

WEEKLY NEWS OF FRATERNAL AND SECRET SOCIETIES

MODERN WOODMEN

The members of the various camps of Modern Woodmen of America of this jurisdiction are still busy making preparations for the proper entertainment of Head Consul A. R. Talbot, who will be here from Rock Island, Ill., on or about November 2 to preside over the big class adoption ceremonies.

A meeting of the head consul committee was held at the office of Golden State camp, 125 1/2 South Spring street, Tuesday night. There was a good attendance of delegates and a great deal of activity reported from the various camps of Woodmen.

Consul L. F. Cole of Watts had the following to say of his camp: "Our boys are getting candidates lined up in great numbers for the class adoption. We have already obligated eleven and have some more under way. We have a small membership, but are growing rapidly. One of our members, a man who is now lame, is around on crutches after eligibility."

Watts camp is certainly alive. The members there will have about twenty-five new members for Consul Talbot to adopt.

Out at Garvanza they have the spirit all right, and are getting ready to show their loyalty to the cause. They will have a lot of new members to help swell the class to be adopted in November. Some time ago Highlands camp disbanded and the members transferred to Garvanza, increasing the membership of the latter camp very materially.

South Pasadena was represented at the meeting Tuesday night by Consul M. O. Foster and Clerk George Sanford, the latter being also the treasurer of the head consul entertainment committee. The two illustrious delegates reported great progress in their camps. They have divided their camp into two sides, the "Whites" and "Blacks." The members of the opening sides will start a big contest next week and the side getting the most members during the month of October will feast at the expense of the losing side. This should create a great deal of interest and be a means of bringing a large number of delegates into the fold.

Live Oak camp, which is the name of the camp at South Pasadena, was organized last January by S. D. McDonald, who is deputy head consul with Golden State camp. The camp has fifty members with about thirty members, and now it has nearly one hundred. The boys started in right off to run their membership up to the hundred mark, and have almost attained their desired end.

They do things at South Pasadena, and the Modern Woodmen camp has more members there now than any other secret order.

Pasadena delegates reported that their camp was working with all its might, and that the work was being done in a most efficient manner. They have a good camp at Pasadena and are alive at all times to the interest of Woodcraft.

Pacific camp of Los Angeles is endeavoring to put on 150 new members for the class adoption. They have grown wonderfully in the past and will be apt to reach the desired number before the coming of the head consul.

Vernon camp, which meets at Forty-fourth street and Central avenue, was represented at the meeting and declared emphatically that it would have lots of timber at the class adoption. Vernon has about 200 good members and the camp is growing rapidly. There was an opening meeting at Vernon camp last Tuesday night and a large number turned out. The delegates from the head consul meeting went over to pay the Vernon neighbors a friendly visit after the committee meeting broke up.

California camp, which has more than 200 good members, meets every Monday night at 514 South Main street. The California boys declare that they will have plenty of timber in line for the big adoption. California camp has one of the best drill teams in the state and is a thoroughly alive organization.

Compton, Whittier, Ocean Park, Glendora, Lodi, Redlands, Artesia, Glendale, San Dimas, San Gabriel, and other camps in the jurisdiction have all signified their intentions of having a big representation at the class adoption.

On Friday night, October 11, Monrovia camp will hold an open meeting to which the general public is invited. There will be singing, speeches, feasting and other entertainment for the visitors. Golden State team will go to Monrovia and give some exhibition drills. There will be a street parade, which will go out for a little "time" that evening. The team will drill during the parade and will put on another drill inside the hall. This affair will be worth attending.

Golden State camp will give its regular monthly social next Wednesday night. The program for the meeting will be quite elaborate and will be made up strictly with members of the order and their families. The general public is invited to the social, which will be made. The band will be on hand to enliven things. John Myers will give one of his famous clog and jig dancing exhibitions, while the Ross "boys" will sing several old Scotch songs in their initial manner. The boys are familiarly called the "Scotch terriers."

Music for the dance, which will wind up the affair, will be furnished by members of Golden State camp. The first Wednesday night in each month is always celebrated by Golden State camp with a big social affair. Sometimes refreshments are served. The affairs are becoming so popular that the hall will hardly hold the people that attend.

