NEWS AND GOSSIP OF FRATERNAL CIRCLES IN WASHINGTON

Masonic Affairs.

Calendar.

LODGES.

August 9—Dawson, No. 16; Stansbury, No. 24.
August 10—Federal, No. 1; Acacia, No. 15; Takoma, No. 29 called off.
August 11—Harmony, No. 17, called off.
August 12—The New Jerusalem, No. 9, business; George C. Whiting, No. 22, called off.
August 13—St. John's, No. 11, called off; Hope, No. 20, F. C.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

August 9—Mount Vernon, No. 5; Hiram, No. 10; Anacostia, No. 12, called off.
August 10—Mount Horeb, No. 7; Potomac, No. 8, called off.
August 12—Mount Pleasant, No. 13, called off.
August 12—Washington, No. 2, called off.
August 13—Eureka, No. 4; Capitol, No. 11, called off.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR COMMANDERIES.

August 10—De Molay Mounted, No. 4, called off.
August 11—Washington, No. 1, called off.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE.

August 10—Evangelist Chapter, Rose Croix, No. 1.

EASTERN STAR CHAPTERS.

August 9—Temple, No. 15; Columbia, No. 15, called off.
August 10—Electa, No. 2; Bethlehem, No. 7; Friendship, No. 17; Fidelity, No. 19, called off.
August 11—Naomi, No. 3; Brookland, No. 11, called off.
August 12—William F. Hunt, No. 16, called off.
August 13—Takoma, No. 12; Cathedral, No. 14; St. John's, No. 18, called off.

Members of King Solomon Lodge Enjoy Session.

Music, refreshments, and good fellowship held sway at the communication of King Solomon Lodge, No. 21, Wednesday afternoon. M. A. Winter presented a letter from Past Master Woolmer Williams, Con Amore Lodge, London, in which interesting reference was made of the visit in 1913, of the Minute Men, in charge of Col. Winter. Inspired with the letter, Past Master D. M. Thayer spoke at some length, acquainting the lodge with the customs of masonry in far-off lands. He was very enthusiastic of the entertainment and courtesies extended by Maj. Woolmer Williams, Honorable Artillery Company, London, considered the most exclusive military organization in the world. Rev. A. C. Woodward, Mammoth Lodge, No. 496, Mammoth Spring, Ark., and M. W. Alexander, Ayden Lodge, No. 498, Ayden, N. C., spoke of masonry in their jurisdiction. Appropriate remarks were made by John J. Verleger in response to the master, who welcomed him to his new Masonic home. Acting Master A. J. Rose reports busy times for the lodge during the latter part of the year, the the two important features being the grand lodge visitation and the visit to Meridian Lodge, Richmond, Va.

Doings of the Prophets of Kallipolis.

August 16 has been designated as "Grotto Night" at the lawn fete of East Gate Lodge, No. 24, F. A. A. M. It is expected that a large number of the Prophets will avail themselves of the opportunity to spend a pleasant evening in the country on this occasion.

One of the features of the excursion of Columbia Commandery, Knights Templar, last Tuesday evening was the Grotto Band, which furnished an enjoyable musical program.

A number of Kallipolis Prophets attended the Stevenson Bible Class last Sunday, when Branch Rickey made a highly entertaining address. Quite a number of the members of the class are Grotto members, Rev. Hugh T. Stevenson, the leader, being a member of Mokanna Grotto, No. 1, of Hamilton, N. Y.

The next outing of the Grotto will be an excursion to Colonial Beach on Saturday, August 21. It is planned to leave Washington on the afternoon of August 21 and return Sunday night. Grand Chief Justice Edward S. Schmid, Master of Ceremonies I. S. Goldsmith, and Prophet A. C. Mayer compose the committee having this thip in charge and are now arranging a program, full particulars of which will be announced at a later date. It is intended to make this an enjoyable affair and a little different from former excursions. Monarch E. W. Libbey has obtained a dispensation from the Grand Monarch to conduct a ceremonial at the beach, which will be held in Masonic Hall, and a number of candidates will be initiated. The program as far as arranged will include a sacred concert on Sunday with an address by Rev. Hugh T. Stevenson, grand chaplain of Masons of the District of Columbia, music by the Grotto Band, and singing by the Grotto glee club.

September 16 will mark the twenty-sixth anniversary of the Mystic Order Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm. The order dates its origin from September 16, 1889, when several Master Masons, members of Hamilton Lodge, No. 120, F. A. A. M., of Hamilton, N. Y., assembled in the hall of that lodge to perfect an organization that had been developing under the inspiration of LeRoy Fairchild. The organization was intended to be purely a local affair and the name originally adopted was the "Fairchild Devilry Committee," and its first rule, which has been strictly adhered to, was that none but Master Masons in good standing should ever be admitted. In other respects it is not a Masonic body nor a Masonic degree, nor is it intended so to be.

