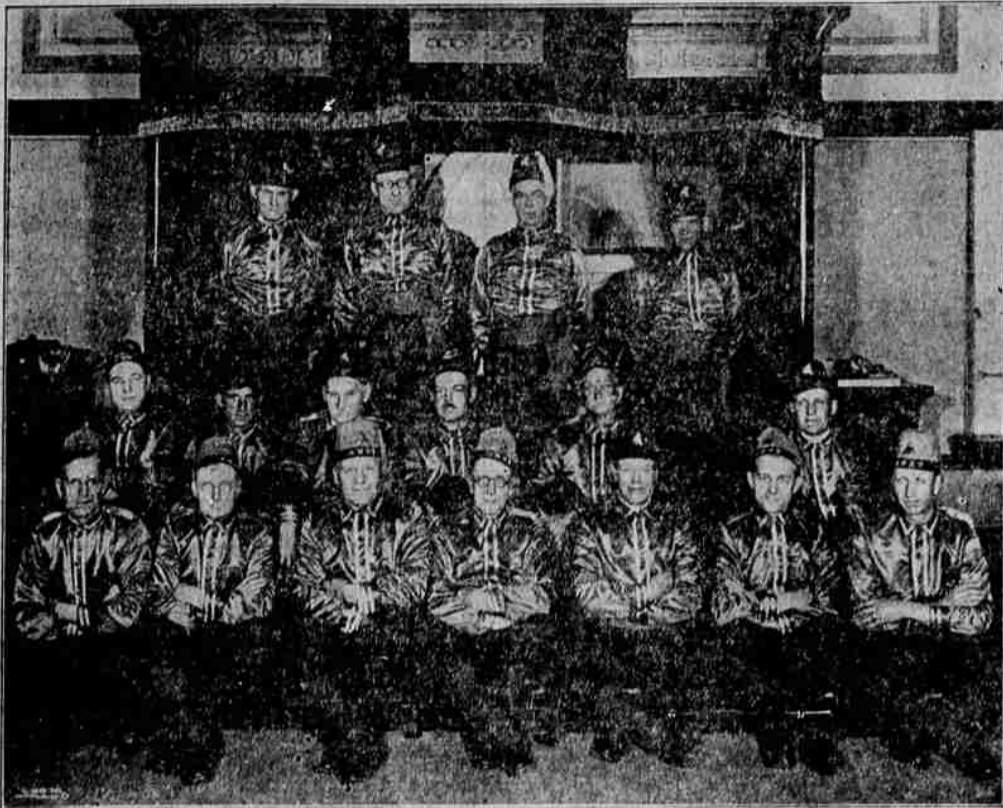


Portland Drill Team Will Appear in Odd Fellow Parade



Baku Sanatorium No. 250, Drill Team of Portland, which will participate in the Grand Lodge parade in Medford Wednesday, and in various lodge sessions.

LODGE WAS ORGANIZED HERE 1886

Medford Odd Fellows Lodge Is Number 86—Jacksonville, Ashland and Grants Pass Have Lodges—Beautiful New Lodge Hall in Medford Planned.

The number, 86, indicates that Medford lodge of Odd Fellows is not an old one. The number shows that there had been 82 lodges instituted in Oregon before No. 83 came into existence. There are several other lodges in Southern Oregon, in the Rogue River district, that antedate this. There is Jacksonville Lodge No. 10, Ashland No. 45, Kirbyville No. 55, and Grants Pass No. 78.

But let it be called to mind that Medford is a comparatively young municipality. Jacksonville was still at the zenith of her glory when the spot where Medford now stands was a waste of oak and chaparral, interlaced with winding stock trails. There are several residents of Medford today who recall riding through the thickets of what are now Main street and Central avenue, Ashland, Kirbyville, Gold Hill, Talent, Phoenix, Central Point, Grants Pass and other Rogue River valley towns were all on the map when such a town as Medford was unborn.

Lodge Organized in 1886 It was not until July 16, 1886, that Medford had reached such proportions in point of population that a small group of Odd Fellows brought into existence No. 83. The lodge was instituted by R. Alex-

ander of Pendleton, as grand master, and J. N. Bacon as grand secretary. Past Grand Master Alexander is still alive and has visited every grand lodge session, when possible, since his term. Although 79 years old, he still takes an active part in the work of Odd Fellowship and may be present at the grand lodge session in Medford this week.

Charter Members Listed The charter members of Medford No. 83 were Benj. I. Adkins, E. R. Webb, S. Rosenthal, H. W. Powell, G. H. Haskins, I. A. Webb, J. F. Kelly, W. F. Williamson, all of whom have passed to their reward. Many of the prominent citizens of Medford later became members, and one, W. I. Vawter, of revered memory, was grand master in 1898.