Last Wednesday night Golden State camp held a regular business meeting. There were fifty applications for membership for the week, eleven initiations and seven admitted by transfer. A big time was had and some fun given. Golden State will newly made members. Golden State will be represented at the class adoption by a large number of newly made members.

Golden State has just purchased a fine Diebold safe for its office. The safe cost \$250 and is the largest safe owned by any Woodmen camp in the state.

The trophy cup won by Golden State drill team at Whittier August 10 is on exhibition at Nickel's, 127 South Spring street, where a large photograph of the members of the team is also exhibited. The team, having won the cup twice in succession, now owns same, or rather the cup until the boys presented the cup to the camp.

SONS OF ST. GEORGE

Verse read in honor of the anniversary of twenty-first birthday of Royal Oak

lodge, Sons of St. George, at a banquet recently held in Los Angeles.

THE ABSENT MEMBER Perhaps beneath a Scotch cap he is sauntering down the Strand, A meerscum pipe in his mouth, a stick is in his hand; Perhaps he is walking down Pall Mall, weary and Calais; Perhaps upon the strew steamboat—the Dove and Calais; Perhaps he is in the mighty deep, looking for a sail; Or down by the steward's cabin, searching for a pall; High on the mountain he may be, hunting wild coyotes, Or rooked with boozers at San Pedro in those old sailor boats; He may be in the family circle near the baby's yell, Wrapped like a living oyster in his own pecunia shell; Or he may be in the graveyard with white and upturned face, Having run his little journey and served the Shaving's casket, may enclose him and give increasing room; Unto the coffin's empty, about the crack of doom; Peace to this absent brother, still may his ashes rest; He left the world all working; they did for him the best; Here's to the absent member, wherever he is, Whether journeying on the land or on the sunset sea; Take up the feather duster and dust away the flies; Then raise your glasses gently, boys, and quietly sympathize With the brother who is not here to celebrate our fame; To glory fraternity with its illustrious name; Old friends shall never be forgot by Englishmen at least; While celebrating Royal Oak in glorious wine and feast.

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ALL FRATERNAL ORDERS TO CHARGE ADEQUATE RATES

The national advisory congress, an advisory body composed of delegates from most of the fraternal societies of the United States and Canada, met in Buffalo, N. Y., on August 27 and decided to petition the various state legislatures to enact laws compelling the fraternal orders to adopt adequate rates, but as far as the rates proposed by the congress. On this subject the Fraternal Order of Foresters, a national public utility, said: "On Thursday afternoon the national fraternal congress by a vote of 133 to 75 passed a resolution that will require the adoption of rates not less than those deducted from the national fraternal congress table of mortality and 4 per cent interest."

These rates will put the fraternal society adopting them on a sound financial basis. Only a few societies now use them.

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INDEPENDENT ORDER OF FORESTERS

The several committees appointed to make arrangements for the high court meeting at Redondo, October 10, 11 and 12, are doing everything in their power to make the coming session one long to be remembered. Foresters' day, October 12, will eclipse all previous events, beyond all doubt. The plans are elaborate, and all details are being carefully and systematically worked out; nothing is being left undone that will make October 12 a day of continuing employment. The prize committee has secured an aggregation of prizes that for number and value is too great to describe, and can only be appreciated by a personal observation and inspection. They are on display in the Redondo railway office window on Second street, and at 207 West Fourth street. Go have a look, and if there is any sporting trait in you, you will at once go into training, for you will realize that there are enough prizes for all, and of such value as to stir up the sporting blood of a professional.

The barbecue October 12 will be on a gigantic scale and designed to fill, fatten and tickle the palate. Brother Doyle, professional barbeque, who has charge, has secured 12,000 pounds of beef, not sole leather, but young, tender, juicy meat. The kind that causes you to gasp a button or two before you are satisfied. The professor is still buying beef. Everybody come, we will feed you, and do it systematically and expeditiously.

Brother Kennedy, D. S. C. R., initiated a large class of candidates into Court Redondo Friday night.

