KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS WILL MEET IN CITY OF STOCKTON TUESDAY

Officers Who Are in Line of Promotion for the Pythian Year. Question of Holding Biennial Convocation to Be Discussed. Suitable Site Offered for Home for Members of the Order

OFFICERS OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS OF STOCKTON TO MAKE PREPARATIONS FOR RECEPTION OF DELEGATES TO THE ANNUAL CONVENTION.

THE next annual convocation of the Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias of the domain of California will be held in the city of Stockton, commencing next Tuesday. The session will continue until the following Friday. It will be marked by the presence of Supreme Chancellor Ogden H. Fethers, and commander-in-chief of the Uniform Rank of the order Major General James R. Carnahan, and his adjutant, J. M. Powell, who will be in this State for some time to make arrangements for the session of the Supreme Lodge to be held in this city in 1902.

The Grand Lodge will have in addition to the following named grand officers: W. T. Jeter, grand chancellor, Santa Cruz; L. S. Calkins, grand vice chancellor, Nevada City; D. K. Trask, grand prelate, Los Angeles; H. Schaffner, grand keeper of records and seals, San Francisco; S. G. Little, grand master of the exchequer, Dixon; J. M. Newman, grand master at arms, Colfax; C. Vermason, grand inner guard, Perris; J. H. Johnston, grand outer guard, Sacramento; grand trustees—H. E. Irish, Santa Cruz; M. E. Kirby, Madera; supreme representatives—A. J. Buckles, George E. Church, W. C. Graves; 375 representatives, who will represent 180 active lodges and nearly 12,000 members.

The prominent subjects for legislation will be a proposition to hold biennial instead of annual sessions; action on a site offered for a Pythian Home and matters relating to the session of the Supreme Lodge. The site that has been offered for a home is at Woodbridge, fourteen miles from Stockton. The order by a per capita tax of 10 cents per member, collected for several years past, has raised the sum of $10,000 to be used to build the home when a site shall have been procured.

Prospective New Officers.

L. S. Calkins of Nevada City, at present grand vice chancellor, is in line for and will undoubtedly be elected grand chancellor; Dr. D. L. Trask of Los Angeles, grand prelate, will be advanced to vice chancellor. For the office of prelate there will be a contest in which B. B. Sargent of Salinas, S. N. Reed of Bakersfield and D. C. Clark of Santa Cruz will figure. Herman Schaffner of San Francisco, grand keeper of records and seal, and S. G. Little of Dixon, grand master of the exchequer, will be continued in office without opposition; Dr. F. J. Bethel of Stockton will probably become the grand master at arms, while the contest for grand inner and outer guard will be "an-open-for-all" one. One supreme representative will be elected and more than a dozen Knights true and bold have been looking over the field with a view to determine if it is worth the while to have their names placed in nomination.

Programme of Exercises.

During the week of the convocation the Uniform Rank will hold meetings and the Grand Temple of the Rathbone Sisters, the ladies' auxiliary of the Knights, will hold its annual session in Stockton.

The Knights of Khorassan, that is Zerin Kapi Temple, which bears to this order the same relation that the Shriners do to the Masonic body, will hold a ceremonial session, which will be enlivened by the induction of a number of innocents who want to learn the oriental mysteries of the temple.

The officers and representatives to the Grand Lodge will be the guests of a special committee representing Charter Oak, Centennial and Nemo lodges of Stockton, of which H. R. Campbell is president, Irving Martin secretary and A. A. Smallfield treasurer. The following is the programme that has been arranged for the week:

Monday evening—Public reception at Masonic Music Hall; addresses of welcome; responses by the grand chancellor and by the grand chief; orchestral music and vocal numbers; open-air concert on courthouse plaza; opening session and conferring of Grand Lodge rank.

Tuesday—Session of Grand Lodge in forenoon and afternoon; in the evening concert and entertainment at Stockton Mineral Baths.

Wednesday—Session of Grand Lodge in the morning; street parade in the afternoon. In the evening, exhibition drill between Stockton local company of U. R. K. P. and canton of I. O. O. F. at the Pavilion, with concert and dance.

