

# PYTHIANISM STANDS FOR HIGH IDEALS

The Pythian Order in Hammond has stood for many years for the highest ideals in American citizenship, patriotic devotion to the country and loyalty to the civic welfare of the community. During the years the Pythian Lodge has been operated in this city, this Castle Hall has been the meeting place of men inspired to perform a service for their fellowmen and to aid in all that would tend toward the development of a well regulated community. To be a Pythian in this town means that you are alive to the social welfare of the community, that you are loyal to the fraternal conception

of life and that you have enlisted in the cause of the development of brotherhood and fraternal fellowship of men. Perhaps no other fraternal society has performed a greater service to the community than has the Knights of Pythias during the last few days. More than 720,000 men of the United States and Canada are members of the Order. There are fifty-four grand domains and over 7,500 lodges. The Order has proved itself loyal to country. More than 60,000 young men of the Order crossed the seas or were ready for embarkation when the armistice was signed. The Pythian Order was the first to write into its Ritual the flag ceremony; it was the first American fraternal society to enforce the sale of ritual printed in English; it was the first to disbar from membership men engaged in the liquor traffic. It has made war on all things not safe and sane and does everything possible for making the world better. The war record of the members of this Order is a record to be proud of. Besides sending a large number of members into the service, those who remained at home, aided by their wives, mothers

and sisters, contributed much to building up the morale of the community and in supplying the needs of the government at a time when the services of every citizen was demanded. Up on the record the Lodge has made in this community, the members of the Lodge solicit the consideration of all men who love their country and who are interested in building up a fraternal conception of life. On Monday evening, April 26th, Hammond Lodge will entertain the Lodges of Lake county at the Third County meeting. John W. Craig, G. C., Robt. A. Brown, G. K., of R. and S., and other Grand Lodge officers, will be present. The Third Rank team of East Chicago Lodge will confer the rank of Knights on a class Esquires at this meeting. All members and all sojourning Knights are urged to be present. W. A. HOKE, K. of R. and S., M. E. FRAME, M. of F.

### DANCE GANG WARFARE IS ON INCREASE

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A three story drop to the ground and as Mullaney supported the mutilated Irondale man the crowd from behind gave a push and Mullaney dropped to his knees mid-way down the steps. The mob behind was trying feverishly to get Casey again and if it were not for another Whiting policeman who rushed up stairs to Mullaney's aid the veteran officer would have been trampled by the enraged crowd. Outside more than 300 others waited and as the two policemen and Casey reached the sidewalk the mob made a rush. Swinging their clubs the police kept the roughs at bay until Casey had been carried as far as the Princess theatre where he was slipped to safety. Theatre patrons hearing the cries "don't shoot" became panicky and poured into the street. Casey was held in the theatre for several minutes, fainting, bleeding, exhausted, he rested

in an effort to stem his ebbing strength. Outside the mob clamored and hammered on the glass doors. The police realizing the situation as the crowd grew by scores, took Casey to a back door of the theatre where he was escorted to a near-by house. Later the theatre doors were thrown open and the word went around that Casey had escaped. All night the gang watched every Chicago bound street car for a glimpse of the elusive Irondale gangster.

The dance hall was crowded at the time of the fight. More than 100 girls with reddened lips and very pink cheeks came to the dance from South Chicago. Half a hundred well known Hammond girls were there also. A rumor said that two street car loads of Irondale men passed through Whiting but seeing the mob gathered in front of the dance hall rode on without getting off. Attempts by police to line up the ring leaders of the Whiting gang have met with failure. They are said to halt

from that section of the city which lies under the shadow of the Standard Oil smoke stacks. Trade members of the city administration are groping for some way to cope with the gang and its fights. All indications point to a murder before the war between rival factions is ended. According to Sergeant Mullaney, veteran members of the Whiting police department, if the fights continue it will be as much as taking one's life in his hands for a Whiting young man to get off a street car at White City in the near future.



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