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GRAND PRESIDENT'S OFFICE, BUFFALO, N. Y., JAN. 12, 1891.

To the officers and members of Branches within this jurisdiction:

By proclamation of Supreme President McGarry, dated the 5th inst., all new laws and amendments to the Supreme, Grand and Branch Constitutions, Supreme and Grand By-Laws, Beneficiary and Reserve Fund Articles, adopted at the 4th biennial session of the Supreme Council held at Niagara Falls, N. Y., on the 14th, 15th days of October, 1890, will become of force on and from January 15th, 1891.

These new laws and amendments are of such importance that Branch officers should, without unnecessary delay, become familiar with their nature so as to understand and apply them justly.

The attention of Branch officers and deputies is called to the new law, making it mandatory upon financial secretaries to give bonds for the faithful performance of their duties; also to the amendment that Branch treasurers shall deposit all Branch moneys in the name of the Branch in such bank or safe deposit company as the Branch may direct.

Under the new law, each district deputy is directed to make a detailed report to the Grand Deputy, under whose jurisdiction he may be, of the condition of the Branches assigned to him. Under the present law, district deputies reported their doings to the Grand President.

On and after January 15th, 1891, district deputies that have not yet reported to this office, will report to the Grand Deputies as follows:

District deputies within the diocese of Buffalo to Grand Deputy Stephen Nast, Buffalo, N. Y. District deputies within the diocese of Rochester to Grand Deputy E. J. Ernst, Rochester, N. Y. District deputies within the diocese of Syracuse and Ogdensburg to Grand Deputy M. J. Lawless, Marcellus Falls, N. Y. District deputies within the diocese of Albany to Grand Deputy Wm. M. Hussey, Albany, N. Y. And district deputies within the Archdiocese of New York to Grand Deputy John Fitzgerald of New York city.

In future each Grand Deputy will report to the Grand President the condition of the various Branches in his jurisdiction.

Branch officers charged with the responsibility of appointing Local Medical Examiners, are invited to carefully study Section 12 of Article 6, page 81, New Constitution. Under the new law, appointments made by them to be valid, must receive the approval of the Supervising Medical Examiner.

The Grand President and Grand Trustees are vested with the sole power of removing Local Medical Examiners for sufficient cause.

The Grand Secretary has now a sufficient number of the newly revised Constitution to supply the Branches within this jurisdiction.

Fraternally, JOHN J. HYNES, Grand President.

Branch 45, Avon.

Thursday evening, January 8th, 45 of Avon installed its officers. The event will long be recalled by all who were present, and the many prominent persons who were present.

Deputy Ernst who assisted by District Deputy Dr. P. Schell and Brothers Lima, and others. The installation was finished at 10 o'clock. The address was given by Rev. J. Healy and Schell.

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gone through, the meeting was declared adjourned, and many supposed such was the case, until the Guard opened the door and admitted an army of Avon's finest ladies who were loaded down with the best they could provide for satisfying the inner man; and in less time than it takes to read this all present were seated to as fine a spread as was ever served in Avon. All enjoyed themselves and tried hard to make the evening one of long memory. After all had partaken of the viands to satisfaction, the balance of the evening was spent in singing and speech making—and Branch 45 is blest with some eloquent orators. It is to be hoped she starts off in '91 with the firm resolution of out-doing all previous years. VISITORS.

Monday evening the members of this large and flourishing Branch met in their handsome rooms in St. Joseph's school to witness the installation of their new officers. Grand Deputy Ernst officiated. Among the visitors present were Supreme Representative James L. Whalen of 138, District Deputy Lehman of 134, Dr. Cormier of 134, and President McCabe of 121. The address of Grand Deputy Ernst was a masterpiece. President Charles M. Bayer, on taking the chair, spoke earnestly to his fellow-members, urging each one to act as though the welfare of the association depended upon him. He also urged the retiring officers to take the same interest in the Branch they had taken during their terms of office, and not to allow their zeal for the good of the association to grow less. Representative Whalen entertained the members by a pleasant talk which contained many good suggestions. Other visiting brothers spoke briefly. After adjournment the officers for '91 invited those present to partake of a substantial lunch which had been prepared in an adjoining room. To this all did ample justice.

