WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE FRATERNAL AND SECRET ORDERS

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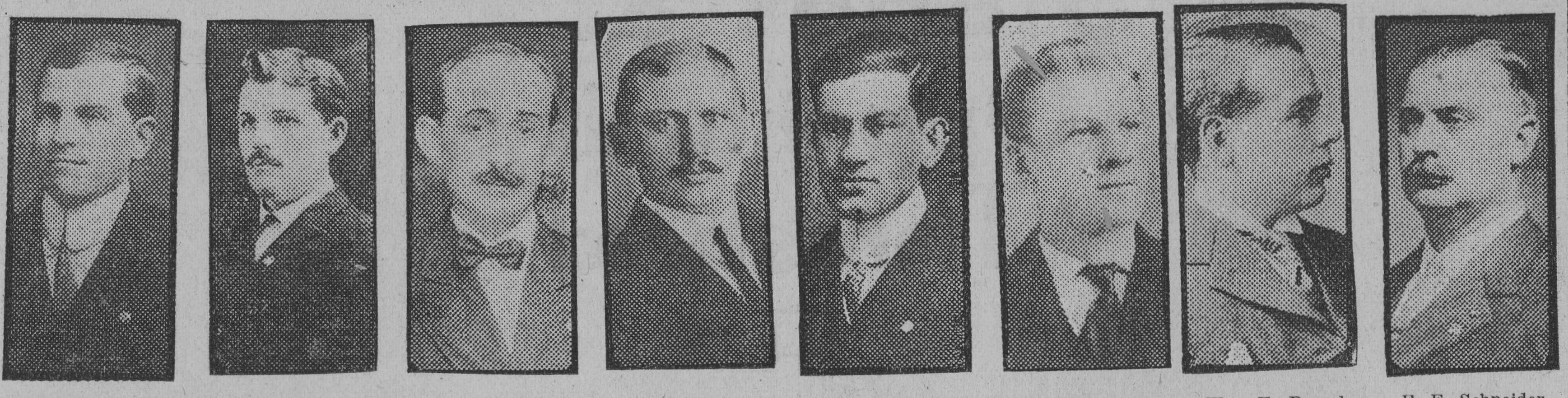
AGGRESSIVE OFFICERS OF CALVERT TENT



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Men who are guiding the destinies of one of the strongest Macabeean organizations in the state. Calvert Tente is composed of officers and members who are working hard to keep it in the front rank of Maryland fraternal organizations. Since its organization in 1901 the tent has grown steadily until it is now one of the strongest divisions of the order. The officers, recently installed, have justly earned the title of hard workers, and are putting forth every effort to keep the tent the banner tent of the state.

I. O. O. F.

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The [illegible]ekah Assembly of Maryland will me[illegible] the lodge room of Colfax [illegible]ekah [illegible]ge, No. 1, at Cumberland, t Tue[illegible] and Wednesday, April 1 2, [illegible]ning Tuesday afternoon, en the [illegible]ts of the president and er [illegible]ce[illegible]nd committees will be mitted, s[illegible]g a splendid increase membershi[illegible]th four new Rebekah ges institute[illegible]uring the year. Tues- y night a social session will be held. dnesday morning the reports will be acted upon and other routine business transacted. Other important matters will be brought before the assembly for action. The officers for the ensuing year will be elected Wednesday evening. The attendance from all the Western Maryland lodges will be large, every Rebekah lodge in the state will be represented nd a large number will go from Balti- nore, leaving tomorrow. The grand mas- er and grand secretary will visit the ssembly during the session.

Fellowship Lodge, No. 138, celebrated s fifth anniversary by giving a banquet the members and their friends last Vednesday evening, March 26, in the anquet hall, which proved a delightful cial occasion, bringing together over one undred and fifty members and friends. n excellent menu was served by the embers of Fellowship Rebekah Lodge, o. 25, Mrs. Sarah Schaeffer being chair- an of the committee of ladies. Before d during the progress of the banquet usic was furnished by Foy's Orchestra, nsisting of the following members: F. Foy, Charles Urban, Harry H. ith, Arthur Lego and Albert Arnold. the close of the banquet toasts were onded to by Frederick A. Groom, l master; J. LeRoy Hopkins, Adolph ner, William H. Bryan, Dr. Ross bage, George R. McCleary and others. rles Foster gave several humorous tions and George C. Hatton, Sr., tained with readings. R. Jesse Loock the toastmaster. The committee in were Jacob Abbott, R. Jesse George C. Hatton, Jr., P. H. and Rufus Foy.

eemed that all roads for Odd Fel- on the Eastern Shore led to Salis- last Tuesday, March 25, when a rally was held by the lodges of t No. 16 in the hall of Newton No. 56. The brethren from the dif- lodges began to arrive early in the d when the meeting was called to the spacious hall was crowded. ne Deputy District Grand Master C. Parsons presided and an address come was delivered by Past Grand R. Holloway, which was responded Grand Representative S. H. Fox- fter which the district deputy grand s made reports concerning the work rogress of each lodge. Everyone vith the true spirit of Odd-Fellow- nd every report showed a gain for dge and all in a splendid condition. addresses were made by Grand Fred A. Groom, Grand Treasurer ummer and Grand Secretary Wil- Jones. Our grand secretary in- hose present in the secret work. beginning of the meeting the ster presented to Newton Lodge, full set of officers' regalia for de the largest gain during 1912, s 47 net increase. The gift was by the noble grand amid the nthusiasm. During the evening ections were given by Brothers Vimbrow and Harold Hitchens. J. Thomas Hopkins was the ac- t. After the meeting refresh- ere served. The committee in ere R. James Holliday, Charles ett, Harry L. Murphey.

y evening last, March 24, found d officers at Federalsburg, Caro- nty, when they visited Federal o. 35. A large attendance greeted d officers and the second degree ferred upon a candidate by the taff of the lodge in a very cred- anner. After the work short ad- vere made by Grand Master Fred m, Grand Secretary William A. Grand Treasurer J. F. Plummer nd Representative S. H. Foxwell, vere responded to by Brother El- other members. Our Grand lly instructed the members t work. Federal Lodge made 8 last year. The grand officers pleased with their condition or a great record this year.

