

GREATER OMAHA SECRET SOCIETIES

Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska Hold the Grand Chapter Meeting, Many Coming to Omaha.

GOOD GROWTH IS REPORTED

The Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska came to Omaha last week and here held the annual meeting of the grand chapter. The meeting brought several hundred visitors to the city, most of whom remained until Saturday morning.

The annual report of Grand Secretary White showed the condition of the Grand Chapter for the year ending October 31, 1915, to be as follows:

Number of chartered chapters 54
Number of active chapters 49
Number of chapters under dispensation 5

Total 59
Number advanced 349
Number passed 244
Number received and acknowledged 232

Gain—Number exalted 327
Number initiated 17-383
Loss—Number demitted 54
Number deceased 108
Number suspended 1-218
Number expelled 1-218

Net gain 185
No. Royal Arch Masons Nov. 1, 1914, 4,939
No. Royal Arch Masons Nov. 1, 1915, 5,104

At the Scottish Rite temple, Friday evening, December 31, there will be a social and dance for all members and their families.

The annual meeting of the Scottish Rite No. 12 club will be held immediately following the regular business meeting of the rite, Monday evening, December 27. Reports from the officers for the ensuing year.

The masters of the respective bodies of the Scottish Rite in Omaha desire to extend to all of the brethren the cordial good wishes which belong to the Christmas season, and to assure them that their unflinching support has been a gratification and is appreciated more than words can tell.

Woodmen of the World.
German-American camp No. 104, Woodmen of the World, will meet Tuesday evening at the New Bohemian Turner hall, Thirtieth and Dorcas streets, for initiation. This is the last meeting before the holiday season and the entertainment following the work will be in the nature of a Christmas celebration.

Benson camp No. 238 will initiate a class of candidates at Woodmen of the World hall Tuesday evening. Refreshments will be served at the close of the initiation work.

Comenius camp No. 75 will meet Saturday evening, December 25 at Metz hall, Thirtieth and William streets. A Christmas entertainment will be given for the members and their families.

Cedar Wood No. 19 will meet Thursday evening at National hall, South Twenty-second street, South Side. Several candidates will be initiated.

Lithuanian camp No. 444 will meet on Sunday, December 26 at Twenty-sixth and Washington streets. Joe Uvick, clerk of the camp, has promised a real entertainment to all visiting Woodmen.

Alpha camp No. 1 will have its twenty-fourth Christmas tree entertainment at Barlight's hall, Nineteenth and Farnam streets, Tuesday evening. Provisions have been made by the committee in charge to insure a good time for all who attend. It is expected all members of the camp will bring their families and especially the small children.

Woodmen Circle.
Mrs. Emma B. Manchester, supreme guardian of the Woodmen Circle, has returned from a southwestern trip, which included San Antonio, Tex., where she represented the Woodmen Circle at the Texas Fraternal congress. Other visits were made to El Paso, Tex.; Globe and Miami, Ariz.; Albuquerque, Roswell, Carlsbad and Clovis, N. M.

Order of Moose.
James J. Davis, director general of the Loyal Order of Moose, it is announced, will reach Omaha Sunday and will address a meeting in Moose hall, Howard and Seventeenth streets. It is expected to have an unusual gathering, which will be represented by lodges from Norfolk, Lincoln, South Side, Benson, Florence and the local organization. It is understood this visit is to arrange for a great public gathering in the near future, which will be presided over by Governor Arthur Capper of Kansas, a prominent member of the organization.

National Union.
Omaha council No. 449, National Union, elected the following officers at its annual meeting Tuesday evening: President, Dr. J. C. Moore; vice president, J. W. Austin; speaker, James Roach; secretary, W. E. Silver; financial secretary, H. D. Bertsch; trustees, R. E. Wilcox, J. B. Reynolds and Ed Johnston.

Modern Woodmen of America.
Omaha camp No. 120, Modern Woodmen of America, elected officers at the last meeting, as follows: Venerable consul, A. J. Frohman; worthy adviser, E. J. Horn; banker, William Wallman; clerk, C. H. T. Rieck; escort, Harry Benson; watchman, J. G. Edmundson; sentry, B. H. Martin; trustee, Jesse E. Jacobson.

Arrangements are being completed with Santa Claus to visit with the children of Camp No. 120 Tuesday evening, December 22, at the Swedish auditorium. The largest tree that can be found will be decorated. Every child will be made happy on that evening. They will all be permitted to get acquainted with Santa. Installation of the officers will take place Wednesday evening, January 5 at the lodge rooms. This will be one of the special events of the season, when the women will be permitted to be present. A special program will be presented.

The foresters of Camp No. 120 are giving a series of dances for their friends at Myrtle hall. The first dance was given Saturday evening, complimentary to the members and their friends. The next one will be New Year's.

Ancient Order of United Workmen.
Union Pacific lodge No. 17 will hold its annual Christmas tree Friday evening, December 24 at 8 o'clock, at Washington hall. Presents have been arranged for 500 children.

