

ECHOES FROM THE KASSIDEAN

A New Secret Order Established in the City.

THE KASSIDEAN KNIGHTS.

They Institute a Lodge With a Good Roll of Members—Death Benefits Discussed—Foresters Celebration—General News.

The Kassidean Knights.

For over two weeks Mr. E. T. Kinn, deputy grand organizer of the order of Kassidean knights, of Kansas City, has been in this city working for the establishment of a new lodge of that order in this city. His efforts have been most successful, and yesterday morning Mr. A. Gilbert, D.D., L.L.D., of Dubuque, grand high priest of the order, arrived in this city to institute the lodge, which has been organized and named St. James' lodge, No. 5. The order, which has for its motto "Unity, Tolerance, Charity," is a revival of the "Ancient Institution of the Chasidim," "Pietists," called also "Knights of the Temple at Jerusalem," because they were especially commissioned to keep the precepts and approaches of that holy erection in a state of repair. They were also styled the Assassins and were "mighty men in Israel" as late as the time of the patriarch Jacob. True to their country, their religion and their vows, they were the first to come to the help of the valiant Maccabees when he inaugurated that wonderful and successful revolt against foreign tyranny, which has few parallels in history.

After the death of Judas Maccabeus, about 150 B. C., the order withdrew into the isolated parts of the then known world and were but little heard of for several centuries. About one hundred and fifty years after the Old Dispensation had given place to the New, the order nearly disappears from history. It had, as the tradition informed us, become very much modified under the influence of Christianity, and accepted Jesus as being "him that was to come."

The A. E. R. is not a "franchise society," still the authors of the renaissance have deemed it necessary to engrave upon its organic laws the modern features of stated "benefits," which have been popularized by that humane society, independent Order of Old Folks.

The order has three grades, which are conferred in Priorities of this order. They are named respectively Neophyte Kassidean, Associate Kassidean and Knight Companion. There are, likewise, three honorary grades named Knights of the East, Knights of the Sword and Trowel, and Harodim, or Rulers, the love of country, of toleration, of free thought and free speech; hatred of oppression, and of the tyranny of ill advised popular opinion; personal chastity; fraternal unity and equality; reverence for Adam and his commandments; and these, and yet other, are lessons our ritual inculcates impressively. The charity we teach is that form of benevolence which reaches all who are in need of it, whether we may find them with a compassionate heart and open hand, more especially regarding the deeds of the fratres of this order, and their widows and orphans.

The institution of the order in this city last night was under the most favorable auspices and its list of members is made up of the best men of the city.

The installation of the following officers took place last night at the Elks' lodge room: Excellent prior, Charles M. Dinsmore; M.D., senior scribe, R. D. A. Wade; junior scribe, J. B. Martin; scribes, F. S. Robbins; keeper of finance, T. W. Van Gort; treasurer, E. A. Brown; senior vigilante, J. Steer; junior vigilante, J. A. Stearns.

The following are the charter members: C. M. Dinsmore, R. D. A. Wade, J. B. Martin, F. W. Fitch, J. C. Whimpy, Charles J. Price, George H. Leslie, J. B. Martin, W. N. Williams, D. W. Van Cott, A. Steer, Jr., C. G. Hulet, E. E. French, F. A. Brown, J. S. Collins, Thomas Battistero, John C. Jones, J. H. Daniels, R. D. A. Wade, J. Stearns, E. B. Wild, J. C. Calhoun, H. S. Macdon, W. A. Humphrey, William S. Spencer, F. S. Robbins, Ewing Brown, E. E. Watrous, C. K. Collins.

A Legal Decision.

