

NEWS OF THE LODGES.

MANY ITEMS OF INTEREST TO MEMBERS OF THE FRATERNITIES.

Activity in the Scottish Rite—Anxiety About Gen. Albert Pike—Masonic Personalities—Golden Cross, Mechanics, and Rechabite Notes.

The following Masonic bodies meet upon the evenings of the ensuing week:

Subordinate Lodges.—Masonic Temple—Dawson No. 16, Monday, 9th; Federal No. 1, Tuesday, 10th; New Jerusalem No. 9, Thursday, 12th; St. John's No. 11, Friday, 13th; Hope No. 20, Friday, 13th.

A. A. S. R. Sanctuary, 1007 G street—Cathedral; Harmony No. 17, Thursday, 12th. Blue Room; Arminius No. 25, Monday, 9th; Aecia No. 18, Tuesday, 10th.

Masonic Hall, Georgetown—George C. Whiting No. 23, Thursday, 12th.

Masonic Hall, Brightwood—Stansbury No. 24, Monday, 9th.

Royal Arch Chapters.—Masonic Temple—Mount Vernon No. 3, Monday, 9th; Washington No. 2, Thursday, 12th; Eureka No. 4, Friday, 13th.

Masonic Hall, Georgetown—Potomac No. 8, Tuesday, 10th.

Commanderie Knights Templar.—Masonic Temple—DeMolay No. 4, Tuesday, 10th; Washington No. 1, Wednesday, 11th.

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.—Sanctuary, 1007 G street—Evangelist Chapter Rose Croix, Tuesday, 10th.

Hope Lodge No. 20 will have the 3d degree Friday evening.

Potomac Chapter No. 8 will have the M. M. degree Tuesday evening.

St. John's Lodge No. 11 will confer the 1st and 2d degrees Friday evening.

Stansbury Lodge No. 24 will probably confer the 3d degree Monday evening.

New Jerusalem Lodge No. 9 will confer the 1st and 2d degrees Thursday evening.

Eureka Chapter No. 4 expects to confer the P. and M. E. Master's degree Friday evening.

The recent illustrated lecture of Dr. Witmer was a great success, quite a sum being realized from the proceeds.

Mount Vernon Chapter No. 3 has several degrees due on Monday evening. The Royal Arch will probably be conferred.

De Molay Commandery No. 4 will have the usual regular business to transact Tuesday evening and the reading of the by-laws.

The Georgetown Masonic Aid Association will hold its annual meeting at the Masonic Hall, on High street, Wednesday, February 11, at 7:30 P. M.

At the meeting of the Council of Kadosh last week David Miller Cridler, 324, was elected Junior Warden, vice Edward M. Willis, 324, resigned.

Three weeks have intervened since the meetings in Harmony Lodge No. 17. At the communication of Thursday evening the 3d degree will be worked.

Bro. Washburne, of Harmony Lodge No. 17, has lately returned from an extended Northern trip on business for the United States Civil Service Commission.

The communications of Anacosta Lodge No. 21 are attracting large numbers of visitors, who are anxious to inspect the new hall of the lodge. Many congratulations are the result of these visits.

The W. M. of St. John's Lodge No. 11, Bro. Alex. McKenzie, is also M. E. G. H. Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the District of Columbia. He is extremely popular in lodge and capitol circles alike.

Columbia Chapter No. 3 had a very pleasant convocation on Wednesday evening last. The Royal Arch degree was worked in the presence of the grand officers and a large attendance of visitors. At its conclusion refreshments were served.

Bro. Harry Standford, Junior Past Master of St. John's Lodge, was immediately promoted to the Junior Steward of the Grand Lodge, and consequently fills two junior positions at one and the same time, which is something remarkable in Masonry.

Bro. Criswell, of Harmony Lodge No. 17, has moved his business to Seventh street and Florida avenue. This fact is a great loss to the members of the lodge, as he always kept them well informed of the current happenings in Masonic circles.

Bro. William A. Short, who lately returned to his home at McKeesport, Pa., telegraphed to Masonic friends in this city last Monday the sad intelligence of the death of his mother. In his bereavement he has the heartfelt sympathy of the brethren of his jurisdiction.

The next meeting of Orient Lodge of Perfection No. 2, A. A. S. R., will be held in the Masonic Hall, on High street, Georgetown, on Thursday, February 19, T. P. Chiffelle, Past Grand Master of the District of Columbia, is now venerable Master of this lodge, his rank in the Rite being that of the 32d degree.

