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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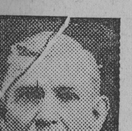
Last Sunday night at the Broadway Methodist Protestant Church, Broadway and Monument street, the Thirteenth district held divine services, with a fair attendance. Outside of the attendance it was a most unique service, with Brother Edward M. Adams, district president, supervising. The pastor, Rev. J. M. Sheridon, preached one of the best and most interesting sermons for the occasion that has been delivered for some time.



EDWIN M. ADAMS.

At the conclusion of the services the congregation remained standing while The Star-Spangled Banner was sung, and during the singing a large flag, which was suspended on a heavy cord run across the room, was pulled over slowly and made a deep impression on the many present.

Through the efforts of District President Thomas E. Bruff, of the Twelfth district, our turnout was strengthened considerably, and too much credit cannot be given this district for their hearty co-operation. A beautiful bouquet of cut flowers, presented to the pastor by the Thirteenth district adorned the altar, and, with the American flags gracing the walls and suspending from the ceiling, made this affair one of the best ever held by the order.

The next district meeting will be held at Camp No. 82 on Tuesday night, April 1, at which all brothers are strongly urged to be present.

The Thirteenth district has been accomplishing great undertakings, and the few remaining months of Brother Adam's term will, in all probability, exceed the results of the past ones. The camps are working in harmony with one another and most every week a candidate or two can be found being initiated. Camp No. 27 has in the last month taken in at least 10 new members, and has now four more waiting. Camp No. 82 is also enlisting new recruits, as well as Camps Nos. 78 and 19. These camps always welcome visitors, and on their meeting nights as follows, a good lively meeting ensues. Camp No. 19 meets corner Gay and Exeter streets on Monday nights; Camp No. 27, corner Jefferson and Ann streets, Wednesday nights; Camp No. 78, corner Washington and Jefferson streets, on Tuesday nights, and Camp No. 82, corner Ann and Jefferson streets, on Tuesday nights.

An old-time love-feast meeting was held Wednesday night by Washington Camp No. 14, at its quarters in Delta Hall, Highgateown. Two candidates were received into membership by obligation and were added to the class which will receive the degree work in full in the near future. The entertainment committee, in its report, made known their efforts to secure a shore for the use of brothers of camps. Several places have been inspected which the committee are considering. The expense of this feature will be borne by the committee, who will plan to make the shore self supporting. The degree team will have an hour's practice next Wednesday, and all members of same are expected to be present.

Last Monday night the "Camp 19 Style" meeting although doubtful at the beginning resulted in being one of the liveliest held for some time. We expected to initiate some candidates for Camp 23, but the failure upon their part to appear prevented us from demonstrating our initiatory work for the criticsm of our visitors who were Brother Thomas E. Bruff, district president of the twelfth district, Brother Ex-State Conductor Sparlin and District President Edward M. Adams, of the thirteenth district. Brother Bruff gave us an extended talk referring mainly to the work of his and the Thirteenth district, and suggested many improvements which could be made for the betterment of the order at large. Brother Sparlin, whom we all know, is an influential talker, interested us with some of his usual well-versed remarks pertaining wholly to the welfare of our order. Brother Adams, although late in arriving, was in time to address us, reflecting upon the work of the district and its speedy progress.

Brother August Sigmund was appointed as committeeman to attend the meeting called by the state executive body to prepare plans for the coming flag day celebration, which will be held on June 14. Brother Lumner D. Groves was reported sick, having been taken to St. Agnes Hospital and operated upon. The operation was successful and our expectations are to see Brother Groves up and about in a few weeks. We meet again tomorrow night at Gay and Exeter streets, third floor, Old Town Bank building.

JR. O. U. A. M.

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North Point Council, No. 93, was opened with Councilor Brother Korn in the chair. The reports of the special committees were read, showing that North Point Council's members are taking great interest in the work of the organization. Brother Charles Rustenberg had his degree team on the floor rehearsing the new ritual. North Point Council expects to hold its annual theater party in April and, according to reports of Allan Crone, the chairman of that committee, it is going to prove a great success. Brothers Charles Baer and S. W. Ennis are arranging to hold the anniversary on the first Wednesday in April, and expect to have the Hon. J. Henry Baker, president of the Board of Liquor License Commissioners, to give them an interesting talk. Brother George George A. Rider introduced Brother H. M. Thomas, a prominent citizen of Northeast Baltimore, and a brother that has worked hard for the Juniors.

