

Knights of Pythias.

A CLASS OF FORTY-THREE WERE SHOWN THROUGH THE MYSTERIES OF PYTHIANISM IN THIS CITY LAST MONDAY EVENING. THE NEW LODGE STARTS OUT WITH BRIGHT PROSPECTS.

Deputy Grand Chancellor Flint, assisted by a number of Knights from Casselton, Davenport and Hunter lodges instituted a lodge of K. of P's. in this city last Monday evening. The new lodge starts out with a fine charter list and a nice clean representation of business men and farmers of this vicinity. Owing to the busy season of the year there were not as many present from the surrounding lodges as was expected there would be, but, nevertheless, those who did come, to help assist in the organization, were of the right stamp and the work in the different ranks was exemplified in a very creditable manner. Much credit is due Deputy Grand Chancellor Flint, Dr. Sprake, and the other members of the Casselton lodge and Dr. W. F. Hobart and Robt.

J. Schultz, of Davenport lodge, for the efforts put forth by these gentlemen in showing the charter members of McKinley lodge No. 44 the true story of Damon and Pythias. It took from 4 o'clock Monday afternoon until 6 o'clock Tuesday morning to exemplify the work and the transaction of business that naturally would come in the instituting of the lodge, with the exception of one and a half hour for the banquet.

The banquet served by Landlord Wheeler was without exceptions the finest ever served in Hope. The tables were spread fit for a King (and he was there.) The floral decorations were simply grand, from two to five large cut flower bouquets adorned each table, with a big red carnation at each place, the carnation being McKinley's favorite flower, after whom the lodge was named. Mr. Wheeler is certainly to be congratulated on the spread and many compliments were paid him for the very able manner in which he managed the affair. Six young ladies, under the direction of the head-waiter, waited upon the guests.

The instituting of McKinley lodge No. 44 Knights of Pythias is an occasion that will long be remembered by the participants.

The following are the list of Knights who assisted in the work of instituting the lodge: Casselton—Dr. W. T. Sprake, E. S. Flint, Chas. W. Hansine, B. F. Hawley and O. B. Delrymple.

Davenport—Dr. W. F. Hobart and Robt. J. Schultz.

Hunter—T. J. Frank, Chas. R. Adams and A. M. Peterson.

The following are the officers of McKinley lodge No. 44 Knights of Pythias:

OFFICERS.

C. C.—W. E. Taplin,
V. C.—C. S. Shippy.
Prelate—Rev. J. G. Dingle,
M. of N.—E. W. Dittes,
K. of R. & S.—Dr. M. C. Johnston,
M. of F.—E. O. Keene,
M. of E.—S. J. Danskin,
M. at A.—H. J. Harness,
I. G.—Wm. Mowat,
O. G.—A. W. Graham.
Trustees—3 years F. N. Gilmore.
2 years G. A. Luce,
1 year L. A. Jacobson.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Victor Dingle was absent for several days last week on account of toothache.

Mr. McPherson did not have very good luck with his horticultural experiment—his fern froze.