



Beauceant News

As part of celebrating the outstanding history of our order, the following article will hopefully bring to mind the stories of our success and pay tribute to our second supreme worthy president. It is once more written by Laura Lee Novack.

“The Lord is my Shepherd, no want shall I know; I feed in green pastures, safe folded I rest; He leadeth my soul where the still waters flow.”

Our Shepherd of all shepherds, the Great Templar, inspired Ada Shrock McClure, another one of the original founders of the S.O.O.B. and a member of the Mother Assembly at Denver, to give of herself and her substance to carry on the work of Supreme Beauceant, as started by that valiant leader, Mary E. Peirce.

There stood a beautiful golden lady, true to her promise of the previous year, and knowing that:

Thou, Lord, art our Shepherd.
What fear have we?
Both substance and strength art Thine,
And we are one in Thee.

She made her vows to Beauceant Supreme and was on her way to prove herself worthy of her high calling.

The Memorial Service that she composed, used by the Supreme Assembly that year, and later changed somewhat by herself, Mrs. Adah B. Duff, Mrs. Leonard B. Meek, and adopted by the Supreme Assembly for its use and chartered Assemblies, has given much comfort to the sorrowing.

This prayer in the original memorial service reminds us of Our Father’s promise:

“Our Father, thou hast promised to be with us in trouble; to save us from fear and show us the way. Infinite in Thy wisdom and merciful in Thy majesty, give us, Thy children, a deeper knowledge of our duties towards Thee and to each other in the lesson of this hour. Thy benediction rest with the bereaved ones, that they may be comforted, and consolation be theirs. Finally, O God, bring us face to face with those we love, and may we all be brought to our celestial home to dwell with Thee. Amen”

“Out where the handclasp’s a little stronger,
And friendships last a little longer,
That’s where the West begins.”

At El Dorado, Kansas, on October the 12th and 13th in 1922; Moberly, Missouri; Greely, Colorado; Sedalia, Missouri; Topeka, Kansas; Lawrence, Kansas; Akron, Ohio;

and Delta, Colorado joined the ranks of the Chartered Assemblies of Supreme Assembly, which were: Denver, Colorado; Boulder, Colorado; Trinidad, Colorado; Kansas City, Missouri; Enid, Oklahoma; Newton, Kansas; Kansas City, Kansas; Wichita, Kansas; Ottumwa, Iowa; La Junta, Colorado; Pueblo, Colorado; Dodge City, Kansas; Cleveland, Ohio; Winfield, Kansas; Hutchinson, Kansas; El Dorado, Kansas; Pratt, Kansas; and Arkansas City, Kansas; and the march was on! Not only was there a gain in membership of 663, making a total of 3,292 but a gain in the assets for the year of \$602.63, making the total cash on hand, \$2,393.33. The excellent financial condition was largely due to each Supreme officer assuming her own responsibility for railroad fares in connection with constituting new Assemblies.

It was during this year with Mrs. Lewis C. McClure as supreme worthy president that the decision was made to present each initiate with a cross and crown similar to the one used by the Supreme Assembly in its exemplification of the initiatory degree.

An honor that Mrs. McClure must have been very proud of was presenting Mrs. Peirce with the jewel of her high office, a reward well earned, not only for her year as supreme worthy president but as a reminder of her thirty years of service in the S.O.O.B.: The Salem Cross of rubies. "Wear it in faith, loyalty, and love, with God's richest blessings."

After pledging themselves to greater achievement in the service of mankind, the second Supreme Assembly closed with eyes toward a greater advance for the Beauceant!

"Let goodness and mercy, my bountiful God,
Still follow my steps till I meet Thee above;
I seek by the path which my forefathers trod,
Thro' the land of their sojourn, Thy kingdom of love."



Mrs. Louis C. McClure
Second Supreme Worthy President
1921-1922