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**COCHISE LODGE #5, INDEPENDENT ORDER OF THE ODD FELLOWS
RECORDS, 1881-1957 (BULK: 1883-1900)**

DESCRIPTION

The collection consists of the corporate records of the Cochise (Arizona) Lodge #5 of the Independent Order of the Odd Fellows (IOOF). Founded in Tombstone in 1881, the Lodge records include minutes, secretarial and treasurer reports, applications for membership, correspondence with other Arizona IOOF lodges and correspondence with lodges throughout the United States. The bulk of the material is from 1883 to 1900.

4 boxes, 1 outside item; 2.5 linear feet

ACQUISITION

This collection was acquired by the Arizona Historical Society in 1986 from the sale of items by the Tombstone-Wells Fargo Museum.

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

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ARRANGEMENT

Organizational Records, 1881-1957. Correspondence, 1881-1946. Printed Material, 1890-1925. Ledgers, 1885-1941.

HISTORICAL NOTE

The Independent Order of the Odd Fellows (IOOF) was established to give aid to those in need and to pursue beneficial acts and projects. This desire to aid and improve his fellow man was symbolized by three links which stand for Friendship, Love and Truth. The IOOF was founded in England in the 17th Century, and in 1819 the Sovereign Grand Lodge in the United States was founded in Baltimore, Maryland. IOOF members were allowed to self-charter lodges in new towns and cities, with the charter being later approved by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

On August 9, 1881, Cochise Lodge #5 of the IOOF was founded in Tombstone, Arizona Territory by six men: Charles E. Fredericks, Bart Callaghan, R.J. Pryke, Daniel Drew, Michael Griffin, and H.H. Tuttle. Cochise Lodge #5 joined with the other Arizona lodges in 1884 to found the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Arizona. By 1890 Cochise Lodge #5 had 78 members, and it continued to grow into the early 1900s, when it began a slow decline. In the 1930s and the 1940s the Secretary for the Lodge was Ray Krebs, former Mayor of Tombstone, and he seems to have kept much of the material. The Lodge appears to have become defunct sometime in the 1960s.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The records of the Cochise Lodge #5 of the IOOF cover a broad range of time, from 1881 to 1957, and have been divided in four series: Organizational Records, Correspondence, Printed Material, and Ledgers. The majority of the material dates prior to 1900. The organizational records include membership applications, minutes, reports to the Arizona Grand Secretary, and resolutions and amendments to the by-laws. The membership applications are interesting in that they provide a person's occupation, their age and place of birth. Most of the applications are from 1900 to 1918.

The majority of the records consist of correspondence from members of the Cochise Lodge and from other lodges in and outside of Arizona. Much of the correspondence from members relates to dues and payment of dues. The correspondence from other lodges concerns dismissal of members for non-payment of dues, monies owed for care of sick brothers, monies owed for burials, and some discussion of by-laws and encampments. Also in the correspondence are certificates, called *Visitation* and *Withdrawal*, that act as letters of introduction. The visitation certificates enabled an Odd Fellow to visit, seek aid, and borrow monies from other Lodges while traveling. On the back of the visitation certificate the lodges that were visited are recorded. The withdrawal certificates enabled IOOF members leaving a lodge to join a new lodge in another city or town.

The printed material from this collection consists of advertisements for products related to fraternal organizations. There are two regalia catalogues that would provide a researcher with details for pre-1900 vestments, standards, pins, ledgers, etc. The ledgers consist largely of dues receipts and check registers. One ledger relates to the mission of the IOOF. It records relief given to sick brothers, for such illnesses as rheumatism.

BOX AND FOLDER LISTING

Series 1 Organizational Records, 1881-1957

Box 1	F. 1	Roll of Officers	1889-1900
	F. 2	Membership Applications to Cochise Lodge #5	1883-1931
	F. 3	Membership Appointments, Resignations, Dismissals, and Appeals	1881-1925
	F. 4	Secretary, Treasurer, and Trustee Reports to Membership	1882-1957
	F. 5	Semi-Annual and Annual Relief Reports to the Grand Secretary	1885-1895
	F. 6	Semi-Annual and Annual Relief Reports to the Grand Secretary	1896-1905
	F. 7	Resolutions and Amendments to the Bylaws and Minutes	1882-1954
Box 2	F. 8	Minutes	1881-1883
	F. 9	Minutes (typed)	1936-1942

Series 2 Correspondence, 1881-1946

Box 3	F. 10	Copy Book of the Lodge Secretary	1890-1897	
	F. 11-12	Correspondence from Membership of Cochise Lodge #5	1882-1929	
	F. 13	Correspondence from the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Arizona	1884-1955	
	F. 14	Correspondence from Arizona Lodge #1 (Prescott)	1883-1906	
	F. 15	Correspondence from Phoenix Lodge #2	1882-1903	
	F. 16	Correspondence from Pima Lodge #3 (Tucson)	1881-1924	
	F. 17	Correspondence from Pinal Lodge #4 (Pinal)	1883-1887	
	F. 18	Correspondence from Globe Lodge #6 and Rescue Lodge #12	1883-1922	
	F. 19	Correspondence from Bisbee Lodge #10	1884-1932	
	F. 20	Correspondence from other Arizona Lodges	1889-1922	
	F. 21-27	Correspondence from IOOF Lodges in other States and Territories	1881-1946	
	F. 28	Letters of Introduction given to Cochise Lodge #5 Members	1884-1897	
	Box 4	F. 29	Letters of Introduction from other IOOF Lodges	1881-1919

Series 3 Printed Material, 1890-1925

F. 30	Advertisements & Product Correspondence	c.1890-1925
F. 31	Catalogues for IOOF Regalia	n.d.

Series 4 Ledgers, 1885-1941

Outside Item	F. 32	Dues/Payment Received Register	1902-1903
	F. 33	Dues/Payment Received Register	1914-1921
	F. 34	Secretary's Cash Book (Dues/Payment Received Register)	1921-1941
	F. 35	Check Register	1885-1887
	F. 36	Check Register	1885
	F. 37	Check Register	1925
	F. 38	Record Of Relief	1897
		Membership ledger (wrapped)	1903-1911