Knights and Ladies of Security.
A union meeting will be held Tuesday evening at Myrtle hall by Oak council No. 322, Loyal council, No. 238, Omaha

She Won the First Prize Doll Last Week



Alice Spear

council No. 414, Omaha council No. 226 and Harmony council No. 180, for the purpose of entertaining a large class.

Refreshments will be served, after which dancing and a social time will be the feature of the rest of the evening.

Fraternal Aid Union.
Mondamin lodge No. 111, Fraternal Aid Union, has grown to such an extent that it has been forced to rent a larger hall. At Labor Temple on and after the first Friday of January weekly meetings will be held Friday evening. A masquerade, which was formerly announced for January 11, will be held Friday, January 14, instead.

Ladies' Local Auxiliary Union.
The ladies' auxiliary invites the members of all the local unions to bring their families to the Christmas festivities, at Labor temple, Monday evening. There will be a program of Christmas songs and recitations, and a tree on which will be good things for the children. Later there will be dancing for those who enjoy such amusement.

Patriotic and Protective Order Stags.
Omaha Drove No. 135, Patriotic and Protective Order of Stags, will hold a meeting for the installation of officers, and initiation of new members Monday evening, at 8 o'clock in the Swedish auditorium. Since the last meeting over 300 new candidates have been accepted.

South Omaha Drove, No. 137, held an enthusiastic meeting Friday evening at which time over 100 new members were added to the already large membership.

West Lawn Drove No. 142, held an open meeting, Thursday night, which was attended by a large number of the citizens from the adjacent neighborhood.

Council Bluffs Drove No. 141 during the last week secured several new applications. Beginning Monday next a large corps of organizers will make a vigorous canvass for members, and just after the holidays, the institution will take place.

Fraternal Order of Eagles.
The Benson Fraternal Order of Eagles, lodge No. 1202, elected the following officers at their meeting: George A. Hill, president; Ed Johnson, vice president; A. E. Adlington, chaplain; Harry Bishop, secretary; Max Feirman, treasurer; Adolph Lemm, inner guard; Christ Johnson, outer guard.

Brotherhood of American Yeomen.
Last Wednesday evening Omaha Homestead No. 148 met with an exceptionally good attendance. The members seemed very enthusiastic over the membership contest, and Mrs. Bresson and Mrs. Thompson, leaders of the respective teams, reported the support very encouraging. The business meeting being short, the members spent the balance of the evening in dancing and card playing.

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RED MAN REGALS DAYS LONG GONE BY

Silas Wood Rode His Pony Over Omaha Before There Was a Town Here.

ATTENDS HISTORICAL BANQUET

The presence of Silas Wood, Omaha Indian, last Wednesday evening at the Fontenelle hotel was of particular significance to those interested in the early history of Omaha and the state. The occasion was a banquet tendered by John Lee Webster, president of the Nebraska State Historical association, to the committee of one hundred in charge of the semi-centennial celebration of the admission of Nebraska into the union.

While members of the committee were chatting in the lobby of the hotel, before going into the banquet room, the Indian visitor occupied a corner seat and chatted freely with the white men. Mr. Wood, although of striking Indian features and 71 years of age, speaks English fluently.

He answered many questions regarding Logan Fontenelle, once chief of the Omaha, a Springfield, Neb., man wanted to clear up some uncertain points regarding Fontenelle's life and death.

Indian Remembers.
With considerable seriousness Mr. Wood said: "Trouble with white men is he marks things down on paper and forgets. Indian he remembers here (pointing to head) and he does not forget." Then he recalled that when Fontenelle was killed by the Sioux near Beaver creek the chief was riding a roan horse. He said the Sioux could recognize the horse as far as they could see.

"Fontenelle had the swiftest horse of the tribe and no Sioux could have caught him, but he made a mistake by going into the bend of the river and his horse became tired. It was Fontenelle's time to die," he continued.

His Time Had Come.
Asked what he meant by saying it was the chief's time to die, he explained that his time had come, a sort of decree of the gods, as it might have been in Indian belief.

Silas Wood was a boy at the time of the death of Logan Fontenelle, but he says he remembers viewing the body of the slain chief.

Sixty years before the evening when this Indian sat in the luxurious lobby of the Fontenelle he was in camp at a point where the Union station is located. He saw the survey being made of the original townsite of Omaha. He rode his pony over the ground more than half a century ago and a few days ago he queried with some of the men who have been identified with making Omaha a great city.

Silas Wood is an interpreter for his tribe. He was born near Bellevue at a location he believes is now part of the river bed. He is a grandson of Little Chief, one of the leaders of the Omaha and one of the signers of the treaty between the Omahas and the government.

This native son of Nebraska, whose real name is Go-kan-de-gra, has learned to appreciate the white man's jokes. His mobile countenance was suffused with smiles when Bishop Thien of Lincoln told this story: "The only difference between a foreign-born and native American citizen is that one came to this country with his pants on and the other did not."

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