Master Fred A. Groom visited ngled Banner Lodge, No. 7, Fri- ning, March 21, and as usual, he fires of Odd Fellowship burn- st brightly, with a large attend- nd plenty of enthusiasm prevail- Upon being called on, the Grand er congratulated the lodge upon work, particularly that of the de- staff, at the institution of Phoenix ge, when they conferred the initia- y degree, and at the close of his re- arks presented Brother George A. huark a handsome past grand's collar a token of love and esteem from the dge. Brother Rhuark made a happy sponse in accepting the gift. Star- ngled Banner Lodge is doing every- ng they can to push forward their ge and expect to make a great record ing 1913.

d Glory Lodge, No. 140, was visited he grand officers on Friday evening, h 21. A good attendance was on to extend a welcome. No work was pted and the evening was given o a discussion as to the best means ild up this young and splendid Addresses were made by Grand Fred A. Groom, Grand Secretary n A. Jones, Past Grand William fstetter, Jr., and a number of the bers of Old Glory Lodge.

lanthropic Encampment, No. 16, will ney to Belair next Friday evening, ng Baltimore at 6 P. M.; returning, ng Belair at midnight. The mem- of Harford Encampment are making rations for a large crowd. There be 50 or more go, and there will be nmodations for those who are not bers of Philanthropic Encampment desire to go.

members of the lodges in Balti- and vicinity are beginning to look d to the next grand rally, which held in the Grand Lodge room of emple Friday evening, April 18. grees will be conferred as follows: degree, staff of Maryland Lodge, 9; second degree, staff of Blen- Lodge, No. 102; third degree, staff son Lodge, No. 79. The attend- rom all the lodges will be large sitors will be present from all parts state. A large class of candidates red.

umental Rebekah Lodge, No. 35, nstituted in Independent Order of Fellows' Temple last Wednesday g by the Rebekah Assembly officers ryland, Mrs. Susan G. Miller presi- This lodge is composed of mem- f Monumental subordinate lodge, ives, daughters and friends. There ver 125 petitioners, and had it not r the inclement weather a greater would have been present. The elected and installed were as fol- Anna Beutelspacher, past noble Bessie Abrams, noble grand; ne Dorweis, vice grand; Elizabeth mp, recording secretary; Mabel nancial secretary; Elmira DeShon, er; Emma Knabe, warden; Mrs. an, conductor; Mrs. Caleb Kirby, n; William E. Beutelspacher, right to noble grand; Mrs. A. R. Lar- left supporter to noble grand; Clayton, inside guardian; Miss outside guardian; Sophia Fuchs, supporter to vice grand; Carrie ch, left supporter to vice grand; Beutelspacher, representative to Assembly.

ext Wednesday evening prepara- ill be made to take in the re- of the petitioners. This lodge et on the first and third Wed- of each month. The degree was d by the state staff in an ex- manner and the new parapher- as much admired. As the staff out to retire the captain, William tetter, Jr., halted and the grand , on behalf of the members of , presented to Sister Anna Cham- Queen Esther Rebekah Lodge, handsome umbrella as a token appreciation for her assistance the paraphernalia for the staff.

rit of fraternity prevailed to the extent at Towson last Thursday March 27, when Center Lodge, of Ellicott City, and Arundel o. 145, of Brooklyn, paid a fra- t to Towson Lodge, No. 79. raveled in special cars to son, and there were dele- t from a number of other g together a crowd that the beautif[illegible] lodge room. us [illegible] in a few well-chosen remarks welcomed the visitors and introduced Past Grand Z. Howard Isaac. Addresses were made by Brother C. A. Shreeves, noble grand of Center Lodge; Rev. A. R. Snedegar, vice grand of Arundel Lodge; Brother C. A. Matthews, vice grand of Center Lodge; Past Grand Masters, Edward Rossman, William Grason, Assistant Sovereign Grand Secretary J. Edward Kroh, Grand Representative John W. Young, Grand Secretary William A. Jones, Past Grand Williah H. Hofstetter, Jr., Grand Master Fred A. Groom and others. At the close of the meeting all were escorted to Hotel Towson, where sandwiches and coffee were served, and the remainder of the evening was spent pleasantly in a social way. The committee in charge were C. Gus Grason, George C. Tracey and Fred A. Groom.

Eugene S. Anderson Encampment, No. 40, met last Tuesday evening in Patriarchal Hall, I. O. O. F. Temple, for the purpose of having the degree conferred upon a large class of candidates. When the members were assembled and previous to the opening exercises of the encampment, there appeared a large number of the members of Warren Lodge, No. 71, and after they were formally introduced, Brother Thomas R. Manakee, the spokesman, addressed the patriarchs and told them how much Warren Lodge loved Eugene S. Anderson, who passed to his reward on June 20 of the past year, and how much the lodge appreciated the honor conferred upon it by naming the encampment after one of its honored members, and in well chosen remarks presented the encampment with two handsome gavels, suitably inscribed, as a token of appreciation and as a harbinger of success for the encampment. The regular business was then proceeded with, and Philanthropic Encampment degree staff, in a beautiful and intelligent manner, conferred the patriarchal degree, Grand Patriarch James H. Boyd, Grand Scribe William A. Jones, Grand Representative S. H. Foxwell and a visiting patriarch from Massachusetts gave short talks. Eugene S. Anderson Encampment have decided to meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at Arrow Hall, Highlandtown.

Monumental Rebekah Lodge, No. 35, will be instituted on next Wednesday evening in the Grand Lodge Room of the I. O. O. F. Temple by the president of the assembly and her associate officers. The assembly staff will confer the Rebekah degree, after which the lodge will be instituted and officers elected and installed. This lodge will meet on the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

A. O. H.

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The Ladies' Auxiliary, Ancient Order of Hiberians, of Baltimore, have undertaken a most commendable work in furtherance of disseminating a more general knowledge of Irish history in securing the services of the eminent lecturer and historian, Rev. P. J. Dooley, S. J., to deliver a course of four lectures on Irish history at Loyola College Hall on the four Tuesdays in the month of April.

Thorugh the courtesy of Rev. William J. Ennis, S. J., president of Loyola College, these lectures will be delivered in the hall of the college.

Father Dooley is recognized as one of the most learned and eloquent Irish historians in the United States, and too much credit cannot be given Miss Mary Broening and Miss Jennie Cavanaugh, of the Ladies' Auxiliary, for enlisting in such a great cause the talents of so distinguished a student of Irish history and one so thoroughly competent to do justice to the great subject. A rare treat is assured all who are fortunate enough to attend these lectures and it is hoped that many will avail themselves of the opportunity now offered them. Tickets can be secured from Miss Mary Broening, 16 West Lee street; Miss Jennie Cavanaugh, 1037 Sharp street, or from members of the order.

