

of the High Court, as it contained the general proceedings of the High Court at this its first annual session.

The Committee on Credentials report the name of Wm. S. Comstock as delegate from Court Dexter, No. 440, and on motion the report was duly accepted.

The High Counselor was delegated by the High Chief Ranger to confer the High Court Degree upon the following :

John L. Schuyler, Court Lyme, No. 498.

Walter O. Hewett, " " " "

Frank E. Hewett, " " " "

Wm. T. Comstock, Court Dexter, No. 490.

H. D. Ford, Court Philadelphia, No. 502.

T. J. Howland, " " " "

O. E. Tallman, " " " "

The Finance Committee reported as follows:

To the High Chief Ranger, Officers and Members, High Court State of New York:

BRETHREN,—We have examined such accounts as have been presented and found them correct.

Owing to the fact that we have no precedent to direct us, we can make no accurate estimate of probable expense for the ensuing year. There will be the expense of the High Standing Committee, necessitated by virtue of their office; incidental expenses, such as printing, postage, hiring hall, &c.

Our By-Laws provide a per capita tax of fifty cents per member for the year. This gives us practically now in our treasury about \$200, deducting expenses of present session, leaves about \$100.

The amount of the per capita tax will depend upon the number of new members enrolled during the year.

On a basis of fifty per cent increase, the amount would be about \$600. We look for even more, and would estimate that this sum, with the profits from sale of supplies, will be sufficient for the year,

FRED. H. RICHARDSON.

HENRY B. COOKE.

A. A. HILDREDTH.

C. W. LEE.

A. E. KOERNER.

On motion the report was adopted.

On motion the High Standing Committee was empowered to contract with the publishers of THE FORESTER for publication of the names and P. O. address of the officers of the High Court and all Court Deputies in the State of New York, for the term of one year, at a price not to exceed \$25 for such period.

The following brethren received the High Court Degree.

D. J. Winsfield, Court Cape Vincent, No. 480.

Fred. A. Johnson, Court Cape Vincent, No. 480.

Abram Fralick, Court Brownville, No. 561.

Charles P. Clark, Court Brownville No. 561.

W. J. I. Shell, Court Lyme, No. 498.

The High Court then proceeded to the election of officers, Supreme Chief Ranger Dr. Oronhyatekha presiding.

The following were appointed tellers:

Brothers J. A. McGillivray, Supreme Secretary; J. S. R. McCann, Court Frontenac, and J. W. Empey, Court Watertown.

Nominations were made for each elective office and the following members of the High Standing Committee were all elected by acclamation.

H. C. R., Hon. Jacob Stern, Buffalo.

H. V. C. R., J. W. Berkel, Rochester.

H. Sec., Charles R. Fitzgerald, Buffalo.

H. Treas., Charles W. Lerch, Rochester.

H. Phys., James A. Phillips, M.D., Morris-town.

H. Coun., Stanton S. Trowbridge, Water-town.

H. Auditors, James V. Crawford, Morris-town; Henry O. Gardner, Philadelphia.

Representatives to the Supreme Court resulted in the selection of the Hon. Judge Jacob Stern, High Chief Ranger; Charles R. Fitzgerald, High Secretary; Hon. Stanton S. Trowbridge, High Counselor; and Wm. A. E. Faichney, High Journal Secretary.

On motion, Thousand Island Park was selected as the place where the next annual session will be held.

On motion, the date for holding the next annual session, was left discretionary with the High Standing Committee.

The newly elected High Chief Ranger then made the following appointments for ensuing year:

H. Chap., Rev. Henry Munson, Hammond.

H. J. Sec., Wm. E. A. Faichney, Water-town

H. S. W., Rev. Fred. H. Richardson, Three Mile Bay.

H. J. W., Eldred J. Burchell, Antwerp.

H. S. B., Lewis R. Dezenbergmel, Cape Vincent.

H. J. B., Henry Whitley, Rochester.

H. Mar., Geo. F. Frank, Rochester.

H. Con., Albert A. Hildredth, Gouverneur.

H. Mess., Richard J. Dempsey, Oswego.

The Supreme Chief Ranger then proceeded, assisted by Brothers John A. McGillivray, J. S. R. McCann and J. M. Roesser, to install the officers elected and appointed of the High Court of the State of New York.

The High Court then adjourned and closed with the usual ceremonies.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are correct and true.

CHARLES R. FITZGERALD,
H. Sec. Secretary