

## CHICAGO ODD FELLOWS GUESTS IN WILMETTE

**Three Links Lodge Confers Degrees on Large Class of Candidates at Sherman Lodge**

By A. H. H.

Three Links Lodge No. 812, I. O. O. F., of 3207 Broadway, Chicago, came to Wilmette over sixty strong last week Thursday and conferred the first degree on a class of candidates at A. T. Sherman lodge No. 892, I. O. O. F., in the assembly hall of the Odd Fellows building, at 1217 Wilmette avenue.

A crowd of about 300 Odd Fellows from lodges all along the north shore, and points beyond, witnessed that night as wonderful an exemplification of the Degree of Friendship as they have ever had the privilege and pleasure of seeing. The work was conferred by a staff of thirty-five proficient members of Three Links Lodge, thoroughly adept in every part. The charges were delivered in an effective and impressive manner and were given letter-perfect. The dramatic work was skilfully and expertly performed, and the floor-work by the sixteen members of the drill team was a revelation of military precision. The rousing applause accorded the staff upon the completion of its work expressed the appreciation and approval of the large audience.

The degree was conferred on six candidates of A. T. Sherman lodge and on four candidates of Rogers Park lodge No. 562. Fourteen lodges were represented at the meeting. There were seven members present who had been Odd Fellows for twenty-five years or more.

After the completion of the degree, speeches became the order of the evening. The district deputy, the noble grands, and some of the vice grands, the Three Links degree captain, and a number of other visiting members were called on, and all responded with appropriate talks. After the close of the meeting, refreshments of roast beef sandwiches and coffee were served in the lodge hall.

### Plan Trip to Antioch

A. T. Sherman lodge is planning to go to Antioch in a special chartered bus—maybe two busses—on Thursday, December 8, to pay Lake lodge No. 723 a fraternal visit. The bus (or busses) will leave the lodge hall at 7 p. m. sharp, after a short lodge session is held, which is to be called at 6:30 p. m. A large number of members have expressed their intentions of making this forty mile trip, and it is expected that there will be a lively, interesting, and entertaining rally of the I. O. O. F. when A. T. Sherman lodge arrives at Antioch that night. Members from several other lodges have declared their desire to drive to Antioch on the evening of December 8. So it is anticipated that this will be the largest "get together" meeting held this season. All members who wish to go are requested to make their reservations by next Thursday evening.

Next Thursday there is to be election of officers for the ensuing term, which begins with the first meeting in January.

Wilevansbrook Encampment No. 177, I. O. O. F., are to be hosts to West End Encampment No. 214, of Berwyn, Ill., on Saturday evening, December 17, in the assembly hall of the I. O. O. F. building in Wilmette. The celebrated staff of the West End Encampment

will confer the Royal Purple Degree on a large class of candidates of Wilevansbrook and other Encampments. Invitations are to be sent to all Encampments in the Third District.

The West End Encampment has a degree staff that is famous throughout

the Order. It has the reputation of being unexcelled in its exemplification of the Royal Purple Degree. This "crack" team carries its own paraphernalia to produce many unique scenic effects, which add immensely to the impressiveness of the degree.

Mrs. Alexander Gray and her daughter, Jean, are coming to share the Christmas festivities with Mrs. Gray's sister, Mrs. Thomas M. Brooks, and her family of 439 Walnut street. Mr. Gray is playing the leading role in "The Desert Song."

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