Old Glory Council, No. 162, celebrated its seventeenth anniversary last Friday evening. The business meeting took place in the rooms of the council at Lewis Hall, Jefferson and Ann streets, and was largely attended. Much enthusiasm was manifested, and fresh interest and ardor was infused into the members by a number of suggestions which were presented for the advancement of the order in general and Old Glory Council in particular. After the meeting the body adjourned and marched to the Hotel Broadway, where the manager, H. E. Barrow, served a banquet. Generous hospitality and good cheer prevailed at the gathering. A number of speeches of a general character were made, and several good talks on the subject of the order were also given. David Heller, who organized Old Glory Council 17 years ago, was present, and a few other charter members. Addresses were made by Messrs. George W. Deal, Carroll L. Carnthe, John Ulrich, J. Wallace Hyman, and others. On Sunday evening last the members attended services at Zion German Reformed Church, where they had been invited by the pastor, Rev. John C. Sommerlatte.

On Friday evening, March 7, Liberty Bell Council, No. 147, opened their weekly session at the appointed hour, with Councilor Brother William H. Keiser presiding. The chaplain, Brother Alonzo Lewis, opened our session by reading the twelfth and thirteenth verses of the Twenty-third Proverb. Then after the usual prayer the roll was called. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. As the business of the week was somewhat heavy, we immediately undertook the disposition of same and as each under its respective heading was read we acted upon same accordingly. The relief committee is much pleased to be able to report a clean slate. The special committees, with the exception of one, reported progress. We will move to Fredonia Hall, Ellicott and Chesapeake streets, on April 4. During the good of the order we heard from the following brothers: C. S. Kirby, R. Nicholaus, W. Eichelberger, G. Procter and G. W. Kirchner.

Vigilant Council met on Tuesday night, March 18, with the Councilor Brother Polock in the chair. All other officers were at their posts. The meeting was very lively. All committees report progress. The sick committee reported all sick brothers improving. Brother McCullough, past commander, was present. The quoit team visited Wells and McComas Council Wednesday night, March 18, a match game was played, Wells and McComas having three games to their credit and Vigilant Council, one game.

Maryland Council, No. 2, met last Tuesday evening at their hall at eight o'clock, and opened in due form with Councilor Paul H. Smith in the chair. After the regular business of the evening was disposed of, the council-room was turned over to Brother P. C. Charles Kahner, who as councilor of the degree team, proceeded to get the room in readiness for the full initiation of three degrees. The following are those who went through the mysteries of the order: William H. Starr, Allen W. Starr, J. Ford Collison, E. Bland, William J. Thompson, M. R. Hayden, L. S. Dean, O. W. Jones, S. D. Fitze, A. G. Schmidt, H. L. Strauss, B. W. Harper, Edward L. Phelps, W. A. Raines, W. D. Raines, W. Bradley, William Moore, Albert Taylor, Samuel F. Vallaint, F. McKiwen, Charles Krieger, Charles LeCompte. On account of the lateness of the hour there were not many speeches, but we heard some interesting remarks from Brother William L. Howard, Morningstar Council, No. 10; Brother William J. Wilkinson, Waverly Council, No. 56; Brother George Selby, Waverly Council, No. 56; Brother Ulysses Seal, recording secretary, Coronella Council, No. 91. After which we closed in due form with Councillor Paul H. Smith in the chair.

The officers and members of Coronella Council, No. 91, that were present at our class initiation last Tuesday at American Hall were enthused at the excellent showing of this council, as well as the manner in which the degrees were given candidates by Maryland Council, No. 2.

We have learned with regret of the death of our brother, W. H. Schaefer, whom we buried last Monday at Loudon Park with the last rites of our order, Brothers Holtz and Deal officiating at the funeral on behalf of this council.

Two new applications were received and they will be obligated and initiated at our next class initiation.

Our Flag Council, No. 107, held its regular meeting Tuesday evening, March 18, at Wolter's Hall, 116 North Paca street. Councilor Frederick E. Schmidt Vice Councilor Lewis H. Price, Past Councilor John F. Seitz, Chaplain J. A. Engle, Warden Edward Schwartz, Conductor Chas. R. Patterson, Recording Secretary John N. Beckley, Financial Secretary Henry Schmidt, Treasurer Julius S. Folk, Inside Sentinel William Decker and Outside Sentinel George Pritchett were elected. Dr. D. F. Pennington made some remarks. Brothers Schmidt and Folk have started the ball rolling for new members.

The Order United American Mechanics will hold a class initiation at Salisbury, Md., on April 2, 1913. The team of Francis Scott Key Council, No. 48, of Frederick, will confer the degrees upon the candidates. They expect to have about 100 candidates. The work will be done in the Opera House. Councils from various parts of the state will be represented. Great enthusiasm is displayed by the councils. The national councilor and national council secretary will be present to participate in the exercises. The committee will meet on Tuesday to map out a plan for the celebration.

Beacon Council, No. 28, will unveil a large memorial window in the new Trinity Methodist Church, near Laurel, Md., on Sunday, May 4. Numerous invitations have been issued to other councils, who will be present to take part in the ceremonies. This church when completed will be one of the finest churches in the state.

