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MASONIC ORDER FOR BOYS HAS 75 MEMBERS

CHAPTER OF DE' MOLAY INSTITUTED IN ALLIANCE

Expect Membership to Increase to Three Hundred Within Year—Install Officers Monday

Alliance chapter of the Order of De Molay, the boys and young men's fraternity for sons of Masons and their chums, was instituted at Masonic hall Monday evening by Zoro D. Clark of Omaha, honorary thirty-third degree Mason. The Alliance chapter has a charter membership of seventy-five, and it is expected that this will be increased to at least three hundred by the time the chapter is a year old.

The first portion of the Monday evening program was public and a number of people were present to witness the institution ceremonies and the installation of officers. The following officers were chosen to hold offices for a term of three months:

Master Councillor, Ray Edwards. Senior Councillor, William Williams. Junior Councillor, Wray Rominger. Scribe, Burl Brown. Treasurer, Alton Mote. Almoner, George Purdy. Senior deacon, Horace Fuller. Junior deacon, John Schreiner. Standard bearer, LaVerne Butler. Senior steward, Leon Alter. Junior steward, Wesley Stuart. Marshal, Glen Joder. Howard Lotspeich. Chaplain, Carl Sward. First preceptor, James Fowler. Second preceptor, Robert Gavin. Third preceptor, Walter Jones. Fourth preceptor, Fred Hill. Fifth preceptor, Lester Cross. Sixth preceptor, Leonard Part. Seventh preceptor, Raymond Brown.

The newly installed officers, with only few hours' practice under the instruction of Mr. Clark, put on the three degrees of the order, a number of Master Masons being present for the occasion. Some twenty or thirty boys, the newest of the charter members, were the candidates.

Herbert Purington James Fowler
Fred Hill Leonard Pate
Wade Grassman Ivan Acheson
Clarence Kibble John R. Soth
Charles Grace John T. Howard
Leland C. Messer John B. Minor
Herbert Miller Fred Purdy
Wesley A. Stuart Ray Smith
Raymond Brown Harvey Shepard
Royal R. Irwin John Marks
John R. Shreiner John Moxon
Robert A. Gavin Seth Joder
Horace Fuller George Purdy
Leon Alter Leslie Miskimen
Lester A. Cross Clarence Ralls
Chester Hagan King Robbins
Carl Sward Lyle Mote
Alton Mote Thomas Howard
Lee Strong LaVerne Butler
Ray Edwards Thomas Miller
Glen Stillwell Jerome Fleming
Burl B. Brown Fred Phillips
Wray Rominger Harold Gavin
Howard Lotspeich Harvey Coursey
Glen H. Joder Wallis Gillette
Ivan L. Wong John Kendrick
William Williams Mark Stephenson
Fred Stillwell Lester Hashman
Rowland Threlkeld Wesley Hashman
Robert C. Campbell, Antioch
Raymond A. Miller, Hoffland
Donald R. Brockway, Hoffland
Robert G. Minick, Crawford
Paul Wolverton, Crawford
Earl W. Barnes, Crawford
Glenn F. Smith, Antioch

Under the rules of the order, an advisory council of Master Masons was appointed to supervise their work. This council consists of William J. Johnson, chairman; F. C. Prince, Clifford Sward, Dr. Charles E. Slagle, G. L. Griggs, P. L. Beach, M. S. Har- graves, Rev. S. J. Epler, A. S. Mote and H. F. Thiele.

The Alliance chapter was particularly fortunate in being instituted by Zoro D. Clark, who was chiefly responsible for making the Order of DeMolay nationwide in its scope. The order is but a little over two years old, and was organized first in Kansas City by Frank D. Land, in charge of the welfare work of the Scottish Rite bodies of that city, and the Scottish Rite home for crippled children. Mr. Land had intended it only as a local organization. In November, 1919, Mr. Clark visited Kansas City and saw the work put on by the boys. At that time he suggested that the order be made national and was given the privilege of starting the ball rolling by instituting a chapter in Omaha. He was given permission to use the original manuscript, and May 8, 1920, the first chapter outside of Kansas City was organized. There were sixty-five charter members in Omaha, and at that time Kansas City had over 350.

