

CHOICES FROM THE LODGE ROOMS OF THE DISTRICT.

THE GRAND COMMANDERY.

The Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia, K. T., is now constituted of the following members: George E. Corson, R. E. grand commander; Alex. McKenzie, V. E. deputy grand commander; Andrew W. Kelley, E. grand generalissimo; Bennett A. Allen, E. grand captain-general; Wm. H. Hunt, E. grand senior warden; Geo. H. Walker, E. grand junior warden; Henry K. Simpson, E. grand prelate; Wm. F. Gude, E. grand treasurer; Arvine W. Johnson, E. grand recorder; Thomas P. Morgan, E. grand standard bearer; William H. H. Cissel, E. grand sword bearer; Walter H. Klopfer, E. grand warden. Past grand commanders—Noble D. Lerner, Frank H. Thomas, William E. Darby, Edward G. Davis, Wm. T. Gallher, Harrison Dingman and George Gibson.

Representatives from Washington Commandery No. 1—Fred W. Behrens, commander; Claude F. King, generalissimo; Jacobus Jones, captain-general. Past commanders—Eldred G. Davis, Warren H. Orcutt, Harrison Dingman, David G. Nixon, Henry K. Simpson, Alex. H. Holt, Geo. H. Walker, Thomas P. Morgan, William S. Parks.

Columbia Commandery, No. 2—Alex. Grant, commander; Harry E. Riley, generalissimo; Joseph C. Johnson, captain-general. Past commanders—Chas. W. Hancock, Jose M. Yznaga, Emmett C. Elmore, George Gibson, Frank H. Thomas, Bennett A. Allen, John H. Small, Jr., Walter H. Klopfer, Walter E. Pettus.

Potomac Commandery, No. 3—James S. Raeburn, commander; W. L. Ashby, captain general; George E. Corson, John Lynch, Daniel Johnson, A. B. Jackson, Rezin W. Darby, William F. Hunt, John E. Wagner, William S. Wadley, past commanders.

De Molay Mounted Commandery, No. 4—Thomas E. Landon, commander; Andrew W. Kelley, Noble D. Lerner, William H. H. Cissel, Joseph H. Jochum, Robert W. Hardy, C. G. Medford, John F. O'Neill, Martin O'Connor, William T. Gallher, Thomas C. Henderson, William F. Gude, Robert Cook, past commanders.

Orient Commandery, No. 5—Edwin B. Hesse, commander; William E. Miller, generalissimo; Allen Bussing, captain general; Alex. McKenzie, Charles A. Stockett, Arvine W. Johnson, Francis J. Woodman, past commanders.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

The report of the annual meeting of the grand commandery of Knights Templar of the District of Columbia shows the following important correspondence to have been exchanged between the eminent commander of De Molay Mounted Commandery and the grand commander of District Templars:

"Right Eminent Sir Knight George Gibson, Grand Commander.

"Right Eminent Sir: Permit me to draw your attention to the Constitution and Code of Statutes of the Templar Laws of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America," adopted at the twenty-seventh triennial convocation, held in Pittsburg, Pa., October 13, 14, 15, and 16, 1884, and to page 78 thereof, part of Article XLVIII, section 9, caption, "How Restored," which reads: "When a Knight Templar is suspended from his commandery a majority vote will restore him to good standing in the order, and unanimous ballot will restore to membership also."

"I submit herewith a copy of the by-laws of De Molay Mounted Commandery No. 4, K. T., and draw your attention to Article VII, which provides to be, if not in conflict, at least not as far-reaching, as is the instruction of the Constitution and Code of Statutes referred to, and yet you will observe, by referring to page 20, that these by-laws were approved at the annual session of the grand commandery of Knights Templar of the District of Columbia, held May 10, 1897.

"A for member of De Molay Commandery suspended March 25, 1901, for non-payment of dues. It is not an ordinary case of suspension, for, according to the statement of this sir knight, he was prevented from giving the attention which was demanded consequent upon a wound received by him in battle while engaged in the service of the United States in the Philippines. There was set up in opposition to the sir knight's statement a question as to its reliability. Investigation proved that as a fact the sir knight had served as a soldier in the Philippines, but there was no account given in the records of the War Department of his having been wounded while in the service. On inquiry being made of the frater, we were advised that the wound in question was obtained while acting as commissary clerk, and therefore as a civilian, and no record of the same would be kept at the War Department in consequence.

