

## STATE PYTHIAN LODGES ADOPT NEW CEREMONY

Ritual is Being Presented to All Chapters by Districts.

New ritual adopted by Indiana Pythian lodges is being promulgated at a series of district meetings in the order's twenty-seven districts of the state this month.

The series will be continued at Milroy in the Sixteenth district tonight, at Elkhart; Third district, Tuesday night; French Lick, Twenty-second district, Wednesday, and at Auburn and Worthington Thursday night.

All lodges of the state are expected to participate in the meetings arranged respectively by Dr. Colvin V. Dunbar of Indianapolis, grand chancellor, for the purpose of exemplifying ranks of the order with the new ceremonies.

Carl R. Mitchell, Indianapolis, grand keeper of records and seal, and Dunbar are attending most of the district sessions. The rank of Knight is being conferred on large classes in many of the districts.

A membership drive has been launched in all lodges of the state at the suggestion of grand lodge officials.

Other district meetings for next week will be at Westfield, Eleventh district, Monday night, March 18; Medaryville, Fifth district, Wednesday, March 18; Syracuse, Thursday, March 19, second district.

A calendar of other coming events for the lodge is announced by Mitchell. These events include an initiatory meeting at Cloverdale Tuesday night at which Chancellor Dunbar will be the principal speaker.

The rank of esquire will be conferred, with all lodges of the district in attendance.

Michigan City Pythians will join in observance Tuesday, March 17, of the golden anniversary of Washington Lodge No. 94 of that city. An elaborate ceremony has been arranged.

New ritual will receive special emphasis at a meeting of Indianapolis lodge No. 56, March 19, when the rank of Knight will be conferred.

## HARTFORD CITY ELK TO RUN FOR OFFICE

Candidacy for District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Announced.

By Times Special

HARTFORD CITY, Ind., March 10.—Candidacy of William H. Gardner, member of Elks lodge here, for district deputy grand exalted ruler of the order in Indiana, was announced today.

In his campaign to succeed Ralph McCarty, Frankfort, present holder of the office, Gardner is expected to be supported by the local lodge and by W. C. Groebel, Shelbyville, state Elks secretary.

Gardner is past exalted ruler of the Hartford City lodge and member of its degree team. James Cronin Jr., another member, is a past district deputy.

LEGION POST IS TO GIVE MINSTREL SHOW

Programs Will Be Presented at Fortville, Lawrence.

An American Legion minstrel show will be staged by Service Post No. 128 at the opera house in Fortville tonight, and at the high school auditorium in Lawrence Wednesday night, March 18.

The show, entitled "Seven-Eleven Regiment," is divided into two parts with intervening variety entertainment. The first part will feature a men's chorus and string band, while the second part will represent a scene in a Negro stevedore camp on inspection day.

Proceeds will be added to a fund for purchasing a home for the post.

## ELKS ELECT GRIFFIN

Lodge 13, R. P. O. E., Choose Officials for Coming Year.

Election of James C. Gibbons as exalted ruler of Indianapolis lodge No. 13, Order of Elks, was announced today. He succeeds Earl C. Wolf. Other officers elected Friday are:

Joseph E. Barron, esteemed leading knight; M. H. Peters, esteemed loyal knight; George Binger, esteemed lecturer; W. G. Taylor, secretary; Timothy P. Grotton, treasurer; Fred L. Anderson, tyler, and Paul C. Beckner, trustee; Robert W. Jenkins, grand representative; and Thomas L. Hughes, alternate.

## ARRANGE BUNCO PARTY

Cards Will Feature Security Association Meeting.

Buchre and bunco party will be given Wednesday night by Marion Council, No. 738, Security Benefit Association at 11½ East Maryland street.

The committee in charge of the arrangements includes George Carr, Leo Daglish, Flora Mescal and John Wills. It is scheduled to start at 8:30.

## RITE'S GUARANTEED WATCH REPAIRING

Round Crystals ..... 19c  
Fancy Shape Crystals ..... 49c  
Unbreakable Crystals ..... 49c  
All Movements ..... 49c  
Watch Cleaning ..... \$1.09  
Jewel Replacing ..... \$1.10

Rite's Jewelry Shop  
43 S. Illinois St.