The growth of the order has been remarkable. At the grand council meeting, held March 8, 1921, fifty-five charters were granted, and 115 cities were organizing under letters temporary, the membership being 25,000. A week ago, before Mr. Clark came to Alliance, he was informed by Mr. Land, who is grand scribe, that a check of members showed the 45,000 mark had been passed.

There are nearly two thousand

members in Nebraska alone, chapters being located at Omaha, Lincoln, Hastings, Broken Bow, Beatrice, Grand Island and Alliance. Twelve other cities in the state have made application for letters temporary. The Plattsburgh chapter will be instituted next week.

The Alliance chapter is sponsored by Adironack Lodge of Perfection No. 4, although any Master Mason is eligible to attend meetings of the boys' fraternity. The order is not always sponsored by Scottish Rite bodies, however, as any chapter of Royal Arch Masons, commandery or council of royal and select masters may sponsor a chapter of the order.

According to Mr. Clark, there has recently been organized in Omaha the first chapter of Jeb's Daughters, a similar organization for girls with Masonic relatives. It is planned to make this a national organization, and Mr. Clark took up with Eastern Star officers the matter of instituting a chapter at Alliance. The ages of the girls eligible to membership is from fourteen to eighteen. In the boys' organization, the age limit is from sixteen to twenty-one.

Mr. Clark was enthusiastic over the personnel of the membership of the Alliance De Molay chapter. "I see no reason why the membership here should not be at least three hundred within a year," he said. "I am extremely gratified at the interest shown, not only by the officers of the new chapter, but by the entire membership, as well as by the Masons of the city. I feel that the advisory board has been wisely selected. The class of boys is certainly a fine one."

Following are the names of the first sixty-five boys to sign the charter roll. The charter membership will probably reach seventy-five or eighty.

Second Shipment of Fish Planted Sunday Out At Broncho Lake

The Alliance Anglers' club, through its officers—F. E. Holsten, president, and Lloyd C. Thomas, secretary—has been engaged for several years in planting the lakes and streams in this part of the country with baby fish. Messrs. Holsten and Thomas first started planting fish about four years ago and have planted probably 200,000 fish since that time in Broncho lake, the Niobrara river, the Kilpatrick dam lake and in the Little Rapid river in South Dakota.

The Nebraska game and fish commission special car came through Alliance on No. 43 Sunday and while here left eight cans of baby perch and two cans of sunfish and a large number of bullfrogs, which were all planted immediately afterwards in Broncho lake. The car was in charge of George G. Koester, chief game warden of the state. This is the second shipment in Broncho lake, a half-carload having been planted there by the Anglers' club a year ago last fall.

Last Tuesday the Spearfish government fisheries furnished nineteen cans of brook trout and four cans of rainbow trout to the Anglers' club and they were planted for it in the Little Rapid river near Mistic by George Walters of Edgemont, who is an enthusiastic member of the club.

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Three Thousand Nebraska Soldiers Killed in the War

Nebraska's part in the battles across the water is shown in a statement by the war department, detailing by states the number of killed and wounded.

The statistics for Nebraska show: Killed in action, 6 officers, 357 men. Died of disease, 6 officers, 244 men. Died of accidents, 6 officers, 15 men. Drowned, 1 man. Other causes, 7 men. Suicide, 1 man.

Cause undetermined, 16 men. Presumed lost, 1 officer, 12 men. Total dead or missing, 25 officers, 830 men.

Prisoners, 20 men. Wounded slightly, 17 officers, 779 men. Wounded severely, 13 officers, 913 men.

Wounded, degree undetermined, 6 officers, 438 men.

Total, 36 officers, 2,130 men.

Grand total casualties for the state of Nebraska, 61 officers, 2,960 men.

Garage and Truck Burned in Sunday Morning Blaze

The garage at the home of John Snyder, 312 Missouri, burned to the ground early Sunday morning, resulting in a total loss of one truck and the building. The blaze caught from an engine backfire, according to Mr. Snyder. He had been working on the car and had left the engine running while he went to the house for a moment. On his return he found the garage in flames. The fire department made a quick run, but the blaze had gained too great a headway. There was no insurance.

