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Beaumont Journal, Feb. 27:

Active Stock Market—Another Lively Exchange Call—The Field Development.

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LODGES KEPT ALERT BY FRATERNAL SPIRIT

Happenings Among Secret Societies in St. Louis—A. O. U. W. Reports Activity.

The next meeting of the German Workmen's Association will be held on Sunday afternoon at Eckhardt's Hall, Cherokee street and Texas avenue. At the last meeting of the association arrangements were made for the annual spring festival.

St. Louis Lodge had a well attended meeting on last Tuesday and transacted considerable business. Brother Broadbent presented a lengthy report regarding the Grand Lodge session and several other members spoke on the good of the order. This lodge will have a double initiation on March 4.

Banner Lodge had a good attendance at its last meeting to hear reports from its Grand Lodge representative, M. A. Higgins. One application for membership was received. On and after March 22 this lodge will meet in the Fraternal building, Eleventh and Franklin avenue, hall No. 7.

Lafayette Lodge had a well-attended meeting on Thursday evening, February 20, at which applications for membership were received and one application balloted for. The degree team committee reported that all would be in readiness for work at the first meeting in April. Many visitors were present and made some interesting remarks.

Western Lodge had a rousing meeting on Thursday night in spite of the rain, ninety-three members being present. Nine candidates were initiated in the Junior Workman degree, also in the mystic tie degree. Four membership applications were filed. A musical programme was rendered by the Western Mandolin and Glee Club, cigars were passed around, and a good time was had. This lodge will give a grand entertainment and hop on April 5, 1902, at Northwestern Hall, to which all members and their friends are invited.

The last meeting of Oriental Lodge was one of unusual interest, and was well attended. The principal feature of the evening was the presentation of a beautiful solid gold past master's badge to Brother Oliver A. Hager. The presentation address was made with very fitting remarks by the master workman, John J. Kirby.

Phoenix Lodge had a fair meeting on last Thursday night, elected five applicants to membership, and received three applications. Several brethren promised to present applications at the next meeting. Interesting remarks were made under the good of the order by some of the members present, and the boom in this lodge seems destined to continue for an indefinite time.

Mechanics' Lodge, No. 274, had a very interesting meeting on Thursday evening, at which much business was transacted and one application for membership was received. The committee in charge of the annual St. Patrick's ball, to be given at Compton Hall, Compton and Park avenues, Monday evening, March 17, reported everything in readiness, and the present indications are that the affair will be largely attended by members and their friends. A shamrock will be presented to each person attending.

Security Lodge, No. 44, will give an open meeting and entertainment at its hall in the Fraternal building, Eleventh and Franklin avenue, on Tuesday evening, March 11, to which the members of the order and their gentlemen and lady friends are invited.

Farmers' Lodge, No. 54, had a well-attended meeting on last Wednesday evening, at which two applications were received. This lodge will initiate two candidates at its meeting next Wednesday evening, and all members are cordially invited to be present.

Hickory Lodge had a well attended meeting on Wednesday evening, initiated two candidates, and elected three applicants to membership. Brother J. Marcus, who was the representative of this lodge to the Grand Lodge, and who had the honor of being elected to the office of grand guide of the Grand Jurisdiction of Missouri, made his report to the lodge. Under good of the order an address was made by Grand Recorder Henry W. Meyer on matters pertaining to the recent Grand Lodge session.

The inclement weather had no effect on the usual good attendance at Benton Lodge on Thursday evening. The lodge was honored with a visit from Brother Stukes, a member of Lafayette Lodge of Chicago, Ill., who delivered a very interesting address. This lodge will have a double initiation on Thursday, March 6.

Tower Grove Lodge will give an entertainment and hop on March 15 at Rock Spring Turner Hall, Chouteau and Boyle avenues. An excellent vaudeville programme is in process of preparation.

Knights of The Maccabees.

A large attendance of members was present at the review of Casino Tent, held on Monday, February 24, at which time three applications were received. The reviews of this tent are opened promptly at 8 p. m.

St. Louis Division, No. 1, is making splendid progress, initiating new recruits at every review. Arrangements have about been completed for a masquerade ball, which is to be held in the very near future, the announcement of which will be made later.

The Relief and Employment Bureau has been assisting quite a number of stranded sir knights recently, and is doing good work in relieving distress.

Liberty Tent held one of the best reviews of the season Monday evening, about fifty members being present. The Entertainment Committee had provided an old-time smoker, which was enjoyed by all. Interesting remarks were made by the great commander.

There seems to be a great deal of renewed enthusiasm in Liberty Tent, and the members are now organizing a degree team, and expect to put on the long form of initiation at every review.

