Fraternities

Masonic.

LODGES.

Today—Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 33, 8 p.m., religious services, Masonic and Eastern Star Home.
Monday—Dawson, No. 16, grand visitation and F. C.
Tuesday—Federal, No. 1, R. A.; Acacia, No. 18, F. C., and Takoma, No. 29, F. C.
Wednesday—Washington Centennial, No. 14, special, 7 p.m., M. M.; Harmony, No. 17, grand visitation, and school of instruction.
Thursday—George C. Whiting, No. 22, special, M. M.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

Monday—Mount Vernon, No. 2, R. A.
Tuesday—Mount Horeb, No. 7, P. M. and M. E. M., and Potomac, No. 8, social.
Wednesday—Columbia, No. 1, special, 7 p.m., R. A.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE.

Tuesday—Mithras Lodge of Perfection, sixth degree, and Robert de Bruce Council, Knights Kadosh, business.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Saturday—Kallipolis Grotto, Veiled Prophets, ceremonial, New Willard.

Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 33, assisted by Columbia Chapter, No. 15, Order of the Eastern Star, will have charge of the religious services at the Masonic and Eastern Star Home this afternoon at 3 o'clock, Rev. George F. Dudley, rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, officiating.

Columbia Chapter, No. 1, Wednesday evening will have a double presentation of the Royal Arch degree, with Grand Scribe Frank F. Major heading the official line. The convocation will open at 7 o'clock sharp and following the degree work the members of the chapter and their guests of the evening will have a substantial suggestion of what a Thanksgiving dinner ought to be. High Priest William S. Macdonald says the work on hand will probably necessitate at least two and perhaps three specials in the near future. Visiting Royal Arch Masons are always welcome.

The last grand visitations of the year will be made to Dawson Lodge, No. 16, tomorrow evening, and to Harmony Lodge, No. 17, Wednesday evening. Although Dawson Lodge raised thirty-one during the year and received four by affiliation, its net increase in membership is reduced to sixteen by eleven deaths and eight losses from other causes.

Claims of an exceptionally large class—as high as 200—are being made by enthusiastic veiled prophets for the big ceremonial session of Kallipolis Grotto, which is to be held at the New Willard Saturday evening. Unusual results are expected from Charles D. Shackelford, director of the cast for the evening. Visitors are expected from other cities. Charles A. Stevens will be in charge of the entertainment features and Prof. Julius Kamper, with the Grotto Military Band, will see that ample music is provided.

Grand Monarch Edward S. Schmid, accompanied by Past Monarch E. W. Libbey and Castleman P. Boss, left Thursday for Boston to attend a big ceremonial session of Omar Grotto of that city.

The Lambskin Club has announced a meeting for Saturday evening, December 8, at Naval Lodge Hall, 3d street and Pennsylvania avenue southeast, when an official visit will be received from the president and members of the advisory board of Masonic clubs. A general invitation has been extended to the members of all other Masonic clubs in the city to be present, as a special program of entertainment is to be presented. The club will hold its annual election of officers at 7 o'clock, in time to complete its business affairs before the arrival of the advisory board.

The Triangle Club of Master Masons of the Department of Agriculture has elected the following new officers: W. R. Lucas, president; G. W. Conner, first vice president; G. W. Smith, second vice president; F. R. Fravel, third vice president; I. C. I. Evans, secretary; H. K. Walter, treasurer; W. H. Phipps, marshal; G. A. Anthony, herald; R. J. Formad, as a member of the executive committee, and G. W. Smith and J. C. Cross representatives on the advisory board. The club is now in the fourth year of its existence and is planning a series of instructive and entertaining features for the winter.

Both Robert de Bruce Council, Knights Kadosh, and Mithras Lodge of Perfection of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite will meet Tuesday evening, the former for a business session and the latter for the ceremonial presentation of the sixth degree of the rite to the winter class, which is growing weekly.

High Priest Luther Hess Waring has announced a social meeting of Potomac Royal Arch Chapter, No. 8, Tuesday evening, with arrangements in charge of Past High Priest Dr. Montgomery Hunter, chairman, and Past Grand High Priest Dr. Charles T. Lindsley, and Past High Priests William S. Waddey and Frank Tennyson as assistants.

Mount Horeb Royal Arch Chapter, No. 7, will have the P. M. and M. E. M. degrees Tuesday evening and the Royal Arch degree the evening of December 11. Secretary Fielder I. Hunter's circular calls attention to the fact that the meeting Tuesday night will be the last day for the receipt of the annual dues, a part of which is to be used in the entertainment of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States next year.

Washington Centennial Lodge, No. 14, will have a special communication in No. 2 lodgeroom Wednesday evening, starting at 7 o'clock, for the M. M. degree, with Senior Warden Robert R. Cooke, jr., heading the official line. The reports of the officers of the Grand Lodge read at the grand visitation last Wednesday evening showed a net gain in the lodge during the year of forty-seven members and of more than $1,700 in assets.