La Fayette Royal Arch Chapter conferred at a special convocation last Tuesday evening the Royal Arch. At the next regular convocation Tuesday evening the Royal Arch degree will be worked, and a special will be held for the Tuesday of the week following for the same degree. Special convocations are held every Tuesday.

The friends of Bennet A. Allen celebrated his return to the city by immediately having him appointed in the official files of the following bodies: Harmony Lodge No. 17, Columbia Chapter No. 1, and Columbia Commandery No. 2. Bennet is a big-hearted specimen of good nature and geniality, and is one of the most popular men in the jurisdiction.

Gen. Albert Pike's condition, although reported from time to time as improving, is still very serious. Nearly all the nourishment he is able to swallow is in a liquid form, and grave fears are entertained as regards his ultimate recovery. His illness is the chief subject of interest among the members of the Rite, who anxiously anticipate good news of his improvement.

At the communication of Pentalpha Lodge No. 29 Monday evening Past Master Hay, on behalf of the lodge, presented to Bro. A. H. Hayman, a Past Master's jewel, the latter accepting it in a special speech, in which he thanks the brethren for the manifestation of their love and kindness, and enjoining them to live up to the principles and teachings of the fraternity. The lodge was crowded by a large attendance, who were hospitably entertained by W. J. Naylor, the W. M., and his officers.

The fair now in progress at Lucas Hall, corner Twenty-second street and Pennsylvania avenue, is being very largely attended by Knights Templar. An elegant gold watch, at present displayed in Gale's window, is being contested for by Sir George Gibson, Past Commander of Columbia Commandery No. 2, and Past Grand Master James A. Watt, H. O. F. The fair is for the benefit of the Calvary M. E. Church, of which Sir Knight F. D. Owen is pastor, and every ticket purchased represents a vote and entitles the holder to admission during the fair.

The convulsion of Columbia Commandery No. 2 Friday evening was very attractive. Distinguished evening Eminent Sir John R. Thompson with characteristic eloquence presented to Junior Past Commander George Gibson a testimonial sword, the latter responding in fitting terms. Past Commander Matthew Trimble delivered an exceedingly interesting address relative to the Templar year of 1884, when Sir John Wilson was the Eminent Commander. On Good Friday evening the commandery will visit New York Avenue Presbyterian Church and listen to a sermon by the Rev. W. A. Bartlett, Eminent Commander Sir John K. Robinson is doing everything in his power to render the convulsion of the commandery interesting and popular alike to members and visitors.

The Scottish Rite has been actively employed during the past week, Monday Albert Pike Consistory conferred the 31st degree on a class of thirteen. The degree was rendered by the following cast of officers: A. H. Holt, 324, Grand Cross of the Court of Honor, presiding; George W. Ballou, 324, and Harrison Dingman, 324, as Wardens; William Oscar Rocco, 324, and Charles

W. Hancock, 324, filling their usual stations; David M. Cridler, 324, Master of Ceremonies; James Lansburgh, 324, Chancellor; Joseph Hamacher, 324; A. D. Porto, 324; F. H. Thomas, 324, and Thomas E. Hatch, 324, in their accustomed places; Robert Ball, 324, Registrar, and William H. Barstow, 324, Treasurer. The convulsion was again well filled on Tuesday, when Mithras Lodge of Perfection was in session, on which occasion the 14th degree was conferred by William Oscar Rocco, 324, the Venerable Master, assisted by F. J. Woodman, 324, Senior Warden; A. B. Coolidge, 324, Junior Warden, and Martin O'Connor, 324, Master of Ceremonies; On Friday Albert Pike Consistory worked the 32d degree on a large class. The coming week Evangelist Chapter of Rose Croix will confer the 18th degree on Tuesday, with William Oscar Rocco, 324, in the East, as Wise Master. This is the highest degree ever which the chapter has jurisdiction, and there will doubtless be a very large attendance. But the principal event of the present month will be the Lodge of Sorrow, which will be held by Mithras Lodge of Perfection on the 19th instant, in memory of the following members, who have ceased their labors on earth since the last Lodge of Sorrow: David Garrick McKittrick, 18th, died Aug. 11, 1888; Robert Perival Harwood, died Dec. 19, 1888; Edward Fitzki, 324, died May 8, 1888; George Milton Barker, 324, Knight Commander of the Court of Honor, died May 10, 1888; Charles Everett Fisher, 14th, died May 11, 1888; William Augustus Harris, 324, died Jan. 16, 1880; George Day B. Conner, 15th, died Sept. 28, 1880, and Alfred Built Mullett, 19th, died Oct. 20, 1880. The oration will be delivered by Rev. A. Floridus Steele, 324, the orator of the lodge, and the music will be as usual, under the able direction of Edwin S. Holmes, 324, the musical director of the Rite. The Lodge of perfection will be opened in the 3d degree, according to the ritual of the Scottish Rite, and will move in procession to the cathedral room, where the solemn and impressive services will be performed. Members of the Rite of any degree will be admitted upon identification by the Sentinel. None otherwise will be admitted except upon the written order of the Venerable Master, the enforcement of this provision being necessary on account of the limited seating capacity of the cathedral.