The recent meeting of Division No. 8, held at Marshall's Hall, Pennsylvania avenue, on Wednesday evening, March 26, was one of the most interesting and enjoyable the division has held for a long time. At the business session, presided over by Brother James E. Corrigan, the principal topic of discussion was that of the forthcoming complimentary dance to be given by the division to its members and their friends of both sexes throughout the city at Claggett's Hall, North Fremont avenue, on Tuesday evening, April 22. The social session, which was presided over by M. J. Greeley, was a distinct success, noteworthy for that broad spirit of fraternalism and good will which permeated the whole atmosphere and seemed to be the keynote of each brother's contribution to the evening's entertainment. Among those brothers who merit special mention as entertainers at the social session are the following: James McLaughlin, John J. Healey, W. K. Landrigan, James E. Taylor, Julius F. Diehl, Frank B. Gately, Jr., Thomas G. Neville, James P. Eagan, Robert E. Goss and James E. Corrigan. The last complimentary dance given by Division No. 8, on January 27 last, was one of the most successful social events held under the auspices of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of thic city in many years. And now, with the division's increasing popularity, is gaining new recruits and making new friends, and with everybody who attended the last dance well satisfied and sure to come again, and with an excellent dance committee, who are both practical and competent to carry out every detail in a manner alike creditable and satisfactory to all concerned, it is safe to predict a larger measure of success for this project than any the division has hitherto undertaken. The committee consists of the following brothers: Robert E. Goss, chairman; James E. Taylor, George Eisenberger, Frank B. Gately, Jr., Thomas G. Neville, James P. Egan, James J. Tierney, James J. Quinn, Luke J. Kearney and John H. Wess.

S. of H.

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On last Wednesday evening Hiawatha Lodge, No. 19, held the largest and most enthusiastic meeting of the year. Fully two-thirds of the membership turned out and the hall was crowded to its capacity. The Grand Lodge officers were present. After the regular routine the Worthy Master announced good of the order and Grand Conductor Watts introduced the Grand Officers. Grand Master James E. Dunn, Junior Grand Master Andrew George, Sr., Grand Treasurer William H. H. Sultzer and Past Grand Master Samuel C. Ford and others who made interesting remarks on the wonderful progress of our order in the past quarter, and thus renewed the energy of the hustlers. After the lodge closed in due form tables were spread with an excellent collation. An excellent orchestra, procured through the efforts of Brothers John T. Barbour, livened things up a bit. Brother Andrew George, Sr., rendered selections on the piano and accompanied Brother James E. Crawford, who sang.

Brothers Jacob De Vries and Fred Hohmann created much laughter with their acrobatic stunts. There were also several good comedians present, who were received with much applause. It is the desire of the social committee to hold a meeting of this kind each month and they were promised the support of more than a score of former stay-aways. The committee in charge was George T. Doyle, chairman; John T. Lewis, John King, Jacob Weitzel, Harry Weitzel and Ernest Sampson.

Centennial Lodge, No. 4, held a very interesting meeting last Tuesday. Many brothers were out to participate in this meeting, which was very spirited. After the regular business three games of quoits were played by the teams of which Brothers Edward Carre and John Hink are the captains. Captain Carre's team won two games. The contests were very exciting.

Next Tuesday night we expect to take in another member, and a royal good time is expected.

Franklin Lodge, No. 32, held a very interesting meeting last Wednesday evening. The relief committee reported favorably on all the sick. The increase committee held a reorganization. Our former chairman, Brother George Lehr, resigned his chairmanship and indorsed one of our young brothers as his successor. The committee selected were: William Germershausen, chairman; George Lehr, assistant chairman; Charles Bauer, Harry Shults, Theodore Dillaway, William Lehr, Philip Germershausen, Ernest O'Keiff, John Carl and Wm. Fisher. The increase committee decided to hold a special meeting every second Wednesday. Owing to a discussion in regard to the Grand Lodge meeting next month the hustlers have decided to postpone the regular hustlers' meeting until next Wednesday.

K. of P.

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Grand Chancellor John F. Thomas was the guest of honor at the regular meeting of South Mountain Lodge, No. 145, on Tuesday night, March 25. The rank of page was conferred upon stranger L. H. Ashby by the recently organized team in a manner befitting a working force of veterans. Three applications were read from the desk. The grand chancellor is enthusiastic in his praise of this lodge, which was instituted February 1, 1911, and is, therefore, but two years old. In that time the members, with the assistance of the ladies of the town and community, have purchased an entire outfit of paraphernalia, furnished and carpeted their hall, the furnishings including a handsome new piano, at an expense of more than $1,500, organized a team for conferring the ranks and taken hold of the work in a manner that promises well for the future. This team recently paid a visit to Valley Lodge, No. 70, at Hagerstown, one of the foremost lodges in the grand domain, and conferred the rank of knight upon a class of esquires in a manner to elicit the commendation of these well posted and conservative Pythians. The present chancellor commander of the lodge, Brother Edgar C. Beamer, upon assuming the chair, addressed the lodge and stated there would be work for the team in conferring the ranks and stated that he would supply at least one candidate for each month of his term. He has kept his word and the membership has now passed the 100 mark, with promise of a still larger increase for the term ending June 30.

On Wednesday night Grand Chancellor John F. Thomas and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal James M. Hendrix were invited to attend a public meeting held under the auspices of Chancellor Lodge, No. 67, at Thurmont. Despite the inclemency of the weather the meeting was well attended by the Pythians, the ladies of their families and their friends. An interesting program was rendered, consisting of vocal selections, readings, addresses by the grand officers, responses by Brother H. D. Beachley, and closing with a social session during which refreshments were served. Brothers Baxter and Vogel, who have been especially active in their efforts to make this event a success, are to be congratulated upon the attendance and manner in which the program was carried out. This lodge has been adding to its membership and will have more work in conferring the ranks in the nearf future. The membership includes a large number of the best citizens of the town and community and the loss of a member by suspension is rare. Past Chancellor M. A. Williar, the only living charter member of the lodge, accompanied by Mrs. Williar, was present to do his share toward making the evening's entertainment a success. Brother Albert B. Close, who lives in Baltimore, but retains his membership in Chancellor Lodge, was present and enjoyed the evening greatly.