Great Record Keeper Sommers returned to the city Wednesday from a trip to Mokane, Mo., where he held two very successful meetings, public and closed. He again left the city Friday morning for Sikeston, Mo., where he instituted a tent that evening which was organized by D. G. C. Alexander.

Imperial Tent held an old-time review last Thursday evening, the Entertainment Committee having provided amusement and a luncheon for the members and visitors. Sir Knight Smith won the prize, drawing one-quarter's dues, this drawing taking place every second review of each month. The ever hustling Deputy McMaster is using every effort to bring the State banner to Imperial Tent.

Anderson Tent had a large meeting on February 15, initiating one candidate and reviewing four applications. Quite a number of visitors were in attendance. Record Keeper Schulz having received the prize library, a librarian was appointed to attend to the same and the members were notified to secure their membership cards. Anderson Tent now numbers 150, and is one of the first tents in the city to receive the library. The members expect to add another 100 volumes before another three months have passed. Five candidates will be initiated at the next review, at which time a large attendance is expected.

Notwithstanding the inclement weather on Thursday evening, Suburban Tent held a rousing review, the membership turning out in full force. The Entertainment Committee had provided good cheer. This tent will have a class initiation at the first meeting in April, and the Great Camp Degree team will be invited to take charge of the ceremonies. Under the good of the order interesting remarks were made by Past Commander James Parker of Union Tent, Commander Date of Ivanhoe Tent, D. G. C. McMaster, Great Commander Anderson, Great Auditor Hendricks, Doctor Barnes and Record Keeper Clarkson, after which Commander Stamm gave a few closing remarks.

Ladies of the Maccabees.

New Century Hive held its regular review Wednesday evening, February 5, thirty members being present. One candidate was obligated and one application received. Ladies Schlesinger and Robinson of Lady Aldrich Hive were present.

One application for membership was received and one candidate balloted for at the last review of Tower Grove Hive. The following standing committees were appointed: Assistance—Ladies Gillespie, Christiansen and O'Grady. Auditing—Ladies Sherman, MacKenzie and Ambruster. Apeals and Grievances—Ladies Hill, Messenger and McCarthy. The next regular review of this hive will be held Monday afternoon in the Burlington building, No. 319 Olive street.

Knights and Ladies of Honor.

At a meeting of the protectors of all the subordinate lodges, held last Monday evening at No. 2901 Franklin avenue, it was decided to form a permanent organization, to meet monthly and to discuss the welfare of the order. A committee composed of Brothers Louis A. Steber, M. A. Higgins, P. K. Barclay, George E. Cobb and George J. Motter, was appointed to draw up a set of rules and a plan of organization. The financial secretaries have invited to attend the next meeting at Initial Lodge Hall, No. 3907 Easton avenue, Tuesday evening, March 4.

Grand Protector John D. O'Keefe announces the following visitations for the week: Monday evening, March 3, Humboldt Lodge, No. 1665, at McNair avenue and Lynch street, with South Side Lodge, No. 2250, accompanying the Grand Lodge officers.

Wednesday evening, March 5, Lessing Lodge, No. 1124, at No. 4601 North Broadway, with Eva Lodge, accompanying the Grand Lodge officers.

Thursday evening, March 6, St. Ange Lodge, No. 72, at Delmar and Allen avenue, with Anchor Lodge, accompanying the Grand Lodge officers.

A new lodge is being organized in the suburbs of the city by Deputy Grand Protector Doctor L. Jacobs. Fifty applicants have signed the charter list.

Chouteau Lodge, No. 1651, held an interesting meeting last Tuesday evening and received three applications for membership. The new system of notification to the members has proven a winner, the attendance increasing at each meeting. Brothers J. J. Doran and William J. Muellen of East St. Louis put in an appearance after a long absence. The Committee on Visitation made its report and promises a large turnout to Enterprise Lodge March 17.

Sylvan Lodge, No. 1815, had an unusual large attendance at the last meeting last Monday evening, the occasion being the initiation of three candidates and the reception of two applications for membership. Grand Vice Protector Johanna Feldmann was present and took part in the ceremonies. The meeting was followed by a musical entertainment. Dancing concluded the evening's pleasure.

Monogram Lodge, No. 1224, met last Monday evening with the usual attendance, Sister Katie Begely and Brothers Joseph Beach and Victor Halter addressing the meeting.

