

LODGE DIRECTORY.

Masonic Calendar.

Jennings Lodge, No. 9, stated communications, Second and Fourth Fridays of each month. OSCAR HAYTER, W. M. J. C. HAYTER, Sec.

Ainsworth Chapter, No. 17, R. A. M., stated convocation, First and third Fridays of each month. OSCAR HAYTER, H. P. WILLIS SIMONTON, Sec.

Naomi Chapter, No. 22, O. E. S., stated meetings Second and Fourth Tuesdays of each month. MRS. ALICE KOZER, W. M. MRS. PAULINE WILLIAMS, Sec.

United Artisans.

Assembly No. 46—meets First and Third Tuesday of each month. WILLIS SIMONTON, M. A.

Fraternal Union of America

Lodge No. 144—Meets Third Tuesday of each month. W. J. WAGNER, F. M. MRS. S. E. MORRISON, Sec.

Knights of the Maccabees.

Dallas Tent, No. 3, meets Second and Fourth Thursdays of each month in I. O. O. F. hall. DR. MARK HAYTER, S. K. Com. I. N. WOODS, R. K.

Lilac Hive, No. 28, L. O. T. M., meets on Second and Fourth Thursday afternoon of each month. MRS. KITTIE N. MILLER, L. C. MRS. ROSE FIDLER, R. K.

A. O. U. W.

Union Lodge, No. 35—Meets First and Third Wednesday of each month. H. L. FENTON, W. W. JOHN E. SMITH, Fin.

Crystal Lodge, No. 50, D. of H., meets First and Third Wednesday of each month. MRS. F. J. COAD, C. of H. MRS. ED. F. COAD, Fin.

Knights of Pythias

ARMION LODGE, No. 96, K. of P.—Meets every Monday evening in its Castle Hall in Woodman building. Visiting Knights are welcome. M. A. FORD, C. G. L. HAWKINS, K. of R. S.

Woodmen of the World.

Dallas Camp, No. 206, meets in their Castle hall in the Woodman building every Tuesday evening. B. M. GUY C. C. W. G. VERRALL.

Mistletoe Circle, No. 33, W. C. W., meets in their Castle Hall, in the Woodman building every Wednesday evening. MRS. EMMA KEESLAKE, G. N. B. M. GUY, Clerk.

I. O. O. F.

Friendship Lodge, No. 6, meets every Saturday evening in I. O. O. F. Hall. CONRAD SWAFFORD, N. G. W. A. AYRES, Rec. Sec.

LaCreole Encampment, No. 20, meets Second and Fourth Monday of each month. J. E. SIBLEY, C. P. A. W. TRATE, Secide.

Amira Lodge, No. 26, D. of R., meets every Friday evening. MISS LYDIA CAMPBELL, N. G. MISS EVANGELINE HART, Sec.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

LESSON XII, FOURTH QUARTER, INTERNATIONAL SERIES, DEC. 23.

Text of the Lesson, Luke xxiv, 36-53. Memory Verses, 46-48—Golden Text, Luke xxiv, 51—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

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While the topic of the lesson is "The Ascension," the portion assigned covers the evening of the first resurrection day and suggestively all the events between that and the actual ascension of verse 51. The alternate lesson suggested by the committee is a Christmas lesson from John 1, 1-14, on "The Word made flesh," but both can be easily combined, and each contains facts and truths which need to be strongly emphasized. The Word by whom all things were created was made flesh and dwelt among men on earth, God manifest in the flesh, and the body in which He dwelt was prepared by the Holy Spirit in the Virgin Mary, so that Jesus was in a peculiar and unique sense "the seed of the woman" (1 Tim. iii, 16; Luke 1, 34, 35) of Gen. iii, 15. He was made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law (Gal. iv, 4, 5), and, having borne our sins in His own body on the tree and been made a curse for us, He rose from the dead in a literal, material body of flesh and bones, concerning which He said, "Handle Me and see," and He showed them in His hands and feet the marks of the nails by which He had been fastened to the cross. He also actually ate before them (verses 39-43). "That resurrection body is a sample of what ours will be when we shall be like Him" (1 John iii, 2; Phil. iii, 20, 21) in the first resurrection at His coming.

