

FRATERNAL NEWS.

Crystal Lodge No. 33 Installation of Officers

Grand Deputy W. H. Thomas installed the officers of Crystal Lodge No. 33 on Tuesday night, Jan. 20th. There was no special ceremony but after a very spicy talk by the Deputy, he installed the following officers: H. D. Pearson, C. C.; I. H. Goodwin, V. C.; J. B. Lewie, M. of F.; Geo. H. Hampton, M. of Ex.; C. E. Anderson, K. of R. & S.; W. M. Adams, Prelate; Lewis Switzer, Inner Guard, George Yarborough, Outer Guard; H. D. Pearson and Geo. H. Hampton, Representatives; O. S. Ford, to take the Grand Lodge Degree. The report of this lodge was read by Sir C. F. Beecher and Sir Robt. Butler, which showed that the lodge is in good standing, and on the upward climb. This is the largest lodge in the state.

Gate City Lodge No. 54, K. of P., of Clinton Gave Their Fifteenth Annual Banquet.

Clinton, S. C., Jan. 14, 1925. The friends and members of the Gate City Lodge enjoyed a delightful banquet. A splendid gathering of friends were present. The menu served at this special occasion is as follows: Grape Fruit, Sweet mixed Pickles, Turkey, Dressing, Cranberry Sauce, Giblet Gravy, Spanish Pudding, Clinton Maid bread, Fruit Salad, Fruit Jello, Cake, Coffee, After Dinner Mints.

A wonderful program was rendered by friends, members of the High School Faculty and Sir Knights.

Master of Ceremonies, Rev. G. V. Henry, a well known citizen and a member of the A. M. E. Conference of South Carolina. Singing, America. Invocation by Rev. W. G. Owens, who came to Clinton, one year ago and has won numbers of friends, also a well known educator of the A. M. E. Church of South Carolina. Welcome Address by Sir S. J. L. Patterson, a prominent business man of Clinton.

We are very glad to have in our midst Prof. J. M. Johnson, of Newberry, S. C., the principal of the Clinton High School. Prof. Johnson made a splendid talk on what must be done to awaken a greater educational interest in young colored men. He also asked this question: "Without the educated Negro men, what will become of the Negro homes in the next twenty-five years?" Jubilee Song by the High School Faculty.

Officers for the new year are as follows: Rev. G. V. Henry, C. C.; Sir J. S. Henry, V. C.; Sir C. A. Wadsworth, M. of W.; Sir H. P. Crawford, K. of R. & S. Rev. E. L. Lilliewood, Prelate; Sir S. J. L. Patterson, M. of F.; Sir B. J. Beasley, M. of Ex.; Sir Joe Reeder, M. at Arms; Sir Nesbit Bailey, I. G.; Sir Stacy Blakely, O. G.; Grand Lodge Representatives Sir B. J. Beasley and Sir H. L. Alexander.

Committee on Arrangements: Sir Joe Reeder, Sir James Teague Kennedy, Sir Fred Hall, Sir C. A. Wadsworth, Sir H. P. Crawford.

Six Suggestions for the Betterment of the Lodge

Don't fire all your ammunition backward among your own fellow members, just because you like the applause, but fire some of it ahead to get new members.

Have some open meeting when the outside guardian is not on duty, and rustle a lot of people in from the outside world to hear the speeches and make it so interesting that they will want to belong to it for social benefits. If you don't land the new members that you want, keep on entertaining with open meetings; the habit of having a good time will grow in them until they will hand in their application for membership.

Don't hide the light behind closed doors. Hand out all the information you can to those who are yet in the dark and interest them to make application for membership.

Be sociable and thoughtful of your brothers' pleasures and welfare and don't forget to do the little things for others that you expect of them. By helping others and building up the membership, the burdens are lighter on each, and you have double the number of brothers doing the little things for your benefit that you often forget to do for them.

Burn your powder and scatter your literature where it will bring results, or at least has a chance to bring results. It cannot bring any new members when burned before those who are already members. Don't be satisfied with merely holding the fort.

BE LOYAL

What a magic word "fraternal," How it fills our hearts with cheer. When we know a million neighbors, Save some for us every year. No, not for us, are they saving, Nothing we can take and spend, But they're saving for our loved ones. When our lives shall one day end, When these bodies worn and weary, Shall succumb in death's embrace And the loved ones we now cherish, When it is, our neighbors' savings Shall the world, without us face. Will be sent to comfort give, And to furnish things so needful We can furnish while we live. Nor will grudgingly they give it, But with cheerful, willing heart. For they are our loyal neighbors Always ready for their part. What you pay your monthly stipend You are using now for good, That it will be paid with interest Is, by all, well understood. Then be loyal Modern Knightsmen, Suffer not your names to lapse, Yours may be the next to need it, You the next to go, perhaps.

