FRATERNITIES

MASONIC

LODGES.

Monday—Benj. B. French, No. 15, M. M.; Augusta, No. 27, social; Pentalpha, No. 23, E. A.; Mount Pleasant, No. 33, E. A.

Tuesday—National, No. 12, F. C.; Armistice, No. 25, business; Myron M. Parker, No. 27, E. A.; King David, No. 28, M. M.

Wednesday—Harmony, No. 17, F. C. and M. M.; school of instruction; Worshipful Masters' Association, called meeting.

Thursday—Naval, No. 4, special, M. M.; New Jerusalem, No. 9, E. A.; Temple Naves, No. 32, F. C.

Friday—St. John's, No. 11, ladies' night; Hope, No. 20, E. A.

Saturday—La Fayette, No. 19, special, 7:30 p.m., M. M.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

Thursday—Washington, No. 2, R. A.

Friday—Capitol, No. 11, 8:30 p.m., ladies' night; Mount Pleasant, No. 13, P. M. and M. M.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR COMMANDERIES.

No announcements received.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE.

Tuesday—Mithras Lodge of Perfection, business affecting spring class.

Saturday—All the bodies of the rite, reception to woman friends of Scottish Rite Masons.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Monday—Almas Temple, of the Mystic Shrine, grand ceremonial session at New National Theater.

"The stage is set, the players well rehearsed in their lines and art, and the curtain is ready to rise tomorrow night upon the rarest drama that ever graced the historic boards of the New National Theater. And yet, notwithstanding such a memorable event, the wealth of Croesus will not be sufficient to procure admission, except in 'the just and legally constituted way.'

This is the message, in part, of Illustrious Potentate L. Whiting Estes of Almas Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, for, despite his lofty dignity in that body, he will be the "chief doorkeeper" at the New National tomorrow night, because it is "the oriental red-tops' wild revelry of esoteric glee" that is to be celebrated, and he is "it" in a sense figurative.

Somewhere in the region of the century mark will be the number of "lambs led to the slaughter," for it is the way of the shrine not to tell all it knows about anything, except under the glittering arch of crossed sabers, in the feeble light of the newborn moon, where the camels browse and the hot air of the desert blows in fitful gales across the sandy wastes.

All of which, "the profane" is told, means "that more or less than a hundred curious seekers after the mystic love of the ancient nobles are to be put to a test which shall determine their fitness for exaltation to the ranks of the elect." The shrine has a language of its own.

When Illustrious Potentate L. Whiting Estes had the potentateship of the Mystic Shrine "wished on him" he at once sent out an "S. O. S." (save our shrine) call to all the nobility of this clan. They have responded so nobly, he says, that he has had to hang out the "S. R. O." (standing room only) sign for the big ceremonial tomorrow night at the New National Theater.

The business meeting will be at patrol headquarters at 3 p.m., and all routine business will be out of the way so that at 8 o'clock sharp the fun will begin at the theater, and the seats will be for the first comers. "Absolutely nothing reserved for any one," he says, "save the candidates, for the potentate believes in the Irish principle that one man is as good as another and oftentimes a little better."

The petitions already in hand insure the largest class in the history of Almas Temple.

Noble Edgar C. Snyder and the degree team will hold their final rehearsal on the stage of the theater this afternoon, and it will be a full costume affair. They are determined to show the local shrine what can be done in the way of elaborate degree work when a suitable place for staging is accessible. This is to the end that the nobles may see the need of building a temple.

After the performance itself is over tomorrow evening arrangements have been made for "one of the pepperiest vaudeville shows ever shown in Washington" to entertain the nobles. Like the initiation itself, this is to remain a surprise until shown.

To greet the team with new "stunts," the Oriental Band with its new music, the reorganized patrol with new drills, the vaudeville show and the largest class of candidates that ever trod the sands of the local desert, combine to make this meeting of Almas Temple one which will go down into history.

The circular telling the nobility of the event sets forth the following tableaux of officials who will participate in the big ceremonial:

The official divan for the present year: L. Whiting Estes, illustrious potentate; Edmund S. Wolfe, chief rabban; Sydney R. Jacobs, assistant rabban; Louis H. Meyer, high priest and prophet; John A. Ellinger, oriental guide; Francis A. Sebring, treasurer; Harrison Dingman, recorder; John A. Whiting Estes, Henry Lane Lurgin, Virgil M. Fookes, James T. Gibbs, representatives to the Imperial Council; Thomas P. Morgan, Walter H. Klopfer and Samuel Hart, trustees.

