

I. O. O. F. LODGES RECALL BIRTHDAY

Duluth Odd Fellows Celebrate Fiftieth Anniversary of Order in This City.

One thousand Duluth Odd Fellows last night celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the first I. O. O. F. lodge in this city, No. 28, organized Aug. 25, 1870. It has 500 members at the present time. Practically every member of the four other lodges of the order in Duluth were visitors at the anniversary celebration at Axa hall.

T. W. Hugo, one of the early members of Odd Fellowship in Duluth, opened the program of speeches with an address on the early history of the lodge. He traced the growth of the lodge since its organization in 1870 to the present time.

"There were only 15 to 20 lodges in Minnesota in 1870 and today there are over 250 with a total membership of over 30,000," he said. Calling attention to the charitable work of fraternal organization, he pointed out how that work might be carried on through the club features of modern life.

The principal address of the evening was delivered by Dr. James O. Werntz, of Moose Lake, grand warden of the state lodge. He spoke on "Odd Fellowship in Minnesota."

F. G. Phillips, commissioner of public safety, responded and spoke on "Present Day Odd Fellowship."

The musical part of the program consisted of vocal and instrumental selections by W. S. Cutter.

The program was opened with the singing of "America" and closed with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne." Following the refreshments a smoker and social hour was enjoyed by nearly a thousand members and visitors.

The following committee was in charge: Harry Witz, Robert E. McFarlane and Charles Ottinger.