

NEWS OF THE LODGES.

MANY ITEMS OF INTEREST TO MEMBERS OF THE FRATERNITIES.

Some Notable Events in Masonic Circles—Activity Among the Order of Mechanics and the Rechabites.

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

Subordinate Lodges.—Masonic Temple—Dawson No. 16, Monday, 23d; Federal No. 1, Tuesday, 24th; New Jerusalem No. 9, Thursday, 26th; St. John's No. 11, Friday, 27th; Hope No. 20, Friday, 27th.

A. A. S. R. Sanctuary, 1007 G street—Cathedral: Harmony No. 17, Thursday, 26th. Blue Room: Arminius No. 35, Monday, 23d; Acacia No. 18, Tuesday, 24th.

Masonic Hall, Georgetown—George C. Whitling No. 22, Thursday, 26th.

Masonic Hall, Brightwood—Stansbury No. 24, Monday, 23d.

Royal Arch Chapters.—Masonic Temple—Mount Vernon No. 3, Monday, 23d; Washington No. 2, Thursday, 26th; Eureka No. 4, Friday, 27th.

Masonic Hall, Georgetown—Potomac No. 8, Tuesday, 24th.

Royal and Select Masters, Sanctuary, 1007 G street.—Washington Council No. 1, Saturday, 28th.

Commanderies Knights Templar.—Masonic Temple—DeMolay No. 4, Tuesday, 24th; Washington No. 1, Wednesday, 25th.

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.—Sanctuary—Robert de Bruce Council of Kadosh, Tuesday, 24th.

Hope Lodge No. 20 will confer the 1st degree Friday evening.

Eureka Chapter No. 4 will confer the Mark degree Friday evening.

St. John's Lodge No. 11 will confer the 3d degree Friday evening.

Potomac Chapter No. 8 will confer the Mark degree Tuesday evening.

Washington Chapter No. 2 will confer the Mark degree Thursday evening.

Stansbury Lodge No. 24 will confer either the 1st or 3d degree Monday evening.

Lafayette Chapter No. 5 will confer the Past and Most Excellent degree Tuesday evening.

Robert de Bruce Council of Kadosh will transact important business Tuesday evening.

Washington Commandery No. 1 will probably confer the Red Cross degree Wednesday evening.

The degrees of Royal and Select Master will be conferred in Washington Council Saturday evening.

New Jerusalem Lodge No. 9 will confer the 3d degree Thursday evening. J. B. Henderson, the W. M., extends a cordial invitation to all Master Masons to be present.

Harmony Lodge No. 17 has several degrees due for Thursday evening. The first and second were worked last Monday evening, instead of Friday, as before reported.

The next class of candidates for Almas Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, will be one of the largest on record. The new officers, assisted by the veteran George H. Walker, are working with might and main for the success of the temple.

Mount Vernon Chapter No. 3 will confer the Mark Master degree Monday (to-morrow) evening. On account of the large number due for the same, this communication was not dispensed with, otherwise, the date falling upon the celebration of a national holiday, it would have been called off. The usual special was dispensed with Monday evening last.

Columbia Commandery held an enthusiastic convocation Friday evening, a large number of Sir Knights attending. Several life-membership certificates were presented by the Eminent Commander, John K. Robinson, to those entitled to them. A meeting of the Drill Corps will be held at 489 Pennsylvania avenue Wednesday, the 25th. The Savings Association will meet Saturday evening, the 28th, in the asylum.

Brother W. A. Yates, of Harmony Lodge No. 17, is now at the Providence Hospital, under the care of Surgeon General Hamilton, who is administering to him the Koch system of inoculation for his bronchial trouble. It is yet too early to speak of the result of the treatment, but thus far he is progressing in a manner satisfactory alike to himself and his physician. Many brethren of the fraternity have called on him in his pleasant quarters at the hospital, and many others have sent messages of encouragement and esteem.

