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Successful Termination of the Grand Review.

The Two Wings Coalesce—The Order Now 7,000 Strong.

Port Huron, Mich., Jan. 13th, 1881.

The Gt. Camp adjourned on Tuesday at 5 p.m., awaiting the action of the Joint Committee.

In the evening a large number of the delegates attended a session of Diamond Tent, Port Huron.

The Gt. Camp was opened on Wednesday, 12th January, at 9 a.m., and routine and general business was taken up, pending a report of the Reunion Committee. At 10 a.m. the Committee returned to the Grand Review, and reported that a hitch had occurred, and asked instructions in the matter.

The Gt. Camp voted unanimously to maintain the position taken by the Committee.

The Committee then retired again and returned at 11.30, and reported that they were unable to agree, and asked to be discharged and a new Committee appointed.

A unanimous vote of thanks was tendered the Committee on their being relieved from further duty.

A new Committee was immediately struck consisting of Sir Knights Dr. McLeod of Detroit, Wolverton of Grimsby, McCormick of St. Louis, Rohlf of Iowa, and J. Harris, Jr., after which the Gt. Camp adjourned till 2 o'clock p.m.

The Gt. Camp reassembled at 2 p.m. The business transacted during the afternoon was of a private nature. At 4 p.m., word was brought that it was expected that the new Committee on Reunion would reach a conclusion and would have a report ready at 5 p.m. The Committee, however, not reporting at 5.30 p.m., the Gt. Camp adjourned till Wednesday at 9 a.m., the rumor became general that the Committee on Reunion could not agree, causing much depression of spirits among the Sir Knights.

Wednesday, Jan. 12.

The Great Camp was opened at 9 a.m., by Dr. Wilder, Gt. Sir Kt. G. C.

Owing to professional engagements the Gt. Excellent Prof. Clark Stanton was obliged to leave last evening, and he was excused from further attendance.

The Committee on Reunion reported at 11 a.m., that the Committee from the Supreme Tent had submitted the following as their ultimatum:—"That we meet in Joint Convention in your Hall immediately and elect officers from the floor of the House under the constitution of the Supreme Tent and act under the same until a new constitution is completed by Sir Kts. Stanton and Boynton."

The Great Camp unanimously resolved not to accept this proposition, and the Committee was instructed to so inform the other side. At this stage the opinion became very general that Reunion could not be consummated, and the representatives of the Great Camp determinedly set themselves to the task of perfecting their organization for aggressive work.

It was moved by Sir Kt. Oronhyatekha and adopted, That we assess ourselves a sufficient sum to pay our endowments in full from this date.

At 12.30 the Great Camp adjourned to meet again at 4.30 p.m.

The Gt. Camp reassembled at 1.30 p.m., and shortly after the Reunion Committee entered the hall, and reported that the Supreme Tent had agreed to adopt the name of "The Great Camp" for the supreme governing body, and to adopt the titles of the Gt. Camp officers. At this stage a deputation from the Supreme Tent was admitted, who presented certain amendments of the Supreme Tent constitution made to facilitate reunion.

It was then moved, that the Committee return and have these various propositions put in writing and duly signed before any further action is taken.

At a later hour the Committee presented the following agreement, duly signed:—

We, as a joint committee, agree to stand by the agreement made yesterday, reduced to writing and signed by the officers of our executive bodies.

And we further agree that we will at once go into union meeting and elect officers by ballot from the floor, representatives of each body being allowed to vote according to the constitution of their separate bodies. We agree to divide the officers as follows:—Great Camp to have Great Ex. Sir Kt. G. C., Great Sir Kt. F. Keeper, Great Sir Kt. Prelate, Great Sir Kt. Med. Ex., Great Sir Kt. Master at Arms, Great Sir Kt. 2nd Master of the G., Great Sir Kt. Picket. The Supreme Tent to have P. G. Ex. Sir Kt. G. C., Gt. Sir Kt. G. C., Gt. Sir Kt. R. K., Gt. Sir Kt. Lt. Com., Gt. Sir Kt. Sergeant, Gt. Sir Kt. M. G., Gt. Sir Kt. Sentinel. And we agree that immediately after election that the presiding officer of this Union meeting shall at once proceed to install the officers elect. And that we all agree to support the officers so nominated by each party.

We still further agree that the committee agreed upon, viz., Sir Kts. Stanton and Boynton, will at once prepare and deliver our executive officers a new or revised constitution, which is to be the law of the Order. It is distinctly understood that there is to be no delay in the work of this Constitutional Committee. And that we shall each act under our separate constitutions until the new constitution is ready. Duncan McLeod, M. D., chairman; R. L. Robb, Wm. C. McCormack, S. Wolverton, John Harris, Jr., Geo. E. McEwen, M. D., chairman; Geo. A. Chase, R. E. Walker, W. H. Hannon, F. W. Wilder, G. Ex. L. C.; Edward Towe, Sec., *pro tem.*; N. S. Boynton, Snp. Com. Supreme Tent, K. J. T. M.; E. E. Farman, 2nd Snp. Recorder, K. O. T. M.

The Great Camp ratified the agreement, and at once the present officers presented their resignations, and the following new officers were then elected from the Great Camp to fill the offices assigned to them:—Gt. Ex. Sir Kt. Gen. Commander—Dr. Wilder, of Chicago.

Gt. Sir F. Keeper—L. G. Jarvis, London, Ontario.

