

Grand Lodge Officers Who Laid the Corner Stone and Whose Term of Office Expired September 18th, 1891



Jacob Loeb, Grand Keeper of R. & S.

Carl Gallger, Grand Vice Chancellor.
L. W. Walker, Grand Tribune.

R. D. Steele, Grand Chancellor.

James B. Gallagher, Supreme Representative.
John M. Evans, Supreme Representative.

Sam R. White, Grand Prelate.

A PYTHIAN HISTORY

CHAPTER THAT ADORNS LODGE RECORDS OF BUTTE.

BOURQUIN'S SPLENDID SPEECH

Glowing Tribute Paid the Men Who Were the Builders of the Pythian Castle Dedicated Today—History of the Building.

At the dedication of the new Pythian Castle this afternoon, George M. Bourquin spoke of the history of the Pythian Castle. His brilliant address was a resume of the work done by the Knights of Pythias in projecting and carrying to successful completion, the work of making for Butte the finest fraternal home in the Northwest. Mr. Bourquin's address was as follows:

It is the desire of the committee that I should relate somewhat of the history of this Pythian Castle. But its erection is so recent an event and so speedily accomplished that its real history is yet to be unfolded by the future and at the present time there is little can be said aside from a relation of the inception of the idea, its crystallization into form, then development of the scheme and the work of these—the committees and others, whose labors have culminated in this magnificent structure.

Before this hall was builded, the Pythian lodges of Butte had long agitated the project of a home of their own. It was a subject of discussion for years. Finally their increase in numbers and strength of membership, together with inadequate and inmodern accommodations in rented halls, turned discussion and agitation into decision and action. Perhaps the one thing more than any other that determined building at this time was the suddenly presented opportunity to acquire a suitable building site at an extremely low figure; this lot on which this building stands. For that, thanks are due to Brother Geo. C. Fitschen. And thus it came about, Brother Fitschen is very devoted to our order and is always watchful for its advantage. In 1899 he secured an option to purchase this lot at a figure that made it a bargain, and he offered the option to the Pythian lodges. Brother Fitschen made a considerable money sacrifice in this, but such benefits to our order have often been conferred by him. He may rest assured they will never be "benefits forgot."

When the option was offered them, the lodges appointed committees to investigate and report. The report was favorable and it was decided to purchase the lot and build a wall.

It was found that to form a corporation would facilitate the business in hand, so the Pythian Castle association was incorporated by the lodges through their representatives, viz.:

Damon Lodge No. 1, Geo. C. Fitschen and A. N. Yoder.
Ivanhoe Lodge No. 5, John G. Evans.
Oswego Lodge No. 9, Alfred Doull.
Silver Bow Lodge No. 41, Harry Krenner.

To these gentlemen was intrusted the

duty of forming the plans by which the association was incorporated, and the work outlined and the scheme financed. Two of them, Brothers Fitschen and Evans, have continued as representatives of their lodges and officers of the association from the inception of the work until now.

Other members of the order who were or are representatives of their lodges in the association, are Samuel R. White of Ivanhoe, James Doull of Oswego and W. H. Merriman and J. Q. Goss of Silver Bow lodge.

To finance the scheme, stock and bonds were issued. Each of the four interested lodges subscribed for as much of the stock as its treasury permitted. Bonds, selling at par and carrying 6 per cent interest, were sold to such members of the order as desired to invest, and a local bank took such bonds as there remained undisposed of.

Many members of the order donated various sums of money to the association, thus materially assisting in the work.

It was in 1900 that a design for the building was adopted and contracts entered into for its erection. After a spirited contest, the design of architects Kern & Nickel, was selected from many offered. The corner stone was laid one year ago today, by Grand Chancellor R. D. Steele and other officer of the grand domain of Montana, with appropriate Pythian ceremonies.

The contractors completed the building and delivered it to the association in August of this year, and today are the final ceremonies dedicating this castle hall to the uses of Friendship, Charity and Benevolence, forever.

The members of the association whom I have named, have worked long and faithfully.

Another who gave material aid is Brother Chas. R. Leonard. He volunteered his services and in the incorporation preparing stocks, bonds, contracts and all else, his firm legal attainments were invaluable.

With them all it was truly a labor of love, with no other reward than the consciousness of work well down, and the approval and gratitude of their fellows in the order.

Words of mine are too poor to fittingly extol the results and set out the labors of the gentlemen I have named as the active instruments of the several lodges in this work.

Their enterprise, energy, ability, patience and perseverance are manifest here—in the most modern, most convenient, most suitable, in a word, most complete lodge building between Chicago and the western coast. Every brick and stone in these walls is eloquent in praise and commendation of these gentlemen and their work; and he who runs away read.

Nor do we fail to give due credit to the architects, contractors and the workmen. The artistic brains that designed and the skillful hand that executed, all gave faithful valuable service. Here they have erected their own memorial.

A Pythian castle is a Pythian home. The home instinct, or love of local place and desire for possession and ownership, is one of the most prominent traits of mankind. To its impulsive constancy and growth is largely due the uplifting of the race from barbarism. For inspired by it all man's inventive genius and skill and labor have been primarily devoted to establish, secure, beautify and make comfortable and enjoyable the home. Lacking the home in-

stinct and its incentive, that high civilization which has developed and elevated man to a condition and station only lower than the angels, would have been impossible and today unknown.

A home to its possessor is a pair of vase colored spectacles, through which to him its landscapes is bright and beautiful, however dark and unlovely to all others.

A home is one of the first ambitions of the average man, and only with life does love of home pass away. And man has made the world beautiful with homes.

And so it is that whenever a Pythian lodge is organized, this love of home arouses in its members a desire for a wall of their own—for a Pythian castle and home for the lodge; for they realize that the possession of such a home is an element of strength to the lodge, a guaranty of permanency and long life, an inspiration to the respect and consideration of the public, and a thing of beauty and a joy forever. Behold all these objects attained in this noble pile!

Oh, friends and brothers within these walls, good men, hundreds; yea, thousands of good men will learn our Pythian mysteries! Here, before our sacred altar and in sight of heaven, they will take upon themselves solemn obligations to be true and ever practice our trinity of high principles, friendship, charity and benevolence. Here, every influence and every impulse will be for good and good alone. Here, they will be dedicated to fraternity and humanity; and here, they will become valiant knights of Pythias. "Without fear and without reproach."

Who can estimate the good that as the years pass on will have its inception here?

From here, like golden sunlight from high heavens, firm inspiration nobler impulse and high influence will radiate and spread abroad and circle an make better all the world.

From here will go forth armies of brave, chivalrous and devoted knights, taking the germ of Pythian life to many, many other lands, there to be planted, there to grow, flourish and bear fruit, soon ten, some a hundred, some a thousand, fold.

This structure, raised by human hands, in course of time will pass away, but the good engendered here will continue for all time to bless mankind. The principles taught here and the virtues practiced here, are the inspiration of the past, the securing of the present and the hope of the future. They are the same—yesterday, today and forever—the foundation and support of all civilization, of all morality, of all religion, and in those who most affect them, are the hopes of all mankind.

QUESTION ANSWERED.

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