

## Installation; Lodge Sued; Some Remodeling Done

On April 6th P.E.R. George A. Ticoulet installed these 1920-21 officers: Exalted Ruler John T. Stafford, Leading Knight John C. Ing, Loyal Knight Clyde Brand, Lecturing Knight Thos. J. Flammer, Secretary Walter Leitch, Treasurer Frank P. Christophel, Tiler P. B. Ward, Trustees C. W. Haub and M. E. Hornlein to fill the unexpired term of Jim Seadler; Chaplain E. E. Reese, Esquire Marco Zarick, Inner Guard Walton E. Holmes, Organist Wilkie Ogg.

## A Lady Wanted \$39,975 From Our Lodge; We Do Some Remodeling

On June 1st the lodge received probably the greatest financial shock of its long career, when Trustee Haub officially notified the Lodge that Mrs. Bessie Bisinger, who was injured in the Lodge Elevator, had been given a Judgment by a Superior Court Jury of \$39,975.00. Of course, the case was appealed and subsequently reduced some by the Supreme Court as exorbitant but it is said she finally collected in the neighborhood of \$28,000. It was only partly covered by insurance . . . On June 26th the lodge enjoyed another of our famous down-river parties. This year it was held at Courtland, and the down-river brothers again did themselves proud . . . At the meeting of July 6th, the trustees recommended to the lodge a remodeling program to cost in the neighborhood of \$15,000. The Lodge was in a receptive mood this time and authorized them to proceed with the work.

## Elks State Association Convention Held In Sacramento

In October the California State Elks Association meeting was held in this city. A feature of this convention was a buck stew in which many of the northern California lodges had a part in the making, nearly every northern lodge donating a buck . . . At a meeting on October 26th, the Exalted Ruler appointed a Committee to arrange for a 25th Anniversary Celebration on December 21, 1920. We haven't been able to find much information on the doings of that night, except that it was held according to schedule and 409 members answered roll call. The Lodge was then just half as old as it is today . . . On November 30, 1920, P.E.R.'s C. W. Haub and George A. Ticoulet, in recognition of their years of faithful and loyal service on behalf of the lodge, were voted life memberships . . . The records of the lodge show that on December 14th, the Charity Ball Committee reported a net profit of \$2,078 and once again this was distributed to all charitable organizations throughout the city.

## Remodeling Completed In 1921; Life Memberships Voted

On January 11th the trustees announced completion of club rooms remodeling, and by popular subscription from the membership, two pictures were purchased by them for the lodge. These pictures were the "Poppy Field" and "Yosemite Valley," and they now hang on the walls in our present home . . . On February 5th members of San Francisco Lodge paid a fraternal visit to No. 6. This was on a Saturday night and a special program was arranged for the large crowd that came up from No. 3 . . . On February 12th an excursion to Reno Lodge was arranged by a committee headed by Earl Langdon. Fifty members made the trip, and they reported a wonderful time—such as only Reno could give.

## Deputy Grand Ruler Ingram Installs Officers; Sacramento Elks Play Coast League

On April 5th Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Thomas Ingram (Grass Valley) installed the following 1921-22 officers: Exalted Ruler John C. Ing, Leading Knight Clyde H. Brand, Loyal Knight Thos. J. Flammer, Lecturing Knight Marco Zarick, Secretary Walter Leitch, Treasurer E. J. Rader, Tiler P. B. Ward, Trustee John W. Haley, Esquire Harold Thielen, Inner Guard Walton Holmes, Chaplain John T. Stafford, Organist W. P. Craven. Upon taking office, Exalted Ruler Ing delivered an address so outstanding, that on motion passed by the lodge the same was ordered spread upon the minutes, and we feel that even now—24 years after—a few paragraphs of the address are truly worthy of note in these pages. He said in part:

Let it be our highest hope and our most profound duty to maintain at all times the highest standard of manhood and citizenship within our membership. To attain this we should be ever vigilant to inquire into the character and life of every applicant for membership, applying those tests of true manhood and morality, which are inculated by the practice of the principles of our order.

*I trust that no member will fail to seek among his friends the type of man that will make a true and loyal Elk and obtain his application for admission. It is not the purpose of this Lodge to increase by numbers alone, better that we admit not a single new member than in doing so we lower the standard of quality of our manhood.*

I cannot too strongly urge upon the lodge the necessity of practicing strict economy in its expenditures. The laws of the Order impose upon the trustee not only the responsibility of the custody of the funds and property of the lodge, but our lodge has imposed the added duty upon them of being responsible for all purchases of supplies and property, with the exception of purchases of the House Committee. In accordance with these requirements officers and committees are admonished to first secure from the trustees a purchase order before procuring any supplies or incurring any indebtedness against the lodge, and the Finance Committee will be directed not to audit any claim without this necessary pre-requisite.

On April 10th the baseball team of No. 6 played the Coast League team of Sacramento at Moreing Field and reported a profit of \$266 on the game. Apparently the Elks were a little modest, as the lodge minutes didn't tell who won . . . The bowlers were active, and they sent a team to Grass Valley headed by Carl Lamus. Brother Lamus regretfully reported they were beaten by the boys from the mountains . . . 60 members participated in a golf tournament held by the lodge on May 15th. Total expenses of the committee amounted to \$3.50 . . . On May 14th a large delegation journeyed to Grass Valley to participate in their celebration of the burning of

the mortgage on their home . . . On June 14th Woodland Lodge came over to assist Sacramento Lodge in the Flag Day exercises held that evening at McKinley Park.

### *\$2,000 Expenses Allotted To Grand Lodge Committee*

Through the spring the committee appointed to arrange for a special train to the Grand Lodge Convention at Los Angeles had worked diligently to make the trip a real success, as well as a real showing by Sacramento Lodge No. 6, B.P.O.E., and the committee had been given \$2000 by the lodge for expenses. A special train was arranged which left Sacramento at 7 a.m. July 10th for the southern city. Reports show all had a wonderful time . . . Our lodge entertained many other lodges on their way to and from the convention . . . Entertainment Committee announced a moonlight ride on the Sacramento River had been arranged for August 20th. The ride was a big success. 700 made the trip on the Steamer "Colusa" . . . The State Association meeting at Santa Cruz in October found a full delegation from Sacramento Lodge, and our officers took part in the ritualistic contest. Life memberships to Lewis H. Brown, first exalted ruler, and O. W. Erlewine, City Superintendent of Schools, were voted on Nov. 29th in recognition of valuable services rendered . . . 125 members made a December journey to Stockton where the officers of No. 6 performed the initiatory ceremony.

### *No "Ku Kluxers" For This Lodge In 1922*

On January 3d a special committee headed by William H. Devlin made a lengthy report recommending that the lodge mortgage its property to pay its portion of the Bisinger judgment amounting to \$20,000. The recommendation was adopted. An attempt was made at the same time to put the initiation fee back to \$100, but failed to gain a two-thirds vote . . . On Saturday, February 18, Stockton Lodge paid us a visit and their officers initiated a class of candidates for No. 6. Quite a delegation accompanied the Stockton officers . . . On February 21st a Washington and Lincoln Birthday program was given at the regular session of the lodge. Chester Gannon spoke on the life of Washington and Judge Peter J. Shields on the life of Lincoln.

### *Grand District Deputy Hudson Installs 1922-23 Officers*

On April 4th P.E.R. George Hudson (Stockton) installed the new official family as follows: Exalted Ruler Clyde H. Brand, Leading Knight T. J. Flammer, Loyal Knight Marco Zarick, Lecturing Knight Walton E. Holmes, Secretary Walter Leitch, Tiler P. B. Ward, Treasurer E. J. Rader, Trustee E. E. Reese, Esquire H. J. Thielen, Inner Guard Walter J. Hicks, Chaplain John C. Ing, Organist W. A. Craven . . . The baseball committee was authorized to purchase a box of 30 seats for the Coast League season for use of the members, and at the same time announced that a game between the Elks and the Senators had been arranged for April 2d. Past Exalted Rulers' night was held on March 21st, with Brother Jack Lynn presiding. These meetings had not yet reached the undignified state . . . On May 9th Charles J. Hasman introduced a resolution calling for an investigation by a special committee of the lodge of the membership list of the Ku Klux Klan, with the purpose of expelling from the Order any members of our lodge who were proven members of that organization. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

### *Hall Association Formed; Richmond Shinolas Put On Fun Initiation; Band Organized*

On May 16 the trustees recommended to the lodge the formation of a Hall Association, and the lodge accepted the proposal. This was the beginning of our present association which later was destined to do really big things . . . On May 13th a class of candidates was initiated by the famous "Shinolas" of Richmond Lodge. They had a great team and put on a real show. Azzie Meredith was chairman of the evening . . . This year the Lodge went by special train to Woodland to assist them in their Flag Day ceremonies on June 14th . . . On June 3rd, the lodge again held an excursion to Napa Soda Springs. They just couldn't seem to stay away from Napa . . . A band was organized this year and the Lodge authorized the purchase of uniforms for the same. Many still fondly remember tall Jim Kennedy as the major domo of this band.

### *Our New Band Wins First Prize At State Fair*

On Saturday, September 2d, San Rafael Lodge paid a visit to Sacramento Lodge accompanied by their fellow member, Brother Saxe, State Elk Association president . . . Our new band won first prize for uniforms and 3rd prize for music at the annual State Fair . . . Another down-river party was held on September 23d. This time the Lodge journeyed to Walnut Grove . . . Our officers entered the ritualistic contest held at Santa Monica during the State Convention, and were awarded second prize, bringing back the Shanley cup . . . On October 24, 1922, an offer was made to the Lodge for the exchange of its building for a building site at 11th and Jay Streets, the lodge in addition to the exchange to receive the sum of \$90,000. At the meeting of November 21st, the offer was accepted and this is the site where our beautiful temple is now located. In 1922 our lodge entered a baseball team in the winter league . . . On November 7th an amendment to the by-laws was again presented raising initiation fee to \$100, and on November 14th was adopted . . . On December 5th Esteemed Lecturing Knight Walton Holmes resigned his office and Esquire H. J. Thielen was elected for the unexpired term. Inner Guard Walter J. Hicks was then appointed esquire, and Brother Azzie Meredith inner guard . . . The Christmas Charity Fund this year was by direct donation from the members, and over \$2100 was collected. Many Christmas dinners were delivered to the poor from the money thus raised.

## 133 Applications In One Night In 1923

First activity of the year was a trip to Stockton Lodge on January 18 in which the band played a leading role. The trip was made over the traction line, long since abandoned to passenger traffic . . . Stockton lodge paid us a return visit on Saturday, March 10th at which time they performed the initiatory ceremony. The entertainment for that night was also enjoyed by the ladies of both lodges . . . Nomination of officers was held on March 6th, which was also Past Exalted Rulers Night, and P.E.R. Jack Lynn presided.

### *New Officers Installed; Napa Soda Springs Again A Spring Lure; Old Building Sold*

District Deputy Grand Ruler James Tyrrell (Grass Valley) installed these 1923-24 officers on April 3d: Exalted Ruler T. J. Flammer, Leading Knight Marco Zarick, Loyal Knight H. J. Thielen, Lecturing Knight Walter J. Hicks, Secretary Walter Leitch, Treasurer E. J. Rader, Tiler P. B. Ward, Trustee J. G. Berger, Esquire Azzie Meredith, Inner Guard Fred Misphey, Chaplain Chester F. Gannon, Organist Wilkie Ogg. At the end of six months Brother Meredith found he could not give proper time to the post of esquire and resigned. Chaplain Gannon was then appointed to the esquire's chair and P.E.R. Stafford made chaplain. Installation night also made history for No. 6, as on that evening 133 applications for membership were presented. This was the largest number ever read at any one time, and was a tribute to Exalted Ruler Flammer. Certainly started his term off with a bang . . . 150 members and their wives enjoyed another trip to Napa Soda Springs on May 5th . . . On April 10th the exalted ruler appointed a committee of 50 to solicit subscription for stock in the Hall Association. This was the real beginning of the drive for a new home. Charity was again to the fore when the Lodge on April 17th donated \$500 to the Community Chest . . . On the 27th the band journeyed to Weimar Sanatorium and gave a concert for the patients. The band had now become quite an asset to the Lodge . . . On May 1st it was announced that the lodge had traded their building for the new hall site at 11th and J Streets, that the deal was completed, and a check for \$90,000 (which was the trade difference) was presented to the lodge.

### *Alameda Joys Made Whoopee For Novices; Elks Baseball Team Defeated Oakland*

On Saturday evening, May 26th, the Alameda Joys were again on hand to initiate a class of 103 at the State Armory. It is safe to say that those initiated on that evening will never forget the Joy's wrecking crew. They had brought with them a carload of equipment . . . We had a real minstrel troupe during this year, and on June 7th and 8th shows were put on at the State Theatre that played to standing room only. The proceeds went to the benefit of the band fund . . . Our baseball team that had entered the State tournament, played Oakland Lodge at Moreing Field on September 2d, and while the score has long since been forgotten we do know that No. 6 won. Believe it or not, the net receipts for the game were \$26 . . . On September 11th the lodge donated the sum of \$100 for Japanese relief. We wonder if the Japs remembered those days when they attacked Pearl Harbor . . . A resolution was passed on October 9th condemning the use of Muzzy's History in our public schools, and declaring it unfit for use in our public school system. Brother Chester Gannon was a member of the committee drafting it. He is still the same patriotic Chester . . . The State Association for this year was held in Eureka. A full delegation attended from No. 6 . . . On October 20th Pittsburg Lodge (Contra Costa County) was instituted and a special train over the Oakland-Antioch line was engaged for the 90 members who made the trip accompanied by the band . . . In December the Hall Association announced they had increased their capital stock from 500,000 to 1,000,000, and the ball was set rolling for a new building.

