

NEWS OF THE LODGES.

WHAT IS GOING ON AMONG THE SECRET FRATERNITIES.

The Successorship to the Late Albert Pike—Anniversary of Potomac Lodge—Golden Cross, Rechabite and Order of Mechanics' News.

The following Masonic bodies meet upon the evenings of the ensuing week:

Subordinate Lodges.—Masonic Temple—Benjamin B. French No. 15, Monday, 20th; Pentalfa No. 23, Monday, 20th; National No. 12, Tuesday, 21st; New Jerusalem No. 9, Thursday, 23d; St. John's No. 11, Friday, 24th; Hope No. 20, Friday, 24th.

A. A. S. R. Sanctuary, 1007 G street—Cathedral: Harmony No. 17, Thursday, 23d.

Masonic Hall, Georgetown—Potomac No. 5, Monday, 20th; George C. Whiting No. 22, Thursday, 24th.

Masonic Hall, Uniontown—Anacostia No. 21, Monday, 20th.

Royal Arch Chapters.—Masonic Temple—La Fayette No. 5, Tuesday, 21st; Washington No. 2, Thursday, 23d; Eureka No. 4, Friday, 24th.

Masonic Hall, Virginia avenue southeast—Naval No. 6, Tuesday, 21st.

Commanderies Knights Templar.—Masonic Temple—Washington No. 1, Wednesday, 23d. Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite—Sanctuary, 1007 G street—Mithras Lodge of Perfection, Tuesday, 21st.

Hope Lodge No. 20 will confer the 2d and 3d degrees Friday evening.

Washington Commandery No. 1 will confer the Red Cross Wednesday evening.

New Jerusalem Lodge No. 9 will confer the 1st and 2d degrees Thursday evening.

La Fayette Chapter No. 5 will confer the Royal Arch degree on the 21st instant.

Washington Chapter No. 2 will confer the Mark Master degree on Thursday evening.

Eureka Chapter will work the Mark degree on Friday evening, and at a special May 8 will confer the Past and Most Excellent.

"Faust Beer" takes the lead.

The special convocation called by Mount Vernon Royal Chapter No. 3 for next Monday evening, the 20th instant, has been postponed, as it is found that the work will not be materially advanced by such special.

The members of the bodies meeting in lodge-room No. 2 of the Masonic Temple are enthusiastic over the improvements recently made, and claim that it is one of the most comfortable and attractive Masonic homes in the city.

Telephone 374-2 for "Faust Beer."

Washington Centennial Lodge No. 14 issued very handsome invitations to their communication of Wednesday evening, the first held in the newly furnished and decorated lodge-room No. 2 of the Masonic Temple, which since its complete renovation may justly lay claim to being one of the most attractive Masonic halls of the city.

The news of the sudden demise of Dr. J. O. Stanton was received very sadly among his many friends in the Masonic order, in which at one time he was very active. In accordance with his expressed wish, no Masonic services were held at his funeral, the order at the request of the family being represented by A. H. Holt and G. D. Bartlett, who were active ball-bearers.

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The banquet which followed the communication of Washington Centennial Lodge No. 14, Wednesday evening, was one of the most elaborate which has ever been served in the lodge banquet-hall of the temple. The floral decorations were lavish and magnificent, special prizes having been taken by Bro. J. H. Small, the Master of the lodge, to enhance the enjoyment of the occasion with a beautiful and artistically arranged display of the choicest exotics. The attendance was very large, numbering many of the most prominent Masons of the city.

Harmony Lodge No. 17 will confer the 3d degree Thursday evening, at which communication many prominent Masons are expected to be present. Since the last communication Past Master J. W. D. Gray, the first Master of the lodge, was buried at Tom Brook, near Winchester, Bro. Gray died suddenly in his city Tuesday, April 7, and the following Friday the remains were sent in charge of O. S. Firmin, Past Master, to Winchester. Brother Gray was well known in the city, especially among the older members of the fraternity, and his death is universally mourned.

"Faust Beer" is pure.

It is with extreme sadness that the members of Harmony Lodge note the steadily failing health of Bro. William A. Yates, the Secretary of the lodge, who has filled that office for nearly twenty-one years. He was at one time Grand Secretary of this jurisdiction, and was generally known in Masonic and business circles throughout the city. Many earnest wishes are heard on all sides for his recovery, but the symptoms are so discouraging at this time that no definite hope can be entertained of his future improvement. He has left the Providence Hospital, where he was undergoing a course of treatment, and is now at his home, 209 Twelfth street southwest.

