

# FROM THE LODGE

BY L. C. FRODO

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A result of the speeches was that the eleven signed an application each to become members of Pacific Council. The result of "personal effort" in the National Union has been manifest in Golden Gate Council in the recent past. It has in the past few months increased its membership from 348 to 506. By the initiation of twenty-three candidates at the meeting of November 14 the council snatched the membership banner from California Council, which has had it for seventeen years. That this council wants to retain the banner is apparent from the fact that it now has thirty-two signed applications and the applicants are being examined physically in the next few days, each having paid his initiation fee. The council had a turkey dinner for members on November 21. General Deputy Wilson has received reports from Sacramento, San Jose, Stockton and Los Angeles which show that the "increased fever" has struck those places and that in each place there is a better showing than has been made in the two years that have gone by. The councils in these sections have undoubtedly been inspired to renewed action for the good of the order by the earnest letters sent them by the general deputy.

Since the last inst. sixty-five applications have been received at the headquarters of General Deputy Wilson and if the applications continue to pour in the average of 200 new ones will be secured during the month.

Vice President Broderick of California Council is not at all discouraged by the turn of affairs which resulted in Golden Gate Council wresting the membership banner from California, for since the 1st of the current month he has presented fourteen applications for membership.

A few days since a member of the Woodmen of the World, George C. Waldron, found at Fourth and Townsend streets a wallet filled with valuable papers, and, discovering among them a National Union receipt for assessments and dues, hastened to General Deputy Wilson, placed the find in his keeping and asked him to discover the owner.

The contest for the magnificent silk flag offered by the San Francisco Council to the council that would put the most satisfactory work in the most satisfactory manner was closed on the evening of the third Wednesday in November by Mission Council No. 1010 putting on the work in the hall of California Council in the Pioneer building, which was done in an acceptable manner with John S. Partridge as the candidate. In addressing the meeting under good for the order Mr. Partridge expressed himself as deeply impressed with the ceremony of initiation and its teachings, but felt that it was something unusual to be "buried" twice within a period of two weeks.

The judges in the contest for the flag awarded it to Mission Council, declared that it had been won by four points over California Council. The winning council is arranging for a ladies' night, on which occasion the flag will be presented.

El Capitan Council at its last meeting had, after routine work, received six applications, some of which has not occurred in the council in years.

More improvements have been made in the headquarters of the order at 850 Market street, where General Deputy Wilson has been fitted up as a first-class office in order to meet the needs of increasing business.

Superintendent of Field Deputies Seymour, whose headquarters is at Toledo, Ohio, has tendered his resignation to its effect December 1. General Deputy Joseph A. Wilson of this city is looked upon as the possible successor of Mr. Seymour, for he has by his work in the two months that have passed proved himself the most active of the deputies in the entire jurisdiction.

On the night of the third Thursday in November Court Seal Rock had its periodical "stag banquet" in a prominent Italian restaurant in the northern part of the city. It was almost exclusively Seal Rock as there are but three non-members of the court present by special invitation. After doing full justice to a supper that occupied two hours in the discussion thereof, Grand Recording Secretary Charles Martin Troppmann, M. D., who is a member of the court, assumed the duties of toastmaster and discharged those in a most satisfactory manner. After telling in a jocular way the peculiarities of a number of those present he called for "short talks." Those called upon obeyed his injunction to the letter and some cut their "talks" so short that they almost took the toastmasters' breath away. The following named were the speakers: J. W. McCarthy, W. Sims, Ernest W. Jacobs, J. M. Johnson, J. Williams, Bernard J. Myer, William Holmes, Chief Ranger Ed Canadage, G. P. Anderson, H. von Dieken, Chief Ranger-elect Haley, Messrs. Mistic, Bond and Wood, E. C. Stock of Court Suro Heights and Jacob Label of the court at Aurora.

On the occasion of the recent visit of Grand Recording Secretary Troppmann to Court Oakland he was accompanied by Grand Senior Woodward Daniel Teare, Ed Canadage, chief ranger of Court Seal Rock, and Jacob Label, editor of the American Forester Review. Seventeen strangers were invited and then fifteen applications for membership were presented.