German-American Lodge, No. 108, met last Wednesday night, with all officers in their respective positions. Several applications were presented by the committee on new members, and a great deal of other business of interest was presented and disposed of. All committee chairmen made interesting and favorable reports. Esquires Julius Unger and G. W. Peterson were raised to the rank of knight in a most impressive manner. The floor work was under the direction of Team Master George L. Heneberger, with the following knights composing the team: John H. Rappold, William Harps, Edward Hines, William E. Davidson, Arthur Horman, C. R. Waldecker, George Schmidt, Elmer McCauley, Edward Burgan, P. L. Clarke, John Rentz, Benjamin H. Clarke, William B. Leddon, T. Eckard, E. Hood, D. C. King, Fred Strassl, C. D. Harper and Solon Pearson. The work was given in the amplified form and reflected great credit upon those engaged. A new class is now forming for next month. Several visitors were present and enjoyed the rank work.

Friendship Lodge, No. 8, at Annapolis, has been aroused to interest in all that pertains to the work of the order and the team has been busy conferring the ranks. The K. of R. and S. of this lodge is one of the real, live, wide-awake Pythians, and he and his fellow-members are making every effort to have Friendship Lodge, No. 8, in the foremost rank of the "up and doing" lodges of this Grand Domain.

An interesting meeting was held by Columbus Lodge, No. 27, and Loyal Lodge, No. 128, on Tuesday night, March 25. When the teams of both lodges consolidated and conferred the rank of knight upon a large class of esquires in the presence of a large number of members and visiting knights. Loyal Lodge, No. 128 has been especially active since the beginning of the year and is going ahead at a fine rate. We are of the opinion that Grand Chancellor-elect Brother B. Frank Shaffer will have cause to congratulate this lodge as one of those which will add the full quota of 50 to its membership during the year.

Reports from Loyalty Lodge, No. 122, at Brunswick, indicate that this splendid lodge has been busy conferring the ranks upon strangers, pages and esquires. Interest in the uniform rank is being aroused and this striking feature of our work is attracting more than the usual attention by reason of the special efforts being made at headquarters by the major general and his staff.

On Thursday night, Mount Vernon Temple, No. 7, Pythian Sisters, conferred the work upon a newly elected sister. The team performed the work in an attractive manner and after the close of the regular session refreshments were served.

Mizpah Lodge, No. 130, held a most interesting meeting on Friday night, March 21. The final reading and adoption of the by-laws was completed, with some amendments to the draft submitted by the committee. The lodge is now ready for some initiatory work and should get busy securing applications so that we may have at least a portion of the number of additions expected by Grand Chancellor-elect Shaffer and Supreme Chancellor Carling, before the close of the present Pythian period.

The members of Royal Blue Lodge, No. 139, have been making an effort to secure additions to their roster and arouse special interest in their lodge work. They have a number of applications on file and expect more in the near future.

In a recent communication from Brother W. J. Haddaway, K of R. and S. of Choptank Lodge, No. 141, requesting application blanks, the statement was made that the last lot of blanks forwarded had been instrumental in securing at least 10 new members. The additional blanks desired were furnished and it is hoped that they will be the means of doing as well as those forwarded them on the last occasion. Brother Haddaway has taken quite an interest in the lodge since his election to the important position of K. of R. and S., and from present indications the increase for the June term will be the largest in a number of years.

O. U. A. M.

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The Order of United American Mechanics on the Eastern Shore will hold a class initiation on April 2 at the Opera House at Salisbury. They have 147 candidates and will have 160. The crack team of Francis Scott Key Council, No. 48, of Frederick City, Md., will confer the degree upon the candidates and will give an exhibition drill in their new uniforms. There will be a parade at 2 P. M., after which the parade will disperse at the opera house and a public meeting held, which will be addressed by Rev. Dr. E. H. Hummelbaugh, of Frederick. His theme will be Fraternity. The national councilor, Brother Barrows, of Providence, R. I., will speak upon The Order. Mr. H. O. Holstein, national council secretary, of Harrisburg, Pa., will speak upon The History of the Order. Mr. C. H. Stein, of Baltimore, will speak upon the condition of the order in this state and its general benefits. At 7 P. M. they will meet to confer the degrees upon these candidates, after which they will adjourn and a banquet will be tendered the visiting members of the order. This will be one of the most interesting events in the history of the order on the Eastern Shore.

F. OF A.

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Court Greenmount, No. 9, Foresters of America, on last Friday had five visiting brothers from Philadelphia, Pa.—Brothers F. J. Nolan, P. J. Brunes, John H. Watkins, Joseph Nevins and James Nelsen. After the meeting the visitors were entertained at the Hotel Junker. The committee on entertainment, Brother John McGuire, is taking a much-needed rest. His place will be filled by his assistant, Brother John Davidson, and you can expect something unusual in the line of good entertainment from Brother Davidson. The good and welfare was very interesting, the following making remarks: Brothers E. J. Geelhaar, F. J. Nossel; James Wilson, F. J. Gallagher, M. F. Quinn, Luke Kearney, James Quinn, Joseph C. Smyth, Thomas Gaskins, C. A. Putens, M. J. Gorman, John Davidson, Joseph A. Sutton, Joseph V. Curry, Charles Smith, A. Beever, John Sinnott and C. Hammond.

There was a large attendance of the members of Court Carrollton, No. 3, at their rooms in Cook's Hall, 12 South Schroeder street, Tuesday evening, March 25, it being quarterly meeting night. Delegates to the Grand Court Convention, to be held in this city in May, were elected, as follows: George Gillis, John Walsh Fred O'Gorman. Alternates, W. C. Pierpoint, August Fromm, Jr., Henry Mohr. After the regular order of business, under good and welfare, the lecturer, A. J. Rentz, provided the following entertainment for the members: Henry Mohr, selections on the organ; Thomas U. Forrest, barytone solo; Carrollton Quartet, selections, assisted by the members.