For many years the lodge met in the old Adkins building at the corner of Main and Central, in the upper room now known as Althea hall. It will be recalled that along about 1910 Medford was in the stages of a boomlet. Population was increasing by the thousands yearly. Everybody was full of enthusiasm and optimism. The members of Medford lodge got the fever, and decided the time was opportune to erect a lodge building of their own.

Lodge Hall Is Erected Accordingly, the present lot on Sixth street, between Grape and Holly, was purchased and a lodge hall erected. The lodge had obligated itself rather heavily, and with the collapse of the boomlet a year or two later, the members found themselves carrying a pretty heavy burden. But there were no crepe hangers among the membership. They all put their shoulders to the wheel and by a course of united action and cooperation, close economy and intelligent financial management, the debt was finally cleared.

In addition to this, the lodge, several years ago, acquired the cemetery plot south of the city, and a few years ago purchased the lot at the corner of Sixth and Grape, and upon which, it is the hope and dream of the lodge, to erect, in the not far distant future, a lodge temple which will not only be a pride to the membership, but a business ornament to the city.

The lodge has just completed putting a new front in the lodge building and bringing the edifice out to the street line. This is a marked improvement and makes a very attractive appearance.

The lodge meets regularly every Tuesday evening.

Encampment Branch

Rogue River Encampment No. 39, of Medford, was instituted May 17, 1892, by Kasper Kubli, a name which Southern Oregon people will readily recall, as grand patriarch, and A. M. Gambill as grand scribe. The charter members were W. I. Vawter, B. S. Webb, G. B. Addington, D. S. Youngs, Geo. E. Merritt, J. A. Webb, M. Purdin, and Isaac Woolf, personages whom old Medfordites will at once recognize.

The Encampment has kept its steady pace with the parent organization and embraces a healthy, sustaining membership. This branch meets the second and fourth Fridays of each month.

Patriarchs Militant Branch

Canton Siskiyou No. 16 was instituted February 27, 1909. It was originally named Daylight, the name being changed a few years ago to the present one. The charter was issued by Col. R. A. Hantz, department commander; John B. Godwin, adjutant general; and Capt. A. W. Killick, assistant adjutant general.

The charter members were C. C. Taylor, B. P. Clark, H. E. Boyden, N. J. Wiley, W. M. Taylor, Wm. S. Crowell, W. I. Vawter, H. G. Volney Dixon, F. E. Redden, L. M. Lyon, M. L. Meadows, D. L. Day, J. F. True, Arthur F. Wells, J. B. Wood, M. E. Tryer, A. T. Lundgren, J. L. Demmer, F. G. Snedden, W. T. York, G. P. True, T. J. Lacey, M. McCroskey, E. C. Gaddis, P. W. Streets, J. E. Day, Fort Hubbard, Isaac Woolf, J. W. Mitchell, J. H. Bowman, Homer H. Harvey, Rufus Goer and H. G. Nicholson.

The Canton meets every first and third Friday of each month. It is making steady progress.

Rebekah Branch

Rebekah Lodge No. 28 instituted May 19, 1887, by Henry

E. Doesch, grand master, and J. M. Bacon, grand scribe.

The charter members were B. S. Webb, C. K. Frank, A. Childers, F. F. Adkins, Isaac Woolf, I. A. Webb, J. F. Kelly, G. H. Haskins, A. M. Woodford, S. Rosenthal, B. W. Powell, H. Kinney, G. L. Webb, H. G. Fairclough, Sisters Nettie L. Webb, Belle M. Fronk, Sarah J. Adkins, Nannie Woolf, Kittle L. Webb, Lulu H. Kelly, Helen L. Haskins and Eliza Woodford.

From its inception Olive Rebekah Lodge has been an active and vital organization within its sphere, and is considered one of the most earnest and successful lodges of this branch in the state. Its particular pride is its degree staff work and is accorded a high rank in Odd Fellow circles.

Not only has it maintained its own individuality and carried forward the principles and traditions of the Rebekah branch with a spirit that is the embodiment of energy, but has been an inestimable factor in seconding the work of the subordinate. Many an undertaking on the part of the subordinate owes its success to the aid and encouragement rendered by the Rebekah lodge. In no other way is this more particularly demonstrated than in the assistance given in carrying forward the preparations for the grand lodge convalescence. Olive Rebekah Lodge meets the first and third Mondays of each month.

Canton Auxiliary

Canton Auxiliary Siskiyou No. 16 was instituted October 24, 1921, by Brig. Gen. W. A. Wadsworth, department commander, and H. M. Beckwith, assistant adjutant general.