Following the organization of the Fairchild Devilry Committee, or the F. D. C. as it was sometimes called, it became so successful and fulfilled so well the original local purposes of its creation, that members of other Masonic lodges were admitted to membership. News of the new order spread rapidly and on May 28, 1890, it was decided to establish a Supreme Council for the government of the order, and on June 13, 1890, the Supreme Council of the Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm came into existence, with power to issue charters to subordinate Grottoes.

At the present time there are fifty-four Grottoes, located in nineteen States, and a total membership of 24,519.

The order aims to promote good-fellowship and spread the gospel of cheerfulness. The ritual is absolutely original, so far as its use in the work of a fraternal organization is concerned. It is founded upon a very ancient Persian manuscript, discovered in one of the sacred temples of Teheran, the City of Mystery, and the action involves many of the most celebrated characters of ancient mythology.

The Grotto is in reality a playground for the grown-ups and its members revel in frolic, fun, and laughter. It reminds the staid man of affairs and the men upon whom the daily burdens of life weigh heavily that they were all boys once and enjoyed play, and that now, as then, in a good laugh, a hearty handshake or a slap on the back the cares of the day are lifted for the moment and new strength comes in the respite to bear them all the better on the morrow.

It is the purpose of the Order of Veiled Prophets to afford the occasion and the stimulus for the members of Masonic lodges of each city or larger community to get together and to know each other—to know who is who in the Masonic order. It is the fulfilling of this function that is the sole excuse and purpose of the Mystic Order Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm. The prophets' creed is as follows: "To draw brethren of different lodges into closer and more friendly relationship.

"To create and maintain a spirit of fraternity and not rivalry among brethren.

"To teach that a brother is not merely a member of one lodge, but belongs to the fraternity at large.

"That there are good brothers outside of our own lodge and they are worthy friends and companions.

"To build up and strengthen the character and individuality of the brother, and to teach, recognize, and develop the principles of the order outside the lodge rooms.

To teach that a brother must not be judged by social qualities and the property he possesses, nor avoided because he earns his bread at common labor.

"The grotto meets all brothers on the level, not figuratively, but actually, and teaches that they are brothers on the street as well as in the lodge room.

"That the order must not be used as a means of advancing the material interests of any man."

Will Hold Big Joint Fair.

William R. Singleton Lodge, No. 30, F. A. A. M., and Friendship Chapter, No. 17, O. E. S., are preparing to give a joint fair October 13, 14, 15 and 16 for the benefit of the two orders.

Modern Woodmen of America.

Central Camp, No. 16015, met in Perpetual Building Hall Friday night. Adviser O. P. Parthemore presided in the absence of Consul James A. Moody. State Deputy William McCaffery, District Deputy H. H. Millard, Banker B. G. Cowles, of Talbot Camp; Banker Daniel Webster, of West End Camp, and Escort J. E. Trunnel, Robert Reichard, and Vincent Fuchini were present. Interesting remarks were made by a number of the visitors and the camp was entertained by readings by Mr. Fuchini. The camp expressed itself in favor of representation on a general committee to have charge of such matters as might be of mutual benefit to the local camps. It is expected that Central Camp's representatives on the general committee having in charge the class adoption held last May will be appointed to the proposed new committee. A communication was received from Consul James A. Moody, expressing his appreciation of the fraternal courtesies extended to him during his recent bereavement. Word has been received from William Schultz, who is at present in Ferry, Ohio, that he is still confined by illness. M. T. May has just returned from an automobile trip to Chillicothe, Ohio, and reports a most enjoyable time. He was accompanied by his family.

The annual excursion of the Modern Woodmen of America and of the Royal Neighbors to Chesapeake Beach was held Monday, August 2. Three thousand five hundred members and friends attended. The committee on sports, A. F. Debrowolski, chairman, presented an interesting program, with the following winners:

Fat men's race—First, J. Tipton; second, W. C. Holz.

100-yard dash for Woodmen—First, Thomas Carroll; second, Ed Harrod, both of Georgetown Camp.

100-yard dash for boys—First, L. Millard; second, C. Crook.

50-yard dash for ladies—First, J. Sullivan; second, Grave Volland.

100-yard dash for ladies—First, Dolly Lyons; second, Mrs. Pindell.

100-yard dash for girls—First, M. Wenner; second, H. Royce.

