meeting Tuesday evening last, with two applications on the secretary's desk. The quoit games are very interesting. The second week of play resulted as follows: Hard game between Brothers Dr. W. H. Johnson, Schaefer, Goetz, Hartman, Dash, Poya, Trego and Schultz was won by Brother Dash; second game between Brothers Neuslein, Wiessner, Ulbrich, Strahminger, Reigel and J. D. Michael was won by Brother Michael. In the final game between Brothers Michael and Dash Brothers Dash was the victor and was awarded a handsome china plaque. Tuesday evening next will be the first of a series of initiations which will be conferred monthly thereafter. Cigars were served.

Zeta Conclave, No. 6, I. O. H., held a large and enthusiastic meeting last Thursday evening, in their hall, Cathedral and Preston streets. Three hundred and fifty members were present. Supreme Secretary Frank E. Feltmen, Financier Harry Goldman and other speakers addressed the meeting on Fraternalism and Co-operation of Members of the Conclave in the Advancement of the Order. Mention was made of the meeting of the supreme conclave convention which convenes at Louisville, Ky., June 10, next, and a full representation from Zeta is expected to go. The conclave and order is progressing nicely and everything tends to a remarkable increase during the year 1913.

On Monday evening, March 3, before a large and cheering crowd of rooters for both sides, the quoit pitchers of Lion Conclave, No. 599, were defeated by the team of the Baltimore City Conclave in three games by the scores of 21-9, 21-9, 21-11. The team of Lion Conclave was handicapped by the absence of their regular pitchers, and were compelled to put in two substitutes. The players for Baltimore City were A. McCummons and P. O'Malley and for Lion C. Miller and J. L. Wagner. The next three games will be played on Wednesday evening at the hall of the Baltimore City Conclave. Among the large number of visitors present were Archon T. Earl Eckhardt, Provost A. McCummons, Secretary P. O'Mailey, William Householder, Elmer Durme, H. Volbracht, all of Baltimore City Conclave. Refreshments were served.

A special invitation is extended to all bretheren of the conclave and order to visit Zeta any Thursday evening at their home, I. O. H. Hall. After the adjournment of the conclave session, contests were held by the boys in bowling and parlor quoits. The newly admitted to membership were S. Volden Coulter, Eugene Aulette, Daniel Easton, Jacob Geller, Henry Helmrich, A. M. Kable, Anton Kranczyk, J. A. Dernitz, David I. Macht, M. D.; Jessup L. Pyne, Henry P. Reidt, S. Sebastin, Sr., S. Sebastin, Jr. Brother J. C. Tolson, of Jupiter Conclave, and chairman of the increase committee of Baltimore city, was present and addressed the meeting. He gave the boys something to start on in the way of advice. Thursday's meeting of March 6, will be remembered as the most interesting ever held.

Baltimore City Conclave, No. 16, held its weekly social session on Wednesday evening, March 5. The increase committee are doing fine work. There were six new candidates admitted, and the Baltimore City Conclave, No. 16, quoit men, Brothers McCommons and O'Mailey, defated Lion Conclave in the first three games of the contest. The game will be continued at Baltimore City Conclave room on Wednesday, March 19. The big minstrel show of Baltimore City Conclave, No. 16, will be held on April 2 at their hall.

F. OF A.

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Court Greenmount, No. 9, on last Friday held the largest meeting of the present year. Two candidates were initiated and four propositions acted upon. The court has lost one of its younger members, Brother A. T. O'Dea. Brother O'Dea has been through the various chairs, and was one of the most popular members of the Foresters of America in Baltimore. Brother Thomas Challoner was present, and his remarks, as usual, were very interesting as well as instructive. Under the "good and welfare" Brother John McGuire, chairman of the entertainment committee, had one of the most enjoyable entertainments we have had this year. Brother John Davidson sang several songs, Brother James Wilson recited and Thos. Gaskins gave several selections on the violin. The following brothers made brief remarks: F. Jerome Nossel, E. J. Geelhaar, J. Chris. Smythe, C. August Putens, Thomas Gaskins, John Davidson, Joseph A. Sutton, M. J. Gorman, Joseph V. Curry, James Wilson, B. McGuire and John McGuire.

R. A.

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Royal Foterie Council, No. 1974, held an interesting meeting on Tuesday evening, February 25, with a large attendance. Many of the "stay-at-homes" were out and everyone enjoyed himself. After the business part of the meeting had been completed the members were served with hot sausage sandwiches and coffee, while the ones entertained them with some comic sketch work. There was plenty of music, and the smokers spent the evening in smoking corn-cob pipes bearing the name of the council on the bowl. Two candidates were elected to membership and were received in the degree at the next meeting, Tuesday, March 11. Arrangements are being made to hold a ladies' night the first part of next month, to which a large attendance is expected. All the members are urged to come.