"I go into details in order that you may understand that there are two factions to contend with—one desirous of seeing the sir knight restored to membership, the other apparently interested in preventing the restoration. This case seems to us to be one of easy settlement under our by-laws, which direct that the sir knight shall be reinstated upon payment of all arrears, if paid within one year, and if not, he shall be reinstated only on application, the same as a non-affiliated Knight Templar, and the payment of all arrears. If we are to be governed by the Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment, then a majority vote will be required to restore the sir knight to good standing in the order, and a unanimous ballot to restore him to membership.

"We refer to you, right eminent sir, the question at issue, and will be grateful to you for a decision enabling us to dispose of the matter. We will thank you for suggestions, or advice, as to the amendment of our by-laws.

"ROBERT COOK, Commander."

"Sir Knight Robert Cook, Commander De Molay Mounted Commandery, No. 4, K. T."

"It is my opinion that the words in your by-law, but shall be reinstated upon payment of all arrears if paid within one year, are in conflict with the statute referred to, which prescribes the manner in which a suspended member can be restored. When a Knight Templar is suspended by his commandery, a majority vote will restore him to good standing in the order, and a unanimous ballot will restore him to membership also. It seems clear, therefore, that a suspended knight cannot restore himself by the simple payment of arrears within one year, but that his restoration must be by vote of the commandery as prescribed.

"Having reason to doubt the legality of the act of suspension in this case, I desire to call your attention to section 6 of the same title of the statutes, which is as follows: 'Suspension for non-payment of dues can be inflicted by the commandery only after due notice to the delinquent to appear at the time it is proposed to act upon his case, and an opportunity given him to be heard in his defense, and any by-law provision for suspension without such notice

HEART OF ODD FELLOWSHIP.

The heart of Odd Fellowship abounds in sympathy, and is daily finding vent, not only in resolutions of condolence and sympathy with those in trouble, but in resolutions of congratulation and good wishes to those whose good fortune it is to be worthy of them; but in every case it is none the less sympathy. What a blessing to the grief-stricken to have the sympathy of a friend, what a help toward healing the wound that seems to be a mortal one, the word of sympathy fitly spoken is. Before the word—or it may be letter—of sympathy from friend, brother, or lodge is received, the

FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVES.

The following sir knights have been commissioned to represent the District grand commandery near the jurisdictions named:

Alabama, Augustus J. Camp, Birmingham; Connecticut, Eli C. Birdsey, Mer-



REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES B. LANDIS.

Congressman Charles B. Landis, one of the finest orators of the House of Representatives, is a member of Delphi Lodge, A. F. and A. M., of Delphi, Ind., and of Delphi Lodge, Knights of Pythias. He also belongs to the Crawfordville Lodge of Elks, and prides himself especially on his membership in the Beta Theta Phi fraternity. He was born July 9, 1858, in Millville, Butler county,

Ohio; was educated in the public schools of Loganport, and graduated from Washburn College, at Crawfordville, Ind., in 1883. He served for four years—from 1883 to 1887—as editor of the "Logansport (Ind.) Journal." In 1894 he was elected president of the Indiana Republican Editorial Association and re-elected in 1895. He has been in Congress eight years.

DISTINGUISHED DEAD.