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On Monday evening Potomac Lodge No. 5 will dispense with all work in order to fittingly celebrate the one hundred and second anniversary of the lodge. Every year the members of this old lodge assemble on the anniversary night to do honor to the founders of their ancient organization and listen to the eloquent tributes paid by well-informed brethren to the honorable history of this old Masonic body. It is a very pretty custom and accounts largely for the good-fellowship which at all times prevails among the membership. George J. Fritch, the present Master, is extremely courteous and kind to visitors, and welcome them with a pleasant geniality which at once makes them feel at home.

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Columbia Commandery No. 2 held another largely attended convocation Friday evening, on which occasion the Order of the Temple was conferred upon a class of candidates. The degree was very finely rendered, and the sight in the asylum was a very pretty one, nearly every sir knight present being in full uniform. At



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the last convocation many distinguished fraters were present, among whom were Past Commanders O. L. Spaulding and D. B. Angler, of Charlotte Commandery, Detroit, Mich. The latter was warmly greeted by his many old friends in the commandery. At the request of this commandery Winchester Commandery No. 3 attended the funeral of Sir J. W. D. Gray at Winchester, Va. A regular meeting for business and drill will be held by the drill corps Wednesday evening, April 22, in the Grand Lodge library. As the triennial approaches the drill corps is making large accessions to its membership. The grand officers were in attendance and witnessed the conferring of the 3d degree. The invitations were designed by Gedgey & Roberts, and on the front bore a very handsome steel engraving of George Washington.

Stansbury Lodge No. 24 will give an entertainment and sociable at Grand Army Hall Thursday evening, which promises to be one of the pleasantest Masonic affairs of the season. There will be music, a flag drill by young ladies, and fancy dancing by children. The floor will be cleared at 10 o'clock for dancing. The entertainment is for the benefit of the building fund of the lodge and Masons should contribute liberally to this worthy cause. Stansbury Lodge is very far removed from the centre of Masonic attraction. No lodges are located in the immediate vicinity, and it is so situated that brethren from the city have to make a long journey to visit. Yet, in spite of these drawbacks, there is nowhere in the jurisdiction a more loyal and thriving body, ever willing to contribute to any worthy cause, hospitable in the extreme, with a careful, conscientious staff of officers and an esprit du corps throughout the entire membership which is pleasant to witness and very gratifying in its results to the lodge. It is named after one of the ablest Grand Masters who ever filled that office in the District of Columbia, and has on its rolls many brethren prominent in the various Masonic circles.

A mistaken impression seems to prevail that the successor of Albert Pike as Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, A. A. S. R., Southern jurisdiction, is about to be named, chosen, or elected, as the case may be. This is an error, as the office will not be filled by an election until the meeting of the Supreme Council in October, 1892. In the meantime the Lieutenant Grand Commander, J. C. Batchelor, will act as Grand Commander, with full power and authority. His residence is in New Orleans, but it is understood that he will live in this city, at the House of the Temple, until the next meeting of the Supreme Council. Any attempt to name the result of an election two years hence is at this time mere guesswork. It will be time enough when the Scottish Rite have begun to fully realize the imminence of their great loss to take these matters into consideration, and any further public discussion of the succession at this time would not only be premature and ill-advised, but indelicate and distasteful to the Masons who so deeply and truly mourn the death of Gen. Pike. The subject is one that will call for the most careful thought and consideration at the hands of the Supreme body, but one which they are thoroughly competent to decide when time has softened their grief into the feelings of regret with which we all look forward to and backward on the inevitable.

Mingled with the sadness which the death of Gen. Pike has occasioned, the Scottish Rite Masons of this city should feel proud of their local organization and discipline, which, if equalled, is certainly not excelled anywhere in the Southern jurisdiction, and reflects very highly upon their loyalty and intelligence. In the hour of his death the three presiding officers—Alexander H. Holt, Joseph C. Taylor, and William Oscar Roome—reported to the acting Grand Commander, and from that moment until his remains were carried into the vault at Oak Hill there was ever beside his body a Knight Kadosh in uniform, guards who were not there for show, but in silent testimony and dignified bearing, voicing the general grief of their brethren. The writer had occasion many times to visit the cathedral during the late hours of the night, when the building was closed and none were in the chamber of death but the guards and himself, yet unmovable, silent, and statue-like they stood at the head and foot of the casket, with their drawn swords and accoutrements flashing back the subdued light of the candles, and there they stood until relieved, honoring and guarding the dead. Nor was it difficult to obtain brethren for this duty, a simple intimation being all that was necessary to secure a number of volunteers more than sufficient for the service. The arrangements for the services decided upon were all placed by the Supreme Council in the hands of the local brethren, and they were unflinchingly in their endeavors to carry out the instructions of the higher body to the letter. They appreciated the great responsibility under which they were placed, and they filled the trust implicitly, faithfully, and conscientiously in every detail.

