

The Purple and White Fleet

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Mr. Hamilton drove to Pittsburgh, where he was relieved, for a few days, by J. D. Connor, a fellow member of THE ELKS MAGAZINE staff. Mr. Connor went first to Clarksburg, West Virginia, stopping briefly at Morgantown Lodge, No. 411, and Fairmont Lodge, No. 294, on the way. At Clarksburg Lodge, No. 482, he was met by Past Exalted Ruler W. C. Morrison. He attended the Lodge session, meeting Exalted Ruler Kirk King, Secretary W. B. Wilson, and other officers.

THE fourth car of the fleet, piloted by William Cunningham on the southernmost of the four routes, made its first visit to the Home of New Brunswick, N. J., Lodge, No. 324, where it was met with an elaborate reception, headed by Exalted Ruler Monroe W. Taylor, Secretary Edward Burt, Mayor J. J. Morrison, and a large delegation of Elks. The next stop was at Trenton, where the driver was greeted by Exalted Ruler Harry E. Horner, Secretary A. E. Dearden, Past Exalted Rulers C. D. Geller and George Forker, and a number of other officers and members of No. 105. At the Home of Philadelphia, Pa., Lodge, No. 2, Mr. Cunningham was entertained at lunch by Exalted Ruler H. S. Goldstein, Secretary F. R. Vocum, Past Exalted Ruler G. H. Wobensmith, and other officers. From Philadelphia he went on to the neighboring Lodge of Chester, No. 488, there receiving a welcome from Exalted Ruler M. C. Trestrail, Past Exalted Rulers S. E. Turner and B. N. Winn, and other officers and members. Wilmington, Del., Lodge, No. 307, was the next stopping place, and there the driver met Exalted Ruler Sol Kessler, Secretary Charles H. Simmons, Past Exalted Rulers James Robbins, Wm. L. Hamann, Z. A. Pool and many members, who were his hosts at luncheon.

At Baltimore Lodge, No. 7, THE ELKS MAGAZINE representative was entertained at dinner by Exalted Ruler M. D. Bramm, Secretary Albert B. Kries, Past Exalted Rulers George Joeckel and Charles Newman, and was shown through the handsome Home. Arriving in Washington, D. C., the following day, he was guest for lunch of Exalted Ruler John D. Fitzgerald, Past Exalted Rulers D. R. Nihon and James Ward, Arthur Riemer, and other officers and members. Later he met Past Grand Exalted Ruler Rush L. Holland and Secretary William S. Shelby, and attended a meeting of the Lodge, which he addressed relative to the tour. At Alexandria, Va., Lodge, No. 758, he was met by Exalted Ruler E. F. Hoffman, Secretary George H. Railing, Past Exalted Ruler Harry E. Hinken, and other officers. Fredericksburg, Va., Lodge, No. 875, was the next port of call, and there Mr. Cunningham was welcomed by Exalted Ruler Dr. J. N. Barney, Past Exalted Rulers Henry Dannehl, Simon Hirsh, W. E. Long, A. G. Billingsley, C. S. Hunter, S. S. Kaufman, Major John Burke (of No. 1), and District Deputy W. B. F. Cole. Escorted by a group of these Elks and other officers and members of the Lodge, he visited the grave of Mary Washington, laying a wreath thereon. Proceeding to Richmond, the driver was escorted the last twenty miles by a convoy of specially decorated cars, and was given a dinner that evening by the officers of Lodge No. 45. Among those present were James A. Kline, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, Exalted Ruler W. C.

Cosby, Secretary W. R. Harwood, Past Exalted Rulers G. W. Epps, Melvin Flegenheimer, A. J. Crafts, Charles M. Angle, and a number of other members.

At Petersburg Lodge, No. 237, the driver was welcomed by Acting Exalted Ruler E. N. Townes, Secretary J. H. Bailey, Past Exalted Rulers Dr. George Reese, T. F. Smith, W. I. Wheary, and many other members. Lynchburg Lodge, No. 321, was next on the schedule, and there the car and driver were received by Exalted Ruler L. K. Burnham, Secretary W. O. Bell, Past Exalted Ruler R. C. McGee and the chair officers. At Danville the driver met Secretary John Lee, Jr., of Lodge No. 227, Past District Deputy H. B. Trundle, and many of the membership.

The following day Mr. Cunningham paid a brief visit to Durham, N. C., Lodge, No. 568, meeting Exalted Ruler C. E. Hooker, Secretary J. T. Muse, and others, then went on to the Home of Raleigh Lodge, No. 735, where he was taken in charge by Past Exalted Rulers W. R. Boyle and C. E. Parker, and met Exalted Ruler W. F. Moodey, Secretary D. L. Hatch, Past Exalted Rulers A. B. Andrews, E. B. Yearby, S. J. Adams, and George U. Baucum, Jr., who were his hosts at luncheon. From Raleigh he proceeded to Greensboro, there being greeted by Exalted Ruler J. Max Rawlins, Secretary O. W. Patterson and a large group of other Elks. The next stop was at Winston-Salem Lodge, No. 449, where the driver was warmly received by Exalted Ruler W. T. Gray, Past Exalted Ruler George Lawson, Esteemed Leading Knight R. R. Elmore, and other officers and members. The driver next paid a brief visit to Salisbury Lodge, No. 699, being met there by Exalted Ruler D. W. Plyler, Secretary J. M. Miller, Past Exalted Ruler J. E. Holshouer, and several other members and officers. He was guided about the town by Secretary Miller.

From Salisbury Mr. Cunningham swung north to Bristol, Tenn., where at the invitation of Exalted Ruler Laurence Hammer and Secretary C. F. Henritze, he attended a meeting of Lodge No. 232, and made an address. He also met Past Exalted Ruler R. B. Torbett and many others of the membership. Heading back into North Carolina again, he next stopped at Asheville Lodge, No. 1401, meeting Secretary N. P. Mulvaney and a group of members. Thence to Greenville, S. C., where he was met at the Home of Lodge No. 858, by Exalted Ruler C. F. McCullough, Secretary W. R. Riley, Past Exalted Ruler W. W. Beachem, and others. At Anderson, S. C., the next stop, he was welcomed by Exalted Ruler J. C. Jones, Secretary E. Clyde McCants, and other Elks.

Going into Athens, Ga., the car was met six miles from town and escorted to the Home of Lodge No. 790 by Secretary E. S. Thomas, with two decorated automobiles. After a short parade about the city the driver visited the Home and met, among others, Gasper Palmosano, Past Exalted Ruler, and a number of other Elks. He was given a motorcycle escort, which conducted him to the right road for Atlanta.

In the latter city he was received by Exalted Ruler and District Deputy John S. McClelland, Secretary R. E. L. Reynolds, and a number of the other officers and members, who were cordial and helpful.

Grand Exalted Ruler Visits Mid-West

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Detraining at Surrey, around noon, a number of Elks from Minot, N. D., Lodge met the party and took the visitors on a trip to the Truax-Trayer coal mines at Velva, where they were personally conducted through the mines by Mr. Truax (who was initiated into Minot Lodge that evening), and who afterward, with Mrs. Truax, entertained the party at luncheon.

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Driving to Minot, the visitors were met by the drum corps of Minot Lodge and escorted to the Home, where a banquet in Mr. Hulbert's honor was served, later to be followed by a joint meeting of the Elks Lodges of the northern half of the State. Mr. Hulbert's address and the initiation of a class of candidates marked a memorable occasion.

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