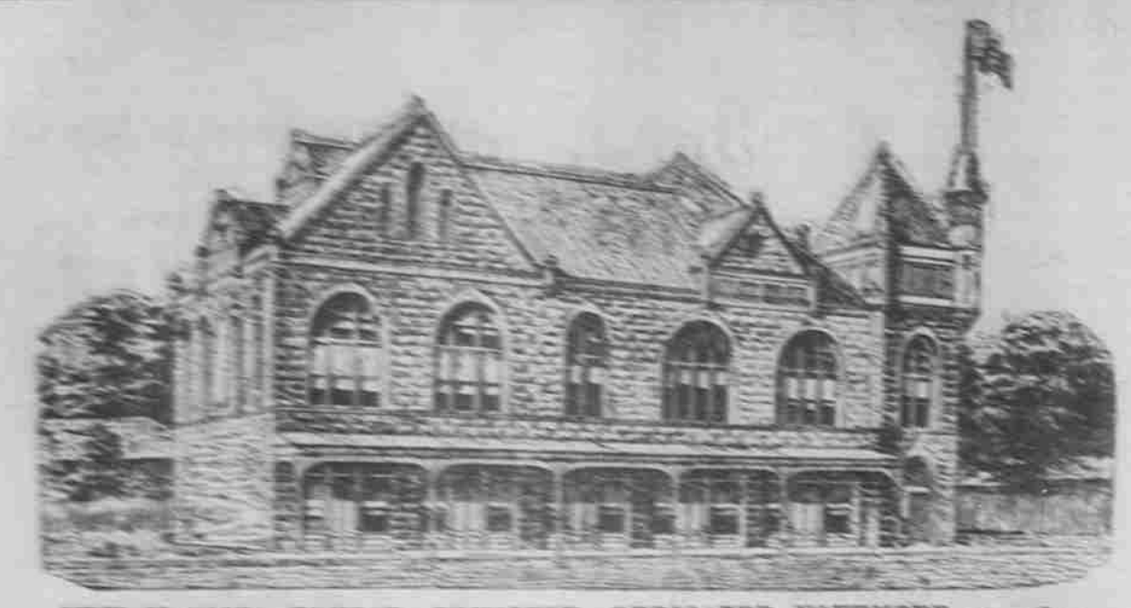

NEW MASONIC TEMPLE, HONOLULU, DEDICATED NOVEMBER 27, 1893.

THE DEDICATION.

The Ceremony at the Masonic Temple Last Night.

APPROPRIATE AND IMPRESSIVE CEREMONIES

The Beautiful Building is Now Ready for Masonic Occupancy.

Speech of Grand Master J. A. Hassinger.

(From Friday, Nov. 24.)

The new Masonic Temple was dedicated last evening, with appropriate and impressive ceremonies.

The members of the lodge marched from their former hall on Queen street to their magnificent new building on Fort and Allen streets. The order of the procession was as follows:

ORDER OF PROCESSION.

Grand Tyler with Drawn Sword,
Rev. John Harris Angus,
Grand Marshal,
Rev. James Alderson King,
Entered Apprentices,
Fellow Crafts,
Master Masons,
Stewards,
Junior Deacons,
Senior Deacons,
Secretaries,
Treasurers,
Junior Wardens,
Senior Wardens,
Masters,
Past Masters,
Grand Sword Bearer,
Rev. David Dwight Smith,
Lodge Officers Bearing a Light,
Rev. S. Thomas Edward Wall,
Two Grand Stewards with Rods,
Rev. Charles Jerome Campbell,
Rev. Charles Williams,
Grand Bible Bearer,
Rev. Charles Hastings,
Grand Chaplain and Grand Orator,
R.·. W.·. Rev. Alexander Mackintosh,
P.·. M.·. John Albert Hassinger,
Chief Architect,
P.·. M.·. Charles Edgar Bishop,
Two Lodge Officers Bearing Lights,
Bro. S. W. John Harris Night,
Bro. T. W. Walter Reynolds Gilbert,
Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer,
P.·. M.·. William Musgrove Graham,
P.·. M.·. John Sturgis Pratt,
The Lodge,
Bearer to
Rev. Archibald Scott Chalmers,
Rev. Frederick August Schaefer,
Rev. Henry Edwin Cooper,
Rev. William George Ashley,
Junior Grand Warden Bearing Silver Vessel with Oil,
P.·. M.·. James McBride Monsarrat,
Senior Grand Warden Bearing Silver Vessel with Wine,
P.·. M.·. John Phillips,
Deputy Grand Master Bearing Silver Vessel with Oil,
P.·. M.·. Thos. Cunningham Porter,
Grand Master,
P.·. M.·. William Foster Allen,
Supported by Two Grand Deacons with Rods,
Rev. Clarence Lindley Crabbe,
Rev. William Nelson Sanders.