Central Camp, after a game struggle, was forced to concede victory to Georgetown camp in the baseball game, a run rally by the latter camp in the last inning making the score 7 to 2.

District Deputy H. H. Millard, accompanied by Mrs. Millard, is spending a few days at Atlantic City. State Deputy William McCaffery leaves for a trip through Maryland, Delaware, and New Jersey this week.

A general committee for the purpose of handling all matters of mutual interest and benefit to the local camps of Woodmen is now being formed. Central Camp already has acted favorably on the plan and will name its representatives soon. The questions of publicity, fraternal visits among the camps, membership, etc., will receive prompt consideration.

It is the intention of the local camps, under the direction of State Deputy McCaffery and District Deputy Millard, to hold a large class adoption in November, upon the occasion of the visit of Head Consul A. H. Talbot to Washington. As soon as the proposed general committee is formed active steps will be taken toward a vigorous campaign for new members.

Royal Arcanum Councils.

Council meetings will be held this week as follows: Monday evening, National in Pythian Temple. Tuesday evening, Oriental in Old Masonic Temple; Wednesday evening, District in Perpetual Building, corner of Eleventh and E streets northwest; Thursday evening, Capitol in Pythian Temple, and Kismet in R. A. Hall, Third street and Pennsylvania avenue southeast, and Friday evening, Analostan in Pythian Temple, and Farragut in Navy Building.

Members of Oriental Council and their families and friends to the number of 1,500 held their annual outing last Tuesday at Chesapeake Beach. Aquatic sports were in charge of Corbin Birch, the genial secretary of the council, and Vincent P. Dooley, the orator, was chairman of the general committee. Messrs. Moore, Hill and Bailey headed the crabbing crew, and Messrs. Tegeler, Davis, Morrison, and Dulin composed the ticket committee. J. E. Grubb was the principal patron of the street car stand, while J. M. Hammerly looked after the roller coaster. Past Regent R. E. Logan arrived on the "Casino Flyer." Grand Regent Edwin A. Niess who is member of Oriental Council, spent the afternoon at the beach. The committees are expected to report at the meeting of the council next Tuesday evening.

Last Wednesday evening at Municipal Council Grand Regent Niess with the assistance of James E. Thomas, acting grand guide, installed the following officers who had been elected to fill vacancies caused by the resignation of Regent W. A. Marschalk, jr.: Regent, William E. Aiken; vice regent, Hugh V. Campbell, and guide, Robert L. Pile. The report made by the auditing committee showed the council to be in a satisfactory financial condition. Remarks were made by the newly-installed regent and by Grand Regent Niess, and by Past Regent Edmond E. Bruce who was the first regent of Carl Moller Council, of St. Louis, Mo., and at present is an examiner for the Interstate Commerce Commission. The "second degree" was conferred on one candidate. Others present were Past Regent E. H. Carnes and John W. Kean, W. H. Drown, E. A. Thomas, and W. M. Schoomaker.

Special Deputy Grand Regent A. B. Keefer on Wednesday evening visited Francis Scott Key Council to receive the semi-annual report and communicate the new password.

The war has so affected the trade in Australian opals that the residents of the White Cliffs (New South Wales) field have appealed to their government for assistance in finding new markets for uncut stones. They state that there is quite an amount of opal on the field for disposal at a reasonable figure.

Doings of the Odd Fellows.

Calendar.

August 9—Union, No. 11, business; Beacon, No. 13, business; Langdon, No. 26, degree.
August 10—Washington, No. 6, business; Golden Rule, No. 21, business; Amity, No. 27, business.
August 11—Eastern, No. 7, degree; Harmony, No. 9, degree; Federal City, No. 29, degree.
August 12—Columbia, No. 10, degree; Excelsior, No. 17, degree; Salem, No. 22, degree; Covenant, No. 12, business and social.
August 13—Central, No. 1, business; Metropolis, No. 16, business; Phoenix, No. 28.

REBEKAH LODGES.

August 9—Esther, No. 5, degree.
August 13—Martha Washington, No. 3, degree; Doreas, No. 4, degree.

ENCAMPMENTS.

August 10—Fred D. Stuart, No. 7, degree.
August 11—Columbia, No. 1, degree.

PARTIARCHS MILITANTS.

August 14—Drill and social.

Members to Enjoy Dance.

Covenant Lodge, No. 13, next Thursday evening will conduct the regular business of the lodge and adjourn to their ballroom where an impromptu dance will be given for the members and their friends. The last meeting brought out a large attendance of members, it being the natal day of Noble Grand R. C. McMullen and a surprise being in store for all who attended. Refreshments were served and reminiscences indulged in until a late hour. Grand Herald J. E. Chamberlain, chairman of the joint excursion committee, announced that several handsome prizes are offered for the winners of the foot races at the beach on August 18.