Brother Blusser, D. S. C. R., led twenty-five candidates through the paths of the forest at Paso Robles last week.

Court Morris Vineyard has a 100 member button for the lapel of each member's coat; they are good eyes and are suggestive and inspiring; get one, boys. Brother Stedman says the figures on the button are not high enough, as the membership of the court will pass the one hundred mark by the next meeting. Become fully acquainted with the button.

Have you seen the delegates' Redondo button? It is a beauty, and is designed to identify the delegates, and to boom Foresters' day.

Old Court Temple last Tuesday night again surprised and entertained its members and the visiting brethren with something new in initiatory work. Brother Dunkerley is always working on some scheme to keep up interest in his court, and the kind that causes you to gasp a button each month receive the full benefit of his schemes.

Brothers Dunkerley and Eberle have completed the audit of the books of the high court and high treasurer.

Court Occident is again on the war path for recruits, and has issued a neat little leaflet explaining in a clear, concise manner the benefits given by this good, strong, progressive court. The leaflet also contains a table of rates showing the total cost of benefits in the event of a serious illness, and how to receive distinguished visitors. The reception Monday night was greatly appreciated by the visiting official.

The dance given by Court Los Angeles Thursday night was a decided success; the soul-stirring strains of the Fetsch orchestra seemed to fill the air with life and enjoyment, and to dispel the gloom of melancholy; nothing like a first-class orchestra to reinstate the elixir of life and to banish dull care. Barbecue having a very satisfactory number of applications were written for membership in this old reliable court. At the last regular business meeting of the court, Brother Valle administered the exalted degree to one member in a very impressive and entertaining manner.

Brother Frank E. Hand left Los Angeles on the Owl Wednesday for Victoria, B. C., where he will meet Hon. Elliott G. Stevenson, S. C. R., H. A. Collier, S. T., and V. R. The guests of the high court meetings at Vancouver, B. C., and at Seattle, Wash. They will also attend a public meeting at Tacoma, Wash., and a reception at Portland, Ore., then the high court meeting at Santa Rosa, arriving in Los Angeles on the high court meeting at Redondo, October 10, 11 and 12. Brother J. P. Murphy, H. C. R. of the high court of Northern California, will join the party at San Francisco and accompany them to Los Angeles and Redondo.

Brother Jack Bean deserves credit for the lively stunts he is doing with his auto in the detail work necessary for the success of Foresters' gala day at Redondo, October 12.

Any court in the city or out of the city having items of interest to Foresters kindly send same to Brother Frank E. Hand, supreme representative, 207 West 4th street, or to the high court meeting at Redondo, Wash. Send so as to arrive not later than Thursday night of each week.

Companion Court Morris Vineyard, No. 152, gave a party at its hall in the Burbank building on Thursday evening. The attendance was all that could be desired, there being fourteen tables filled with players. In addition to the members of the court giving the entertainment a large number of members of other courts of the city as well as other visitors were present and enjoyed the evening with Companion Court Morris Vineyard. At the close of the games first, second and consolation prizes were

presented to the winners after which refreshments were in order.

Friday evening Court Occident, No. 467, gave a whist social and dance at its hall in the Schleicher building, Pasadena avenue, East Los Angeles, which was one of the best attended events of the kind ever given by the court. A sufficient number of tables were furnished so that all who desired could indulge in whist, while those who favored dancing were also well taken care of by the committee having the affair in charge. The hall, which is one of the most spacious lodge rooms in the city, was well filled with players and dancers, and all seemed to enjoy themselves to the limit. The whist tables were placed along the two sides and one end of the room, while the center of the floor was given over to those participating in the dance. Only two prizes for the whist players were furnished by the committee; a first and a "booby" prize. Refreshments consisting of ice cream, cake and fruits were furnished at the close of the entertainment.

Interest is on the increase among the members of the Royal Arcanum in the institution of the Royal Mystics on October 7 at the corner of Sixteenth and Main streets. The officers of this social organization are holding regular drills in order to give the brothers a hot time on that evening. The present outlook is that the mystic chamber will be crowded to the doors on that evening.