Waverly Council met last Wednesday, with our councilor, W. J. Wilkinson, at the helm. All other officers were at their post of duty but one. The council was opened with prayer by our chaplain. The relief committee reported Brother Litke and Biggs under care of the council. The proceedings of the different committees were received by our councilor. Past Councilor Joseph Swam presented to our councilor two propositions for membership into our council and order, which will be acted upon by our investigating committee.

Waverly Council received from our state council secretary an appeal for a subscription to the Goucher College fund. Our council by unanimous vote subscribed to the above fund. We had with us Brother Creamer, Brother Carmen, Brother Groves and Brother King, who gave us material to work upon by their remarks. Our councilor, W. J. Wilkinson, Jr., wants every brother of Waverly Council to attend divine services on April 6 at 8 P. M. at the First Presbyterian Church, Park avenue and Madison street. Brother Davis, of the national beneficiary degree of the J. O. U. A. M., delivered an oration long to be remembered on the subject of Patriotism and our duty to our home and family. Brother Simkins, of Keystone Council, was also present and pleaded for more co-operation within our order. Brother Taylor, of Keystone Council, gave us a talk on virtue, liberty and patriotism. We also had with us Brother Cox of Boyce Council. Waverly Council tenders to all Juniors an invitation to be present on any Wednesday evening at Waverly Hall, York road and Thirty-first street.

A. O. H.

[Contributed to The American.]

Division No. 3 of Mount Washington will hold a jollification at the Suburban Hotel, Park Heights avenue. Speechmaking will be one of the features of the evening's entertainment. Chief Judge N. Charles Burke will be present and will address the assemblage on a topic of vital interest to members of the order. The officers of the division are: President, Patrick T. Roche; vice president, Patrick L. Welsh; financial secretary, Maurice Barrett; recording secretary, Joseph B. Martin; treasurer, Daniel Foley; sergeant-at-arms, Daniel Downey; inside guard, Sylvester J. Roche; chaplain, Rev. P. J. Walsh; county president, Lawrence J. Murphy; ex-county president, Michael P. Kehoe. The committee of arrangements consists of Lawrence J. Murphy, chairman; George M. Gainey, Thomas Scott and Daniel Board. The speakers will be Judge N. Charles Burke, ex-State's Attorney Robert H. Busse, County Commissioner W. H. Coughlin, Edward H. Burke, Rev. P. J. Walsh, Patrick T. Roche, Michael P. Kehoe.

The recent smoker and celebration held by Division No. 8 at Marshall's Hall, Pennsylvania avenue, on Monday evening, March 17, was one of the most successful and enjoyable the division has held in many years. Speechmaking recitations and songs were the predominant features of the evening's program. The harpist discoursed sweet solos that were appropriate to the occasion. All was enjoyment and that good-fellowship which is always in evidence at an Irish celebration on St. Patrick's Day. Brother John W. Adelsberger, chairman of the literary committee, was master of ceremonies, and conducted the evening's program in a manner both satisfactory and creditable to all concerned. Among the distinguished visitors and brothers who addressed the meeting and contributed to the evening's entertainment were Judge William M. Dunn, of the Orphans' Court, who was marshal of the St. Patrick's Day parade, the most successful of its kind that has ever been held in this city under the auspices of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Also Brother Francis P. Sweeney, of Division No. 6; Brother Dr. John J. Morrisey, of Division No. 11, Hampden; Dr. H. F. Cassidy, Roland Park; Dr. George L. Duane, of North Eutaw street, and Brother Carew, of Division No. 7. As an evidence of the manner in which Division No. 8 is forging ahead in leaps and bounds, it is permissible in order to state that eight applications were received that night, and the caliber and high standard of intelligence of these prospective brothers justify the hope that they will prove worthy sons of Division No. 8 and measure up to its best standards. The prospective candidates are Frank B. Cately, Jr., T. Francis Rigger, John T. Kelly, Owen Duffey, James Kilcoyne, Thomas G. Neville, James P. Egan and John M. Miller. Among the brothers of Division No. 8 who contributed to the evening's enjoyment were Dr. P. F. Martin, James E. Carrigan, Robert E. Grass, W. K. Landrigan, Eugene J. Butler, Julius F. Dehl, M. J. Greeley, Thomas P. Cavanaugh, Thomas Howe, Leo J. Cummings, John J. Healey, James J. Tierney, John K. Ness, Luke J. Kearney, James J. Quinn, James P. Collins, George W. Corrigan, James McLaughlin, Robert E. Grass, W. K. Landrigan, Eugene J. Butler, Julius F. Dehl, Charles F. Stewart, Thomas P. Walsh, Francis P. Gallagher, Charles J. Gallagher and others. Taken altogether, it was voted an enjoyable evening and worthy of the occasion.

K. of P.

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Concordia Lodge, No. 24, held a most interesting and enthusiastic meeting on Wednesday, March 19, and conferred the ranks of esquire and knight upon a page by dispensation, owing to the inability of the brother to remain in the city long enough to receive one rank per week. Dr. Otto M. Reinhardt was present.