George C. Whiting Lodge, No. 22, will have a special Thanksgiving day for the M. M. degree by past masters of the lodge, for the benefit of brethren of this and other jurisdictions who are about to set out upon a perilous journey in defense of their country's flag. Refreshments will be served. The lodge will meet at Masonic Hall, 1210 Wisconsin avenue northwest. The lodge will have a special Thursday evening, December 6, at 7:30 o'clock, for the M. M. degree, when the Masters' Association of 1917 will officiate. Those who will receive the degree are all men of the United States Army. Charles C. Myers, who heeded the line in the F. C. degree in Whiting Lodge recently, was raised in that lodge July 17, 1872, more than forty-five years ago, and in March next will attain the ripe old age of full fourscore. A splendid tribute was paid this faithful brother by Master Albert E. Craig in the latest circular of the lodge.

The grand visitation and attendant ceremonies at Temple Noyes Lodge, No. 32, Thursday evening, began early and closed in the wee sma' hours. An incident was the presentation of a past master's jewel to Col. Herbert A. White by Col. John J. Bradley, both of Army Lodge, Canal Zone, Panama. Grand Master Witten took occasion in a patriotic address that made a deep impression, to pay tribute to Maj. Louis C. Wilson and Maj. C. Fred Cook, active Masons, who are now with the colors, and to L. Whiting Estes for splendid service rendered as potentate of Almas Temple of the Mystic Shrine. In connection with the big Masonic rally and the new "war homes invitation" movement originated by the grand master to provide lodging and breakfast for Masonic soldier boys in Masonic homes during their brief vacations from the nearby camps in Washington, after the visitation ceremonies the M. M. degree was presented by the Masters' Association of 1917, of which Master John G. Hodges of Temple-Noyes Lodge is the president. The lodgeroom was lavishly decorated with American beauty roses and the national colors. Within a few minutes a collection was contributed by individual members amounting to $201, to which the lodge added $200 by appropriation toward the "war homes invitation" movement instituted by Grand Master Witten.

The annual elections will begin in the blue lodges of this jurisdiction at the first meeting of the lodges in December. December 27 is St. John's day, when the Grand Lodge holds its annual election.

High Priest Sydney R. Jacobs has the first page of his latest circular for Mount Pleasant Royal Arch Chapter, No. 13, ornamented with a reproduction of the chapter's service flag of white, with red border, bearing ten blue stars representing Joseph J. Costinett, Alton P. Hastings, Robert L. Hughes, M. Bartow Mercer, William L. Nodell, Charles E. Parsons, George H. Post, Edwin H. Robnett, Herman von Ochsen and Louis C. Wilson, who have responded to the call of their country. The chapter will have the Royal Arch degree at a special convocation Friday evening, November 30, and again the evening of December 14.

The Masters' Association of 1917 will present the M. M. degree for Stansbury Lodge, No. 24, at Masonic Hall, Brightwood, Tuesday evening. Refreshments and cigars will be served after the ceremonies. The lodge, which bought $5,000 worth of liberty bonds out of its own funds, is endeavoring to secure reports as to the individual purchases by its members, to ascertain to what extent both lodge and members responded to the call to "back up the boys over there." The lodge will elect officers December 10.

John Wilson, who died Wednesday, had sounded the depths and shoals of Freemasonry, and, it is said, was active and enthusiastic in its advocacy until his death. His friends say that no Mason in the District of Columbia was held in higher or more affectionate esteem by those that knew him. He was master of Harmony Lodge, No. 17, in 1879-80; a member of Columbia Chapter, No. 1, Royal Arch Masons; a sir knight of Columbia Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar; a Mason of the thirty-third degree honorary, in Albert Pike Consistory of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and a noble of Almas Temple of the Mystic Shrine. Nothing Masonic was beneath his interest, it is declared, and no Mason too humble to demand and receive of him even the most exacting of brotherly service.

It is recalled that at the communication of Harmony Lodge February 9, 1914, when he had completed his fortieth anniversary as a member of that lodge, the master received him with the lodge standing and extended to him the congratulations of each individual member. At the same time Carl H. Claudy, on behalf of the lodge, made an address presenting him with an engraved certificate of life membership in "The Charter Roll of Honor of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association." It was one of two memberships taken out in the association by Harmony Lodge because of the especial affection in which Past Master Wilson was and always had been held by the membership, with the assurance that the lodge "knows not how to give you higher honor than thus keeping your name forever in bronze with hers, and she can give no man greater love than goes to you from all of us." It was an incident the impressiveness of which will be lasting to those who were present to witness it, it is said.

Grand Master Witten is said to be most earnest in furthering what many have declared a practical project and most potent in its immediate appeal to the boys in khaki, now the objects of many patriotic efforts—the "war homes invitation" movement. Its purpose is to furnish the boys from the nearby Army camps with lodging, breakfast and a warm welcome in the homes of brother Masons when their camp duties permit brief visits to the city.