The grand recording secretary also visited Court Teutonia in San Jose and there he was well received. He gave the members of that court a first-class logical address and after the close of the meeting was the special guest at a banquet at which there was no lack of German hospitality, for the court is German and

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At the meeting of Court America, on the third Friday in November, there was a large attendance, and four applicants for membership were indicated. The court nominated candidates for office for the ensuing term. These will be elected at the first meeting in December. This court, in conjunction with America Circle of the Companions of the Forest of America, will give a grand ball in Mission Turn Verein Hall on Thanksgiving eve. Fred Borad, chairman of the committee of arrangements, announces that this will surpass any effort along this system by these organizations of the order.

One of the active members of Court Sausalito is its financial secretary, Joseph Joseph, who is striving hard to become a prominent member of the order.

High Chief Ranger Hopkins, acting under the recent legislation of the high court resigning a certain number of courts to each member of the high standing committee for the purpose of visitations, has assigned to Past High Chief Ranger G. Q. Stewart Courts Covina, Signal Point, Sonoma, Citrus, Tamalpais, Napa, Solano, Sebastopol and Santa Rosa.

High Chief Ranger O. K. Brown has had assigned to his Courts Oakland, Alameda, Grizzly Diablo, Ramona, Irvington, Castro, Fruitvale, Valley, Bonita, Companion Court Oakland, and Companion Court Berkeley.

J. W. Dickson of the court in San Jose was at the headquarters of the order to the widow of the late W. O. Hibbish, who was a member of the court in the Garden City, a check for \$3000, amount of the benefits accruing to her upon her husband's death.

Past High Chief Ranger Stewart was in Berkeley last week giving the companion court of that place a "booster" talk in order to start it on the road that leads to results.

The organization department is being arranged along new lines in this city with the expectation that better work will be done during the current forester week than has ever been done in this part of the territory.

Two of the most enterprising and active workers for Companion Court Golden Gate, who have devoted much time to its increase in membership, have been Chief Ranger Mrs. Nellie Murphy and Vice Chief Ranger Gertrude Wilson, whose portraits are presented in this issue.

On the evening of the second Friday in the current month Mission Court of the Tribe of Ben Hur gave a social and dance in its hall for the benefit of one of its members in distress. The hall was crowded to its limit and there were many members of the order from other courts present, Mizpah Court of which court the dancer was a member. The affair was a great success and the unfortunate member will be handed a neat sum to help him along.

This court at its meeting last week had twenty candidates to initiate in the presence of a large number of members. After the initiation there was a banquet, at which State Deputy G. Roberts and District Deputy Little addressed those present and gave some very interesting facts about the order.

The local tribes of this order have struck a boom and are at this time doing remarkably well.

Grand Chief Clara E. Martin recently visited Olympic Circle in Grass Valley officially, and was received in a true fraternal spirit. During the evening the method of balloting was exemplified, and the degree work was presented by the initiation of a lady candidate. The grand chief pronounced the work perfect. The closing of the temple was followed by an interesting program of entertainment and a banquet.

The recipient responded in a very pleasant manner. During her stay in Grass Valley the grand chief was the guest of Sophie Keast, past chief of Olympic Temple. That lady gave an excellent luncheon in honor of the distinguished visitor. Among the guests were Annie Tenby, D. G. G.; Marie H. Weldon, P. G. C., and all past chiefs of the temple, as well as the members.

Subsequently the grand chief, in company with Annie Tenby, D. G. G., visited Nevada City for the purpose of laying the foundation for a temple of the order in that locality. The visitors were greatly encouraged by the Knights of Pythias and their immediate relatives. It is expected that it will not be long before a new subordinate of the order will be instituted in this fraternal center.

Calante Temple of Oakland recently celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of its existence, and at the same time tendered a farewell reception to Miss Isabel Bruce, one of its most zealous workers, who had decided to marry and remove to Livermore. After the temple closed, a grand march was formed, with Miss Bruce in the lead, escorted by Cora Langridge, D. G. G., and Ellen Covey, M. E. C., and all proceeded to the banquet hall, where a toothsome supper was served. The hall was artistically decorated with evergreens and flowers. In front of the seat of the guest of honor there was an immense cake, decorated in the colors of the order—white, blue, yellow and red—the handwriting of Mrs. Barries, one of the members. On the surface of the cake was

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At the meeting of San Jose Assembly of the high court a number of applications for membership were presented, after which the assembly closed early and had a delightful lunch basket party.