Thursday—Sessions of Grand Lodge in forenoon and afternoon. In the evening, D. O. K. K. work at Pythian Castle; exemplification of work by Rathbone Sisters at Masonic Music Hall.

Friday—Sessions of Grand Lodge in the forenoon and afternoon. In the evening, grand ball; possibly an excursion.

List of Delegates.

The following is a list of the delegates alphebetically arranged under the places from which they will come to the Grand Lodge:

Alameda—Alameda Lodge, W. George Chaplin and Victor Enginger; Alhambra—Alhambra Lodge, R. H. Moorhead and O. W. Longden; Alturas—Maverick Lodge, Ellsworth G. Scammon; Amador City—Amador Lodge, Edward Jeffery and John Mitchell; Angels Camp—Angels Lodge, William P. Huston; Arcata—North Star Lodge, Frank D. Caubarras and J. Monroe Light; Arroyo Grande—Arroyo Grande Lodge, Frank E. Bennett; Auburn—Auburn Lodge, Robert F. Burns and John A. Predom.

Benicia—Benicia Lodge, Otto G. Trautz and F. W. Blanchard; Bishop—Inyo Lodge, Will L. Smith; Blue Lakes—Mad River Lodge, Duncan Campbell and George D. Yocum; Bodie—Mono Lodge, W. H. Virden; Bradley—Bradley Lodge, Stephen Whittlesey.

Carpenteria—Seaside Lodge, J. G. Deadrick; Carters—Carters Lodge, Charles B. Burley; Centerville—Centerville Lodge, Frank T. Hawes; Chico—Pride of Butte Lodge, J. W. Barker and Charles Fetters; Chinese Camp—Eagle Lodge, William G. Rowe; Chino—Nero Lodge, Hugh Percy and Milton R. Levy; Colfax—Colfax Lodge, Darius V. Norton; Colton—Colton Lodge, M. C. Butterfield; Corning—Maywood Lodge, Richard R. McMullen; Coulterville—Coulterville Lodge, William H. Bunney; Crescent City—Perseverance Lodge, Francis W. Smith and Aaron A. Barnebury; Crockett—Selby Lodge, William R. Burress and Thomas J. Christian.

Dixon—Othello Lodge, Silas E. Morse; Dunsmuir—Eagle Cliff Lodge, Wilfred Ladlow and T. R. Skillington; Dutch Flat—Cedar Lodge, Isaac T. Coffin.

Elsinore—Lake Elsinore Lodge, Lafayette Yates; Escondido—Thomas Lodge, Arthur Jones; Eureka—Lincoln Lodge, Andrew Jordahl and Henry S. Turner; Exeter—Bonnie Brae Lodge, James F. Dingan.

Ferndale—Aurora Lodge, Smith D. O'Neal and T. J. Fennessy; Folsom—Folsom Lodge, Samuel Dowdin; Forest—Bald Mountain Lodge, Frank L. Cole and Thomas Davies; Forest Hill—Fern Leaf Lodge, William A. Larue; Fortuna—Springville Lodge, Arthur C. Edson and Frank J. Givins; Fowler—Fowler Lodge, Pierre V. Chase; French Gulch—Fremont Lodge, George D. Prentice; Fresno—Vineland Lodge, E. L. Hubbell and Paul Huntzsch. Fresno Lodge, Benjamin Y. Coulson and Ole P. Kleldsen.

Galt—Galt Lodge, F. C. Hauschildt and William Suter; Grass Valley—Olympic Lodge, John W. Eastus, William G. Lord and Samuel T. Jones.

Hanford—Mussel Slough Lodge, Daniel Finn; Hanford Lodge, James W. Graham and T. F. Fisher; Highland—Highland Lodge, Thompson B. Murray and A. Stanley Dolan.

Jackson—Rathbone Lodge, William M. Penry and George W. Brown.

Lincoln—Oak Leaf Lodge, Edward J. Temple and Marcus Thomsen; Lockeford—Vesper Lodge No. 93, William Ennis; Lodi—Lodi Lodge, Thomas H. Hatton and Theron R. Lillie; Lompoc—Lompoc Lodge, F. C. Fisk and J. W. de Wolf; Long Beach—Long Beach Lodge, Allen C. Walker and Edward H. Jackson; Los Angeles—Samson Lodge, Robert A. Ling and Peter A. Kelley, Marathon Lodge, Charles F. Guthridge and Charles Stansbury. Los Angeles Lodge, Adolph L. Selig and Leslie R. Hewitt; Los Gatos—Los Gatos Lodge, Richard F. Robertson.

