

SAHARA GROTTO CONSIDERS BID FOR 1929 MEET

Delays Decision in Asking
for National Conclave
Next Year.

The question of holding the 1929 convention of the Grotto in Indianapolis has been taken under advisement by Charles Walsh, monarch of Sahara. A decision will be made soon, it is said.

The question was brought up Friday night at the Grotto ceremonial by Otto F. Hildebrandt, Rock Island, Ill., grand venerable prophet, who was the guest of honor.

Hildebrandt stated that "if Indianapolis wanted the 1929 convention the Rock Island Grotto would withdraw its bid in consideration of the greater advantages to be found in the Hoosier capital."

Would Boost Hoosiers

However, that does not mean the convention would come to Indianapolis automatically," Raymond F. Murray, past monarch, said today. "It means that Rock Island would throw its influence for Indianapolis and the convention site would be selected in the usual routine."

The method by which the convention site is selected was explained by Murray. "The committee on time and place meets the first day of this year's convention at Richmond, Va., June 2-6, and makes a report on the final day. All cities making a bid for the convention submit their reasons and outline in detail all expense that would be incurred by delegates."

More than 250 candidates were initiated Friday night at the Atheneum. The ritual was given for the first time with the new lighting effects recently purchased by Sahara at a cost of \$10,000.

2,000 Attend Banquet

Enoch W. McCord, mayor of McCordsville, was selected as the candidate to receive the work. Othniel Hitch, past monarch, gave the address of welcome. Lawrence W. Dapier, past monarch, was master of revels.

Charles W. Walsh was toastmaster at the banquet for more than 2,000 members in the evening.

The affiliation of Kerman Grotto of Terre Haute with the Indiana Grotto Association Friday night completes the circle of all ten Indiana Grottoes.

Among those present were: Dr. J. L. Fortune, monarch of Kerman Grotto at Terre Haute; George Koenensteiner, chief justice of Kerman Grotto; Dr. R. H. Scofield, master of ceremonies of Kerman Grotto; Charles Fulper, captain of the guard of Kerman Grotto, and John Roush, master of revels of Kerman Grotto; C. W. Newman, monarch of Elsie Grotto at Anderson; Rollie Keesler, past monarch and vice president of the Indiana State Grotto Association; Harry C. Eckel, secretary of the association, and William Cullen, squire of the association and past monarch of Samoor Grotto at Richmond; Earl Bradford, past monarch of Samoor Grotto, and W. H. Jakoway, past monarch of the Grotto at Marion, Ohio.

EASTER PARTY PLANNED

Naomi Chapter, Eastern Star, Holds Annual Dance, Friday.

Naomi chapter No. 131 of the Order of Eastern Star is planning two events. Friday night, members will hold their annual Easter party. There will be dancing and refreshments. Children will be entertained.

An all day baked goods sale will be held in the display room of the Indianapolis Power and Light Company Bldg., at Washington and Meridian Sts. Members unable to bring or send donations are asked to call one of these four telephone numbers: Belmont 1026-R3, Cherry 0797-R, Drexel 1765-W, or Washington 4727-R2.

LODGE HEARS T. B. TALK

Sunnyside Head Addresses Meeting of Maccabees.

Dr. Harold S. Hatch, superintendent of the Marion County Tuberculosis Hospital at Sunnyside, spoke before the last meeting of the Maccabees at the Modern Woodmen Hall, 222 E. New York St.

More than 200 persons attended the lecture, which was illustrated by newly released films. A health play also was given by the Maccabees. Members of a special tuberculosis committee of the lodge were David A. Bland, Thomas R. Lavery and Mrs. Emmett Harriman.

Fidelity Review Meets Wednesday

Fidelity Review of the Woman's Benefit Association will hold a special meeting at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Castle Hall, 230 E. Ohio St. Mrs. Jane Gray, president, will have charge of the meeting.

Itasca Council to Meet

Itasca Council, Degree of Pocahontas, will meet the first and third Thursdays of the month at Red Men's Hall, North St. and Capitol Ave.

Lindy Is Model

By Times Special

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., March 26.—In an effort to follow the example of manhood set by Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, the Junior Order of United American Mechanics is planning a boys' organization known as "Lindbergh Council, No. 1 of the Patriotic Order of American Boys."

It is said the organization is the only one of its kind in Indiana and will be open to boys between 8 and 16 years of age. Those assisting in forming the new order are L. R. Smock, Frank E. Anderson, Charles Wilgus and Will A. Church.

Benefit Head



Mrs. Dora Henry

PROCEEDS FROM SHRINE PLAY GO FOR MIAMI TRIP

Push Work on April Show to
Defray Expenses of
Pilgrimage.

