

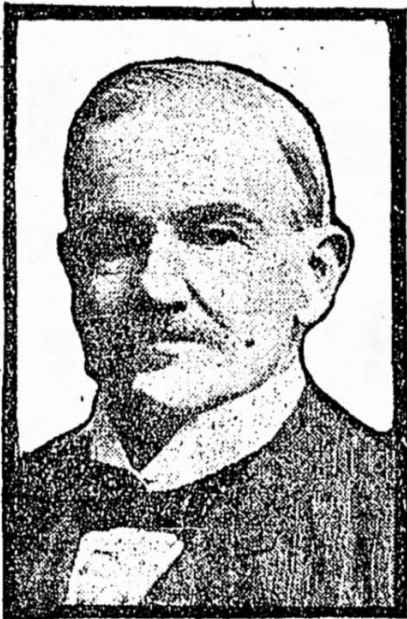
## ANNUAL CONVENTION KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

Grand Lodge of Tennessee  
Will Convene at Ovoca  
May 11 and 12.

WILL ELECT OFFICERS

Many Interesting Matters Are  
Scheduled to Come Up  
for Discussion.

The thirty-seventh annual convention of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, Knights of Pythias, which will be held at Ovoca, near Tallahoma, where the Tennessee Pythian Home is situated, May 11 and 12, promises to be one of the most interesting in the history of the order. Many matters of importance are to come up before the Knights, the annual election of offi-



MAJ. WM. SLOAN.  
Grand lodge messenger and a veteran Knight of Pythias who will be a candidate for re-election at the convention to be held at Ovoca, May 11-12. It is certain that he will be re-elected.

cers will be held, and an attendance of from 800 to 1,000 is expected.

The Knights will eat supper and breakfast in Tallahoma and, taking automobiles, spend each day in the home at Ovoca, where they will have their dinner. A preliminary meeting of the committees will be held at Tallahoma



DR. GEO. H. PRICE.  
Grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, who will preside at the annual meeting at Ovoca May 11 and 12.

May 10 for the purpose of preparing reports. It is the custom of the order that at each election the officers be moved up one place, so the only new man to be elected will be a Grand Outer Guard.

The present officers of the Grand Lodge are as follows: Dr. Geo. H. Price, Nashville, Grand Chancellor; L. G. Brown, Chattanooga, Grand Vice Chancellor; W. D. Fox, Tallahoma, Grand Keeper of the Records and Seal; H. W. Stratton, Brownsville, Grand Prelate; P. D. Huston, Nashville, Grand Master of the Exchequer; W. B. Stewart, Dunlap, Grand Master At Arms; W. P. Hays, Chattanooga, Grand Inner Guard; D. M. Scales,

Memphis, Grand Outer Guard and Maj. W. H. Sloan, Nashville, Grand Lodge Messenger. With the exception of the Keeper of the Records and Seal, the Master of the Exchequer, the two financial positions, and the Grand Lodge Messenger, the other officers will be promoted one step, Dr. Geo. H. Price retiring.



W. D. FOX.  
Grand keeper of records and seal, Knights of Pythias. He has given great satisfaction and there is no doubt of his re-election.

### Probable G. C.

L. G. Browne, who will doubtless become the Grand Chancellor, is a well known banker of Chattanooga, being the assistant cashier of the First National Bank of that city. He has done more, perhaps, than any other man to build up the Keystone Company of the Uniform Rank of Knights of Pythias and was at one time commanding officer of the Uniform Rank for the state, but had to resign on account of temporary absence from the state. He is well loved throughout the order and a gentleman in every sense of the word.

Of Maj. W. H. Sloan of this city, who will be a candidate for re-election as Grand Lodge Messenger of Tennessee, a recent issue of the Pythian Advocate, the official publication of the organization issued at Minneapolis, says:

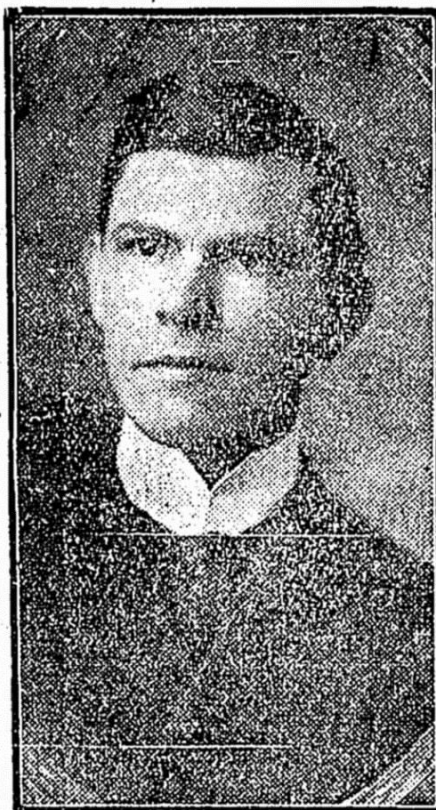
"The name, 'Major Sloane,' is well known in the Pythian order—not so much by reason of exalted and prominent positions he has held, but rather by reason of his recognized worth as a man and a Knight of Pythias, whose love for this order is, and has been for many years, his very life.

"He has long been familiar in the councils of this order, and while his active Pythian duties have been almost entirely confined to his home grand domain—Tennessee—he is, by reason of his past experience as publisher of a Pythian paper, widely known throughout the order. The major is one of those kind of men, who, in ritualistic parlance, may be referred to as 'a plain, blunt soldier.' He is an every-day Knight of Pythias, and whenever there is any Pythian work to be done in the city of Nashville, or anywhere in the grand domain of Tennessee, Major Sloan is 'the man on the job.' Good-natured, kind, congenial, willing to do for others more than for himself—he is the one man in his home community to whom all others look and turn, either for aid, advice or assistance."

The convention will open at Ovoca, with the conferring of the grand lodge rank, there being a number of applicants. Following this, action will be taken on the reports of officers. During the afternoon there will be an exemplification of secret work and the election of officers will be held. It is probable that the Elkeho temple of Chattanooga will give an entertainment for the lodge the first night.

### Second Day.

The second day will open with the hearing of the reports of committees. Following the action on these, the mis-



P. D. HOUSTON, JR.

Grand master of the exchequer, Knights of Pythias, who have their annual meeting next week.

cellaneous business will be taken up, and at the afternoon session the newly elected officers will be installed.

Among the matters of business of interest to come up will be the action in regard to the taking over of the Ovoca property, now in the hands of the Knights of Pythias Holding Company. This will probably be done. The question as to whether or not to hold all annual sessions at Ovoca will also be considered. This well meet with opposition, a number of the Knights believing that the money spent on railroad fares to Ovoca could be saved to a large extent by making Nashville the meeting place, and that by giving this money to the home greater good will be done than by meeting there.

Action of some sort will also be taken in regard to the so-called colored Knights of Pythias, and the committee appointed to look into this matter stirred into more vigorous action.

On the whole the convention promises to be one of the most successful in the history of the Tennessee grand lodge, which will be in no little amount due to the efficient set of officers who have been in charge for the past year.