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BIG CLASS TO TAKE FOURTH DEGREE HERE

OVER HUNDRED KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SIGNED UP

Supreme Officers to be Present—Local Knights Prepare Extensive Entertainment

Alliance is to be honored at the exemplification of the Knights of Columbus' fourth degree on May 30, by the presence of Supreme Secretary W. J. McGinley of New Haven and Supreme Master of the Fourth Degree J. H. Reddin of Denver. The class will consist of from 110 to 125 candidates from western Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming and scattering members of councils in Iowa, Indiana, Minnesota, Kansas, Colorado and other states who are residing in this part of the country temporarily and are seizing this opportunity of taking the fourth.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Duffy will confirm a large class on Sunday, May 29, and will be present at the exemplification and banquet on the 30th. The speakers at the banquet will be Bishop Duffy, Messrs. McGinley, Reddin, Corcoran, master of the fourth degree for the district of Nebraska and who will be in charge of the conferring of the degree, John Rush of Omaha and J. N. McIntosh of Sidney.

The Alliance knights are making great preparations for the entertainment of their visitors. The Elks lodge tendered the use of their club rooms and lodge rooms for the exemplification and the banquet will take place in the Lowry & Henry roof garden.

Plates will be laid at the banquet for 500 and the menu will be most excellent and will be served by J. M. Miller of the Alliance hotel. The tables will be arranged to represent the letters K. C. with potted plants and flowers between to make the word "of" and the plates so set that each and every one will face the speakers and each speaker face every banquette. The arrangements are in charge of a committee of which J. W. Guthrie is chairman and no effort or expense is being spared to make this event one long to be remembered in the annals of Catholic history of Western Nebraska. The young ladies' sodality will do the serving and will be adorned with K. of C. aprons and caps. The wives of the old fourth degree members of Alliance have made arrangements to look after the entertainment of the ladies visiting from other places during the day. The affair will conclude with a grand ball for which the Harling orchestra will furnish the music.

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Not Much Interest in Trying to Secure a State Reformatory

Members of the Alliance chamber of commerce refused to warm up to the idea of the organization making an effort to secure the state reformatory which is to be built some time in the near future. The state has asked for bids from towns interested and has intimated that a site will be needed and possibly some other inducements. Secretary Carey presented the proposition, but the members didn't evince much enthusiasm. The reformatory is intended for the reformation of first termers and will enable them to be segregated from the more hardened offenders.

Charles Fuller spoke at some length on the things he had observed during his recent trip to England. He mentioned the ravages of the war; the unemployment problem; the Irish question and other interesting problems that face the Britishers.

Secretary Carey announced that he would leave this week for Denver, to appear before the interstate commerce commission representing several western Nebraska cities and towns in an effort to have freight rates on certain commodities lowered. He mentioned the reduction in the rate on building sand as one of the things that had been accomplished recently.

DECLAMATORY CONTESTS HELD AT COZAD AND STANTON

The annual declamatory contests were held last week. The dramatic section was held at Cozad, Friday, May 13, and the humorous and oratorical sections at Stanton, Saturday, May 14. The twelve districts were represented and the following contestants won: Dramatic, Annette Farmer of Omaha, first; Donald McCoy of Stamford, second. Oratorical, Fay Meadows of Beaver City, first; Clarence Hatcher of Gordon, second. Humorous, Claude Welch of Stanton, first; Lucille Bulger of Arcadia, second.

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HAY SPRINGS FARMERS MEET COMMISSIONERS

GO OVER PROPOSED ROAD IN BOX BUTTE COUNTY

No Decision Was Arrived at Concerning Suggested Changes in the Location of Route

A delegation of fifty residents of Hay Springs and farmers near that city, together with some from the northwestern part of Box Butte county, met with the Box Butte county commissioners Monday morning. The delegation urged some changes in the route of the road in this county that had been planned to connect with the route in the adjoining county leading to Hay Springs.

The delegation met at the Marple post office and brought their lunches with them. When Commissioners Hashman and Duncan drove out to meet them they were just finishing with the lunch. The party drove out over the proposed road and inspected it, after which certain changes were discussed. According to the commissioners, no decision was made. The Box Butte commissioners had already designated the road and were ready to go ahead with the construction, but it is possible that changes will be made if the sentiment is sufficiently strong.