Following the official announcement Saturday that Murat Temple of the Shrine would send uniformed organizations to the Shrine convention in Miami in May, greater effort is being taken to make "Madame Sherry" at the Murat Theater the week of April 10 a financial success.

Proceeds from this production and other shows will go to the organization pilgrimage fund.

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Train, Pullman and hotel reservations are being made at the traveling committee's headquarters at 114 Monument Circle. The special train will stop at several cities on the way to Florida, and opportunity will be offered to take side trips. A side trip to Havana and other points has been arranged.

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Jolly Hustlers Will Meet

Jolly Hustlers Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Florence Watts, 112 W. North St., Monday night.

Elks Will Not Devour Elk—It Still Is Alive

A N Elk will not eat an elk. Especially a live elk. And here's how.

Recently in an up-State newspaper there appeared an item: "Muncie, Ind.—Susie, lone elk in McCullough Park, died here today after a firing squad. The body was taken to a storage plant, where it was prepared for use at a dinner to be held by the local Elks lodge."

The Fraternal Editor of The Indianapolis Times, sensing a news story of greater proportions, wrote to J. Frank Mann, secretary of the Muncie Elks Club, for further information on the banquet.

The next mail brought a letter from Mann. "The death of the elk was slightly exaggerated. She still lives," the letter stated.

"The report is still further exaggerated because we do not expect to eat her. In fact, we will not even bite her."

And that, my good fellow, settles that.

M. W. A. CAMP WILL HOLD EUCHERE PARTY

TALKS AT NOBLESVILLE

Pendleton Man Speaks When Ma-
sons Confer Degree Work.

By Times Special

NOBLESVILLE, Ind., March 26.—Dr. O. W. Brownback, Pendleton, spoke here last week when nineteen members of the Pendleton chapter of Royal Arch Masons conferred degree work on several candidates.

Dr. Brownback is past master of the blue lodge, past grand high chief of the chapter and past illustrious master of the grand council of Indiana. He spoke on the early history of Masonry in Noblesville. The local lodge was established more than 100 years ago and was the first north of the National Rd.

NEW SHRINE IS SOUGHT

**BLOOMINGTON LODGE Votes to Start
Construction.**

By Times Special

SOUTH BEND, Ind., March 26.—Plans to ask a dispensation for the organization of a local Shrine are being made by Mystic Shrine members.

The building probably will be a three-story stone structure, to cost \$100,000. Those on the committee are John Sutphin, John H. Huntington, R. O. Pike, J. M. Nurie, W. E. Showers, Ancil Mercer, Dr. C. L. Nichols, Fred Matthews, W. P. Dill, Herman S. Bowman, A. L. Larue, Charles L. Rawles, Louis Beccovitz, and G. W. Henley.

HOSPITAL BENEFITS SET

Marion I. O. O. F. and Rebekahs
Plan Sets of Fete.

Capital City Lodge Confers Master
Degree Tuesday.

Master Mason degree will be conferred Tuesday night by Capital City Lodge No. 312, F. & A. M. Fred F. Lehr, Worshipful Master, will be in charge of the meeting which opens at 5:30 p.m.

C. Benedict, Past Grand Master of the Indiana will be the speaker at the dinner at 6:30 p.m. Since one of the school board, the members of that body have been invited to take charge of the work.

CONFER FELLOWCRAFT

Mystic Tie Lodge Initiates Four
Candidates Tonight.

Fellowcraft degree will be conferred at 7:30 tonight on four candidates by the Mystic Tie Lodge, No. 398, F. & A. M., at the Masonic Temple, North and Illinois Sts.

Master Mason degree will be given two candidates at 4:30 p.m. April 6. Dinner will be served at 6:15 p.m. A stated meeting is scheduled for April 9.

EAGLES TO AID SCOUTS

By Times Special

PORTLAND, Ind., March 26.—Co-operation between local Boy Scouts and Aerie of Eagles, No. 928, was planned at a recent meeting of trustees and W. G. Barcus, Scoutmaster.

The Eagles will donate use of the gymnasium one night each week for Scout meeting place and the latter will provide property protection.

Lodge News

This page of The Indianapolis Times is devoted exclusively to news of lodges and fraternal orders of Indiana.

The special page appears every Monday. Members and secretaries are asked to bring this notice to the attention of members.

All announcements and items should be mailed to the "Fraternal Editor" at The Indianapolis Times before Friday morning.

All notices and advance items of interest to members should be sent. Please include full name or initials of members of committee or officers sponsoring lodge affairs.

Mr. Member, this page is for you. Take advantage of it.

Lead in Play



Gilbert Carter

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