

A BIG LODGE YEAR

More Than 2,500 New Members in Masonic Bodies.

Largest Increase Made by Topeka Scottish Rite.

O. E. S. IS LARGEST IN WORLD

Beulah Chapter No. 34 Has Membership of 1,580.

Media Grotto Was Formed Here During Last Year.

Membership in the local Masonic bodies increased more than 2,500 in the last year, according to the reports of the secretaries.



The present membership of Topeka lodge No. 17, A. F. and A. M., the oldest Masonic body in Topeka, is now 859, slightly larger than last year. The members of the body held its annual party on December 13. The lodge contributed \$1,000 toward the erection of the new Masonic temple at Tenth avenue and Van Buren streets.

Orient Has 1,684 Members.

The present membership of Orient lodge No. 1,684. The Orient chorus, composed of members of the body, presented a program last spring. The annual picnic was held in June at the grounds of the Boys' Industrial school. The past master's night was held in October. The annual St. John's day celebration was held Wednesday night at the city auditorium. Three thousand persons were in attendance. The lodge has promised to completely furnish a lodge room in the new Masonic temple when the building is completed. The cost of furnishing the room will be approximately \$5,000.

Golden Rule lodge No. 99, A. F. and A. M., had a highly successful year. There was an increase of forty in membership making the total 640. The annual party was held last February. In November the annual past master's night was observed. The official inspection by district deputy Samuel Alexander was made on November 2.

Thirty-seven new members were received by Siloam lodge No. 225 in the last year making a total membership of 429. The annual past master's night was held on March 25 and the annual party for members and their wives was held on November 23. An additional subscription was made to the new Masonic temple making a total of \$11,900 subscribed by that body.

Entertained Grand Lodge. The four Blue Lodges entertained the Grand Lodge in February. Topeka Chapter No. 5, Royal Arch

Masons, also enjoyed a successful year. There was a considerable increase in membership making a total of 1,460. It is the largest chapter in the state and the membership is more than double that of any other chapter. The Grand Chapter was entertained in February. The fifty-sixth anniversary was observed on October 14. The annual ladies party was held December 12. The chapter will entertain all Master Masons and their families at a party on New Year's afternoon in the Masonic temple.

Largest Council in Kansas.

Zabud council No. 4, Royal and Select Masters, is the largest council in Kansas. The membership is now more than 1,600. The annual watermelon feast was held in September. The fiftieth anniversary was observed in October.

Topeka Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar, was honored last May at the meeting of the Grand Commandery when the drill team of the local organization won first honors in the Class A prize drill. The membership is now 1,950. The commandery is planning to send the team to the triennial convocation in Seattle in 1925. The regular Easter services were held at the Lowman Memorial Methodist church. The members held their annual picnic at Gage park in August. The regular Christmas service was held at the Masonic temple.

Big Scottish Rite Increase.

Topeka Consistory No. 1, Scottish Rite bodies of the Valley of Topeka, made the largest increase in membership of any Masonic body in Topeka in the last year. Seven hundred and forty-two members were received making a total membership of 4,200. Forty-six members died in the last year. The biggest project of the bodies was to finance the erection of the new Masonic temple. Three reunions were held. A class of 122 candidates was initiated at the spring reunion of the Scottish Rite bodies in April. A class of sixty-five candidates was initiated at the special cornerstone reunion in June. Seventy-two candidates were initiated at the fall reunion in October.

There was an increase of 568 in the membership of Godfrey De St. Omar Council, Knights Kadosh No. 2, Scottish Rite bodies of the Valley of Topeka. The total membership is now 4,291. There was an increase of 219 in the membership of Unity Chapter Of Rose Croix No. 1, Scottish Rite bodies. The present membership is 4,183. Seven members of St. Augustine Conclave, No. 7, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, held their annual meeting December 22. The conclave instituted a new convocation in Kansas City, Kan., in June.

Largest O. E. S. in World.

Beulah chapter, No. 34, Order of Eastern Star, has the greatest distinction of any Masonic body in Topeka. It is the largest chapter of the Eastern Star in the world. The present membership is 1,580. An increase of 171 was made in the last twelve months. The chapter contributed \$250 toward the erection of the new Masonic temple. District meetings were held in Topeka each month and joint quarterly meetings were also conducted. The Grand Chapter was entertained in May.

There was an increase of thirty-three in the membership of Helena chapter, No. 216, Order of Eastern Star. The total membership is now 471. The grand matron was entertained in February. The Wamego chapter entertained the members of the local body in the spring and Helena chapter entertained the Wamego members this fall. The annual past matron's and past patron's night was held in October. The memorial service was held in November.

Toleec Rite Has 1,600 Members.

The year was also highly successful for Topeka Council No. 1, Ancient F. & M. S. There was an increase in membership of 204 making a total of 1,500. Regular reunions were held in April and October and a special reunion was held in May following the meeting of the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star. The council contributed \$1,000 toward the erection of the new Masonic temple. Altho the Topeka council is the only body of the order it has brought distinction to Masonic bodies in Topeka. Members of the order are located in every state in the Union.

Altho no ceremonies were held in Topeka, members of Topeka Abdallah Shrine club held a number of social affairs. The membership is about 600. The annual picnic was held at Garfield park in August. E. L. Courtney, a member of the club, was elected pontentate of Abdallah Shrine temple at the annual election this month.

Form a New Lodge.

Media Grotto, Order Velled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm, was in-

stituted October 12 with 143 members. A ceremonial was held December 7. A delegation of 300 persons from Oman Grotto, Kansas City, Kan., was in attendance. The present membership is 261. A second ceremonial will be held in March.