The concert and dance held by Branch 81 at Central hall Tuesday evening was a pleasant and successful affair, and enjoyed by all who attended.

Wednesday evening the above named Branch met in Corpus Christi school rooms. One candidate was initiated. District Deputy Mead installed the officers for the new year. Brother Mead spoke for some time on the duties which would devolve upon those selected as officers and gave much good advice. The Branch is gaining steadily in membership.

Grand Deputy Ernst, assisted by District Deputy Robert J. Lennon, installed the officers Friday Jan. 11, as follows: Pres., J. W. Butler; 1st vice-pres., James F. Donovan; 2d vice-pres., J. Heberling; rec. sec'y, Thos. Loughney; asst. sec'y, John O'Connor; fin. sec'y, M. C. Butler; treas., Thomas Moore; marshal, Edw. Poiman; guard, Wm. Dunn; trustees, Walter Daly, John M. Hyde.

Branch 121 will meet this Friday evening.

All who heard Grand Deputy Ernst's speech at the installation of Branch 81, spoke of it in the highest terms.

Branch 81 received two applications for membership Tuesday evening.

St. Mary's Branch, 87, will meet next Friday evening.

Branch 12, the parent Branch of this city, held its installation Tuesday. Branches 34 and 117, Wednesday.

Friday evening the installation of Branch 21, Ladies' Catholic Benevolent Association, took place at St. Bridget's school house. The following officers were installed by Supreme President Mrs. C. B. McGowan of Buffalo: Spiritual adviser, Rev. James O'Connor; medical examiner, Dr. J. W. Casey; president, Mrs. E. J. Dowling; first vice-president, Mrs. Brock; second vice-president, Mary T. Ryan; financial secretary, Susie R. Quinn; treasurer, Celia Ryan; recorder, Mrs. C. V. Lee; assistant recorder, Josephine B. Preston; marshal, Nellie B. Riley; trustees, Mrs. E. B. Gallery, Mrs. W. J. Outross, Miss M. McLaugh-

lin, Miss Isabella Quinn; auditors, Mrs. Riley, Miss Margaret Managan, Mrs. Ann Powell. Following the installation the following programme was rendered: Song, Miss Lillian Dowling; vocal solo, Miss Norman; vocal solo, Dr. T. F. Crowley; vocal solo, Miss Julia Madden; recitation, Miss Katherine Burns; solo, Miss Agnes Burke; instrumental, Mrs. E. B. Gallery; vocal solo, Miss Hattie Stone. A banquet was given to which all the presidents of the various C. M. B. A. Branches were present. The bountiful spread was satisfactorily discussed, after which speeches were made by several of the invited guests and members of the Branch.

Much to our regret the pressure of important duties on Friday evening last, made it impossible for a JOURNAL representative to attend the installation of Branch 27, L. C. B. A.

C. R. B. A. NOTES.

The Supreme President reports the receipt of applications for charters for subordinate councils from Denver, Col., Peoria, Ill., and St. Mary's parish, New York city. The applications from Denver and Peoria are the first received from cities outside of this State. Interested parties in Milwaukee and Chicago report excellent progress in those cities, and the Supreme Council hopes to have councils established at those places during the next fortnight.

The total membership of the association has been increased threefold since its organization in Auburn last September, and it is not too much to predict that before the completion of the first six months of the present year the total membership will exceed fifteen hundred.

The association now has in its reserve fund one dollar for every thousand dollars of insurance. This is a better showing than many of the older associations are able to make. The total amount of insurance is now about five hundred thousand dollars, representing beneficiaries of from two hundred and fifty to two thousand dollars each.