All that is necessary is to send a written notice one day in advance to the war homes secretary, Masonic Temple, 13th and G streets, northwest, Washington, D. C., and to call later at the library room at Masonic Temple for a card of introduction to the home to which the holder is to be introduced. Beds and breakfast will be furnished free of charge even to those who do not write in advance, if it is possible, provided they call at the library room of the Masonic Temple before 7:30 p.m.

Arrangements are being made to present degrees at Masonic Temple every Saturday evening, as well as on other week days, starting at 7:30 o'clock and entertainments of various kinds are to be announced hereafter from time to time.

"The Masons of Washington appreciate and are grateful to their brothers in uniform" says the Grand Master, "and will gladly serve them, at any time and in every way possible."

It is said however, that there is a feeling, widspread among the Masons of the District, that mere dancfng entertainments are not the right sort of pleasure to provide for the boys whose duties may soon call them to sterner service, and inquiry develops that there is little sympathy with "godmother" projects, although the "war daddy fund" is growing larger daily because of its high purpose and popularity.

Order of the Eastern Star.

The Ladies' Home Board Auxiliary of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home will meet tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the new Masonic Temple, 13th street and New York avenue.

Temple Chapter, No. 13, after its business meeting tomorrow, will have a short program of entertainment.

Columbia Chapter, No. 15, will have its annual grand visitation tomorrow evening.

The entertainment provided by Ruth Chapter, No. 1, last Monday evening, after its business session, was under the direction of John H. Shreve and included a song and dance by Miss Evelyn Mann, with Miss Shreve at the piano; the "Quarrel Scene" from "Julius Caesar," by John H. Shreve and Walter C. White; solo by Mrs. E. F. Garrett; piano recital by Charles A. Stevens of Electa Chapter, No. 2, assisted by John H. Shreve, and a solo by Mr. Stevens. Refreshments were served.

The Past Matrons and Past Patrons' Association of Ruth Chapter met Thursday night at the home of Past Matron Schaefer, 139 B street southeast, and members and friends of the auxiliary board made a visit to Baltimore Friday.

Brookland Chapter, No. 11, is to give a complimentary dance at the Masonic Hall, Brookland, Friday evening, to celebrate the close of a successful year's administration under Matron Pearl Watt.

St. John's Lodge Chapter, No. 18, will give a card party at the home of Mrs. Anna Schmidt, 1358 Fairmont street, Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, to which its friends are invited.

Takoma Chapter, No. 12, will devote its two meetings in December to the election and installation of its officers. Elections will begin in the chapters at the first meeting in December.

Fidelity Chapter, No. 19, at its grand visitation Tuesday evening received many compliments from the grand matron, the grand patron, Past Grand Matron Jessie W. Cowles, who is called "the mother of the chapter," and L. Cabell Williamson, past most worthy grand patron of the order. The program of entertainment included solos by Milton J. Fillmore of Electa Chapter; readings, Miss Williams of Columbia Chapter; solos, Miss Viola Schippert of Naomi Chapter, and presentations to the grand matron and grand patron by Miss Ruth Sudwarth and Miss Amy Topham, respectively. The chapter will elect new officers December 4.

"Matrons' and patrons' night" was celebrated in Areme Chapter, No. 10, Wednesday evening, after the usual business, with a whistling solo by Dr. Lula I. Waters, a piano solo by Miss Margaret Gleason, readings by John H. Shreve and Peter White, piano selections by Charles A. Stevens and a sketch, "Dolly's Double," by Charles A. Stevens and Miss Maude Fellheimer. A bouquet of flowers conveying personal greetings on cards from the matrons and patrons of 1917 was presented to Grand Matron Bertha G. Hudson by Clyde Freed, sentinel of the chapter. Grand Patron Joseph H. Milans spoke of the Masonic rally at Convention Hall, and he also was given a bouquet by Mrs. Grace Barr. Dancing concluded the evening.

Unity Chapter, No. 22, gathered into its folds Wednesday evening a distinguished Mason in Judge George Fleming Moore, sovereign grand commander of the Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, the degrees being conferred, through the courtesy of Patron Albert B. Snavely, by a line of officers headed by L. Cabell Williamson, past most worthy grand patron of the General Grand Chapter, and Mrs. Mary C. Williamson, matron of Unity. Past Grand Matron Jeannette R. Smith, who was in charge of the entertainment of the evening, presented a program including piano solo by Miss Florence Reynolds and contributions by Mrs. Dutton of Esther Chapter, Mrs. Carnahan of New Jersey and Miss Reynolds, who were presented with bouquets of chrysanthemums by Mrs. McCauley, Mrs. Gilbert and Past Grand Matron Smith. Matron Williamson invited the chapter members to spend the evening at her home Friday, November 23.

The chapter will elect officers December 5.

