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The Eighty-seventh Stated Convocation of Metropolitan College S. R. I. A.,
will be held in the Adytum, 310 Lenox Avenue
Friday Evening, September 27, 1918, at 8.00 precisely
Work: Union Class, "Rosicrucian Doctrine and Ceremony", Fr. K.

Excellent Aphorisms, No. 4.

"And four things there are which bring shame to one's face; domination of love, to talk too much and to boast that one knows what one does not know, to conceal everything, to weave a snare and fall into it, and false speaking.

They asked the sage and said: What is the most pleasing thing on earth? He replied: Modesty. He that hath a modest face is pleasing. For all evils are born of impudence and folly.

(Book of Ahikar. (Vizier of Sennacherib, King of Assyria and Ninevah).)

Astrological Class.

Sr Progressio 1^o-10

1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesdays, 712 West 180th St., S. P. M., Beginning in October.

College Notes.

SPECIAL NOTICE: After this issue Mercury will not be mailed to members who are three months or more in arrears of dues. It is a matter of courtesy, loyalty and honesty that each member should discharge financial obligations PROMPTLY, in order that the burden of their arrearage be not sustained by those who are already meeting their own.

THE COLLEGE HOME NIGHT at the last Convocation, June 24th was one of the most successful and enjoyable ever held. Entertainment was furnished by Fraters, Arcadius, Roscius, Leoerke, Heffelo and Dee, with Soror Theodas at the Piano and Organ.

CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY IN ASTROLOGY were awarded to Sorors Serena, Beatrix, and Theodas, and Frater Hermeticus.

LETTERS FROM THE FRONT have been received from Frater Galle, giving a most interesting idea of conditions there by a well trained observer.

FRATER MANILIUS of Co. E, 22nd Infantry, was Managing Editor of the breezy little Camp Paper entitled Madison Barracks "BARBED WIRE." Sample copies were received frequently with much pleasure. He is now stationed at Governor's Island.

A VISIT TO FRATER LINCOLN was made Tuesday, July 9th, 1918, by Soror Progressia and Fraters Reflejo and K. It is gratifying to report that Frater Lincoln was much improved over previous reports.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PRINTING FUND are acknowledged from Fraters Latinus, Paracelsus, Novius, and Cronus. These contributions have been most substantial and are gratefully acknowledged.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE LIBRARY are acknowledged from Fraters Novius, and H. L. Seibert (C. O.), also special presentations of seven volumes from Soror Beatrix, comprising a complete set of Fourth Dimensional literature; fourteen volumes and several pamphlets of Astrological and Theosophical Literature from Fr. Firmus, and twenty-five volumes of valuable and important works covering a wide range of subjects, from Fr. Vigilinus.

HOUSE PARTY AT MOUNTAIN LAKES: On Sunday, August 25th, thirty-six of the active workers of the College gathered at Mountain Lakes as guests of Soror Industria and Fr. Boheme. It was a most enjoyable occasion, lasting well into the evening when the guests departed for New York on a late train.

A MULTIGRAPH, Power-drive, Self-feeding has been installed through the generosity of Fraters Cronus and Paracelsus. This fills a long felt want, and will enable us to begin a more wide-spread distribution of our Standard Instruction as soon as stencils can be cut. The latter assistance is being rendered by Sr. Beatrix.

BIRTH: A son was born to Frater Hyde August 15th, at 7.15 P. M. (Camouflage Time) Kingston, Ontario. Both mother and son are reported as in excellent health. The Congratulations of the College are extended to the happy parents.

SPECIAL NOTICE

As stated above the **NEXT CONVOCATION** will be held Friday, September 27th, at the usual time and place. The Convocation that would have been held on September 13th, will be omitted, and in place, our Annual Convocation will be held on the summit of Mount Washington, Sunday evening, September 15th.

Members planning to attend, should leave New York via the White Mountain Express, Friday evening at 8.05 Grand Central Station. Arrive Cherry Mountain, N. H. 7.54 A. M.; change for Gorham, N. H., 7.59 A. M. Arrive Gorham, N. H., 8.38 A. M. Returning leave Gorham Monday evening or any other evening desired, 7.12 P. M. Arrive New York 7.36 A. M. the following day. Fare, round trip \$30.84, including Pullman. Incidental expenses for Hotel accommodation, meals and cost of ascent, moderate.

It will be **absolutely necessary** for all those who may desire to attend, to write or telegraph ahead to **GLEN HOUSE, Gorham, N. H.**, for sleeping accommodations the night of Sat. 14th, and to have accommodations reserved in Summit House for night of 15th on Mountain. Also to have carriage from Glen House meet train at Gorham, 8.38 A. M., Sat. 14th.

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING of Metropolitan College will be held immediately after the close of the Regular Convocation on Sept. 27th.

