

CHARITY.

Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity
Its Motto.

Four Corner Stones of the Benevolent and
Protective Order Elks.

How the Great Fraternal Order Was Founded, and
Its Noble Mission.

The Phenomenal Growth of the Local Lodge---
Its Palatial Quarters.

"Optimum vitae genus dicitur, non constructo facti iucundissimum."
"Choose that course of life which is the most excellent, and
custom will render it the most delightful."

—Pythagoras.

Two years ago three citizens of Akron felt vibrating in their hearts that predominant note of the soul-octave—Charity. They must choose a course of life which would qualify them best for promoting the good of others. In united effort the pursuit seemed noblest. So F. S. Eblen, C. H. Saedgrass and H. S. App applied for admission into the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the U. S. of A.

Under dispensation, granted by Meade D. Detweiler, Grand Exalted Ruler, Akron Lodge, No. 563, was organized. February 27, 1897, George Buxton, D. D. G. E. R., with the assistance of Cleveland, Canton, Youngstown and Warren lodges, opened the lodge with forty-four charter members. L. S. Pardee was chosen Exalted Ruler.

What has been the result of that inspiration of ninety-seven? A universal harmony of delight.

On April 1, 1898, this organization began its occupancy of elegant quarters in the Ayliffe block on East Mill street. The lodge room cannot be surpassed by any in the state. The club rooms are of the Monte Cristonina type, the pride of Akron. More than \$17,000 has been expended upon the magnificent reception rooms, parlor, billiard hall and card rooms.

The growth in membership has been phenomenal—in fact, unsurpassed by any subordinate lodge in the history of the Order. Today its membership is two hundred and ninety-six, with twenty persons waiting to be initiated.

Akron in possession of such a purely humane organization owes all gratitude to the fact that such a national organization was in previous existence. The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is distinctly an American order as well as a purely charitable organization.

It seeks to do its charity in silence, that the proud spirit that suffers in secret, fearing more the blush of shame that comes of asking than the pangs of hunger may feel that never will its sore need, nor the manner of its alleviation, be published to the world, and that the faults, the frailties, the necessities and the help extended will remain as sacred confidences never to be divulged. This is really the only secret of the noble order.

It is generally accepted that the distinguished honor of forming the organization is credited to Charles Algernon Sidney Vivian. Vivian was a ballad singer, and one of the most versatile men in his profession.

At the institution of this Order, it was composed of a few gentlemen of the theatrical profession, who termed themselves "Jolly Corks," and who were associated together for social intercourse. From this little band of "good fellows," who held their meetings on Sundays, they being theatrical people, and that being the only day they were at liberty, it has become a powerful Order of Benevolence and Charity, with lodges in over four hundred towns and cities of the United States.

Born of brotherly love, and aiming to promote the brotherhood of man, it offers its members the certainty of warm hearts and welcome hearths in the various cities to which business or pleasure may summon them. One can readily understand, and appreciate with satisfaction, the finding in every city a little circle of kindred minds; appreciative and intelligent friends, who, banded together for the general interest and common good, are ready to extend the right hand of fellowship and greet you with the kindly smile of brotherhood. "One who loves his fellow man."

The impression prevails that none but members of the theatrical profession and its dependencies are eligible to membership in the order, and while it is true that a great many of the reputable male portion of the profession are members, the great bulk of the membership of today is made up of prominent officials, merchants, bankers, journalists, legal and medical men, and the bright lights of the world in art, literature, science and music.

The foundation of the Order is laid upon the four corner stones—Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. Of these Charity stands first, not only in the naming, but shines forth in all the actions of worthy members. Scarcely can the cry of distress or the moan of despair summon assistance, ere the Elks tender the best efforts to aid and relieve, questioning neither country nor creed, doctrine nor belief, and daily and hourly do the prayers of the widow and orphan ascend to the "Grand, Exalted Ruler of the Universe," craving blessings upon the magnanimous and beneficent Order of Elks.

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Officers of the Order and Complete Roll of
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The List Contains Names of Many of this
City's Leading Men.

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