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successor. <sup>naturally</sup> The question naturely arises how could the first edict ~~be~~ <sup>be</sup> infallible and its reversal also be infallible? These matters may be satisfactorily adjusted by members of the hierarchy, but they are a bit puzzling to laymen.

It comes to my mind, and I believe I am correct in saying, that at the great council at Nicaea, or Nice, held in the <sup>fourth</sup> ~~fourth~~ century, that a matter of tremendous importance was decided by a majority of but one vote. Thereafter anyone failing to believe and act with the majority became a heretic, and subject to punishment by the church.

So you see that you Lutherans are following a great and brave leader, who made possible the existence of all ~~Protestant~~ churches.

Martin Luther was born Nov. 10, 1483, which was 435 years before your ~~Men's~~ ~~Group, or Brotherhood~~ was founded, twenty-five years ago.

Nineteen Eighteen, the year of your birth, was a fateful one. During the spring and summer of that year Germany had made five fearful drives in the hope of breaking thru the allied lines, <sup>to</sup> reaching the sea, and thus ~~cutting~~ <sup>to cut</sup> lines of ~~supplies~~ ~~essential~~ to the allies. In this <sup>Germany</sup> almost succeeded, <sup>fail</sup> later to ~~fail~~ thru the additional strength, courage and skill of American soldiers and their leaders.

We are all familiar with the slow <sup>motion</sup> ~~moving~~ pictures now an then thrown upon the screen. Such slowness in a measure represents the methods used by the English and French during the early years of the war, in which days, weeks or months were deemed necessary to accomplish certain results.

An awakening came when the Americans were told to take a certain hill in two or three days, and they did it in as many hours. While our soldiers had been trained for trench warfare, they preferred to use the open style <sup>American</sup> methods, which had been learned thru ~~the~~ years of warfare with the Indians. They moved so ~~rapidly~~ rapidly from cover to cover that they offered no stable target <sup>for artillery</sup> and often won the battle before the enemy could get their range.

When you organized this brotherhood twenty years ago, things were rapidly coming to a <sup>close</sup> ~~close~~ in Europe and on Nov. 11th. ~~we~~ in Lawrence and everyone