He would have us believe these things regardless of all sight or feeling (John xx, 29; Mark v, 30) and in the power of the Holy Spirit proclaim repentance and submission of sins among all nations as His witnesses (47, 48). He would have us restful, peaceful, untroubled and fearless (38-38; John xiv, 1, 27), consciously united to Him, the risen, living Christ, and believing that He sends us as the Father sent Him and that He is with us all the days as the Father was with Him (John xvii, 18; xx, 21; vi, 57; Matt. xxviii, 20). To be His witnesses we must believe the books of Moses, the prophets and the Psalms as He did, (44-46) and from the Scriptures preach Jesus as Phillip did (Acts viii, 35). As we see how literally prophecy has been fulfilled in reference to His humiliation and sufferings we must believe that all prophecy concerning His kingdom and glory shall be just as literally fulfilled, remembering His words in verse 44, "All things must be fulfilled," and again in John x, 35, "The Scripture cannot be broken." There is no power for life or testimony apart from the Word of God and the Spirit of God, but filled with these the weakest vessel will be used by God as a witness unto Jesus Christ. Every believer has become a temple of the Holy Ghost and is indwelt by Him (John xiv, 17; 1 Cor. vi, 19, 20), but every believer should be filled with the Spirit (Eph. v, 18), speaking the word of God with boldness (Acts iv, 31), for otherwise the preaching, however orthodox, may be only cold water instead of boiling water to make His name known (Isa. lxi, 2).

What He was and did those forty days between His resurrection and visible ascension gives us some idea of what we shall be and do in our resurrection bodies in His kingdom, of which He had so much to say those forty days (Acts 1, 3). While this present evil age of "the mystery of two kingdoms" (Matt. xiii, 11) continues and the witnesses go forth with the incorruptible seed of the word we must expect to find it just as He said it would be in the parables of the sower and of the wheat and tares and other parables; but, as He was sustained under all His trials by the joy set before Him (Heb. xii, 2), so we, like the disciples, may joyfully continue (52, 53) amid all discouragements to be His faithful witnesses.

A more full account of His ascension is found in Acts 1, 9-11, where notice the words "taken up" in verses 9, 11, and also verses 2, 22. In that same material but glorified body which came out of the tomb, which could be handled and in which He could eat and walk or vanish at pleasure, He ascended to the right hand of God, where as our High Priest He ever liveth to make intercession for us, sympathizing with us, for He was in all points tempted like as we are.

We can scarcely understand the amazement of the disciples as they saw Him slowly and calmly, with lifted hands stretched out to bless them, leave their midst and majestically ascend skyward. They were lost to all but their ascending Lord till the cloud received Him out of their sight, and then they continued gazing up into heaven, as if perchance they might obtain another glimpse of Him, until they were recalled to earth by the voice of two beside them, who said, "This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven." This second coming of Christ to end this age and bring in a better one is the blessed hope of the church (Tit. ii, 13) for which we wait. He will come to the air to receive us to Himself (1 Thess. iv, 16-18; 1 Cor. xv, 23, 51, 52), and then a little later He will come in glory, bringing all His saints with Him to end this age and set up His kingdom with Israel as its center (Col. iii, 43; 1 Thess. iii, 13). Then shall His feet stand again on the very hill from which He ascended, and Israel shall receive Him as their Messiah (Zech. xiv, 1-5; Isa. xxv, 9); then shall be glory to God and peace on earth.

THE GRANGE

Conducted by J. W. DARROW, Chatham, N. Y., Press Correspondent New York State Grange

ELECTING DELEGATES.

What is Best Policy in Selecting Representatives to State Grange? [Special Correspondence.]

The season for electing delegates to the various state granges to be held from December to February is now on. According to the custom now prevailing, the delegates are chosen from the Pomona grange in counties where there is a Pomona, and in some instances the most efficient representatives find their way to the state grange. In some cases they are not the most efficient. The custom which prevails in some counties of passing the honors around to the subordinate granges in the county does not always bring the best representatives to the front, yet it may be only to the subordinate granges that they share the honors with each other. But even if this is done the delegate at large should be chosen because of his experience at the state grange meetings and be one of the ablest men that the county can select. The very ablest on the delegate list may be found from granges in every Order.