Judge Lohrke, of Missouri, decided the interpleading case of the American Legion of Honor vs. Frank Heiber et al., says the Journal of that order, in which he reviewed an interesting question relative to benevolent societies. The matter in controversy was the sum of \$2,000 paid into court by the American Legion of honor that several claimants might interplead for it. The amount was the proceeds of a benefit certificate on the life of Lorenz Zieffle, who, at the time of his death, was a member of Lafayette council of St. Louis. The beneficiary named in the certificate was Anna Zieffle, daughter of Lorenz Zieffle, but she, dying before him, he attempted to designate as beneficiary in her place his stepfather, Frank Heiber, and stepmother, Rosa Frisch. This designation was not assented to by the order, and the ground on which the persons named were not dependents, as provided for in the rules of the order. Comp. Zieffle then made a will, bequeathing \$100 to Lorenz Frisch, \$5 to his half sister, Rosa Schmitt, and to his brother, Charles Zieffle, and the remainder to his stepfather, Frank Heiber. Lorenz Zieffle died under the will, and the matter came into court. The court decided that the designation of Lorenz Frisch as beneficiary was lawful, and that the amount of the certificate, paid into court, should be divided among the persons named in the will. The court also decided that the designation of Lorenz Frisch as beneficiary was lawful, and that the amount of the certificate, paid into court, should be divided among the persons named in the will.

Caring for the Sick.

The seventy-first annual printed report of the general relief committee of the I. O. O. F. of California has just been issued, from which the following statistics are taken: Forty-eight cases were transferred from the preceding committee and 132 new cases reported during the term, with fifty-six transferred to the new administration. Twenty-seven regular meetings of the committee were held, a full attendance from each lodge and encampment represented would be fifty-eight, of which the average was fifty-seven and one-half. There were nine special meetings called for the purpose of burying the dead under care of the committee, although fifteen in all died during the term. The remains of six have been forwarded to various places for interment. The financial statement shows in the general fund a balance of \$1,214.47 on hand December 31, 1887, with \$5,379.95 received during the term and \$533.10 received from lodges in this city as a 10 per cent assessment on their membership for the support of the committee, a grand total of \$10,116.55, from which there was disbursed for benefits, donations by order and expense account, Lorenz Frisch, \$1,000.00; funeral expenses, \$1,000.00; and a number of other items, leaving a balance on hand of \$8,116.55.

\$2,238.37. The business of the committee, as the city grows, is getting larger each term, but notwithstanding this fact, the same care is bestowed upon the unfortunate as was given when only a few were reported. The grates are entitled to much credit for their faithful attention to duty, and the term having been a noted one in many respects.

Temperate Young Men.

The forty-fourth annual session of the national division of the Sons of Temperance met in Toronto, Ont., recently. There were present 236 representatives from twenty-four states and provinces. Eugene H. Clapp of Boston presided as most worthy patriarch. His annual report states that the order is in a healthy and prosperous condition. He paid a splendid tribute to the memory of the late John B. Finch as the leader of the sister organization, the Independent Order of Good Templars.

The report of the most worthy scribe, R. Alder Temple of Nova Scotia, shows the present membership of the order to be 79,135, distributed among thirty-seven grand divisions which are made up of 1,596 subordinate divisions.

It was decided to hold the next annual session at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., during the latter part of June, 1890. The following officers were elected: M. W. P. R. Alder Temple, Halifax, Nova Scotia; M. W. A. A. Baldwin, Milford, Conn.; M. W. S. H. R. Jewell, Boston, Mass.; M. W. C. C. E. H. Young, Boylstonville, Ont.; M. W. C. S. B. Patterson, St. John, N. B.; M. W. J. R. Roberts, Brighton, Ont.; M. W. S. E. B. Caldwell, Athens, Tenn.

A Benefit Fund.

The statement of the I. O. O. F. fund of the Royal Arcanum of July 19, last, is as follows: Balance on hand June 1, 1888, \$22,166.87; held for delayed claim, \$24,000; received since, on assessments \$6 to 10, inclusive, \$287,000.91; total, \$324,167.86. Paid 70 orders at full rate, Nos. 3677, 2799, 3063, 3967, 3102, 3134, 3143, 3146 and 3173 to \$300, inclusive, except 3183, 3192, 3200, 3219, 3232, 3236 and 3239, \$210.00; paid three orders at half rate, Nos. 3153, 3193 and 3229, \$45.00; first two-third order at full rate, No. 3438A, \$3.00; paid one-third order at full rate, No. 2997B, \$1.00; total disbursements, \$217,500.00. On hand, \$106,667.86; July 19, 1888, \$18,000; current cash balance July 19, 1888, \$88,667.86.