On the evening of September 19 the grand regent and D. D. G. R., George W. Turner, made an official visit to Santa Rosa council No. 2948, addressing the council upon the active work that had been done during the past year. As usual the council "set 'em up," and in their usual bountiful style. The boys of Santa Rosa know how to do things. On the first meeting night in this month they added four new members to their ranks. The council added four to its membership. Among the new members was Prof. Richardson of the Richardson business college and T. A. Proctor of the Proctor Produce company. After the degree had been conferred the council voted to use \$100 from the general fund to secure uniformity in their new degree team. They expect to have one of the finest teams in the state.

Angeleno council No. 1708 is still out for candidates and expects to have several to initiate at its next meeting, October 10. This council has arranged to meet at the corner State and First streets, on the first of November. It will be provided with a large stage on which to pull off their minstrel show, members of which are all of this council. The first meeting business of the order and the second will be given over to entertainment for the benefit of the ladies of this progressive council.

On the first of October Brother L. D. Lederman, past regent of Angeleno council No. 1708, moved back to the city again and took up active work in the council.

Grand Secretary Maloon, the champion bowler of the Arcanum bunch, broke the record last Wednesday evening at Mammoth Hall, and defeated the best bowler in continuous games. In two of the games he passed the 200 mark.

Dr. Francis R. Perceval has received the appointment of state medical examiner for California. The doctor is a loyal Arcanum and will be a worker for the advancement of the order.

Sunset council No. 1074 held high jinks at its hall in the Blanchard building last Thursday evening. Brother Pitney, the orator, had arranged a stage musicale for the members by the musicians of Sunset council. The program consisted of piano selections by Brothers Blanchard, Gates and Vessey, Brother Gottschalk, the famous pianist, and a vocal selection; Sunset's quartet, composed of Brothers Gottschalk, Yale, Gray and King, merited the approval of the members present with several up-to-date selections. After the show the orator conducted the members to the banquet room, where they proceeded to get away with the Dutch lunch, which had been prepared. Also Brother Pitney's famous cigars. This council expects to keep the ball rolling in the social line from now on. Brother Yale, famous for his light in the near future with some of his new dances.

A "side degree," subject to careful censorship and preference to more members than any of the other lodges; each month their membership is increased by some twenty or thirty members. The lodge is now hard at work putting together its minstrel troupe, which has always been a drawing card and is considered one of the best amateur organizations on the coast. The lodge has pledged itself to produce fifty new members during the month of October, and the members all being active they will have no difficulty in doing so.

ROYAL COURT

Belvedere assembly No. 24 will entertain its members and friends tomorrow night at the hall, corner East First street and Rowan avenue, with a harvest hop.

Royal court will deliver an address on "The Good of the Order," at C. G. Holdridge, worthy chancellor of assembly No. 2, accompanied by his full staff of officers, will be present.

Sam J. Chappel, royal chancellor, expects to leave soon on an extended visit to all assemblies of the order.

Los Angeles assembly No. 2 gave two very successful affairs last week. The moonlight flackjack party was attended by 240 members and friends. The grounds where the picnic was held was profusely lighted with Japanese lanterns, as was also the dancing pavilion. Dancing and bowling were indulged in until a late hour. The party was in charge of Commodore E. von Bretzel, L. F. Wright and Dick Richardson, who fried and served 1000 flackjacks to the hungry merry-makers.

The "open-closed" meeting Wednesday night was attended by about 150 members (outsiders not being allowed). The business meeting was held for the purpose of initiating a large class of candidates for the "Reds" and "Golds." From 8:30 to 9 there was a minstrel performance. From 9 to 10:30 progressive whist and from 10:30 to 12 there was dancing.

The blit prizes were won by Ladies Mabel Britton, Jane Delanty and Bertie Bentine and Courtiers L. F. Wright, E. M. Corison and Allan Young.

The minstrel performers included Judge W. O. Davis, Roy Kelly, J. D. Corison, John Flowers and Mrs. Laura B. Tyler and Mrs. H. E. Louse.

William E. Riggs, assistant royal scrivener, paid an official visit to Long Beach assembly last Friday night.