On Monday night, March 17, the Library Association held its regular monthly meeting at Pythian Castle. A list of new books was submitted by the purchasing committee, approved and ordered purchased. These books will be placed on the shelves and will be ready for our readers in the near future. The board is much gratified to note the increased interest manifested by inquiries for books from the members of the order and their families and are casting about for ways and means to increase the facilities of this interesting adjunct to the field of Pythian activities.

Harford Lodge, No. 54, conferred the rank of page upon a class at the meeting on Wednesday night, March 19. This is the beginning of a splendid year's work which will be done by this lodge during 1913. Brother S. Carle Cooling is the representative-elect to the Grand Lodge and an active and enthusiastic Pythian. It is predicted that there will be some doings in the Pythian camp when Brother Carle returns from the Grand Lodge convention.

Rescue Lodge, No. 23, conferred the rank of knight upon an esquire at the meeting on Tuesday night, March 18. A splendid attendance of the members welcomed the newly made knight and took part in the discussion relative to the change in the by-laws, which was one of the interesting features of the meeting.

On Friday night, March 14, the members of Mizpah Lodge, No. 130, discussed the proposed changes in the by-laws that were submitted for adoption by a committee appointed for the purpose of needed revision. A number of changes are proposed which, when adopted and approved, will be helpful to the lodge and its members. Grand Chancelor-elect B. Frank Shaffer has signified his desire to meet with the members on Friday night, April 11, and it is to be hoped that the brothers will be present to meet the newly elected grand chancellor and learn of his proposed plans for a largely increased interest, as well as the largest increase in membership that the state has known. When Brother Harry L. Price was grand chancellor Cumberland Lodge, No. 60, of which Brother Shaffer is a member, made an increase of 87 members during the year, thus making the net increase 483 during Brother Price's term possible. The members of Mizpah Lodge have now an opportunity to return the compliment and make their plans and arrange their energies accordingly.

The members of all Thursday night lodges in the city have been advised that it is the wish of Grand Chancellor-elect B. Frank Shaffer to have them meet him in the main hall of Pythian Castle on Thursday night, April 10, and bring their friends whom they may desire to interest in Pythian work with them. Other Pythian lodges will be invited to take part in this meeting, and it is looked forward to with much interest as the launching of the new Grand Chancellor's bark upon a year of splendid Pythian activity.

The rank of page was conferred upon a candidate by Good Will Lodge, No. 43, on Thursday night, March 20. There was the usual good attendance of the membership, besides Grand Chancellor John F. Thomas, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal James M. Hendrix and other visiting members. After the initiatory work a social session was held and refreshments served in honor of Grand Prelate-elect George A. Deaver, who is an honored past chancellor of Good Will Lodge. Addresses were made by the Grand Lodge officers and visiting Pythians and interesting responses by Brothers Deaver, Deihl, Ernst and others on behalf of the lodge. Good Will Lodge has had a long sick-and-death list, which has known little intermission for the past three years, one death being reported during the evening. Yet despite all this apparent misfortune it has only served to connect the members in a closer bond of union, and an increased enrollment has been made during the December term of the year 1912. It might be well for many of the lodges which have frequent difficulties in securing a quorum to learn the secret of the sustained interest in the work of Good Will Lodge.

F. O. O.

[Contributed to The American.]

Baltimore Nest, No. 3, held its regular weekly meeting last Tuesday evening, March 18, in Oriole Home, Baltimore and Paca streets. The officers were all present and wore their full plumage. The meeting opened in due form, with President Julius F. Wegner in the chair. Some very interesting letters from Supreme Secretary Charles F. Pfaffman, referring to the different nests throughout the United States and Canada, showing big gains in membership, also showing reports from the mayor and Board of Trades of Marion, Ind., whereas they have donated the municipal convention hall to the Orioles during their national convention held in Marion, August 18 to 21, were read. This shows the interest manifested by the members, especially Baltimore Nest, No. 3. Brother Syfer, chairman of the Tourist Club, reports on behalf of his committee that Baltimore Nest will send one of the largest delegations to Marion, Ind., that ever left a city, that so far the treasury is growing and by convention time there is no telling how many birds will be flying westward. Brother Ebens, chairman of the social committee, brought out some very interesting facts in regard to the carnival and dance to be held on Eastern Monday evening, March 24, in Barry's Hall. Everything has been arranged, and when the members arrive on this occasion they will see something never seen in Orioledom. The only question is whether the hall will hold the great number that is expected to turn out. The membership committee, Brother Emerine chairman, presented 14 applicants for their first degree on last Tuesday night and said he would have at least 50 to present next Tuesday night. The Orioles are going to get their 300 new members by convention time, making 1,000 in all. Capt. Winnie Stall has promised to use Brother Paul Huber's goat for his class initiation and Brother Huber has promised to have the goat shaven close and very frisky on this occasion. The ladies are going to form a ladies' club and the nest is going to give them the use of the lodgeroom one night a week to hold their social functions. After hearing reports sick members, who are doing as well as could be expected, the nest closed in due form.