With solemnity mingled with a deep and touching pathos the dignified and highly interesting services of a Lodge of Sorrow were conducted by Mithras Lodge of Perfection, A. A. S. R., Thursday evening in the cathedral of the Rite. In the centre of the spacious room, resting on a catafalque under the bending branches of palms and amid the snow-white blossoms of Easter lilies, laid the black-draped casket, with the sword of the Scottish Rite and a pure lambkin apron resting thereon, while at the south, east, and west dimly burned a single taper. Around the catafalque the chairs were arranged in a triangle, seating the twenty-seven brethren who were selected to assist in conducting the ceremonies. On the east and west of the catafalque the chairs were arranged opposite each other, and together with the galleries were early filled by the members of the Rite and invited guests. Shortly after 8 o'clock the detail from the lodge entered the cathedral and took their seats around the casket. They were followed by William Oscar Roome, 33d, Venerable Master; A. H. Holt, 32d, K. C. C. H., as Senior Warden; and Harrison Dingman, 32d, as Junior Warden, who assumed their respective stations in the east, west, and south, the audience, which during their entrance had remained standing, being seated by a signal from the Venerable Master, and as the gravel fell the solemn stillness was broken by the deep tones of the basses chanting the "De Profundis." Then followed reading from the ritual by the Venerable Master and Senior and Junior Wardens, interspersed with parts of the "Miserere" chanted by the choir, during which the lights in the south, west, and east were separately extinguished, the hymn "Gently Lord, O, Gently Lead Us" being rendered very beautifully by the choir, while the hymn, "I would not live away," was exquisitely sung by Bros. Buchanan, Bird, Whipple, and Hancock. The funeral honors were then given, the detail, in the uniform of the 32d degree, marching three times with cadenced step in the form of a triangle around the casket, then facing in and folding their arms across their breasts, raised their hands to heaven, slowly let them drop until they were extended at right angles from the body, and then rapidly dropped them to their sides, repeating three times the word "Farewell." At the conclusion of the honors Miss Xarifa Hancock sang Bassini's "Tantum Ergo," when the lights in the south, east, and west were relighted, the choir rendering the "Te Deum Laudamus." The oration by Rev. Bro. A. Floridus Steele, 32d degree, with the benediction, concluded the services. The lodge repaired to the room below and was closed as the audience was being dismissed. The arrangement and draping of the room was very effective, the floral decorations being by Small, and the draping by Mr. William Sylvester. R. W. Barker had charge of the undertaking arrangements. The families of the deceased brethren

were present and witnessed the ceremonies. The Lodge of Sorrow was held in memory of the following brethren: David Garrick McRitchie, 18th degree, died August 11, 1888; Robert Percival Barbour, 14th, died December 19th, 1888; Edward Fitzki, 33d, died May 8, 1889; George Milton Barker, 32d, K. C. C. H., died May 10, 1889; Charles Everett Fisher, 14th, died May 11th, 1889; William Augustus Harris, 33d, died January 16th, 1890; George David Kenner, 15th, died September 28th, 1890; Alfred Belt Mullett, 18th, died October 30th, 1890. The choir who rendered the musical programme was the regular choir of the Rite: E. S. Holmes, 32d degree, musical director; W. E. Middleton, 32d, organist; Robert Ball, 32d; F. H. Barbarin, 14th; F. W. Bird, 14th; J. M. Buchanan, 32d; C. W. Hancock, 32d; G. H. Lillebridge, 32d; H. C. Pearson, 14th; S. H. Sawtelle, 32d; G. L. Sheriff, 14th; John Waldman, 32d; E. J. Whipple, 32d; G. A. Whitaker, 15th, and Charles Xander, 32d. The officers of the lodge are as follows: William Oscar Roome, 33d degree; Venerable Master: T. J. Woodman, 32d, Senior Warden; A. B. Coolidge, 32d, Junior Warden; A. F. Steele, 32d, Orator; W. H. Douglas, 32d, Almoner; A. H. Holt, 32d, K. C. C. H., Secretary; W. J. Lown, 32d, Treasurer; Martin O'Connor, 32d, Master of Ceremonies; S. E. Tomlinson, 18th, Junior Master of Ceremonies; G. H. Walker, 32d, Expert; H. W. Smith, 32d, Assistant Expert; J. A. Foss, 32d, Captain of the Guard; W. J. Hay, 32d, Tiler.

