

ODD FELLOWSHIP OBSERVES ANNIVERSARY

Jurisdiction of Iowa Builds Old Folks' Home at Mason City.



Officers Iowa Grand Lodge.

The 92d anniversary of the founding of Odd Fellowship is April 26, 1911.

On the 26th day of April, 1819, American Odd Fellowship numbered five. According to the last report of the Sovereign Grand Lodge there were 1,952,421 brothers and sisters belonging to the order. This was on January 1, 1910, and, no doubt, at this date the membership exceeds 2,000,000. It expended for relief during the past year \$5,356,925.89. Its resources amount to \$53,156,910.14. The subordinate lodge alone numbers 1,543,086, encampment membership 217,533, Rebekah, 633,615, and Patriarchs Militant 24,351. If this vast army of fraternal workers should clasp hands, they would form an unbroken chain over 1,500 miles long.

The relief for the past year amounted to about \$9.00 per minute night and day. It is to be remembered that this vast sum of money is not paid out in large sums, as life insurance, but is paid out in small amounts to relieve distress and as timely aid during sickness and adversity, to prevent distress. In addition to these millions of dollars paid out for relief by lodges, there are vast sums expended which come from gifts from members to those in need and these do not find expression in the financial reports. The Order is also maintaining homes for the care of the old and indigent members and homes and orphanages for children, and the amount annually expended in these directions can only be estimated. If we may take the accepted basis of five people for each adult male member there are seven million people so related to this Order that they can never become dependent upon public charity.

The Rebekah branch of the Order in Iowa begins with Bloomfield Rebekah Degree Lodge No. 1, dispensation for which was issued on the 23d day of November, 1868, and this Rebekah Degree lodge at Bloomfield "is the first in the state, the first in the United States, the first in the world."

The Grand Lodge of Iowa was instituted at Bloomfield (now Muscatine), May 1, 1848.

The Grand Encampment of Iowa met in first annual session at Muscatine, June 17, 1852.

The State Assembly of Iowa of the Rebekah degree was instituted in Des Moines, September 4, 1888.

Odd Fellowship in Iowa, December 31, 1910.

Number subordinate lodges.....	725
Subordinate lodge members.....	58,168
No. subordinate encampments.....	211
Encampment members.....	10,890
No. Rebekah lodges.....	642
Rebekah members:	
Brothers.....	13,562
Sisters.....	26,221-39,782
Number cantons.....	50
Number canton members.....	1,483

At the recent special session of the Grand Lodge of Iowa held in Des Moines, that body voted a fund of \$80,000 to build a home for the aged at Mason City, on the grounds now being occupied by the orphans' home of the order. This building will be modern in every respect, and will accommodate over a hundred inmates. When completed Iowa can boast of the finest institution of its kind in the world.

The officers of the various grand lodges of this jurisdiction are as follows:

Grand Master—Herbert C. Ring, Cedar Rapids.

Grand Patriarch—H. C. Chapin, Union.

President Rebekah Assembly—Helen Prescott, Mason City.

Commander Iowa Department, Patriarchs Militant—Major-Gen. E. E. Lambert, Newton.

In the militant branch of the order Iowa is honored in having the commander-in-chief, General M. A. Raney, of Marengo, and it is due to his activity that this branch of the order has steadily grown and prospered.

General Raney became a citizen of Iowa in 1865 at Pontanelle, where for many years he conducted a successful newspaper and served with credit as postmaster and mayor, at other periods serving in the U. S. revenue service, as state oil inspector, congressional secretary at Washington, D. C., and in the office of Secretary of State, at Des Moines. Disposing of the paper at Pontanelle, another was secured at Marengo that under his management soon became a prominent factor in the newspaper field of the state.

The general became a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Exira, Iowa, March 9, 1881; was admitted to the Rebekah degree Oct. 27, 1887; advanced to the Encampment April 14, 1890, and to the Patriarchs Militant Feb. 25, 1892, and has served in all the positions of each branch of the order. He was admitted to the Grand Lodge Oct. 19, 1892, and served as Grand Treasurer in 1899; served as Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encamp-

ment 1903-4, and as Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge 1906-7. He was appointed General commanding the Patriarchs Militant, with jurisdiction extending to all countries, Oct. 24, 1902, and since has been twice elected by acclamation. The official headquarters being at Baltimore, Md., the General, however, continues to reside at Marengo, to be a citizen of Iowa and is President of the Marengo public library.

