KNIGHTS OF GRIP

Weekly Review of Various Secret Organizations.

ORDERS ARE GROWING FAST

Lodges Have Their Ups and Downs, But Each One Shows a Steady Increase in Membership Recruited Principally From Rising Generation.

In those lodges that are less active than the others let each member ask himself, "Whose fault is it that there is nothing doing in my lodge?" An effort to give even himself a satisfactory answer will probably lead him to attend the very next meeting and set the boom going.—Pennsylvania Workman.

The grand lodge of New York by an almost unanimous vote determined on biennial sessions hereafter.

The total number of beneficiary certificates in force Dec. 31, 1904, in Michigan was 17,175, 6,029 of which were for $1,000 and 11,146 for $2,000.

From the organization of the A. O. U. W. in New York to the present time $18,000,000 has been paid out to beneficiaries.

The Degree of Honor in Minnesota made a net increase in beneficial membership in 1904 of 1,523 members, making the total membership at the close of the year 8,505.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

The Indiana Pythian Building. Notes and Gossip.

The big Pythian building which is to be erected in Indianapolis by the grand lodge of Indiana will contain 264 office rooms, and there will be 8,000 feet of area on the ground floor, to be divided

THE INDIANA PYTHIAN BUILDING.

into storerooms, besides a glass walled arcade. The building will be of steel construction, absolutely fireproof and with every modern appliance and convenience necessary to a structure of this character. It will front 180 feet on Massachusetts avenue, 150 feet on Pennsylvania street, and the north, or base, wall will measure 138 feet. There will be an auditorium of sufficient size to accommodate the convention of the grand lodge. The structure will be ten stories in height and cost $400,000.

Mountain City lodge of Frederick, Md., will erect a fine Pythian temple in that city.

The District of Columbia now has a Pythian membership in good standing of over 7,000.

How many lodges keep a visitors' register? Every lodge should have one and request visitors to register.

Ten members of the order lost their lives in the recent disaster in Brockton, Mass.

ODD FELLOWS.

The Outside and Inside Guards. Triple Link Notes.

In the lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows too little attention is given to the selection of the officers who are stationed at the outer and the inner door, says the Lodge Record. It often happens that the members selected for these positions are those who have little interest in the organization, or, as the general membership says, "Any one who can receive the password is good enough to put at the doors." Close observation demonstrates that the outside and inside guards are among the most important officers of a lodge, and they should be selected with the greatest care, particularly as to fitness to fill the positions.

The Odd Fellows' home of Indian Territory is located upon a farm of 153 acres of fertile land, valued at $7,500. The building cost the order $14,000.

The odes constitute an integral part of the ceremonies of a subordinate lodge, and it is not proper to omit them. If they cannot be sung, they should be read.

In answer to the question, "Is profanity a sufficient ground for charges?" the Odd Fellows' Herald says, "No, unless it amounts to calumny or slander or disturbs the peace of the lodge."

Do something to help your lodge along. Don't be a drone. If you believe in Odd Fellowship let your deeds prove it.

Washington made a gain of 1,200 during the year 1904. On the 31st of December it had a membership of 14,850. The encampment membership was 2,771, a net gain during the twelve months of 362.

Reports presented at the recent session of the grand encampment of Massachusetts show a net loss in membership during the past year. The present membership is 10,870.

Alex Roux, who died recently in Los Angeles at the age of eighty-eight, had been an Odd Fellow sixty-four years.

Royal Neighbors of America.

Recent reports show the society has a social and beneficial membership of 134,000.

During the past year there was a net gain in membership of 16,558.

RED MEN.

Notes and Gossip From Various Reservations.

The present wealth of the tribes of New Jersey is over 446,000 fathoms of wampum, a gain of over 29,000 for the great sun.

There is a new council at Bakersfield, Cal., with over 100 charter members.

Sanatoga tribe of Pottstown, Pa., has over 500 members and last moon adopted fifteen palefaces.

The tribes in Massachusetts are doing good work, and the jurisdiction is growing rapidly. At Lynn recently seventy-five palefaces were adopted.