The Social Order of Beacant, an organization composed of the wives and widows of Knights Templar, was organized locally last spring. The Topeka assembly is growing rapidly in membership. Mrs. Leon B. Lane, past worthy president, is a member of the supreme council of the order. The 1923 meeting of the supreme council will be held in Topeka in October.

VOLCANO ON PIKE'S PEAK

Skyrockets on Mountain Side Will Welcome New Year.

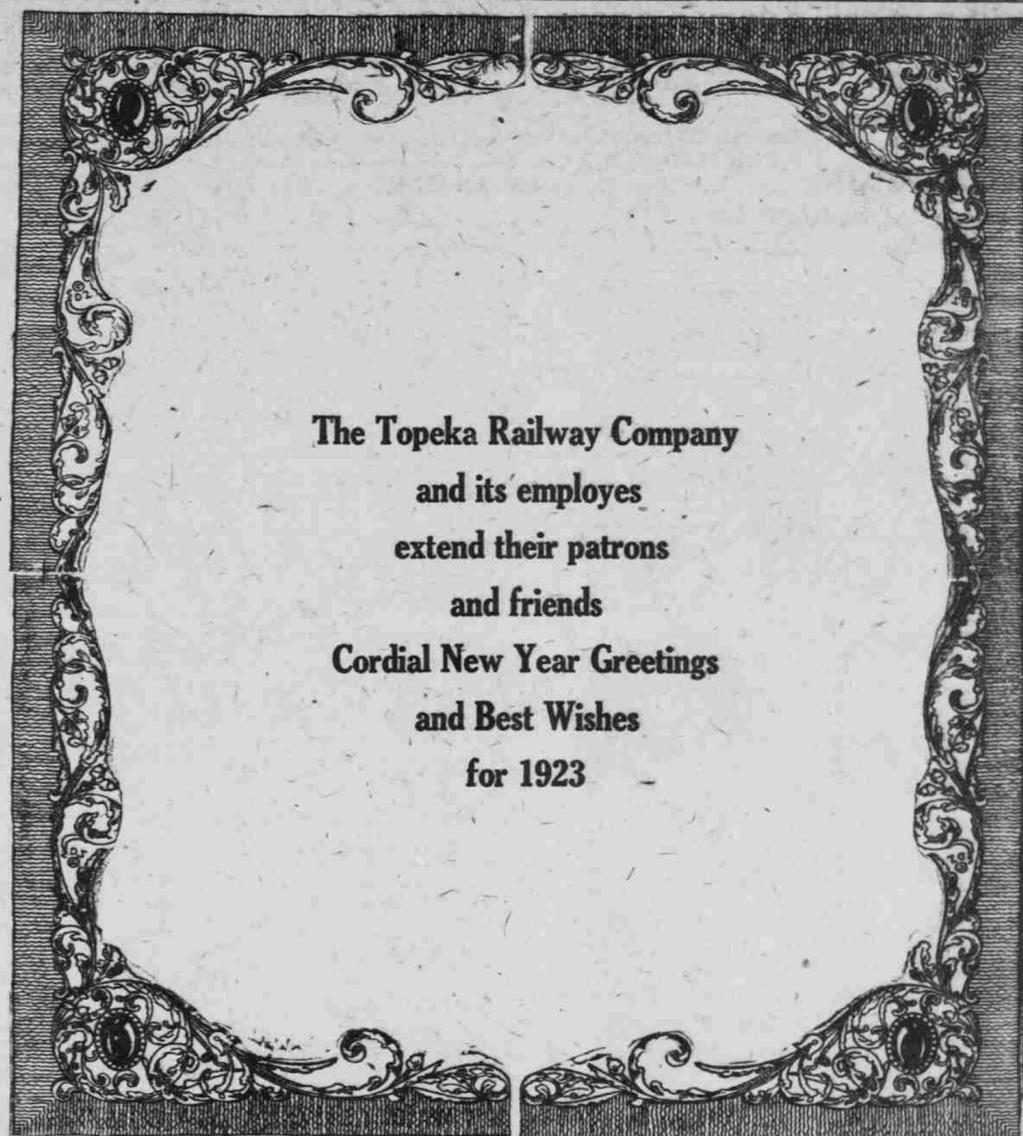
Colorado Springs, Colo., Dec. 30.—Unique arrangements have been announced for the welcoming of the new year with a blazing volcano of light from atop Pike's Peak. The mountain top will be aflame for thirty minutes as 1923 comes into being. Four mountain climbers who must travel by ski and snowshoes thru the drifts that range from five to twenty-five feet in depth will carry burdens of skyrockets, red flame and other material for lighting the heavens at the 14,000 foot altitude.

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Total Deposits Dec. 31, 1912, \$2,101,500
Total deposits Dec. 31, 1913, \$2,377,700
Total deposits Dec. 31, 1914, \$2,459,200
Total Deposits, Dec. 31, 1915, \$2,709,900
Total Deposits Dec. 31, 1916, \$3,690,200
Total Deposits Dec. 31, 1917, \$4,061,900
Total Deposits Dec. 31, 1918, \$4,321,600
Total Deposits Dec. 31, 1919, \$5,109,962
Total Deposits Dec. 31, 1920, \$5,429,100
Total Deposits Dec. 31, 1921, \$5,680,000
Total Deposits Dec. 31, 1922, \$5,767,569

We Insist the Bank That Can Show An Increase This Year Over Last Should Appreciate the Business They Enjoy

We take this occasion to thank our customers for this business and assure you we are now arranging to give you more efficient service this coming year

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