C. F.

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Lafayette Assembly, No. 1, held its regular weekly meeting on Monday evening at Cook's Hall, with the president, Brother Ed J. McNeill, in the chair. Seven officers answered the roll. Attendance was exceptionally good. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The sick committee, Brother J. Hasselberger, reported Brothers Benjamin Smith and J. Thomas still under care. Twelve applications for membership in the fraternity were filed with the secretary. The investigating committee on Joseph Horn, Elmer Krause, E. J. Kessler and Carroll F. Victor reported favorably and the candidates were unanimously elected to membership in the fraternity. The committee on excursion reported that June 18 had been secured for their yearly outing. By unanimous vote it was decided to hold a smoker for the benefit of the members on next Monday, March 31. Brother F. Wolf was appointed chairman of the smoker committee and he stated that all brothers could rely on him to give them a royal good time. After the regular order of business the hall was turned over to the orator, Brother Ira P. Sherwood, who addressed the members for some time on the good and welfare of the order, and especially the hustling members who have worked so hard for the past three months in increasing the membership. Brother Sherwood's special request was not to become lukewarm, but to continue in this noble work and for every brother to show the fraternal spirit. Before closing his remarks he recited a poem entitled Who Killed the Assembly?

F. O. O.

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On last Tuesday evening, March 25, Baltimore Nest, No. 3, held one of the largest attended meetings of the season. The officers were all present and Supreme Trustee Brother J. H. Lyons spoke on fraternalism, and said he was glad to see the members take such an interest in their meetings by turning out in large numbers. The meeting opened in due form, with President Julius F. Wegner in the chair. There being no objection by the nest, the chair dispensed with the regular order of business, with the exception of sick and distress, as the membership committee (Brother Emerine, chairman, had a great many new applicants to present for examination, after which the warden retired to the anteroom and introduced nine candidates for obligation. A resolution was adopted unanimously tendering Brother Dewart a rising vote of thanks for the loyal and attentive courtesy shown during our last affair. Brother Joseph Syfer suggested that the secretary be authorized to write the different picture parlors who displayed the oriole slides on several occasions and thank them.

Chairman Harry Ebens, of the social committee, reported he had laid plans whereby the ladies will be cared for during the summer months when they organize their club. This looks like there is going to be something doing in Orioledom very shortly. The way the members are sending in new applications asking for admittance means an exceedingly large class initiation for next April. President Wegner thanked his committee for the way they conducted their carnival and dance last Monday evening in Barry's Hall. "Conducting an affair of this kind involves the expenditure of more than $500," said Chairman Ebens, "but it is the only way Baltimore Nest does things. We have always followed the policy that what is worth doing at all is worth doing well. And everything we atempt is commensurate with our size. This as much as anything is responsible for our continuous growth and prosperity. We have a most efficient board of officers. Our members show their faith in their officers by responding to everything we ask. We gained 63 new applicants on this occasion. We are averaging 16 applications a week, and we will have our 1,500 members when we start for Marion, Ind., where our next national convention will be held." The meeting closed with the Oriole ode.

I. O. H.

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Broadway Conclave, at its regular meeting last Tuesday evening, had a large gathering of its members, due to the weekly quoit games and other features which are offered by the increase committee. The first quoit game between Brothers Schultz, Miller, Gomeringer, Stanley, King, Schaeffer, Neuslein and L. L. Meyer was won by Brother George G. Miller. The second game, between Brothers Kehoe, Dash, Delcher, J. E. Michael, Scherer, Strohminger, Wiessner and Johnson, was won by Brother Kehoe. In the final game between Brothers Miller and Kehoe Brother Kehoe was the winner, and was presented a handsome china plaque. Brother L. L. Meyer, who has been absent for some time, was present, and received a cordial welcome.

The meeting of Howard Conclave, No. 209, on Monday, March 24, was marked by one of the largest attendances of the season, Archon Jake Goldman presiding. After the reading of the minutes several important questions were under discussion, and was marked by very animated debates, which resulted in their final adoption. The participants in the interesting arguments consisted of Brother Neuhahn, Dr. Weinberg, William W. Abrams, Louis Drinks and E. O. Amberg. The secretary was instructed to send out notices to each and every member of the conclave inviting them to attend our next meeting, which is our annual spring festival. On this night, March 31, several supreme officers will be present, and we desire the fullest attendance possible. The committee in charge have prepared an elaborate program, with refreshments, as the entertainment features are always enjoyed. Announcements were read from the Howard Conclave Gazette, edited by Brother Sylvan L. Hirschberg. Our hall has had a new piano installed, and the beautiful voice of Brother Louis Drinks, our popular tenor, will again be heard; likewise, our quartet, consisting of Goldman, Drinks, Abrams and Benesch.

H. or S. W. M.

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Bias Conclave, No. 23, has awakened after a long period of dormancy to new life and one of activity. Old Bias Conclave's meetings are now full of old-time ginger and are veritable beehives. No. 23 is working hard for a membership of 400 by December 31, 1913, and judging by past performance, lately, it is destined to reach the goal. Twenty-eight good, healthy young men have since February 11 applied for membership, 21 have been elected thereto, leaving seven applications to be acted upon, and to date 13 have been admitted, making the total membership at the present time 296. The 101 degree team is preparing for a class initiation for the 15th of April, at which time 15 young men who have expressed a desire for a further peep into the mysteries of the Order of Seven Wise Men will be gratified.

M. W. of A.

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Madison Camp held a very important meeting of March 17 at Musical Union Hall, on Hamilton Terrace. The grand officers presented Madison Camp with the state banner for securing and adopting the greatest number of members during the year. The state deputy, Neighbor William McCaffrey, in making his presentation speech, complimented the neighbors on the industry shown in surpassing all other camps in the state, as Madison Camp is only one and one-half years old. The banner was examined by the neighbors, and they all expressed their gratification at the beautiful emblem to be lodged in the meeting-room of the camp for next year. Joseph M. Hess, on behalf of the camp, told the officers of Madison Camp to keep this banner for many years to come. Five applications have been received to start the new term.

K. O. T. M.

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Calvert Tent, No. 3, held a splendid review on Wednesday night. The attendance was good, in spite of the storm, with some visiting sir knights from other tents, who enjoyed the card party with the members of Calvert Tent. The reports from the different committees were of a pleasing nature. The sick committee reported that the list of sick was decreasing and nearly all recovering and returning to business. The memorial day committee reported some satisfactory progress. The social committee is planning a big time for all. The record-keeper gave a fine statement of the condition of the tent. The tent is making great strides under the present officers, and will wind up the year in better condition than ever, and is justly entitled to be called the banner tent. The card party was a big success, Sir Knight Cooms winning first prize, and Sir Knight Cheverel the second prize, in a well-fought deciding game. Next week the degrees will be conferred.

