

LODGE NOTES

Patriotic Order Sons of America

On Saturday evening, September 6, 1919, P. O. S. of A. made its debut in Badin. The degree team from the State Camp, at Lexington, N. C., came down and organized Washington Camp, No. 90, of North Carolina Patriotic Order Sons of America, with twenty-eight charter members. This Order will meet every first and third Thursday nights in each month, at eight o'clock, in the Lodge Room of the Theater Building.

The objects of this Order are to unite fraternally all good Americans, for the purpose of teaching pure American ideas, and reverence for American institutions; to teach the rights and duties of American citizenship, and to impress upon all citizens their responsibility in handing down to the next generation this great government, not only as they have received it, but broadened, strengthened, and improved; to advance our free public school system, and to protect it from all sectarian influence. As an organization, we watch over the sick, bury the dead, and render assistance to all members who are in need.

Any white male person of good character, sixteen years of age and over, not engaged in the manufacture or sale of spirituous liquors as a beverage; a believer in a Supreme Being; born on the soil or within the jurisdiction of the United States; in favor of free education; opposed to any union of Church and State, and to the interference of any foreign power, directly or indirectly, in the affairs of our Government, is eligible to membership.

Believing that the American born naturally feel more attached to their native land, we therefore consider that, while working hand in hand with the class of foreigners who believe in free education and the free principles of our Government, we do not conceive their admission into our Order either necessary or advisable, particularly as there are other kindred organizations in which they can do good in their own way.

We invite all who can comply with the above qualifications, who desire to perpetuate free government, and wish to encourage a brotherly feeling among Americans, to apply for membership.

E. G. HAYS, *Recording Secretary*

Knights of Pythias

The lodge has been busy during the past month in connection with the D. O. K. K. Ceremonial, which took place on September 16, at which time its membership furnished some forty-odd Knights as Tyros to the Bagdad Temple, No. 213, of Asheville, who gave a ceremonial in Badin. It gives us much pleasure to know that most of the members of Tallessee Lodge are now D. O. K. K.'s. The few who are not, we hope to make such in Charlotte, during the early part of November, at which time Suez Temple, No. 73, will put on a ceremonial. Those who are not now D. O. K. K.'s, should without doubt avail themselves of this opportunity.

The hearty thanks of the Lodge is due to those of our membership and our friends who gave their time and talent to the minstrel, which proved such a

success, and was so much enjoyed by all who attended.

In our last official communication from our Grand Chancellor, D. W. Sorrell, he has much to say about the importance of our Lodge doing all in its power to make itself of real service to the community.

"A new day has dawned. We must enlarge our activities into community service and welfare work. We should appoint special committees to co-operate with commercial, economic, social, educational, and religious organizations, in boosting the welfare of our community.

"We seek the practical sympathy and co-operation of all good men and women, in order that we may add sunshine and happiness to the lot of others and to ourselves."

T. C. SHEPPARD

Woodmen of the World

Badin Camp, No. 744, met in regular communication Thursday night, September 25, with our new Consul Commander, Sov. D. T. Swagerty, presiding—this being the first meeting he has presided over. We anticipate great things for our Camp under his leadership.

At our next regular communication, which will be October 9, our District Deputy, Sov. J. Milton Todd, of Charlotte, will be with us. Every member is earnestly requested to be present on this date, as he has a message of importance for us—something we all want to know, and should know. Remember the meeting nights—the second and fourth Thursday nights in each month. Visitors always welcome.

L. J. COLLINS, *Clerk*

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