

Fraternal Orders

Ontario Encampment.

Ontario Encampment was instituted in March, 1902 with C. W. Platt, R. S. Rutherford, G. A. Pogue, J. T. Clement and G. W. Brunion as charter members and now have about thirty members.

Patriarch G. A. Pogue is Grand High Priest of the Grand Encampment of Oregon and is in line to go to the Sovereign Grand Lodge in the near future.

The officers for 1913 are: J. H. Seaward, C. P.; R. M. Carille, C. W.; W. H. Cecil, H. P.; O. A. Migordan, J. W.; C. W. Platt, Scribe; G. A. Pogue, G.; C. McGonigall, 1st W.; J. H. Arley, 2nd W.; C. A. Adams, 3rd W.; T. M. Seaward, I. S.

Ontario Lodge No. 96, I. O. O. F.

As is usual all over the west the Odd Fellows lodge was the first fraternal organization to be started in Ontario.

Ontario Lodge No. 90 was instituted August 26, 1887, with six charter members, two of whom, Ed. Hulery and G. W. Brunion are still members.

The lodge has a membership of something over ninety and is the only order in town owning their own building, which is valued at \$15,000.

One of the particularly pleasant social events of the present year was the conferring twenty-five year Veteran Jewels upon Dr. G. A. Pogue, G. W. Brunion, Ed. Hulery and R. S. Rutherford, the recipients of which must have been members in good standing for more than a quarter of a century.

The lodge meets each Saturday evening in their hall on Oregon street.

Rebekah Lodge.

Beatrice Rebekah Lodge No. 82 I. O. O. F. of Ontario was instituted November 8th 1895 with fourteen charter members.

Mrs. Emily Pogue was the first Noble Grand and Mrs. Elizabeth Dunbar, the first secretary.

Beatrice Rebekah lodge now has 107 members. Thirty-one of whom are past noble grands.

Meodames Emily Pogue and Hattie Draper are past appointive officers of the Rebekah state assembly of Oregon. Mrs. Pogue has been for the past several years on the board of trustees for the I. O. O. F. home which is located at Portland.

January 1st, 1913 the lodge will have a banquet, also install its officers and receive two new members, one by initiation and one by card.

Mrs. Emily Pogue, D. D. P., will install Mrs. Daisy Rutherford, N. G.; Mrs. Sadie Moon, V. G.; Mrs. Edna Boyd, secretary; Miss Nellie Platt, F. secretary; Mrs. Elizabeth Purcell, treasurer for the ensuing term.

History repeats itself that fourteen years ago this month Mrs. Pogue installed Mrs. Draper N. G. and Mrs. Moore, V. G.

Beatrice Rebekah lodge meets the

first and third Wednesdays of each month at I. O. O. F. hall. All visiting Rebekahs are cordially invited to attend. Friendship, love and truth is the inspiration of the order of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs.

Z dee Chapter No. 34, Royal Arch Masons.

Ontario being a town supporting a number of lodges since its start and always being looked up to from surrounding towns as to all Lodge work a number of Royal Arch Masons felt it due the town that a Chapter be seated here and after two years hard work on September 2nd, 1909 the following members were able to get a dispensation to organize a Chapter: H. B. Grauel, H. A. Duffy, Con Ryan, E. H. Test, A. F. Tonningson, T. H. Coward, B. L. Milligan, O. G. Luehrs, A. Zimmerman, J. W. McCulloch, E. A. Fraser and H. W. Clement.

After passing the first year and making a good showing to the Grand Lodge they were granted a Charter which was seated with the Oregon representatives being present on the 5th, day of September 1910. Since which time the Chapter has grown and taken in members from all parts of the jurisdiction, including all of Malheur, Harney and parts of Baker Counties.

The membership at this time numbers 50 people and is acknowledged to be by far the largest Chapter in the United States in as small a town as Ontario.

Some two years before this Chapter was organized, Mr. Harry B. Grauel conceived that an organization of this character could be successfully carried on here and he gave it his greatest study and attention. He has, since its inception, been the leading factor in the control of the association and has always been the High Priest of the Chapter.

