

GROWTH OF ELKS
YEAR IS 25,055

Report of Grand Secretary Shows Membership Now Totals 384,742.

PORTLAND LODGE RICHEST

Assets of No. 142 Are \$345,084 Exceeding New York by \$10,000. Dispensations for 29 New Lodges Are Granted.

With a total membership of 384,742 at the close of the last lodge year, March 31, the Order of Elks has increased 25,055 over the preceding year, according to the annual report submitted to the grand lodge yesterday by Fred C. Robinson, grand secretary. This is an increase of approximately 7 per cent, as the membership on the same date in 1911 was 359,677.

The grand secretary's report is mostly statistical. It shows the membership gains made by the various lodges, their financial condition and various other items of important and interesting detail.

The report shows that Portland, with assets valued at \$345,084, remains the richest lodge in the world, exceeding New York by about \$10,000.

New Lodges Created.

Dispensations for the institution of 29 lodges have been granted, with the numbers and names as follows: Richmond, Okla., 1252; Pauls Valley, Okla., 1253; Freeport, N. Y., 1254; Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, 1255; Lexington, N. C., 1256; Mandan, N. D., 1257; Sweetwater, Wyo., 1258; Whittier, Cal., 1259; Hanford, Cal., 1260; Purcell, Okla., 1261; Pana, Ill., 1262; Brinkley, Ark., 1263; McKees Rock, Pa., 1264; Framingham, Mass., 1265; Danora, Pa., 1266; Grinnell, Ia., 1267; Dalton, Ga., 1268; Rome, N. Y., 1269; Ansonia, Conn., 1270; Newton, Ia., 1271; Pekin, Ill., 1272; Cambridge, Md., 1273; Whiting, Ind., 1274; Middleborough, Mass., 1275; Ada, Okla., 1276; Wakefield, Mass., 1277; Moultrie, Ga., 1278; Ironwood, Mich., 1279; Trenton, Tenn., 1280; Franklin, N. H., 1281; Agassiz, N. I., 1282; Modesto, Cal., 1283; McMinnville, Or., 1284; Lehighton, Pa., 1285; Monterey, Cal., 1286; Douglas, Ga., 1287; Old Town, Me.

The following is interesting statistical information giving a comparative statement for the year of 1912, showing the number of lodges and the membership of each state and territory:

Table with columns: State, No. of Lodges, No. of Members. Lists states from Alabama to Wisconsin with corresponding counts.

Total 384,742

Standing of Lodges Shows 31 lodges with a membership of more than 1000.

Some of the lodges show a very healthy growth. To Brooklyn No. 22, which has been first honor, an exceptional record was made by this lodge. A total of 1894 applications and dimitts was received and a total of 1000 was initiated making the present number 3693, and leaving approximately 850 to be initiated by the incoming exalted ruler. This record was never before equaled by any subordinate lodge in the history of the order.

Alameda, Cal., No. 1015, takes second honors with 313; Bellingham, Wash., No. 194, third with 249; New York, N. Y., No. 1, fourth with 248; Freeport, N. Y., No. 1252, next, 243, and Boston, Mass., No. 10, with 241.

The numerical standing of the lodges having 1000 or more members is as follows: Brooklyn, N. Y., No. 22, 3693; Detroit, Mich., No. 34, 1826; Boston, Mass., No. 10, 1814; New Orleans, La., No. 80, 1761; Cleveland, O., No. 18, 1594; Rochester, N. Y., No. 24, 1584; Grand Rapids, Mich., No. 48, 1572; Omaha, Neb., No. 29, 1523; Philadelphia, Pa., No. 2, 1488; Syracuse, N. Y., No. 31, 1454; Chicago, Ill., No. 4, 1402; Los Angeles, Cal., No. 99, 1395; Seattle, Wash., No. 92, 1384; Denver, Colo., No. 45, 1359; Portland, O., No. 142, 1351; Fort Wayne, Ind., No. 155, 1293; Kansas City, Mo., No. 26, 1269; Hoboken, N. J., No. 74, 1242; Buffalo, N. Y., No. 23, 1222; Minneapolis, Minn., No. 44, 1191; Cincinnati, O., No. 5, 1143; Pueblo, Colo., No. 90, 1131; Spokane, Wash., No. 228, 1105; Queensborough, N. Y., No. 878, 1093; St. Joseph, Mo., No. 49, 1089; Baltimore, Md., No. 7, 1082; Jersey City, N. J., No. 211, 1072; Oakland, Cal., No. 10, 1071; Saginaw, Mich., No. 47, 1019; Newark, N. J., No. 1906.

Lodges Make Gains.