General Raney, as a 32 degree, has also attained all the degrees of York and Scottish Rite Masonry; is a member of the Blue Lodge and Chapters at Marengo; the Commandry at Iowa City; the Shrine and Consistory at Davenport; also is a member of the M. W. of A. and Sons of Veterans.

Aside from the fraternal, there is also an active military record attained. April 27, 1878, he was mustered in Company H, Third Regiment, I. N. G., as a corporal, being advanced to lieutenant and serving with the company until 1886. March 1, 1897, was selected by Governor Shaw as a member of his staff, with rank of Colonel and participated in the McKinley inaugural parade at Washington, D. C. Reappointed by Governor Carroll March 28, 1911, he is now serving as an active officer of the Iowa National Guard, and it is contemplated will be present at the national maneuvers in Texas in May.

Besides the several years in Washington, D. C., that afforded great familiarity with all government affairs and extensive acquaintance with public men, Mr. Raney has been an extensive and detailed traveler in North America, having visited each state and territory of the United States and all the provinces of Canada, thereby securing an individual acquaintance and knowledge of country but rarely attained. He is an interesting conversationalist and an entertaining speaker, one whom it is ever a pleasure to meet, but withal of a quiet retiring disposition and not given to



General M. A. Raney.

display, popular throughout the home state and maintaining the high esteem of all acquaintances.

The Military Council of Fraternities is a national representative organization, embracing all the civic and independent military organizations of this country, wherein patriotism and loyalty to country are cardinal features. An organization of great strength and influence, and General Raney was unanimously elected and is at this time its President.

Grand Master Ring joined Center Point Lodge No. 185, Center Point, Iowa, in 1896. His present membership is in Maine Lodge No. 643. He was for four years a representative to the Grand Lodge. He was formerly a member of Blue Bell Rebekah Lodge No. 99 of Center Point. At present he has a membership in Grove City Rebekah Lodge No. 35, Marion; is a P. C. P. of Linn Encampment No. 49 of Cedar Rapids, and a member of Marion Canton No. 7.

He was for three years a member of the Grand Lodge Board of Instruction.

Mrs. Helen Prescott, president of the Rebekah Assembly, has been an active worker in her home lodge for years and has been connected with the Sunday school of the I. O. O. F. orphans' home of the state ever since it was organized.

Major-Gen. E. E. Lambert, department commander of the P. M. branch in Iowa, is a very active worker in all branches of the order, and in addition to his militant honors, is Grand Senior Warden of the encampment. Under his command the militant department has made steady progress and has become efficient as a military body.

Brigadier-Gen. Paschal, commanding the second brigade, P. M. of Iowa, is one of the most active workers in this branch in the department. Having at all times the interest of Odd Fellowship at heart, he has given much time and attention to the Patriarchs Militant degree, and has succeeded by his untiring interest in making the second brigade a substantial organization. General Paschal has been favorably spoken of and is in fact the most formidable candidate for the office of Department Commander. General Paschal has held all offices within the gift of his home lodge and encampment at Belle Plaine.

Odd Fellowship has demonstrated to the world that it has a mission to perform and how well the work is being carried on. May this grand Order continue to move on in its upward march until "misfortune has no want to relieve and sorrow no tears to dry.

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Notice of Appointment of Administrator To Whom It May Concern:

You are hereby notified that on the 1st day of April, 1911, the undersigned was duly appointed administrator of the above entitled estate, and all creditors of said estate are notified to file their claims in the office of the clerk of the district court, in and for Crawford county, Iowa, within one year from the date of this notice, according to law, and have the same allowed and ordered paid by the said court, or stand forever barred therefrom. Dated April 1, 1911.

SILAS J. CONYNE, Administrator. Harding & Kahler, Attorneys for Administrator. 14-2t

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