Madera—Madera Lodge, Madison E. Kirby and W. F. Waddell; Mariposa—Mariposa Lodge, George C. Congdon; Merced—Yosemite Lodge, F. A. Robinson and C. M. French; Mendota—Sunset Lodge, Emil Grunig; Modesto—Modesto Lodge, Willard A. Downer and William C. Grove; Monterey—Monterey Lodge, Adolph Garrick.

Napa—Fidelity Lodge, Max Schwartz and Ruby M. Kyser; National City—Loma Lodge, A. J. Burnside; Needles—Mojave Lodge, George J. Nay; Nevada City—Milo Lodge, Frank T. Nilon and A. R. Lord; New Almaden—Cinnabar Lodge, Alfred Tregoning and Richard J. Hawke; Newcastle—Placer Lodge, F. H. Howell; Newman—Newman Lodge, J. D. Blackwell; Nipomo—Nipomo Lodge, John A. Cameron; North Bloomfield—Spartan Lodge, Josiah Glasson.

Oakdale—Oakdale Lodge, George T. McCabe; Oakland—Live Oak Lodge, James R. Sloan and Isidor L. Cavasso; Oakland Lodge, Joseph Bobet and Joseph Gilman; Brooklyn Lodge, Monroe G. West and Joseph Anderson; Amazon Lodge, Robert Munce; Liberty Lodge, George F. Colliver and James L. Barnes; West Oakland Lodge, John Crossman and Charles V. Wisner; Piedmont Lodge, Frank B. Larmer and Leroy F. Herrick; Orosi—Orosi Lodge, Gaines H. Russell.

Palo Alto—Palo Alto Lodge, Marshall Black and George W. Harms; Pasadena—Pasadena Lodge, Charles F. Hamlin and Frank W. Healy; Perris—Perris Lodge, William B. Payton; Petaluma—Petaluma Lodge, Arthur M. Adams; Petrolia—Mattole Lodge, I. N. Daugherty; Placerville—Placerville Lodge, P. B. Hogan and Shelly Inch; Pomona—Aetna Lodge, Edmund M. Keller and Edward Gerson; Porterville—Porterville Lodge, A. A. Howard.

Redlands—Redlands Lodge, Charles Post and Henry B. Wilson; Rio Vista—River View Lodge, Bert Sheldon and James E. Sullivan; Riverside—Sunnyside Lodge, Stephen A. Noland and Charles R. Stibbens.