The district grand commandery, K. T., joins with the fraters of other jurisdictions in mourning the loss of the following distinguished sir knights:

Owen Fitzsimmons, grand prelate of Alabama, September 17, 1901; Edward Carroll Parmelee, grand recorder of Colorado, May 10, 1901; Frederic A. Spencer, past grand commander of Connecticut, December 8, 1901; G. Herriek Wilson, grand commander of Connecticut, January 10, 1902; Charles Gamble Mac, past grand commander of Illinois, September 24, 1901; Frederic Carvoso Winslow, deputy grand commander of Illinois, October 10, 1901; Charles Moody Morse, past grand commander of Illinois, March 29, 1902; Joseph W. Smith, grand treasurer of Indiana, November 26, 1901; Theodore Sutton Parva, past grand commander of Iowa, June 25, 1901; William G. Gould, past grand commander of Kansas, December 31, 1901; Bugton E. Landson, past grand commander of Kansas, January 4, 1902; Benjamin Franklin Farmer, past grand commander of Minnesota, April 27, 1902; John Logan Power, past grand recorder of Mississippi, September 24, 1901; James W. Moore, past grand commander of Nebraska, August 3, 1901; Charles H. Holden, past grand commander of New York, April 29, 1901; Joel B. Parsons, grand treasurer of Ohio, September 16, 1901; Robert H. Lansing, past grand captain general of Ohio, September 29, 1901; John Jay Caldwell, past grand recorder of Ohio, April 4, 1902; William T. Robbins, grand captain of the guard of Ohio, March 13, 1902; Henry H. Kuhn, past grand commander of Pennsylvania, November 1, 1901; John H. Bullock, grand treasurer of Tennessee, January 1, 1902; Edwin G. Bower, past grand commander of Texas, November 30, 1901; Russell F. Taft, past grand commander of Vermont, March 22, 1902; Philip T. Woodfin, past grand commander of Virginia, August 24, 1901; Hugh Striling, past grand commander of West Virginia, February 24, 1902.

A SPECIAL SESSION.

New Jerusalem Lodge No. 9, P. A. A. M., had a special session Thursday afternoon for the purpose of attending the funeral of the late Brother George Vonciff.

CALIFORNIA HOSPITALITY.

During the recent session of the California grand lodge of Pythians the delegates from each county announced that appropriations had been made for the purpose of installing and maintaining an exhibit at San Francisco during the national gathering, August 11-23. The amounts vary from \$400 to \$2,000 each, though there are many more who have appropriated \$2,000 than \$400, while some counties have voted appropriations without placing a limit upon the expense of the committee that is to look after it. Samples of the choicest fruits, for which sections of California are famous, will be sent for free distribution. Some places have voted to send a carload each day during the convention.

The Rathbone Sisters will maintain headquarters for the reception of visitors, will distribute flowers from California gardens, and give souvenirs to visiting members. There will be daily excursions to inviting localities near San Francisco, where the visitors may feast their eyes upon productive fields, orchards and vineyards. Many of these excursions will be free. At the depot of each town the visitors will be met by the inhabitants and given a ride through the most fertile and beautiful parts of the country, and every hospitality will be extended.

THE MACCABEES.

State Commander D. W. Gill commenced the semi-annual installation of officers on the night of the 1st inst. On that night he installed the officers in Arlington Tent No. 19, and on the same night went to Brightwood, about seven miles out of the city, and installed 20 officers of Brightwood Tent No. 5.

On Wednesday night he installed 120 officers of Capital Tent No. 4, which meets at 433 D Street northwest, and then went to Anacostia and installed the officers of Anacostia Tent No. 7.

On Thursday night a public installation of officers for Mount Vernon Tent No. 4 was conducted by him in the gym hall in the Northeast Temple building, Twelfth and H Streets northeast, his regular hall in which the tent meets being too small to contain the large audience that had assembled to witness the interesting ceremony.

Refreshments were served at the review of No. 1 on Monday night.

The first six months of this year show a substantial gain in membership with ten new tents and a membership of nearly 1,800 members.

Georgetown Tent No. 6 is by no means a slow tent. It has added eighteen new members during the term just closed. The great commanders of the great camps employ their own deputies. The supreme commander has no jurisdiction in this particular matter.

Mr. George E. Ernest was buried in Glenwood Cemetery on Thursday and the auspices of the Maccabees, of which he was a member.

RATHBONE SISTERS.