## G.E.R. McFarland 1924 Visitor; Another Down-River Party

On January 15, Grand Exalted Ruler McFarland paid an official visit to the Lodge. The whole day was given over to his entertainment, and he was presented with a suitable gift by the Lodge . . . January 29th must have been Special Events Night as committees were appointed to arrange for a golf tournament, polo tournament, pool and billiard tournament, and even a Mah Jong tournament. Chairmen appointed in order were J. O. Tobey, W. J. Hicks, L. B. Keller and H. J. Thielen . . . Chester Gannon, Lyle Brown and Jack Strachan were appointed as a committee to arrange for a Past Exalted Rulers' Night. This was held on March 25, 1924, and P.E.R. Brand was initiated into the Order of Dubs. This was the beginning of the special initiations that were to become a feature of all future Past Exalted Rulers' Nights. The script for this night was written by P.E.R. John C. Ing. The officers journeyed to Fresno on March 22d to initiate a class of candidates for that Lodge. It is reported all the officers finally got home, but with some difficulty, as Fresno does produce things from the grape other than raisins.

### *P.E.R. Stafford Installs Officers; Earl McNeely Presented With Mounted Elks Tooth*

Old Reliable John T. Stafford—one of the most active past exalted rulers we ever had, acted as the district deputy grand ruler and installed the following 1924-25 corps: Exalted Ruler Marco S. Zarick, Leading Knight Harold J. Thielen, Loyal Knight Walter J. Hicks, Lecturing Knight Chester F. Gannon, Secretary Walter Leitch, Treasurer E. J. Rader, Tiler P. B. Ward, Trustee August Rodegerdts, Chaplain Thomas J. Flammer, Esquire J. F. Misphey, Inner Guard E. J. Rader, Organist Wilkie Ogg. Zarick was presented with a floral tribute from Sacramento Post No. 61, American Legion, of which he was a member . . . On April 3d, the members attended a dinner in honor of the outgoing and incoming exalted rulers. This function was first suggested by Brother H. J. Thielen, and from then on this custom has become a tradition with the lodge . . .

On April 8th Brother Charles C. Geiger was elected treasurer to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Brother E. J. Rader to become inner guard. Charley has been continuously re-elected each year, and is still our treasurer . . . The band, this time accompanied by the minstrel troupe, made another trip to Weimar Sanatorium on April 6th to entertain the patients there . . . Grand Leading Knight Tichenor paid an official visit to the Lodge on April 15th. Brother Tichenor afterward became head of the Tournament of Roses at Pasadena . . . Another down-river party was held June 21st, this time at Courtland . . . On July 12th and 13th an outing was held at Whitehall on the Lake Tahoe Road. 80 members made the trip, which was a stag party. You know the rest! . . . P.E.R. Haub was elected treasurer of State Elks Association at a meeting held on Catalina Island . . . The House Committee was given the power to install a radio in the club rooms to hear the World's Series game. The interest was due to the fact that Brother Earl McNeeley, a member of No. 6, was a member of the Washington ball club, and a mounted elk's tooth was purchased by the lodge for presentation to him on behalf of the lodge by Brother Billy Craven, who was going to Washington to attend the World's Series.

### *Men Who Became Prominent In State And National Politics Visited Us*

On October 11, 1924, the officers of Fresno Lodge came to Sacramento to initiate a class into the order. Among the officers of Fresno Lodge attending were Loyal Knight Ray Hays, who afterwards became a member of the Assembly, California Legislature, and later appointed Adjutant General of this State; also B. W. Gearhart, now a congressman from the Fresno District . . . On October 21st the first of the long-remembered International dinners was held. This was a New England boiled dinner and was a huge success. It was voted that night to have an Italian dinner as next on the program. The feature of these dinners was the fact that they were cooked and managed by members of the Lodge whose descendants came from the location for which the dinners were named . . . Last official act of the year was the authorization of a Committee of Five to arrange for ground-breaking ceremonies for the new Temple. Grand Exalted Ruler Price planned to be with us on that occasion.

### *Big Program Outlined for 1925; Keystone Laid for New Temple*

The last three months of Exalted Ruler Zarick's term were mostly devoted to preparing for the Big Event that was to transpire later in the year — the laying of the cornerstone for our new Temple at 11th and J. However, usual activities were not neglected. And applications for membership continued to pour in, among them being the efficient secretary of the Chamber of Commerce who later became president of News Publishing Company, printers of this historical document — Brother Irvin Engler . . . Exalted Ruler Scofield of Huntington Park Lodge was a visitor one night, and during the course of his snappy remarks, asked all other visitors to stand; then invited them to parade in front of the charity box, himself leading the way. All "deposited" at least one dollar in the box, and \$15 was thus added to the fund . . . Eastern lodges who were sending representatives to the Grand Lodge in Portland wrote offering their services in any way possible at cornerstone laying. Other local fraternities were offering similar expressions of good will.

### *First Shovel of Earth Turned for New Temple*

Grand Exalted Ruler Price "turned the first shovel of earth" at the ground-breaking ceremony for our new temple; Rev. Wm. H. Hermitage recited the invocation; President McCurry presented us with a golden spade on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, a bugler sounded the Call to Colors, and a large Flag was raised to the masthead as our band played The Star Spangled Banner. More than 600 Elks were led by the band in a spectacular parade preceding the ground-breaking and following the exercises a banquet attended by over 200 members was held in Hotel Sacramento. That evening a special session of lodge was held in honor of the Grand Exalted Ruler who was attended by District Deputy Staples (Fresno), State President Davis, P.E.R. Kirtland and Brother W. R. Martin (all of San Luis Obispo), and the Grand Ruler's personal secretary, P.E.R. Downey (Columbus, O.). After a splendid talk from each of the dignitaries, Judge C. E. McLaughlin presented G.E.R. Price with a solid silver flower holder on behalf of this lodge. P.E.R. Tyrell (Grass Valley) gave our highly esteemed visitor a substantial "token" from the gold mines of his city, and Exalted Ruler Baldwin (who brought 30 members down from his lodge in Oroville to join in the gift-giving) presented Brother Price with a large gold pocket piece that had been found near that city.

\$1,000 was the gift of this lodge toward erection of a tuberculosis preventorium at Sunmount Children's Camp . . . Brother George Peltier, head of the Membership Campaign, announced a net total of 325 applications had been received as of February 3d with 91 being brought in that night, marking the close of the campaign. However, there were some "late-comers" and at the next meeting Brother John Jackson Monteverde moved that some dozen and a half applications be accepted for first reading, his motion being finally adopted after temporary suspension of the Rules . . . A resolution by Past Exalted Ruler John C. Ing was read and adopted praising Brother Valentine S. McClatchy, president of the State Reclamation Board, for carrying forward the "great and comprehensive work of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Flood Control" that was then nearing completion, and had just saved our city severe damage from the abnormally high flood waters raging . . . This was also the occasion of Past Exalted Rulers' Night, and for their part of the evening, P.E.R. Haub took over, and a sketch of by-gone days was put on by the P.E.R.'s, assisted by "some ordinary members." Tokens were presented to Brother John E. Sullivan and Dr. W. A. Briggs by the Past Rulers' Association in recognition of outstanding service rendered the lodge . . . Brother C. G. Beaton wrote that he would be a resident of China for the next few years . . . Under

recommendation of Loyal Knight Chester Gannon, a gift was sent to Brother Ernest S. Ball, the great song writer and ballad singer then singing in a local theatre. Brother Ball had appeared at our lodge on his last visit in this city, donating his talents for our pleasure. And the occasions of his evenings with us are still lovingly remembered by those who had been fortunate enough to be present on those occasions . . . Our lodge "resolved" the Legislature (then in session) against repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law . . . On recommendation of Lecturing Knight Misphey a committee got the Spring Outing under way that was to be held at Napa Soda Springs come May.

### *Exalted Ruler Thielen Expresses Confidence In His Salutatory Message*

On taking office as exalted ruler in 1925, Brother "Hank" Thielen urged fullest co-operation, and in his salutatory message expressed the confidence in his lodge which later events have proven well founded. He said:

"The results we collectively accomplish this term will prove whether or not we have been justified in embarking upon a program which is so ambitious as to be startling. The officers of the Lodge, however, are confident that the membership of wonderful No. 6 will rise to the occasion and successfully demonstrate that optimism, enthusiasm and hard work always carry the day.

Every thought and every action of the Lodge this year should be considered in its relation and probable effect upon our new home . . . The major problem confronting us is the furnishing of our new home. Our Hall Association will erect the building—complete, that is certain. The Lodge, however, will have to furnish the entire part that it occupies at a minimum cost of \$100,000 . . . It will have features second to none in the country and its furnishings must coincide in every way . . . The only feasible way to raise the necessary amount of money is through increased membership . . . Our slogan "Every member get a member" must not die out this year . . . However, quality must be the watchword . . . Hall Association Directors, when we tie in our own efforts with theirs and all pull together we may well say that we can overcome any obstacle."

Officers installed were: Exalted Ruler Harold J. Thielen, Leading Knight Walter J. Hicks, Loyal Knight Chester F. Gannon, Lecturing Knight J. F. Misphey, Secretary Walter Leitch; Trustees—E. E. Reese, John G. Berger, A. Rodegerts; Treasurer Charles C. Geiger, Esquire E. J. Rader, Inner Guard Hal E. Willis, Tiler P. B. Ward, Organist Wilkie Ogg, Chaplain Marco S. Zarick . . . A dinner honoring "the old and the new" was held April 14th.

### *Canadian Elks Invite Us; Los Angeles Lays Cornerstone*

Victoria (Canadian) Elks sent an invitation to our members to visit their lodge and make their club rooms headquarters while visiting that section. "An American Elk is always welcome" their invitation read. Incidentally, there is no connection between American and Canadian Elk lodges, but there is a warm comradeship that helps to cement even closer the friendly relations existing between the two countries . . . Los Angeles Elks laid the cornerstone for their magnificent temple . . . Clovis La Grave and Judge Shields were named as the Flower Day committee . . . First social function of the new term was a dinner dance April 25th with Azzie Meredith chairman, and Emil Raffetto, John Claus Jr., Jack Warhorst, Elwin French and Leo Dietrich assisting . . . Brother Gus Haak wrote from his home in Florida, inviting any wayfaring Elk from No. 6 who happened his way to drop in and "help ruin one of the non-refillable bottles" that were being washed ashore off passing steamships from Cuban waters . . . Fred Misphey, Hal Willis and Azzie Meredith were arranging for another Spring Outing at Napa Soda Springs . . . Brother C. B. Beaton left for Shanghai to make his home . . . Oakland Lodge was inviting Sacramento Elks to join in their excursion to Grand Lodge in Portland.

### *First Exalted Ruler of Original No. 6 Visits Us*

Quoting exactly from the May, 1925, issue of "Six," the following is of real and historical interest:

Brothers interested in the early history of Sacramento Lodge of Elks should not fail to attend the meeting of the Lodge on Tuesday evening, May 26th, when Went T. Crowell, first exalted ruler of No. 6, will be present. Crowell is now 83 years of age, but notwithstanding his advanced years, is in excellent health, both physically and mentally. The best evidence of this is the fact that he is regularly employed as a solicitor by a San Francisco newspaper, and continues to make good on the job. Mr. Crowell was at one time county clerk of Sacramento County, and afterwards engaged in the auctioneer business. He left this city more than thirty years ago, hence is remembered by only a few of the oldtimers, like Jack Stafford, Johnnie Ing and others.

So far as the lodge has been able to ascertain, Crowell is the only living member of the original No. 6. When it was organized way back in the dim and dusty past, it numbered many well known citizens among its members. The old lodge, as many Elks lodges in those days—and today, too, for that matter—entertained many stage celebrities. But the lodge did not prosper, and finally went out of existence.

Some years afterwards, in 1895 to be exact, a new Lodge of Elks was formed in Sacramento and it was designated as No. 328. It prospered from the start and some years later a movement was started to have the number changed from 328 to the original 6. After considerable effort on the part of our representatives and friends the Grand Lodge finally granted the change, and we have since been known as No. 6.

In reporting on the appearance of our venerable visitor, "Six" made brief mention of the organization of the original lodge, and a reasonably complete history of its founding and activities until its dissolution in 1878 will be found in the earlier pages of this Souvenir, the data for which had been obtained by Chester Gannon in an interview with that worthy real old-timer on the occasion of his visit with us in 1926. (See page 27.)

Ted Hall handled arrangements for Mother's Day program . . . Our lodge was offering a new Studebaker sedan to the highest acceptable bid, the car having been won at a raffle. We have no record of the successful bidder . . . Conrad Haub resigned as secretary of the Hall Association, and left for an extended world tour . . . John Jackson Monteverde, Frank Heintz and Frank Maloney were "granted exclusive privileges to draw sketches on the dining room linen."