The Star Points of William F. Hunt Chapter, No. 16, Thursday evening, entertained the members and a number of visitors with an original burlesque of an old-time country school. Past Patron John Claggett Proctor had the role of the teacher; William A. Fawks, that of the trustee; Past Matron Mrs. Katie Rose was mother of one of the pupils, and the pupils were represented by Past Patron Ernest S. Brown, Wilhelm Kollmeyer and Theodore Eiseman, and the Star Points, Miss Bertha V. Hunter, Mrs. Helen W. Fawks, Mrs. Bessie Segaloff, Miss M. Esther Henning and Mrs. Pearl M. Trullinger.

The chapter will elect officers December 13.

Members of East Gate Chapter, No. 21, will furnish the program of entertainment at the meeting of Brookland Chapter, No. 11, Wednesday evening, in the form of a sketch entitled "How the Story Grew," with musical numbers and recitations.

Odd Fellows.

LODGES.

Monday—Langdon, No. 26, degree; Union, No. 11, and Beacon, No. 15, business.
Tuesday—Amity, No. 27, degree; Golden Rule, No. 21, business.
Wednesday—Eastern, No. 7, degree; Federal City, No. 20, degree; Harmony, No. 9, business.
Thursday—Covenant, No. 18, business; Columbian, No. 10, business; Phoenix, No. 28, business.
Friday—Central, No. 1, business.

ENCAMPMENT.

Tuesday—Fred D. Stuart, No. 7 degree.

PATRIARCHS MILITANT.

Saturday—Canton Washington, No. 1, regular monthly business meeting.

Eastern Lodge, No. 7, will confer the initiatory degree Wednesday evening. The degree team, in which every officer will be in his respective position, will perform the work. This meeting will mark the beginning of a class of initiates that will receive one degree each meeting until they have completed membership in the lodge.

The second degree will be conferred in Langdon Lodge, No. 26, tomorrow evening by the recently organized degree team under Degree Director S. W. Hawkins, past grand. Past Grand Wilton Harvey has been appointed by Grand Master Irving R. Schwinger to install the officers of Federal City Lodge at the beginning of the next term. He will be assisted by past grands of Langdon Lodge.

Amity Lodge, No. 27, will continue degree work until the end of the term. The degree teams are under the direction of Past Grand Masters R. H. Sorrell and R. A. Ford.

Deputy Grand Master J. T. Humphreys, chairman of the executive committee on ways and means for increasing the membership of the order in this jurisdiction, has selected as members of his committee Grand Representatives W. W. Millan, John H. Wood and E. W. Benson, Grand Treasurer John D. Yoakley, Grand Warden Victor P. Hammer and Grand Secretary Frank E. Rapp. Deputy Grand Master Humphreys and the committee will arrange for conferring of the first degree upon a class of several hundred in the new temple immediately after it is dedicated by the Grand Lodge.

Grand Master Schwinger has sent out to all lodges a letter requesting the members to co-operate with the food administration in its work. Many lodges have appointed committees which are organizing the lodge members for this purpose. Amity Lodge at its last meeting appointed Past Grands Ellett and Windsor and Secretary George Cumming to arrange a program for each meeting, when food conservation will be one of the orders of business for the evening.

Grand Master Schwinger will close his official visits to the subordinate lodges Monday evening, December 10, when he visits Union Lodge, No. 11, his home lodge.

Mount Pleasant Lodge at its last meeting was visited by the booster committee of Federal City Lodge under Noble Grand Rambo and Deputy Grand Master Humphries to exchange views and discuss the welfare and progress of the order. Addresses were made by Deputy Grand Master Humphries, Grand Representative John Wood, Noble Grand Rambo, Past Grands James Wood, Gatrells and Ison and by Past Grand W. E. Andrews of Mount Pleasant Lodge, whose visit was unexpected as he had just reutrned from a western trip.

Tuesday evening the "booster" delegation from Federal City Lodge, No. 20, called on Mount Pleasant Lodge. Cigars were served and speeches were made by Past Grand Master John Wood, Deputy Grand Master Humphreys and Past Grand Andrews of Mount Pleasant Lodge. Next Tuesday the delegation will visit Amity Lodge at No. 465 K street southwest, in the interest of the order in this jurisdiction.

At the meeting of Federal City Lodge the degree team presented the initiatory degree and will present the first degree next Wednesday.

Noble Grand Rambo announced that Prof. Laurence D. Kitchell will give an illustrated travelogue December 19 on Glacier National Park, in the lodgeroom, and extends an invitation to all members of the order and their families to be present.

The visitors at the last meeting included Vice Grand Louis Blumenthal of Jersey City, N. J.; Past Grand G. S. Clark of Mount Pleasant Lodge, M. H. Bumphrey, Three Rivers, Mich.; C. O. DeVore, Greenwich, Kan.; Edward Schwartz, New York city, N. Y.; Claude Sechrist, Selinsgrove, Pa.; C. W. Callbeck, East Boston, Mass.; C. D. Flinner, Butler, Pa., and C. M. Randall, Erie, Pa.

