

A public meeting was held in the Woodmen's Hall, which was crowded. Addresses were delivered by Bro. J. P. Fielding, Rev. F. Price, W. Simpson, R. H. MacDonald, and J. E. Birch, M.P.P. Music, vocal and instrumental, was rendered by Bros. Lamont, Sutherland, Stevenson and Bearisto.

HIGH COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The third regular session of the High Court of Pennsylvania met in Foresters' Hall, Altoona, on the 2nd August, 1898. The High Chief Ranger presided and appointed the following committee:

On Credentials.—Bros. Mingle, Chidester and Steinmetz.

On Distribution.—Bros. Dr. H. E. Crumbaker, Dr. J. H. Hogue, J. H. Langhans.

On Finance.—Bros. Rev. Philip Wittich, Chas. W. Barton, Geo. W. Wickham.

On Appeals and Petitions.—Bros. A. S. Fisher, A. E. Jones, Chas. W. Mingle.

On Constitution and Laws.—Bros. S. B. Cochran, A. S. Fisher, G. A. Schlechter.

On State of the Order.—Bros. Dr. D. P. Robbins, C. A. Conn, H. L. Smith.

On New Business.—Bros. A. P. MacLeod, Dr. C. G. Frowert, Geo. R. Lentz.

The High Chief Ranger reported that when he accepted office there were but five courts in the jurisdiction, with a membership of 145, and now they had reached the respectable number of 32 courts, with 2,000 members, he personally having secured 950 members. He referred to the assistance he received from the Supreme Chief Ranger; he was always at hand with a kind word, a smile, and a strong arm to lift up a worker when he felt himself falling.

The High Secretary reported that at the time of his appointment the courts in the State were very much in need of assistance, but at present their general condition indicated prosperity and advancement. He spoke of the considerateness of the officers of The Supreme Court, of the good advice he had received from them, and their hearty acquiescence in his suggestions.

It was proposed as an amendment to the Constitution and Laws that a Supreme Organizer be appointed who should take control of the Organizing Department of the work of the Order in all the jurisdictions under The Supreme Court.

Bro. H. A. Collins, Supreme Treasurer, having arrived was received with due honors. He delivered a most effective and interesting address, dwelling mainly upon the financial condition of the Order.

Bro. W. S. Clark, High Treasurer, reported that at the last High Court they were in debt \$220; that now there is a surplus after all the indebtedness is discharged of \$250.

Bros. Bennett and Conn, High Auditors, reported that there was a balance of \$835.40 in the treasury; that they recommend that all outstanding debts be paid, when there will be a balance of \$250 to the credit of the High Court.

Bro. Collins, S. T., presided at the election of officers, when the following were chosen:

H. C. R., Bro. W. S. Clark; H. V. C. R., Bro. Ph. Wittich; H. S., Bro. Chas. W. Mingle; H. T., Bro. J. H. Hughes; H. P., Bro. Dr. C. B. Chidester; H. C., Bro. J. D. Hern; H. Auditors, Bros. S. B. Cochran, G. A. Schlechter.

The appointed officers were:

H. Chap., Bro. Dr. H. E. Crumbaker, Court Mountain City, N. J. 1879; H. J. S., Bro. Theo. Hirsch, Court Monogahela, No. 3874; H. S. W., Bro. H. L. Smith, Court Mountain City, No. 1879; H. J. W., Bro. S. C. Kaufman, Court Pennsylvania, No. 768; H. S. B., Bro. John Baringer, Court North-east, No. 916; H. J. B., Bro. C. A. Stoddard, Court Oliver, No. 3613; H. Mars., Bro. C. C. Bennett, Court Elk, 3015; H. Cond., E. A. Feight, Court Roaring Spring, No. 3745; H. Mess., Bro. J. A. Steinmetz, Court Pennsylvania, No. 768.

Bro. Dr. Chas. Frowert was elected representative to The Supreme Court.

Bro. G. W. Kendrick moved that the thanks of the High Court be conveyed to Court Mountain City for the magnificent hospitality extended to the High Court.

Bro. T. E. Berger moved a vote of thanks to Bro. H. A. Collins, S. T., for his presence, and for the efficient manner in which he discharged the duties of presiding officer.

Pittsburg was chosen as the next place of meeting.

Bro. Collins installed the elected and appointed officers.

HIGH COURT OF NEBRASKA.

The High Court of Nebraska held its second annual session at Omaha, on the 19th July. Owing to the absence through illness of H. C. R. Bro. M. A. Hall, the meeting was called to order by Bro. F. M. Henderson, H. V. C. R. After the delegates had been received, Bro. W. A. Wyatt, P. H. C. R. of Missouri, conferred the High Court degree.

The following committees were appointed:

Finance, Bros. Marshall, Schindell and Chissell.

Appeals and Petitions, Bros. Heese, Muir and Huston.

Constitutions and Laws, Bro. Christie, Morrison and Hayny.

State of Order, Bros. Muir, Bonholt and Aitkin.

New Business, Bros. Comb, Brabrook and Brown.

HIGH CHIEF RANGER'S REPORT.

The H. C. R. in his report expressed regret at his inability to be present, and congratulated the High Court on the large increase in its membership. He expressed the belief that the more the Order was known in the state, the more rapid would be its growth;

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and conviction means an application for membership. He emphasized the promptness with which the Supreme Executive had paid the claims of the brethren who had fallen during the year in the jurisdiction, claims paid without quibbling and without delay, as it is not every insurance over that is so managed as to have always available sufficient funds to meet claims as they arise. The work of the H. S. C. has been carried on during the year energetically, and if in your just criticism you find that they have done some things which they ought not to have done, please ascribe it to their innocent ignorance rather than to malice aforethought; and should you find that they have left undone some things which ought to have been done, you will temper your censure with the knowledge that they had little means to work with and less time in which to do the work, though such time as could be taken from their private business was freely and gratuitously bestowed,