

NEWS AND GOSSIP OF FRATERNAL CIRCLES IN WASHINGTON

Masonic Affairs.

St. John's Lodge, No. 11, F. A. A. M., will hold its regular communication on Friday evening at 8 o'clock in the Masonic Temple.

At tomorrow night's meeting of Pentapolis Lodge, the Master Mason's degree will be conferred upon five candidates by the Worshipful Masters' Association.

Capitol Chapter, No. 11 will, on March 19, confer the Royal Arch degree on a triple team. This being the first time in the history of Capitol Chapter that such an event has occurred.

Washington Chapter, No. 2, R. A. M., conducted religious services at the Masonic and Eastern Star Home last Sunday afternoon.

The Level Club, composed of Master Masons in the Department of Commerce, is planning a night of entertainment at the club rooms.

The regular business meeting of the Masonic Club Band was held Tuesday evening at 60 Pennsylvania avenue.

The conferring of the Fellow Craft degree at King Solomon Lodge No. 31, Wednesday afternoon, attracted a large attendance.

The certificate of visitation inaugurated by the daylight lodge has proved to be very popular.

Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 29, will hold a short business session on Tuesday night at Fourteenth and Kenyon streets.

The ceremonial of Kallipolis Grotto, held at Odd Fellows' Hall Monday evening, followed by a supper at Masonic Temple.

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Fred D. Stuart Encampment, No. 7, conferred the Royal Purple Degree at its meeting on Tuesday evening on Guy V. Runkle and also on Samuel S. Fort.

Degree Director W. E. Lawson of Eastern Lodge, No. 7, gave the first degree team a full rehearsal on Wednesday evening.

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Rites of Masonry, the Shrine and Grotto, but of every degree and auxiliary of Masonry in the United States.

Senior Grand Warden Lem Towers, Jr., also addressed the gathering.

At the Glee Club at a buffet luncheon, the Glee Club recently entertained several members of the Oriental Band of Alton Temple.

Monarch George H. Emmons, Jr., Chief Justice J. S. Goldsmith, Master of Ceremonies A. H. Rogers and Prophets Oscar and Charles Baum received the thirty-second degree, Scottish Rite Free Masonry, on Tuesday evening at Scottish Rite Cathedral.

Order of Eastern Star. St. John's Lodge, Chapter, No. 18, held its regular meeting on February 25, in Masonic Temple.

Many members and friends of Cathedral Chapter, No. 14, attended the seventh birthday anniversary celebration on Friday, February 25.

Doings of the Odd Fellows. Monday-Union, No. 11, Beacon, No. 15, business; Langdon, No. 28, degree.

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distribute the money bags to the membership and urge liberal donations by all.

Naomia Lodge, No. 1, will receive an official visit from St. Ann's E. Grigoby, president of the Rebekah Assembly.

Dorcas Lodge No. 4. The degree team conferred the degree on Mrs. Olive Huttie at last regular meeting.

Fidelity Lodge No. 7 will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday evening, when the degree will be conferred by the team.

Ether Rebekah Lodge No. 5 held its regular meeting on Monday evening, in accordance with a request from the president.

Ruth Lodge will hold its regular session tomorrow, when the degree will be conferred upon a large class of candidates.

Knights of Pythias. At the convocation of Mount Vernon Lodge, No. 5, last Wednesday night, H. Bergfeld, of Esther Chapter.

Royal Arcanum Councils. Regular meetings will be held this week by the following councils: Monday evening, Ouray Council, in Pythian Temple.

National Council last Monday admitted Edwin W. Saunders to membership and elected Clyde N. Phelps to the office of trustee.

Grand Prelate Charles W. Henderson was a visitor to Webster Lodge, No. 7, at its last convention.

Webster Lodge, No. 7, extended a hearty welcome to Grand Chancellor John B. Dickman at its convention.

Beacon Lodge, No. 15, Grand Master Hope, accompanied by the officers of the Grand Lodge, officially visited Beacon Lodge on Monday evening.

Phoenix Lodge, No. 28, conferred the second degree upon several candidates on Friday evening, and at the next meeting of the lodge the Degree of Truth will be conferred.

Grand Master W. J. Hope, Amity Lodge, No. 27, accompanied by officers of Grand Lodge, will officially visit Amity Lodge on Tuesday evening.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 17, will receive the Grand Lodge officers on Thursday evening. Noble Grand Friedman, who has just been installed to fill out the unexpired term of Noble Grand Slaves.

