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FIGHT MARKED CITY BIRTH OF K. OF P. LODGE

First Two Argued Many
Years Over Which Is
Oldest; Strife Recalled.

Before the Knights of Pythias were fifteen minutes old in Indianapolis they had started a fight.

The story of the argument is part of Pythian history here. Older members pride themselves on having known many charter members.

The national organization was founded in Washington, Feb. 19, 1854, and the Marion Lodge No. 1 and Olive Branch Lodge No. 2 were founded in Indianapolis, July 12, 1869.

Both lodges gathered twenty-one men together and held separate sessions. They raced to see which group would be instituted first. There is a certain point in the ritual which will fix definitely the exact time of a lodge's institution, and Marion Lodge claimed to have reached this point fifteen minutes before Olive Branch, and called itself "No. 1."

Fight Is Revived

But Olive Branch made a counter claim that it was instituted thirty minutes before Marion Lodge.

The fight for the honor grew and diminished and then flared up again. Many times some old member revived the war. The exact facts of the case never were known, and the incident has ceased to be a "problem" and is now "just a good story that all Pythians know."

The same year, three lodges were started in Ft. Wayne. Later, more were founded in Indianapolis and one in Richmond.

From the original membership of twenty-one, the order has grown to have more than 58,000 Indiana members in 432 lodges. Subordinate lodges assets are fixed at \$3,054,647. Grand Lodge property is valued at \$1,161,995.30, and the newly opened Pythian home at Lafayette is valued at \$330,503.93.

Democratic Principles

The national order has grown steadily since 1864. "The Knights of Pythias is a social fraternity. Its principles are based on the story of Damon and Pythias," says Harry M. Love, supreme keeper of records and seals.

All of its influences are for morality, education and obedience to law. We discourage exclusiveness; we eliminate caste; we admit men on the broad platform of good morals and right living; the son of toil stands the peer of fortune's favored, learning the lesson that manhood is supreme."

The order is comprehended in fifty-six grand lodges with about 6,500 subordinate lodges. The principal strength is in the United States, where there are forty-nine grand lodges and 6,300 subordinate lodges. Other lodges are in Canada, Alaska, Canal Zone, Hawaii and the Philippines. Total assets are \$35,000,000.

Pythian Sisterhood Grows

The Knights of Pythias is said to be the first order to exclude saloon keepers from the membership, and the first to rule that its ritual could be printed only in the English language.

The two departments and two auxiliaries to the order are the insurance department, military department, Pythian Sisters and Knights of Khorasan.

The insurance department is under direct control of the supreme lodge, and only members are eligible. More than \$60,000,000 has been paid in claims since its organization, and it has more than \$122,000,000 insurance in force.

The military department is commonly known as the uniform rank and has a membership of more than 15,000. It is under the command of the supreme assembly and has a major-general commanding.

Bright Future Seen

Pythian Sisters number more than 200,000. Dramatic Order Knights of Khorasan is the play ground of the order, and its members frequently are referred to as "sunshine boys." It is governed by the Imperial Palace.

Pythian homes are open in nineteen grand domains, and most of the other domains are building or planning homes. The homes are valued at about \$4,000,000 and house more than 1,500 Pythian widows and orphans.

In addition to other benevolences, the order spends about \$2,000,000 a year for relief. The D. O. K. K. has a \$60,000 educational fund which is being added to each year.

"With a background such as the Knights of Pythias has enables us to work during 1928 in Indiana," says Carl R. Mitchell, grand keeper of records and seals in Indiana.

Invite Mason Official to Speak

VALPARAISO, Ind., Jan. 28.—Mark L. Dickover, grand eminent high priest of Indiana Royal Arch Masons, has been invited to attend the eighteenth annual convention of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association Feb. 21 to 23. The meeting will be held at the Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, Alexandria, Va.

Lodge News

The Indianapolis Times, with the assistance of secretaries and heads of Indianapolis lodges, publishes a page of lodge and fraternal news each Saturday.

The page is devoted exclusively to items of interest to lodge members.

Secretaries are asked to send advance notices of meetings and important business matters to the Fraternal Editor, Indianapolis Times.