Rebekah Lodges.

Monday—Esther, No. 5, degree.
Wednesday—Mount Pleasant, No. 9, business.

Esther Rebekah Lodge, No. 5, will confer the Rebekah degree on a class in the lodgeroom, at 19th and Pennsylvania avenue northwest, tomorrow evening, the degree team, under the direction of Past Noble Grand Mrs. Anna Billings, officiating. At the last meeting a social hour was held, during which a program was rendered for the pleasure of the members and visitors.

Ruth Lodge, No. 2, met Monday evening, with visitors from other jurisdictions, among them Mrs. Anderson of Youngstown, Ohio, who gave an account of the work done by the Rebekah lodges in Ohio. Past President Mrs. Belle M. Carter submitted her report on Grand Lodge bonds, which was approved, and the bonds were turned over to the grand secretary. Conductress Mrs. Emma J. Belt submitted the report of the committee on the selection of a jewel of a new design for the past noble grand, which was approved. After the lodge business the members of Naomi Lodge, No. 1, were received in a social hour. Refreshments were served.

Mrs. Mary M. Dement, president of the Rebekah Assembly, and officers of the assembly, with Grand Master Schwinger and the officers of the Grand Lodge, visited Friendship Lodge, No. 8, at the Masonic Temple, Anacostia, Thursday evening. Marshal Mrs. Linnie Keyser of the assembly gave an exemplification of the degree work and was followed by Noble Grand Insco and the warden and vice grand. At the close of the visitation Past Noble Grand Esther England, on behalf of the lodge, presented to President Dement a cut glass vase.

President Mrs. L. E. B. McChesney has announced that the Ladies' Auxiliary of Canton Washington, No. 1, will meet the second and third Tuesdays in each month, at the home of one of the members until the completion of the new temple. A special meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Olga Rogers, 1230 Morse street northeast, Wednesday, November 28, at 8 o'clock p.m.

The entertainment which is given the third Wednesday evening of each month, for the residents of the Odd Fellows' Home was conducted this month by Ruth Lodge, No. 2. Noble Grand Mrs. Mamie Old presided. Remarks were made by Grand Master Schwinger and Grand Secretary Rapp. The program included a solo by Mrs. E. Pearl Windsor, piano duet by the Misses Smith, reading by President Mrs. Mary M. Dement and a monologue by Mrs. Henrietta Werner, secretary of the assembly. Mrs. Emma J. Belt told negro dialect stories, after which the members joined in singing old-time melodies and closed by singing "The Star Spangled Banner." Refreshments were served. The December entertainment will be conducted by Fidelity Lodge, No. 7.

Knights of Pythias.

LODGES.

Monday—Decatur, No. 9, and Calanthe, No. 3, business.
Tuesday—Webster, No. 7; Excelsior, No. 14; Capital, No. 24, and Myrtle, No. 25, business.
Wednesday—Mount Vernon No. 5; Hermione, No. 12; Union, No. 22, and Columbia, No. 26, business.
Friday—Syracusians, No. 10, business.

PYTHIAN SISTERS.

Wednesday—Friendship Temple, No. 9, initiation.
Thursday—Rathbone Temple, No. 8, Thanksgiving dinner and entertainment in honor of soldiers, sailors and marines, at Pythian Temple.
Friday—Rathbone Temple, No. 8, social.

The last of the series of grand visitations for the year was made to Myrtle Lodge Tuesday night, nearly all of the subordinate lodges being represented. The attendance included also many out-of-town visitors, most of whom gave talks on the affairs of the order. Edward Dunn, past supreme chancellor, told stories about the order and its progress from time to time. B. Frank Shaeffer, past grand chancellor of Maryland, entertained with remarks and Past Grand Chancellor Dickman and Grand Chancellor Melick spoke of the progress of the home lodge. The meeting closed with a social hour, with refreshments and cigars.

H. J. Gasson, grand keeper of records and seal, has announced that the grand chancellor and associate Grand Lodge officers will pay Friendship Temple, No. 9, Pythian Sisters, a fraternal visit Wednesday night, December 5. The Grand Lodge officers will visit Rathbone Temple, No. 8, during December.

Hermione Lodge, No. 12, expects to do much work in conferring the ranks of knighthood for the benefit of candidates in the Army service.

Century Lodge, No. 30, is making plans to add to its membership during the fall and winter. The following officers, recently elected, have been installed by Grand Keeper of Records and Seal H. J. Gasson: W. J. Thorn, chancellor commander; H. E. Andrews, vice chancellor.

B. Frank Shaeffer, past grand chancellor of Maryland, and well known to the fraternity of the mother domain, has made business connections with an institution of the National Capital, and is now located in Washington.

Pythian Sisters.

Friendship Temple, No. 9, will have an initiation followed by a social Wednesday night, with the following committee in charge: Mrs. Nettie Crowthers, chairman; Mrs. Annie Sullivan, Mrs. Carrie Davis, Mrs. Ella Garner, Mrs. Elsie Vandervort and Mrs. Addie Freeman.

