

Around the Office Desk

Unity and Co-operation

I WILL venture to say that every greenkeeper has in mind the National Convention of Greenkeepers at Louisville, Kentucky, in February, and is looking forward to meeting old friends, and cultivating new. Let us make this a banner Convention. Let every greenkeeper be there in numbers up to four figures.

This is the third year of the N. A. G. A.'s existence. As has always been said of any enterprise, if it can weather its third year it is assured of success. It is not necessary to remind a great many of this fact, but, there may be some who do not realize the importance of their attendance and co-operation in this third year. Unity is the key to the success of our association, "United we stand, but divided we fall"; think over this old proverb.

We need new members; men who are worthy of being one of us, and who will be a credit to the Association. Members contemplating proposing new members should be sure they will be accepted by the membership committee. The support of our present membership is most essential.

Our Association stands for Justice, Benevolence, and Education, let us not forget this. Help your fellow men and work for the N. A. G. A., not for the individual. If this is done, the Association will be a great success.

I want to remind you of an important part and that is the golf show, which is held under the auspices of the N. A. G. A. There will be a greater number of exhibitors this year than ever before, and it is your duty to support these exhibitors, by your and your Greens Chairman's presence. The exhibitors are put to a great deal of expense in bringing their exhibits to the show and showing them. This cannot be done without salesmen. Show them your appreciation by attending the exhibition; it may be that you are in the market for a certain piece of equipment, and by seeing this you may decide to buy. So try and induce your Chairman to make the trip to Louisville with you; neither of you will regret it.

One more reason for your presence being essential is, to help repay Fred Burkhardt, Chairman of the Golf Show Committee, for untiring efforts and energy to make this show the most successful yet attempted.

JOHN MACGREGOR,

Greenkeeper, Chicago Golf Club.

Greenkeepers Honor McNamara

The following resolution sent in by John Quail, Secretary, was read and adopted at the meeting of the Greenkeepers Club of Western Pennsylvania, October 14, 1929:

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His wisdom, has seen fit to take from this life JOHN McNAMARA, Vice President of the Greenkeepers Club of Western Pennsylvania, and a faithful member since its organization; and

WHEREAS, John McNamara, who died Sunday, September 1st, 1929, at the age of fifty-seven years, ended a life which was marked for its high character and sterling worth to his friends and neighbors who knew him as a most honorable and upright citizen, a worthy friend and an excellent greenkeeper who strove for all things worth while living for;

THEREFORE, we who have known him, and sat with him at our meetings, it behooves us, that the motion having been made and duly seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED, That there be spread upon the minutes of The Greenkeepers Club of Western Pennsylvania, the record of death of one of the members who was a founder of this organization which has progressed by reason of the integrity of JOHN McNAMARA, who always upheld the high ideals of greenkeeping, and gave his time and knowledge to help others to advance that they could carry on the work left unfinished by his untimely end, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That we extend to his family and their friends, our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of bereavement, and that when this meeting adjourns, it does so out of respect to the memory of the late JOHN McNAMARA, and in respect to the surviving members of his family.

*Address all communications relating to
Association membership, dues, etc., to--*

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*Address all communications relating to the
Golf Show at Louisville, February 4-7, 1930 to--*

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