## Hall Association Buys Additional Land, and Date Set for Cornerstone Laying

Hall Association bought additional ground on which to erect handball courts . . . Reno and other Nevada Elks planned erection of a country club near Glenbrook . . . Elks Band played a concert at Weimar . . . Trustees were collecting data for entombment in the cornerstone of our new temple . . . Flag Day was observed at McKinley Park, and was followed by a splendid concert by Sacramento Municipal Symphony . . . George W. Peltier headed another campaign to add 500 members to our rolls . . . Sacramento Elks invited to visit San Francisco's new home, and John Straub, Marco Zarick, Jim Kennedy, Bert Flickinger and Elton Judge were named a committee to arrange the affair, which was attended by about 500 Elks and ladies from this lodge . . . The Annual Down-River Party was held at Isleton in late June, and Dennis Leary, Ed Crofton, George Wilson, Frank Carr, Art Eastman, Paul De Back and F. Ross Jr., were in charge . . . We accepted the invitation of Oakland Lodge to be guests of that group at laying of their cornerstone . . . In August, Brother Peltier got another membership drive under way to add 300 members to our rolls . . . World-traveler Haub wrote from Singapore . . . But what was probably a feature event of the summer was the marriage at Niles of Leading Knight Walter J. "Slicker" Hicks and the very charming Mercedes L. Morrison. Of course there was nothing unusual in a couple being joined in wedlock in those days—but they tried to "slip one over" on the boys at the club. However, the old sleuth, Eddie Reese, got wind of what was coming off, so when the train reached Sacramento that was bearing them to Honeymoon Cove up the Feather River, a half hundred of our brothers met them at the train (which the Slicker had not expected) and literally buried them under an avalanche of rice, tin cans, and old shoes. Nor were the boys in our club done with the smart bridegroom, for he found it was never possible to obtain his favorite delicacy—hard-boiled eggs—the waitress invariably serving him with a RAW egg instead!

## Cornerstone Laid; Elks Band Pictured; Also Framework of New Temple

September 6th was set for cornerstone laying, and to John C. Ing and Edward E. Reese was assigned the task of collecting and compiling the data to be placed in the keystone. The Cornerstone Committee consisted of Brothers Ing, Hicks, Lemmon, Zarick, and J. S. Goldie. The oration was delivered by Brother Sam Shortridge of San Francisco Lodge No. 3, and our full band participated . . . September "Six" carried a picture of the band, which at that time was made up of:

George White, G. E. Brenner, James Kennedy, drum major; W. G. Clark, L. B. Swaim, T. V. Dunn, E. R. Drake, Fred Knott, H. J. Mueller, J. Fromback, Vance Wilbur, Chester Pugh, Arthur P. Emerson, L. V. Islip, Jack Fassler, W. J. Kirby, Ed. Lohman, George Neale, Henry Miller, W. F. Peterson, Burt L. Clover, Dr. I. G. Shaw, Cecil Leahy, W. Weimeson, Gus Simmermacher, E. W. Hunt, M. R. Stober, Walter Baker, K. L. Weisler, A. C. Williams, R. H. Schluer, Peter Wettereau, A. H. Moir, Victor Fuchs, W. Schmiedling (leader), Gus Ash, C. H. Chenoweth, W. E. Comstock, J. F. Schilling, W. B. Peterson.

Also pictured was the steel skeleton of our palatial temple-to-be . . . Sun Mount (children's preventorium for tuberculosis suspects) was our major announced charity . . . October "Six" presented a photo of the progress made in building our temple, and architect's sketches of Entrance Lobby, Ball Room, Lodge Room and floor plans of the lodge portions of the structure. Entertainment Committee planned a musicale and a stag party, ladies night and dinner dance . . . No. 6's band gave a concert in Woodland . . . This lodge decided to participate in the nationwide campaign to save "Old Ironsides." Herman Davis was chairman . . . Elks and Shriners staged a baseball game at Moreing Field that was generously attended. Our editor said, "You all know the results from the daily papers." From which we deduce that our team lost . . . Laws and Supervision committee for our new home was as follows: Brothers McAuliffe, Johns, Flammer, Haub, Hermitage, Judge, Cothrin, Deterding, Hicks, Gannon, G. C. Hamilton, Harold Tucker, Clarence Breuner, Sam Watts and Ed Kay. Members were allowed to present different articles for the Home but none would be accepted until first passed upon by the Art Jury composed of Brothers Tomassi, Lubin, Stark, Misphey, Duensing, Hodson, Frederick S. Harrison, Clarence McDowell and Chas. Cunningham . . . Memorial Services were held with Stanislaus Riley of San Francisco Lodge delivering the oration . . . 300 children attended Christmas Tree Party . . . \$2000 was realized in our Charity Campaign.

## 1926 Gala Year; New Temple Dedicated

July of 1926 saw the dedication of our wonderful new temple. But starting the year there were many interesting events.

Our ball team played at Moreing Field on January 17, with Elks Band to cheer them on. They were out to win the Winter Pennant . . . Dinner dance was held in Hotel Senator January 3, and was for Elks only . . . Alameda Joys put on big fun initiation for Marysville Elks, and 200 Sacramento Bills went up to help 'em celebrate . . . Members and ladies from this lodge were invited to join Oakland lodge in a winter party to Reno . . . Our billiard tournament got under way in January and Judge Lemmon was high man, with Frank Seymour, E. F. Davis, Walter J. Criswell, Jack Shoemaker and George Toland following in order . . . Loyal Knight Chester Gannon was named chairman for the Annual Past Exalted Rulers' Night . . . An informal dance was scheduled for February 26th . . . San Francisco Elks planned a snow trip to Plumas County, and invited us to join . . . Heinie Zagoren and Emil Raffetto were names to be reckoned with in the whist tournament . . . Elks' Ball Team kept up its onward march . . . Opportunity was again offered our younger members to join the Drill Team . . . Interior finishing in our new home was being rapidly completed in February . . . San Francisco Elks also invited us to join them in an excursion to Alaska during the forthcoming summer . . . A Los Angeles brother sent in the suggestion that our band broadcast its wonderful music.

### *Contractors Rapidly Completing the Temple; Dues Increased to \$40*

So rapid was the progress by the sub-contractors that it was thought the temple could be turned over to us by May 1 . . . Lodge voted to increase the dues to \$40 per year . . . Toland supplanted Lemmon in the lead as cue artist . . . Our baseball team met the Sacramento Senators at Moreing Field March 13 and 14. The team had gone through the winter season an easy winner . . . Lou Siller was top man in the whist tournament, with Brothers J. O. Shinn, W. E. Hannon and C. H. Mollett trailing . . . An amendment to our by-laws was adopted vesting entire control of the Temple and club rooms in the Hall Association.

Installation of officers for 1926-1927 saw the following inducted: Exalted Ruler Walter J. Hicks, Leading Knight Chester F. Gannon, Loyal Knight J. F. Misphey, Lecturing Knight E. J. Rader, Secretary Walter Leitch; Trustees—E. E. Reese, A. Rodegerdts, John G. Berger; Treasurer Chas. C. Geiger, Esquire Hal E. Willis, Inner Guard Malcolm Glenn, Tiler P. B. Ward, Organist H. P. Moll, Chaplain Harold J. Thielen . . . Hank Thielen "sang his swan song," and paid special tribute to those of our membership who had "above and beyond the line of duty" given of their utmost for the furtherance of this lodge. Walt Hicks stressed a plea for greater attendance at lodge, arguing that one or two hundred members should not control the destinies of the twenty-three hundred then on our rolls . . . Wives of Elks and other feminine members of families entitled to identification cards, were invited to contribute from \$2 to \$4 for the purchase of feminine things for the Ladies' Lounge . . . The complimentary dinner to the "new" and the "old" rulers was held at Land Hotel the Tuesday following installation . . . No. 6 was invited to participate in laying the cornerstone at Sun Mount Preventorium . . . Annual Spring Outing was held at Tahoe Tavern over Decoration Day holiday.

### *First Lodge Session In, and Formal Dedication Of, New Temple*

First lodge session in our new lodge room—stately and of regal splendor—was held June 22, and by actual count there were 624 who attended . . . Past Grand Exalted Ruler Abbott, San Francisco Lodge, acting for the grand exalted ruler, officiated at the formal dedication of our magnificent new edifice—a temple consecrated to Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. Assisting Brother Abbott were the following grand lodge representatives: Grand Leading Knight Frank M. Sheridan, District Deputy California North; Grand Loyal Knight Harry M. Tichenor,



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Past Grand Leading Knight; Grand Lecturing Knight Ralph Hagan, Past Exalted Ruler Los Angeles Lodge No. 99; Grand Chaplain James M. Shanly, Past Grand Loyal Knight; Grand Esquire J. H. Plummer, Past Exalted Ruler Stockton Lodge, No. 218; Grand Inner Guard Howard B. Kirtland, Past Exalted Ruler San Luis Obispo Lodge, No. 322. Orator of the day was Past Grand Exalted Ruler Raymond Benjamin (Napa Lodge). Local special participants were: Chairman of Building Committee J. W. Haley, Past Exalted Ruler, Organist Brother Loren Graves, Soloists—Brothers Walter Leitch and Roy Hamilton. Five of the original charter members of Sacramento Lodge, formerly No. 328, now No. 6—Robert T. Devlin, Fred W. Kiesel, William Mulleney, Charles Holmes and J. M. Morrison, were present . . . And thus was our lodge room and our Temple placed in and dedicated to the cause that all Elkdom represents. Many vicissitudes have fallen upon us since the wonderful foregoing events, but "the Lord be thanked", the Temple and all its appurtenances thereto still belong to Sacramento Lodge No. 6 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America!

Sacramento Boys Band paid this lodge a signal honor preceding our first lodge session by appearing in front of the Temple and serenading us . . . No. 3 came up from San Francisco July 10th to visit and inspect our palatial home. They were also taken on an auto ride down the rich Delta Region . . . There was no summer cessation of lodge activities the year of our dedication . . . "Ye Editor Has a Peek At Bathing Beauties In Elks Swimming Pool" headlined the first page article in August "Six." Brother Johnny Miller, who was then the editor, observed:

The editor was invited to look in on the swimming pool for a few minutes, even though it was ladies' day. This is a privilege granted to no one aside from Walter Dyreborg, Manager Bill Haub and one other whose name will not be mentioned, and no other man has entered this sanctorum on ladies' day. What caught the editor's eye particularly was a class of fifteen fine looking, young women learning to dive. Walter Dyreborg had the class in charge, and believe me, boys, he was putting them through some stunts. Ye Editor observed many other features but we haven't room to tell you of them now . . . Editor Miller had an interesting article on the locks and keys of our temple, and because it is true today, and of timely interest, is reproduced in essential detail: A guest is given a key which unlocks the door to his room. This same key unlocks the clothes closet. The chambermaid has a key to enter the room in the day and put it in order, but her key will not open the clothes closet. A guest may put any article of value in his clothes closet and know that it will be perfectly safe from any one's intrusive eyes. When about to retire, he can push a little button on his door if he wants to sleep late and cannot be disturbed by the chambermaid. When the maid comes along, she pushes a little button on the outside of the door. If it responds, she may enter; if it does not respond, she cannot enter and the sleeper is not awakened.

In addition to these features, the office has a key that can open any door at any time. This is in control of the management and is only used in the case of emergency. This key can unlock the door even if it is bolted on the inside and is the only key that can do that trick. But the office key cannot open the guest's closet.

Still further, the office has a key that can lock a guest in and then his key cannot open the door. This key would be used in instances where a guest was not living up to the rules of the house and would compel him to come to the office to have his room opened.



The dedication booklet of 128 pages was much sought . . . H. O. Williams, long one of our most active members, asked for an absolute demit by reason of his assignment to the diplomatic service in London . . . Elks magazine gave our lodge and new temple an illustrated write-up . . . Members were urged to have their sons from 12 to 16 years of age join our Scout Troop, then under leadership of Scoutmaster Small . . . State President Lerman made his official visit here September 14, and Woodland officers and members came over to also greet him . . . Testimonial banquet to directors of the Hall Association and members of the Furniture Committee was held September 21. Bob Shorrocks was chairman . . . Our baseball team was to meet in a series of two out of three games to decide which would represent California, North, at State Convention in Santa Monica . . . The matter of continuing or discontinuing publication of Number Six was set as a special order of business for September 21 . . . Leading Knight Chester Gannon, Athletic Commissioner, presented a big swimming meet—our first—on October 13.

### *Number Six Appears in New Format*

Following decision of the members at the special meeting for discussion of the future of our lodge bulletin, Number Six appeared in a new format of four 1½ inch columns, 4 pages 9 x 12. The first issue was of 8 pages and combined the October and November issues. The masthead carried this information: "Number Six; official monthly organ of Sacramento Lodge No. 6, B.P.O.E.; Walter Hicks, Exalted Ruler; Alexander Crossan, Editor; Publicity Committee—Harold J. Thielen, H. M. Standerwick, A. B. Coe, Walter Leitch, Alexander Crossan (chairman); Vol. 15, Nos. 7-8. In introducing the new Number Six, among other things your editor said:

"Your editor is going to give his utmost to the end that Number Six may at all times convey to you the real news of this Lodge and the more vital things concerning Elkdom in general. He will appreciate having handed to him, to our secretary or any member of the publicity committee, any item of special interest, or amusing incident that may have actually occurred to some brother and will afford a smile for ALL when carried into print. We want to make this, the official organ of Sacramento Lodge No. 6, B.P.O.E., of such interest to you that you'll fight with the postman should he fail to bring it on time. We hope to have every activity of our lodge properly represented in these columns, whether it be golfing, baseball, billiards, cards, swimming, boxing, or what not. You are entitled to liberal notice here—if you do not receive it the fault must lie with you, and not with any one else.