The charter members were Mary E. Wiley, Minnie B. Heinie, Effie Watkins, Mable Wilson, Lydia Hubbard, Margery Pearson, Maude Sticksel, Hazel Wiley, Dora Payne,

Officers of Patriarchs Militant Department



Brig.-Gen. W. E. Wadsworth P. G. P. President of the Department Council of Oregon, Patriarchs Militant.



Brig.-Gen. H. M. Beckwith P. G. M. Clerk, Department Council of Oregon, Patriarchs Militant.



Betty Jean Burke Ladies' Auxiliary, P. M. President, Department Council, Ladies' Auxiliary, P. M.



Alma Henderson Department-capt for the coming year, Department Council, Ladies' Auxiliary, P. M.

Lillian Hooker, Mamie Davis, Elsie Millard, Grace Hamlin, Minnie Jones, Mamie Boardman, Ann Myer, Mollie Louser, Alice Ulrich, Zola Fick, Sophia Childers, Sarah L. Redden, Katherine Daniels, Edna Haymond, Nettie Walker, Effie Dally, Myrtle Canaday, Ruth Daniels, Mamie Norris, Lily Demmer, Louise Perozzi, Mary Trefren, Mabel Roberts and Carrie McDannel.

FIRST SESSION OF GRAND LODGE 1913 RECALLED

Sixteen years ago this month, Medford Lodge No. 83 received and entertained its first session of the state grand lodge. Although at that time Medford was somewhat in the "dumps" following the deflation of her late incipient boom, Medford lodge was not daunted. They provided such a reception and entertainment that this city was even then voted one of the liveliest and loveliest towns in Oregon, and that session did as much as anything else to dissipate the general rumor that Medford "had gone dead."

The visitors were so favorably impressed with Medford's spirit of hospitality and good will that they have longed for an opportunity to again visit this city, and especially since reports of her late progress and advancement have been generally heralded. Members of the order gladly welcome the occasion to visit this city again, and those who have never seen Medford are coming with great expectations. And every one who can is going to take advantage of this opportunity.

Hence the big crowd that is anticipated. From all over Oregon and northern California Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are expected to be present in numbers exceeding that in attendance at any other grand lodge session in this state. Providing rooms will be a big problem, but by systematic effort, John A. Perl, as chairman, and his efficient committee expect to be able to take care of the influx of visitors.

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Here are Some High Lights on Odd Fellowship

Until recently the minimum age limit for admission into the Order of Odd Fellows was 21 years. Under a recent law the age limit has been reduced to 18 years.

Not only are wives, sisters and mothers of Odd Fellows eligible to membership in the Rebekah branch, but any unmarried lady 18 years of age or upward may be admitted.

Pagle Point lodge was the youngest lodge in this county, but after a few years of existence it found itself unable to carry on its proper functions and a few years ago was consolidated with Medford lodge.

Odd Fellowship seeks a worldwide fraternity and brotherhood. Its great aim is to cement mankind into a universal brotherhood where each shall be under obligation to care for and assist the sick and afflicted.

Odd Fellowship encourages no movements in conflict with the order of government. On the contrary, it demands a strict support of any government under which it exists.

The motto of Odd Fellowship is friendship, love and truth. These are exemplified from biblical history upon initiation and are represented by the three links, the popular emblem of the order.

With the classification of human society the I. O. O. F. holds no fellowship. It studiously avoids all affinity with systems of class or sect, whether religious or political.

One is not considered an Odd Elk's temple.

Fellow in spirit and in truth unless he is grateful to his creator, faithful to his country and fraternal to his fellow man.

The simplicity and purity of the faith and lives of the patriarchs of old are the inspiratin for the encampment branch of Odd Fellows. It seeks, by precept and example, to restore the world to that clean and wholesome life of the patriarchs of biblical history and extricate the divisions which separate the children of a common father.

The home and the chastity of woman are the most sacred obligations of Odd Fellows and its members. In the Patriarch's Militant branch are deeply impressed the necessity of preserving these inviolate.

The Rebekah degree portrays the courage, the goodness, the fidelity of true womanhood; the modesty, worth and excellence of all those virtues which combine to make a woman all that is pure, noble and good. It harmoniously binds the benevolent and charitable duties of life with her own domestic and social relations.

Odd Fellow Degree Teams to Compete

At every session of the grand lodge prizes are awarded for the best exemplification of degree work. At this year's session prizes will be awarded as follows: First or any other degree where there are two or more competitors, \$60; second prize, \$25.

Several lodges lodges have signified competing for these prizes, and some very high class degree work is expected at the subordinate meeting Wednesday night at the

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