It has been suggested in a western grange paper that members of subordinate granges should select the state grange officers they would like to see elected and have their vote canvassed and declared at the state grange meeting. Only such names as appear on the ballots sent in by the subordinate grange should be considered candidates. We do not favor this plan at all. Rather than this we would prefer to see nominations made in open grange, the same as in political conventions, allowing the delegate who placed his candidate in nomination, say, ten minutes to set forth the claims and qualifications of his candidate. At present nominating speeches are not allowed, and often members cannot know of the qualifications which a candidate possesses. Even in the Pomona and subordinate granges it is not allowable to nominate candidates for office, yet it would save time if this were permissible.

In a recent Pomona grange meeting five delegates were to be elected to the state grange. The plan of passing the honors around among the granges is in vogue, and there was a desire on the part of some of the officers to give granges in a distant part of the county a representation, yet few present knew who were representative men to select. This plan was resorted to: A committee of five was appointed to present a list of ten names to represent those granges that had not recently been honored with a delegate. Out of those ten names five were to be selected as delegates, thus allowing the members of the Pomona a little choice in the matter. This was found to save time, and the result was satisfactory to all concerned. Whether this plan would be advisable in electing officers of subordinate, Pomona or state granges is problematical. A PATRON.

STATE GRANGE DELEGATES.

Basis on Which They Are Allotted Explained.

It is not clear to all members of the grange just what the basis of representation in the state grange is. We refer now to New York state particularly. Delegates are allotted to different counties by the state grange secretary upon reports received from the subordinate granges for the quarter ending Sept. 30. The allotment is made Nov. 15, and every grange in the state is notified of the number of delegates that the county will be entitled to in which it is located. Every county is entitled to one delegate at large, whether it has one grange or fifty. Then, in addition to the delegate at large, the county is entitled to another for each full 400 members, and after that one delegate may be elected for every fraction of 400 members exceeding 200. Each alternate delegate must be a matron. These delegates are elected at the Pomona grange meetings in counties where there is a Pomona grange. If not, the county deputy calls a meeting some time in December of all the masters and past masters and their wives who are matrons, and they elect the delegates from every county. Any fourth degree member is eligible. If a male delegate is accompanied by his wife, he draws five days' pay instead of four, and the same is true if the delegate is a woman accompanied by her husband. Delegates are paid \$2.50 per day for four days and 6 cents mileage one way.

New Things in Grange Work.

Among "new things" in grange work during recent months are noted Oregon's vigorous lecture hour plans (including a literary, a travel and a geographical topic, besides its farm topics), Pennsylvania's grange banks, New York's and New Jersey's grange scholarships in agricultural colleges and Ohio's home and grange reading courses. These are by no means all, simply straws which show the trend of a pretty strong grange wind, say you not?

President Butterfield Inaugurated. Professor Kenyon L. Butterfield was inaugurated president of the Massachusetts Agricultural college at Amherst, Mass., Oct. 17. Professor Butterfield is an enthusiastic member of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry and did grand work for the grange when connected with the Michigan Agricultural college.



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China Ware!!

This has always been a strong line with us. This year it is stronger than ever and the prices are wonderfully low.

Would not some of your friends like a Cup and Saucer, a Plate, Cracker Bowl, Salad Bowl, Salad or Fruit Set, Cream Pitcher, Sugar Bowl, Nut Bowl, Olive, Celery or Spoon Tray, or some other fancy China Ware?

Toy Department

In our Toy Department you will find nearly everything from an Iron Toy that would take a sledge hammer to break them, to ingenious toys that run themselves.

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Doll Buggies

We have a large line of them. You can get a neat little Go-Cart for 40 cents, a better one for 60 cents, or a much better one at anywhere up to \$4.50.

Children's Games

All sorts of easy games for the little ones. Harder for the older ones. Amusing for all.

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Were made to please both the eye and the pocket book. You get dainty small books with picture cover for 20 cents, a somewhat better bound one for 30 cents, or still better in the Padded and the Burnt Leather for \$1.00.

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