R. A.

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The March meeting, held the 22d inst., of Chesapeake Council was the most important of the year, including the election of officers for the ensuing year. It was especially noteworthy as evidencing the noble teachings of U. C. T.-ism, particularly in reference to charity. At the close of deliberations all united in feeling that a very strong list of officers had been chosen and an optimistic belief in the success of the forthcoming year was noticeably prevalent. The meeting was called to order with the following officers in the chairs: Brothers senior, Hammond; junior, Callis; secretary-treasurer, Rhoderick; conductor, Beall; sentinel, Heffner; page, Darrah; executive committeemen, Jenkins, Leatherbury and Blake. Brother Bealmer was reported sick and Brother Edgar Covington as having passed the day before into the great beyond.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Senior, James Callis; junior, S. J. Darrah; conductor, Paul E. Leatherbury; page, Brother Masson; secretary-treasurer, Louis Rhoderick; sentinel, Walter Kirwan; executive committee, Brothers Dubel and Rawlings; surgeon, Dr. Lilly; outside chaplain, Dr. Mead. By virtue of service in office Brothers Senior Hammond and Claude Leatherbury became past councilors. Delegates to Grand Council, Brothers Poske, Hammond, Mahool, Jenkins; alternates, Brothers Beall, Spillman, Mackall and C. Leatherbury. In leaving the office of senior Brother Hammond reviewed the history of the past year and expressed his especial gratification at the splendid improvement in our financial condition. When a call was made previously by the Supreme Council the payment was conditioned upon the response of the membership, but now the money is always in bank awaiting the call. In quality of membership the organization is stronger than ever before. He pledged an equally hearty support for the future as in the past. Following him, Brother Past Briscoe spoke feelingly of leaving the office of past and expressed his loyal intentions for the future.

The offer existing during the past year of a dinner to those members who brought in five or more members having proven successful, the same was continued for the ensuing year. The Ladies' Auxiliary was pledged hearty support in the card party they will hold Thursday, April 3. The boys were raked pretty severely for lack of attention to the Ladies' Auxiliary in the past and a universal guarantee of attendance to the coming function was expressed. A committee, voluntarily offered, called upon the family of deceased Brother Covington on Sunday, the 23d inst. His demise is especially sad, he being in his thirty-fifth year. The meeting was adjourned at midnight.

Calvert Council, No. 804, Royal Arcanum, at its last meeting closed its work for the month with four initiations and one application for membership. The new pianist, Mr. Clarence Byron Clements, gave a very interesting musical during the recess of the council. The new regent, E. A. Eberly, has closed her first quarter with a large increase in membership. At our next meeting the new organist, with his choir of young men, will give another musical, to which sister councils are fraternally invited.

Carrollton Council, No. 257, held its regular bimonthly meeting with the following officers present: C. Parker McPherson, regent; W. M. Lautenberger, vice regent; C. H. Riley, secretary; W. P. Reese, collector; L. A. Pacetti, treasurer; H. L. West, chaplain; J. L. Abell, sentry; H. I. Robinson, warden; H. T. Daly, guide. The past regent's and orator's stations were occupied by Brothers C. H. Lautenberger and J. T. Smith, respectively. Two new members were initiated in the mysteries of the Royal Arcanum, which was conducted in a very able manner by the officers of the council. The Royal Arcanum buttons were presented by Grand Deputy J. Stonewall Jackson Healy, who made a very impressive address of welcome to our new brothers in V. M. C.

L. O. T. M.

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Fulton Hive, No. 5, held its regular reunion on Wednesday, with all officers in their respective chairs and a good attendance. Mrs. Melva J. Easwell, lady state commander, was present. After closing of review, Sir Knight Irvin Schelf and Baltimore Tent, No. 1, were admitted. Baltimore Tent No. 1 and Fulton Hive, No. 5, are socially affiliated, and Fulton accepted the proposition of Baltimore Tent through Sir Knight Schelf, chairman of the Fulton Hive committee, to hold a joint theater party. A committee meeting was held at the home of Lady Maye Sanders. After all business was transacted Lady Sanders served refreshments.

T. B. H.

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A very large and well-attended meeting was held on Tuesday by Highland Court, No. 3. Many visitors from other courts were present. A fraternal spirit prevailed among the members, causing much enthusiasm. One candidate was obligated and one more application received. The reports from various committees showed progress in every line. The spring campaign is on and the outlook for new members is bright. The regular business being transacted, for the good of the order Brother Hartlove gave a very eloquent address. Other members and visitors gave short talks, after which the court closed in due form and refreshments were served.

D. OF A.

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Mount Royal Council, No. 51, entertained the state officers at their hall, Twenty-fifth street and Huntingdon avenue, on March 12. A large number of state officers were present. Visitors from other councils were also present. After the regular meeting and speechmaking supper and refreshments were served.

Riverside Council, No. 15, held their regular meeting in Big Guns' Hall, with Councilor Sister Katie Schwemmer presiding. The meeting was opened in due form. The relief committee reported the sick improving. We had many members present, including our Deputy Sister Lewis. Sister Minnie Whitson received her past councilor's jewel. Our members are trying to get in some new members, so our council will increase in its membership.

N. U.

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At a meeting of Roger B. Taney Council, No. 656, last Tuesday evening, several original, but strenuous, plans were put int operation that must in a short time spur its members on to greater energy and enthusiasm than ever before. To bring about this result will mean much additional work for the officers of the council; yet to what nobler cause could one devote a fair portion of his leisure time than that which is not only of signal importance to himself, but in which every person who may be dependent upon him is so vitally concerned. To strengthen the already powerful foundation, upon which is built one of the greatest fraternal organizations on earth, to teach broadcast its beautiful principles and to perpetuate the power to carry out its purposes, should constitute a persistent effort on the part of every member of Roger B. Taney or any other council in the National Union. After the regular meeting of Roger B. on April 8, a pleasing entertainment will be given and refreshments served.

Fairmount Council, National Union, held a spirited meeting on Thursday night at the Law Building headquarters, with Friend Joseph Philipson in the chair. The work of the council was discussed. A donation of $5 to the Western flood sufferers was made, after which the members, together with Senator Campbell and District Manager Norris, adjourned for a social session, where a splendid menu was enjoyed by all.