Used 3-Pc. Overstuffed Living Room Suites ..... \$29.50  
EASY TERMS

Lewis Furniture Co.  
"A United Furniture Store"  
844 S. Meridian St.

Men's and Women's CLOTHING  
ON EASY CREDIT

ASKIN & MARINE CO.  
157 W. Washington St.

## Pythian Session Directors Named



## RED MEN WILL INITIATE CLASS

Tribes of State to Convene at Columbus.

Adoption degree will be conferred on a large class at a district meeting of Red Men tribes in Columbus, April 8, by the degree staff of Winnebago Tribe No. 270, Indianapolis. Frank Flanigan, chairman of the meeting, announced today.

All tribes of Marion county have been assigned to take part in the session which will include tribes from the following counties: Bartholomew, Shelby, Marion, Morgan, Johnson, Decatur, Franklin, Jennings, Ripley, Dearborn, Brown, Jackson and Ohio.

Inquashagoo Tribe No. 84, Columbus, will be host to visiting members.

Next Thursday night, Indiana Tribe No. 1, Muncie, will entertain at an open meeting, assisted by the four councils of the Degree of Pocahontas of that city. Expected to be one of the outstanding meetings of the order there this year, the occasion will mark a visit of Arch H. Hobbs, Indianapolis, great chief of record and a member of an Indiana tribe, who will be guest of honor.

Announcement is made that tribes of northern Indiana will meet jointly with tribes of northwest Ohio at Convoy, March 31.

## LUNCHEON IS ARRANGED

Mrs. Laura Ashton Is Chairman of W. B. A. Meeting.

Mrs. Laura Ashton will act as chairman of a covered dish luncheon to be served Wednesday by the Woman's Benefit Association, 140, A. M., at 230 East Ohio street. A card party at 2:30 will follow the luncheon.

## EASTERN STAR WILL HOLD INSPECTIONS



## Membership Increases of 100 Per Cent Are Recorded.

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## Worthy Grand Matron Is to Be Guest of Marion County Chapters.

Indiana is near the front in the Veterans of Foreign Wars national membership drive, with thirty-one posts in the state reporting gains of more than 38 per cent.

The state is slightly ahead of Illinois posts and behind those in Michigan, according to Arthur G. Gresham, department commander.

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## OLDEST MASON IS 87

Columbus Man Has Held Many Lodge Offices.

By United Press  
COLUMBUS, Ind., March 10.—William F. Kendall, 87, Civil war veteran, is believed to be the oldest member of the Masonic lodge in the state and possibly in the entire country.

For sixty-five years Kendall has been a Mason, and has held commanding offices in every body of the lodge. At a recent commemoration meeting held for past high priests he occupied one of the chairs in conferring the Royal Arch degree.

He seldom has missed a lodge meeting and still is an active worker. During the Civil war he served three years; was with Sherman on his march to the sea, and confined thirty days in Libby prison.

Nine Daughters to Give Dinner  
Koran Temple No. 30, Daughters of the Nile, will give a "pitch in" dinner and card party at the home of Mrs. John Soenholz, at 240 South Emerson avenue, at 12:30 Wednesday.

With enactment of the bonus bill, giving veterans cash loans on adjusted compensation certificates, state officers expect to triple the membership of the Indiana department in the next ninety days. The legislation was sponsored by the national legislative committee of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Posts in the state are looking forward to the state convention to be held at Connersville in June. Gresham announced. Edward G. Schaub, state commander, predicts it will be the largest encampment ever held in Indiana.

Among bands that have arranged to attend the convention are a sixty-piece band from Ft. Wayne and a forty-piece drum and bugle corps from Terre Haute and New Albany.

Automobiles reported to police as stolen:

Thomas Maloney, 1438 King avenue, Chevrolet sedan, 64-778, from Tremont and Michigan street.

Edward A. Farmer, Clinton, Ind., Chevrolet sedan, 52-726, from State and Market street.

Pauline Givens Company, Ford coupe, 27-103, from East Twenty-third street.

Fred Thomas, 412 West North street, Buick coupe, no license, from 412 West North street.

William Campbell, Latonia, Ky., a Ford coupe, 488-244 Ky., from 4800 Engle street.

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John P. Forn, 209 South Missouri street, Oldsmobile sedan, found in rear of 630 South Delaware street.

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