Oriental officers—Edward A. Blake, first master; Edwin Hodgson, second master; Samuel Gompers, third master; Sam Harris, master of ceremonies; Archie P. Engel, captain of guard; Lee Pitchlynn, outer guard; George H. Geiz, outer guard; Fred Gibson, stage director; Charles E. Wilson, captain Arab Patrol; Charles E. Lansburgh, chairman of hall committee; Edgar C. Snyder, chairman of reception committee; Charles Ward Clark, director of band; Frank Carll, director of orchestra; Joe O'Donnell, assistant director; Joe Fulkerson, keeper of the exchequer; Hamilton Smith, keeper of the great seal; James S. McCarthy, keeper of the great seal; Charles Rodgers, alchemist; Charles Ulrich, assistant alchemist; Christian Glassmann, sheikh; Joseph E. Leeman, chief rabban; Theodore Picard, commissary; Charles B. Matthews, assistant commissary; James McPherson, master of wardrobe; Lyman E. Swormstedt, George N. Acker, Oscar H. Coombs, Henry M. Dixon, Fred Retzer, Frank E. Gibson and Warren A. Reaver, Arabic dispensers of herbs; Oscar F. Comstock, organist; J. Walter Humphrey, J. Henry Kaiser, Charles E. Myers and John F. M. Bowie, chanters.

The audit committee, which has been reappointed, James B. Adams, Harry B. Cramer and S. Fred Hahn.

The "glad hand" and reception committee which will be on hand to extend to both local and visiting nobles true Arabic hospitality: James S. McCarthy, chairman; William W. Jermane, Dr. William C. Fowler, Edwin B. Hesse, Stirling Kerr, jr., John G. Hodges, Hunter B. Laughton, Louis Simon and Otto J. De Moll, vice chairmen, and Charles E. Baldwin, Charles E. Berry, Fred Maxmillan Bock, Southwick C. Briggs, John J. Booker, Walter A. Brown, Arthur L. Bryant, George V. Buck, Harry J. Cunningham, Charles C. Coombs, Eugene S. Cochran, Sulaiman Dawud, A. H. Douglass, E. H. Droop, Alvin G. Essex, Frank H. Edmonds, Max Fisher, Mark S. Finley, Norwood V. Guy, Benjamin W. Guy, Louis Goldsmith, Edward C. Graham, Milton Hopfenmaier, James B. Henderson, William T. Hebbard, George W. Harris, George F. Hanc, Walter S. Harban, Isaac S. Hall, Charles Jacobson, Harry G. Kimball, J. Claude Keiper, Harry T. Kennedy, David J. Kaufman, B. F. Larcombe, jr., Frank E. Mack, Robert Meyer, Claude H. Miller, Arthur D. Marks, William H. McReynolds, Alexander McKenzie, Abram S. McCoy, William H. McCray, Maurice Otterback, Walter B. Pettus, Raymond W. Pullman, Philip M. Rieffkin, Bertrand H. Roberts, George F. Schutt, Alexander Scott, Herbert T. Shannon, John E. Shoemaker, Elmer E. Simpson, Charles Sonne, George Spransy, H. C. C. Stiles, Edwin H. Snyder, Emmons S. Smith, Walter F. Smith, Lem Towers, jr., E. St. Clair Thompson, William S. Trunnell, George E. Walker, Nathan Weill and Augustus Gupert.

The newly created Arab Patrol: L. Whiting Estes, Capt. L. C. Wilson, in command; Lieut. Virgil M. Fookes, Lieut. H. F. Kennedy, Walter B. Avery, C. F. Bennett, Ralph Bihlman, B. A. Ball, A. T. Curran, Salvatore Desio, Samuel H. Deckman, M. H. DeGraff, H. W. Eibel, A. E. Gorham, Dr. W. W. Georges, treasurer; Harry Gardner, Percy L. Gladmon, J. S. Hambly, Dr. W. A. Harrison, jr.; M. A. Hess, William F. Holmes, E. H. Honey, James A. Hollinger, W. R. F. Hines, W. T. Lawrence, Wade G. Longley, William H. Nash, John J. Odenwald, E. A. Owens, Chester R. Samson, Alfred B. Sapp, George H. Schleuter, Welby C. Smallwood, G. Leon Smithson, Dr. C. A. Stewart, secretary; Charles T. Swan, Robert I. Tiller, Charles G. Volk, F. Lawrence Walker, Charles F. Waring, John E. Wells, George H. Whiting, sergeant; J. E. Nyman, Lieut. Frederick Yates, surgeon; James Graham, T. E. Hampton and E. D. Anderson.

The Oriental Band: Dato, Charles A. Stevens, leader, Burmese pipes; substitute dato, Jacob G. Moody, oriental musette; secretary, Albert A. Roby, crash cymbal; treasurer, Fred H. Kraemer, Turkish tom-tom; trustees, Ed S. Schmid, Indo tom-tom; Salvatore Desio, Turko gong; John T. Riley, Hindoo temple gong; commissary, Theodore Picard, Indo tom-tom drum; quartermaster, John W. Kimmerling, Indo tom-tom drum; dentist, Charles A. Stewart, Brahma bells; master of wardrobe, Henry B. Schmidt, oriental musette.

