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SALEM LODGE OF ELKS HAS GROWN TO 804

Has 94 Men in the Service.— One Of The Most Active Lodges in Country.

When any one of the 804 members of the Salem lodge No. 336, B. P. O. E., settles forth in the world, he has the satisfaction of knowing there are more than half a million brothers who will give him the hand of welcome and who will greet him with a brotherly Elk greeting at any of the meetings of the 1336 lodges in the United States.

When an Elk greets an Elk there is no thought of a man's pedigree or his rank account or whether he belongs to one of the first families of Virginia. The fact that he is an Elk in good standing is a sufficient guarantee that he is a good fellow and worthy of comradeship.

During the past year the Salem Elks' lodge has been growing, with an addition of 80 members. War activities have prevented any great addition in the membership of the lodge but with the close of 1919, it is figured that the active membership will run close to 1000.

With its 804 members in good standing, Salem has one of the largest Elk lodges in the country, compared to the size of the city. McMinnville with its 552 members at the close of the Elk year last March ranks high, considering size of the city, and the same may be said of Ashland, Oregon, with 607 members, Medford with 605 and La Grande with 708. This membership is based on the close of the Elk year March 31, and does not include activities of this winter.

Oregon as a state is strong for the Elk lodge. In Portland, the first state there are 1881 members, Astoria 523, The Dalles 556, Roseburg 447, Baker 409, Eugene 657, Heppner 323, Pendleton 389, Albany 500, Marshfield 492, Oregon City 390, and the growing lodge at Klamath Falls with 423 reported March 31, 1918.

Salem has not only one of the largest Elks' lodges in the country, but from a standpoint of active membership and finances, it also ranks about the highest. The lodge owns real estate property to the value of \$45,000, and has personal property in the way of lodge room furniture and equipment that cost \$12,000, just a few years ago. The net value of the Salem Elks lodge today is estimated at \$47,000. The lodge owes only \$4,000, and it is estimated that this debt will be paid off within the next year or so, as the membership is rapidly growing.

Salem lodge no. 336, B. P. O. E. was organized April 21, 1896, with the election of John Knight as the first exalted ruler. Mr. Knight now lives in Portland and is hajiff for the United States

courts. Its meetings were at first held in the Y. M. C. A. building and later in the Odd Fellows' hall. In January of '96, the growing lodge felt the need of larger quarters and a committee consisting of F. W. Durbin, H. W. Meyers, Frank Meredith, George E. Waters and Harry E. Albert was appointed to report on building suitable quarters on the lot on which the Elks' lodge is now located.

The committee reported favorably on building and accepted the plans drawn by W. C. Knighton for a building that eventually cost \$20,000, and which is now the present Elks' building and home. A contract was entered into with the Illinois club for the rental of the lower floor of the building for five years at a monthly rental of \$75 a month with the privilege of an extension of five years.

By the year 1914 the Elk membership had grown to such size that the Illinois club was induced to relinquish the lease of the lower floor. Now that the lodge had both floors of its own building, \$12,000 was spent in making it comfortable. As an investment, the lodge bought the corner lot on High and Court streets, including the building now occupied by Webb & Clough and extending on Court to the D'Arcy building. On both of the real estate properties and on the lodge furniture and fixtures, there is but the \$4000 unpaid.

The lodge has been doing good work in all war activities. For each of the 94 members in the service of the country the \$12 a year dues have been remitted. To the grand lodge, No. 336 donated \$1,500 towards establishing a base hospital. The lodge has bought of every Liberty Loan and has given liberally to the Red Cross, United War Fund and to all patriotic drives.

Of the 22 exalted rulers since the lodge was organized in 1896, all are living, and are as follows in the order of their election:

John Knight, W. J. D'Arcy, F. T. Wrightman, P. H. D'Arcy, W. D. McNary, Frank W. Durbin, Dr. W. H. Byrd, Dr. H. H. Olinger, George L. Rose, Al H. Steiner, C. L. McNary, present U. S. senator from Oregon; W. C. Smith, Harry E. Albert, B. O. Schucking, A. S. Benson, Chas. V. Galloway, Roy Buckingham, August Huckstein, present Salem postmaster; Milton L. Meyers, A. J. Anderson, Louis Lachmund, present state senator from Marion county; Walter E. Keyes, present mayor of Salem; and Harry E. Wenderoth, exalted ruler for the Elk year closing on March 31, 1919.

For the coming months the Elks are planning several social activities. These will include a dance to be given Jan. 14, and monthly thereafter; a ladies night in February and some form of entertainment for every other Thursday regular meeting.

PASSENGERS ARE LANDED

London, Jan. 1.—All passengers and crew of the morican transport Tena-dores, which went ashore off the French coast, have been safely landed. It was announced today.

OREGON'S RECORD

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ords of the war department have been compiled. Upon the declaration of war, many Oregon men temporarily absent from home, entered some branch of the service. There is no available record of these enlistments at the present time. Independent of the 11,660 men who enlisted voluntarily under the first

draft and 14,651 who were inducted into service with a further volunteer enlistment aggregating 5403 and distributed among the following organization which were made up entirely of Oregon men:

	Officers	Men
Regiment coast artillery	59	1290
Third Oregon regiment	55	1966
Two bat. field artillery	10	302
One squadron cavalry	15	387
One battalion engineers	13	427
Base hospital unit No. 46	25	350

Oregon naval militia 383
 Oregon field hospital No. 1 5
 Medical department 2
 Quartermaster's department 2
 Adjutant-general's dep't 1
 Ordnance department 6
 Total 187 4216

Of the above organizations, the field hospital company—Oregon field hospital No. 1, organized at La Grande—was the first Oregon unit to go overseas. Base hospital unit No. 46, in charge of Lieutenant-Colonel Yenney, is still in France and probably will remain during a part of the reconstruction period. The equipment for this organization, which was recruited almost entirely from Oregon and is offered by University of Oregon medical men, was provided by the Elks from their \$1,000,000 war fund. The state's volunteer contribution of men was further increased by the ambulance unit, formed at the University of Oregon and which also saw overseas service.

The foregoing figures do not include several hundred who enlisted through the army, navy or marine recruiting stations maintained in this city, nor many residents of this state who were inducted into the service by draft boards in other states. It is estimated by the adjutant general's office that approximately 32,000 men were furnished from Oregon.—Oregonian.

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