Let us all get together and each do his best to make your publication and your lodge the best known and most praised in Sacramento or in all the country hereabouts . . ."

And what your editor wrote at that time—October 1926, or a little more than 19 years ago—applies with equal or greater force today . . . In this first issue we announced the increase in initiation fee to \$50 for applicants between the ages of 21 to 28; from 28 to 35 the fee was raised to \$75, and to \$100 for all over 35 . . . An informal dance with Halloween motif christened our beautiful ballroom in the first of the 1926-1927 parties. Jackson's orchestra provided the music, and we wonder how many of our members can now recall that aggregation of music makers . . . A dinner dance limited to 125 couples was had November 13th and the second informal party took place November 26th.

### *"Snappy" Stag Party Given for Old Boys; Elks "Go on Air"*

"It's been a long while since our boys have had a real, wild, snappy party just for themselves. But that delinquency is going to be taken care of Saturday night, December 11" is the way the lead article in December issue started. And it proved to be all that the advance publicity had proclaimed . . . Jack Lynn got his "Friendly Plan" off to a flying start, and his goal of 2500 members seemed not difficult of attainment. "Every member invite a friend to put in an application" was his theme . . . Kids' Krissmuss Karnival was put on by Ted Hall, Tom McAuliffe, Wes Jenne, Bill Thompson, Paul Nathan and Wilbur Polk . . . Bay swimmers came up from San Francisco "to make our swimmers hustle to retain their honors." Our boys didn't hustle hard enough, as S. F. took all events. 400 Elks witnessed the competition . . . The entertainment given by the Joy Makers of Sacramento Lodge over the radio of Bee-Kimball-Upson broadcasting station Thursday evening, November 18th, was a wonderful success, judging by many letters received by the broadcaster, Mr. Ralph Clark, and also by several members of the lodge. Appearing on the program were the 40-piece band, the rejuvenated minstrels under Brother Arthur Jack as interlocutor; solos by Leo Deitrick, Roy Hamilton and Secretary Leitch; jokes by Brothers Carroll, Paine, Fairchild and Jim Kennedy, and the glee club of 30 voices directed by Ed Pease. Entire program was under direction of Jack Stafford . . . Exalted Ruler Hicks had sport with Athletic Director Gannon over his non-exploding blank cartridges used for aquatic and similar events . . . Ezra Decoto (Oakland) was orator at our Memorial Services . . .

### *Grand Exalted Ruler's Visit Started 1927 Special Events*

First big event following our first New Year's Eve Dinner Dance in our new home was the visit of Grand Exalted Ruler Grakelow on January 13th. A banquet at \$2.50 per each, a short lodge session, organ melodies by Brother "Cy" Graves, and an inspection of the temple was the order of the evening. Past Exalted Rulers John C. Ing, Clyde Brand, Jack Haley, Marco Zarick and Harold Thielen was the official reception committee . . . "What To Do With John Jackson Mussolini Monteverde" was the subject of a special order of business, with Herman Davis as judge and jury and prosecutor. It was a riot of fun . . . Tom Flammer resigned as a trustee and Harold Thielen elected in his stead, with A. L. Case named to the chaplain's post . . . The formal ball January 28th was a colorful success . . . Clarence Stark was sent to Manila to represent his firm, Armour & Co. . . . "An unholy group" of our members under piloting of Al Richardson came down from Placerville one night to attend lodge, and certainly made their presence felt.

## Initiation Fees Are Cut Back to \$25 from the \$50 to \$100 Scale

At the request of Grand Exalted Ruler Grakelow, the lodge voted the initiation fee back to a flat \$25 rate, and the following poignant paragraph is taken from his letter to Exalted Ruler Hicks:

"... You cannot send any better expression of loyalty and sincere good wishes to your Exalted Ruler than a signed application of that friend of yours in whose company you find such pleasure, whom you invite to your home and whose companionship you must forego when you visit your Elks Home."

Brothers Bill Burgess, Jack Moloney and Chet Gannon put on a "Neighbors' Night" on Saturday, March 12th, that was conducted as an open house affair, and each Elk was required to bring one or more friends to the party who were not members of the order. That the night was an unqualified success was attested by the number of applications appearing in the April bulletin—exactly 107... Past Exalted Rulers put on a wow of a night March 22d—"The Esoteric Order of Hens." It was one of the "goofiest" nights our lodge ever held, and literally packed 'em in. The skit was from the always active brain of Past Exalted Ruler Ing.

## New Officers Installed and Plans Made for Big Year

Headed by the new exalted ruler, Chester F. Gannon, the following were installed April 5th: Leading Knight J. F. Misphey, Lecturing Knight Hal E. Willis, Loyal Knight E. J. Rader, Secretary Leitch; Trustees—Harold J. Thielen, A. Rodegerdts, John G. Berger; Treasurer Chas. C. Geiger, Esquire Malcolm C. Glenn, Tiler P. B. Ward, Organist H. P. Moll, Chaplain Walter J. Hicks, Organist W. E. Hathaway, Jr... And Leading Knight Misphey was learning "there was more to being a farmer than merely running a farm—his little daughter, "Snookums," having found a "pretty kitty" in the orchard. Fred dispatched the kitty, but discovered no one in his office would remain in the same room with him that day. Incidentally the perfume has since left Fred, and he's OK now... Mike Shannon, past grand exalted ruler, was a visitor from his home lodge at Los Angeles, and loudly proclaimed the beauties and virtues of our new temple... In his letter to the membership, Exalted Ruler Gannon closed with these trenchant sentences:

*"We must have activities without extravagance. We must make every brother feel that his dues are going for a specific purpose, rather than for he knows not what. The future of No. 6, B.P.O.E. is radiant with hope. Let us all get interested in making the term the most successful in a city which nurtured Elkdom in its fraternal infancy."*

May special events began with Flower Day... Then Mothers' Day on the 10th... Came then a big initiation by officers of Marysville on May 21, when 64 candidates were inducted, plus 25 received on demission... Next day, being Sunday, we gathered ourselves together (or our wives gathered us—if necessary) and up to Olympia Park, Grass Valley. Many were the events that day, and great was the fun. But the sensation was the 50-yard dash for past exalted rulers only, in which Connie Mahoney, spotted to a 5-yard handicap by Walt Hicks, beat his juvenile competitor by 10 full yards... Which was enough "special events" for one month.

June started with a bang. Originally planned for June 4th, the BIG initiation was put off until the week following. However, Woodland Elks had not heard of the postponement and came over en masse to help us do our stuff. Number Six reported that we "almost had to beat some of the gang into insensibility before they'd take our word for the postponement." In any event, all had fun! But on Saturday night, the 11th, the mammoth affair was finally put on, and ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE were initiated. Past Exalted Ruler Billy Meyer was chairman of the big initiation, and to his credit be it said that the parade preceding the initiation was the first to be absolutely on time. Assisting Billy were Warren Burgess, Jim Kennedy, Ed Pease, Jim Simpson and Joe Blackford, in all of which Woodland also did its full share... Jack Shields was chairman of the Flag Day observance, and the speaker, Brother Ed Cunha (San Francisco), would not even accept expense money for the trip. So our lodge presented him with a beautiful brief case, his name inscribed in gold... July and August were fairly quiet, but plans got under way for an excursion to Honolulu in February of 1928. Rates were to run from \$200 to \$240 per person for the three weeks. Begun in July, by August 8th there were only 12 reservations left... Past Exalted Ruler Ed Kay returned from a world tour... Another past ruler, Fred Johns, betook himself and family to San Francisco to take over the Tilden Hotel which he had purchased... Memory of a well-loved Elk, Past Exalted Ruler Marco Zarick, was perpetuated by the Lion's Club who started foundation for a Memorial Scholarship at Sacramento College in his honor. Marco's death had occurred April 17th.

## Elks Blanket Campaign For Charities And Activities

Our first blanket campaign got under way in September. Gus Brudigan (chairman), Fred Misphey, H. L. Hanson, Elton Judge and Ed Dieterle were the committee, with Bill Burgess financial manager... At the State Fair, Dave Weiner and a host of brother Elks sold thousands of Sacramento Union's Sun Mount edition, netting a tidy sum for our Sun Mount Fund. Among those working with Dave were Tom Brock, Jim Kennedy, Tom Monk, Eddie Griffing, Doc Thoren, Bill Thompson and J. C. Hamlin... P.E.R. Ticoulet was "drafted" by Oakland Elks to become their house manager... First formal ball of season was held October 21... Tom Brock, first reporter of "Hot Room Chatter," also served as bridge chairman and started things moving in October... Treasurer Geiger presented "an instrument of torture" to the lodge—a Charity Box—that took painful toll from the Ruffnecks first of all, and our more dignified members thereafter. It is still functioning... A special charity fund activity was begun with an Elks Night at Plaza Theatre. These occurred each Monday night, and our lodge was given the net profits... Grand Exalted Ruler Malley made his official visit. He was the fourth to so honor us, G.E.R.'s McFar-

land, Price and Grakelow having also visited us during the very recent years . . . Oakland officers and drill team put on an initiation for us . . . Suggestion was offered that Fred Misphey's name be stuck to the bottom of the jack pot box, he having won two pots—\$50 and \$41.90 . . . Lodge of Sorrow was held on Sunday, and P.E.R. Scott (Modesto) was principal speaker . . . Italian Night—first of our international dinners, brought large attendance and grand show. Joe Pedroni was chairman . . . Christmas party for children was held the 23d and Herman Koch was chairman . . . Members were gunning for P.E.R. Thielen, who, like Misphey, was making himself obnoxious in becoming a "repeater" at jack pot drawings . . . First swimming meet, with Jack O'Brien in charge, had an attendance of 500 . . . In his Christmas message, Exalted Ruler Gannon observed: *The destiny and reason for the existence of every lodge is FIRST to serve its members . . . If this lodge serves the member, then the member will serve the lodge . . . Eleventh and J Streets is not only a shrine of brotherhood, IT IS THE CENTER of social and business activities in Sacramento!* . . . And to close the year, our Escort Team New Year's Eve Dinner Dance "packed 'em in to the rafters."

## Jack Lynn's Turkey-Carving Contest; Walter's Piccolo In 1928

In real tribute to P.E.R. Jack Lynn, whose *Friendly Campaign* had brought hundreds of members, a grand dinner with many exciting features, including a Turkey Carving Contest and the *threat of a piccolo solo* by Secretary Leitch, started the year. The *carving contestants* included some of our most prominent citizenry—State Treasurer Johnson, Rev. Wm. H. Hermitage, Judge Shields, Senator Inman, "Mayor" Mahan of Roseville, Dr. Lipp, Baseball Impressario Harry Lilly, "King Coal" Tom Hanrahan, Bridge Shark Eli Van Waggoner, Meat Wholesaler John Clauss, and the lodge demon, Mike Richert. 162 applications were "read first time." 1,000 members attended the meeting . . . Second of our international dinners and floor shows, a French Night, was a mid-January event . . . The blanket campaign, which had netted nearly \$10,000 to our Charities and Activities Fund, was closed with a grand ball.

## Fresno Visits Us, and No. 6 Honors Frederick Warde With Dinner

Continuing the inter-lodge visits, Fresno officers and several members came up to perform the initiatory ritual at a special Saturday night session which saw 51 candidates received into our lodge. Special entertainment and hospitality was accorded the wives who accompanied our Raisin City visitors . . . "Sixty Years of Make-Believe" was the theme of a talk by Brother Frederick Warde at a dinner arranged in his special honor. Long rated as one of the world's greatest Shakespearean actors, this venerable brother had for 60 years been on the stage, and 50 years a member of our order (St. Louis Lodge). So impressed was Sacramento with the visit of this great tragedian that it was written of him: "He came among us, but tarried only a few short days. He left with us a rich heritage that shall not be soon forgot" . . . Escort Team held a smoker. Wrestling by a former Navy champion and Sacramento's own Joe Peterson, and professional boxing featured the stag . . . Final report of the blanket campaign showed a net profit to the lodge of \$9,544.34 . . . Elks excursion to Honolulu was a wonderful success, 70 members and ladies from No. 6 having enjoyed the three-week cruise, and Exalted Ruler Gannon received a fine letter from the commander of the "Manoa" closing with this paragraph: "*Sacramento No. 6, B.P.O.E., and its happy members will long be remembered with friendly esteem and affection by us all. E. R. JOHNSON, Master*" . . . Past Exalted Rulers' Night at close of the lodge year was "a feast of fun," and the feature of the evening was a skit, "The Exhausted Cheese," by Brother H. J. Smith.

## New Officers Installed; Many Applications Received; Alameda Joys Perform

The Ruffnekk Corner, which had **been the bane** of Brother Gannon during his administration, **presented** Chester with a **great basket of flowers** at the complimentary dinner to the outgoing and incoming rulers which so thrilled the retiring chief that he seized the gift-bearer, Harry Lilly, and saluted him in the most approved French fashion . . . Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Tyrell of Grass Valley, installed the following **officers for 1928-1929**: Exalted Ruler J. F. Misphey, Leading Knight E. J. Rader, Loyal Knight H. E. Willis, Lecturing Knight Malcolm C. Glenn, Secretary **Walter** Leitch, Treasurer Chas. C. Geiger. **Trustees**—Harold J. Thielen, A. Rodegerts, John G. Berger, Tiler P. B. Ward, Esquire Neil McAllister, Inner Guard C. W. Kuchman, Chaplain Chester F. Gannon, Organist W. E. Hathaway, Jr. . . . Escort Team added much color to the installation, and were never seen to better advantage.