Cote Brilliante Lodge, No. 1342, received a visit from the Grand Lodge officers and members of Rising Sun Lodge, No. 1911, last Wednesday evening. The members of both lodges were out in large numbers, as well as visitors from Union, Triumphant, Germania, West Gate, Chouteau and Magnolia lodges. Two candidates were initiated, and under Order No. 37 addresses were delivered by Grand Protector John D. O'Keefe, Grand Secretary J. J. Kennedy, Grand Officers Mary Meyers, Ludwig Marz, William Mohr and Protector Val Arnold and Meier Engel. After the close of the meeting the members were entertained by Brother George Rupple and Primrose Orchestra. Refreshments were served and general goodfellowship prevailed.

Olive Branch, No. 319, met last Monday evening. The attendance was unusually large and was possessed of much enthusiasm and activity. A class of eight candidates was initiated. The usual entertainments were given after the close of the meeting.

Golden Crown Lodge, No. 531, had a full house at their meeting last Tuesday evening. The third reading of the new by-laws took place, the members displaying great activity in the adoption of the new code. Brother E. E. Sharp, in behalf of the Entertainment Committee, presented the lodge with a $250 piano. One candidate received the degree and arrangements were made for a good time for the next meeting.

Irving Lodge, No. 2253, members are earnestly working for the success of the euchre and dance to be given by the lodge at May's Hall, Maplewood, Mo., Thursday evening, March 13. Grand Protector John D. O'Keefe and Grand Secretary J. J. Kennedy have charge of the delegation which is being formed to attend to the affair. Members desiring to attend the event will send their names to the Grand Lodge office.

Enterprise Lodge, No. 2234, will meet next Monday evening and initiate three candidates. The entertainment has a novelty to introduce at the next meeting.

Deputy Grand Protector Anna Rodermund, recently appointed, has proven efficient. Through the work of this sister a great number of new members have been added to the roster of Ada Lodge, No. 882.

Seymour Lodge, No. 1254, held a well-attended meeting last Tuesday evening, initiated two candidates and received one application for membership. Grand Officer Sister M. D. Bailey and Protector Abe Conley addressed the meeting.

Jewel of the West, No. 249, members and friends were out in holiday attire last Tuesday evening, the occasion being the annual euchre given by the lodge for the purpose of propagation of the order. The affair was in charge of a committee comprising Sisters Hannah Miller, Jennie Wendler and Brothers La Mar Ayers and Karl Schoenfeld, who had provided some unique and historical prizes for the successful players.

Fortuna Lodge, No. 1165, met last Wednesday evening with a full house. The meeting was full of interest. One application for membership was received and visitors from Columbia Lodge were present.

Fidelity Lodge, No. 1876, received a visit from the grand lodge officers and members of Lily Lodge, No. 251, during the week. The visit was considered the event of the official schedule and brought out a host of the members, the capacity of the hall being inadequate to house the members and their friends. One application was received, after which the regular routine of business was quickly disposed of and the good of the order taken, and speeches delivered by Grand Protector John D. O'Keefe, Grand Secretary J. J. Kennedy, Grand Treasurer Sarah E. Breene and Protectors Joseph Fanger and George E. Cobb. The Entertainment Committee, comprising John Meyers, Wm. Zitke, Philip Meyers and Wm. Grotpeter, provided an excellent programme of songs, recitations and instrumental music. Refreshments were served in abundance by the committee, and the strains of "Home, Sweet Home" from the William Thicrouf orchestra warned the merrymakers that the owl car was approaching.

Anchor Lodge, No. 1173, is a record-breaker. At each meeting initiations take place. At the last meeting eight applications were received and the degree conferred on six candidates. Protector James Wall and Past Protector J. M. Carroll performing the ceremonies. An entertainment was given after the meeting in celebrating the "continuous initiations," by which the meetings of Anchor Lodge have become known, consisting of vocal and instrumental music, followed by dancing.

Circular No. 26 contained the names of eighty-six applications for membership. The names submitted for circular No. 27 will number equally as many.

Clover Leaf Lodge, No. 1822, initiated one candidate and received two applications for membership last Thursday evening and received visitors from West Gate Lodge, Philippine and Liberty lodges. Brother F. E. Goodal has taken charge of the degree team. The donkey party took place after the meeting and the prizes were won by Mmes. F. Goldsmith, Louisa Berger and the Misses Jessie Sharp, Anna Mauerhoff and Messrs. J. Mayers, Edw. Murphy, George Posten and J. Bellew. Refreshments were served and dancing closed the evening's enjoyment. Sickness prevented the attendance of Sister C. M. Warner. Brothers Charles H. Klinge, Edw. Murphy and Fred Bergmann were appointed as a Committee on Neurology.