CHANGE OF SPELLING: Beginning with this issue Mercury will discontinue the use of "Simplified Spelling" in its complete code. A few forms now universally recognized and endorsed by leading literary authorities will be retained. Mercury is in full sympathy with a discontinuance of the archaic and confusing methods of spelling now in use, but sufficient missionary work has not yet been done in behalf of the Simplified forms to render their complete usage advisable. We have proved it to our satisfaction by a two years' experiment.

**A Communication from the Most Worshipful High Council
of the Societas Rosicruciana in America.**

To All Fraters of the Brotherhood Wheresoever Dispersed
HEALTH STABILITY POWER.

Whereas after months of diligent inquiry, careful investigation, and frequent communication with Most Worshipful Frater Eulis, Grand Master of the Temple of the Rosy Cross, whose See is situate at Salem, Massachusetts, and the Imperator of the Societas Rosicruciana in America whose See is situate in the City of New York, suitable evidence has been presented by each Organization establishing beyond peradventure of doubt the legitimate origin, character and purpose of each, now therefore, with the mutual consent and by the authority of the Executives of each Organization above referred to, the following statements are authorized for publication:

Salem, Massachusetts, August 14th, 1918.

The SOCIETAS ROSICRUCIANA IN AMERICA, whereof Khel is the present Imperator, is held by the Temple of the Rosy Cross to be a true and lawful Rosicrucian Foundation worthy of their deepest consideration and respect, and nothing in the Obligation which they have assumed shall be construed or interpreted to prevent membership in both.

EDWARD H. BROWN,
Grand Master,
Temple of the Rosy Cross.

New York City August 15, 1918.

The TEMPLE OF THE ROSY CROSS of which Paschal Beverly Randolph was the first Grand Master, succeeded by Freeman B. Dowd (Rosicruciae), and he by the present Grand Master, Edward H. Brown, is recognized by the Societas Rosicruciana in America as a perfectly legitimate Rosicrucian Foundation entitled to their deepest consideration and respect; and nothing in the Obligation they have assumed is to be held to prohibit their affiliation with the "Temple of the Rosy Cross" or recognition of its members if they so desire individually.

Khel, I.:
Societas Rosicruciana in America.
(Society of Rosicrucians, Incorporated)

HIGH COUNCIL CONFERS 9th DEGREE ON M.: W.: FR. EULIS.

On Saturday, June 29th, Rt. Wor. Fr. Paracelsus, accompanied by Rt. Wor. Frs. Nestorius, Firmus, and Novius went to Salem, Mass., for the purpose of admitting M.: W.: Fr. Eulis, Grand Master of the Temple of the Rosy Cross to the Honorary Ninth Degree of the Societas Rosicruciana in America.

They were met by Fr. Eulis in Salem, early Sunday morning, and the Ceremony was begun at High Noon precisely. The O.: was solemnized by Rt. Rev. Fr. Nestorius. The Eso. Bir. is given as 2.23 P. M. The visiting Fraters were most cordially and hospitably received by Fr. Eulis, and returned to New York the same evening. Rt. Wor. Fr. Firmus was the Cel. Rt. Wor. Fr. Novius the Pres.

ZELATOR DEGREE CONFERRED IN FULL CEREMONIAL FORM.

For the first time in the United States to our knowledge the Zelator Degree 1-10 was conferred in full ceremonial form at a Special Convocation, at the Adytum July 26th, 1918. The College was opened in full form by Rt. Wor. Fr. Reficio, and the Degree was conferred by Fr. K. with the following cast:

FIRST SECTION

V.: H.: Hiero.	Fr. K.	Os.	Fr. K.
H.: Hier.	" Irenaeus	Th. Her.	Fr. Nestorius,
H.: Heg.	" Reficio.	Ra.	Fr. Vigilius,
Da.	Fr. Firmus,	Is...	Sr. Beatrix,
Sto.	" Actaeon,	Nep.	Sr. Lebania.
Ke.	" Hermeticus.		

The Degree was begun promptly at 8:30 and closed about 12.15 P. M. The Class of Neophytes advanced to the 1-10 Degree, First Grade was as follows:

Sorors	Fraters
Solida.	Novius,
Vinco.	Cronus,
Serena,	Nestorius,
Beatrix,	Vitruvius,
Lebania.	Paracelsus,
Concordia,	Bohme,
Thetis,	Vigilius,
Progressia,	Ded
Industria.	Dionysius
	Benedictus,
	Phaedrus
	Quaesitzo,
	Studium.

The Neophytes receiving this Degree have all averaged an attendance of 50% or better since the date of their enrolment in the Hermetic Class.

The interest manifested by the recipients of the Degree is evidenced by the distances many of them had travelled to reach the Adytum; Philadelphia, Hartford, and even Spokane, Washington. Special thanks are due to Fraters Novius and Paracelsus, and the Macy Co. whose co-operation made the elaborate properties used in this Degree, possible.