Benjamin B. French Lodge, No. 15, tomorrow evening will present the M. M. degree. At the last communication Oscar Franklin Comstock gave a short organ recital. Worshipful Master James P. Schick has in contemplation, he says, a special for the M. M. degree, with visiting guests from a nearby city; a "past masters' night" and an illustrated lecture "on a subject of great interest."

Anacostia Lodge, No. 21, is to have a social evening tomorrow night, with Grand Master Jermane present as a special guest and to make an address of interest. Other prominent speakers, with a program of vocal and instrumental music, and cigars, are also on the program.

Pentalpha Lodge, No. 23, which will have the E. A. degree tomorrow evening, will have the F. C. both on April 3 and April 17. Joseph S. Farden, who died at his home, 1633 Monroe street, March 3, had been a member of Pentalpha Lodge for more than twenty-five years.

Washington Council, No. 1, Royal and Select Masters, will have the cryptic degrees tomorrow evening. General Grand High Priest George E. Corson was a visitor at the last meeting and gave an address on cryptic Masonry.

Myron M. Parker Lodge, No. 27, which gave itself over to a "ladies' night" at its last meeting, will have the E. A. degree Tuesday evening.

President James P. Schick of the Masters' Association for 1916 has issued a call for the March meeting of the association Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, in the office of James S. McCarthy, rooms 43 and 44, Kellogg building, 1416 F street northwest.

The New Jerusalem Lodge, No. 9, will have the E. A. degree Thursday evening and a special Thursday evening, March 30, for the M. M. degree.

Worshipful Master Frank B. Ketchum of St. John's Lodge, No. 11, with his committees has made elaborate preparations for the "ladies' night" to be given Friday evening at Masonic Temple. As the lodge is, in a sense, "father" to St. John's Lodge Chapter, No. 18, Order of the Eastern Star, the presence of its members will add largely to the attendance. The program of entertainment includes music, motion pictures, monologues and dancing in the banquet hall, with refreshments. The members of the lodge have all been urged to bring their woman friends.

Capitol Chapter, No. 11, will have a "ladies' night," Friday, at 8:30 p.m., following its regular convocation. Delos M. Thayer of the Grand Chapter will give an address on European countries, illustrated with many beautiful stereopticon views taken by himself. Besides this there will be recitations, songs and music, followed by refreshments. High Priest Evans states that while a high water mark was established at the last convocation of the chapter, when the Royal Arch degree was presented for three teams, he expects the coming entertainment to far overshadow the Masonic event.

King David Lodge, No. 28, makes a late announcement that the M. M. degree will be presented at its communication Tuesday evening.

Washington Royal Arch Chapter, No. 2, has the Royal Arch degree scheduled for its convocation Thursday evening.

Mithras Lodge of Perfection of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite will hold a business meeting Tuesday evening, at which many of the details for the coming spring reunion will be discussed. A good nucleus for the spring class already has been secured, and the degrees will be started April 25, so that the class may receive the thirty-second degree in time for the Maundy Thursday banquet.

Saturday evening will be "ladies' night" at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, 16 and E streets northwest, which since the remodeling and redecoration of the building furnishes ideal accommodations for such events, with its large banquet hall and ballroom and the general assembly room, where chess, checker, backgammon, billiards and pool games are elaborately provided for, all of which are thrown open to the woman guests. Roe Fulkerson is in charge of the dancing. Archie Engel guards the portals and John Wineman and Henry Lansburgh are in charge of the assembly room. The function Saturday evening will be, of necessity, limited to members of the rite and the women of their families and friends, the identification card of a member serving as the card of admission. Stress is laid upon the fact that the function is to be informal, which removes exactions as to dress. The entire building will be thrown open to the guests of the evening, with card games in the cardroom, pool games in the poolroom, billiards in the billiard room and dancing from 8 to 12 on the first floor, with refreshments. It is the purpose to hold these functions the last Saturday evening of each month for the present, at least, and the committee, consisting of Roe Fulkerson, John C. Wineman, Henry Lansburgh and Archie D. Engel, in their circular urge all members of the rite to bring their wives, sweethearts, mothers, sisters and daughters, if they have any.

The Level Club of the Department of Commerce has issued a call for the annual election of officers next Saturday evening. A unique notice reads: "Don't forget Saturday night, March 25. Whom do you want for officers of the Level Club? Look 'em over. Let's get out a crowd. There'll be plenty of smokes. We're for 'safety first' and 'preparedness.'"

The present officers of the club are: Charles R. Bartlett, president; Charles H. Becker, vice president; Harry Burlingame, secretary; William E. Field, treasurer; B. F. Jackson. The officers, together with E. E. Bartlett and J. S. Collins, compose the executive committee.

Plans for the near future include a ladies' night and a theater party.

Monarch George H. Emmons, jr., announces a business meeting and shortform initiation ceremony of Kallipolis Grotto for April 3, at Chamber of Commerce Hall. The meeting will be a forerunner for the spring ceremonial and to perfect plans for the trip to Detroit to attend the Supreme Council convention.