Past Supreme Chancellor Edward Dunn, a retired sergeant-major of the Marine Corps, and a member of Rathbone Temple, No. 8, will deliver the address of welcome to the guests of Rathbone Temple, Thursday afternoon, when thirty soldiers, sailors and marines will be guests at a Thanksgiving dinner, entertainment and dance given by the temple. The dinner will be served in the auditorium, followed by entertainment features and dancing. The committee on arrangements is composed of Mrs. Blanch Sommers, chairman; Mrs. Bertha Williams, Mrs. Martha Jarboe, Mrs. Kate Smith, Mrs. Augusta Runge, Mrs. Ethel Johns, Miss Josephine Jarboe, Miss Elizabeth Prescott, Mrs. Roberta Prescott, assisted by all the man members of the temple.

The Past Chiefs' Association held its monthly meeting with Mrs. Adah Kimmel as hostess. After the usual business, which included a number of donations, supper was served by the hostess. Those present were Mrs. Ida M. Crown, Mrs. Margaret Coffin, Mrs. Carrie Davis, Mrs. Christina Dunn, Mrs. Addie Freeman, Mrs. Ella Garner, Mrs. Adah Kimmel, Mrs. Mary E. Mitchell, Mrs. Lola Marks, Mrs. Della Nichols, Mrs. Roberta Prescott and Mrs. Elsie Vandervort. Mrs. Lola Marks will entertain the organization at its December meeting.

National Union.

Potomac Council at Pythian Temple Monday evening initiated two members and, by unanimous vote, decided to eliminate the annual banquet, in the interest of food conservation. Officers for 1918 will be elected the third Monday in December.

At Pythian Temple Tuesday evening State, War and Navy Council listened to an address by W. Burton Green, president. Dr. O. H. Coumbe spoke on the benefits received by the membership of the Hospital Bed Association. The council made a donation to the association.

Addresses were made by James A. Williams, president of Columbia Council; J. Harry Jones, vice president of the cabinet and District Manager J. E. Kerr at the last meeting of Mount Vernon Council.

McKinley Council Friday evening had a large number of visitors to witness the initiation of twelve candidates. The ceremonies were conducted by President Jesse B. K. Lee, assisted by other officers. Several applications were received. The council decided to discontinue during the duration of the war the social meeting usually held on the second Friday of each month. Officers for 1918 will be elected the fourth Friday in December.

Chairman John B. Hayes, speaker of Congressional Council, has announced the completion of arrangements for the officers and members to visit Baltimore next Tuesday evening to witness the initiation of a large class and to attend a banquet given in honor of the Washington visitors. The electric car will leave 14th street and New York avenue northwest at 6:30 o'clock Tuesday evening.

Wednesday evening Congressional Council held a "ladies' night," with about 200 members and visitors present. The following program was rendered: Tenor solo, Glen Ashley; address by Assistant United States District Attorney Frederick J. Rice, solo by E. A. Lang, violin selections by Miss Mildred Garner, recitation, "Old Glory," by Miss Ida May Lang; selections by Selma Selinger. Refreshments were served and dancing followed.

Woman's Benefit Association.

The patriotic service of Liberty Union Review was recently organized and held its first meeting in the home of Mrs. Jost, 436 Columbia road. Mrs. Jost will be knitting instructor and inspector for this unit.

The November meeting of the Officers' Club was entertained by National Review officers in Pythian Temple. The review decided to rent and furnish the hall located at 7th and I streets. It also decided to give a dancing party to Army and Navy friends located in adjacent camps. Mrs. T. Mabel Blake instructed in "Election of Officers" as the parliamentary law lesson. The regular election in all reviews in the District will occur the first meeting in December. The next meeting of the club will take the form of a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Perry Patrick December 28.

Many members volunteered to assist in securing registrations for the food administration.

The association, it is said, will open a clubhouse for women if a suitable house can be secured in the near future.

Independence Review entertained Mrs. Blake, deputy supreme commander, Monday evening. It also voted to meet in the new hall, at 7th and I streets, the second and fourth Fridays of each month. Friday, December 14, officers for the coming year will be elected.

Modern Woodmen of America

West End Camp, No. 12089, Monday night had visitors from Central and Fremont camps. Resolutions were adopted on the death of Robert Lee Clarvoe. Daniel Webster, C. E. Miller, Earl M. Hunter, Max Rosenthal and H. M. Gillmann were appointed to arrange a program of entertainment to follow the election of officers at the next meeting. Refreshments will be served. Remarks were made by M. B. Croll, C. E. Miller, Daniel Webster and H. M. Gillmann.

A meeting of the entertainment committee of Central Camp was held at the home of Consul J. S. Higgins on Tuesday evening, and plans for the winter were discussed.