At a union council fire in St. Louis recently 100 palefaces were adopted.

Reports from various reservations show the Degree of Pocahontas is making splendid progress.

MASONIC.

Fault Finding In the Lodge Room. Temple Chips.

Whatever other things men may see in you which they dislike, do not let them set you down for a chronic fault finder. Shun this habit as you would a pestilence. If things in the lodge do not go exactly to suit you do not find fault. Show a disposition to help remedy any real mistakes, but do not sit back and merely find fault. A brother may not perform his part in the work exactly as you would like, but do not let this disturb your digestion. Do not find fault.—Masonic Chronicler.

The Masons of Los Angeles, Cal., have secured a site on which will be erected a handsome $30,000 temple.

The Masonic home fund of Mississippi has now reached the sum of $40,000, and at the recent annual communication of the grand lodge a committee was appointed to seek a site for the home.

The Masons of Miamisburg, O., are conducting a series of instructive lectures for the general public.

There is talk in Illinois of next year celebrating the birth of Masonry in that state. The first Masonic lodge in Illinois was established at Kaskaskin Sept. 13, 1806.

Referring to the late General Lew Wallace, the Masonic Advocate of Indianapolis, Ind., says, "He had been a master Mason for more than half a century and was a member of Montgomery lodge, No. 50, at Crawfordsville, Ind., at the time of his death."

The Toronto Freemason says that "Ireland and British Columbia are the only grand Masonic jurisdictions under the British flag that still adhere to the unanimous ballot for candidates."

The per capita expense of the Kansas Masonic home for 1904 was $164. On Jan. 1 there were fifty-five inmates in the home.

A fine temple is to be erected by the Masons of Reno, Nev. It will cost $65,000 and will be three stories high.

The grand master of Ohio ruled that "the circulation of a printed ballot prior to the annual lodge election with the names of the parties desiring favor thereon or any statement with reference to candidates is improper."

ROYAL ARCANUM

Michigan now has a membership of nearly 8,000 and 86 active Royal Arcanum councils.

Heavy gains have been made in Illinois this year, and the jurisdiction now has 26,600 members and 118 councils.

The large gains made in Pennsylvania since the first of the year has put the jurisdiction well over the 36,000 mark in membership.

There is but one Royal Arcanum council in Oklahoma. It has twenty-five members.

About 3,000 applications were received by the supreme secretary in March.

During the past year the Royal Arcanum in Missouri has increased 1,662.

Washington is to have a fine Royal Arcanum building.

MODERN WOODMEN.

Notes of the Order From Various Jurisdictions.

Recent reports show the Iowa jurisdiction has 67,000 benefit and 2,700 social members.

The order is steadily growing in Oklahoma, where there are now 150 active camps and over 4,000 members.

Head Clerk Hawes' latest report shows a membership of nearly 39,000 in Michigan and 584 camps.

The Modern Woodmen is firmly established in thirty-seven states and has a membership in good standing of over 715,000.

The order now has a social membership of 30,000.

FRATERNAL GOSSIP

Fraternal societies in all parts of the country report excellent progress since the first of the year.

The Woodmen of the World, organized in 1891, has over 207,000 members and has paid in benefits $15,000,000.

In thirty-six years the fraternal system has grown to 200 active organizations, which have paid more than $800,000,000 to widows and orphans in all parts of the United States.

This is the season for picnics, outings and the like. Not only can substantial enjoyment be derived in this way, but the interests of the fraternal societies can be advanced as well.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Dr. Wolfgang Weichhardt's antitoxin for laziness is made of strychnine. It will cure the complaint if the doses are made large enough.—Ohio State Journal.

It will not be the fault of philanthropic millionaires if America does not represent the brains of the world in a generation or two.—Washington Star.

The American Antisaloon league hopes to eliminate intoxication and fireworks on the Fourth of July. Why not add orations?—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

A Pittsburg firm has received an order for 100,000 life preservers for use on the Atlantic coast. The summer excursion season begins ominously.—New York Commercial.

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