The National Union dance on Wednesday night was a great success, and the committee in charge deserve great credit. The members and laides enjoyed the dances and the splendid music of Emerich's Orchestra until midnight, and voted the Fifth Regiment Veteran Corps Armory the ideal place for such an affair. The committee in charge was composed of the following mtmbers of the various councils: H. J. Flescher, chairman; John Pilert, William H. Gettrust, Charles W. Goeb, William S. Norris, James A. Bell, James Kearney, Joseph Philipson, Leon Wittgenstein, Sol. Uhlfelder, William D. Kellogg, William F. Campbell, James P. Foster.

K. of U.

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Baltimore Council, No. 1, at its regular weekly meeting Monday evening at Cook's Hall, South Schroeder street, transacted considerable business of importance. The increase committee reported progress in its work and suggested a plan for the increase of the membership of the council, which, after considerable discussion pro and con, was indorsed by the council, and the committee was instructed to put the plan into operation at once, Sir Knight Charles H. Waltz was with the council after an absence of several weeks on account of sickness, and received an enthusiastic reception that demonstrated his popularity. Grand Recorder Z. T. Meushaw was with us and gave an interesting talk on the plans of the Grand Council for the extension of the order in this state, Ohio and New York. Every member was urged by the Sir Councilor to be present at the next session of the council, March 31, as very important business is to come before the council.

L. O. O. M.

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Baltimore Lodge, No. 70, will hold its annual memorial services on Sunday, March 29, at the Maryland Theater. The stage will be draped in the Moose emblems, and the Moose Orchestra will furnish the sacred music for the occasion. Mr. Robert E. Lee, a member of the order and the Mayor's secretary, will deliver the oration. A quartet will render selections. The committee in charge have made arrangements to have a full attendance. Theodore C. Baker is chairman of the merorial services. The installation of the new officers will take place on Teusday, April 8, at Hazazer's Hall. The lodge entertainment will be held on Monday, April 7, when the Moose Band will give a concert at Hazazer's Hall.

JR. O. U. A. M.

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Western Star Council, No. 142, met last Thursday night, Councilor C. S. Covell, presiding. A large number of the brothers who seldom frequent the lodgeroom were there. Those that remained heard several interesting and instructive talks. On Sunday morning, April 6, the council will attend divine worship at Calhoun Street Church of the Disciples, Calhoun street, near Lombard, meeting at hall of Morning Star Council, Baltimore street, near Carrollton avenue at 10:15 and marching to the church.

The press committee of Coronella Council, No. 91, reports the excellent strides this council is making. We started the year with a well organized hustling committee and it has initiated 14 applicants, with five more to be initiated. Our slogan is 50 new members for 1913, and judging from the response this is a surety. We hope our stay-at-home members will call occasionally and see as well as hear the reports of our various committees, as we feel that credit is due them by the visit of our older members. Our next class initiation is to be held in June, which we want to exceed our first class initiation, which just took place.

Vigilant Council, No. 109, met on Tuesday evening with a good attendance. All reports of committees were good. The council will attend service at First Presbyterian Church, Madison and Park avenues, Sunday, March 30, at 8 P. M., and on Sunday, April 6, at Calhoun Street Christian Church, Calhoun, near Lombard, at 11 o'clock. Our home-coming will be a splendid affair when the new temple is finished.

Goodwill Council, No. 17, held its regular meeting last Wednesday night at Marine's Hall, with the Councilor Brother Henry Spittel presiding. All special and standing committees rendered very favorable reports, and the regular routine of business was disposed of in the usual brisk manner. As next meeting night is the regular initiation night, we have several candidates awaiting initiation, and trust our members will bring in more applications and keep out initiatory team busy. Capt. George Spittel, of our bowling team, stated that the team was doing very good work and that he hoped to be at the top of the league before very long. Goodwill Council will attend divine services on Sunday, April 6, at Calhoun Street Christian Church. The council will meet at Marine's Hall, Gilmor and Baltimore streets, at 10:30 A. M., and will be escorted to the church by out marshal, Brother August Gover.

Waverly Council met last Wednesday at Waverly Hall, with our councilor, W. J. Wilkinson, Jr., at the helm. Every officer was at his post of duty. The council was opened with prayer by our chaplain. The relief committee reported Brothers Litke and Bigs under care of the council. The proceedings of all other committees were reported to our councilor, which shows that our council is active in all its branches of its fraternal work. Brother James G. Wilkinson, the captain of our degree team, called together those who are to take part in the degree work. The members of the degree team have shown by their energy that it will be a hustling team. Our recording secretary, who has been absent from his desk for a few weeks, returned last Wednesday. Past Councilor Joseph Swan, Brother Edward Swan, Brother Otis Swan, Brother Mewshaw and Brother Geckel received from the members present the glad hand of fellowship.

Our theater party promises to be a success. Our councilor asks every brother to give his hearty co-operation in making it a success.

Waverly Council will pay a fraternal visit to Vigilant Council, No. 109, on Tuesday, April 8.

The council adjourned for an automobile ride through the city, which was enjoyed by all. Waverly Council extends to all Juniors a hearty fraternal welcome to their hall, York road and Waverly avenue.

Morning Star Council, No. 10, met on Monday night, March 17, at their hall, 1104 West Baltimore street, with all officers at their stations except the assistant secretary, who sent in his resignation, as he could not attend to his duties. The council elected Brother William Grimes to serve the unexpired term. All our special committees' reports were favorable. The relief committee reported all of the sick improving. Brother William H. Barton has gone back to work, after a lapse of nearly two years' sickness. We balloted for two candidates, and three more propositions were on the desk. The State Councilor and his friends paid us a fraternal visit for the year and we were very glad to have them. Brothers from councils No. 77, 23, 34, 142 and several other councils, under good of the order, gave addresses. Our councilor turned the meeting over to the entertainment committee. Refreshments were served around and we adjourned at a late hour. Our councilor has appointed a committee for another excursion this summer.

Last Wednesday evening, when Ellsworth Council, No. 158, opened its meeting, at Odd Fellows' Temple, all the officers were at their respective stations. Mr. W. H. Martin, having been duly elected to membership, was initiated into the mysteries of our order. A large attendance was present to welcome back our examining physician, Past Councilor W. E. Byers, M. D., who has not been attending lately, due to the illness of his wife. Brothers Byers, Henry W. Miles, Shillenberg and others made remarks, after which council adjourned.

P. O. OF A.

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The officers and members of Camp No. 18 extend a cordial invitation to all sister camps to visit them in their new hall any Tuesday evening at Morning Star Hall, 1104 West Baltimore street.