When they arrived at the new building they found it brilliantly illuminated, with a large gathering of the families and friends of the members. Dr. C. B. Cooper and Dr. W. F. Greenman were the reception committee at the new temple.

As soon as the procession arrived the ceremony began. Past Master W. F. Allen officiated as Grand Master.

While the choir sang an anthem the members of the lodge marched slowly around the lodge room. When the choir had finished Grand Master Allen announced that they had assembled for the purpose of dedicating the temple. That it had been the custom of Masons from time immemorial to dedicate, with proper services, their buildings.

W. M. Andrew Brown then invited the Grand Master to formally dedicate the temple. When the Grand Master had replied that the services had begun, Grand Architect Bishop announced the completion of the building and returned the symbolic working tools to the Grand Master. Deputy Grand Master Porter responded, in behalf of the brethren, that the ceremony of dedication proceed.

Grand Marshal J. A. King then formed the procession of Grand Officers on the north side of the lodge, facing the east. While the Grand Officers marched around the hall the choir sang the dedication hymn.

After the consecration prayer by Chaplain Rev. Mackintosh, the Grand Master performed the ceremonies of consecration, with corn, wine and oil. The choir then sang another hymn, the emblems of the lodge were removed, and the Grand Marshal announced that the hall was dedicated according to the usages of Free Masonry.

The Grand Master then introduced the Grand Orator of the evening, Mr. J. A. Hassinger. He spoke as follows:

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Ladies and Gentlemen, Brethren:—There are times in the life of nations, as well as of individuals, when, having achieved the fruition of a cherished desire, the possessor of power is impelled to the heart a joy that comes beyond words. In the life of Hawaiian Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, this is an occasion which may well be marked as a red-letter day. Child not being as a Masonic body under consideration, but the Grand Lodge of California happened years ago on the 13th day of January last, in the three-hundred-and-twelfth year of Masonry, to be another lodge, young and vigorous and charmed. May the life of the same lodge with an original membership of eleven, I, but growing annually commensurate with the growth of the Islands, and now numbering a membership of 2,100 subscribers and having taken a membership of 250, within a short while, working under the Grand Lodge of Canada, to pay to a generous children with a membership of 40. This would seem a fitting moment for a brief glance at the history of the past, even at the risk of being tedious, and my plea will be that our Order, which boasts of its antiquity, traditions, which well that of institutions upon which rests the world of civilization, is necessarily required to be conservative in manner. As an historical allegory of the Grand Lodge of California, Hawaiian Lodge, its date in existence, is a living of the earlier years, had remarkable traits with adversity. Yet the adversity of the infant years was good now, and then. Fidelity to the first principles of Freemasonry and absolutely perfect harmony between brethren of the lodge. They labored not in light of the day, they labored not in light of the night, but in twilight and midnight gloom, of civil Order and loyalty will the link between the Mechanic and the Craft, which would complete the Masonic Circle of our Order. In view of this previous condition of the Craft which is a matter remarkable, we felt we for a moment of comparatively little value the Order with its partial circle. Lodge that it is to have days of frequent and rapid growth. Possibly was that the reflection of the great wheeling force from the eastern coast of the United States, with a fair combining of contrast, length, and an unmolded French white. In a natural consequence there were not a few of early members, men, and though the lodge addressed [illegible] Kamehameha, Kaiser, Kaiser, Kaiser