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Golden Cross Notes.

Columbia Commandery will meet Tuesday evening at Eight and I streets northeast.

The semi-annual visitation of the Grand Commandery to Capital Commandery will be made Friday evening.

Capital and St. John's Commanderies have united in securing the elegant rooms over the National Capital Bank Building.

At Anacosta Commandery Friday evening Deputy Grand Commander Charles F. Watson installed Sir Knight David L. Pritchard as Worthy Prelate.

Grand Commander Ehle has been appointed by St. John's Commandery as a member of the joint committee on the establishment of a Golden Cross library.

Meridian Commandery meets on Friday evening at Golden Cross Hall. Eight candidates will receive the degrees, and the new feature of the Golden Cross choir will be introduced.

The semi-annual visitation of the Grand Commandery to Goodwill Commandery will be made to-morrow evening, at Scottish Rite Hall, No. 1007 G street. The 2d and 3d degrees will be conferred.

Mount Vernon Commandery meets Wednesday evening at Good Templars' Hall. The Grand Commandery will make its semi-annual visitation. Goodwill Commandery will be present.

National Commandery at its meeting on last Monday evening conferred the degrees on Dr. J. F. Pierce. The commandery will hold a public meeting March 2, and appointed the committee to make arrangements: R. H. Yates, Samuel Howison, Mrs. Lillie A. Edelin, Mrs. Susan J. Kesler, Mrs. Julia F. Webster, Mrs. Arabella M. Carter, and Mrs. Julia V. Dr. J. F. Price was elected a medical examiner.

The Golden Cross ladies have secured an unusual number of officers for the present term. Goodwill has 2; St. John's, 4; Meridian, 1; Haleyton, 3; Capital, 3; National, 3; Columbia, 4; Anacosta, 1; M. E. Rite, 2. Mrs. Mary L. Linton, of St. John's, is the second lady elected to the office of Noble Commander in this jurisdiction, the first being Mrs. Sophia E. Woodward, of Meridian Commandery.

St. John's Commandery Thursday evening completed the election of officers and they were installed by Deputy Grand Commander S. A. H. McKim, as follows: Noble Commander, Mrs. Mary L. Hawkins; Vice Noble Commander, Mrs. Sarah M. Howe; Keeper of Records, Mrs. M. Ida Graham; Financial Keeper of Records, Bela A. Beebe; Worthy Herald, E. R. Barbour; Warden Inner Gate, S. H. Decker; Warden Outer Gate, J. N. Ehle; Past Noble Commander, W. E. Graham. Grand Commander Ehle installed Dr. S. A. H. McKim as Worthy Prelate.

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Independent Order Mechanics.

Bros. Watson, Wilson, and Scott were appointed to devise some means to invest the surplus funds of this lodge to the best advantage.

It is the general feeling of members of the order that too much credit cannot be given THE SUNDAY HERALD for the space it devotes to this order.

In the issue of THE SUNDAY HERALD of February 1 the Grand Lodge committee on appeals and grievances was inadvertently omitted. It consists of Past Grand Architect H. H. Watson, P. S. Nickirk, and P. J. Cooksey.

At the meeting of Capital Lodge No. 11 Wednesday Past Master E. H. Bradford, who had been ill for two weeks, was present. Bro. H. Truxell was reported as improving. Grand Architect R. B. Wilson and Vice Grand Architect G. W. Berry were in attendance.

Columbia Lodge No. 1, the mother lodge of this jurisdiction, was largely attended Tuesday night last. The 3d or Master's degree was conferred, and quite a number of applications were received. Past Grand Architect Joseph A. Acton, who has been ill, is out. Grand Architect R. B. Wilson and Grand Secretary Edw. Rawser were in attendance.