Langdon Lodge to Confer Degree.

Degree Director Fall announced at the last meeting of Langdon Lodge, No. 26, that the degree team expected to confer the first degree tomorrow evening and all members are requested to be present. The attendance at divine services at Langdon M. E. Church for this evening is postponed.

Harmony Lodge to Go on Excursion.

Harmony Lodge, No. 9, will meet Wednesday evening. After the degree is conferred, the discussion of the reports of the committee for the joint excursion to Chesapeake Beach on August 18, with Covenant Lodge, No. 13, and Doreas Rebekah Lodge, No. 4. The committee on prizes states that a foot race will be run by Grand Scribe Dunn, who is also secretary of Harmony Lodge, and Grand Secretary Rapp, the winner to receive the prize. The German Schnitzelbank Choir, which is composed of members of the lodge under the leadership of Past Grand August Kruse, will furnish music for the occasion. Several vocal selections will be rendered in the pavalion by members of the choir.

Salem Lodge Busy with Degree Work.

The degree team of Salem Lodge, No. 22, under direction of J. K. Davidson, will confer the degree upon a large class of candidates on Thursday evening. All members of the order are invited to attend and witness the work of the junior degree team of the lodge.

Mount Pleasant Lodge Confers First Degree.

Despite the inclement weather, more than 100 members attended Tuesday night the conferring of the first degree at Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 29, Fourteenth and Kenyon streets northwest. Noble Grand M. C. Staves, of Excelsior Lodge, No. 17, was among the visiting brethren, and extended an invitation to the degree team to confer the same degree on Thursday night in Odd Fellows Hall. Grand Secretary F. E. Rapp was present and installed Herbert L. Maltby, who had been appointed in line as left scene supporter. Those expected to take part in the degree Thursday night at Excelsior Lodge are F. E. Rapp, F. E. Metcalf, E. L. Adams, W. G. Thomas, R. W. B. Roe, J. L. Verleger, E. R. Armentrout, W. W. Adams, H. L. Maltby, E. B. Thomas, M. P. Twitchell, R. L. Seay, and Bert V. Wolfe.

Central Lodge to Receive New Member.

Central Lodge, No. 1, will receive by affiliation at their meeting on Friday evening a member from one of the near jurisdictions. After the regular business has been conducted a social entertainment will be held for the purpose of becoming acquainted with the affiliated brother. At a recent meeting of the lodge Grand Conductor Hammer was unanimously elected grand instructor.

Entertainment to Be Given by Eastern Lodge.

Eastern Lodge, No. 7, next Wednesday evening will have a social and entertainment. A cordial invitation is extended to all members of the sister lodges to attend. At the last meeting a large number of members were present and were highly pleased with the reminiscences related by Past Grand Master and Past Grand Representative J. T. Petty of his service in the order, covering a period of over fifty-seven years. The lodge learned with deep regret of the death of the wife of Past Grand Moore. A letter of sympathy was sent to Past Grand Moore by the lodge. Past Grand Anderson, who met with a very serious accident on August 5, was reported improving and expects to assist in the entertainment on Wednesday evening.

Friendship Lodge, No. 12, met Wednesday evening and conducted the regular business of the lodge and adjourned, after which a social session was held and a program rendered. The lodge room is cooled by a large number of newly installed modern electric fans.

Golden Rule Degree Announced.

Columbian Encampment, No. 1, will meet Wednesday evening when the Golden Gate degree will be conferred by the degree team under the direction of Degree Director Past Grand Patriarch Hope. Chief Patriarch Franklin requests all members to be present, as it is expected to discontinue the conferring of degrees until Grand Representative Seiffert returns from the annual session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at San Francisco in September. Mr. Seiffert was unanimously re-elected Grand Representative at the last session of the Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia.

Mount Nebo Enjoys Smoker.

Mount Nebo Encampment, No. 6, held a very enthusiastic meeting Wednesday evening at their new quarters in Mount Pleasant Lodge room, Fourteenth and Kenyon streets. Grand Senior Warden Alwine installed into office High Priest Berlin. Second and Fourth Watches Lyons, and Past Grand Representative James H. Crew. At the close of the meeting the members indulged in an old-time smoker.

Pen Mar Reunion a Big Success.