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On Monday, March 17, St. Tamina's Tribe, No. 56, celebrated its fortieth anniversary in its wigwam in Red Men's Hall. The members turned out in full force to help celebrate the event and a large number of visitors were present. Past Great Sachem John T. Yewell president and short talks were made by Past Great Sachems Loudenslager and Hubbard, Past Sachems John F. Cunning, Moses Koelsch, Adrian Hughes and Charles Stein, Great Senior Sagamore John W. Walker also gave a very interesting talk. Past Great Sachem Buckingham, who has been keeper of wampum for 25 great suns, gave us the history of the tribe and told of the many thousands of dollars spent in charitable work in relieving the sick, the widow and the orphans. St. Tamina's band of 10 pieces furnished music for the occasion. Mr. Leo Cooney, accompanied by his brother, Mr. John Cooney, sang several selections. The entertainment committee provided corn and venison in abundance. A new loft of haymakers was organized.

Wyandotte Tribe, No. 152, kindled another rousing council fire on last Monday night's sleep, with Past Sachem Beresch on the stump. Much business of importance was transacted and the reports of the different chiefs were very encouraging. Past Sachem William M. Weedon was elected delegate and Chief Alfred Kostner alternate to the American Fraternal Benefit Association convention that meets in Norfolk, Va., in April. The entertainment committee is planning some novel social features for the next quarter and much interest is being manifested in the shore party to be held as soon as the weather permits. Brother Chief Bernard J. Doneski has again shown his interest by bringing in two more palefaces, and it was suggested that it would be well for others to emulate his example. Our Chiefs Kelley, Arthur and Zittle, who have been on the sick list, are convalescent and expect to be in the wigwam shortly. Under good of the order Past Sachem Weedon was called upon and stated that he was glad to see the tribe progressing along lines of harmony and good-fellowship. Brother Strassl made some remarks in reference to the death of Sachem Alberts' brother. Other chiefs spoke on topics of interest to the order. Everything is in readiness for the divine service to be held on the last Sunday in this month and a large attendance is expected.

During the past week Great Sachem Thomas H. H. Blades, accompanied by P. G. S. Philip E. Porter, visited a number of tribes on the Eastern Shore. On Monday, March 17, they visited Idaho Tribe, No. 128, at Sharptown, Wicomico county, and on Tuesday night they visited Pawnee Tribe, No. 164, at Hebron. On Wednesday night they were with Tony Tank Tribe, No. 149, at Fruitland. On Thursday night they visited Wa Wa Tribe, No. 121, at Princess Anne. They were cordially received at all of these places and had large and interesting meetings. There are seven tribes in Wicomico county.

Aztec Tribe, No. 137, will hold a class adoption on April 10 next at Odd Fellows' Temple. The boys are hustling, and they say they will have at least 75 candidates for the class, and they may exceed that number. Nassawango Tribe, No. 110, at Snow Hill, will also hold a class adoption on April 10, at which time they expect to have at least 20 for adoption. Alfaretta Tribe, No. 168, of Woodsboro, held a class adoption last Thursday night.

Tuckahoe Tribe, No. 64, at Trappe, Talbot county, is mourning the death of their popular and efficient chief of records, Anthony P. Ross, who was buried last Sunday. Brother Ross was the chief of records of his tribe for many years, and enjoyed the warm friendship of every member of the tribe, besides many other friends in different parts of the state.

All the tribes in Baltimore, including Montezuma Tribe, No. 83, of Pikesville, will turn out in a body on Sunday, March 30, to attend divine service at Christ Baptist Church, on Gough street, near Washington street. Notices have been sent to most of the members and a large turnout is expected.

I. O. H.

[Contributed to The American.]

Broadway Conclave, No. 330, held a big meeting on last Tuesday evening. After the transaction of the regular business the increase committee announced the special feature of the evening, the first quarterly smoker and entertainment. Instrumental music was furnished by Brother Goetze's orchestra. Refreshments and cigars were served. Supreme Medical Director Charles H. Bubert was present and delivered an address, appealing to the members of Broadway Conclave to be mindful of their obligations. Addresses were also delivered by Secretary F. C. Wiessner, Dr. W. H. Johnson and Attorney J. F. Michael. Past Archon George G. Miller gave a very lengthy and accurate report concerning the last meeting of the Heptasoph Fraternal Association, as well as the proposed trip to Louisville, Ky., in June. The indoor quoit games are increasing each week in interest.