P. O. S. of A.

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Washington Camp, No. 23, held its regular weekly meeting on Wednesday evening, with President Brother P. L. Warren in the chair and every post of duty filled. The meeting was one of the best and most interesting held for a long time. Our camp is making rapid progress. We are regularly receiving and initiating new members, who are turning out to be good material and who seem to have placed their whole heart in the work. Our delinquent committee is the most successful this camp has ever known, there being but one delinquent, and our finances are now in better shape than ever.

We have a new degree team. Our sick committee, while one of the busiest we have had in a long time, is also among the most efficient. We are glad to report Brother Oliver well again.

Camp 55.—Our wide awake and efficient president, Brother J. Steiner, presided last week over one of the largest and most enthusiastic meetings during his long term as president. Our lodge hall was filled to its capacity. District President G. T. Bloom, of Camp 74, was present with four candidates and the initiatory team of Camp 74, and with a class of Camp 55, all were initiated into the mysteries of the order with the assistance of District President E. M. Adams, of the Thirteenth district, filling the vacancy by acting master of forms. The work was done in a most exemplary manner. Under the guiding hand of ex-District President Chas. Martin, Camp 55, is forging rapidly to the front. Brother Martin is ever willing to raise his voice and lend a helping hand to the upbuilding of his camp and order. Treasurer Brother Cornelius is always at his post of duty, keeping a watchful eye on the treasury. Under verbal communications President Steiner in a few well chosen remarks introduced the speakers of the evening—Brothers E. M. Adams, G. T. Bloom and Charles Martin, all of whom gave good, patriotic and inspiring talks, which were enthusiastically received. After the speaking was concluded a repast was served, consisting of oyster sandwiches, pickle, coffee, etc.,

Camp No. 6 initiated a class of nine on Tuesday night. Two were elected to membership and one name was proposed for membership. The degree team of the camp had charge of the initiatory ceremonies, but owing to a number of them filling official positions they were not up to the standard of their former work. The boys are pleased with the offer of the state executive committee to extend their offer to camps to April 30, and we expect to initiate a much larger class. State President Childs and State Secretary Heaps made urgent appeals for more active work. Refreshments were served and it was the "we sma' hours" of the morn before the last of the officials left the hall.

Camp No. 78 is still alive and is doing good work for the order. We initiated four new members last Tuesday night and we have three more for next week. We gave out 10 proposition cards on Tuesday night. Our sick brothers are improved. We are trying to reach the 150 mark in membership by June 30, and would like our stay-at-homes to get busy and send in a couple of propositions. The camp is in good condition. The following were present on last meeting night: Brother Holland, of Camp No. 27, and Brothers Roe, Jones, Garrett, Googins, Carroll, Hummel, Rider, Roe, McDorman, Carnes and our four new brothers, Plowman, Griffin, McNeill and Carnes.

Washington Camp, No. 9, the live camp in this jurisdiction, is making extensive preparations for its principal spring social event, to be held on Tuesday evening, April 22. This affair will be a entertainment and dance and will afford the wives, mothers, daughters and sweethearts of the members an excellent opportunity to enjoy an evening of genuine Camp No. 9 hospitality. That these social functions, for which this camp has become famous, are essential to the attractiveness and interest of its meetings is shown by the large attendance at its regular camp fires from all reports coming in it is that this coming event will far anything ever held by the camp.

Last Wednesday night the meeti the camp was well attended, not standing the unfavorable conditions o weather. The officers with one or exceptions were at their posts. Brothe Z. Bottinger presiding. After hearing reports of the several committees, w were quite favorable, there was a gen discussion as to the good and welfar the order, which brought out some interesting talks. Brother Charles Leef, of Camp No. 32, was present joined in making the meeting an inte ing one. His address was extremely pressive and was greatly appreciated every one present. We are pleased to that our treasurer, Brother Willia Reynolds, who has been suffering fro attack of pneumonia, is somewhat proved. We are also pleased to note initiation of Brothers William Hayes James Ringrose into the camp and are several more to follow.

Brother Preston S. Brooks, who been ill for the last two weeks, is improved. Brother Brooks is one of No. 9's most earnest workers.

On next Wednesday night there wi a special meeting of the camp to dis amendments to by-laws, and it is exp there will be a full attendance. will be several very important matte interest to the camp that will deman attention of those present. Our dis president told the camp that he was mulating plans for a large class initia of the Twelfth district, to take place the near future and the camps were pected to get busy for this occasion make it a record-breaker for the distr

Camp No. 32 met as usual at their h on Monday night, March 24, and held most harmonious and pleasant meeti There was a good attendance. Some the stay-at-homes were present. Our d trict president, Brother Bruff, was wi us and gave a good and encouraging ta He was especially pleased with the spi of harmony that prevails in the distric The members of No. 32 are actively e gaged making preparations for their su per and dance, which will be held in the hall on April 23 and 24.

F. O. E.

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It is the intention of the local aerie o the Fraternal Order of Eagles to mak the carnival, A Night in Eagleland, th most brilliant feature of the big gathering and already steps are being taken toward that end. The big stimulus give this feature was the setting aside of $500 to be expended in prizes, which will be given to the prettiest group, the finest float, the funniest costumes, the most novel groups, the most beautifully decorated automobile, the biggest feature, etc in the carnival parade, besides whic prizes will be awarded many individuals bands, autos, etc. The automobile se tion will, no doubt, be the most interes ing of the parade, inasmuch as a flor automobile parade has never been se here before. Several hundred handso cars, lavishly decorated with nat flowers and blossoms, will appear in Many of them will also be brilliantly luminated by electricity from storage b teries. Every auto owner in the city suburbs will be asked to participate many of the big commercial auto truc will be loaned by their owners as movi stages on which beautiful tableaux, h toric, mythological and humorous, will posed. Some of these will be set wi elaborate scenic effects and will lighted by powerful calcium searchlight It is more than probable that Mr. Edwar Hirsch, chairman of the press committe of the convention, will be asked to act a Rex, the king of the carnival, as he has a sort of monopoly on the carnival king business, having served in that capacity a number of times in the past. The prizes for novel and mirth-provoking costumes and makeups will be valuable and numerous enough to attract a great throng o masqueraders.

D. OF P.

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On Monday, March 24, Aztec Counci No. 29, kindled their council-fire wit their usual large attendance. After th routine of business the scouts capture a paleface in the forest, and she wa adopted in the council by the degr team.

The Rainmakers' Circle will give box party to their friends at their n regular meeting, April 7.

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