Grand Master W. J. Rich returned from Cape May Point on Wednesday in order that he might accompany the members of this jurisriction to the reunion at Pen Mar on Thursday. A large number of members and their families attended with the grand master and the drill team of Esther Rebekah Lodge. The program at Pen Mar as rendered by the reunion committee consisted of band concerts by the famous Boys' Band of Cumberland, drills by Patriarch Militants and Rebekah drill teams. Grand Master William H. Hofstetter, jr., presided and Wilson K. Mohr, esq., grand representative of Pennsylvania, was the orator of the day.

Excelsior Lodge to Entertain Visitors.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 17, on Thursday evening will have the degree conferred by Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 29, degree team under the direction of the secretary, Bert V. Wolf. Fifty members of Mount Pleasant have signified their intention of being present to assist and witness the conferring of the degree. At the close of the degree refreshments will be served.

Notes of Rebekah Lodges.

Ruth Rebekah Lodge, No. 2, held a short business session Monday evening. At the close of the lodge the members were entertained in the dining-room by the rendition of a unique program, after which refreshments were served. Noble Grand Eula Dawkins requested the ways and means committee to meet on Wednesday evening at her home in Northeast Washington.

Doreas Rebekah Lodge, No. 4, will confer the degree on Friday evening by omitting the entering and retiring forms, which have been simplified by new features introduced by the degree director.

The grand secretary is pleased to acknowledge the receipt of communications from President Annie E. Grigsby, who is spending her vacation at her summer home in Southern Virginia. Mrs. Grigsby entertained her father, Past Grand Master R. H. Sorrell, and her sister, Past Noble Grand E. J. S. Murry, at her home during the latter part of the week. Vice President Billings, of the assembly, reports from Chicago, Ill., the details of the Eastland horror. Mrs. Billings having been present in Chicago when the accident occurred.

Past Noble Grand Josephine Beahm writes from Troy, N. Y., that she recently received from the M. C. Lilly Company, of Columbus, Ohio, the acknowledgment of the final settlement for the jewels and collars furnished for the officers of the Rebekah assembly. She desires to express her appreciation of the members of the committe of which she was chairman for their faithful services and the many courtesies rendered her as the chairman of the committee.

Past Noble Grand Beahm has the distinction of being the chairman of the first special committee appointed by President Grigsby at the first special session of the assembly held in March, 1915. The special committee, in addition to Past Noble Grand Beahm, consisted of Past Noble Grands Emma T. Strobble, Mary P. Dawkins, Mollie B. Edmonston, Anna E. Mettler, Effie M. Allen and Gladys Sample. Within sixty days after the appointment of the committee it had raised funds and purchased a handsome set of officers' collars trimmed with gold bullion and a set of handsomely hand-engraved golden jewels. The committee was highly congratulated by President Grigsby upon the presentation of the regalia at the visitation of the assembly officers to Miriam Lodge.

Esther degree team gave an exhibition drill at Pen Mar on Thursday last at the reunion of the members of the jurisdictions of Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and District of Columbia. The team was in charge of Degree Director Sample and the manner in which the drill was put on received the plaudits of the thousands of visitors present and the prize was unanimously awarded by the judges to the team.

Activities of Knights of Columbus.

Keane Council to Have "Special Night."

The next regular meeting of Keane Council will be held Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. The grand knight and the lecturer are arranging for a special night in September, to be known as "Charter Member Night." Every charter member at present in the council will be prevailed upon to be present and relate his experiences of the early days of the council. The grand knight, Maj. C. Engene Edwards, and Past Grand Knight Charles W. Darr have just returned from their vacations. Dr. J. A. Flynn, financial secretary, has gone on an extended motoring trip.

General Assembly of Fourth Degree

The assembly has set aside Flag Day, January 14, for a public reception.

Maj. C. Engene Edwards, drillmaster of the fourth degree drill team, has issued notices for the team to assemble Friday, September 3, for the first drill in preparation for the exhibition in Baltimore October 12. New members for the team are welcome.

Faithful Navigator William E. Pairo has appointed the following committee to take charge of applications for the degree to be exemplified in Baltimore, October 12:

Washington Council—Samuel A. Gaskins, chairman; Alexander J. Kane, J. D. McConville, Dr. A. D. Wilkinson, and Dr J. A. Mudd.

Keane Council—Andrew I. Hickey, chairman, Thomas W. Gallagher, James M. Hassett, Joseph J. Kennedy, and John E. Reilly.

Carroll Council—Thomas B. Nolan, chairman, George A. Daidy, Lawrence E. Dolan, Joseph J. Degnan, and E. B. Burke.

Spalding Council—John L. McDonald, chairman; Peter Fersigner, R. C. Casey, J. F. Mulhare, and Joseph D. Moriarity.