The first game between Brothers G. Regal, H. Dash, J. Hartman, J. Drego, W. King, Jr., J. Poyer, G. W. Strohminger and J. J. Scherer was won by Brother Poyer. The second game between Brothers C. Kehoe, M. Deicher, E. Schulz, T. Martin, J. August, J. Chehaki, Dr. W. H. Johnson and Supreme Medical Director C. H. Bubert was won by Brother Kehoe. In the final game between Brothers Poyer and Kehoe, Brother Kehoe was the winner and was presented with a handsome china plaque. Past Archon J. J. Scherer was present after an absence of many months and received a cordial welcome from his fellow-members.

On Monday evening, March 17, Lion Conclave No. 599 held a very stirring and exciting meeting during which there was much debating by John Hladik, William Bauer, Albert Phillips, C. W. McAllister, Walter Geary, E. Hindle, Charles Hart and Doctor Hart. The discussion at times, waxed rather warm, but taken in all it was a very interesting meeting and the large crowd of members that attended were well repaid for their visit to the meeting. The monthly prize drawing was won by Archon Brother Quinn. The usual quoit games were indulged in in preparation for the final games for the championship of the order. The Lion Quartet rendered many new songs which were well received and dancing was enjoyed until a late hour, after which refreshments were served.

On Wednesday evening, March 19, the quoit pitchers of Lion Conclave, Edward Hindle and Charles W. Hart, played the final game for the championship, at the Baltimore city meeting rooms. The first two games were won by Lion Conclave by the scores 21-20 and 21-11. The last game was not decided until the last quoit was pitched, when Baltimore Lodge won the game and retained the championship by the score 21-19. The Baltimore City team was Patrick T. O'Mailey and Albert E. McCommons. All three games were hotly contested. Refreshments were served, and notice was given that another challenge will be sent for another series of games in the near future.

The increase committee, Brother John C. Tolson, chairman, held their monthly meeting in I. O. H. Hall, Cathedral and Preston streets, Wednesday evening, March 19, with an enthusiastic gathering of representatives from 38 conclaves. Matters pertaining to increase of membership in the order were freely and pleasantly discussed, and reports from all representatives were of an encouraging character. All conclaves are working for a great showing for the representatives to take to the Supreme Conclave session next June, in Louisville, Ky. Brother Tolson is leaving nothing undone to insure a greater increase in all the conclaves than ever before. Brothers Supreme Secretary Frank E. Pleitner, Fraternal Congressman Harry Goldman, Supreme Medical Director Charles H. Bubert and many others addressed the meeting upon the good of the order.

D. OF A.

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Golden Rule Council, No. 65, held their regular meeting at Harrison's Hall, 1515 North Fulton avenue, on Monday, March 17, at 8:30 P. M., with Councilor Eva Rice in the chair. Our deputy state councilor was present and gave the officers and members a treat in honor of the sixteenth anniversary of her marriage. The hall was handsomely decorated with silk flags and potted ferns, and the guests were presented with shamrocks by the deputy, Mary E. Schmidt. Brother E. Goldsmith presented our deputy with a handsome go-cart and potted fern. Supper was served. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Julius S. Folk, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. J. Henry Schmidt, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis H. Rice, Mrs. J. Mannes, Misses Mary A. Lowenberg, M. Marker, Mrs. Meyers, Mrs. Ray Seidman, Mrs. B. W. Heath, Mrs. Bergoon, Mr. Wm. March and others.

Star of the East Council, No. 29, held a very enthusiastic meeting on Monday, March 17, with Associate Councilor Sister Paul in the chair. Past Councilor Sister Carrie Garies, is sick, was received with regret by all present. The council extends its best wishes for her speedy recovery. There was much new business on hand, which was acted upon at the proper time. The committee for the Easter mask carnival are working hard to make the affair a success. Under good of the order Captain Mossinger drilled the guards and was pleased with the way they are progressing. We are looking forward to a large crowd Easter Monday Night at American Hall.

There was a well-attended and interesting meeting held at Wells and McComas Council, No. 16, on March 14. The relief committee reported all members under care improving, and added two more to the list. We trust that the list may soon be greatly reduced. All special committees rendered favorable and encouraging reports. Owing to the fact that our next meeting would be upon Good Friday, it was decided to request the state councilor to grant us a dispensation to dispense with our regular meeting on the 21st inst. Under good of order several members favored us with interesting remarks. Among the visitors on this occasion were Sister Leona Lebrun and Sister Dietrich, of Loyalty Council, No. 67, whom we were pleased to have with us.