A. R. Talbot Camp, No. 11912, met Thursday night with visitors from Durham, N. C., and Quantico, Va. One application for membership was received. The recent action of the head camp concerning members who have reached the age of seventy was explained by District Deputy Henry C. Willard. Remarks were made by John V. Beck of Durham, N. C., and others. A. F. Dobrowolski contributed musical selections. The election of officers of this camp will be held the first meeting in December.

H. H. Bacon and W. H. Dust were visitors at Central Camp, No. 16015, Friday night. A special attraction is to be provided for the second meeting in December, and the first of a series of dances will be held in the Arcade in January. W. H. Dust played piano selections and Fred W. Carrington, A. H. Jaeger and John W. Sutherin made remarks.

B. P. O. Elks.

The memorial committee of Washington Lodge reported to the lodge Wednesday evening that all arrangements had been completed for the memorial services to be held at Poli's Theater Sunday, December 2, at 12 o'clock noon. Invitations to the services have been printed and are being distributed by Secretary W. S. Shelby.

Fred N. Whitehead last week issued many cards of admission to Elks, who are in the nearby camps for the military dinner to be given by Washington Lodge Thanksgiving day. It is planned to entertain the soldiers from 4 to 7 p.m. Organist Donovan is in charge of the musical feature, assisted by E. L. Hutchinson, Charles Meyers and Thomas Murray. The reception committee will consist of E. J. Murphy, M. G. McCormick, Capt. Clarke Brown and A. A. Hileman.

Plans have been finished for reconstructing the interior features of the ballroom and adjacent rooms in the Elks' building. It is expected that dining rooms will be provided also for small or large dinner parties. The large ballroom will be made available for dances or banquets by other fraternal organizations. A handsome kitchen also is being installed under the direction of Gus Brahler.

Vasa Order of America.

Drott Lodge will give a social, with singing and dancing, at 1101 E street northwest, Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. Americans of Scandinavian origin are invited.

Maccabees.

National Tent, No. 1, has decided to secure the hall over the bank at 7th and I streets by the month, for a meeting place Monday night of each week. Tomorrow night the tent will initiate new members.

Tomorrow night the past commanders of the various tents, thirty-two in number, will have a reunion, to compare notes as to what each member will do in strengthening the association to meet war conditions.

Anacostia Tent, No. 7, had an official visit Monday night from the district deputy supreme commander, who addressed the membership along patriotic lines. This tent has recently moved from the Masonic Hall to a new hall across Anacostia river.

Tuesday night Mount Vernon Tent, No. 4, listened to an address by Dr. J. H. Junkans.

William T. Carter one of the oldest members in duration of membership in National Tent, No. 1, died Wednesday morning after a short illness. His remains were placed in a vault at Congressional cemetery Friday. He leaves a wife and two children.

Knights of Columbus.

Carroll Council met Tuesday evening. After talks on the war fund, over $500 was voluntarly subscribed by the members present.

Keane Council Thursday initiated ten candidates in the first degree. The second degree will be exemplified soon.

The Council's deputation to the Washington Chapter's committee on orphans' Christmas entertainment consists of Dr. J. A. Flynn, Connor Donnelly, Richard L. Lamb and James Mallay.

Potomac Council's meeting will start tomorrow night at 7.30 o'clock, instead of 8 o'clock, on account of the lengthy program arranged by Thomas J. Donovan and E. L. Tucker. A big treat is promised. Invitations have been sent to nearby camps.

Potomac will confer the first degree Monday, December 10.

Martin J. McNamara and Walter I. Plant, captains of St. Aloysius and St. Martin's war fund committees, are about through with their work and have very favorable reports to submit, it is announced.

The fourth degree will be exemplified February 12. The supreme assembly of the degree, at its last meeting, appropriated $5,000 to finance the Paulist choir of Chicago in a series of concerts at the various military cantonments. The assembly also appropriated $2,500 for the purchase of a Catholic encyclopedia for use in K. of C. recreation halls in military centers.

Formerly it was necessary for a candidate for the fourth degree to have been a third degree member at least two years. For men in the service this priod of probation is said now to be waived. If they so desire they may receive the fourth immediately after the third degree, and service men may take the fourth degree in their service uniform.

The Country Club will give a dinner-dance Thanksgiving evening at the clubhouse. The dinner will be at 6:30 and the dance at 8:30.

Washington Chapter has decided to hold a Christmas tree party and entertainment for the orphans. All the local councils are co-operating in the matter, each council making an appropriation to help defray expenses. A general committee, consisting of five members from each council, is to be chosen.

The Knights of Columbus intercouncil dancing assembly will hold its final meeting Sunday morning to complete details for its formal dance at Rauscher's Wednesday, November 28 (Thanksgiving eve).

Woodmen of the World.

Alpha Camp, No. 1, met Monday. D. W. Thayer, clerk, read a letter received from John W. Sanders, from the headquarters of the air service, "somewhere in France," and suggesting that every Woodman in the District either send him a letter or a postal, as a word of cheer may make a pleasant Christmas for him. His address is "John W. Sanders, headquarters air service, U. S. Military Post Office No. 706, France."