Much interest is being manifested by the prophets in the grotto's participation in the ball game to be played between the shrine and grotto for the benefit of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home in June. "Chief Scout" Andy Walker could perhaps tell enough to make rather interesting reading, but he will not. He is keeping the names of the players thus far selected bottled up, like a cipher dispatch from the war zone. While it is known that several selections have been made, he says the complete line-up will not be announced until the return of the big league players from the training camps. The grotto boasts several players among the "heavy ones." Monarch Emmons, Chief Justice I. S. Goldsmith and Master of Ceremonies A. H. Rogers are insistent that Kallipolis Grotto will win the game, although it is conceded it will be a battle royal.

It has been decided to make the team a permanent auxiliary of the grotto. Official sanction for this will be asked at the meeting of the grotto April 3.

Prophet Charles A. Stevens, director of the Glee Club, is rehearsing the glee singers for the joint musical entertainment with the Indian Guard Band, Improved Order of Red Men of Alexandria, Va., Friday. The prophets will be met upon arrival in Alexandria by Mayor Fisher and the Red Men. The key to the city will be presented to the Washington prophets by the mayor, after which a parade will be formed, the line of march to be along the principal street to Elks' Hall, where the entertainment will be staged. The official program reads: "Kallipolis Grotto Glee Club Gambol, a Cyclone of Melody, a Whirlwind of Mirth by the Kings of Gleeville"; Prof. Jacque Heidenheimer, pianist; Woerner and Gross, "Black Face Princes"; Charles A. Stevens, "Potentate of Entertainers"; Edward L. Hutchison, "Monarch of Songland"; Kirk C. Miller, "The Shake 'Em Up Drummer"; Charles D. Shackleford, "Sultan of Vaudeville"; David Wolf, "The Whistling Wonder"; C. H. Popenoe, saxophone soloist; Wilbur E. Fookes, Great Female Impersonator"; S. F. Shreve, "Mandolin Melange"; Fred Kramer and his "Schnitzelbank" warblers.

The Indian Guard Band will be directed by Prof. Julius Kamper, who is also a member of Kallipolis Grotto.

A special train will leave 12th street and Pennsylvania avenue at 6:30 p.m.

Delhi Grotto of Dallas, Tex., while only a few months old, has already organized a band, drill corps, orchestra, and as an auxiliary, a ladies' saxophone quartet.

Islam Grotto, No. 35, of Pittsburgh, Pa., is making rapid progress with its movement for a grotto temple. A recent circular states:

"There will be a theater, banquet hall, reception hall, dancing auditorium, fraternal clubrooms, billiard hall, bowling alley, and every other fraternal essential to the making of a temple of which the order as a whole and each individual member will be proud."

The Triangle Club of Master Masons has a membership of 204, 105 of whom are members of District lodges and ninety-nine members of lodges in other jurisdictions, distributed in twenty-six different lodges in the District and twenty-nine elsewhere, from Maine to Manila, the Philippines.

Mount Pleasant Royal Arch Chapter, No. 13, will present the P. M. and M. E. M. degrees at its convocation Friday evening.

Lafayette Lodge, No. 19, will have a special Saturday evening for the M. M. degree.

High Priest George G. Seibold, as evidence that Columbia Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1, "never does anything by halves," points out that ten candidates participated in the P. M. and M. E. M. degrees Wednesday evening; that nine will participate in the Royal Arch degree March 29, and that one will be cared for in a sister chapter.

A late circular of Columbia Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar, states W. Hamilton Smith, one of its distinguished members, has been ill at Garfield Hospital for several weeks, but is now sufficiently improved to return to his home.

The commandery drill corps met last evening for an important drill. Its officers are: Charles D. Shackelford, captain; Colin E. E. Flather, first lieutenant; Frank E. Koch, second lieutenant; Charles E. Baldwin, recorder, and Edgar A. Nelson, jr., treasurer.

The Masters' Association of 1910 met recently and effected a permanent organization and decided to hold a banquet about April 1. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Past Grand Master George C. Ober; vice president, G. E. Dunkum; secretary-treasurer, Castleman P. Boss; executive committee, the officers and A. R. Serven and Charles Kattelmann. Those present were George C. Ober, G. E. Dunkum, C. P. Boss, A. R. Serven, Charles Kattelmann, George H. Copes, J. Frank Campbell, W. C. Firoved, H. E. Bittinger, J. N. Sterzer and Charles K. Finper.

Ladies' night was celebrated by Dawson Lodge, No. 16, Monday evening. Fully 450 persons crowded the commandery room to enjoy the program rendered by a local organization composed of: Soprano, Mrs. William Joyce; contralto, Miss Lillian Chenoweth; reader, Miss Mabel Evans; accompanist, Miss Anna McCoach; first tenor, Glenn C. Dorsey; second tenor, Roy Beall; baritone, George A. Lovett; basso, G. K. Weston; Hawaiian musicians, Harry K. Gilman, J. Desha and S. Desha. The program follows: Mixed quartet, soprano solo, male quartet accompanied by native Hawaiian instruments, reading, mixed quartet, Hawaiian trio, male quartet, contralto solo, reading, male quartet and Hawaiian trio.