This is one of the lodges that covers a very large territory and it is not unusual for them to have gatherings for secret work with seventy five to one hundred Masons in attendance from numerable points within two hundred miles around Ontario.

Arcadia No. 118 A. F. and A. M.

Free Masonry in Malheur county began with the granting of a dispensation for Arcadia Lodge, in Ontario, March 17, 1898. The lodge consisted of thirteen Master Masons, twelve of whom served as the first officers with C. H. Brown as W. M.

The lodge was chartered June 16, 1898 and duly constituted in September of the same year.

Arcadia's growth has been steady and continuous; notwithstanding the fact that Vale Lodge No. 142 was constituted in 1910, and Golden at Nyssa in 1912, each of which took a number of members from Arcadia, leaving their present membership at seventy-six. The following officers were elected and installed December, 19, 1912: H. B. Grauel, W. M.; L. J. Chapman, S. W.; E. E. Goudy, J. W.; A. Zimmerman, treasurer; D. P. Dearborn, secretary; P. A. Kinzel, S. D.;

J. D. Dennison, J. D.; P. C. Reams, S. S.; R. Odell, J. S.; G. L. King, Chap.; E. A. Fraser, Marsh.; E. L. King, musician; R. S. Rutherford, Tyler.

Star Chapter.

Star Chapter No. 69, Order of the Eastern Star was organized Dec. 17, 1900, with thirty-eight charter members. Mrs. William Miller was the first matron and C. H. Brown the first patron.

At the present time Star Chapter has over one hundred members and meets the second and fourth Thursday evenings of each month at the Masonic hall.

Mrs. J. Prinzing is the retiring matron and C. E. Kenyon retiring patron. The annual party for the members and their families was given Saturday, November 30th. The evening was spent in games, music and contests. An excellent supper was served and the party was in every respect a delightful affair.

Officers elected for 1913 are as follows: worthy matron, Mrs. A. M. Lackey; worthy patron, C. H. Brown; associate matron, Mrs. H. W. Clement; secretary, P. C. Ream; treasurer, Mrs. C. E. Kenyon; conductress, Mrs. H. A. Duffy; A. conductress, Mrs. J. W. McCulloch; Ada, Margaret Dunbar; Ruth, Mrs. P. C. Ream; Esther, Mrs. Harry Chapman; Martha, Mrs. Leon Chapman; Electa, Mrs. C. R. Seguire; organist, Mrs. J. Prinzing; Chaplin, Mrs. G. A. Pogue; marshal, Mrs. D. B. Purcell; warden, Mrs. J. A. Lackey; sentinel, A. M. Lackey.

Armour Lodge Number 69 Knights of Pythias, was instituted September 25th, 1896 with the following charter members: W. E. Bowen, Richard P. Ault, Geo. W. Mellinger, Frank J. Stanton, D. B. Purcell, Geo. C. Pope, James E. Long, L. Adam, H. T. Husted, Samuel C. Darr, Wm. J. Mink. The first officers were D. B. Purcell, chancellor commander, H. T. Husted, vice chancellor; W. E. Bowen, keeper of records and seal.

The lodge at the present time has a membership of 80 in good standing and has a treasury account of more than \$500.00. The meeting nights are the second and fourth Monday in the Masonic hall. H. L. Poorman, of Armour lodge holds the grand lodge office of grand prelate and a member of the committee on holding the supreme lodge in Portland.

The officers for 1912 are as follows: C. C. H. H. Williams; V. C., J. M. Conner, prelate; Leslie J. Aker, M. of F., H. T. Husted; M. of E., R. O. Payne, K. of R. and S. Leon J. Chapman; M. of W., John Landingham, M. at A., C. C. Goldsberry; I. G., R. S. Rutherford; O. G., E. E. Starr; trustees, A. Zimmerman, A. H. McGregor, Wm. J. Mink.

The Rathbone Sisters of Ontario were organized in the year 1900. Something over a year after Armour lodge was instituted, the ladies of the Knights, feeling the need of an or-

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ganization, began arrangements to that end.

