

## NEWS OF THE LODGES.

## WHAT IS GOING ON AMONG THE SECRET FRATERNITIES.

A Batch of Interesting Masonic News, Gossip, and Personal—Matters of Moment for Recubites and Members of the Order of the Golden Cross.

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. 30, Friday, 13th.

A. A. S. R. Sanctuary, 1007 G street—Cathedral: Harmony No. 17, Thursday, 12th. Blue Room: Armistice No. 25, Monday, 9th; Anacostia No. 13, 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.

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

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

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

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

Potomac Chapter will confer the Past and Most Excellent Tuesday evening.

Washington Chapter No. 2 will confer the Past and Most Excellent Thursday evening.

Washington Commandery No. 1 will confer the Order of the Temple Wednesday evening.

Harmony Lodge No. 17 has several degrees due Thursday. The 1st will probably be worked.

La Fayette Chapter No. 5 will confer the Past and Most Excellent degrees Tuesday evening.

Mount Vernon Chapter No. 3 Monday evening has several degrees due. The Past and Most Excellent will probably be worked on a very large class.

**Ostris Lodge No. 26** is holding special communications weekly in the cathedral. When the work of the Rite interferes with such meetings they are held in the Blue Lodge room.

St. John's Lodge No. 11 will hold a special communication Friday evening, at 6 o'clock, for the 2d degree, and immediately at the conclusion will convene in stated communication and confer the 3d degree, thus holding two communications on one evening.

Carl Hendrick Rudolph, Von Myers, a Mason from the jurisdiction of New York, is almost a nightly visitor in some of the various Masonic bodies. He is a Templar, a member of Bechtel Consistory, of New York City, and also wears the scimitar and tiger-claws of the Shrine. By profession he is a scenic artist of repute, and is now engaged on special work by one of the local theatres.

The blank space in the cathedral calendar devoted to the 30th day of March has been filled with the information that Almas Temple will meet upon that date, and after this announcement appears that one expressive word, "Work." If this entire column was devoted to calling attention to the meeting and explanations of what trouble the nervous initiates might expect upon that evening it would not cover the ground more fully or awaken more interest in the anticipative Shriner than that one pertinent monosyllable, which stands out so prominently in all its mysterious meaning, that simple but suggestive little word, "Work."

On Tuesday afternoon four Masonic bodies of this jurisdiction attended the funeral of T. B. Cross, Jr., who was formerly well known among the local Masonic circles as Past Master of Naval Lodge No. 4, and lately a member by affiliation of La Fayette Lodge No. 19. When the inclement weather of the afternoon was taken into consideration the attendance was almost unprecedented and evidenced the affection and esteem in which the deceased was held by his brethren. Mithras Lodge of Perfection, A. A. S. R., De Molay Commandery No. 2, and Naval Lodge No. 4, acted as an escort to La Fayette Lodge No. 19, from the residence of the late brother to Congressional Cemetery, where the Blue Lodge services were held at the grave, the Worshipful Master, James F. Scaggs, conducting the ceremony.

Hiram Lodge No. 10 have met with an almost irreparable loss in the death of Bro. W. H. Stuard, who for many years filled with great credit to himself and his lodge the important position of Secretary. He was thoroughly conscientious in the performance of his duties, and to his efforts the success of the lodge may be largely attributed, while his personal popularity among Masons generally caused the most sincere sorrow throughout the jurisdiction when the announcement of his sudden death was made. Bro. Stuard, of the city known to old residents as the "First Ward," and among his neighbors was highly esteemed and respected for his many good qualities of heart and mind. He was an old employee of the War Department, having held a clerkship therein for many years. He leaves a widow and several children, his son, William L. Stuard, being the present Senior Warden of Hiram Lodge.

At the conclusion of the services at Congressional Cemetery in connection with the funeral of Bro. Cross La Fayette Lodge No. 19 immediately proceeded to the grave of W. H. Faulkner and performed the last and rites of Masonry over his remains. Bro. Faulkner, who was formerly connected with the Army, died recently at Waterville, Washington, his body being brought to this city for interment. The church services were held at the residence of his sister, 724 F street northeast, La Fayette Lodge No. 19 being represented by a committee of eight members in charge of H. H. Martin, Past Master. The funeral cortege arrived at the cemetery just as the services at the grave of Bro. Cross were concluded and the lodge immediately took charge of the remains and again performed the burial rites. It was a very sad and unusual scene—two Masonic burials by the same lodge, one immediately following the other, both of the deceased brethren having many warm friends throughout the jurisdiction and both being well and popularly known in other circles as well.

A third of a century (thirty-three years) in the service of the craft, during which high official stations have rewarded his earnest, faithful services for the good of the order, will shortly mark the Masonic age of Bro. Robert Ball, whom every Mason in the jurisdiction, young and old alike, admires and respects for his many good traits of character and kindly and benevolent disposition. On March 22, 1858, he received the Master Mason's degree in Dawson Lodge No. 16, of this city, residing at that time in Alexandria County, Va., which in those days was part of the District of Columbia. In 1889 he served the lodge as Worshipful Master, and during the same year filled the important and honorable office of Grand High Priest of the District of Columbia. He is also a Past Eminent Commander of Columbia



Catching Cold in the Head.