Crecent assembly will give a program, followed by whist, next Thursday night to its members and friends.

The Royal Court is the only fraternal order having headquarters in California that charges adequate rates for insurance, according to the national fraternal congress, in session at Buffalo last month.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS

The general relief committee has secured the Temple Auditorium for the benefit entertainment to be given Tuesday night, October 9. "Bob" Burdette will give his famous lecture on "The Rise and Fall of the Mustache," which he has been giving for several years with much success. The comic opera, "The British Dragoons," of thirty members, including the I. O. O. F. male quartet, will participate.

Next Monday morning the Third regiment, P. M., will meet at the I. O. O. F. hall and march to the depot to take a special train at 12 o'clock for Santa Barbara for the grand encampment, which will hold its annual sessions. It is expected that about 300 will go.

Orange Grove encampment will confer the golden rule degree on several candidates next Friday night.

Patriarch Wilbur Lothrop has been recommended as district deputy grand patriarch for Los Angeles district.

Semi-Tropical lodge has invited the famous drill team of Atlas lodge to visit it and confer the initiatory degree on several candidates next Tuesday night.

Good Will lodge will initiate three candidates at its meeting next Thursday night.

Knights of the Maccabees Los Angeles tent No. 2 gave a minstrel performance at Eagle hall last Wednesday night. It was a grand success. There were about 800 present and about 500 turned away. This tent has begun a membership drive to reach its membership to 2900 by January 1. The members are active in the work.

Supreme Great Commander Arthur Dunning has been spending the past two weeks at Santa Cruz, where he is doing good work for the local tent.

Great Commander S. W. Hall of Oakland has recently issued a circular to the order requesting the tents to increase the membership 100 in the state.

B. M. Guthrie, state record keeper, will visit the tent at San Bernardino next Tuesday night.

T. A. Winbight, record keeper of the tent at Santa Ana, was in Los Angeles last week, making arrangements for an entertainment to be given at the next month. F. Durfee of that tent has removed to Los Angeles. He has held office in the Santa Ana tent for twelve years.

The ladies of Los Angeles hive No. 1 will give a program to be followed by dancing and cards on the night of October 9 in Burbank hall.

The ladies of Banner hive will give a progressive whist party and dance at Burbank hall next Tuesday night. Music will be furnished by the Witzel orchestra. There will be prizes awarded to the best dancers.

Magnolia lodge Degree of Honor held its convention yesterday at Mammoth Hall, and delegates from all outside lodges were on hand. During the afternoon the drill team of the degree exemplified the work of the order. The degree is taking in a large number of candidates at each meeting.

Los Angeles lodge No. 55 is doing good work and the members are making a great effort to beat Southern California lodge No. 191. Candidates are being initiated and introduced to the new lodge Wednesday evening at the Caledonia hall on South Spring street.

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October 31, the anniversary of the order will be held in Burbank hall and a great time is anticipated, as the members who have the matter in hand will spare no time and expense to make the meeting a success. The meeting will be open for the members and their friends.

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

The Los Angeles lodges are making great preparations for the meeting of the grand lodge in San Francisco beginning October 8. The members of the different lodges will start from San Pedro October 6.

Among those who will go it is expected that the following will take part: A. A. Wells and Morris Klein, Los Angeles lodge No. 42; O. L. Stone, Pen-talpa lodge No. 302; E. H. Greppin and D. R. Weller, Southern California lodge No. 278; W. A. Spalding, M. H. Flint and Oscar Lawler, Eastgate lodge No. 29; A. A. Talbot, Hollenbeck lodge No. 319; J. W. Kemp, Southgate lodge No. 320; L. Curtet and C. Deutsch, Valle de France lodge; H. S. Brown and C. Daniel, Westgate lodge No. 335; H. D. McCabe, Palestine lodge No. 351; F. E. Burke, Sunset lodge No. 352; J. P. Day, Holly wood lodge; G. W. Tedford, Golden State No. 358; C. E. Sebastian, Mizpah lodge No. 358; H. C. Knox, Highland Park lodge.

Nathan Volk, clerk of David camp has returned from a three month visit with his parents in New York city.