We thought that we kept posted on all the fraternal orders among our group but the Elks put one over on us last Fall when they met at Sumter, S. C. Oct. 24, 1924, and organized a Grand Lodge—being very busy at the time and having been unable to attend the meetings of the subordinate lodge Palmetto No. 342, I. B. P. O. E. O. W.

I knew nothing of the above meeting until the Grand Secretary, Dr. Joseph A. Mason, Gibraltar Lodge, Kingstree, S. C., handed in this manuscript to the Lewie Printing Co. for his minutes to be printed. They have been printed and delivered.

The Grand Lodge should be congratulated on their selections for office. Below you will find a roster of Grand Lodge officers.

G. Lee Ratliff, Palmetto Lodge, Columbia, President; Dr. Rosko Wilson, Atlas Lodge, Florence, Vice-President; G. W. Spann, Emanuel Lodge, Charleston, 2nd Vice-President; C. M. Haskew, Pee Dee Lodge, Cheraw, 3rd Vice-President; Dr. J. A. Mason, Gibraltar Lodge, Kingstree, General Secretary; J. E. Means, Benj. Banneker Lodge, Greenville, Recording Secretary; G. H. Pugh, Ajax Lodge, Darlington, Treas.; Watt Brown, Ajax Lodge Darlington, Esquire; Dr. Sidney Scott, Atlas Lodge Florence, Inner Guard; C. L. Robinson, Richard Allen Lodge, Newberry, Tiler; Dr. C. W. Birnie, Robert Small Lodge, Sumter, Medical Advisor; Rev. M. C. Newman, Gibraltar Lodge, Kingstree, Chaplain; Attorney M. J. Frederick, Robert Small Lodge, Sumter, Legal Advisor; J. W. Buddin, Pride of S. C. Lodge, Andrews, Marshall; A. B. Butler, Emanuel Lodge, Charleston, Master of Social Sessions; Brother Biggs, Benj. Banneker Lodge, Greenville, Assistant Master of Social Sessions; Dr. S. H. Blake, Sterling Lodge, Rock Hill, Chairman; A. D. Williams, Pee Dee Lodge, Cheraw, and Brother Harmon, Dunbar Progressive Lodge, Marion, Trustees; Dr. Walter Evans, Gibraltar Lodge, Kingstree; Handy Doglass, Atlas Lodge, Florence; and E. P. Gist, Sterling Lodge, Rock Hill, Auditing Committee.

The following Brothers were elected for the Board of Directors: W. P. Davis, Emanuel Lodge, Charleston; Dr. M. M. Conliffe, Union Lodge, Mullins; Dr. N. A. Jenkins, Palmetto Lodge, Columbia, Dr. W. R. Laney, Sterling Lodge, Rock Hill; Dr. J. H. Thomas, Haigler Lodge, Camden; Dr. J. E. Watts, Palmetto Lodge, Columbia; Dr. J. A. Gathings, Sterling Lodge, Rock

Hill, and Professor C. A. Lawson, Robert Small Lodge, Sumter.

Dr. Rosko Wilson was appointed by the Grand Exalted Ruler an Associate Grand Organizer.

Installation of Officers.

The officers of the Masonic lodges of F. A. A. Y. Masons elected and duly installed for the year, 1925, are as follows:

Enterprise No. 58-B

Frank Gladden, W. M.; Robert Delaney, S. W.; Walter Simuel, J. W.; E. R. Lewis, Sec.; John Cannon, Treas.; Robt. Weston, Chaplain; Malachi Glover, Tiler; Will Adams, S. D.; Frank Goings, J. D.

The retiring Master, S. H. McClain, of the above named lodge, served eight years. The present Master Bro. Frank Gladden is a young minister of the A. M. E. Zion Church; he is now pastoring at Eastover. Past officers of this lodge are A. J. Seabrooks, D. D. G. M.; S. P. Wheeler, Dist. Joshua and S. H. McClain.

Palmetto Lodge No. 313.

Officers for 1925 are as follows: John Carter, W. M.; Henry Pugh, S. W.; Virgle Epps, J. W.; John Hampton, Sec.; Moody Lowman, Treas.; Sam Bell, Chaplain; Frank Williams, Tiler. The present Master of this lodge is now serving his second year and is a promising young Master.

The other lodges under Masonic jurisdiction will appear in next week's issue of The Leader. Fraternally, E. R. LEWIS.

Endowment Board Meets.

The Grand Chancellor, Sir Julius A. Brown, called a meeting of the Endowment Board, Wednesday Jan. 21, 1925, to discuss matters of vital importance to the order. Those present were: Sir Julius A. Brown, G. C.; Col. A. A. Sims, Union; Sir C. Lee Davis, Anderson; and Sir J. B. Lewie, G. K. of R. & S. Sir I. M. A. Myers and Esquire N. J.

Frederick, also attended the meeting.

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