The new lodge year certainly started with a bang-up list of applications—182, including demits . . . C. W. Hanson was chairman of the Flower Day committee . . . Alameda Joys "Joyfully Jazzed One Hundred Fifty-Eight Jazzless Boys" was the heading over our story for the grand initiation that had **started Fred Misphey's term** "off on a blaze of glory!" With the initiatory ritual **completed**, all candidates **physically able to take it were** marched off to Municipal Auditorium and turned over to the TENDER(?) mercies of the wrecking crew from Alameda, whose trainload of inquisitorial and torture machinery **was used** to its utmost "nth" . . . George Poppert **was** chairman of the Mother's Day ritual, and Brother McCormick, blind past exalted ruler of Modesto lodge, delivered an inspiring **tribute to Mother** . . . A silver **coffee service** was presented to Chester and Ruth Gannon . . . **Fourteen** girls from Elks Cottage at Sacramento Orphanage were **given** an outing with the Campfire Girls at Kyburz.

## Fred Misphey's Message In 1928 Of Equal Force Today

"Mrs. Bill, how long has it been since your husband brought you to our dining room? We have the coolest, most comfortable dining room in Sacramento. With its pleasant surroundings and perfect service, a dinner or lunch here would be a treat you should have these warm days. Remember, too, Elks and their families can swim on Sunday afternoons." (And what Exalted Ruler Misphey had to say in 1928, is of equal force today, except that our dining room is even more beautiful than ever, and the food absolutely superb) . . . Secretary Leitch and Ginger took a 6-week vacation trip through the Panama Canal, to Cuba, up the Atlantic seaboard, and just almost everywhere that could then be done in a month and a half . . . Our "rejuvenated band" under Brother Alfred Buhren made a great showing at the Joy initiation . . . Brother Jack Matthews, manager at Tahoe Tavern, welcomed our Spring Outing group of 315 with an original poem placed at each plate that made us all feel we were really welcomed — not just as paying guests, but as fraternal brothers and ladies. It was the largest spring outing this lodge had held, and the weather was entirely perfect . . . Bishop William Hall Moreland toured Europe . . . A dozen new beds with large hospital wheels were given to Storks' Nest by Mrs. W. H. Caswell in memory of her husband, for many years one of our most faithful workers . . . Flag Day celebration earned wonderful praise in the columns of the local press. It was our first appearance with the new ritual. P.E.R. Hicks was chairman . . . Plans were made for a cruise to the Land of the Midnight Sun for the next year at a cost of \$225 each reservation.

## 1928 Fall Season Opened Most Gorgeously; Grand Exalted Ruler's Visit Inspires

What with attendance at more than two hundred on our fall opening night, September 4th; the appearance of all our chair officers; the return of our wanderers—Brother Leitch, the piccolo secretary, and Brother Gannon, the Olympic parson and our official grand lodge representative; the gargling of a great caldron of buck stew and the gurgling of some very passable near-beer, and on top of all this, every mother's son of us had another chance on the four big \$50 pots . . . Another great oyster feed was put on by Petaluma Elks at grove near Sonoma . . . State President Simpson (Fresno) made his official visit September 25 . . . Ray Reardon started a tour of the world . . . P.E.R. Johns disposed of his hotel interests in San Francisco and returned to Sacramento. Was appointed manager of California State Life . . . Visit of Grand Exalted Ruler Murray Hulbert left lasting impressions, and no grand ruler had been better received. He visited us October 13th, and was also present at dedication of Sacramento Stadium. Number Six carried a picture taken at the stadium which gave a closeup of Hulbert and Governor Young, with the great crowd at stadium opening in the background . . . Ralph Francis received an honorary title from the grand exalted ruler—the first such title in all Elkdom. Ralph had supplied wild ducks for a feast for the visiting dignitary, and at lodge that evening Brother Hulbert dubbed our boy the Grand Duck Provider—a title which has remained with him ever since . . . Plans were adopted in late October for handball courts . . . Marie Dunphy was elected "Miss Sacramento" as a result of the popularity contest which had been arranged as a part of our Charity Circus. Her reward was an all-expense trip to Honolulu and return. Other winners were Naomi Pratt (fox fur), Ruby Jarvis (diamond ring), Hazel Quinn (diamond set wrist watch), Bee Stuart (sterling silver dresser set), Helené Sullivan and Margaret Stuart (gold seal prizes). \$3,003.57 was our net profit for Charity and Activities Fund . . . Exalted Ruler Misphey's parents observed their golden wedding . . . P.E.R. Lynn was master of ceremonies for our Roll Call at Old Timers Night, and Mike Richert the chairman . . . P.E.R. McCormick (Modesto) eulogized our deceased brothers at the annual Lodge of Sorrow, of which Steve Otis was chairman . . . "Bob" Dupen was chairman of the Kids' Christmas Tree Party—an unusually successful one . . . Escort Team closed the year with another of their "packed-to-the-rafters" New Years Eve Dinner Dances.

## Athletic Annex Completed In 1929 With No Raise In Dues

Actual construction had begun on our Athletic Annex, which had been announced "would be completed and conducted without any raise in dues." The annex was of "three floor levels, but would equal a 5-story building in height." The area of each floor is 40x60, and the handball court is 22 feet high. First floor had locker room and golf practice court in addition. Showers also were installed. Second floor was to have regulation handball and practice courts, as well as another golf practice court, while the third floor was to be open for volley and basket-ball, gymnasium, boxing and drill room for Escort Team. Galleries were to be a part of each handball court . . . Alaska trip was to begin August 6 . . . Increased attendance at bridge parties, and a dinner dance was held January 19 . . . Sacramento Fireman's Quartet entertained our members one night . . . District Deputy Scadden (Nevada City) made his official visit.

## Initiation Fee and Dues Finally Reduced; Testimonial to Frank Burhans

Sacramento Elks made whoopee at Senator Theatre following special dinner and cocktail hour in the Temple for a hundred or more. The occasion was in the nature of a testimonial to Brother Frank Burhans, Senator manager, as "a return courtesy" for having sent outstanding entertainment to us "without money and without price" on many occasions. At the same time there was "dedicated" to the entertainment world the newest thing in movie-tones—the Vitaphone. Mayor Martin Welsh and P.E.R. Gannon were principal speakers; Jack Stafford was presented with a "golden mail box" in appreciation for his organization of The Mail Box Gang; the Escort Team "of 16 handsome bachelors" was a hit, and Exalted Ruler Misphey gave the Eleven O'Clock

Toast as an illuminated tableau was being enacted. More than 2,000 attended . . . "Little Italy," third international dinner, was another top-notch February event with Brothers Carissimi, Tofanelli and Giamugnani in charge. We also had bridge, but no dinner dance . . . Initiation fee was reduced to \$25, and there was discussion of reducing our dues from \$40 to \$30 . . . In March a snow excursion was taken to Tahoe . . . Another dinner dance and bridge party was held, and Exalted Ruler Misphey had a special "Cops' Night" that brought out our Elk members of the police force. Fred Magee, Jack Heltwood and Rudy Cole made up the committee . . . The annual past exalted ruler's night brought out an unusually large attendance. P.E.R. Ticoulet was elected president of the association and Jack Stafford, secretary. George invited the P.E.R.'s to a banquet he would serve them in Oakland Temple, of which he was house manager.

### *Brother Rader and Other New Officers Installed; Athletic Annex Dedicated*

Preceded by "one of the finest dinners Doc Herspring has ever served," and which was toastmastered by P.E.R. Clyde Brand, the 1929-1930 officers were formally installed by officers from Oroville lodge, headed by P.E.R. Baldwin: Exalted Ruler E. J. Rader, Leading Knight H. E. Willis, Loyal Knight Malcolm C. Glenn, Lecturing Knight Neil McAllister, Secretary Walter Leitch, Treasurer Chas. C. Geiger, Trustees Harold J. Thielen, A. Rodegerdts, John G. Berger, Tiler P. B. Ward, Esquire C. W. Kuchman, Inner Guard Alex J. Ashen, Chaplain J. F. Misphey, Organist W. E. Hathaway, Jr. . . . "Doc" Burden and wife returned from a trip to the continent, and Fred Adams and wife were home from a world tour . . . Our Temple was being populated by Elk members of the Legislature . . . Escort Team put on a dinner dance, "A Night At Coffee Dan's," to augment their "On to Los Angeles Fund" (Grand Lodge Convention) . . . Unusually cold weather delayed Flower Day observance until May 15 . . . Sacramento Elks accompanied officers to Fresno, where a gala night was held, and our officers performed the initiatory ritual . . . Tommy Clifton was made chairman and Tom Brock, secretary, of the 300=\$30 committee designed to bring in new members and cut our dues by 25% . . . Athletic Annex dedicated with grand open house party on May 11th which brought many of the Coast's greatest athletes to our Temple and also brought out a crowd so great we were unable to accommodate them comfortably. The dedication ended with a real feast, described in Number Six thusly:

Near midnight our genial host of the dining room summoned the crowd to the auditorium, where twenty tables creaking with a variety of foodstuffs were cast upon the mercy of ravenous appetites. Dull care was abandoned to the duties of the festive board, and as the last lean slice of beef was smeared with the final remnant of potato salad and catsup by Walter Dryeborg, the doors were reluctantly closed, and Sacramento Lodge had written "Finis" to the completion of a great opening, and established again its reputation for hospitality and good fellowship.

Mother's Day services gave to us a rare treat in the touching and eloquent tribute by Judge McLaughlin. He brought to us with beautiful emphasis the thought, that "it is refreshing and benefitting to us all to pause for one brief hour each year and truly enjoy the touching ceremony that is held in tribute to she whom we hold most dear—OUR MOTHER." . . . Walt Dryeborg was forming a Business Men's Class for the athletic department, and Chester Gannon, Elmer Gascoigne and Hal Willis was the committee . . . A new lodge of Elks was formed at Ocean-side (near San Diego) . . . Seven Elks forsook Single Cussedness for Married Bliss during June, and your editor pondered over a weighty poem from the columns of an exchange, titled "BROTHER, DO YOU EVER PET YOUR WIFE?" However, it bore no significance to the nuptials that issue of Number Six had announced.

### *"Cap" Perkins Pilots His Boys To a Winner's Post; 69 Elks Start for Alaska*

At the Grand Lodge held in Los Angeles our Escort Team captured third place under the able leadership of Cap Perkins, who, for the previous three months, had put them through endless drills and final rehearsals. Oakland was first that year and Buffalo (N.Y.) won second. It was our boys first appearance before such a vast crowd (90,000) . . . A small group of handball enthusiasts with Frankie Mir and Paul Taylor spurring them on, matched Alfred Banuet, national champion, and Frank Burke, one of the three greatest in all the world, for an exhibition here, much to the dismay of San Francisco fans who had been trying to get the "go." Wish we had room to republish the report as written by Taylor, who prophetically closed his story with these words—"Our athletic activities have hardly begun." But space forbids, and we must move on . . . A great birthday party was given for Jack Stafford by the past exalted rulers . . . 69 Elks and ladies start on an Alaskan excursion that was wonderful for all, although almost disastrous for Fritz and Jules Kaminsky and Frank Murray with their wives. But we'll let Number Six of September 1929 tell of the near catastrophe:

It was at Ketchikan that we had our first thrill. Everyone on board knew the boat was scheduled to sail at 6 p.m. and no "check-up" is made of the passengers except by Government officers at foreign ports. Nevertheless a few of our party, thinking a Packard could traverse the whole Alaskan territory between 1:30 and 6 p.m., undertook that venturesome journey, and probably would still be climbing the tortuous mountain trails had not the shrill whistle of the boat brought them scurrying toward the wharf. They were just too late! When Fritz and Jules Kaminsky and Frank Murray (each one with his better half) came into view, the ship had pulled anchor and was slowly but surely headed out to sea. Fritz, frantically waving his arms, called for help, and spying a rope dangling from the ship's side, called to the Captain: "Hey, Captain, throw me a rope. I can make it." But the captain was a courteous old salt, and he heeded not the cry of Brother Fritz. Instead he swung the hull to port and a crew of huskies lowered a Jacob's ladder for the tardy ones to climb. From that hour Fritz & Co. staid by the ship!

Brother Charles Chenu was elected Grand President of the Eagles . . . Jess Hession, lately appointed deputy attorney general, made an inspiring talk to our October initiates . . . Harry Standerwick, W. W. Thompson, George Chambers, Barney Thielen and A. L. Case were the Charity Committee. Direct contributions were solicited . . . Otto Noack and Harry Heilbron

were European travelers . . . Bridge parties began October 17th . . . Tommy Clifton, head of the membership drive, went and got himself a wife . . . Brother H. A. Crowley sent up a deer as per his yearly custom, and Doc Herspring served it to the gang as an after-lodge feast . . . Aristocrats (Chet Gannon's Gang) were beaten "to a pulp" by the Harry Lilly Racketeers at volley ball . . . Frankie Mir was presented with a large silver loving cup, the gift of John Jackson Monteverde . . . Grand Duck Provider Ralph Francis promised a duck to each member bringing in a candidate, and also to each member of the membership committee. The dinner was held December 3d, and the G.D.P. had more than made good on his promise. It was a LARGE evening, thoroughly and completely enjoyed by all . . . Second dinner dance was held November 2d . . . "An Old Fashioned Garden" was the motif for the formal ball on November 30th, and brought out many beautiful gowns and the attendance was very large . . . Fred Mispley was elected president of Elks Hall Association . . . Gannon's Royal Aristocrats met Lilly's Gangster Racketeers in a return match and defeated them—but definitely! . . . First bridge party found a Los Angeles Elk taking first money in the male section and Mrs. Oschner high lady . . . Gene Biscailuz, Superintendent of the California Highway Patrol, was honor guest at a special dinner: Biscailuz, though a life member of Santa Monica lodge and a P.E.R. of that hustling group, had been personally instrumental in bringing many members into No. 6. In this way we sought to express our appreciation . . . Dr. Frank P. Brendel showed moving pictures of the Alaska excursion . . . Judge Ross Campbell delivered the eulogy at our Lodge of Sorrow . . . Officers and many members went to Stockton to initiate a goodly class . . . First international dinner of the winter season, "A Night In Spain," an attendance of 400 . . . More than 500 youngsters and 400 grownups enjoyed the Christmas Tree. Brother Frank Lewis himself brought in 38 children he had gathered from hither and yon, and brought also a gift for each. Bill Peterson was, as usual, the jolly, efficient and fun-making Santa Claus.