Independent Order Mechanics.

Lafayette Lodge No. 13 held a pleasant session February 19. Louis Dorr is laid up by an accident. Mr. W. H. Ferguson received the Apprentice degree. Conductor Burroughs, of Friendship Lodge No. 7, was present.

The session of Friendship Lodge No. 7, February 18, was largely attended. Mr. J. H. Gibson had the 1st, 2d, and 3d degrees conferred upon him. William Scrivener received the 2d degree. This lodge will pay a fraternal visit to Baltimore City Lodge No. 2 on February 23, leaving the B. and O. depot at 6:15 P. M. Past Supreme Ruler J. M. Richards is still confined to his home. Grand Architect R. B. Wilson and Past Master J. R. Fagan, of Lafayette Lodge No. 13, were present.

Goodwill Lodge No. 14 held an enthusiastic meeting Tuesday. H. C. Simonds received the 2d degree, and was elected to receive the 3d. Past Master Schoenthal is still ill. Deputy Grand Architect Butler, of Goodwill Lodge No. 13, of Charlottesville, Va., also worthy Master Gillingham, Junior Master Engle, Past Master Ernest, Bros. G. E. and J. Thomas, and Potbury, of Anchor Lodge No. 9; Past Masters J. R. Fagan and W. L. Klinehouse, of Lafayette Lodge No. 13, and Worthy Master Troth, of Columbia No. 1, were present and loud in their praise of the manner in which this (the baby) lodge mastered the degree work.

Columbia Lodge No. 1 held an unusually large and interesting session February 17. The Apprentice degree was conferred upon Mr. W. C. Herfurth and John A. Clark. Bros. L. Bohs and W. C. Herfurth were duly elected to the 2d degree, which will be conferred upon them February 24. The following brothers are reported sick: Goddard, W. Chamberland, W. P. Knight, who for two weeks has been at Garfield Hospital; C. P. Graves, who has had his right leg amputated, and J. N. King. Columbia Lodge No. 1 is the mother lodge of this jurisdiction and much is expected of her. Degree work has been going on for some time past and will continue.

Golden Cross Notes.

Goodwill Commandery meets to-morrow evening at Scottish Rite Hall, No. 1007 G street northwest. The 2d and 3d degrees will be conferred.

Columbia Commandery meets on Tuesday evening at Medford's Hall, corner of Eighth and I streets. The degrees will be conferred on five candidates.

Capital Commandery will meet on Friday evening at Washington Hall, corner of Third street east and Pennsylvania avenue southeast, and confer the degrees on two candidates.

Meridian Commandery will meet on Friday evening at Golden Cross Hall, corner of Fifth and I streets northwest, and confer the degrees on six candidates. The Golden Cross Choir will assist in the initiatory services.

Anacostia Commandery at its meeting on Wednesday evening received two applications for membership. There was a large number present, including J. H. A. Fowler and William A. Crouse, of Mount Vernon Commandery. After closing refreshments were furnished and served by the ladies of the commandery.

Mount Vernon Commandery will meet on Wednesday evening, at 6:30 o'clock, at Good Templars' Hall, corner Four-and-a-half street and Pennsylvania avenue, and confer the 1st degree on five candidates. At 7:30 a musical and literary entertainment will be given by the Pastime Musical Club for the benefit of the commandery fund.

National Commandery at its last meeting received applications from Nathan R. Edden, James F. Seagre, and W. E. Oliver. The resignation of J. F. Lucas was accepted, and W. H. Byers was elected and installed into that office by Deputy Grand Commander R. H. Yates. Mrs. Martha J. Howison was added to the committee on the open meeting and entertainment to take place March 2. Dr. Charles Allen, L. R. Trembley, and R. H. Yates were appointed a committee to secure a hall for the meetings of the commandery. This commandery now numbers seventy-eight, with eight applications pending.