A BEAUTIFUL LODGE-ROOM

CENTENNIAL LODGE IN ITS NEWLY DECORATED QUARTERS.

Worshipful Master Small Confers the M. M. Degree on Three Candidates—A Sumptuous Banquet Partaken of by Two Hundred Masons.

Last Wednesday evening was a memorable one for the officers and members of Washington Centennial Lodge No. 14, F. A. A. M., and their many guests, there being representatives from Hyattsville, Md.; Alexandria and Manassas, Va.; Georgetown, Hiram Lodge No. 10, and other sister lodges of the District. The occasion of this large assemblage of Masons was the reopening of Lodge-room No. 2, Masonic Temple, after it had been completely refitted and refurnished. It must have been highly gratifying to the gentlemen who had charge of the renovation to hear the encomiums showered upon its present appearance, so far surpassing as it does its appearance twenty-odd years ago, when it was first furnished, and then considered the finest lodge-room in the District, and now conceded to be as handsome as any in the country.

The walls are papered with light electric blue, flecked over with neat gilt figures, the frieze being a combination of old rose, blue, and gilt in a most elegant and artistic design. The canopies in the east, west, and south are of rich dark-blue plush, with flutings of sky blue at the back reaching from the top to the floor, with sunbursts overhead of old gold. The six windows are handsomely draped with fine lace curtains, with hangings of blue plush the same as the canopies. The sixteen sofas are also upholstered with the blue plush, with trimmings of old gold, and the chairs with fine leather. The columns, pedestals, desks, etc., have been regilded, oiled, etc., and put in perfect order.

The lighting of the room is complete, there being three chandeliers and many side lights. The organ, one of the best, seems to be only rendered sweeter and more mellow by time, all supplemented by a Brussels carpet of maroon and old gold. The ante-rooms are in keeping therewith, having been recarpeted, refurnished, and the windows redraped with curtains.

Amid these beautiful surroundings Bro. J. H. Small, W. M. of said lodge, conferred in a very impressive manner the M. M. degree upon his brother and two other candidates, and was ably supported by a line of young officers. Beautiful music suitable to the occasion was rendered by the quartette. There was present Brother Thomas F. Gibbs, M. W. G. M. of the Grand Lodge, accompanied by the other officers of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia. At the conclusion of the work the members of the lodge, with their guests, repaired to the large banquet hall on the second floor of the temple, where a fine collation, consisting of all the delicacies of the season, was spread with two hundred covers. The hall was most beautifully and elaborately decked with palms, ferns, and flowers, the roses being superb.

During the repast not only was the inner man regaled sumptuously, but the ear was banqueted with sweetest strains of vocal and instrumental music. At the close of the supper Brother Small called upon the Grand Master to respond to the toast, "The Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia," which he did in his usual happy, eloquent style. Brother McKinsey responded to the toast, "The Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia." Many other toasts were responded to by members of the lodge and their visitors. Congratulations were offered upon the present prosperity of the lodge, and the festivities closed with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the unanimous declaration that there was nothing small about Washington Centennial Lodge or its W. M. but his name.

Improved Order Red Men.

Mineola Tribe No. 14, which was organized February 17, 1888, with a charter membership of 37, is in a flourishing condition and has a membership now of about 150, composed of some of the best citizens of Anacostia, where the tribe is located. They have removed their wigwag to the new Masonic Hall, where they have plenty of room to scalp the pale-faces and hold their pow-wows. This tribe will give an excursion to River View on June 4. Friday last a beautiful pin was presented to Bro. G. W. Fowler by the tribe for selling the most tickets at the last ball.

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Golden Cross Notes.

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A public meeting in the interest of the order will be held at the chapel at Takoma Park on Friday, April 24.

The Grand Commandery will dedicate the new Golden Cross Hall, National Capital Bank building, Thursday evening, April 30.