Potomac Council—Charles Aughinbaugh, chairman; S. Wren Howard, Thomas McDonough, Thad. E. Sullivan, and P. A. Tobin.

Washington Council to Celebrate.

Capt. R. J. Donnelly, the treasurer of the council, is preparing to leave the city for his vacation, accompanied by his wife and daughter. Dr. Henry J. Crosson and Bernard M. Bridget, both past grand knights of the council, have just returned from a hunting and fishing trip in the Canadian woods. The past grand knight meetings, which have been held during the past year will be resumed in the fall, the next one to be presided over by Past Grand Knight James H. Johnson, jr. Dr. A. D. Wilkinson, the hard-working financial secretary of the council, will go to Atlantic City with his family the middle of this month; two other members of the council, William J. Cantwell and Michael A. Keane and their families will be in the party. The council expects to reach the 600 mark by October 1; arrangements are already being made to celebrate the event.

Columbus Country Club Growing.

The dance held last evening at the country clubhouse was well attended and proved most delightful for those present. Next Saturday, August 14, the Boosters will hold their second smoker at the clubhouse. In the afternoon of the same day the married men's team will again line up against the single men's team in a game of baseball and seek to gain revenge for the defeat of a few weeks ago. Joseph D. Moriarity is captain of the married team and George A. Daidy of the single team.

Arrangements are already being made for a barbecue in the fall by the Boosters' committee. Their motto, "Something doing all the time" is being lived up to.

A number of changes are noted in the tennis standing. A member of a lower class has the right to challenge players in a higher class. This system keeps the players tuned up at all times.

Carrol Council Officer to Take Trip.

William J. McGee, grand knight, will take his vacation with Mrs. McGee the latter part of the month. He will attend the convention of the Order of Alhambra, to which he is a delegate, before starting on his vacation.

Potomac Council Members on Vacation.

leaves on a business trip to Wheeling leave on a shusines strip to Wheeling next week, from there he will go to Clinton, Mass., to visit his family.

Frank L. Hewitt, past grand knight, has just returned from an automobile trip to Atlantic City.

Spalding Council Meets.

Spalding Council met on Thursday evening. Dr. J. Rozier Biggs, grand knight, presiding. The grand knight announced that the major degree will be exemplified in September.

Councils of the National Union.

August 9—Pressmen's Council, Eagles' Hall; East Capitol Council, Pennsylvania avenue southeast.
August 10—National Union headquarters, open at 8 o'clock.
August 11—Postoffice Department Council, Flynn's Hall; Interior Council, Pythian Temple.
August 12—Washington Council, Pythian Temple; Fraternal Council, Perpetual Building, Association Hall.
August 13—National Capitol Council, National Capitol Bank Hall; McKinley Council, Washington Hall; Georgetown Council, Potomac Savings Bank Hall.
August 14—Columbia Council, Pythian Temple; Nonpareil Council, Perpetual Building Association Hall.

Potomac Council met in their council chamber Monday evening. A large attendance was present. An application for membership was received. Mr. Ridder, chairman of the excursion committee, reported that the excursion had been a splendid success. President Ferguson, of the Senate; William J. O'Brien, of McKinley Council, and District Manager Bugden were present and made timely remarks.

The Government Printing Office Council's complimentary excursion to Marshall Hall, which was given Saturday, July 31, was well attended. The committee in charge are to be commended for their untiring work to make the excursion such a success.

The meeting for August of G. P. O. Council has been called off, the next meeting to be held September 4.

The General Deputies Association met Wednesday evening at headquarters. J. E. Rhodes, the newly-elected president, stated that the visitation notices would be given out in September and urged that the general deputies interest their respective councils relative to the class initiation, which will be held in December.

Very interesting reports were made by all the general deputies present.

Ancient Order of Hibernians.

The following divisions are scheduled to meet: Division No. 5 at 2:30 in Eagles Hall, Division No. 6 at 2:30 in the Northeast Temple, and Division No. 7 at 2:30 in the Kidder Hall today. Division No. 3 will meet at 8:00 o'clock Tuesday evening in Donohue's Hall.

Sergt. Thomas R. J. Cavanaugh, of Division No. 7, and a member of the D. C. N. G. field hospital, is at the camp of instruction of that organization, which is being held at Tobyhanna, Pa.

About 300 members of the various Irish societies tendered a farewell reception to Rev. Father Barry, who is about to leave for his new charge in Wichita, Kans., in the Northeast Temple, last Wednesday evening.