Rathbone Temple No. 1, Rathbone Sisters, of this city, has elected the following officers for the ensuing term of six months: Past chief, Maud Hardester; most excellent chief, Emma Fugel; excellent senior, Hattie Walter; excellent junior, Fannie Statzmann; manager, Annie Sullivan; protector, Eliza Lewis; outer guard, Margaret Coffin; mistress of records and correspondence, Evelyn Padgett; mistress of finance, Emma Bynum. Rathbone Temple is in a flourishing condition, and renewed efforts will be made this fall and winter to increase its membership. The meetings are held every Friday night, at 546 Ninth Street northwest, in Schmidt's Hall.

A temple of the Rathbone Sisters was recently instituted at Brunsville, Md., by Mrs. Thomas A. Bynum, past chief of Rathbone Temple No. 1, of Washington. Mrs. Bynum was commissioned by the supreme chief, Mrs. Dell P. Glazier, to do the work. Mrs. James W. Walker, of this city, District organizer for the insurance branch of the Rathbone Sisters, was present at the institution. This temple, the fourth in Maryland, has on its charter roll fifty-two members, and much interest was shown in the work presented by the instituting officer. A few hours' training enabled members of the new temple to present the work in a praiseworthy manner.

Century No. 4 was the name selected, taking the same name as Century Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of Washington. Maryland also has a temple named Myrtle. The local lodges of Knights of Pythias, it will be observed, have two namesakes among the temples of the Rathbone Sisters in Maryland.

The Rathbone Sisters are rapidly increasing in membership throughout the supreme jurisdiction, and the reports at the meeting of the supreme temple at San Francisco will show that the order is in an excellent condition. At the beginning of the year—the twelfth year of the existence of the order—it had a membership of 23,000 knights and 41,000 sisters. The order is represented by temples in forty-four States, Provinces, and Territories. The District of Columbia is under the jurisdiction of the supreme temple, there being no grand convocation here. The movement has been inaugurated to secure the institution of two additional temples in either Maryland or Virginia, making a total of six, and, with one in Washington, six in all, the organization of a grand temple will be necessary to include the above-named territory.

Relatives of Knights of Pythias in good standing are eligible for membership in the Rathbone Sisters—wives, daughters, sisters, widows, etc.—and the knights can become honorary members.

The sisters alone vote and hold office. The ritualistic ceremonies are beautiful and impressive. This sentence in a recent address from the officers of the supreme temple points out the objects of the order: "Our intention is for the advancement of humanity, to cultivate the spirit of fraternity, to minister in the most possible ways to the needs and comfort of our members, and to advance the moral, mental, and social conditions of the devotees." Co-operation is asked by the supreme temple in this work—"In order that we may advance our cause more rapidly, we ask the co-operation of all Knights of Pythias in establishing a temple by the side of every lodge of Knights of Pythias throughout the world. Will you not be a participant in this noble work? It is necessary to have the assistance and sympathy of the ladies, as well as that of the knights, in starting temples, and we ask you to take up our work, unfurl our beautiful banners, and become a power for good in this great sisterhood."

MONEY MADE.

The excursion to Marshall Hall by the joint committee, composed of the K. of P. Hall Association and the committee of forty-five, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the cause of liquidating the debt on the lot on Ninth Street northwest, was well attended. The feature of the occasion was the competitive drill between the companies of the military branch of the order, the Uniform Bank, for the grand lodge prizes. The first company to go through the schedule was Joseph T. Caldwell No. 7, under command of Capt. T. F. London. It was the opinion of many of the observers that the company did not put up as good a drill as it did last year, when it won the first prize. "Overconfidence," remarked one of the members of the company after the drill, Washington Company No. 1, commanded by Capt. R. T. Whiting, was the next company to drill, and it was the general verdict that the drill showed a great improvement over the one given by that company last year. The company were applauded by their respective followers as they executed the various movements with a skill and precision that comes from persistent practice. All deserve credit for the excellent showing made, and the closeness of the drill was shown when the decision of the judges was announced, but a small percentage difference. The vanquished congratulated the victors, and the event was thoroughly enjoyable throughout. The various subordinate lodges were well represented, and a neat sum will be netted for the lot fund.

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THE HEPTASOPHS.