Recent Assessments.

The supreme council of the American Legion of Honor has levied assessments 134 and 135 (subordinate council 135 and 136), eighth call in 1887, dated last inst., on deaths 1888 to 1890, inclusive, a total of fifty-nine losses. The claims are apportioned as follows: New York 18, N. Jersey and Pennsylvania 6 each, Texas 4, Tennessee and Massachusetts 3 each, Wisconsin, Georgia, Maryland, Louisiana, Alabama and Missouri 2 each, and New Mexico, Illinois, Ohio, South Carolina, Virginia and Arkansas 1 each. One of the claims is of the first degree for \$500, 10 of the second degree for \$1,000 each, 16 of the third degree for \$2,000 each, 10 of the fourth degree for \$3,000 each, and 16 of the fifth degree for \$4,000 each, making a total of \$176,500 to be paid for losses in this call. This levy will pay losses reported to July 16 last and will become delinquent by members on September 1 and 15 next.

Forward, March!

This order has certainly been obeyed by the Modern Woodmen of America. Since taking possession of their new and elegant quarters in the Barker block, corner of Fifth and Van Gort, the order has been very active. Every member recognizes the benefits of the order, and at present their friends are not slow in taking advantage of the same. The order has been very successful in always paying the face value of every certificate issued. Within the last month they have paid the full amount of insurance on ten certificates. One of these was of \$10,000, another in Council Bluffs. If the past record is adhered to we may expect them soon to be the most prominent order in the city.

Grip Notes.

There have been no deaths reported in the United Order of Honor lodge since July 12.

Thirty-two deaths have been reported in the Royal Arcanum order since the last report was issued.

The late Thomas Singleton, of Philadelphia, being aged 84 years, died at the residence of his son, O. O. F., of Pennsylvania.

Maryland has 89 Knights of Pythias lodges, with 6,733 members; Tennessee has 33 lodges, with 2,000 members; Indiana has 181 lodges, with 12,304 members.

The grand secretary's report of the Legion of the West, which is now ready for the annual meeting, shows the order to be in exceedingly prosperous condition.

The Workmen of California have exceeded 1,300 of their brethren since the jurisdiction became separate in 1887, and have paid to the order of \$1,000,000.

Department A of the following lodges, Knights and Ladies of Honor, has been reinstated on assessment 319: Nos. 557, 588, 648, 878, 1067, 1101, 1146, 1147, 1148, 1149, 1150, 1151, 1152, 1153, 1154, 1155, 1156, 1157, 1158, 1159, 1160, 1161, 1162, 1163, 1164, 1165, 1166, 1167, 1168, 1169, 1170, 1171, 1172, 1173, 1174, 1175, 1176, 1177, 1178, 1179, 1180, 1181, 1182, 1183, 1184, 1185, 1186, 1187, 1188, 1189, 1190, 1191, 1192, 1193, 1194, 1195, 1196, 1197, 1198, 1199, 1200, 1201, 1202, 1203, 1204, 1205, 1206, 1207, 1208, 1209, 1210, 1211, 1212, 1213, 1214, 1215, 1216, 1217, 1218, 1219, 1220, 1221, 1222, 1223, 1224, 1225, 1226, 1227, 1228, 1229, 1230, 1231, 1232, 1233, 1234, 1235, 1236, 1237, 1238, 1239, 1240, 1241, 1242, 1243, 1244, 1245, 1246, 1247, 1248, 1249, 1250, 1251, 1252, 1253, 1254, 1255, 1256, 1257, 1258, 1259, 1260, 1261, 1262, 1263, 1264, 1265, 1266, 1267, 1268, 1269, 1270, 1271, 1272, 1273, 1274, 1275, 1276, 1277, 1278, 1279, 1280, 1281, 1282, 1283, 1284, 1285, 1286, 1287, 1288, 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