Music was furnished by Mondell's Orchestra and the address of welcome was delivered by Worshipful Master Perry P. Patrick. After the program a reception was tendered the ladies in the lodgeroom, where the officers of the lodge were in the receiving line. A buffet supper was served in the basement and dancing followed. Those in charge of arrangements included:

General committee—G. K. Weston, chairman; Claud DeBaun, M. C. Leonard, Charles F. A. Stenzel, James A. Ingraham, J. J. Costinett, Robert G. Hunter, Charles T. Abell, jr., Irving S. Hall, Daniel M. Jones, Mark Stearman, Charles L. Taylor, Arthur S. Miskell, Raymond A. Kelser, Charlton M. Clark, Roy Miskell and Alfred B. Gawler.

Refreshment committee—Irving S. Hall, Alfred B. Gawler, J. J. Costinett, Arthur S. Miskell and Merle C. Leonard.

Reception committee—John A. Colborn, P. M., chairman, and Past Masters Orville Brown, George W. Siggers, Thomas W. Bramhall, Benjamin F. Larcombe, George W. Baumann, Royal E. Corwin, John B. Ireland, George G. Seibold, H. C. Thompson, Louis Jacobson, Charles Boyd, Benjamin F. Odell, C. H. Woodward, James H. Trimble, William F. Lannan, Milton Strasburger, E. S. Holmes, jr., J. P. Stephenson, H. Harvey Hazard, E. G. Thompson, John L. Apple, A. Bond and W. M. Wailes.

Committee on music—John A. Colborn, P. M.

Committee on printing—Raymond A. Kelser, Merle C. Leonard and Frank B. Crown.

Committee on decorations—Mark Stearman, Roy Miskell, Charles T. Abell, jr., Daniel M. Jones, Charles F. A. Stenzel, Charles L. Taylor, Robert G. Hunter and Charlton M. Clark.

At the request of the home lodge of the deceased, Grand Master Jermane designated King Solomon Lodge, No. 21, to conduct the funeral services of the late Frank L. Yarrick, the structural ironworker, who recently lost his life in falling from a building at 19th and E streets northwest, and who was a member of Goodland Lodge, No. 321, of Goodland, Kan. More than fifty members of the structural ironworkers' union, of which the deceased was a member, attended the services, which were held in the chapel at Glenwood cemetery. The body was deposited in the vault for the present.

Lebanon Lodge, No. 7, has the M. M. degree scheduled for its communication the evening of April 7.

St. John's Lodge, No. 11, will have a special at 7:30 o'clock Friday evening, March 21, for the M. M. degree, with entertainment and refreshments, according to the circular of Worshipful Master Ketchum.

East Gate Lodge, No. 34, will have the F. C. degree the evening of April 5, and its bowling team will have a match roll with the team of George C. Whiting Lodge, No. 22, Tuesday evening.

Mount Vernon Royal Arch Chapter, No. 3, will have the royal arch degree at its convocation Monday evening, March 27.

Junior Warden Williams S. Quinter will head the official line in the F. C. degree at the communication of Federal Lodge, No. 1, the evening of March 28.

The Association of Worshipful Masters for 1916 will officiate in the M. M. degree in Dawson Lodge, No. 16, Monday evening, March 27, and the lodge will have a theater party the following evening.

In compliance with the wishes of the home lodge of the deceased, the funeral services for the late Rev. Charles L. Bragaw, who was a member of Suburban Lodge, No. 740, of Louisville, Ky., were conducted by Pentalpha Lodge, No. 23, Wednesday, by direction of Grand Master William W. Jermane. The interment took place in Masonic circle in Glenwood cemetery. Rev. Mr. Bragaw died in New Mexico, but was once assistant pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, the pastor of which, Rev. John Brittan Clark, and Rev. T. E. Davis of Westminster Memorial Presbyterian Church officiated at the funeral.

The supreme court of appeals of Virginia recently affirmed the decision of the lower court that Fredericksburg Lodge, No. 4, A. F. & A. M., has the right to build a George Washington memorial temple on the site of the old Masonic cemetery. Judge Daniel Grinnan of Richmond and others who had relatives buried in the cemetery opposed the use of the site for the memorial temple.

Bethesda Lodge of Masons last week was forced to a sudden close during its communication by a fire in the house next door to its lodgeroom. But equal to the emergency, the members hustled out, secured the fire apparatus and put out the blaze like good men and true.

Orient Commandery, No. 5, will have the Orders of the Temple and Malta at its conclave tomorrow evening. It will be the last ceremonial session of the Templar year in the commandery.