## Many Social Events And Old-Time Minstrels In 1930

Bridge party gave us Ben Nehrbass as high man and Roy Higgins's wife top lady . . . Weimar patients expressed their gratitude for the colorful cards this lodge had sent them at Christmas time . . . P.E.R. Yoerk presented our library with several volumes of the letters, private papers and other historical documents of our presidents from Washington on down through Coolidge . . . P.E.R. Mispley was appointed State Purchasing Agent following the death of Brother Warren G. McMillin . . . At the fourth bridge party Alida Corfee was high lady and Lew Korens top man . . . The Italian Dinner was a night of splendor, and Tofanelli, Lilly, Dupzyk and Eckstein earned a mess of plaudits . . . P.E.R. Lynn presided at the second meeting in February and many who were initiated during his term were present . . . Bill Dreher wrote from Europe that he was "seeing those many lands from the skies." . . . His tour was via the Graf Zeppelin . . . 35 officers and lay members came up from Fresno to put on our initiation—one of the most pleasing and colorful we had seen . . . Grand District Deputy Shipley came down from Redding for his official visit . . . Our officers and Escort Team visited Grass Valley Lodge . . . 55 tables of bridge enthusiasts closed our season with J. V. Hines top man and Mrs. Harry Standerwick high lady . . . **Valentine Ball attendance was 300** . . . "Stockton Elks Our Joyous Guests March 10th" is the way Number Six headed their visit. And a hilarious night it was, all but the initiatory ritual which was most impressively presented . . . Jolly Corks of Berkeley put on wonderfully inspiring pageant . . . Past Exalted Rulers' Night was rare treat, with P.E.R. John C. Ing, as Father Time, intoning his supplications as he led parade of P.E.R.'s into the lodge room. Junior Past Exalted Ruler Mispley was the pitiful subject of their torment for the **night**, and though he still remains among the living he'll never forget what happened then.

## 1930-1931 Officers Installed; P.E.R.'s Monthly Nights Proving Popular

With our Escort Team very proudly adding color to the ceremony, Past Exalted Ruler Stafford, acting for the grand exalted ruler, installed the following: Exalted Ruler Hal. E. Willis, Leading Knight Malcolm C. Glenn, Loyal Knight Neil McAllister, Lecturing Knight Charles Kuchman, Secretary Walter Leitch, Treasurer Charles C. Geiger; Trustees—John G. Berger, A. Rodegerts, Harold Thielen; Chaplain E. J. Rader, Esquire Alex Ashen, Inner Guard Dal M. Lemmon, Tiler P. B. Ward, Organist Wm. E. Hathaway, Jr. . . . Monthly "Past Exalted Rulers' Nights" were continued, and Cornelius Emmet Mahoney put on a real party, regaling us with his personalized rendition of selections from Pinafore as an added feature of the splendid evening and entertainment he headed for that occasion, which also included the popular Roll Call of members initiated during his term—1909-1910 . . . Clovis La Grave headed the Flower Day observance . . . Brother J. W. S. Butler was orator for our Mother's Day program which preceded P.E.R.'s Night headed by Billy Meyer who "held forth in old-time splendor" in the third of the series. There was an unusually large attendance, and an entertainment program by San Francisco professionals. But the outstanding feature was a rendition of Barnacle Bill, the Sailor, by Brothers Harold Shay, Heinie Winter and Maury Silverman . . . Night baseball was introduced to Sacramento fans by Brother Lew Moring . . . Spring outing at Hoberg's was a wonderful success, and Number Six reported "Springtime In the Rockies" (as done by Jack Welsh, Harold Scott, Jack Sherman, Fred Mispley, Gus Brudigan, Ed Boyle, and a bevy of our wives) was still reverberating o'er Hoberg Hills a month after. The chill rain had not congealed the fervor of the party, though the first night had almost frozen their joints.

## "Save The Temple" Campaign; Bread Cast Upon Waters Returned

With Sacramento suffering from the financial panic which had seized the Nation, our lodge was severely affected, and we were in danger of losing our beautiful Temple. But a campaign was got under way that eventually succeeded in preserving to us that wonderful edifice we had so proudly consecrated to the highest virtues of true fraternalism during the golden days of but four short years before. George Peltier was general chairman of the special committee named by Exalted Ruler Willis, and he was loyally assisted by Brothers G. T. Lundles and A. B. Carter, Secretary Leitch and Past Exalted Rulers Meyer, Haley, Stafford, Thielen, Gannon, Misphey and Rader. That ultimate success was attained is attested by the fact we still occupy the Temple and practically own it today, even though the original campaign has been oft aided since . . . An Elks' Benefit Party was given at Alhambra Theatre for the Orphanage Fund . . . American Legion Band donated their services for the Flag Day observance in our Temple, and Judge Shields was principal speaker . . . P.E.R. Yoerk, "Daddy of Mischievous Boys," presided over our fourth night of the P.E.R.'s series. Brother Yoerk had promised there would be "beautiful damsels to serve us cabaret fashion." And beautiful damsels they were too, eke Gus Brudigan in blonde wig as the most beautiful of all! We have no record of the others, similarly beholden, who aided. Secretary Leitch reported that on "May 30 of the year Brother Yoerk was ruler, our lodge gave an excursion into Yosemite Valley, lasting a full week, and cost \$35 per person, which included a bottle of wine or beer at every meal! And then, to sort of rub it in, Walter added, Try It Now! . . . A wayfaring member of the Royal Engineers, British Army, Mr. E. W. Fowler, who had been the recipient of a guest card in our club during 1918, wrote Brother Stafford a letter inclosing a substantial check in appreciation for the courtesies extended to him 12 years before. The money was placed in our Athletic Annex Fund. Thus "bread cast upon the waters was returned many fold" . . . Roy Kay sent word from New York where he was manager of Pierpont Hotel . . . Earl McNeely wrote from his team's headquarters in the east that it was 106 in the shade, and longed for the cooling evening breezes of Sacramento.

## Escort Team Become State Champs; Basketball On Winter Program

Open house was held in our Temple following the winning of California championship honors at State Fair on September 7th in keen competition in a field of 17 teams of California's best. The "Escorts" then gave a dinner dance in October to help fatten their "kitty" for a trip to Seattle where they hoped to make national champion at Grand Lodge in that city the next year. And they did so become! . . . P.E.R. Straub started the fall series of Past Rulers' Night with another bang-up attendance . . . State President Mellman was an official visitor in early September . . . Paul Geisler finished well among leaders in the Golden Gate Channel Swim . . . P.E.R. Haley presented the second Past Rulers' Night, and, as had been the custom, a complimentary dinner to the ruler of the night was served in the small dining room. Ten other past rulers were present . . . Bridge season opened with 32 tables. Mrs. L. Rosenberg was high lady and Herman Davis top man . . . Exalted Ruler Willis reported that our lodge had suffered a serious loss in membership, though all other lodges in California had a 6,000 gain . . . Doc "Soft-Voiced" March, assisted by fellow tooth-yankers Durst, McClusky, Riordan and Wilson, started the fall season of international dinners with a feast that was scrumptious . . . Esquire Alex Ashen was made counsel for the McClatchy Syndicate . . . P.E.R. Johns had Armistice Night for his Past Rulers' Night—a most appropriate date, for it was Brother Johns who had carried No. 6's Service Flag "with its 53 stars, and one of gold" in the 1918 Grand Lodge in Atlantic City.

## Officers Entertain Baby Elks At Lunch; "Hello Bill" In Neon

Chair officers started the custom of entertaining initiates at lunch in our dining room on the Wednesday following their initiation . . . Bridge parties were getting larger and better, and Miss Treva Garner and Jack Collins high winners . . . No. 6 participated in a charity football game between Sacramento College and College of Pacific . . . "Little Ed Reese Loomed Big On His Past Exalted Rulers' Night" was the heading in Number Six. The story added that "it was necessary to move the exalted ruler's desk about twenty inches further away from the chair the night he presided, although it was admitted that had lodge been held before the complimentary dinner which had preceded the lodge session and was enjoyed by some two dozen of his well-wishing friends, the need for additional room between the rostrum and the chair would have been materially lessened" . . . The Annual Lodge of Sorrow had Bishop Moreland as speaker . . . George McKee was named chairman of the Christmas Tree for children . . . Eggnogg and sandwiches was the after-lodge attraction the Tuesday before Christmas, and Escort Team really made a neat profit on their New Year's Eve Hi Jinks and Dinner Dance which "wet down the grave of Old Nineteen Thirty" and appropriately christened the Infant "Thirty-One."

## Escort Team Became National Champs In 1931

The Baby New Year was destined to bring joy to our Escort Team for at the Grand Lodge in Seattle during July "Cap" Perkins' boys were to beat down highly competitive teams from all over the Nation and emerge unquestioned champions . . . 1931 Honolulu excursion was definitely set to start on April 29. Price scale \$254 to \$304 for the three weeks . . . "Whole trainloads came from Modesto, Woodland, Oroville" to honor P.E.R. Stafford on HIS night of the series of past rulers' nights. Jack also had as special guests on that occasion "Sunny Jim" Rolph, governor of California; Senator Herbert W. Slater, dean of State legislators and past exalted ruler of

Santa Rosa lodge; P.E.R. Jim McCormick of Modesto lodge, and like Senator Slater, a victim of total blindness, and also like Senator Slater, an outstanding orator; State Treasurer Gus Johnson, Bishop Moreland, and Exalted Rulers Neel, Lockhart and Neyens from sister lodges.

### *Elks Minstrels Get Big Hand From Sacramento Dailies*

Valentine night was the date selected for first presentation of our great minstrel show, with Secretary Leitch as interlocutor, and Jim Kennedy, Heinie Winter, Art Strader and Johnny Strachan were the black face end men; Dewey Baker and Frank Carroll were principal funsters. The Bee said "Elks Minstrels' Songs and Rapid Repartee Please; Audience Kept In High Humor By Performance of Local Lodge," and the Union reported that "Elks Achieve Impossible By Cracking New Jokes." An "open house" was given for the Welfare Committee following a great pre-lodge dinner, the principal idea being to "assimilate" our new members, many of whom had come to feel that the lodge was treating them coldly . . . February was a busy month for our officers and such of our members as could do so joined in making trips to Stockton on the 10th. Oroville the 20th and Fresno the 28th—all for the purpose of performing the initiatory ritual. There was some concern re the ability of Loyal Knight McAllister being able to find some of the cities, and it was suggested he be provided with escort as on a previous occasion he had become confused in his geography. However it was not our district attorney who got lost on that trip, but rather Inner Guard Lemmon . . . P.E.R. John C. Ing put on a heartening program honoring Abraham Lincoln at his past rulers' night. The usual intimate dinner preceded the session, with "squabs from Leitch's private lofts" forming the piece d' resistance. Brother Ing proved he had lost none of his cleverness in conjuring from the past an evening of rare entertainment . . . A plan was tried, and later discarded as unworkable, providing "guest cards" for prospective candidates . . . "A Night With Our Ladies," comprising Monte Carlo (Hicks, Reese and Stafford), Bridge (Mispley, Kay and Flammer), Beer Garden (Meyer, Yoerk, Straub and Haub), and Dancing (Blair, Thielen and Johns) featured the first time the past rulers opened their once-a-year meeting to the fair sex. Gannon Mispley and Thielen had charge of the inquisitorial initiation of the junior past ruler, Eldon Rader, and "Eddie Cantor" Lynn, Meyer, Ticoulet, Ing and Johns provided additional stunts for a wonderful evening.

### *New Officers Installed; Spring Outing Slated For Globins*

These officers were installed for 1931-1932: Exalted Ruler Malcolm C. Glenn, Leading Knight Neil R. McAllister, Loyal Knight Chas. W. Kuchman, Lecturing Knight Alex Axhen, Secretary Walter Leitch, Treasurer Charles C. Geiger, Tiler P. B. Ward; Trustees—August Rodegerdts, J. G. Berger, Harold J. Thielen; Chaplain H. E. Willis, Esquire Dal M. Lemmon, Inner Guard Frank P. Brendel, Organist J. E. Simpson . . . A grand incoming-outgoing dinner honoring Brothers Willis and Glenn . . . State President Williamson made his official visit the night Exalted Ruler Glenn and his officers performed their first initiatory ritual . . . Our Waikiki-saturated Elks and ladies returned from their wonderful excursion to Honolulu . . . Rev. Lawrence Wilson was Mother's Day orator . . . Annual Flower Day saw hundreds of bouquets delivered to all shut-ins in Sacramento . . . Hank Thielen had MORE fun on his past rulers' night, and merriment unrestrained was the "appetizer" at the dinner preceding lodge session. Very many who had been initiated during his term of office were present to greet him that night . . . 100 Elks and ladies enjoyed the spring outing at Globins, and found that the thunderstorm which greeted late Saturday arrivals in no way dampened their ardor. Sunday was a heavenly day . . . Drill Team was raffling a "Man's Hope Chest" to augment needed funds for their trip to Seattle, come July . . . Flag Day was observed in Davis with Sacramento and Woodland Elks in joint participation. Judge Pullen was orator, and Tom McAulife, chairman . . . Governor Rolph and Inner Guard Brendel went a-fishing. There is no record of piscatorial accomplishment, but a wild bear did chase "somebody somewhere."