Only Catarrh.

Commandery No. 2 and Past High Priest of Washington Chapter No. 2. At present he is the Commandant of the Columbia Commandery Drill Corps and Registrar of Albert Pike Consistory, with the rank of the 33d degree. The communication of Dawson Lodge, which falls upon the 23d instant, one day after the thirty-third Masonic birthday of Past Master Ball, will undoubtedly be largely attended by his large circle of Masonic friends to congratulate him upon his honorable and creditable Masonic career.

## Golden Cross Notes.

The tenth annual session of the Grand Commandery will be held early in April.

Goodwill Commandery meets to-morrow evening at Scottish Rite Hall, No. 1007 G street northwest, and will confer the 3d degree on several candidates.

Meridian Commandery meets on Friday evening at Golden Cross Hall, corner Fifth and G streets northwest, and will confer the degrees on ten candidates.

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

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

Mount Vernon Commandery meets on Wednesday evening at Good Templars' Hall, corner of Four-and-a-half street and Pennsylvania avenue, and will confer the degrees on five candidates.

At the last regular meeting of Capital Commandery the 3d degree was conferred on H. C. Salles, and the 1st, 2d, and 3d degrees on Miss Eva O'Neill. Applications for membership were received from Frank E. Newton and Miss M. Louise Bredin.

National Commandery at its last meeting received applications for membership from Philip Wistar, John W. Bishop, James W. Lynn, Mrs. Margaret M. Wistar, and Mrs. Ellen E. Bishop and conferred the 1st degree on W. S. Stewart, Walter Price, William M. Mattingly, and Claude D. Kesler.

During the months of January and February the commanderies initiated twenty-two, distributed as follows: Goodwill, 3; Halcyon, 2; Meridian, 4; Capital, 2; National, 4; Columbia, 6; and Mount Vernon, 1. Applications for membership are pending in St. John's, 1; Meridian, 10; Halcyon, 3; Capital, 3; National, 8; Columbia, 8; Mount Vernon, 5; and Anacostia, 2. Total, 39. The total membership in the order in the District of Columbia on March 1 was 859.

The musical and literary entertainment given by National Commandery on Monday evening last was a complete success. Noble Commander Dr. Charles Allen presided, and the following programme was excellently rendered: Piano solo, Miss Emma Behrends; remarks on the benefits of the Golden Cross, Dr. Charles Allen; harmonica and whistling duet, with piano accompaniment, Messrs. Jacobson and Tabler; recitations, Mrs. Dr. H. E. Leach; piano solo, Miss Dell Kesler; vocal duet, Misses Fitzhugh; recitation, Mr. Jacobson; solo, Mr. Benjamin Taylor; piano accompaniment, Miss Mamie Culley; piano duet, Miss Nannie Lewis and Miss Emma Behrends; refreshments, furnished by the ladies of the commandery. Visitors were present from nearly all the commanderies.

## Independent Order Mechanics.

La Fayette Lodge No. 13 held an interesting session March 5. Bro. Louis Dorr has fully recovered. The lodge decided to attend Goodwill lodge next Tuesday night. The lodge will meet promptly at 7:30 next Thursday to enable the members to attend the entertainment given by Mr. L. B. Taylor at the Fifth Baptist Church. Among the visitors were Past Master Olive of Columbia No. 1, and Past Past Master C. F. Whitlock of La Fayette Lodge No. 7, of Baltimore. Past Master W. L. Alsop and Bro. J. L. Alsop were also present.

At Goodwill Lodge No. 14 Tuesday night Bro. Dingelman received the 2d degree. Mr. Ernest Heilmuller was elected to receive the Apprentice degree. Past Master P. J. Cooney, of La Fayette Lodge No. 13, addressed the lodge. Bros. Fuse and Tibbs entertained the lodge with guitar and banjo. The members of No. 14 are much pleased at the encouragement they are receiving from sister lodges.

## Independent Order of Rechabites.

(F. R. DeYoe, H. C. R.) Columbia Tent No. 1 initiated Arthur Shedd Monday evening.

Anacostia Tent No. 138 initiated two members Tuesday night, which runs their total membership up to 110.

Naomi Tent No. 3 (Ladies) will hold a Rechabite mass-meeting in Anacostia this afternoon, 3 P. M., at the Baptist Church.

Mr. Milo Quackenbush, Senior Commander of the Junior Rechabite Legion, drilled Unit Tent No. 15 (Junior) in military tactics Wednesday evening.

Camack Tent No. 42 is enjoying a substantial boom, having initiated twenty-nine members within the past two weeks. They have a membership of 103.

Covenant Tent (Ladies) was organized Thursday evening, corner Four-and-a-half street and Pennsylvania avenue. The following officers were elected: P. C. R., Miss Minnie Hutchins; E., Mrs. Ada Coulter; C. R., Mrs. Marion K. Mahoney; D. R., Mrs. Emma He-

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