



We are glad to note that Meridian Lodge No. 6, is coming to the front and is destined soon to rival the best in our jurisdiction. The work in conferring the second degree on May 17th was such as to merit consideration. The degree was conferred by the Senior Warden Brother Joseph W Lee While his work was not perfect, yet he satisfied all present that he had given the work hard study and by perseverance is destined to become a workman of no little ability. Brother W. H. Underwood Senior Warden of Felix Lodge did the work of the Senior Deacon. We all know what Brother Underwood can do, but his work in Meridian Lodge was such as to convince us that he had not prepared himself, but simply depended upon his memory. We cannot afford to do this. We must on all occasions when invited to, do our level best to make a lasting impression not only upon the candidates but also on the brethren of the craft. Brother Charles Posey the Senior Warden of Widow's Lodge delivered the charge in a very impressive manner and satisfied me that Widow's Son Lodge will have in him a worthy Master and the craft a skilled workman. The Master of Meridian Lodge deserves much credit for the new life he is infusing.

It is rumored that Brothers J. L. Johnson, J. T. Beason and J. P. Turner will soon be demitted to Ham Lodge; Brothers W. H. J. Malvin, J. T. Layton and F. J. Cardoza to St. Johns Lodge; Brothers R. L. Pendleton, J. C. Nalls and J. O. Bamfield to John F. Cook Lodge; Brothers Richard H. Jones, L. G. Fletcher and W. H. Underwood to Meridian Lodge; Brother Fred. Henry, W. A. Warfield and H. Y. Arnett to Warren Lodge.

The ascension day services as observed this year was the grandest and most complete ever before attempted before by our Sir Knights. The Right Eminent Grand Commander Sir R. S. Watts placed the affair under the management of Mt. Calvary Commandery of which Sir W. H. J. Malvin is the eminent commander assisted by a committee consisting of Eminent Sir R. W. Tompkins, Gathesemane Commandery; Eminent Sir Paul R. Stewart, Simons Commandery; Eminent Sir Geo. Jones, Henderson Lodge. The services were held at the Metropolitan A. M. E. church, Thursday evening, May 16th, where a special sermon was delivered by Sir Knight Rev. Lewis S. Flagg, illustrated by stereopticon views on the life our Savior. A special musical program was rendered by the famous Metropolitan choir under the direction of its noted leader Sir Knight John T. Layton. The special feature was the singing of the Resurrection Morn by Brother J. W. Fossett of Prince Hall Lodge and "Calvary" as sung by Sir Knight John T. Layton. Sir Knight O. M. Yeller who was the Prelate rendered very effectively his part. The singing of the hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers" was by the entire congregation and was rendered in a manner that brought tears to the eyes of many. The Right Eminent Grand Commander Sir R. S. Watts deserves the commendations of all valiant Sir Knights for this service.

The observance of the 30th anniversary by Pythagoras Lodge, Sunday June 2nd, 1901, promises to be more than an ordinary affair. The anniversary sermon will be delivered by Rev. Brother L. S. Flagg. Special music will be rendered by the choir, assisted by Brother J. T. Layton. The officers of the lodge are: H. P. Cheatham, W. M., H. Y. Arnett, S. W., W. T. Jackson, J. W., E. Tignor, treas., James O. Bamfield, sec., Nelson E. Weatherless, S. D., Paul H. Bray, J. D., Alexander S. Howard, S. M. C., E. C. Burrill, J. M. C., Thornton A. Jackson, marshal. The Grand Master and other Grand officers have accepted invitations and will be present. Let Israel C. M. E. church be crowded on this occasion.

Active steps are now being taken to repair the chapter and commandery rooms and every companion and Sir Knight should assist the committee appointed by the several chapters and commanderies to make the forthcoming entertainment to be held at Irving Hall May 27th a grand success. This effort should excite the interest of every Mason in this jurisdiction, that it will no longer be necessary to apologize to strangers for the condition of those rooms and say "you should see the Blue Lodge room"

It is frequently said and with a great deal of truth too, that as soon as a young brother becomes a Past Master he loses much of his enthusiasm and interest in his lodge. This cannot be said of Brother Frank J. Cardoza who has attended every communication of his lodge but one since becoming Past Master. He entered Masonry April 6th, 1895 and became a Master Mason July 29th. In 1897 he was appointed Senior Deacon, which position he filled with marked ability, infusing new life in the ritualistic work of the order. After serving as Junior and Senior Warden he became Master in 1900

At the last regular communication of Felix Lodge a handsome Past Master jewel was presented to Past Deputy Grand Master George S. Newman by Past Master J. F. N. Wilkerson on behalf of the lodge. Brother Wilkerson reviewed the history of the lodge. Brothers Henry Warfield, Naylor, Drew, McCary and Carter all of Prince Hall Lodge were present to see the 1st degree conferred by Social Lodge. They surely must want that jewel.

We need not expect much from the Deputy Grand Master until after May 30th when we can all sing "Its all over now. Its all all over now."

We regret to announce the fact that Sir Knight McKenzie Scott has been confined to his bed during the past week. We sincerely hope that he will soon be returned to his usual health.

We met the Deputy Grand Master Malvin near 7th and F streets, n. w. on Wednesday and had a very pleasant chat with him and his private secretary. As the weather was inclement the private secretary was escorted to the cars and I was invited to accompany him to dinner, where I dined sumptuously and then to his office where we conversed at length as to the condition of the craft and what was needed to arouse an enthusiasm so much needed at present. I was assured by him that he had determined to give the craft the Masonic directory which was so much needed. He also informed us that the names, addresses with advertisements amounting to \$80 had been turned over to Brother Pendleton since March 1900 and the delay in publishing this directory was not through any fault on his part. We are glad to know that this directory will soon be forthcoming.

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