

Camp Columbia, No. 79, at Syracuse held convocation on Friday evening and transacted much business. Commissions for Capt. John Dillon and Lieuts. Sheehan and Massey were received, presented and accepted.

D.D.H.C.R. Geo. E. Rowley has been the "grand rounds" of his Onondaga County District and reports all the Courts in flourishing condition, and that they extend thanks to the executive for the liberal and excellent dispensation granted for the past three months of the old year.

We have been favored with a copy of the resolutions of condolence passed by Court Paul Smith, No. 3003, Gabriels, N.Y., on the occasion of the death of their Court Deputy High Chief Ranger, John Jinkin.

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CLEVELAND, O., 1899.

To all Officers and Members of Subordinate Courts,
Greeting:—

We take this method of introducing the new Encampment of Royal Foresters, and to secure good Foresters as members.

W. G. Philip, Major-General of Ohio, instituted this Encampment last August, and we now have twenty-seven good hustling members, and by hard work expect to have the limit, viz., 100 Sir Knights in line at our next High Court session in Toledo in 1900.

Regular meetings of this Encampment are held every first and third Tuesday of each month in Halle's Hall, 354 Ontario St.

The initiation fee at present is but two dollars, but will in the near future be increased to five. The equipments (new) can be purchased for \$24.00; a coat will cost \$10 to \$14, making total cost of membership about \$38. This amount can be paid in instalments, \$5.00 down, the balance to suit the Sir Knight. There are several very good uniforms to be had of old members of Excelsior Encampment, prices ranging from \$10.00 to \$18.00.

Some Sir Knight of Cleveland Encampment will visit your Court in the near future and give all desired information. We hope that the members of Subordinate Courts will assist us in our work; without their assistance we cannot represent our noble Order as it ought to be.

Trusting some brothers of your Court will think favorably of our undertaking and put their shoulders to the wheel, I remain,

Yours in L., B. and C.,
F. W. BLANCHARD,
Illustrious Commander.

They Work as Well as Dance.

Court Butler, No. 1380, Hamilton, Ohio, gave a mask-ball, which was a success both financially and socially. By nine o'clock the hall was filled with merry dancers, and the costumes worn were varied and some were quite laughable. The committee are to be congratulated. The proceeds are to be placed to the Sick Fund.

This Court initiated thirty candidates during the months of Oct. and Nov., with December still to hear from, and will begin the new year with a membership of over two hundred. The increase in our membership has been accomplished solely through the efforts of our members.

C. P. HOLADAY, R.S.

Take Up Your Chair and Walk—Ten Thoroughly Initiated Foresters.

Upon the invitation of Court Kola, No. 1838, of Bellevue, 23 members of Court McPherson, No. 3153, drove over from Clyde Nov. 29th to assist in the initiation of ten new members of the local court. The Clyde Foresters brought some new work in initiating candidates, and the Bellevue Foresters were greatly pleased with it. After the would-be members had "rode the goat," and thus achieved their ambition, and the other work of the regular meeting was over, the members of both courts *picked up their chairs* and marched from the hall to the Hotel Bourdette, where an elegant oyster supper had been prepared for them at the order and expense of Court Kola. About 65 men were seated at the table and they had a jolly time getting away with the bivalves and other good things upon the menu. The meal was enlivened with stories and the cracking of jokes until you couldn't rest.

Bro. Meusner Writes Again.

Court Fremont at its last meeting, held on Dec. 11, 1899, initiated one (1) candidate and 6 applications were received. Our hall was about large enough to seat our members, and no chairs were empty. The meeting was one of interest, and in the election of officers, candidates were nominated and elected to the following offices, viz.,—

C.R., Jno. G. Tenhagen; V.C.R., E. W. Brandt; R.S., T. W. Meusner; F.S., A. Cornwall; Treas., Geo. Koestle; Chap., Chas. E. Bowman; S.W., E. Birdsicker; J.W., G. Brunner; S.B., I. J. Trapnell, jr.; J.B., H. Schady; C.D., H. J. Grapes; C. Phys., W. S. James; Board of Trustees, H. J. Grapes; J. M. Basch; Finance Committee, J. H. King, S. B. Drown.

F. W. MEUSNER, Rec. Sec.

A letter of acknowledgment has been received from Mrs. Lillie M. Payne, for the prompt payment of mortuary benefit of her late husband, W. J. C. Payne, of Court Fremont, No. 355, Cleveland, Ohio, and thanking the brethren for the moral tribute.

A letter of acknowledgment has been received from Mrs. Lolla E. Robertson for the prompt payment of the endowment and funeral benefit of her late husband, G. H. Robertson, Court Fremont, No. 355, Cleveland, Ohio; also thanking the brethren for the services of a trained nurse during his illness.

We have been favored with a copy of the resolutions of condolence passed by Court Fremont, No. 355, Cleveland, Ohio, on the occasions of the deaths of the late brethren, G. H. Robertson and W. J. C. Payne.

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Bro. Whale and the Invincibles.

Court Invincible, No. 1167, Dundalk, has had the good fortune of having Bro. Whale with them last week, and have been greatly encouraged and materially assisted, having initiated a dozen of the progressive citizens, and have more applications in view.

Bro. Whale left us for Markdale and Flesher-