A lady who resides at Rochester writes to know if she can become a member of the association and make one of the diocesan institutions her beneficiary. We would say, for the information of this lady and others, that there is no restriction placed on members as to the disposition of their beneficiary, except that the direction must be to pay to a person already in being, and for a lawful purpose.

The reports from Supreme Medical Examiner Gerin show that the local examiners of the association are doing their work conscientiously and well. This will be welcome news to members, as the safety of the association depends largely on the work of the medical examiners.

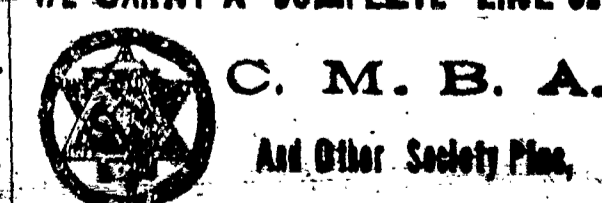
Council No. 1 has decided to hold weekly "social meetings," and has made arrangements for a musical and literary programme each week.

OTHER SOCIETIES.

At the 8:30 Mass at St. Mary's Sunday morning, the Knights of St. John received Communion in a body. They made a fine appearance. Father Stewart referred in pleasing terms to the Knights, and also to the C. M. B. A., strongly advising the young men of his flock to join one of those excellent organizations.

There was plenty of fun and jollity Wednesday night at the annual ball of St. Boniface German Catholic Union at Weider's hall, and hundreds of merry dancers kept the enjoyment going until a late hour in the morning. Before the dancing began, Col. H. N. Schlick inspected the Union.

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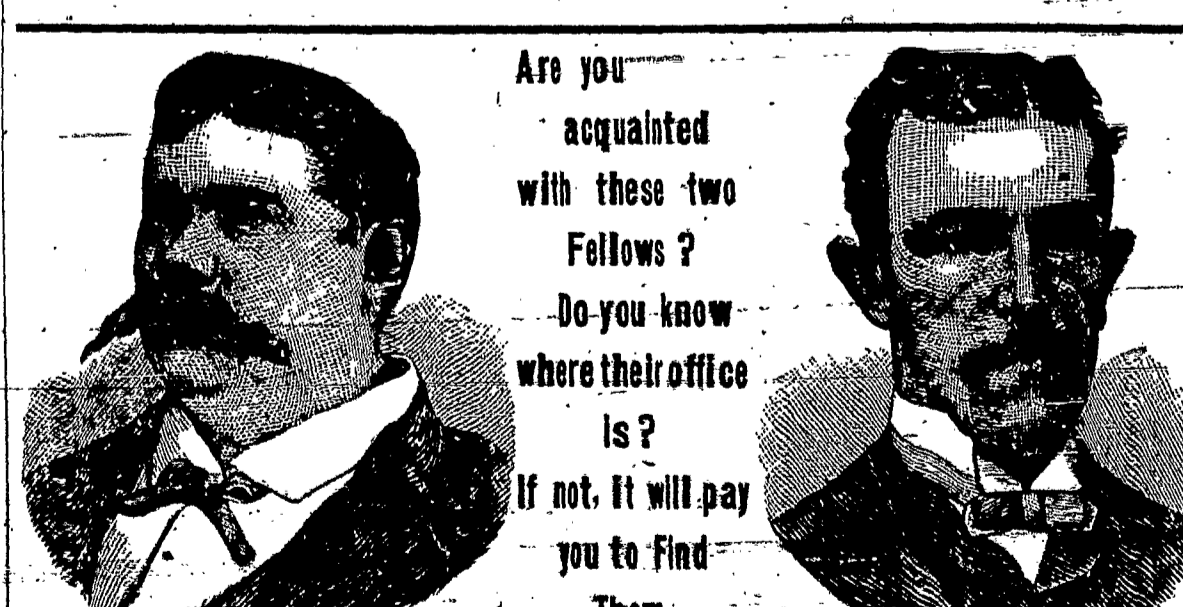
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