Soon after the close of the civil war men began to see the great necessity of providing a sum of money to be used by the widow and other dependents of the breadwinner, but it was not until 1858 that the way was opened up to men of modest means to do this through fraternal insurance, as formulated by John Jordan Updehurch, an humble mechanic of Meadville, Pa., the founder of the Ancient Order United Workmen. In 1873 the Knights of Honor was founded, the Royal Arcanum in 1877, and the American Legion of Honor the next year. A few months later, in 1878, George V. Metzler, a resident of Baltimore, promulgated a plan for an organization differing somewhat from the plans of those orders, and obtained the consent of twenty-one gentlemen to assist him in forming the Improved Order of Heptasophs, which was duly incorporated under the laws of Maryland in October, 1878. The plan of the order dispensed with State grand bodies, giving each lodge—called convocations—the right to select one of its members as a representative to the Supreme Convocation, which body would be the highest governing power. The name Heptasophs was adopted, it being composed of two Greek words, hepta, seven, and sops, meaning wise. Thus we have "Seven Wise" relating to the seven wise men of Greece. A graded table of rates was adopted, beginning at the age of twenty-one and advancing gradually to each

There are still living two of the founders of Washington Lodge—John T. Ward and Aaron Shamer—and the following charter members are still in good standing: William H. Davers, Joseph Darr, William Dickinson, George W. Harrison, M. D. Jacobs, M. G. McCormick, Joseph T. Potts, Robert J. Walker, and Benjamin B. Whitney. The life members are Franklin Bird, John Doyle Carmody, M. Dyrrentor, George E. Emmons, William A. Engel, George G. Esber, P. J. Fingles, L. L. Friedrich, Ralph L. Galt, Henry F. Getz, Frank P. Hall, Edwin B. Hays, Con. Horigan, J. William Lee, M. G. McCormick, E. S. Randall, and E. G. Schaefer. The honorary life members are Charles R. Sweet, of Detroit Lodge, No. 24, and Arthur C. Moreland, of New York Lodge, No. 1. The present officers of Washington Lodge are: Exalted ruler, T. D. Harper; East, Leas Kt., John H. Crowley; East, Loy, Kt., Robert C. Mitchell; secretary, Richard A. O'Brien; treasurer, M. Dyrrentor.

FOUR "JOINERS."

Columbia Typographical Union No. 101 will be represented at the International Typographical Union convention at Cincinnati, August 11-16, by four delegates who are well-known "joiners." They are



SENATOR HENRY HEITFELD.

United States Senator Henry Heitfeld of Idaho is one of the Best People in Earth—otherwise speaking, a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is now completing the last year of his first term in the Senate, and his chances of re-election are regarded as excellent. He was born in St. Louis, Mo., January 12, 1859, and received his early education in the schools

of that city. He removed to Seneca, Kan., at the age of eleven years, where he continued to reside till the year 1882, when he emigrated to the State of Washington. He located in Idaho in 1883, where he has been engaged in farming and stock-raising. He was elected State senator in 1894, and re-elected in 1896, and was elected United States Senator in 1897.

Every part of the United States and Canada was represented at the twenty-fourth annual international convention of the Knights of St. John, which occurred at Rochester, N. Y., last week. California, Colorado and New Mexico sent commanderies to enter the competitive drills for the world's championship. Detroit, Erie, Buffalo, Cincinnati, Syracuse and other cities of the East and Middle West were represented by delegations numbering several hundred each. In attendance were the supreme president of the order, Henry J. Fries of Erie; supreme second vice-president, Thomas McFarland of Philadelphia; supreme secretary, M. J. Kane of Buffalo; supreme treasurer, John B. Todsen of Detroit and adjutant general, T. H. Lienesch of Dayton.

NATIONAL UNION.

The closing of the charter of East Capitol Council, No. 1606 (organized March 14, 1902), took place at the regular meeting of the council, Friday evening, June 27, 1902. At that meeting nine new members were initiated by ex-Senator Gilman, president of Federal Council, No. 476, National Union, assisted by members of other councils. A good representation from McKinley's Council, including its president, W. W. Chase, were in attendance. Dr. Louis K. Beatty, one of the medical examiners for the National Union, in the District of Columbia, was also present at the invitation of the president of the council.

