

SECRET SOCIETIES

Epitome of Events Where Grip and Password Reigns.

RAPID GROWTH OF ORDERS

Nearly All the Leading Lodges of the Country Show a Rapid Growth in Membership and Which Dispenses Charity Without Ostentation.

Palestine lodge of Detroit is planning to celebrate its one thousandth communication and its twenty-fifth anniversary, which will occur within the year. Among the members of this active lodge a chorus of fifty voices has been organized. It will be a feature of all the lodge's social events. A new custom instituted by Palestine lodge is the serving of dinner to its members at \$30 every Friday evening in the Masonic temple. It being customary to open the lodge at 6 o'clock on the evening—American Tyler.

A new Masonic temple will be erected in Braddock, Pa., at a cost of \$150,000.

In Norwich, N. Y., a Masonic immediate relief association has been formed with the object of paying the family of a deceased member \$100 within twenty-four hours after proof of death.

The Masonic home at Utica, N. Y., will be enlarged, and \$5,000 will hereafter be annually donated for its maintenance.

In Ovid, Mich., a Masonic club has been formed, with a membership of over fifty.

The Masons of Salt Lake City, who are to erect a magnificent temple, have purchased for \$8,000 a site directly opposite the burial place of Brigham Young.

Work is to be begun immediately on the Masonic temple to be erected in Ogden, Utah. The building will have three stories and will cost about \$40,000.

Dr. Matthew Thornton, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, a short time before his death received the thirty-second degree of Freemasonry.

There are 693 councils of Royal and Select Masters, with a membership of 58,806.

The Masonic lodges of the District of Columbia have 7,395 members. The largest lodge is Lafayette, with a membership of 750.

MACCABEES.

The State Commander of Georgia, Bee Buzzes.

The recent appointment of George W. Gunder as state commander of Georgia places a most capable man at the head of that jurisdiction. Mr. Gunder's work for the order in Indiana, Michigan and Arkansas showed him to



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old man, and large gains in membership are looked for in Georgia during his administration. He has been an active Maccabee for a number of years and is well known and popular in many jurisdictions.

The order has a membership in good standing of over 342,000.

Reports from various states show that large gains in membership are being made.

During March over 3,000 applications for membership were received.

From 300 to 500 new members are admitted every month in the New York jurisdiction.



The Modern Woodman says the deputy at work for a camp can now divide the adoption fee with a member who will secure an applicant for membership.

Chicago has a new Modern Woodmen camp named Theodore Roosevelt. There were seventy applications and fifty-six adoptions on the night of its organization.

The members of the Illinois jurisdiction are now carrying insurance in the order amounting to \$239,572,000.

Owing to the prosperous condition of the order the assessment for April was omitted. Last year four assessments were omitted.

At the recent class initiation in Lincoln, Neb., where 247 candidates took the degrees, 300 applications were written.

Ladies of the Modern Maccabees.

The latest reports show a large increase in membership since the first of the year.

The Ladies of the Modern Maccabees now has an emergency fund of over \$107,000.

Knights and Ladies of Honor.

The new temple of the order in Indianapolis will be dedicated in September.

On March 1 the New York jurisdiction had 15,189 members in good standing.

ODD FELLOWS.

One Degree a Night—From Various Jurisdictions.

The Talisman says every lodge should adopt and strictly carry out the "one degree a night" system. This would certainly be a good idea, and then require the candidate to become proficient in this degree before he could advance to the next one. If this were the case we would not have so many members who are unfamiliar with the work. We should have well posted members, who are always ready to be at their post of duty.—Virginia Odd Fellow.

There are twenty-eight juvenile lodges in the jurisdiction of Australasia, with a membership of 967.

The order in Pennsylvania has increased over 4,000 in membership during the past year, bringing the total membership up to about 130,000.

The noble grand should not be content until he knows how to preside according to strict parliamentary usage.

At the recent session of the grand lodge of Texas a resolution was introduced in reference to establishing another home for aged and indigent Odd Fellows and their wives and passed by a unanimous vote.

The reports of the subordinate lodges of Massachusetts for the year ending Dec. 31, 1904, show a total membership of 54,907, a net gain of 703 for the year.

Indiana Odd Fellows are working for a membership of 70,000 by the close of the year. The present membership of the jurisdiction is 66,470.

Reports presented at the recent session of the grand lodge of Manitoba show seventy-three lodges in the jurisdiction, with a membership of 5,360.

UNITED WORKMEN.

Good Progress Made in New York. Notes of the Order.

Great activity marks the work of the order in New York. New lodges are being instituted, large classes initiated and public meetings held in all of the larger cities. The New York brothers are determined that no one shall be able to say that progress is not being made in that jurisdiction.—Wolverine Workman.

The grand lodge of Michigan has paid to the beneficiaries of deceased members the total amount of \$7,807,131.70 since the organization of the grand lodge.

So far twenty-eight jurisdictions have adopted the new rates of the supreme lodge.

Through the operation of the emergency fund law of the Oregon Degree of Honor there has accumulated the neat sum of \$2,390.15.

Iowa took in nearly 200 new members during the month ending Feb. 20.



Alex Brown is sachem, George Brown is senior sagamore and Harry Brown is junior sagamore of Pochontas tribe of San Francisco, and there are so many other Browns in the tribe that the Insigna says when one of them rises to speak the sachem has to consult a card index to identify him.

The New Jersey reservation reports

a net gain in membership during the past year of 2,389.

The order is growing in Alaska and is one of the strongest fraternal institutions in the territory.

During the last great sun the Maine reservation has gained 1,300 new members.

Social evenings produce good results. Something to interest the members is generally a producer of new members. A producer is not a drone.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

Net Gain During the Past Year. Helmet Gilts.

Charles E. Shively, supreme chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, has received from R. L. C. White of Nashville, Tenn., supreme keeper of records and seal, the official count of the members of the order. The report shows that the total membership is 622,353, a net gain during the last year of 27,583.

The grand domain of Indiana had 54,280 members on the first of the year, a net gain of 4,036 for 1904.

Reno, Nev., is to have a Pythian building to cost \$25,000 or \$30,000.

The lodges in San Francisco expect soon to have a big initiation day. An effort is being made to build a Pythian building in that city.

The Illinois grand domain has over 55,000 members in good standing. There was a net gain in membership of 2,234 during the past year.



The blessings of thousands and tens of thousands of widows and orphans have been heaped upon the fraternal cause.

Thomas G. Watts, head of the order of Red Men in the United States, died recently.

The contract clause in the Modern Woodmen certificate that no payment will be made in case of suicide occurring within three years of the date of the issuance of the certificate has been upheld in a suit instituted in the superior court at Evansville, Ind.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians is planning the erection of a home in this country to cost \$200,000.

Saved by Dynamite.

Sometimes a flaming city is saved by dynamite a space that the fire can't cross. Sometimes, a cough hangs on so long, you feel as if nothing but dynamite would cure it. Z. T. Gray, of Calhoun, Ga., writes: "My wife had a very aggravated cough, which kept her awake nights. Two physicians could not help her; so she took Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, which eased her cough, gave her sleep and finally cured her." Strictly scientific cure for bronchitis and La Grippe, at Chas. Rogers' drug store, price 50c and \$1.00; guaranteed. Trial bottle free.

Mexican Etiquette.

Mexican etiquette puts on the newcomers the responsibility of making all the social advances.

Growth of Children.

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