Other lodges that have made a gain of 100 members and over, worthy of honorary mention, are as follows: New York, N. Y., No. 1, 248; Boston, Mass., No. 10, 1814; Cleveland, O., No. 18, 208; Hartford, Conn., No. 19, 131; Brooklyn, N. Y., No. 22, 719; Rochester, N. Y., No. 24, 119; Omaha, Neb., No. 29, 133; Grand Rapids, Mich., No. 48, 159; Rockford, Ill., No. 54, 107; Atlanta, Ga., No. 78, 210; Lincoln, Neb., No. 80, 106; Trenton, N. J., No. 105, 193; Danbury, Conn., No. 120, 125; Shreveport, La., No. 122, 154; Haverhill, Mass., No. 145, 109; El Paso, Tex., No. 187, 213; Bellingham, Wash., No. 194, 249; Charleston, W. Va., No. 202, 163; Newburgh, N. Y., No. 247, 131; Muskegon, Mich., No. 274, 120; Atlantic City, N. J., No. 276, 142; Camden, N. J., No. 293, 151; Missoula, Mont., No. 383, 240; Billings, Mont., No. 384, 140; Albuquerque, N. M., No. 401, 100; Clarkburg, W. Va., No. 482, 123; Kingston, N. Y., No. 550, 173; Bismarck, N. D., No. 671, 122; Ogden, Utah, No. 719, 121; Dixon, Ill., No. 729, 145; York, Pa., No. 884, 101; Alameda, Cal., No. 1015, 312; Aberdeen, S. D., No. 1049, 123; Mitchell, S. D., No. 1059, 197; Gary,

Increase Gratifying Members. In reviewing the gain in membership the grand secretary says: "The increase in membership during the past year has exceeded all expectations and has been most gratifying to us all. Thirty-seven new lodges have been added to the long list now numbering 1287 and those lodges already in existence have been materially strengthened by large accretions in membership, which came largely from among the most eminent citizens of the respective communities in which the several lodges are located, demonstrating conclusively that the Order is alive to the thought that it is "quality" and not "quantity" that is wanted.

Receipts Are Larger.

"The total receipts of the grand lodge from all sources have exceeded those of the previous year to the amount of \$97,241.77. This was caused chiefly by the levy of the home tax which amounted to \$2,525.85; the total amount received from per capita tax was \$46,232.50; for dispensations for new lodges \$1500; for charters \$2150; total amount of interest on all investments \$6561.31. The total expenses amounted to \$105,204.24, showing a gain of receipts over expenses of \$97,241.77.

The surplus is now \$406,333.21. An increase over last year of \$97,241.77. The amounts now in the several funds

KEEPAKES FROM BILL.

O brother Bill, O brother Bill, Please pin a badge on me; From Boston, Pendleton or Butte, New York or Kankakee.

Wherever you may come from, Bill, In all the wide wide West, That is the place from which I crave A bright Elk decoration.

Oh pin the badge on me, Bill, In distribution here and there, And that will gladden me, As I go down the line.

A thousand shining metal tongues Shall praise me, merrily, Where'er I move, of every place From Nome to Muskogee.

And merrily I'll skip and dance, And in my giddy whirl, My medals all will flash just like A Hindoo dancing girl.

And anywhere I chance to roam Among the other boys, They'll shade their eyes and holler out:

"Some noise, old kid, some noise!" But most of all O Bill, I want The shining badge you bear.

"A little kee-pee-ka, you know, For future years to bear.

Reminding me when'er I see Their flash upon the wall, Of all the Elks I've met this week— And they were princes all."

—By Dean Collins.

are: General fund, \$204,554.00; emergency fund, \$17,368.36; reserve fund, \$5000, and several contingent funds, \$6900; a total in cash of \$235,422.43.

"Amount invested in bonds \$7,984.95; with deferred and unavailable assets of \$88,436.71, the amount of our total assets is \$412,251.87. The gross revenue from all sources was \$223,452.10, and gross expenses under all funds \$131,412.33.

"The total amount received by subordinate lodges from all sources was \$7,839,483.14; amount expended \$7,839,483.14, leaving a balance on hand of \$1,758,293.80. The net assets of the subordinate lodges amount to \$29,391,832.45."

West Is Praised.

The report is introduced by the following tribute to Portland and the spirit of the West into the peace of our country, and guided by it and inspired by the hope which springs eternal in the breast of the people of attainment in life—men and women of brawn and brain, of character and sweetness, have founded the great empire of the United States, and within a confined geographic area we are assembled here today.

"If the star of empire guided the slow, but certain, train of the hardy pioneers of 60 years ago, it may be said today of this gathered band of Elks from every part of our great republic, that they, too, have been guided by a star as they hurried across the continent on luxuriously equipped limited trains, and that was the star of fidelity burning clear and bright amid busy and harassing activities of this splendid Western country.

"Charity, justice, brotherly love and fidelity are characteristics of the human heart, and are the basis of the confederated limits, but wherever men of heart and life and character go, you find these qualities exemplified and more or less in any part of our country than this boundless, progressive and aggressive West.

"And, if my brothers, we have come to the 'City of Roses,' as Portland is so generally heralded throughout the East, it is to bring to you a rosy report of the past year in the history of our order, a year filled with sunlight and shadow—shadow as here and there along the line a brother whose course was run entered into the peaceful valley of life—sunshine as the good fortunes of rapidly increasing numbers and general prosperity have attended the description of visitors who carried equipment off of the battleship Oregon, W. H. Hassick, City Clerk, and Bill Cottoningham, City Engineer, of Toppensish, Wash., visiting Elks, were arrested last Monday night by Patrolman Robert Lavery and were tried in Municipal Court yesterday. Though Brother-Elk Frank D. Hennessy, Deputy District Attorney, pressed for a rock-ledge sentence, and William Shea, City Attorney of Toppensish, and counsel for the defense, admitted that his clients had been caught with the goods, Judge Foxwell imposed a light fine of \$50 on each defendant.

It was a scream, and the screamiest part of it was that everyone but the two defendants knew that it was a put-up job. To them it was a serious matter and their distress was pathetic to observe.

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