San Francisco—California Lodge, John Huber; Damon Lodge, Will J. Beatty and J. Bruce Clifford; Golden Gate Lodge, M. A. Samuels and Henry Bornemann; Laurel Lodge, Ernest Ulman and John Dern; Ivanhoe Lodge, Orville Norcross and Charles Danziger; Alemania Lodge, Kasten Winter and Henry Stricker; Eureka Lodge, Charles Oman and F. O. Raabe; Harmonie Lodge, Robert Thiemann; Myrtle Lodge, C. S. Hoffman and C. W. Nevin; Syracuse Lodge, Emil Cohn and Charles Levy; Unity Lodge, S. W. Powell, C. F. Schoenfeldt and William J. Kidd; Golden City Lodge, Fred Radelfinger, George D. Dixson and Conrad T. Gromme; Bay City Lodge, Jacob Samuels and Charles E. Morey; Roma Lodge, Ginotto Marioni, Joseph Calegaris, Guiseppe Pellettieri and Antonio d'Andrea. Sacramento—Sacramento Lodge, Judson Sabin and Abe Wilson; Columbia Lodge, Rufus H. Rhodes and William J. Hogan; Confidence Lodge, W. H. Greenlaw and Columbus S. Van Roy; Capitol Lodge, Oscar F. Graf and George M. Ilsley. Salinas—Salinas Lodge, J. E. Hunter and Walter E. Norris; San Ardo—San Ardo Lodge, George Dudley Jr.; San Bernardino—Valley Lodge, W. D. Wagner, C. W. Burgess and R. W. McGillivary; San Diego—San Diego Lodge, Frank J. Benz and I. Isaac Irwin; Red Star Lodge, Milton A. Cochran and William W. Gephart; Jefferson Lodge, A. N. Codeglia; Mars Lodge, Daniel E. Marcy and Eugene J. Sullivan; Sanger—Sanger Lodge, Orie Hayward; San Jose—Triumph Lodge, William F. Foss and Frank J. Brandon; San Jose Lodge, James S. McGinnis and Frank L. Donahoe; San Lucas—Beatrice Lodge, Victor Pisoni and William Griswold; San Luis Obispo—Park Lodge, Kaufman Green; San Pedro—San Pedro Lodge, Sylvester Gwaltney and Charles Hackensen; Santa Ana—Santa Ana Lodge, William I. Clendenon and Charles W. Hannah. Santa Barbara—Santa Barbara, James G. Stark; Castle Rock Lodge, Ellsworth D. Bates and James Herd. Santa Cruz—Avalon Lodge, W. M. Gardner, Herbert D. Smith and William A. McGuire; Santa Maria—Santa Maria Lodge, Theodore R. Pinley and Milton O. Palmer; Santa Monica—Pacific Lodge, A. William McPherson; Santa Rosa—Santa Rosa Lodge, Henry G. Hahman and Ray W. Poat; Selma—Selma Lodge, Charles A. Marsh; Sierra City—Sierra Lodge, William Eschenbruecher; Sisson—Lily Lodge, Chester W. Mapes and Joachim Kundert; Sonora—Union Lodge, A. O. Bouterious and Angus A. Grant; St. Helena—Pluto Lodge, W. A. Mackinder and A. B. Swarfout; Stockton—Charter Oak Lodge, George W. Gorman and Frank J. Verdon; Centennial Lodge, David C. Shepherd, Huron B. Brown and Charles N. Starkey; Nemo Lodge, Thomas A. Nelson and F. J. Bethel; Suisun—Suisun Lodge, J. F. Maganini and Paul Meyer; Summerland—Summerland Lodge, Byron Preston.

Tracy—West Side Lodge, Daniel Canale and William von Sosten; Truckee—Summit Lodge, Oscar Legault and William McDougald; Turlock—Turlock Lodge, Charles D. Swan.

Ukiah—Ukiah Lodge, Richard L. Crane and Albert P. Brunner.

Vacaville—Franklin Lodge, John B. Wren; Vallejo—Washington Lodge, John J. Armstrong and Harry W. Smith; Ventura—Buena Lodge, Edward M. Jones; Visalia—Visalia Lodge, James F. Williams and John M. Boynton.

Watsonville—Iolanthe Lodge, Henry F. Blohm and James B. Edwards; Winters—Damocles Lodge, T. H. Fenley; Woodbridge—Duroc Lodge, Amos Boyce and E. A. Covell; Woodland—Pythian Lodge, Frank Dietz and David J. Williams.

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FALSE FIGURES FOR THE BOARD

Some One Trying to Fog Facts About the Oil Rates.

California Pays Six Times the Charges Fixed for Texas.

Unless all signs are deceptive, the usual process of shifting responsibility when there are any proceedings before the Board of Railroad Commissioners of California involving a proposed reduction of rail freight rates in the State is about to be again used. This time it is to befog the minds of the oil producers of California. Some time ago a complaint was filed before the Railroad Commissioners in the name of John Le Blanc, who was represented by Attorney Frank H. Short, in which it was set forth that the rates for moving the crude fuel oil of California were excessive. The rate between Bakersfield and San Francisco is 42 cents per barrel. The same rate holds good to points north of San Francisco. In addition there are spur track and switching charges that are mentioned and described in the complaint. All this ground has already been gone over, and it is necessary only to allude to it. The essential point is that the rate is practically 42 cents per barrel all around in the State north of Tehachapi.