P. O. OF A.

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One of the most pleasant and enjoyable events in fraternal circles occurred March 12 last, when the members of Camp No. 10 tendered a surprise party to the chairman of its last bazar, Sister Georgia Hertel, at her home in Govans in appreciation of her competent and successful management of the bazar of which she had been given charge, and through which the camp realized a neat sum to add to its treasury. Vocal and musical selections were rendered by the various members during the evening, and a collation was served at a late hour. Those present were President Sister Sadie Raubach, Assistant Vice President Sister Emma Barnes, Past President Sister Lottie Lurz; Assistant Past President Sister Ida Affayroux, Recording Secretary Brother George R. Mathews, Financial Secretary Sister Mary B. Phillips, Treasurer Sister Martha Cooper, Chaplain Sister Rosella Phillips, Orator Sister Elizabeth Gable, Conductor Sister Emma Briddell, Assistant Conductor Sister Elizabeth Dusch, Sentinel Sister Anna Hilditch, Sisters Barbara Whitten, Jennie Cooper, Carrie Tuerke, Sophia Stallings, Georgia Hertel, Elizabeth Rumpf; Mrs. Amelia Rumpf, Misses Margaret Hutson, Pearl Ashley, Ursula Johnson, Minnie Rumpf, Messrs. William S. Hutson, John Hertel and John P. Rumpf.

R. A.

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Merchant Council, No. 578, held its regular meeting on March 12. Regent Lotz presided. There was quite an enthusiastic gathering. Each member present promised to bring an application on the next meeting night, March 26.

Royal Coterie Council, 1974, met Tuesday evening, March 11, with a large attendance. Several more applications were received and the candidates elected to membership. The meeting was very interesting and everyone enjoyed himself. The next meeting, on March 25, will be another one of great importance. Every member is requested to attend and bring his benefit certificate. It is of the utmost importance that every member be present. There will be plenty of smokes and a good time for everybody.

Patapsco Council, No. 482, is still on the jump. Its meetings are interesting, as evidenced by the presence of Brother John Zeller, his first visit to the council in 26 years, and he declares that he intends attending every meeting hereafter. Brother Renninger's second donation was won by one of our most recent members, John H. Rogers, whose personal attire on Easter morning will be perfected by the addition of this carefully and tastefully selected tie. Brother McElfresh was late in the promise, and were the one he won at the last meeting. On April 3 two prizes will be given, and we wish to impress upon our fellow-council members the fact that all who come are eligible and will be most cordially welcomed.

T. B. H.

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Ben Hur Court, No. 9, held its regular meeting last Friday, March 7, with Chief Brother Hemsley in the chair. Speeches on the good of the order were made by several of the brothers, and one candidate was initiated into membership. Arrangements are being made for the biggest event ever known in Ben Hur Court, No. 9—a masquerade party to be held at Honor Hall March 28—and the entertainment committee from the sister courts to the masquerade party. This function entails much labor on the part of the committee, and their only reward is the thought that they are making it possible for a large number of our members and their friends who are not members to get together in social enjoyment, and the chief is much gratified to note interest being manifested by the members.

A very large and enthusiastic meeting was held by Highland Court, No. 3, on Tuesday at Goebel's Hall, Third and Gough streets, with Brother Robert Young past chief in the chair. One candidate was initiated into the mysteries of the court degree and two more applications were received for approval by the investigating committee. The sick committee reported that the sick were being well cared for and soon would be traveling on the road to good health. Death visited Highland again and removed from its midst Brother Sebastin Lippert. The officers attended the funeral and performed the ceremonies at the grave. Resolutions were adopted and recorded upon the minutes, and the charter was ordered draped for 30 days by the chief.

Ben Hur Court, No. 9, held its regular meeting Friday evening, March 14, with the largest attendance it has had since moving in Northeast Baltimore.

W. O. W.

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Lord Baltimore Camp, No. 30, held a very enthusiastic meeting on Thursday evening, March 13. This camp has taken on new life since a change of officers has taken place and we hope to make this the largest camp in the state. The officers of the camp are as follows: P. C. C., Benjamin B. Ware; C. C., Frederick Clement Weber; adviser, Lieut. Martin Weisman; banker, Adolph Meyer; clerk, Howard E. Cruse; escort, J. Blaine Diven; watchman, N. B. Sudler; sentry, Albert Butler; managers, William Gerstmyer, Charles R. Bowen and William Bur Byron. We trust we will see some of our stay-at-home sovereigns out at our next meeting, which will be on Thursday night, March 27. Ladies' night will be held Tuesday night, April 1, at Keating's Hall, North avenue and Seventh street. The committee has worked hard to make this affair a brilliant one and we trust we will see every member of Lord Baltimore Camp, No. 30, present on this occasion. We expect to have with us Sovereign Commander J. C. Root; Senator Shepperd, of Texas, and District Deputy W. W. Thayer, of Washington, D. C. Our deputy, W. W. Bishop, is working hard for this camp. Let each and every member rally to his support and procure at least one applicant for our next meeting.

K. O. T. M.

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Calvert Tent, No. 3, is still pushing forward. On Wednesday night the first degree was conferred, and several applications are on the desk. The tent is growing steadily forward, and expects to show again the largest increase for the term of any tent of the jurisdiction. The present officers of the tent are a hard working set, and can be depended upon to uphold the banner of Calvert. On next Wednesday night the card party is to be held. The next meeting of the officers and past commanders is to be held at the home of Sir Knight James B. Ayres. The sick committee reported that the sick were improving. The record keeper reported the payment of several claims with the usual promptness. The memorial day service committee reported that the invitations to the tents and hives to participate would be sent out this week.