Independent Order of Rechabites.

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

Heber Tent No. 19 initiated two members Monday evening.

George C. Thompson Tent No. 3 conferred the 3d degree on four members Thursday night.

Anacostia Tent No. 138 Tuesday evening gave a free entertainment and supper to three hundred persons.

Union Tent No. 87 initiated three members Wednesday evening and conferred the 1st and 2d degrees on four others.

Grand Deputy Ruler Eller organized a primary tent in Northeast Washington last night. High Chief Ruler DeYoe was present.

The High Secretary, Brother Mahoney, reports the receipts for six months to be \$338.54. This is more than was reported for the entire year of 1889-90.

Naomi Tent No. 3, Ladies, initiated two ladies Wednesday evening, and received seven applications as a result of Anacostia Tent's open meeting.

Potomac Tent's fair closed Thursday night. It netted them \$400. The Washington table, presided over by Mrs. Mahoney, and Mrs. and Miss Mobley, netted \$60.

High Secretary Mahoney left yesterday morning to organize a primary tent near Petersburg. He will hold a preliminary meeting to organize another in Richmond before he returns.

The initiation outfit of Cammack Tent No. 56 will cost forty dollars. The tent has ordered the purchase of the same at once. Cammack Tent Junior initiated five last evening and received a visit from Capitol Junior. They will parade in full uniform to-morrow.

Capital Tent No. 19, Cammack No. 42, and Union No. 57 (Junior) have added sixty to their membership since January 1. With the addition of George C. Thompson Tent, Jr., which

will be organized Thursday night and Heber Tent, Jr., the work in this branch will boom.

Independent Order of Rechabites.

(A. M. Dewey, H. C. R.)

The Eagle Juniors, are zealous in their drilling duties and are becoming quite proficient. Eagle Tent No. 2, under the supervision of Chief Ruler John Hancock, is enthusiastically at work in temperance reform.

Redemption Tent No. 144 has under consideration a proposition for a change of location to a portion of the city where it can be more useful.

High Secretary-Treasurer L. H. Patterson has during the week sent supplies for tents to North Carolina, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Indiana, and Missouri.

Purity Tent No. 4, (Woman's Branch), Navy Yard, is energetically pushing temperance work. Two young ladies were initiated Monday evening and there are three candidates for to-morrow night. Arrangements are being made for an entertainment.

Friendship Tent No. 73, Red Men's Hall, has initiations at every meeting. After initiation at the last meeting there was a general interchange of views on the action of the District Commissioners in deviating from the rule restricting the number of licenses.

The Rechabite Advocate was issued during the week in eight page form, and contains, besides interesting and aggressive editorial matter and news of the progress of the order, the portraits and biographical sketches of Past High Representatives Julian W. Wright and Richard H. Cooke, of this city.

Progressive Benefit Order.

Potomac Lodge No. 373, of the Progressive Benefit Order, has been organized at Melford Hall, corner Eighth and I streets northeast. Deputy President, H. W. B. Reid, of Baltimore, Md., and S. L. Kohn, organizer for this District, installed the following officers last Saturday evening: Past President, Edward G. Anderson, A. G. O., War Department; President, D. D. Thompson, room 8, Atlantic Building; Vice President, Charles E. Roberts, Post Office Department; Secretary, Thomas A. Clark, B. and P. Division; War Department; Treasurer, P. M. Hough, Paying Teller Columbia Bank; Marshal, Robert E. Carr; Assistant Marshal, Mrs. Mary E. Clark; Chaplain, Mrs. Mary E. Thompson; Guard, Edward H. Webb; Sentinel, William W. Edwards; Trustees, D. D. Thompson, Charles E. Roberts, and Edward W. Webb. The Progressive Benefit Order pays \$100 in one year at a probable cost of \$45 or \$10 per week sick benefit. For particulars inquire of the above officers, or S. L. Kohn, 937 F street northwest, organizer of this District.

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