Patapsco Council, No. 482, held another of its interesting meetings Thursday night. In line with the progressiveness instilled into it by the recent addition of new members an innovation was introduced by its orator, Brother W. A. Renninger, who besides being an orator of ability, is somewhat of a connoisseur regarding fashions, and his contribution of a handsome tie of his own careful selection, to be drawn for by members present, was heartily applauded; not more so, however, than the applause which greeted Brother J. H. McIlfresh's successful drawing of the winning number. Brother Renninger has promised to donate another tie at the next meeting of the council, which will doubtless be as eagerly contended for as his last. Patapsco Council extends to the members of its fellow council a cordial invitation to be present at its next meeting, on March 20, and participate in the drawing which is to take place.

Avalon Council, No. 724, held its regular meeting on Wednesday, March 5. A large attendance of members was present. Much interest was shown by those present to make this the best year Avalon Council has had. A lively debate occurred, which was enjoyed. We expect to have several applications for membership in the near future.

S. of H.

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Hiawatha Lodge, No. 19, met last Wednesday evening with the usual large and enthusiastic crowd. The regular business was disposed of in due form. Two candidates were elected by ballot. Applicant George W. Rineker was initiated into the mysteries of the order, the secret work being administered by Past Master George W. Schmidt. Past Grand Master Samuel C. Ford made encouraging remarks to the members and congratulated the young men for the excellent way in which they put the candidate through the ceremony. Recording Secretary Charles E. Stork received a rising vote of thanks for the excellent speech he made, in which he encouraged the members and urged them on in the good work. The entertainment and degree team committees reported progress. The hustlers made a report of the excellent work they are accomplishing. The year 1913 promises to be the most progressive and successful year in the history of the lodge. We sincerely regret the illness of Brother William F. Maisch, and he has the best wishes of the entire lodge for a speedy recovery. Brother Benjamin F. Soloman, who was confined to his home for several weeks, was with us again.

D. OF P.

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Aztec Council, No. 29, held another largely attended council. We had a number of sisters and brothers from Wiona Council, No. 23, of Pikesville, with us. On next Monday sleep Aztec Council will celebrate its third anniversary. After the council fire was quenched the Rainmakers Circle held a gathering. The committee served an oyster supper.

ENGLISH WOMEN RUN FARMS

Seventy-five enthusiastic women farmers met recently at the Criterion Restaurant, the occasion being the fifth annual dinner of the Women's International Union. Mrs. Wilton Albusen presided.

Miss Emerson maintained that women have not the same facilities, capital and so forth, as men.

"The remedy," she said, "lies in co-operation. A company has obtained a farm at Heathfield, in Sussex, and has divided it into small holdings for women farmers. Bungalows are provided for the tenants, whose agreements secure fixity of tenure and who have perfect liberty in developing their land as they like. At the same time they have the benefit of expert advice. The company markets all the produce, and is able to obtain better terms than could the individual tenants."

The Power of Smell.

If, when you went to school as a child, you carried a tin lunch box which often contained, let us say, some gingerbread and sandwiches and perhaps an apple, it is worth while to take a sniff at such a box again, now. It is surprising how this simple experiment may recall the patter of long-forgotten feet and the memory of childish voices that startle over the long lapse of years.

These flashes of memory aided by smell are wonderful. Through smell we achieve a sense of the past; the secret members of the mind are aroused to life and memory. What a pity that we waste this talent!

Imp. O. R. M.

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Brother George H. Brown, a past sachem of Potomac Tribe, besides doing good work for his own tribe, has found time to institute Mondamin, No. 170. He is always to be found in the wigwam every Tuesday's sleep giving good advice, which is so esential to a new tribe. Brother Brown is very a energetic worker for the order, and deserves some recognition at the hands of the Great Council. He is one of those never absent from his own tribe and is enthusiastic for its welfare.

Mondamin Tribe, 170, is looking forward to make a handsome record for itself this great sum. They had two adoptions on the 18th and one application on the 25th. They have also had an entertainment committee appointed to devise ways and means to raise enough wampum to buy costumes and regalias, and in the near future we look to see them doing the work like veterans. The Great Senior Sagamore, Brother J. Walter, exemplified the unwritten work of the order and afterward spoke upon the objects of the order, as did Past Great Sachem Walter Hubbard.

Omaha Tribe, No. 166, kindled its regular council fire on Wednesday sleep, with the usual large attendance. After the regular form of business the wigwam was turned over to the chairman of the entertainment committee, Brother W. H. Courtney, who in a short address set forth the purposes of the entertainment. Past Sachem B. C. Williams, acting toastmaster, then introduced Mr. G. Stratmeyer and son.