The Grand Architect has commenced his personal visitations, having thus far visited Anchor No. 9, Columbia No. 1, Capital No. 11, and Friendship No. 7, and found them to be in a flourishing condition. He is much pleased with the improvement of the rendition of the degree work, and asks that the old system of visitation among lodges be continued.

At the meeting of Anchor Lodge No. 9 Monday Messrs. Russ, Kirchner, and Hoff were elected members. Mr. Lippard was given the 1st degree and Bro. Butler the 2d. Entertaining remarks were made by Past Masters A. T. Evans, Thomas E. Clark, S. T. Truesdell, and A. J. Stevens. Grand Architect Wilson gave the lodge some wholesome instruction.

Friendship Lodge No. 7 held a very interesting session Wednesday night, with Worthy Master W. T. Gayle in the chair. The Apprentice degree was conferred upon E. W. William Scribner. Mr. John H. Gibson made application for membership. Friendship Lodge contemplates visiting soon a sister lodge of Baltimore. Friendship Lodge will give an entertainment at Carroll Hall March 5.

At the session of Lafayette Lodge No. 13 February 5 F. Monroe took the 2d degree and was elected to receive the 3d. R. B. Chase received the 3d degree. Lafayette was favored with a representation from every lodge in this jurisdiction except Goodwill No. 14. Among the visitors were Vice Grand Architect G. W. Berry, Past Grand Architect J. W. Carter, and Worthy Master I. Troth, of Columbia No. 1.

Haleyton Commandery Friday evening last conferred the 1st degree on D. L. Thomas and Christopher Columbus. The commandery was agreeably surprised by a visit from members of Goodwill, Mount Vernon, and Meridian Commanderies. Lady Nellie Landon, of Meridian, presided at the piano, and Sir Knights W. G. Perry, S. I. Groot, J. W. Cheney, A. M. Proctor, and W. H. Pope, of Goodwill, and Sir Knight M. L. Venable made short speeches. The visitors were cordially welcomed in appropriate remarks by Noble Commander G. E. Toesper.

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Redemption Tent No. 144 has two candidates for initiation at the next meeting.

Western Tent No. 165 is to be located in Georgetown before the end of this month.

The Friendship Juniors have initiations every Saturday evening, under the supervision of High Chief Ruler A. M. Dewey.

Purity Tent No. 4 (Woman's Branch) was represented at the recent session of the Grand Tent by Sisters Lida Murray, Clara Price, Josephine Mills, and S. E. Ellis.

Friendship Tent No. 73 has furnished another missionary agent, Bro. Frank I. Stewart having been commissioned a Deputy High Chief Ruler for a portion of the State of New York.

High Secretary-Treasurer L. H. Patterson reports that during the past two weeks he has sent supplies for tents to New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Indiana, Illinois, Maryland, and North Carolina.

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In last Sunday's issue of THE HERALD there appeared a reference to Eagle Tent No. 2, which recently held the forty-second anniversary of its organization, as the "late" Eagle Tent. This got into the paper inadvertently, and does a manifest injustice to Eagle Tent, which is one of the oldest in the District and is in a flourishing condition. The tent has adopted and transmitted to this office a set of resolutions properly characterizing the designation of it as the "late" Eagle Tent, and showing that it is in a very lively condition indeed.

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Independent Order of Rechabites.

(F. E. DeYoe, H. C. R.)

Heber Tent No. 19 added three to its membership Monday evening.

Union Tent No. 57 initiated W. L. Rodgers, J. V. R. Towers, and W. T. Henings Wednesday evening, and good-of-the-order remarks were made by Messrs. W. R. Hunt, N. Bunch, Edmund Burke, Grand Deputy Ruler J. C. Eiler, and others.

Camrack Tent No. 56 is taking steps to get an initiatory outfit that will be a credit to the order.

George C. Thompson Tent No. 3 initiated one member Thursday night and conferred the 1st degree on two.

Heber Tent No. 19 and Union Tent No. 57 each hold a hop next Tuesday evening.

The Rechabites of the District will turn out in a body to visit the Rechabite fair in Alexandria next Friday evening.

A temperance rally will be held in Northeast Washington this evening. Members will meet in Columbia Tent room and turn out in regalia.

James Christopher Lee, who has been elected to the highest office in the District for the third time, is nearly fifty-one years of age. He has been a Rechabite for sixteen years, and has commanded the respect of the order's membership at all times. His many friends are highly elated over his reelection.

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