Rising Sun Lodge, No. 1911, found time to initiate one candidate and receive one application for membership last Wednesday evening before starting on their journey to join the grand officers in their annual visit to Cote Brilliante Lodge. The delegation numbered sixty-one and presented a pleasing spectacle as they entered the lodgeroom.

Silver Star Lodge, No. 2247, last meeting was lively and interesting. The attendance and activity are on the increase each meeting. Two candidates were initiated and three applications were received. The good of the order was in the hands of Sisters Mary McCormick, Jennie Alexander, Ethel E. Tong and Brothers William Hart and I. C. Perce, and some interesting remarks were made as to the best methods of propagation of the order.

St. Ange Lodge, No. 72, is making great preparations for the reception of the grand officers and members of Anchor Lodge, No. 1173, next Thursday evening. The prime feature of the affair will be the initiation of new members.

Lily Lodge, No. 251, held a short meeting last week and initiated three candidates and received three applications, after which the lodge visited Fidelity Lodge in a body.

Royal Arcanum.

Official circulars Nos. 1 and 2 have just been sent out. No. 1 giving a condensed report of the proceedings of the recent session of the Grand Council and the roll of officers elected for the ensuing year. No. 2 relating to the proposed fraternal building at the World's Fair. The latter included Supreme Council's special circular No. 205, heartily indorsing the enterprise and asking councils to make voluntary contributions toward the object of 10 cents per member either by collections from the members or out of their general funds.

By invitation the regents met Grand Regent F. H. Bacon and the orators met Grand Orator Amedee Petting at the Grand Council office, the grand secretary acting as secretary of both gatherings. At the former meeting there were present Regents Wescott of Hunter, Barnes of Carr Lane, Couchman of Compton Hill, Stecker of Felix, Rosborough of Forest Park, Gausch of Hickory, Devine of Laclede, Shortal of Marquette, Clacas of Mentor, Gilman of Missouri, Corie of Osage, Gaskill of South End and Clausen of Victoria. At the latter meeting there were present Orators Bates of Chevalier, Vogel of Cote Brilliante, Sweetland of Delmar, Routenstrauch of Elk, Schaefer of Felix, Spencer of Forest Park, Albers of Laclede, Verdier of Mentor, Dehas of North End, Schottmueller of Osage and Hosck of South End. Several regents and orators sent regrets. The conference was found to be so helpful, the fraternal intercourse so pleasant and the promise of good results to the order so encouraging that the regents decided to have a similar meeting every quarter and the orators every month.

Grand Regent F. H. Bacon visited Gate City Council at Kansas City last Thursday evening and Spring River Council at Carthage on the following evening, and found both councils determined to excel all former records this year.

Easton Council had a splendid attendance at its last meeting, at which Regent Perringer presided. Three candidates were initiated and six applications received. Among the numerous visitors were: Grand Regent Bacon, Past Grand Regents Romper and Meier, Grand Sentry Bower, Past Regent Doctor Brady of Carr Lane, Chairman Bickley of Committee on Laws, Regent Miller of Chevalier and Deputy Ben Weldle.

Compton Hill Council has organized a Summer Outing Club for gentlemen and ladies, which will hold its second meeting to-morrow evening at Anchor Lodge Hall for the election of officers.

Cote Brilliante Council had a packed hall on the occasion of the conferring of the oriental degrees of Haymakers on twenty-six candidates, many of them from other councils. Orator William Vogel had prepared a fine entertainment, followed by a substantial lunch. Judge John A. Talty, who is a member of Compton Hill Council, has promised to deliver an address at Cote Brilliante's next meeting, on March 6.

Compton Hill Council had six initiations, after which the "valley dance" came off, which was one of the most successful affairs the council has ever undertaken. The dances were interspersed with vaudeville numbers of high merit. Songs by Miss Genevieve Hussey and Miss Virginia Dustin and by the Hesperian quartet, composed of C. W. Dustin, Ralph Walker, L. Finch and George Walker; a graceful skirt dance by little Lillian Faulkner, instrumental music by G. V. Dally and an address of welcome by Regent J. P. Kershaw. There were many new signers to the membership league.

Vandeventer did not have a single vacant seat after the delegations from Forest Park and Felix councils had been introduced. Five candidates were initiated and one application was read.

The Grand Council was represented by the grand orator, State medical examiner and grand secretary. Past Regent Rolla Hyatt of Felix and Miss Mae Richards contributed songs to the entertainment. Brother Jenkins of Forest Park gave instrumental selections and Doctor Blackmer and Past Regent John B. Thompson recitations.

Ka-Ci-Mo-Ra Council initiated one candidate. Among the visitors were Regents W. O. Graham and Past Regent J. C. Heinzman of Gate City Council.