F. OF A.

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Court Stars and Stripes, No. 12, met as usual on Monday night at Progress Hall. There was a large number of members present. All the officers were there. Interesting remarks of good and welfare were made by Brothers Edward Ballentine, Conner Drecholer, George K. Bechtol, J. F. Kipp, Edward Munnings and Dr. Freelinger. After the routine of business games were played.

I. O. O. F.

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Fellowship Lodge, No. 138, will hold its fifth annual banquet Wednesday evening, March 26, at 8 P. M. in the banquet-room of the temple. Invitations have been sent out and requests for tickets have been pouring in on the committee, which indicates that the feast will be largely attended. The banquet committee consists of Brothers Jacob Abbott, Rufus Foy, Paul Betz, W. H. Bryan and R. Jesse Loock.

We celebrate on this occasion the fifth anniversary of our institution. During these years we have been very successful, and the year just closing has been the best and most successful we have had so far. We had the second largest increase in membership during the year in the state. We took in 61 new members, lost 14 by death and suspension, giving us a net increase 47, and only one less than Mount Airy, which won the banner offered by the grand lodge. We have a very substantial and satisfactory amount in our treasury, and have at present 161 members. We had one death during the year, Brother C. J. Hathaway, who, up to the time he left Baltimore, took a very active part in our lodge. Only one unsatisfactory condition exists in Fellowship Lodge, and that is the attendance of the meetings. We have as good an attendance as most of the lodges, but we do not have a large enough attendance to enable us to get together a first-class degree team. We have a committee who are working on plans to increase our attendance, so that we can get together a team that we can be proud of. The officers of Fellowship Lodge are as follows: R. Jesse Loock, noble grand; W. H. Bryan, vice grand; Jacob Abbott, past grand; Charles Pfeifer, recording secretary; A. Weiner, financial secretary; J. W. Paca, treasurer; W. H. Hatton, Sr., chaplain, and Paul Betz, warden.

Past Grand Patriarch and Past Grand Representattive James Young entertained members of Baltimore City Lodge, No. 57, the grand officers and other invited guests with a delightful dinner at the Hotel Rennert, Wednesday evening, March 19. Covers were laid for 75 and a most excellent menu was served, everything being informal. When cigars were lighted Past Grand Thomas C. McGuire arose and in an eloquent speech presented to Brother Young a handsome bouquet of carnations, his favorite flower, from Baltimore City Lodge. Brother Young was much affected and feelingly responded to this token of love and esteem. He called upon Brother Jacob W. Hook to act as toastmaster and our city collector, in his usual happy manner, made some preliminary remarks, after which he introduced Brother John B. Goodwin, grand secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and a number of others, each of whom responded. Everyone extended to Brother Young congratulations and best wishes for a long life of usefulness to the order.

Another bright star was added to Odd Fellowship in this jurisdiction Monday evening, March 17, when Phoenix Lodge, No. 153, was instituted in the temple, with 33 of the best men in this city. The four degrees were conferred as follows: Initatory degree, by the staff of Star-spangled Banner Lodge, No. 7, under the direction of Capt. Herbert W. Frome, first degree, by the staff of Warren Lodge, No. 71, under the direction of Capt. Thomas R. Manakee; the second and third degrees by the staff of Garden Lodge, No. 114, under the direction of Capt. William H. Hunter, Jr. The work of each staff was splendid. The lodge was instituted by the grand officers of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, after which the new officers were installed. The grand master and grand secretary welcomed the new members and wished them success. Among the members are some of the leading fraternalists of the city. They were much impressed with the work. A number were not able to be present, so the grand officers allowed them until April 21 to to take in the remainder of their members. The officers of the new lodge are: Noble grand, Benjamin Brown; vice grand, Charles W. Bueck; financial secretary, Harry Lambright; recording secretary, A. Bishop Wellstood; treasurer, William J. Roberts; chaplain, Dr. W. Burton; warden, Roger Titus; conductor, James L. Howard; outside guardian, Nathan Furbush; inside guardian, Webster Krause; right supporter noble grand, Charles Arnold; left supporter noble grand, Ferdinand Krause; right supporter vice grand, George Butler, Jr.; left supporter vice grand, F. Carroll, right scene supporter, W. R. Hart; left scene supporter, John Hawkins.

Philanthropic Encampment, No. 16, has accepted an invitation from Harford Encampment of Belair to pay them a fraternal visit on April 4 and confer the patriarchal degrees. The hustling committee has charge of the arrangements.

Old Glory Lodge, No. 140, held another very spirited meeting on Friday evening, March 14, with a large attendance. Several brothers gave interesting talks on the advancement of Odd Fellowship. Old Glory Lodge will initiate two candidates on March 28. Old