Since the complaint was filed the secretary of the Railroad Commission of Texas has forwarded to the Board of Railroad Commissioners of California an annual report which contains what purports to be an official statement of the rates for the transportation of fuel oil in Texas that are now in use. The statements in the report are entirely misleading. The fact is that fuel oil in Texas is moved from Beaumont to El Paso, a distance of 916 miles, for 19 cents per barrel of 600 pounds. The report received from the Texas commissioners makes the rates for distance of 225 miles and upward, according to whether the oil is carried over roads entirely under one management or over roads under different managements, from 72 cents to 90 cents per barrel of 600 pounds, or 12 to 15 cents per 100 pounds, the tabulation being made up in the latter form.

Misleading Evidence.

On the showing of the evidence contained in this report it can be made to appear that the rate in California is less than the rate in Texas, whereas the real fact is that the rate in California, considering distances, is six times the charge of Texas. From El Paso to Beaumont the distance is over 900 miles as against 300 miles from Bakersfield to San Francisco. Moreover, the road in Texas is over steep grades for a good part, while the road from Bakersfield to San Francisco is practically all down hill.

Whether the real facts will be made to appear in reference to the Texas rates when the Railroad Commissioners may finally come to the hearing is an interesting question. It may have been impossible for the Texas Railroad Commissioners to convey to the California Commissioners the truth, but there was no difficulty in ascertaining it when The Call sent a query to El Paso. The answer came soon after the query was sent on its way. The California Railroad Commissioners have no official knowledge of the actual Texas rates. Plainly the transportation lines are interested in keeping the California people in the dark if possible. There is a suspicion in some quarters that the printed report of the Texas Commissioners, so radically misleading at this time, has been steered up against the California Commissioners by some interested party.

The fact that some of the leading oil producers of the Kern River district do not know Mr. Le Blanc as a producer in that section may or may not have any interest.

Short's Opportunity.

The production of the evidence concerning the real Texas rates may be in the discretion of Attorney Frank H. Short. He has been interviewed by a Call correspondent and says in substance that he will bring up the Texas matter. "It seems to me," Mr. Short is reported to have said, "that no good reason can exist why California oil producers should pay a higher rate for transportation of oil than the Texas producers over the same system, it being admitted that no more favorable condition could exist for oil transfer than exists in California. The conditions make fair rates imperative."

Even at the present low rates in Texas there is dissatisfaction, which again throws a strong side light upon the price charged for moving the fuel oil in California. The correspondent of The Call at Austin, Texas, telegraphs as follows:

AUSTIN, Texas, May 15.—The discovery and development of fuel oil of the Beaumont field has forced upon the Texas Railroad Commission the necessity of fixing a tariff of freight rates on that product between Beaumont and other points in the State. The commission has received many communications during the last few weeks from prospective consumers of this oil, asking that a rate be established, and a hearing on the subject will be called by the commission in a few days to determine what rate shall be fixed. It is asserted that under existing freight charges the oil cannot be used at an economical advantage over coal in some sections of the State. Many large manufacturers of Houston, Galveston and San Antonio are already using the Beaumont oil for fuel, however, and it will quickly come into general use throughout the State when equitable freight rates on the product are fixed.

Railroad Commissioner Blackstock of Ventura County makes the statement that the people of Southern California, so far as he has ascertained, oppose the proposition to have a rate of 25 cents per barrel made from Bakersfield to San Francisco, which is requested by Le Blanc in his complaint. He does not give any reason for this opposition. None has been made public by the Southern California newspapers.

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Pie crimpers, 5c.
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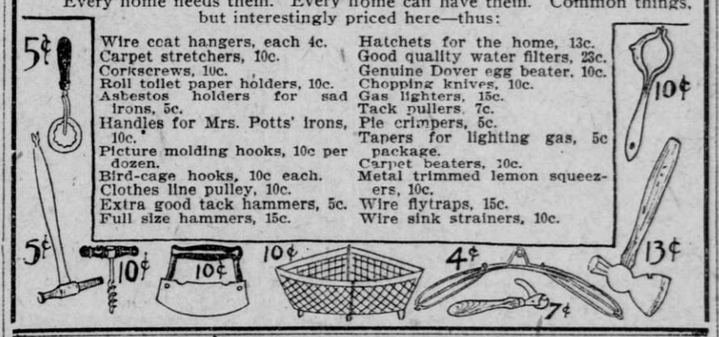

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