Grand Prelate Rev. Paul R. Hickok of the Grand Commandery of the District has invited Orient Commandery members to attend religious services at the Metropolitan Presbyterian Church, 4th and R streets southeast, Sunday evening, April 2. Commander William T. Hebbard announces the illness of Past Commanders Dr. Francis J. Woodman and E. P. Hazleton.

ORDER OF EASTERN STAR

CHAPTERS.

Monday—Ruth, No. 1, masquerade dance after meeting.

Tuesday—Mizpah, No. 8, brief session; Fidelity, No. 19, reception to Mizpah Chapter, No. 8.

Wednesday—Naomi, No. 3; Brookland, No. 11, social.

Thursday—William F. Hunt, No. 16.

Friday—Takoma, No. 12; Cathedral, No. 14; St. John's Lodge, No. 18.

Ruth Chapter, No. 1, tomorrow evening will have its masquerade dance, which was to have taken place at the last meeting, after the close of the chapter. Worthy Matron Mrs. Elizabeth Plitt and Worthy Patron Thomas S. Sergeon have extended an invitation to all members of the order to join Ruth Chapter in making this a merry occasion. A large box as a receptacle for contributions of rummage for the coming sale will be placed conspicuously and the chairman of the rummage sale hopes the members of the chapter will not overlook it.

After a short business meeting Tuesday night Mizpah Chapter, No. 8, will pay a visit to Fidelity Chapter, No. 19.

Brookland Chapter, No. 11, will have a social meeting Wednesday evening. Worthy Matron Mrs. Anna Broderick and Worthy Patron William G. Betts have extended a general invitation to all members of the order to be present.

The sewing circle of the chapter met with Mrs. Lottie A. Melius recently and plans were made to hold a bazaar in the fall. The next meeting of the circle will be with the president, Mrs. Molster, in April.

The past patrons of Brookland Chapter met with Past Matron Mrs. Helen Molster Tuesday afternoon. A bountiful lunch was served at 6 o'clock, the worthy matron, Mrs. Anna Broderick, being guest of honor. After lunch the order of business was resumed. As all members were in attendance and this being the first meeting of the new year, officers for 1916 were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Minerva R. Crawford; vice president, F. Lillian Holmes; secretary, Belle Hampton; treasurer, Sidney Wright. After a social hour with the hostess the matrons adjourned to meet with Past Matron Sidney Wright April 11, when Junior Past Matron Helena Lennon will be initiated into the mysteries of the association.

Fidelity Chapter, No. 19, is planning an unusually interesting meeting for Tuesday evening, when it will entertain Mizpah Chapter, No. 8. Mesdames McIndoo and Vincent, hostesses for the evening, have announced a special program, and Worthy Matron Lyda I. Riley has extended a general invitation to all friends of the chapter to be present.

Bethlehem Chapter, No. 7, Tuesday evening received reports from the chairmen of its euchre, rummage and bazaar committees. Past Matron Mrs. Lena Stephenson stated that the bazaar would be held in the main hall of the building, May 1, 2 and 3. The matron reported that the banquet recently furnished Kallipolis Grotto and the dinner given March 1 were both successful and thanked all who had assisted in making them so. The matron announced the sudden death that morning of Fred C. Ohm. During the rendition of music by the choir all heads were bowed in prayer. A short program consisted of a piano solo by Miss Lydia Keefer and a recitation by Mrs. Louella Barrows.

The entertainment committee stated that next meeting it would produce "something different" in the way of entertainment. Refreshments were served in the banquet hall.

Takoma Chapter, No. 12, at its last meeting, after a short business session, had as its special guests the master and members of Takoma Lodge, No. 29, F. A. A. M. The hall was decorated with flags and green and white shamrocks. After a brief welcome from the worthy matron the evening exercises were placed in charge of Mrs. P. W. Favorite, chairman of the entertainment committee, and a program was presented, consisting of remarks by the worthy grand matron, Mrs. Ida V. Faber; piano duet, by Misses Knudsen and Paravano; recitation, by Mrs. Lilian Dickens, associate matron; cornet solo, by Alphonso Young, accompanied by his daughter; dance, by Miss Esther Parker; fancy dancing, by Miss Babe Parker; selections of Hawaiian music, by Messrs. Covington and Phillips; song by Mrs. Sallie Wilson of Ruth Chapter, No. 1; violin solo, by Mr. Eshelman, accompanied by his daughter Ruth, and piano solo, by Miss Helen Meiklejohn. Mrs. Nellie Plumley of Naomi Chapter, No. 3, sang a solo and gave an encore. The program closed with a mandolin and guitar selection by Miss Mamie Meiklejohn and Miss Norma Unger, after which refreshments were served by the committee in charge.