Meridian Commandery will meet on Friday evening at Golden Cross Hall, corner of Fifth and G streets northwest, and confer the degrees on several candidates.

Capital Commandery will meet on Friday evening next at Washington Hall, corner of Third street and Pennsylvania avenue southeast, and confer the degrees on one candidate.

Mount Vernon Commandery will meet on Wednesday evening at Good Templars' Hall, corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Four-and-a-half street, and confer the degrees on one candidate.

The adjourned meeting of the Grand Commandery will take place at the new Golden Cross Hall, National Capital Bank building, on Pennsylvania avenue, between Third and Fourth streets southeast, Friday evening, May 1.

At the meeting of Columbia Commandery on Tuesday evening last Noble Commander J. A. Dickinson presided. Remarks were made by Sir Knights Henry Floyd, E. R. Gunson, S. E. Crandell, and J. A. Dickinson, of Columbia, and Sir Knight Frank E. Newton, of Capital Commandery.

At St. John's Commandery on Thursday evening last Grand Commander Ehle installed Mrs. Emma McKim in the office of Treasurer. The commandery decided to hold its meetings hereafter at the new Golden Cross Hall, in the National Capital Bank building. A resolution in favor of the admission of non-beneficial members was adopted. At Anacostia Commandery on Wednesday the good of the order was discussed by Sir Knights J. H. Dony, D. L. Pitcher, and T. J. Putnam. Sir Knight Putnam, the Treasurer, who had been also performing the duties of Herald, having been requested to come forward and sign a paper as Treasurer, remarked: "Noble Commander, please close me as Herald and open me as Treasurer." Having signed the paper, and returned to his station, said: "Now, Noble Commander, please close me as Treasurer and open me as Herald." The gravity of the sir knight in making these requests caused great laughter.

At the last meeting of National Commandery at Harris' Hall, Seventh and D streets northwest, Noble Commander Dr. Charles Allen presided. Applications for membership were received from Mrs. Christine Hansen and James A. Smith. The 1st degree was conferred on J. F. Seager, Philip Wistar, Howard Norton, William F. Campbell, James F. Waters, William L. Hipkins, George W. Sorrell, Mrs. Mary A. Wistar, and Mrs. Arabella H. Norton. The doors were then opened and the "house-warming" took place. Speeches were made by Grand Commander Ehle, Noble Commander Dr. Charles Allen, and Sir Knights L. R. Tremblay and R. H. Yates. Refreshments were served under the direction of a committee consisting of Sir Knights R. H. Yates, Samuel Howison, Mrs. Lillie A. Edelen, Mrs. Susan Keeler, Mrs. Martha Howison, and Dr. C. F. Price. This commandery is reaching out for 125 members before July 1, which, if secured, will place it third in point of numbers.

Goodwill Commandery at its last meeting, Noble Commander Hervey S. Knight presiding, conferred the 3d degree on Wallace M. Chase and Mrs. Loretto E. Redway. Visitors were present from Mount Vernon, Capital, Meridian, and Halcyon commanderies. Remarks were made under the good of the order by Past Noble Commander F. A. Stier, Vice Noble Commander Emma V. Dullin, Lady Laura Dullin, Sir Knights J. H. A. Fowler, O. D. Summy, and M. L. Venable, of Mount Vernon; Noble Commander G. E. Toepfer, of Halcyon, and Past Noble Commanders James G. Thompson and James W. Cheney, of Goodwill. Other visitors were Past Noble Commander Thomas Humphrey, of Halcyon; Lady Elvira Moore, of Meridian, and Vice Grand Commander Marguerite McCutchen, Vice Noble Commander Anna L. Slack, Ladies Martha J. Peabody, Mary E. Peabody, and Sir Knight Frank E. Newton, of Capital. The representative to the Grand Commandery was instructed to present the name of Lady Fannie E. Cordero for the office of Vice Grand Commander. The new closing ode composed by Dr. S. I. Groot, solo and chorus, "Come, Let Us Join in a Song, Brothers," was sung—Miss Lizzie R. Brown singing the solo in a pathetic and touching manner.

The tenth annual session of the Grand Commandery convened on Tuesday evening last at

Grand Army Hall, Grand Commander John N. Ehle presiding.

