

5. Establish a fraternal organization to provide for economic, social, and recreational facilities for Negroes

The IBPOE of W is an entirely separate organization from the well-known Benevolent Protective Order of Elks (BPOE).

Lodges of the IBPOE of W exist in practically every major city in the United States, each lodge having a women's auxiliary section known as Temples. Affairs of the organization are handled by the office of the grand secretary in Washington, D. C., assisted by the grand exalted ruler in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The IBPOE of W issues a publication known as the Washington Eagle published in Washington, D. C.

Prior to the 55th national convention of this organization held in Chicago, Illinois, in August, 1954, the Communist Party, USA, was said to be in the process of establishing a policy accelerating its infiltration of the IBPOE of W. At that time, 21 Party members were reportedly affiliated with the IBPOE of W although none held a top office.

The Communist Party fraction of the IBPOE of W held a pre-convention caucus at which it was decided that Party work in this organization should proceed slowly and should concentrate on the civil liberties, legislative, and educational committees. Meetings were held in New York