BY DISPENSATION the Degree of Neophyte, O-O was conferred in Ample Form on Fr. Phaedrus, (O. J. W. B.) of Spokane, Washington, by the Sec. Gen. Fr. Reficio, July 25th, and the Zelator Degree, 1-10 the following day with the Class listed above. On the same date Fr. Phaedrus was created a Magister VIII^o, as the Representative of this High Council for the State of Washington. Fr. Phaedrus is an active Worker in the Scottish Rite Bodies of Spokane, and has been elected to the 33rd Degree, now holding the title K. C. C. H.

THE THEORICUS DEGREE 2-9 was conferred on Fr. Actaeon August 11th, in Ample Form.

At the close of the next Convocation, a number of the members will adjourn to Pabst Restaurant, 125th Street for a "Vacation Dinner." The price will be \$1.75 per cover and special tables will be reserved. All those desiring to be present must make known their intentions either to the Wor. A. S., or to the Suffragan, Fr. Hermeticus as early as possible as covers will be laid only for those who have ordered reservations.

The cordial thanks of the College are extended to Soror Olivia (Miss M. M.) for the gift of an exquisitely embroidered strip of Roses, her own handwork, for the making of a new Chasuble. Much of our Altar Linen is the work of Soror Olivia.

With this issue we send out the last of the four monographs by Frater S. C. Gould, which were read years ago before the Societas Rosicruciana in the United States. We believe a good work has been accomplished in thus perpetuating these valuable papers and copies of the new issues have been placed in Masonic Libraries where they will be preserved through the years to come. Our next Special Supplements will be devoted to publishing the Theses of our own members who have attained the Ninth Degree.

PLEASE TAKE CAREFUL NOTE, AND REMEMBER: No copies of Mercury can be given out to make up incomplete sets this year, for those who have their complete yearly volumes bound. The issue of Mercury is very limited. The past six months have witnessed an ever increasing demand for this little brochure or paper and we are trying to place it upon a self supporting basis. Practically every copy is spoken for, the only exceptions being those which are retained in our archives for future Colleges. **IF YOU CARE FOR MERCURY, SAVE YOUR COPIES. THE COPIES SENT YOU ARE THE ONLY ONES YOU WILL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN,** and premiums are now being offered for complete volumes of back numbers.

The Officers of the College extend to all the members thereof, a most sincere wish that their vacations may be profitable, pleasant and happy, and that our first Convocation in September may be a grand reunion of forces for the fall work. Thus far, 1919 has been a most successful, prosperous and progressive year, and we believe that its closing in December will record it as a marker in the history of the Fraternity in this country.

Masonic News.

Tuesday evening, June 17th, at the Stated Communication of Adelphe Lodge, No. 348, New York City, Wor. Louis Beyer, Jr., Master, (and our Financial Secretary), Fr. Cronus, (E.B.) was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Thru the courtesy of the Wor. Master, Bro. B. was Received, Met and Raised by his own Fraters of the Brotherhood. (Metropolitan College). The Stations were filled as follows:

South Gate,	Fr. Novius,	Past. Mas. Maimonides Lodge, No. 743.
West Gate,	" Hermeticus,	" " Arcturus Lodge, No. 274.
East Gate,	" Stabillius,	" " Ind. Roy. Arch Lodge, No. 2.
Raised by	" Reficio,	" " Adelphe Lodge, No. 348.
Inst. Lec. by	" Irenaeus,	" " Adelphe Lodge, No. 348.

There were present as visitors, Fraters Firmus, Patricius, Discus, and Khel. It was a genuine pleasure for the visiting Brethren to witness the perfect Work of the Master Wor. Bro. Beyer, in the Conferring of the Degree, and to further enjoy the splendid Historical Lecture by Wor. Bro. Rudd. Metropolitan College is proud of her Masonic Workers.



Directory.

The One Hundred and Fifth Stated Convocation of Metropolitan College S. R. I. A. A., will be held in the Adytum, 310 Lenox Avenue
Between 125th. and 126th. Streets, opposite 125th. Street station, Lenox Ave. Subway.

Friday Evening, June 27, 1919, at 8.00 P. M. precisely

Work:

Neophytes' Class Instructor Rt. Wor. Fr. Reficio IX^o
Elementary Rosicrucian Philosophy, No. 4,
Subject: "General Review."
This Class will be discontinued during July and August.

Elementary Hermetic Class.....Instructor, Rt. Wor. Fr. Paracelsus IX^o
Elementary Hermetic Instruction, No. 8,
Subject: "Exegesis of the Third Hermetic Principle."
This Class will be discontinued during July and August.

Senior Hermetic Class.Instructor, Fr. K.
Senior Hermetic Instruction, No. 3.
Subject: "Eucharist."

Astrological Class.

Sr. Progressa 9^o-2^o.
1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesdays, 712 West 180th Street.
(Reconvenes in September.)

Masonic Notices.

THE TWENTIETH REGULAR VOYAGE OF METROPOLITAN LODGE, NO. 1, ARK MARINER MASONS, will be held on Thursday Evening, September 4th, at 8:00 P. M.