

National Forensic League

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The Bulletin

With this issue the Bulletin will be published regularly from September to June. Regulation No. 10 providing for its publication, submitted to the Active Members, was adopted by an overwhelming vote. On Dec. 27th when there were 512 votes among the Active members, 286 had been cast. Of these 270 were in favor of the regulation and only 16 against it. As a majority of all eligible votes had been cast the ballot was closed and the regulation declared adopted.

Annual Dues

As provided by Regulation No. 10 the annual dues are now \$1.00 per chapter. Wichita, Webster Groves, Canton, and Elko anticipated the passage of the regulation and sent their dues with their votes. The other chapters are requested to send the dues to the Secretary as soon as convenient, but not later than January 31.

The Amendment

The amendment to the constitution reducing degree fees to 50 cents was passed almost unanimously; 283 votes for, 5 against. This amendment also was declared effective Dec. 27th. Several chapters who have since sent the full dollar for degree fee have had 50 cents placed back to their credit.

With the reduction of this fee there should be nothing preventing members eligible for higher degrees applying for them. The extra vote which the degree conveys will come handy to a good many chapters when the nomination and election of National Officers takes place shortly.

The June Magazine

There are still a good many copies of the June Magazine on hand. Unless they are taken up by the Chapters the loss to the national organization will be heavy. The magazine runs over fifty pages. As it is the first League publication it will not only be interesting reading now, but will take on increased significance as the years add to its historic interest. Every Chapter should have at least one copy for

its files. The price is 50 cents and copies can be obtained either from the Editor or the Secretary.

Send in Your Reports

The contest season is on. Send the reports of your debates and speaking contests to the National Secretary immediately after each event. Do not wait until the end of the season to send a whole packet. By sending them immediately you not only add to the interest of your members by letting them watch their total credit points pile up on their memorandum slips, but you are doing a real favor to the Secretary.

Even last year with only 75 chapters at the time, reports came into this office during April and May at such a rate that prompt handling was almost impossible. One hundred reports a day was not uncommon, and it takes a good deal of time to take care of one hundred reports. This year with double the number of chapters the rush is going to be worse unless Chapter officers relieve the situation by spreading the work over the entire season.

Several chapters are doing this of their own accord and reports are coming in regularly. The rest of the Chapters are requested to do the same to avoid a rush season for themselves and for the Secretary.

Membership Applications

The same applies to membership applications. As soon as a contestant has qualified for membership his application should be sent in. If his certificate and emblem are not to be awarded until the close of the season they can be retained meanwhile by the chapter or school officials. Getting them now will greatly help the national office and also assure the chapter that these things will be on hand when they are wanted.

New Chapters

The following Chapters have been authorized since September:

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| 128 Catasauqua, Pennsylvania | 138 Denver, Colorado |
| 129 Downs, Kansas | Manual High School |
| 130 Rock Rapids, Iowa | 139 Minneapolis, Minnesota |
| 131 Menasha, Wisconsin | Minnesota College |
| 132 Hampton, Iowa | 140 Lawton, Oklahoma |
| 133 Fayette, Missouri | 141 Bowling Green, Ohio |
| 134 Manhattan, Kansas | 142 Baxter Springs, Kansas |
| 135 Rocky Ford, Colorado | 143 Newark, New Jersey |
| 136 Passaic, New Jersey | 144 Gladstone, Michigan |
| 137 Arlington, Washington | |

Twice Charter Members

Two members have the distinction of twice being charter members

of N.F.L. Chapters. Mr. R. N. Thompson last year organized Chapter No. 33 at Allentown (Pa.) High School, and this fall organized the first chapter authorized this year, at Catasauqua, Pennsylvania.

Miss Mary M. Matlick, who last year organized Chapter No. 96 at Cameron, Missouri, this fall organized Chapter No. 135 at Rocky Ford, Colorado.

Suspended Chapters

Three chapters were suspended June 1, for failing to reach a membership of five before that date: Wilson, North Carolina; Batavia, New York; and New Richmond, Wisconsin. Batavia has taken steps to build up its membership and apply for reinstatement.

Failure to send requested official information before September 30 resulted in a fine for a dozen chapters. Butte, Montana; Lancaster, Ohio; Sheboygan, Wisconsin, and Waupun, Wisconsin, were suspended on Dec. 15 for not paying the fine. Sheboygan and Butte have already taken steps to secure reinstatement.

Three other chapters were suspended December 31 by order of the Executive Council for failure to pay charter or membership fees owed by them: Mankato, Kansas; Eugene, Oregon, and Charleston, West Virginia. Charleston has taken steps to be reinstated.

Summary Statement

	New	Total
Chapters	17	142
Members	126	1051
Emblems ordered	75	733
Reports of Contest	381	2179
Memoranda Issued	348	2182
Degrees Granted:		
Degree of Honor	21	165
Degree of Excellence	7	54
Degree of Distinction	3	18

Advanced Degrees

The following Advanced Degrees have been granted since the publication of the September Bulletin:

DEGREE OF DISTINCTION

- Verlin McMahon, Clarion, Iowa.
- Athlene McGee, Fayette, Missouri.
- S. L. Meyer, Fayette, Missouri.

DEGREE OF EXCELLENCE

Kenneth Wolfe, Ashland, Ohio.
Victor M. Burns, Sacramento, California.
Gladys T. Staats, Sacramento, California.
Velma Evans, Sacramento, California.
Donald F. Prince, Portland, Maine.
Athlene McGee, Fayette, Missouri.
S. L. Meyer, Fayette, Missouri.

DEGREE OF HONOR

Matthew DeLany, Hornell, New York.
William T. English, Hornell, New York.
Kenneth Wolfe, Ashland, Ohio.
Herbert Butzbach, Clinton, Iowa.
Richard T. Page, Waterville, Maine.
Miss Ruth E. Wells, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.
Frances Adams, Sacramento, California.
Victor M. Burns, Sacramento, California.
Gladys T. Staats, Sacramento, California.
Velma Evans, Sacramento, California.
Ruth L. Woodard, Sacramento, California.
Lucille Schwartz, Menasha, Wisconsin.
Robert Schwartz, Menasha, Wisconsin.
Dorothy Crawford, Menasha, Wisconsin.
Verle Bliss, Menasha, Wisconsin.
Henry Kreshock, Menasha, Wisconsin.
Herbert Fox, Alpena, Michigan.
Neal F. Ross, Portland, Maine.
Rizpah Davis, Portland, Maine.
Athlene McGee, Fayette, Missouri.
S. L. Meyer, Fayette, Missouri.

Additional Copies

Additional copies of this Bulletin will be sent to any Chapter for the rest of the year for 15 cents a copy.

Chapters Not Organized

Several chapters authorized last year have not yet organized. They are again urged to do so. To delay further will appear to indicate lack of interest and will be prejudicial to the good standing of the Chapter. If difficulties in making out the reports are encountered, write the Secretary.