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Odd Fellows' 98th Anniversary

The Odd Fellows of Monmouth gave due observance to the 98th anniversary of the order with two set programs on two occasions of the past week. The first was on Sunday afternoon. The members of the lodge, the Rebekahs and visitors assembled in the lodge room and marched in a body to the Christian church where they listened to an elo-

quent discourse by Rev. W. A. Elkins on the text of fraternity as exemplified in the parables of the New Testament.

On Monday evening the lodge held an open session with Grand Master H. S. Westbrook of Portland as special guest. A regular session of the lodge preceded it in which the Grand Master with his grand herald, H. K. Sickafoose and his district deputy, Paul Tacheron were officially received. The grand master congratulated the lodge on its healthy condition saying that it had made a record in the securing of new members that was equaled by very few of the lodges of the state. The twelve new members, considering the membership of the lodge, constituted a greater percentage of membership gain than the great majority of the lodges of the state had gained. He said he was the first grand master of the state to delegate the visiting of subordinate lodges to under officers which he had done during the past year with the result that all lodges of the state would have been visited before the session of the grand lodge a few weeks hence.

When the grand master had concluded J. Webber seized the occasion and the eagle of oratory at one and the same time. Clutching that noble bird with the fingers of right firmly grasped about its wind pipe, with his left he forcibly extracted a fistful of tailfeathers. Mr. Webber in silver toned words expressed the appreciation of all of the commendatory encomiums of the honored visitor. If catechized closely himself, the orator might

acquiesce acknowledgment of the modest indictment that Normal lodge is a "humdinger" but he stood upon his two feet and ten toes to assert that a portion of the credit belonged to the grand master, himself. For had he not appointed Bro. H. K. Sickafoose as a grand officer. The appointment had galvanized the lodge into new life. All had felt like the family of the man who had been appointed constable. The old woman and the children all felt that they were so many constables. Each lodge member felt that he was also a grand officer and, concluded the orator with a magnificent gesture, behold the results.

Mr. Sickafoose was also a central figure of another occasion. When the open session was announced and the Rebekahs and friends made their appearance, a program was given, during which H. K. was presented with a 30 year veteran jewel. Mr. Westbrook made the presentation address and it was a masterpiece of felicity and feeling. W. E. Smith and Mrs. J. W. Scott, noble grands respectively of the Odd Fellow and Rebekah lodges, led Mr. Sickafoose to the front to receive the jewel.

Mr. Westbrook addressed the assemblage at some length paying special attention to the calls of fraternity and the growth of the Odd Fellow idea. The home for dependent Odd Fellows and the orphan's home were spoken of and the good work these institutions are doing, was described.

Other features on the program were songs by Miss Randall and piano music by Miss Earsley.

At the conclusion of the program refreshments were served and an hour or more spent in social conversation and visiting. A number of visiting Odd Fellows

were present from Valley lodge of Independence.

The congregation of the Monmouth Christian church has accepted plans for the building of a parsonage on the ground lying between the church and the Davidson studio. The building is to be a story and a half high and to cost about \$1500.

H. S. Westbrook of Portland, was the guest of H. K. Sickafoose Tuesday.

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