After initiation, the charter was presented to the council by Friend James H. Bright, deputy of the Senate, National Union, and president of the cabinet for this jurisdiction.

Speeches were made by ex-Senator H. M. Gilman, deputy of the Senate, N. U.; James E. Bright, Friends A. Girouard, W. W. Chase, C. H. Squier, and H. W. Miller. A recitation was then given by Friend Charles F. Mallard, of the National Council, No. 447. During the evening cigars were passed and enjoyed by everyone, and Friend W. C. Hammond, also of the National Capital Council, entertained the hours with pleasing airs from a gramophone.

President Bright, of the cabinet, has been very much interested in the welfare of this council, since the first steps were taken by Friend A. Girouard, the father of this council, ably assisted by Friend Henry W. Miller, toward forming a new council in East Washington, a locality which had previously been fully canvassed in the interest of four councils in that section.

The progress being made by this council with its membership of seventy, is the source of much gratification to the members as well as to the order at large.

The officers of the council are as follows: President, A. Girouard; vice president, S. D. Slocum; ex-president, J. C. Haley; speaker, S. J. McMathran; secretary, W. A. Dodge; financial secretary, Henry W. Miller; treasurer, A. E. Powell; chaplain, J. W. Jackson; usher, William B. Appold; sergeant-at-arms, William Fern Johnson; doorkeeper, J. B. Altman; delegate to the cabinet, A. Girouard.

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White Eagle Tribe, No. 17, Improved Order Red Men, held its semi-annual election of chiefs for the ensuing six months at its wigwam on Thursday sleep. The chiefs elected were as follows: Sachem, A. H. Wall; Sr. Sag, James F. Williams; Jr. Sag, W. W. Chism; prophet, S. Hobbs. Past Sachem T. R. Beavers has been deputized to raise up the chiefs-elect on the third sleep—buck moon.

THE RED MEN.

The lawn fête being held by this tribe at Seventh and E Streets southeast for the benefit of the sick fund has received a liberal patronage during the week in spite of the cool and threatening weather. Several hundred attended nightly and tripped the light fantastic to music furnished by a section of the National Guard Band, under the direction of Bro. E. M. Tansil, secretary of the American Federation of Musicians. The grounds are covered with all amusements, including shooting gallery, tugger head, cane rack, knife rack, etc. The ever-present paddle stand and fortune teller are there also, and anyone visiting the grounds cannot fail to spend a pleasant evening.

SELTESE TRIBE.

Seltese Tribe, No. 16, Improved Order of Red Men, held a largely attended and enthusiastic meeting Tuesday night at its wigwam, 910 Pennsylvania Avenue. Installation of officers for the ensuing term was the principal feature of the "sleep." The new officers were installed by Past Sachem D. J. Marvin, as follows: J. G. Deponal, prophet; E. J. Ratigan, sachem; G. H. Astlin, senior sagamore, and C. F. Sudwahr, junior sagamore. For the second time in this "moon" the officers saw the wigwam in "ample form." Under the authority of a special dispensation from the great sachem, Representative F. J. Kern of Illinois and several other candidates were given the "adoption," "warriors" and "chiefs" degrees. The next meeting of Seltese Tribe will be held on Tuesday next, when a class of six or eight will be given all their degrees.

KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN.

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A Water Witch.

One of the few water witches still in power in this State is Mrs. Mary Aldrich, who makes her headquarters here. She spends much of her time traveling from town to town throughout the southern part of the State, where she is called upon to locate water and oil wells. The farmers tell of her that she never failed to hit the right spot, and there are wells in every county of her finding.

Mrs. Aldrich does not use the old-time hazel twig, she is a clairvoyant and goes into a trance before entering in search of the water. Often while in this trance she tells the history of the farm upon which she may be working and it is said she sometimes unearths in this way skeletons which the family would fain hide. With her eyes closed and a palor which the people say resembles death, Mrs. Aldrich leaves the house where the utility goes before entering the trance. Sometimes she walks directly to the spot where she says water will be found. Again she wanders about the farmyard distracted by other things, the history of which she tells before getting at the search for water—Chicago Chronicle.