All material should reach The Times office not later than Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Lodge Member, this page is for your benefit. Let your brothers know what your lodge is doing.

Knights of Pythias Officers Start New Program



PRAISE IS WON BY ELKS' TEAM

Work Is Given 8 Candidates
at Hartford City.

By Times Special

HARTFORD CITY, Ind., Jan. 28.—A special degree team of Elks Lodge of this city initiated eight candidates this week. Excellence of the work brought the suggestion that that the team compete in the ledge degree work contest.

The team was composed of William Gardner, exalted ruler; W. A. Burns, esteemed leading knight; Von Brainer, esteemed loyal knight; Robert Seerest, esteemed lecturing knight; Paul Bray, esquire; Clarence Euphrat, chaplain; Forest Chant, inner guard, and Carl Hill, planit.

Candidates were Richard Weaver, Lloyd Huggins, Harley and Clarence Burchard, Owen Ferris, Harry Moyer, Dr. James Dodds and Roy Tritle.

More than 100 local club members and visitors were present, and several talks were made in praise of the team. Visitors were Fred Lehman, Jeanette Pa.; Hobart Lugar, M.; Frank E. Smith, Lawrenceville, Ill., and H. M. Gains, South Carolina.

Attendance prizes were won by Sam Jervis, Henry Beath and Ben Smith.

SCRIBE IS APPOINTED

Local Tribe of Ben-Hur
Opens City Office.

Mrs. Josephine E. Truelove has been appointed scribe of the Tribe of Ben-Hur to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mrs. Lena L. Goodspeed, Jan. 10.

The organization has opened offices at 809 Knights of Pythias Bldg., to be used by the scribe, and as a rest room for members.

Mrs. Goodspeed was an active member of Ben-Hur for more than thirty-four years. She was a charter member of Arrius Court No. 5 when it was instituted by the founder of the order, Dr. David W. Gerard.

Mrs. Goodspeed was scribe for fifteen years, with the exception of two years. She was initiated in the Temple Degree, the highest honor of the order, in 1896. Many times she was elected to represent the central district of Indiana at national Ben-Hur conventions.

Officers of Arrius Court, to be installed next Monday, are: Alvin L. Chaumpay, William P. Southard, Mrs. Virginia Chaumpay, Edward Parder, Miss Addie Swing, Zella Sanders, Walter Rosemeyer, Mrs. Harriet Applegate, Mrs. Vera Stevens and Mrs. Carrie Harding.

Mechanics Initiate Class of 87

By Times Special

UNION CITY, Ind., Jan. 28.—Junior Order of United American Mechanics entertained more than 400 members at the district meeting recently. A class of eighty-seven candidates was initiated as one of the features of the session.

Club to Skate Monday

Merry Makers Club will give a skating party Monday night for members and friends at the River-side skating rink, according to Emma Sachs, secretary. The next meeting of the club will be held at the home of George Harkett, 1038 Hosbrook St.

Woodmen to Hold Dance

Pioneer Camp, No. 1, Woodmen of the World, will hold an open meeting and dance Tuesday night at 116 E. Maryland St. Camp No. 196 meets on the first and third Fridays of each month at Shelby St. and English Ave.

Masons Dance Tonight

Veritas Lodge, F. & A. M., will give a dance and card party at 8 o'clock tonight at the Masonic temple, Adams and Roosevelt Sts. C. C. Cromer is chairman of arrangements.

Yeomen to Play Cards

The Brotherhood of American Yeomen will hold a card party at its hall, 135 N. Delaware St., to-night.



BUSY WEEK FOR ODD FELLOWS

Many State Meetings and
Banquets on Schedule.

Initiations, district meetings and banquets provide a full program for Odd Fellows lodges in Indiana this week and next.

George P. Bornwasser, grand secretary, will be the principal speaker at the Pike county district meeting Monday at Petersburg. Dr. D. W. Bell, Otwell, county deputy will be in charge.

Seven candidates will be initiated Tuesday by the Kokomo lodge, according to J. C. Calhoun, secretary.

Fees for an initiation Friday night at Richmond were placed in the hospital fund of that lodge. L. A. Handly is secretary.