Osage Council entertained a large delegation from Mentor. There were two initiations and two applications. Deputy Jere Haldeman and Regent Carle addressed the meeting and Brother Tytle, a fellow-student of Kubelik, contributed several instrumental numbers.

Laclede Council proposes to break its record of last spring in the matter of securing applications. Regent Devine was very earnest in his appeal to the members to work for Laclede. After listening to recitations by Brother Weldle, songs by R. W. Peace and a piano selection by R. E. McKee, the council was closed and the members indulged in a quiet game of euchre.

Delmar had a very good attendance and initiated one candidate for Missouri Council. Addresses by Past Grand Regent Meiser and Brother W. M. Chapman of New York, songs by Brother Borgelt of Cote Brilliante and instrumental music by Organist Daily.

Felix initiated one candidate and received three applications. Grand Orator Petting addressed the council, J. D. Scanlan and W. F. Schaefer contributed songs and Cromwell and Williams several numbers on the guitar and mandolin.

Hickory Council had four applications and three initiations. The meeting was entertained with instrumental selections by Brother Kohr and addresses by Deputy Grand Regent H. T. Allen and William M. Chapman of New York. On the following evening Hickory gave one of its famous "can parties," which was largely attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Forest Park Council gave a most enjoyable entertainment for the benefit of its members and their families, the programme consisting of vocal and instrumental music, illustrated songs and recitations. During the evening the initiatory march was presented by the officers in robes, which was highly appreciated and did much to dispel the thought of any one present that the Royal Arcanum initiatory ceremony was not elevating and good. Short addresses were made by the grand secretary, Deputy Grand Regent Cutter and others, after which refreshments were served.

The Provident Union.

A new council of the order will be instituted on Tuesday evening, March 4, at Buhler's Hall, southeast corner of Easton and Taylor avenues. The supreme conductor and supreme counselor will be present to conduct the ceremonies of institution.

Another council will be instituted in the southern section of the city during the month, the charter list being now almost complete. The order in this city has progressed very rapidly during the past two months and is making a splendid showing for the work done here.

Special deputies will be located at several favorable points in the State during the coming week, arrangements being now in progress to facilitate their work. Kansas City, Springfield and Independence are doing well in sending in their applications for membership.

Enterprise Council, No. 157, held its special meeting last Wednesday evening and transacted considerable new business looking toward the propagation of the order in the Chouteau division, and the council is to be congratulated on the success it has met with during the month just passed. Another special meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, the 5th inst., at the residence of the president, Sister Keane, No. 1918 Armstrong avenue, at which time the special committees are to report on the work given them, which will be interesting, and all members are specially requested to attend and hear the reports. The new supplies and literature will be expected at that meeting, which were delayed, as the printers were unable to get them here at the last meeting.

Columbia Council, No. 230, had a very interesting meeting at its last session and initiated several applicants and received four for its next meeting, on the 6th inst.

Several visitors from other councils were present and entertained the members with appropriate remarks, after which lunch was served and the male membership enjoyed the cigars and wine brought by the supreme conductor from Cincinnati for their special benefit.

Members from St. Louis and Progressive councils were present and entertained the audience. Singing and recitations were listened to with great pleasure.

Special invitations have been sent the officers of all councils to attend the institution of the new council on Tuesday evening next.

Legion of Honor.

St. Louis Council gave a delightful entertainment on Monday evening last. A very interesting programme was rendered and thoroughly enjoyed by Legion members and visitors.

Alpha Council met on Tuesday evening last and received one application. Chancellor Houts announced that the Entertainment Committee was arranging for an entertainment to be given in the near future, of which due notice will be given.

Lafayette Council held its regular weekly meeting on Monday evening with a good attendance. Three applications were received and several candidates will be ready for the initiation at the next meeting.

The following councils will meet this week: Monday, Lafayette; Tuesday, Excelsior; Thursday, Kirkwood, Grove and Webster; Saturday, Compton Hill, Empire and Bonaparte.

Knights of Honor.

Washington Lodge, at its last meeting, had a committee appointed to arrange for a euchre party to be given during the month of March. The lodge had a good attendance to welcome the Grand Lodge officers.

Schiller Lodge had a large attendance at its last meeting. An organ was raffled for the benefit of the widow of a deceased brother who had allowed himself to become suspended. The majority of members of the lodge are in favor, and no doubt the lodge will change from a German to an English working lodge. The Grand Lodge officers were given a hearty welcome, and at the close of the meeting refreshments were served.

Lincoln Lodge had a large attendance in response to an invitation to hear the grand dictator make an address in behalf of the order. Many of the older brothers who had not attended for years were present, and all promised

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