The following Past Noble Commanders were present: From Good Will Commandery, J. W. Cheney, H. W. Frankland, Dr. S. I. Groot, A. G. Heylman, W. H. Pope, F. C. Severance, and Mrs. Fannie E. Cordero; from St. John's Commandery, P. H. Christ, W. E. Graham, Dr. S. A. H. McKim, J. A. Van Doren, Mrs. A. M. Layton, and Mrs. Margaret McCutchen; from Meridian Commandery, G. W. Callahan, Dr. J. N. Grainger, Henry H. Hough, W. T. Kent, S. W. Maddux, Sr., William Muirhead, C. L. Patton, A. M. Salmon, F. E. Woodward, Mrs. Elvira Moore; Mrs. M. A. Weaver, and Miss A. C. Smith, from Halcyon Commandery, Thomas Humphrey, R. D. Meston, and G. J. P. Wood; from Capital Commandery, J. B. Diver, J. F. Kilgore, C. W. O'Neill, Mrs. Rachel J. Floyd, Mrs. Martha J. Peabody, and Miss Marguerite McCutchen; from National, L. C. Handy, Samuel Howison, Edward Howison, R. H. Yates, Mrs. Lillie A. Edelen, and Miss Emma Doyle; from Columbia Commandery, George F. W. Strelby, Mrs. Jessie M. Blair, and Mrs. Emma F. Bishop; from Anacostia Commandery, Charles F. Watson; from Mount Vernon Commandery, F. A. Stier. The Grand Commander's report showed the order to be in a flourishing condition, over one hundred members having joined since July 1, 1890. During the past four years the order has grown locally from four to nine commanderies, and its membership has increased from 300 to 900. Twenty-eight members have died in ten years, after paying in \$6,894; the sum of \$24,000 was paid to their heirs. Other matters of interest to the order were referred to at length. The report was referred to a special committee, and the Grand Commandery adjourned to meet at the call of the Grand Commander.

Independent Order Mechanics.

Friendship Lodge No. 7 held its regular meeting at Harris' Hall, corner Seventh and D streets, on Thursday. The 1st degree was conferred on Clifford E. Price and the 3d on Paul O. Bachschmidt, Grand Architect B. Wilson was present and rendered efficient service in the degree work. F. Winckelman, Julian Wall, and N. M. Cox were reported sick. Bros. Bennett, Baltz, and Groves were reported well.

At Columbia Lodge Tuesday evening Bro. J. A. Douglas and T. A. Sutherland received the Master's degree. P. G. A. Eichelberger is getting up a paper to be issued in the interest of the order, which will give a brief history of each lodge and a roll of its membership. Bros. L. B. F. Graevae and John J. Watkins were elected members of the Endowment degree.

Independent Order of Rechabites.

(A. M. Dewey, H. C. E.)

The Friendship Juniors will hereafter meet in Nationalist Hall.

Keen is making a big drive in \$35 suits. My own. George T. Keen, 414 Ninth street.

Brother George Allen, Chaplain of Purity Tent No. 4, has been very sick with the grip.

The Eagle Juniors are zealously working to make the joint entertainment a grand success.

Virginia Tent No. 5, Alexandria, Va., had five candidates for initiation at its last meeting.

High Secretary Treasurer L. H. Patterson reports an increase in membership throughout the order.

High Chief Ruler A. M. Dewey, makes two temperance addresses in Hagerstown, Md., to-day—afternoon and evening.

Past Chief Ruler Walter Dewey, of the Friendship Juniors, has entered the contest for the Rechabite Advocate prize.

The new emblematic Junior recognition, silk lapel button, will be distributed among the Juniors next Saturday evening.

Brother Harry Edmonston, of the Friendship Juniors, is in the advance so far in the contest for the Junior uniform.

Redemption Tent No. 144, with its comparatively new membership, has under consideration the advisability of a change of location.

Capt. William McCatharan, of the Eagle Junior drill team, will drill the Friendship Juniors in Nationalist Hall next Saturday evening.

The public meeting committee met Thursday and arranged for a grand rally in the near future. Friendship Tent No. 73 will hereafter meet in Nationalist Hall, 609 F street northwest, first floor, back room, every Saturday evening.

Eagle Tent No. 2 has another interesting debate on hand, the principal participants being Chief Ruler John Hancock, Past Chief Rulers Andrew Brown, Samuel Ellis, and Charles M. Sizer, and Grand Chief Ruler J. J. Murray.

Edwin Clapp's fine shoes at National Hotel Shoe Store, under National Hotel.