Old Glory Camp, No. 3, meets Tuesday night, for which special arrangements have been made. Capt. Kellogg and his degree team will put on "the work."

Oak Camp, No. 4, the first Wednesday in December will elect officers. On December 2, at 2:30 p.m., in Mount Olivet cemetery, a monument to the late Sovereign Humphries will be unveiled.

Elm Camp, No. 8, met last Thursday night at its new meeting place, 5th and G streets northwest, and will meet again the first Thursday in December.

National Camp, No. 12, initiated a large class Wednesday, the Boosters' Club being present. After the meeting refreshments were served.

W. A. Fraser Camp, No. 14, unveiled a monument to the late Sovereign Henderson last Sunday. Capt. C. A. Cole was master of ceremonies and Oak Camp's degree team, assisted by Old Glory's team, officiated. Capt. D. W. Thayer was the orator. The Fraser quartet sang and Mr. Davidson sounded "the farewell taps."

The Boosters' Club met at National Camp Wednesday. Rules and by-laws read by Sovereign Eckloff were adopted by the club. President Whitworth accepted the invitation for the club to meet at Oak Camp the third Wednesday in December.

Royal Neighbors of America.

Myra B. Enright Camp, Friday night, had initiatory work, and Rosie Frendel, Myrtle M. Frendel, Alma K. Ama, Leon Rayfield, Fred A. Engle, Louis McCaffrey, Grace Anderson and Margaret Barnes received instruction in the beneficial degree. The invitation of Martha McCaffrey Camp to attend a card party was accepted. Mrs. Alice Duncan, Mrs. Anna Pigott and Mrs. Alwin Miller were appointed a committee to act with representatives from other camps to arrange for a bazaar. State Supervising Deputy Lida J. Swiggett, City Supervising Deputy Martha McCaffrey and Maud Royse, recorder of Fidelis Camp, made addresses. Visitors were present from Maple, Martha McCaffrey and Fidelis camps. Refreshments were served. At the first meeting in December officers for 1918 will be chosen.

Royal Arcanum.

The last of the series of visitations will occur Tuesday evening in Pythian Temple, when the Grand Council officers, headed by Grand Regent Charles J. James, will visit Oriental Council—the grand regent's own council. A committee, of which Walter B. Hill is chairman and George W. Smith vice chairman, has prepared a special program, and an invitation has been extended to all members in the District to attend.

Municipal and Francis Scott Key councils jointly entertained the Grand Council officers Wednesday evening in Northeast Masonic Temple, at 8th and F streets northeast. Grand Regent James delivered the principal address of the evening and short talks were given by other Grand Council officers.

Thursday evening the Grand Council officers visited Capitol, Analostan and Farragut councils at a joint meeting held in Pythian Temple.

Municipal Council met Wednesday evening with Francis Scott Key Council of Georgetown as its guest. E. J. Mueller, regent of Francis Scott Key Council, presided. Grand Regent James, with the officers of the Grand Council, were present on their annual visit. Addresses were made by J. C. James, Sidney I. Besselievre, G. M. Copenhaver, G. C. Shinn, J. H. Ruth, I. S. Childs, G. W. Bollinger, R. L. Pile and S. H. Talkes. The entertainment was arranged by Edwin Smith and A. C. Giles.

Others present were: R. L. Pile, J. H. Royer, J. E. Thomas, W. M. Schoonmaker, S. H. Talkes, W. H. O'Brien, W. F. Drown, W. L. Tulp, W. C. Barr, O. B. Bussard and William Plaugher.

Sons and Daughters of Liberty

Hope Council, No. 1, at Naval Lodge Hall, after its business meeting Tuesday evening, will hold a patriotic demonstration. Members are requested to bring their friends and enjoy a dance and refreshments.

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Edward J. Ross Council, No. 26, held only an informal meeting Wednesday evening because the government had taken possession of its hall in the old Masonic Temple. For the time being the council will hold its meetings Wednesday evenings in the hall at 5th and G streets northwest.

At the meeting of Anacostia Council, No. 16, Tuesday evening, a letter was read from Maurice Norton, who is serving in the National Army in France. He said, in part: "We were in the great Aisne offensive and the French captured, 11,157 prisoners, 150 cannon, over 100 machine guns and goodness knows what else. So by this you can see what the French are doing. I think they are about the best fighters in the world. The way they fight is great. The American Army is getting its men to the front as fast as possible, so we could not stay back. But now we are back far from the lines taking a good long rest, for we have been on constant duty for thirteen days, and the most sleep I got at one time was six hours.

"The ill-fated Antilles, the American transport that was returning to the United States when she was sunk, was one of our transports, but she had made another trip across or maybe more since we came over.

"I am well and oh, so happy I don't know what to do."

Liberty B