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On the evening of the third Thursday in November Lincoln Camp No. 15, Fair Oaks Camp No. 15, camps of Oakland and San Jose, Sons of Veterans, joined with Lincoln Auxiliary of the Sons of Veterans at 230 Golden Gate avenue to welcome Mrs. C. J. Drake of Long Beach, California, member of the National Council in Chief of the Sons of Veterans, Auxiliary and Major George S. Gels of San Francisco, aide-de-camp Sons of Veterans Reserve and past senior vice commander-in-chief of the S. of V., U. S. A., returning from the National Encampment at Gettysburg, Pa., where they repre-

sented California Division. The reception was attended by 300 members and friends of the camps and other military societies, G. A. R., W. R. C. and U. S. W. V. Their report of the trip to Gettysburg and the encampment and historic battlefield was very interesting and that of the auxiliary, the Memorial University and new military feature or Sons of Veteran Reserve showed much progress in the past year. Mrs. M. E. Bowne of Lincoln S. of V.'s auxiliary presided, and Captain C. E. Montgomery officiated for the Sons of Veterans. Past Commander McCoy on this occasion presented to Lincoln Camp and auxiliary a large photograph, being a group of forty-four California past division commanders and delegates taken during the visit of Commander-in-Chief W. G. Dustin and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief George S. Gels to California Division Encampment last April. The Sons of Veterans increased 600 new members last year. Dancing and refreshments followed the report of these delegates.

Mrs. Drake, president of the local Sons of Veterans' auxiliary, left for Long Beach last week.

Another playground of Masonry is soon to be opened in this city. This is to be conducted along the lines of the Shriner, but will be exclusively for members of the blue lodges and the common name by which the new organization will be known will be "The Boosters." It will in the near future adopt a name that will be as high sounding as Nobles of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine. The association has already secured pneumonia to carry on the work of initiation. A feature of the degree will be "a trip across the Sierras," and it is said that "holding on to the rope" will be a penny dip alongside of a thirty-six candle power electric light. James A. Wilson of Mission Lodge is the leading spirit in this new organization.