Gt. Sir Kt. Med. Exam.-in-Chief—Sir Kts. Dr. Oronhyatekha and Dr. McLeod were put in nomination, and on ballot Dr. Oronhyatekha was declared elected.

Sir Kt. Dr. Oronhyatekha declined to accept the office, and moved that Sir Kt. Dr. McLeod be unanimously elected, which was carried.

Gt. Sir Kt. Prelate—Rev. Thos. Broad, Carlow, Ont.

Gt. Sir Kt. Master-at-Arms—H. Chester, Oshawa.

Gt. Sir Kt. Second Master of the Guard—J. S. Kite, Port Huron, Mich.

Gt. Sir Kt. Picket—R. Moore, Simcoe, Ontario.

The Master at Arms then announced that the officers and representatives of the Supreme Tent were waiting at the door for admission. They were received with grand honors, and three times three cheers.

It was then moved that Dr. McLeod, Chairman of the Reunion Committee, act as Chairman, and Edward Towe as Secretary of the Joint Convention or Grand Review.

It was then moved by Dr. Oronhyatekha and seconded, that the officers selected by the Supreme Tent and Great Camp, respectively, be confirmed by the Grand Review. Carried amid applause.

The installation was then immediately ordered, and the following officers were installed by Past Great Excellents, W. D. McGloshon and Elliott:—

Past Gt. Ex. Sir Kt. G. C.—N. S. Boynton, Port Huron, Mich.

Gt. Ex. Sir Kt. G. C.—Dr. F. M. Wilder, Chicago, Ill.

Gt. Sir Kt. G. C.—W. G. Imlach, London, Ont.

Gt. Sir Kt. R. Keeper — E. E. Farman, 2nd, Warsaw, N. Y.

Gt. Sir Kt. F. Keeper — L. G. Jarvis, London, Ont.

Gt. Sir Kt. Prelate—Rev. Thomas Broad, Gt. Sir Kt. L. Commander—A. Bassett, Detroit, Mich.

Gt. Sir Kt. Med. Examiner-in-Chief—Dr. McLeod, Detroit, Mich.

Gt. Sir Kt. Sergt.—N. H. Williams, Detroit, Mich.

Gt. Sir Kt. Master-at-Arms—H. Chester, Oshawa.

Gt. Sir Kt. 1st Master of the Guards—A. H. Fessenden, London, Ont.

Gt. Sir Kt. 2nd Master of the Guards—J. S. Kite, Port Huron, Mich.

Gt. Sir Kt. Sentinel—H. W. Harlow, Boston, Mass.

Gt. Sir Picket—R. Moore, Simcoe, Ont.

A Committee of five, consisting of Sir Kts. Jenkins, of New Jersey; Moore, of Simcoe, Ont.; Farman, Gt. R. Keeper; Bishop, of New York, and Shipley of New York, was appointed to proceed to Buffalo, on Saturday, 15th inst., to meet a similar Committee from the Supreme Tent under Sir Kt. Oronhyatekha, and arrange terms of Reunion, which when completed will bring all the Macabees under the Gt. Camp, and make them about 10,000 strong.

Moved by Sir Kt. Dr. Oronhyatekha, seconded by Sir Kt. Bassett, that from and after the issuing of the new constitution, the Executive be instructed to make as many assessments as will be required to pay the full endowments on 'deaths which may take place after that date.

Referred to Executive Committee with power.

The Gt. Camp then adjourned, to meet in the city of Toronto on the day which shall be fixed by the new Constitution, which is to be agreed to by Past Gt. Excellents Stanton and Boynton.

The following are the addresses of the chief officers of the Order:—

Gt. Ex. Sir Kt. Gen. Commander, F. M. Wilder, Esq., M. D., 2,429 Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

Gt. Sir Kt. R. Keeper, E. E. Farman, 2nd, Warsaw, N. Y.

Gt. Sir Kt. F. Keeper, L. G. Jarvis, Esq., London, Ontario.

Gt. Sir Kt. Medical Examiner-in-Chief, Dr. D. McLeod, 335 St. Annin avenue, Detroit, Mich.

Tents must bear in mind that the medical examination of all Sir Knights admitted into the Order, and of all Sir Knights who have taken increased endowments prior to the 14th of January, 1881, must be sent to Dr. Oronhyatekha, London, the Medical Examiner-in-Chief up to that date; and that the medical examination of all Sir Knights admitted or who take increased endowments, after the 13th of January, 1881, are to be sent to our new medical officer. In each and every case the examination must be on the new form for all Sir Knights initiated after 1st November, 1880, and for all increased endowments. The new forms can be obtained of the Gt. R. Keeper. In each and every case 10 cts. must be sent to the Gt. Medical Examiner-in-Chief, with each examination form, and until the fee is so sent the Gt. Medical Officer will not report the Sir Kt. to the Gt. R. Keeper as having passed the medical examination. And no certificate of endowment can issue until such report is received by the Gt. R. Keeper from the Gt. Medical Officer.

Never in the history of the Order was the outlook so bright. We look to see 5,000 additional members initiated within the next three months.

We have good officers; we have a good Constitution and Endowment Law, and expect to have the best Constitution and Endowment Law of any order, when the new Constitution is issued, which we hope to see out in 10 days or two weeks.

Now let every Officer and Sir Kt. go to work with a will. You all have something to work for now.

We shall continue to give all views of importance, official and otherwise, in our paper.

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