In March, 1912, Cory M. Davis of Union, Ore., accompanied by Ellen Derr, of Huntington, Ore., came to Ontario and on March 6, 1900, instituted Mystic Temple No. 22. In consideration of the active part taken by Mrs. D. E. Purcell she was given the honor of being the first past chief, therefore the first representative to the Grand Temple.

The following is a list of the first officers of Mystic Temple:

Past chief, Lizzie Purcell; M. of R. and C. Lola Pogue; M. E. C., Carrie Roberts; M. of F., Bell Husted; E. S. Lulu Mack; P. of T. Irlia Quackinbush; E. J. Zulema Mink; G. of O. T. Eureka Melinger, Manager, Foybel Adam; trustees Iona Mellinger, Elizabeth Stewart, Maria McGregor.

Knights of Columbus.

Ontario enjoys the distinction of being probably the smallest town with a council of the Knights of Columbus, who, owing to the fact that membership therein is restricted to members of the Catholic church, are generally found only in larger centers of population. This will evidence the progressiveness of those who successfully launched its organization. The local council, known as Snake River Valley Council No. 1656, was instituted on September 1st, 1912, amidst a notable gathering of over 100 Knights of Columbus from the neighboring councils of Portland, Baker, Boise, La Grande, etc. The charter members, about 40 in number are not all residents of Ontario, about one half of them having their homes within a radius of fifteen miles, but by reason of Ontario's ad-

vantageous geographical situation as a central point, they willingly cooperated with our local men in securing the location of a council in our progressive city. The local council is contemplating the building of a home in the near future. It will follow in the lead of the many branches of this high classed fraternal society whose activities in social, charitable and patriotic lines have won for them the esteem and respect of the American people. Following are the officers of Snake River Valley Council:

Grand Knight, Frank Rader; Deputy Grand Knight, Patrick Ed. Short; warden, Ed. Murray; financial secretary, C. C. Defrees; recording secretary, J. Maneman; treasurer, A. C. Maneman; advocate, Jas. Church; chancellor, J. H. Hanigan; inside guard, Wm. Barron; outside guard, Jos. Bruning; trustees, John Sur, Rev. H. A. Campo, Emile Lanoir.

Ontario Aerie No 697, F. O. E.

Ontario Aerie was organized in 1904 and has a membership numbering over fifty. Meetings are held in the Masonic hall the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. J. W. Blanton is Worthy President and J. H. Stover Worthy Secretary.

United Artisans.

The United Artisan assembly is a western organization, Supreme Assembly located in Portland. Its funds are all invested on the western coast, its insurance provides for an old age pension, accident policy as well as a benefit policy.

Ontario Assembly No. 321 of the United Artisans was organized in November 1905 with thirty-four charter

members. The assembly now has a membership of 111.

On the 10th of December we celebrate the 18th anniversary of the United Artisans. Sister Ella Watt, Supreme instructor, was present. Also members from Payette, Weiser and Vale assemblies.

December 17th the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Master Artisan, Masd Harney; superintendent, Sadie Moore; inspector, Lester Purcell; secretary, Harry Sears; treasurer, Jno. W. Thompson; senior conductor, R. M. Carille; master of ceremonies, Edith Purcell; junior conductor, Chas. Barton.

On January 9th we will join Payette assembly No. 318 in a joint installation at Payette.

On Nov. 14 we challenged Payette assembly in a membership contest, the winning assembly to be designated by the losing assembly. We also have organized a contest in home assembly. New members and attendance counting. The losing side acquiesces the winning side.

Modern Woodmen of America.

This camp located in Ontario was organized April 26, 1907, with eight charter members and now numbers thirty-three members in good standing. The camp meets the first and third Monday evenings of each month at the I. O. O. F. hall.

The following are the officers for the year, 1913: L. L. Merchant, council; J. B. Rrel, adviser; H. B. Coern, banker; A. B. Cain, clerk; F. R. Wlmgar, court; Wm. Saunders, watchman; J. McNulty, sentry.

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