Indianapolis lodge held a father and son banquet Friday night with Jasper M. Kelly, noble grand, in charge.

Rushville lodge held a father and son banquet at the last meeting. About 185 attended. Frank McIlwain, past grand patriarch, was in charge.

As a climax to a membership campaign, Bloomington lodge will hold a banquet Thursday night. The losing team will arrange the festival. C. O. Thomas, past grand master, was captain of the winners.

ODD FELLOWS TAKE
SIX NEW MEMBERS

Northwestern Lodge Initiates:
Grand Officers Attend.

By Times Special

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Jan. 28.—Constitution and By-laws of the newly formed Craft Club has been adopted by the Terre Haute lodge No. 19, F. and A. M. Officers are Cassius Tracy, president; Harry O. Miller, vice president, and Sidney R. Deebel, secretary.

Among those present were Frank Houston, grand master; George P. Bornwasser, grand secretary; Geo. O. Hutsell, district deputy of Marion county, and H. G. Schenck, president of Marion County Odd Fellows and Rebekah association.

The Craft Club was organized to promote fellowship and to extend knowledge of the work of the lodge.

The mother lodge will extend cooperation and support, according to R. P. Gillum, worshipful master.

Refreshments were served following the work. Grover Brown is noble grand and A. V. Terrell is secretary.

Officers installed at the last meeting are Mrs. Blanche Whitsitt, Mrs. Stella Whitsitt, Mrs. Edna Sundling, Mrs. Minnie Johnson, Mrs. Ada Larson, Mrs. Opal Jones and Mrs. May Walman.

Mrs. Alice Spoon, Mrs. Harry McKittrick and Mrs. Lillian Houck were installing officials.

Mrs. Mary Lawson retired as mistress of finance after eight years service. Mrs. Mary Porter retired as most excellent chief.

T. P. A. Meets Tonight

The 1,700 members of the Indianapolis council of the Knights of Columbus, will become editor of the "Cable," weekly K. of C. publication, with the Friday issue. McCann formerly was editor. Leo X. Smith is retiring editor.

K. of C. to Give Party

The Indianapolis council of the Knights of Columbus will hold a short business meeting Monday night followed by a card party at the auditorium. Prizes are offered, and every popular card game will be played.

K. of P. to Give Dance

Capital City Camp, No. 97, Knights of Pythias, will hold a dance and card party at 8 p. m. Monday at Castle hall, 230 E. Ohio St. Flora L. Bauer is secretary.

Drill Team to Meet

The newly organized drill team of the Capital City Circle No. 176 of the Protected Home Circle, will meet at 8 p. m. Wednesday at the Red Men's hall, Capitol Ave. and North St. Flora L. Bauer is secretary.

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SCOTTISH RITE TO OPEN WORK OF NEW CLASS

First Section Will Start
Feb. 22 for Annual
Convocation.

Keystone class of the sixty-third annual convocation and reunion of the Scottish Rite will start work in the first section Feb. 22. The work continues on Wednesday and Friday nights through March 23. Last date for filing petitions is Feb. 8.

The second section of the Keystone class will begin March 26 and end March 29, when both sections will unite in the convocation banquet. Last date for filing petitions for the second section is March 7.

The following schedule of work has been outlined for the second section class:

MONDAY, MARCH 26
Admiral Grand Lodge of Perfection

8:30 A. M.—Candidates report to secretary for credentials.

10 A. M.—Master, fourth degree.

11 A. M.—Grand master presiding.

12:15 P. M.—Annual memorial service.

1:30 P. M.—Lunch.

1:30 P. M.—Intendant of the building.

8:30 P. M.—Dinner.

9:30 P. M.—Business meeting of the Knights of Jerusalem.

10:30 P. M.—Business meeting of the Knights of the East and West, seventeenth degree, on fourth floor.

11:30 P. M.—Business meeting of chapter in auditorium.

12:30 P. M.—Knight of the East and West, twenty-first degree, Henry C. Thorndike presiding.

1:30 P. M.—Business meeting of the Knights of the West, twenty-second degree, Edward C. Thorndike presiding.

2:30 P. M.—Business meeting of the Knights of the