In a part of the county where there are few good roads, it is impossible to select a route that will please every farmer, and the commissioners have had in mind to select the one which would benefit the greatest number of residents at the smallest proportionate expense.

Arranging Program for Race Meet to Be Held in June

A meeting of the race meet committee of the Alliance chamber of commerce was held at headquarters Monday afternoon. Among the entertainment that will be presented for the approval of the visiting stockgrowers and others will be a wrestling match; free fireworks exhibition during the three nights of June 15, 16 and 17; spotlight mule race; dances; special attractions at the movies; a racing program with \$6,000 hung up in purses and prizes. A forty-piece band will furnish the music. The Nebraska stockgrowers convention will be held on Monday and Tuesday, June 13 and 14, and most of the delegates will remain in the city for the race meet the three days following.

Pete Sauer to Meet Zikmand of Brainard at Roof Garden Tonight

The mat fans will have another opportunity to yell themselves hoarse at the roof garden tonight, when Joe Zikmand of Brainard, who tips the beam at 210 pounds, will tangle with Pete Sauer. Zikmand comes from Ravenna, where he has been training with Peseck, and is said to have a number of good wrestling tricks at his command. He is no slouch at the game, judging by his record. Three years ago he pinned Eklund to the mat, and five years ago was in a good enough class to be matched with Joe Stecher. It should be a fast match.

Police Authorities Camping on Trail of Speeders and Cutouts

Following City Manager Kemmish's lead of a few days ago, the city and county police authorities are camping on the trail of automobile drivers who "giver her the gas" or leave the cutout open. The open cutout is regarded as an especial abomination, and the cops have decided to give scant warning before hauling offenders into court.

Rotary Club Plans Trip to Broken Bow for Next Saturday

Members of the Alliance Rotary club, with their ladies, are planning to go to Broken Bow exceedingly early Friday morning of this week, in order to assist President George Griggs in installing the newest Nebraska Rotary club. Mr. Griggs is regarded as the "daddy" of the Broken Bow aggregation, and the ceremonies are expected to be most interesting. According to present plans, the Rotarians will leave at midnight Thursday and return Saturday noon.

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For Alliance and vicinity. Probably showers tonight and Wednesday. No change in temperature.

The Thomases Return From Long Auto Trip in the Southern States

To HELP PAY FOR TRIP TO HOT SPRINGS

Benefit Dance Planned for June 3 at Elks Home—Other Organizations to Assist

The members of Alliance lodge No. 961, B. P. O. Elks, at the meeting last Friday evening, voted unanimously to act as big brothers to the Campfire Girls organization in the city and assist them in raising funds to pay their expenses on the annual camping trip. Last year forty or more girls earned the money to take them on a ten-day trip to Belmont, and this year they had hoped to earn sufficient money to take them to Spearfish canyon, in the Black Hills. Under the rules they are supposed to earn this money, but the expenses of the trip loomed pretty large for the eighty Campfire girls, and the Elks, after discussing the matter at two or three meetings, decided that it was too much to expect of them and volunteered to come to their assistance.

Elks readers have been reading of their trip through the letters which they mailed from different southern points. They will "settle down" now again at Alliance and express themselves as being well pleased to be with home folks and friends again.

Ninety-two Masons in Western Nebraska Take Thirty-second Degree

Ninety-two Masons from various parts of western Nebraska took the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite reunion held in Alliance four days last week, and a number of others took a portion of the work. The thirty-second degree class was the largest ever initiated in western Nebraska. The work in the high degree was put on by St. Andrew's council of Kadosh No. 1 and Nebraska consistory No. 1 of Omaha, while the Alliance lodges put on the work up to the eighteenth.

The thirty-second degree class met at noon Saturday and elected the following officers: Class president, A. G. Smart; vice president, G. L. Griggs; treasurer, H. D. Shallenberger; secretary, W. C. Mounts; class representative, Dr. Minor Morris. The reunion closed with a banquet at the roof garden Saturday evening, at which addresses were given by a number of prominent Omaha Masons and several Alliance men.

Following is a list of the candidates during the four days, their address and the degree they have attained:

J. B. Anderson, 32, Alliance.
V. Anderson, 32, Bridgeport.
A. H. Anderson, 32, Alliance.