Among those on the fraternity present were: L. Cabell Williamson, past most worthy grand patron; Mrs. Alcena Lamond, right worthy grand treasurer; Angus Lamond, past grand patron; Mr. and Mrs. Shomo of Ransford Chapter, No. 135, Houston, Tex., and Mrs. Susie Corfield of Mizpah Chapter, No. 5, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Temple Chapter, No. 13, Monday evening, after the transaction of business, adjourned and paid a visit to Columbia Chapter, No. 15, 14th and Kenyon streets northwest. Wednesday evening Temple Chapter held a social euchre at 1407 Massachusetts avenue northwest, which was well attended. The entertainment committee is making preparation for the program for Monday evening, March 27, at the temple, where an entertainment will be offered and refreshments served.

Cathedral Chapter, No. 14, after a short session at its last meeting, retired to the banquet hall, where progressive euchre was played until a late hour, the refreshments being served after the prizes were awarded.

Many members and visitors attended the meeting of Esther Chapter, No. 5, Thursday evening. After the degrees the following program, prepared by Mrs. Margaret H. Jones, was presented: Selection, by the choir; reading, by Past Matron Helen F. Molster of Brookland Chapter, and vocal solos by Past Patron Milton J. Fillius of Electa Chapter. Brief remarks were made by Past Grand Patron Molster, Past Grand Matron Jeannette R. Smith and by Mr. Graham of Hampton, Va.

Past Matron Nellie West, chairman of the entertainment committee, announced that the annual theater party of the chapter would be given Monday evening, April 24. The chapter's rummage sale will be held in May and will be in charge of Associate Matron Emma Riley.

A large number of members were present at the meeting of Electa Chapter, No. 2, Tuesday evening, March 14, including Mrs. Ida Faber, grand matron, and Ben W. Murch, grand patron. There was no degree work, but a program of entertainment was presented. Rev. Willard G. Davenport gave an address on the five points of the star. Arthur Simpson, worthy patron, sang solos; Mrs. Carrie Smith gave a recitation and Charles F. Roberts, Milton J. Fillius and Arthur Simpson sang as a trio several selections. Remarks were made by the grand matron and grand patron commending the chapter for its activities.

Within the past three weeks Electa has had a successful colonial tea, theater party, rummage sale and card party.

Columbia Chapter, No. 15, entertained Monday evening at Masonic Hall, 14th and Kenyon streets northwest, one of the largest gatherings in its history, the occasion being the celebration of its fifth birthday anniversary.

Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 33, F. A. A. M., was the guest of honor and was represented by a large number of members and their friends. Other distinguished guests of the evening were Mrs. Ida V. Faber, worthy grand matron, and Ben W. Murch, worthy grand patron, of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia; Mrs. Julia N. Streater, P. G. M., and Wallace Streater, P. G. P., the "father" of the chapter, as well as large representations from other chapters of this and other jurisdictions. After a short business meeting, Temple Chapter closed and visited as a body.

The entertainment was in charge of Mrs. Jennie Abbott and consisted of a play, presented by Miss Ruth Abbott and her Sunday school class, under the personal direction of Ed Muth. The sketch was called "Every Girl," and those participating were shown ample appreciation by the large and enthusiastic audience. The birthday cake was presented in a novel manner by Mrs. Myra M. Holmes, assisted by Mrs. Sadie L. Palmer, Mrs. Beatrice R. Chamberlaine and Miss Hallie Chauncey.

Mrs. Tillie C. Chauncey, worthy matron, thanked the talent for its excellent work and expressed gratification at the support given her by the chairmen in charge for the evening.

The Floral Circle will meet with Mrs. Emma E. Miller, 1369 Meridian place northwest, tomorrow. Mrs. Margaret E. Harrison, president of the circle, has extended an invitation to all to attend.

St. John's Lodge Chapter, No. 18, has made no public announcement as to its forthcoming meeting, but, as it is scheduled the same evening as the "ladies' night" of St. John's Lodge, No. 11, F. A. A. M., through whose members largely the chapter is credited with coming into being, it is not unlikely the Eastern Star chapter will be a feature of the Masonic lodge's festivities. The home board is scheduled to meet Saturday with Mrs. Proctor at 1113 8th street northwest. Friday evening at 8 o'clock an entertainment and card party is scheduled at the home of Miss Bock, 3900 Huntington street, Chevy Chase.

ODD FELLOWS

LODGES.

Monday—Beacon, No. 15, and Langdon, No. 26, degree; Union, No. 11, business.

Tuesday—Special session of the Grand Lodge; Washington, No. 6, and Amity, No. 27, business; Golden Rule, No. 21, grand visitation; Mt. Pleasant, No. 29, third degree.

Wednesday—Eastern, No. 7, and Federal City, No. 20, degree; Harmony, No. 9, business.

Thursday—Covenant, No. 13, grand visitation; Columbia, No. 10, Excelsior, No. 13, and Salem, No. 22, degree.

Friday—Central, No. 1, degree; Metropolis, No. 16, and Phoenix, No. 28, business.

PATRIARCHS MILITANT.

Saturday—Canton Washington, No. 1, drill.