In a few well chosen remarks P. T. Moran, president of the Chamber of Commerce, presented him with a silver shaving set and satchel in behalf of the Irish-American Union. Division No. 6, of which the Rev. Father is chaplain, remembered him with a watch charm. The presentation speech was made by Thomas O'Day. Mrs. Sadie Ryan, repesenting the Ladies' Auxiliary, A. O. H., presented a handsome umbrella. Father Barry responded in a feeling manner and bestowed his blessing on all his well wishers.

Musical selections were rendered on the piano by Miss O'Day and Messrs. Harry O'Meara, Leo Cunningham and Frank Nerns entertained the audience with a number of Irish melodies. Father Barry is an enthusiastic member of the Irish Study Club of the A. O. H. The membership committee reports that it has two applications to present at today's meeting. William Frizzell is reported to have recovered completely from his recent illness.

Tribal Powwows of Red Men.

Logan Tribe, No. 8, met Thursday night at Redmen's Hall, Wisconsin avenue and N street northwest. A delegation of Redmen from Alexandria, Va., paid the tribe a fraternal visit and a very pleasant evening was spent by all those present. The tribe expects to make its membership reach 250 by the end of this year.

Osage Tribe, No. 6, met Monday night at Society Temple, Fifth and G streets northwest. The regular order of business was transacted, after which reports were received and acted upon. Several interesting talks were given by the various members present.

Seneca Tribe, No. 11, met Friday at Bank Hall, 316 Pennsylvania avenue southeast. Sachem Evans appointed Past Sachem J. B. Altman, jr., degree master of the tribe. Regrets were expressed by the various members of the death of late Past Sachem John Graham. He was one of the very best workers the tribe had and his loss is felt by all. Out of respect the tribe adjourned at an early hour.

Mineola Tribe, No. 14, met Friday night at Masonic Temple, Anacostia. It was with deep regret that the death of Brother Richardson was announced, who had been ill for the last three years. Brother Richardson was a good worker in his tribe. A glowing tribute was paid his memory by the members who knew him.

White Eagle Tribe, No. 17, met Wednesday night at Pythian Temple, 1012 Ninth street northwest. A very interesting session was held. The reports of the various committees were received and acted upon. Remarks were made by Past Sachems Plaskett, Gartrell and Sheedy.

Red Wing Tribe, No. 20, met Monday at 643 Louisiana avenue northwest. Sachem Lingle called the meeting to order. Only a very brief meeting was held.

Osceola Tribe, No. 19, met Wednesday night at Masonic Temple, Tennallytown. Sachem Donaldson presided, and a number of members were present. Chief of Records O. M. Borrows is reported slowly improving.

Woodmen of the World.

Oak Camp, No. 4, W. O. W., held a spirited meeting last week. Sovereign Williams announced the various events to be held at Chesapeake Beach August 26. Theer will be over fifty prizes offered by the various business houses of the District. Twelve applications were received and three new members were elected. The committee served all the numbers with some cool refreshments. Sovereign McNamara spoke on the new idea of initiation.

Knights of Pythias Events.

LODGES.

August 9—Decatur, No. 9, called off; Calanthe, No. 11.
August 10—Webster, No. 7, called off; Excelsior, No. 14; Capital, No. 24; Myrtle, No. 25.
August 11—Mount Vernon, No. 5; Hermione, No. 12; Union, No. 22; Columbia, No. 26, page and knight ranks.
August 12—Harmony, No. 21.
August 13—Syracusians, No. 10; Rathbone-Superior, No. 29, called off.

UNIFORM RANK.

August 11—Washington Company, No. 1, monthly assembly.

PYTHIAN SISTERS.

August 11—Friendship Temple, No. 3.
August 13—Rathbone Temple, No. 8.

MISCELLANEOUS.

August 14—Ways and means committee, semi-monthly meeting.

Considerable interest is shown by members of the order in the outing at Colonial Beach Wednesday, arranged by the committee on ways and means, reports Chairman John B. Dickman. Besides the boat trip, the subcommittee in charge has arranged that all planning to go on the outing may readily secure opportunities for fishing, boating, and bathing, for which the committee reports the resort is noted.

The committee on ways and means will hold its regular semi-monthly meeting at the Pythian Temple Saturday night, when it is expected important committee reports will be made.

Decatur Lodge, No. 9, has called off the conventions calendared for the second and fourth Mondays of this month.

Columbia Lodge, No. 26, announces through Keeper of Records and Seals Gerardi, that the lodge will confer the ranks of page and esquire on a number of candidates Wednesday night.

Drill Company to Go on Outing.