### *Mid-Summer "Pre-Lodge" Dinner Successful; Drill Team Feted*

The "Dinty Moore" mid-summer dinner, served during the hot days of August vacation period, was a pronounced success. There were double portions of corned beef for those requesting . . . "With a mighty cheer 200 brothers arose from their tables to applaud our National Champion Escort Team when they entered the banquet room" the night our lodge gave them an appreciation dinner. "Cap" Perkins had just cause to be proud of his boys, and Exalted Ruler Glenn blushing took credit for a double winner in one term—State and National Champions . . . "Chet Refuses To Take Ye Editor's Discovery Program" was our heading over the story announcing P.E.R. Gannon's night—a Columbus Day event. Chester elaborated on his refusal to accept our program in these words (and we quote):

"It is silly to extoll the virtues of the 440-year dead when the 'greatest of all past exalted rulers' is here and ready to do homage to himself", said Chester; "It is my night, and MINE IT SHALL BE! . . . Come and see my aristocrats in full soup and fish or tuxes—a mighty ensemble of No. 6's finest; an array of male beauty that can no where else be found . . . Come and listen to the pearls of wisdom fall from the lips of some of our greatest orators as they argue on the mooted question, 'Is It Better To Remain Wet Under a Dry Surface, or Shall We Let the Moisture Seep Through So That All the World May Know?' . . . Come and see me, the greatest of all past exalted rulers, as I wield the gavel in my unapproachable style—a fine lesson to those who wish to profit therefrom!"

The meeting was a wonderful success, but it cost Crown Prince Neil McAllister a tidy sum in fines, for Chester looked not with favor upon the greater ruler who, he feared, would endeavor to tear him (Chester) from the niche he (Chester) had self-carved in our lodge's Hall of Fame. And through it all, our then exalted ruler, Judge Glenn, sat in serene complacency, well knowing that naught which either the "Ruler for the Night" or the "Heir Presumptive" could do would in any



way lessen the glory of his own regime, for had he not established an all-time record of two greater championships within one term? None other had ever so succeeded; none other ever could again!

Bill Hack's Railroad Boys put on a **great night for us**, featuring the S.P.'s Haywire Orchestra, Joe Nardella, Billy Nesbitt's Joy Boys, **George McClanahan**, Glazier Baker, and the McPoils' Scotch Kids . . . District Deputy Heiken (Marysville) was our honor guest November 3d . . . A "Night In Little Tia Juana" was sponsored by Athletic Committee and more than 150 brothers and ladies enjoyed this unusual affair which featured a dinner with P.E.R. Lynn as toastmaster, a stage show, dancing and games of skill and chance . . . "Wonderful Dinner; Wonderful Music; Wonderful Fellowship; Wonderful Time" was the way we mentioned our second dinner dance . . . Dr. Billingsley wrote from London during his tour of the continent . . . "Given another night or two such as Tom Flammer presided over November 10th and Old Man Depression will be a complete corpse so far as Sacramento Lodge No. 6, **Best People on Earth**, is concerned—and we congratulate him for the glorious time we had," is the way we told of Tom Flammer's wonderful evening which offered many unusual features . . . Golf tournament brought out many entries in spite of a rainy day, and was played for 36 holes—the first 18 at **Country Club** and the other 18 at Land Park . . . December "Past Rulers' Night" found "Slicker" **Hicks** presiding "with all his old-time vim and wit, and never a dull moment allowed to find habitage in the lodge room." Preceding the meeting there was a complimentary dinner to Walter—the youngest of our past exalted rulers . . . Ralph Francis was the chairman and Bill Peterson again the Santa Claus for Children's Christmas Party . . . Billy Meyer closed the year's lodge activities with our first "Fifth Tuesday" function—a high jinks for our Old Bucks only that filled club rooms and auditorium to overflowing. The real feature of the evening was a **buck-and-wing dance** by Jim Kennedy—his first appearance after a long illness, and concerning whom Walt Hicks remarked "he'd lay dollars to cruller holes that when it finally came time to plant our eternally buoyant and forever young old warhorse, Brother Kennedy, he'd rise right up and dance at his own funeral!" (Be it known that Jim is still with us, and from present appearances will be "beating the friendly undertaker" for many years to come. He still looks "so natural"—even more like himself than he used to look!) . . . Escort Team "rang out the Old Year" in best Elk style, but failed to realize much profit from the big dance.

## *Fresno Elks Gave Us Good Star For 1932*

Athletic Director Walt Dyreborg got the "Lawyers, Insurers and Repairers of Sunday Wrecks" to join the "Merchants and Greaseman" in his physical culture exercise classes, but the big feature of the New Year was the visit to our lodge by **Fresno Elks** which featured initiatory work by their crack ritual team, and preceded by a great pre-lodge dinner for several hundred members and visitors . . . Snow Party via W. P. to Portola was a joyous February event . . . Gus Johnson was an entertaining and instructive speaker at our Washington Birthday meeting, and Number Six quoted at length from his informative address. An unusual feature of Gus's program was the appearance of our officers in Colonial Days costumes, wigs and all, and were pictured in the March issue of Number Six . . . Dinner dances continued to rule our social function during January and February with a colorful St. Patrick's Ball featuring the end of social activities of **Brother Glenn's** term . . . Preparations had been made to entertain from 1500 to 2000 at the Drill Team Frolic, but 3,500 attended. **Herb Bronner** (now Major Bronner), who was then reporter for the Escort Team's column in Number Six, apologized for their inability to properly entertain such an unexpectedly large crowd. But the evening had proved highly profitable, both financially and socially . . . "A gang of brothers, rather larger than usual," greeted P.E.R. Misphey on his past rulers' night, "mayhap to see whether Fred had forgotten how to quiet the Ruffnekks. He hadn't!" Thus we reported another of our series of past exalted rulers' monthly meetings. Feature of the evening was "a dollar show free for nothing" to our members and visiting Elks . . . Stealing from radio headlines, the past exalted rulers put on their annual frolic on March 22d with a skit, "Mystic Knights of the Sea," as 17 of our rollicking past rulers really went to town. "Little" Eddie Reese was Kingfish, and the rest of the characters for the mock ritual that inducted Fred Misphey into the ranks of Sacramento Elks Past Exalted Rulers' Association, consisted of: Fred Johns typifying "Andrew H. Brown" as exalted mystic, **Walter Hicks** leading mystic, **Clyde Brand** loyal mystic, **Harold Thielen** lecturing mystic, **Billy Meyer** "Amos Jones" as secretary, **Jack Lynn** was "Lightnin'" and Fred Misphey was Lighthouse Keeper. . . .

As a grand finale, **Jess Hession** and **Chet Gannon** aided our retiring ruler in staging his final play night, "Lawyers' Evening," the script for which had been written and production arranged by Brother Glenn. It was, indeed, an hilarious evening, which was prefaced in Number Six with these words:

"Take a snappy creation from Paris and snuggle it on **Dave Lyle's** head, drape his body in one of those sinuous gowns that have made **Hollywood** the playground of the world's most artful sirens; adorn **Jess Hession's** Apollonesque diameters in the most colorful creations of the Broadway or Picadilly tailors and haberdashers, crown him with a brown derby and hang a jet mounted tan walking stick over his arm, with pig skin gloves, patent leather shoes and scarlet cravat to complete the ensemble, and you have built a first class foundation for a perfect flirtation, a journey on a down-river boat, a threat of being made to 'walk home,' and a sizzling breach of promise suit."

It was one of the most enjoyable lodge sessions we ever had. Wish we had space to more fully here relate the innumerable episodes that brought forth gales of laughter, but you'll have to read our old files if you want to further refresh your memory . . . Headed "So My Sun Is Sinking," Exalted Ruler Glenn closed his final message with an exhortation to the members to make use of everything in the Temple, for all had been put there at great expense just for the personal enjoyment of every member of our lodge.

## *Distinguished Visitors Helped Install 1932-33 Officers*

Flying up from San Diego just to be present when Brother McAllister was installed as exalted ruler, Father Patrick John Kennedy arrived just in time to witness the "fitting of the toga." Congressman Frank Buck also came over from Vacaville for that special purpose. Father Kennedy, in a talk after the installation, recited an old poem by Tom Moore wherein inquiry is made as to why "he should forsake an old friend, just because he kneels at a different altar than mine," and then made humorous reference to their birthland, "he from the north of Ireland where sinners abound; me from Southern Erin where only saints are found!" District Deputy Heicken (Marysville) acting for the grand exalted ruler, installed the following officers for 1932-1933: Exalted Ruler Neil R. McAllister, Leading Knight Chas. W. Kuchman, Loyal Knight Alex Ashen, Lecturing Knight Dal M. Lemmon, Secretary Walter Leitch, Treasurer Charles C. Geiger, Tiler P. B. Ward; Trustees—J. G. Berger, Harold J. Thielen, August Rodegerdts; Chaplain Malcolm C. Glenn, Esquire Frank P. Brendel, Inner Guard Walton E. Holmes, Organist Frank Loren (Cy) Graves. Dues were reduced to \$30 per year . . . Mrs. Bodenhamer and Milt Erwin were top winners in the final bridge party.

On Flower Day our busy committee sent out more than 500 bouquets . . . Woodland Elks came over May 3d to initiate our class . . . Ernie Bishop wrote another of his very interesting letters from Santa Catherina, Brazil, and Fred Adams got itchy feet, so proceeded to see a lot more of this old world, and wrote from Mallorca (Spain) he had just got his hair cut costing him exactly 3 cents (American Money), which included a 40 per cent tip to the barber . . . Loyal Knight Ashen was admitted to the U.S. Supreme Court bar . . . Doc March, Doc Brendel and Doc Herspring put on a "Weiner-schnitzel undt Lager" dinner that brought out almost 300, and the first of a new series of international dinners, "Italienne," with Johnny Tofanelli as chairman also gave us a capacity crowd . . . Elks Glee Club was showing signs of life . . . We took a trainload of No. 6's best over to Woodland to return their visit and put on an initiation . . . Judge Pullen was chief speaker at Mothers' Day program . . . Marysville officers and accompanying members came over to visit and initiate . . . State President Dayton made his official visit . . . Maynard Canon "wined and dined" the entertainment committee at his home . . . Native Sons named Brother Gannon as their "historiographer" . . . A crowd that filled Memorial Auditorium helped us honor the Flag when Woodland Elks joined with us in putting on a combination Flag Day and Washington Bi-Centennial program . . . "Little Giant" Kuchman officiated for his first time as exalted ruler while Brother McAllister was vacationing with his family in Santa Cruz . . . Clyde Brand trotted out his "Cuties" (Evalan Earle's best girls who had graduated from Miss Earle's school and were then Hollywood near-starlets) at Clydes own P.E.R. night. At the feast which preceded lodge session Secretary Leitch had again provided his most succulent squabs. Tev Paine made his first appearance in many months, but would not regale us with any of his famous "Takashita" stories, though he was liberal in drawing from his bottomless fund of Scotch yarns . . . P.E.R. and Mrs. Ed Kay gave a nice piano for our ladies lounge . . . Judge and Mrs. Glenn were presented with a fine silver set in appreciation for the tireless work this venerable jurist had done as our exalted ruler . . . Azzie Meredith and Dave Wiener sent in a letter of thanks for the splendid help they had received from all in staging our grand barbecue at Helvetia Park when 6,500 passed through the turnstiles. EVERYTHING that goes to make a real barbecue picnic was on tap. Admission was only 25c, but was by invitation only, and no guests were admitted who did not hold such invitation signed by a member of the lodge, and bearing the name of the guest . . . Brother Jawn "Buddy" Ryan resigned as manager of the Solons. Dr. I. G. Shaw presented us with the beautiful "Horse Shoe Bend" oil painting that has since adorned our walls . . . Brothers Kurt Fredericksen and Paul Geisler finished among the best at Golden Gate Channel Swim.