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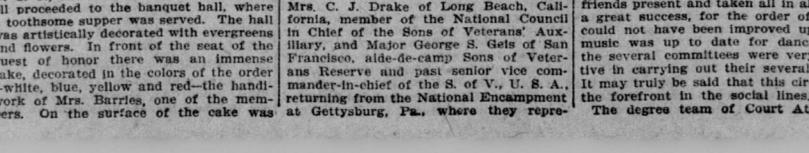
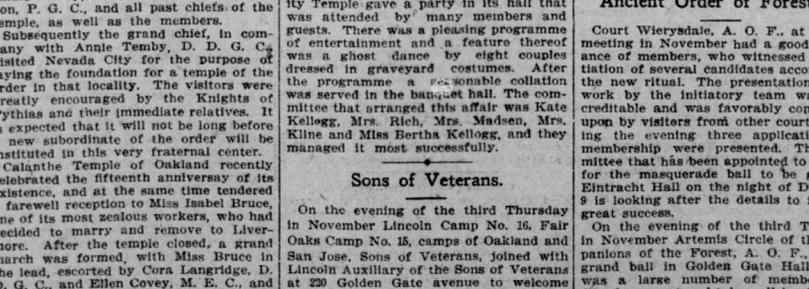
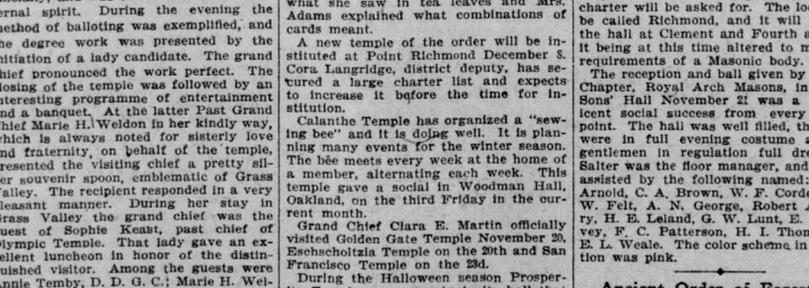
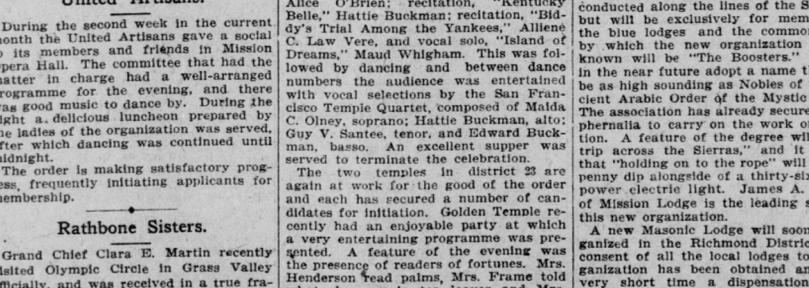
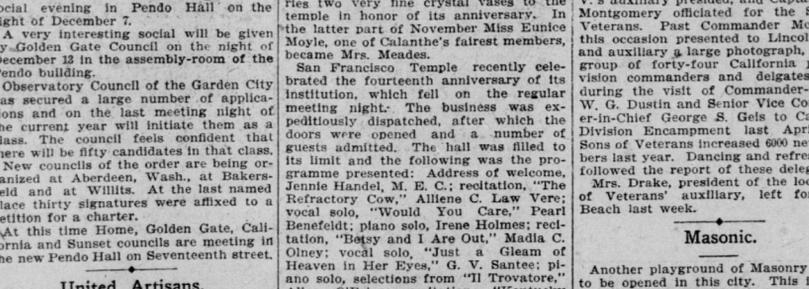
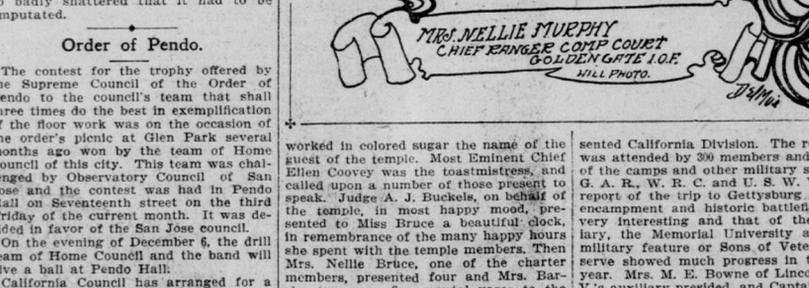
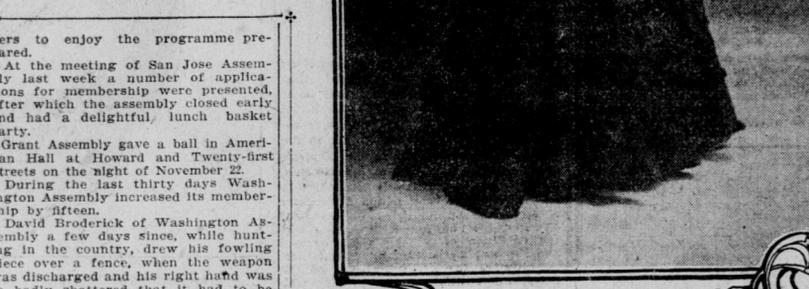
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During the Halloween season Prosperity Temple gave a party in its hall that was attended by many members and guests. There was a pleasing program of entertainment and a feature thereof was a ghost dance by eight couples dressed in graveyard costumes. After the programme a reasonable collection was served in the banquet hall. The committee that arranged this affair was Kate Kellogg, Mrs. Rich, Mrs. Madsen, Mrs. Kline and Miss Bertha Kellogg, and they managed it most successfully.



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The reception and ball given by Mission Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, in Native Sons' Hall November 21 was a magnificent social success from every standpoint. The hall was well filled, the ladies were in full evening costume and the gentlemen in regulation full dress. R. Salter was the floor manager, and he was assisted by the following named: H. B. Arnold, C. A. Brown, W. F. Cordes, John W. Felt, N. George, Robert A. Henry, H. E. Leland, G. W. Lunt, E. T. Mervy, F. C. Patterson, H. I. Thomas and E. L. Weale. The color scheme in decoration was pink.

Court Wierzydale, A. O. F., at its first meeting in November had a good attendance of members, who witnessed the initiation of several candidates according to the new ritual. The presentation of the work by the initiatory team was most creditable and was favorably commented upon by visitors from other courts. During the evening three applications for membership were presented. The committee that has been appointed to arrange for the masquerade ball to be given in Eintracht Hall on the night of December 9 is looking after the details to insure a great success.

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