Grand Patriarch Leary, accompanied by the officers of the Grand Encampment, visited Mt. Nebo Encampment in the new lodge room at Fourteenth and Kenyon streets northwest on Wednesday evening.

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general and the new plan for reinstatement of members, which the lodge has taken hold of with a great deal of energy.

Myrtle Lodge, No. 25, at its last convention, appointed a committee to arrange for the proper celebration of the twenty-second anniversary of the institution of that lodge on April 11, and it is the purpose of the committee to make it a ladies' night.

Bathbone-Superior Lodge, No. 29, is already in the race for the honor of leading the domain in securing new members for the coming year.

Thomas Ratcliffe, of Lodge No. 13, Fernie, B. C., Canada; Roy Shafer, of Lodge No. 6, Wheeling, W. Va., and Thomas E. Dunston, of Nesquehoning Lodge, No. 158, Pennsylvania, students at Blusa Electrical School, visited Syracuse Lodge, No. 30, at its last convention.

Past Chancellor H. A. Rau, of Syracuse Lodge, No. 1, who suffered a stroke of paralysis several weeks ago, is reported greatly improved.

Samuel Frazier, a member of German-American Lodge, No. 108, of Baltimore, Md., who recently underwent an operation at Sibley Hospital, in this city, is reported improving rapidly.

The General Relief Bureau will hold its regular monthly meeting at Pythian Temple on Saturday. Legislative action upon the bill for the relief of the Columbia Country Club.

The Interconclave dance held at Raucher's on Friday night attracted 150 couples.

Washington Chapter, Knights of Columbus, is planning an excursion to Chesapeake Beach on Tuesday, July 11. The proceeds are to be devoted to the free public lecture bureau.

A special meeting will be held on Monday night, March 29, in K. of C. Hall, with the insurance members of the five councils as special guests for the occasion.

Carroll Council will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, with Grand Knight Kidd in the chair.

Spalding Council met on Thursday night and acted upon several applications for membership. The first degree will be conferred on a large class of candidates at the next meeting.

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Mincola Tribe conferred the adoption degree on a prominent young attorney on Friday night. The degree team of twenty-two men, under direction of Past Great Sachem George E. Baxter, assisted by Past Great Sachem W. C. White as prophet, did the work in a faultless manner.

Maj. C. Eugene Edwards, who is chairman of the executive committee for the charity ball for St. Ann's, announces that there will be a meeting of the subcommittee tomorrow night at 8 o'clock, in K. of C. Hall.

Washington General Assembly, Fourth Degree, will hold its regular meeting tomorrow night, with Dr. William E. Patro presiding.

The drill team of the Washington Assembly Fourth Degree have elected the following officers: Maj. C. Eugene Edwards, drill master and captain; L. A. Ratcliffe, secretary; J. E. Cowhig, treasurer. Drills are held on the first and third Fridays of each month in K. of C. Hall.

The great sachem has announced the following committees assigned to the board of great chiefs by the recent session of the Great Council: Fraternal Day Committee: W. S. Whitman, L. B. Bennett, C. O. Storm, W. C. Rowan, W. J. Kolb, W. M. Fowler, John I. Bunch, Charles Bonner, and E. R. Boyer; committee on arrangements: J. D. Bragunier, L. H. Bergman, F. W. Madison, A. T. Evans, W. N. Swindells, R. A. Southworth, J. Heidenheimer, W. E. Osmond, and G. W. Barnes.

An interesting meeting was held by White Eagle Tribe on Wednesday last, when a small number of candidates had the degrees conferred on them by Logan's degree team, under leadership of James A. Madison, Jr. The team has several other invitations to confer degrees at several tribes.

The members of Redwing and other tribes enjoyed the sermon preached to them last Sunday by Rev. Dr. Hardin.

There was a good attendance of members for the "get together" meeting of Columbia Lodge, No. 61, on February 28. Brother Offenberger, former secretary, has been admitted to the membership of the District of Columbia Bar.

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MOTOR GOSSIP

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The Firestone company is calling special attention to the 100 representatives distributed throughout the country in order that its unexcelled service for Firestone rim users may be appreciated. Likewise are they emphasizing the special features of the rim itself, such as the continuous wedge support, the interchangeable character of different rims which permit the use of clincher or straight side tires, simplicity of construction, ease of removing owing to the fact that the rim cannot stick or rust.

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