## *Dinner And Lodge Session Honors Our First Exalted Ruler*

With four charter members present after more than one third of a century, and with more than 200 members attending the banquet preceding the session, our lodge was privileged on September 20 to honor our first exalted ruler, Brother Lewis Henry Brown. In addition to our Honor Guest, there were 16 other past rulers present—Brothers Blair (04-05), Mahoney (09-10), Meyer (10-11), Kay (12-13), Yoerk (13-14), Straub (14-15), Ticoulet (16-17), Johns (17-18), Reese (19-20), Stafford (20-21), Brand (22-23), Flammer (23-24), Hicks (25-26), Gannon (27-28) and Glenn (31-32). Of the foregoing, Brothers Blair, Mahoney, Yoerk, Straub and Flammer, have since answered the Grand Roll Call. Charter members attending that memorable occasion other than Brother Brown were Bob Devlin, Fred Keisel and Dr. Atkinson, all of whom have since joined The Innumerable Caravan, there now being but two surviving from our original charter—Brother Brown, living in San Francisco, and Billy Mulleney whose home is just across the river a wee, few miles. P.E.R. Stafford was chairman of this grand night and our four charter members responded to requests from the chairman for reminiscences—Past Exalted Ruler Brown along the lines of our early history, and as he told of the "goat" which had been shipped from San Francisco for the very special initiation of grand little Eddie Weinrich, a titter of laughter ran around the room. And Eddie laughed with 'em—pleasant recollections, indeed. Devlin spoke along serious lines, dwelling especially upon our charitable obligations; Atkinson briefly from the personal side; Keisel, in a humorous and riotously reminiscent mood, literally bringing "tears" to our eyes as he told of the he-mannish times of jovial conviviality which the boys of No. 6 enjoyed in the long, long ago. (Concerning our Honor Guest for that night, and Billy Mulleney who was unable to be present on that wonderful occasion, there are pictures and story on pages 13, 83 and 85 of this Souvenir.)

P.E.R. Willis was appointed District Deputy . . . Junior P.E.R. Glenn offered a whimsical report of his visit to, at, and from, the grand lodge in Birmingham . . . First pre-lodge dinner of

the 1932 fall season was an October event, and Brother Babe Bottaro gave us a great big buck deer to form the basis for our main dish . . . "At long last" Purple Hearts were awarded two of our members for injuries in World War I—"Brother E. W. Melarkey for wounds received in the great battle of Meuse-Argonne, and Brother Horace Frye for wounds received during the terrific onslaught in Champagne sector" . . . Judge Pullen was elevated to presiding justice of the Third Appellate Court . . . First dinner dance attracted more than 250 . . . "One tenth of one per cent" was the margin by which our Escort Team was bested by Huntington Park at State convention in San Jose . . . Harley Kruskamp and Dutch Heffner were stellar performers on our mat show at Municipal Auditorium which netted nearly \$500 for Charity Fund . . . P.E.R. Lynn proved his greatness, when, in competition with countless election parties throughout the city, his monthly past rulers' night lured a very large attendance. Special entertainment for our ladies was provided in the club rooms during our session in lodge, when—

A brilliant and hilarious feature was the "workout" given our diminutive Eddie Reese, who as esquire for the night was called upon to carry the charity box so frequently and so far that he finally "petered out," and just simply sank in the nearest chair after lugging the big, heavy kitty hither and yon to such luckless brothers as fell under the ban of the presiding officer. We hear he lost several pounds from his dainty frame, but the charity box was proportionately fattened, and we should worry over the pounds Ed lost.

Secretary Leitch completed his 20th year in office . . . P.E.R. Horace Amphlett (San Mateo Lodge) was memorial service speaker, and Brother Gannon was chairman of the committee . . . Bert "Misses the Spittoon" Coe won the first brace of ducks given by our Grand Duck Provider, the evening's raffle netting nearly \$25 for charity . . . A certain "great past exalted ruler" (who shall be nameless in this note) opined that our huge punchbowl "should be used for purposes other than the mere adornment of a dusty corner. And it was! For Doc Brendel was made mixer-master at one eggnogg table and "Turn Back the Universe" McAuliffe at the other at our after-lodge Christmas Party . . . Herman Koch chairmanned the Children's Christmas Tree, Bill Peterson functioned as usual, and Bottaro donated the great tree . . . Escort Team's New Year's Eve Party was a financial and social success.

## 1933 Gave Us Many Pleasant Events

A "Program of Prosperity" was launched by Exalted Ruler McAllister with Leading Knight Kuchman named chairman of the Activities Committee, Fred Mispley chairman of Committee On Awards, and Alex Ashen, Hank Thielen, Jack Stafford, Chet Gannon, Walton Holmes and Azzie Meredith also serving in prominent posts . . . First important entertainment feature was the second Railroad Night with Brothers Hack (SP) and McPartland (WP) doing the honors . . . Oroville Elks conducted our initiation on February 7th, and a great pre-lodge dinner was held the 14th attended by more than 300, with Doc Brendel as chairman. It proved to be an excellent "appetizer" for the hilarious Past Exalted Rulers' Night one week later which brought many of the old KFRC "Blue Monday Jamboree" stars to the mixed night in our auditorium . . . P.E.R. Lynn was especially honored at this meeting and was given a beautiful traveling bag, P.E.R. Mispley making the presentation. Jess Hession was chairman . . . Secretary of Navy having advised there would be no use for the "Pennies From Children 'Old Ironsides' Fund," Chairman Herman Davis moved that all funds which had been contributed be returned to the several schools in proportion as each had given. The motion was adopted. Later this money was added to the School Milk Fund—a move originating for the purpose of giving one bottle of milk to each child whose parents were unable to buy it . . . Six teams of ten members each were appointed by Exalted Ruler McAllister to aid in our Prosperity Drive, and were headed by Doc Brendel, Chet Gannon, Cap Perkins, Azzie Meredith, George Popert and Mike Richert . . . Price of our Sunday dinners was reduced to 75 cents . . . Professor Brickley of Sacramento College gave an interesting "Early History of Ireland" at Billy Meyer's Past Rulers' Night, which occasion also included a perfect evening of Irish songs and amusing stories and anecdotes . . . Clyde Brand entertained a score of associate past rulers at his home in Sierra Oaks . . . Our own officers and several members paid their annual visit to Fresno lodge.

### *Installation; Beer Garden; Fish Dinner; Appreciation Dinner By Neil; Barbecue*

With the complimentary dinner to our retiring and incoming exalted rulers and their installation by our own District Deputy Willis, the 1933-1934 lodge year was off to a good start, and the following new officers really put their shoulders to the wheel: Exalted Ruler Chas. W. Kuchman, Leading Knight Alex Ashen, Loyal Knight Dal M. Lemmon, Lecturing Knight Frank P. Brendel, Secretary Walter Leitch, Treasurer Charles C. Geiger, Tiler P. B. Ward; Trustees—August Rodegerdts, L. G. Berger, Harold J. Thielen; Esquire Walter E. Holmes, Inner Guard Don Cox, Organist Cy Graves, Chaplain Neil R. McAllister . . . An appreciation dinner was given by the retiring ruler, Brother Neil McAllister, at his home on Curtis Way to a score or more of his officers and committee chairmen. A beautiful damask table cloth with one dozen matching dinner napkins was given his good wife . . . Lager from the keg; limburger and onions on rye; pretzels, liverwurst, bludwurst and knackwurst; "Sweet Adeline" in copious portions, and "a toast to the president who had the guts to give us something worthwhile," featured Exalted Ruler Kuchman's first stag night . . . 150 attended a grand fish dinner gotten up by Brothers Frank Harkness, Azzie Meredith and Johnny Tofanelli . . . P.E.R. Stafford, acting for Grand Exalted Ruler, was aided in installing Oroville officers by the following jurists: Presiding Justice Pullen and Associate Justices J. A. Plummer and Rolfe L. Thompson, Third District Court of Appeal; Deputy Attorney General Hession and Wesley Platt, also of the Third Court . . . Clovis La Grave was again made chairman of the Flower Day Committee . . . Lt.-Gov. Frank Finley Merriam was an April guest . . . Flag Day bridge party headed by Mrs. Eli Van Waggoner was a glorious success, 150

tables being filled . . . NBC broadcasted Elks Flag Day services from the hallowed home of the Father of Our Country in Mount Vernon, Virginia, and Sacramento Elks joined with Woodland Elks in Flag Day observance in the city park of the Yolo metropolis . . . 50 cents was the price of a special lunch served by our house manager . . . Secretary Leitch was all bunged up at the hospital and couldn't send out dues notices. But Dick Hollingsworth was helping out when he could in "Sammy's" office, and our ailing officer opined from his bed of pain at the hospital that Dick could "pass out a better line of bull" anyway . . . The Barbecue and Bathing Beauty Contest at Helvetia Grove was an outstanding spring event. In commenting on the picnic Maury Rotholz said in Number Six:

The International Bankers—Holmes, Murphy twins, Witpen twins, Giorgi . . . Misphey and Consiglieri selling script . . . "Mike" Richert from the Roughnecks Corner inspecting stamped hands . . . Joe Williams "printing," even if it was Sunday . . . "Doc" March instructing "Irv" and "Bill" how to eliminate the onions from the potato salad . . . Walt Holmes, Dave Weiner and Sheriffs Ogle and Leech scaring Sacramento and calling out Sacramento's finest when the burglar alarm went off as they were depositing the receipts at the bank in the early morning hours! . . . Our hats off to Doc Herspring, Chef Dominik and the girls . . . also "Chefs" Cannon, Soost, Lepetch, Downey, Valeria, Weiner and Coyle . . . AND not forgetting our president, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and our present Congress for giving us "three-point-two" beer.

Approximately 250 Bills enjoyed the Italian dinner arranged for by Brothers Dr. Scatena, Cippa, Tofanelli, Boitano and Nicoletti . . . "Little Giant" Kuchman prefaced his monthly letter with the following trite jingle which each of us might well adopt as our personal motto today—*"A good thing to remember, and a better thing to do, is to work with the Construction Gang and not the Wrecking Crew!"* . . . \$300 was netted to our Charity Fund from the Flag Day bridge party and special thanks were given Mrs. Van Waggoner and Mrs. James Rolph, wife of our governor, for their tireless work . . . Hall Association completed a new deal with Western States Life for reduction of interest rates on our mortgage from 5% to 4% . . . Brother Lemmon was appointed Superior Court Judge, vice Judge Pullen who had been promoted to the Appellate Court by Governor Jim.

### *Grand Exalted Ruler Meier a September Visitor; Congressman Buck Honored*

Our lodge was signally honored on Sunday, September 24th, when our grand exalted ruler visited us. Included in the day's activities was a trip to Coloma where he successfully "panned out" a gold nugget. The grand ruler also broadcast a message to all the world over KFBK; an informal dinner to our honored guest was given by members and their families completely filling the dining room. A special lodge session was held in the evening when our distinguished visitor delivered his official message . . . A "buck stew" was the main course when we honored Congressman Frank Buck at a dinner which brought an attendance of more than 300 . . . Brother Jack Clifford, the "sheriff" on Gilmore Oil Co.'s Circus of the Air, was a lodge visitor, and then graciously entertained with 15 minutes of his funniest stories and anecdotes . . . Brother J. W. S. Butler delivered an inspirational talk on Constitution Night that clearly showed how lucky we were to be citizens of the great United States of America . . . Fall dances were popular, and bridge parties attracted good attendance . . . The Gannons were vacationing "down the Pacific, through the Canal, into the Caribbean, up the Atlantic, and hither and yon to home," and Brother and Mrs. A. C. Boothby celebrated the golden anniversary of their wedding . . . Fred McGee chaired a football broadcast featuring the annual Cal-Stanford Classic that filled our club rooms to overflowing . . . County Manager Charley Deterding gave a wonderfully interesting talk on the Early History of Sacramento County the night we entertained him at a special pre-lodge dinner . . . G.E.R. Meier wrote a letter expressing sincere appreciation for our entertainment of him and his party on the occasion of their September visit . . . Judge Emmett Sewell (Santa Rosa) was our pre-Armistice Day speaker . . . P.E.R. Rader was appointed Federal Deposit Insurance Corporations Examiner . . . Grand Deputy Brouillard (Susanville) was an official visitor . . . Jess Hession was chairman of our State Night pre-lodge dinner that brought many dignitaries to our Temple, among them being: Governor Rolph, Congressman Buck, Judges Plummer and Lemmon, Dick Collins and Fred Stewart of the Board of Equalization, George Stout of Liquor Control Division, Secretary Paine of the State Fair, and many other lesser lights. It WAS a wonderful night . . . P.E.R. Herbert Slater (Santa Rosa), and also the dean of our State Senate, was orator at Lodge of Sorrow, giving the most inspiring eulogy to our Honored Dead we had ever heard . . . Bill Wright was chairman of the Christmas Party for children that brought a goodly attendance . . . Ray Oakley put on a REAL pre-lodge dinner when he filled our banquet room on City Night that saw an even four dozen city employees sitting at the head table . . . Due to lodge finances and the prohibitive cost of "ingredients," the annual eggnog party was among the things we had to do without . . . Something new in monthly dances was started, and the cost set at \$1 per couple. Tables were available to those who wished to sit at them, and sandwiches, etc., served during the evening at nominal prices . . . Christmas and New Years dinners were served at \$1 per plate, including wine, with music also provided.

### *State Convention; Stag Dinners; Inter-Lodge Visits; Featured '34*

With "Wine, Women and Song" keynoting the entertainment portion of their annual visit here, Fresno Elks came up to tarry for a night, and perform our ceremony of initiation. This was the greatest inter-lodge night we had enjoyed, and in reporting the affair Number Six said:

When "Doc" Brendel, Fred Taylor, Fred McGee and Walton Holmes started out to give us an evening of fun, frivolity, fancy food and terpsichorean delights the night we entertained Fresno lodge, they started something that required 410 brothers and a hundred ladies to finish. Let this be written *it was the biggest visiting lodge night Sacramento Elks ever put on. Never before did we enjoy such an evening as was had that night.* It was the first time we have asked our ladies to join us in a stag party, and that they enjoyed this excursion into that which is essentially a man's realm was enthusiastically attested by the fact there were 75 fair ones who sat