A special session of the Grand Lodge will be held in the encampment room of I. O. O. F. Hall Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. It was called by Grand Master William J. Hope for the purpose of considering the amendment to the subordinate lodge constitution submitted at the last session of the Grand Lodge; a petition for a new Rebekah Lodge, to be located at 14th and Kenyon streets northwest, to be known as Mount Pleasant Rebekah Lodge, No. 9; to receive and act upon the report of the special committee on the I. O. O. F. library, which was appointed at the last session of the Grand Lodge, and to confirm the representatives to the Grand Lodge and to the Odd Fellows' Home Association elected to fill vacancies caused by death, resignation or otherwise since the last session of the Grand Lodge.

The representatives will be notified by the grand secretary to attend, in accordance with section 4, article 3, of the Grand Lodge constitution, and Grand Master Hope expects a full attendance.

Grand Chaplain H. S. Patty, chairman, has made arrangements for the Grand Lodge to attend divine services Sunday, April 9, at 8 p.m., at Mount Vernon Place M. E. Church South, 9th and K streets northwest, Rev. E. K. Hardin, D. D., pastor. The Grand Lodge will assemble at I. O. O. F. Hall at 7:30 p.m., and march thence to the church. All members of the order and members of the Rebekah branch are invited to attend.

Central Lodge, No. 1, Friday evening considered the matter of a star degree team, which is being organized by Grand Master William J. Hope, and also witnessed the conferring of the third degree by the degree team under the direction of the grand master. The lodge decided that in the future it will call on the degree team under the direction of the grand master to confer the several degrees, in order that the team of Central Lodge may have some vacation from degree work. At a recent meeting of the lodge the degree team under direction of W. P. Pumphreys conferred the initiatory degree. The members of the lodge will have a theater party Tuesday evening. Past Grand Oscar O. Daumer was designated by Noble Grand Black as press committee for the term. The grand secretary was officially notified and expressed his approval.

Golden Rule Lodge, No. 21, will receive a visit from Grand Master William J. Hope and officers of the Grand Lodge Tuesday evening. The committee on entertainment has made elaborate arrangements for the occasion. At the last meeting of the lodge the second and third degrees were conferred on several candidates. Grand Master Hope and Past Grand Master Rich both were present. The reports of the lodge, it is stated, will show an increase in members and also in finances during the term, which is only about one-quarter gone.

Grand Master William J. Hope and the officers of the Grand Lodge officially visited Friendship Lodge, No. 12, Wednesday evening. Many members of sister lodges and visitors from other jurisdictions were present. The reports of the secretary and treasurer showed the lodge in a prosperous condition, both as to membership and finances. Friendship Lodge is the home lodge of Past Grand Masters Gawler, Watts and Mead, the last named being one of the most active members of the lodge. The lodge owns its lodgeroom, which is fitted up with library and smoking room, together with all necessary conveniences and improvements to make the room attractive. A general invitation is extended to all members to visit the lodge on the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

The degree team of Eastern Lodge, No. 7, under the direction of Director W. E. Lawson, conferred the first degree Wednesday evening. At the regular meeting next Wednesday the second degree will be conferred. Degree Director Lawson reports that he will add several new features. Those interested are invited to attend. Interest is maintained in bowling by Eastern Lodge team. Four teams are reported as having a chance for the first prize.

The Odd Fellows' Home Association closed its agreement to purchase the property at 3233 N street northwest, and the title has passed on record to the Odd Fellows' Home Association, Incorporated, of the District of Columbia. The building will be thoroughly repaired before furniture is placed in it. The joint excursion committee, W. F. Dement, chairman, will meet Saturday evening, at the Odd Fellows' Home.

The committee of Federal City Lodge, No. 20, has called attention to the religious services for Odd Fellows at St. Mark's Protestant Episcopal Church, 3d and A streets southeast, tonight at 7:30 o'clock. The lodge will confer the initiatory degree upon two candidates Wednesday evening. Plans are being perfected for the entertainment the night of the grand visitation to Federal City Lodge, April 12. The directors of the several degrees are said to be conducting their rehearsals with vigor in preparation for the convention of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at Chattanooga, Tenn. Federal City Lodge members seem confident their degree work will win laurels at Chattanooga, as it has done in other competitions.

REBEKAH LODGES

Monday—Naomi, No. 1, and Ruth, No. 2, degree.

Tuesday—Fidelity, No. 7, degree.

Thursday—Friendship, No. 8, degree.

Friday—Martha Washington, No. 3, visitation assembly officers; Dorcas, No. 4, degree.

A large class of candidates will receive the degree in Friendship Lodge, No. 8, Thursday evening. At the last meeting the degree team of Miriam Lodge, No. 6, under the direction of Director L. S. Windsor, conferred the degree on twelve candidates. Noble Grand Floris Nally extends to all members of the Rebekah degree an invitation to be present. President Annie E. Grigsby and her associate officers will officially visit the lodge April 20.

The degree team of Fidelity Lodge, No. 7, under the direction of Deputy Grand Master