The monthly assembly of Washington Company, No. 1, Uniform Rank, is scheduled for Wednesday night, when it is expected that plans for a company outing will be discussed and features of the coming drill at Nashville, Tenn., worked out.

Webster Lodge Hears Address.

Webster Lodge, No. 7, at its convention Tuesday night listened to an interesting address by James Schroeder, of Napa Lodge, No. 37, of Napa, Idaho. The lodge will hold meetings only on the first and third Tuesdays during the current month, instead of complying with the regular schedule, every Tuesday night.

New President of Board Elected.

The board of control of the insurance branch of the order announces through Supreme Chancellor Brig. S. Young that Harry Wade, of Indianapolis, Ind., has been elected president of the board. Mr. Wade succeeds Past Supreme Chancellor Thomas J. Carling, of Macon, Ga., who filled the position temporarily after the death of Union B. Hunt, but who was unable to continue in that office because of pressing business interests. The new president of the board has been grand keeper of records and seal of Indiana for twelve years, and has a wide acquaintance throughout the supreme domain. His many friends in the District of Columbia congratulate the board upon securing the services of "Harry Wade, the 'live wire' of Indiana Pythianism," and predict success for him in the line of fraternal work, for which they believe him so well qualified.

Interesting Article Published.

The last issue of the Pythian Advocate, published at Minneapolis, Minn., by Fred B. Wheaton, supreme keeper of records and seal, has an excellent article by John Phillips Meakin, past grand chancellor of Utah, now a resident of this city, entitled "True Manhood vs. Relics of the Past," which treats of the secret ball ballot, its uses and abuses, as it affects the order of Knights of Pythias.

Novel Initiations Being Held.

Lodge initiations in high altitudes are becoming popular on the Pacific coast, and the cool temperatures of the snow-capped peaks are believed by the members to have solved the problem of work during "the heated term." On July 24 Commencement Lodge, No. 7, of Tacoma, Wash., held a unique initiation at the "Camp of the Clouds," in Paradise Valley, Mount Tacoma. Announcement has been made that Talisman Lodge, No. 31, will hold initiation exercises on Wizard Island, Crater Lake, Oregon, on August 18. It is proposed to take moving pictures of these exercises that they may be shown in subordinate lodges throughout the supreme domain.

Increased Interest in Pythian Homes.

Increased interest is reported from the supreme domain in the work of establishing and maintaining homes for Pythians and their widows and orphans throughout the country. In Springfield, Ohio, is located the largest home, established about twenty years ago, and maintained by the 85,000 Pythians of Ohio, at a cost of $35,000 a year, in which each member of the order in the State has an equal share. There are ten buildings on the ground, representing a value of $350,000, and there are 220 Pythian orphans in what is a "real" home, it is stated.

At Weatherford, Tex., the Grand Lodge of the State has invested $150,000 in buildings and equipments, and also has an endowment fund of $80,000. The home admits children of deceased knights whose age is under 16 years; also children of Knights of Pythias if the father is in destitute circumstances or permanently disabled from earning a livelihood, all indigent widows of Pythians, and the wife of a Pythian who is in destitute circumstances, through misfortune, and whose husband is unable to earn a living.

A new $100,000 home was opened in Springfield, Mo., a few months ago, to care for aged and dependent Pythians and their wives and the widows and orphans of members of the order.

At the home at Clayton, N. C., the citizens of a State have united with the Pythians in making suitable provisions for the care of orphans of Pythians in North Carolina.

A Pythin home for indigent Pythians and the widows of members, and children of deceased Pythians, is located at Tullahoma, Tenn., on 500 acres of land.

Lexington, Ky., has a home devoted to the care of widows and orphans.

New York Pythians, at Ogdensburg, dedicated July 4, 1913, a home for the care and comfort of dependent members of the order, their wives and the widows of Pythians.

A home, built and maintained by the order of Illinois, was dedicated at Decatur, July 9, 1912, and at the last report was occupied by many men, women and children.

One of the finest homes in the United States, it is said, is located at Harmony, Pa., and was dedicated a few months ago in the presence of a large gathering of Pennsylvania Pythians, and here it is announced, "many veterans of the order may be found rounding out life's journey in comfort and peace."

Many other States are planning homes of the character above enumerated and before the end of the year it is expected that many will be added to the list named in the foregoing.

WHERE THE FLOOD RIPPED THROUGH STREET IN ERIE

The picture shows French street in Erie, Pa., after the flood caused by a cloudburst had ripped through the street, one of the main business thoroughfares in the city. Twenty-seven people are known to have lost their lives. Searchers are still looking for bodies imprisoned in the ruins.