



The remarks of the Junior Grand Warden Charles H. Dean at the visitations I have been of such a character as to impress the brethren that he is wide awake and full of Masonic information. Grand Master Terrell had better look to his laurels there is another King David coming.

Bro. Charles H. Dean and John P. Turner took the editor of the Masonic Column to account at Felix Lodge last Monday for some recent references made to them. I wonder if Brother Turner has paid his subscription. I am glad to see that they are reading the column.

Too much praise cannot be given to Charles D. Freeman Worshipful Master of Social Lodge for the magnificent reception given the Grand Master and his grand officers at the annual visitation to the lodge on Thursday last. The occasion as one long to be remembered, especially when compared with those which had preceded it. Deputy Grand Master Malvin must have been very proud of his lodge.

In company with our beloved Grand Secretary of ancient Craft Masonry William H. Myers we visited Anacostis, D. C., on Sunday to pay our respect to our distinguished invalid, Bro. James L. Johnson who was removed during the past week from Emergency Hospital to his home, and is now under the professional care of Dr. Powell and Miss Sarah Shorter, a trained nurse, who assured me that our brother was improving as rapidly as could be expected from such serious injuries and that if nothing unforeseen occurs, he will soon be restored to the craft, ready for the great duties which await him. Our interview was a pleasant one, Bro. Johnson assuring us of his unflinching trust in our Supreme Grand Master and was very grateful for the kindly interest shown by the craft and that his misfortune had indelibly impressed upon his mind the true value of masonry in teaching the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. Let our prayers still ascend that our brother may soon be restored to the full vigor of his manhood.

"Be Sure You are Right."

Mr. Editor, Masonic Column:—A favorite expression of the late David Crockett was "first be sure you are right and then go ahead." It would have been advisable for a "Master Mason" (?) who, by the way, appears to be ashamed to mention his name in connection with his assumed title, to have followed this wholesome advice. Social Lodge did appropriate a sufficient sum from the funds of the lodge to defray all expenses, needful and otherwise, and every penny of expense attending the celebration was paid for from the sum so appropriated.

The facts in the case are these: The trustees of the church refused to accept any compensation for the reason that they do not rent the church for any purpose. They were, however, willing to accept any contribution that might be raised by a general collection as a free-will offering, and all the money that Social Lodge "through its accredited agents," succeeded in "doing" the "ecclesiastical crowd" out of was given to the church. "This is the lead and front of our offending."

There is a serious doubt in the minds of many as to whether the brigands of Social Lodge succeeded in making "A Master Mason" (?) disgorge even after the "hold up."

R. W. TOMPKINS,
Sr. Warden, Social Lodge,
Washington, D. C., Nov. 4.

Editor Masonic Column:—There appeared in a recent issue of the Masonic Column what was intended, I suppose, to be a practical joke, but which seems to have been accepted by many of my friends as the truth. I admit that during the month of May, in company with my friend, Bro. John P. Turner, I went to Baltimore and was united in the holy bonds of matrimony, which for reasons best known to the parties concerned was not given publicity at the time.

I have at all times given encouragement to whatever I thought would promote the best interest of the Craft, and have encouraged the Masonic News Column believing that it could be made an instrument of much good to the craft in publishing such information as was proper to be published.

Yet I desire to enter my unqualified condemnation of the publication of such jokes as can in any way reflect upon one's good name which to everyone should be dearer than his own life.

Fraternalty yours,
Social Lodge, No. 1. W. H. J. MALVIN

Past Grand Master Mays 33 degrees spent a few days in the New Jersey jurisdiction last week.

The grand visitations to the subordinate lodge will be completed this month. Let every master do his duty toward his lodge and his grand officers.

J. T. Beason, F. J. Cardoza, Robt. L. Pendleton, Fred. Henry are young men strong, active and energetic and merit any honor our Grand Lodge can bestow.

It is to be regretted that the letter of the Deputy Grand Master was necessary. I fail to understand why so much talk about what every brother knew was untrue.

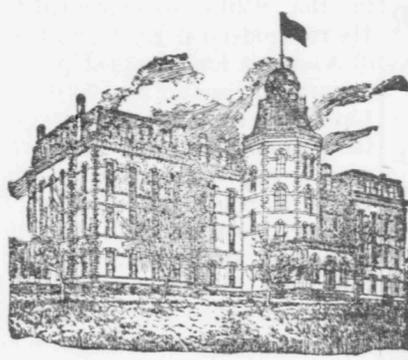
I met Sir Knight's George S. Newman, Lewis H. Wayne and Edward Chase, on Saturday night barefooted almost, yet wending their way to give relief to Sir Knight James Kennedy, 20th St., N. W. These are three of a kind.

We can't have too many occasions like the recent one when Social Lodge assembled around the festive board with their ladies. We must bring the organization in closer touch with our wives and daughters. Have them present on such occasions.

Remember the widows and orphans. Buy a ticket to assist Sister Washington, widow of the late Bro. John B. Washington. The entertainment at Irving's Hall, 410 D St., S. E., Nov. 12 under the supervision of George S. Newman is for her benefit.

On Friday last Deputy Grand Master Malvin witnessed the confirming of the first degree by Bro. Fulton of Datcher Lodge, No. 15. Bro. Malvin in a few brief remarks, gave some sound advice to the officers. Bro. Malvin did some very handsome work when this lodge was being set apart.

For Grand Master of our jurisdiction for the year 1902, William H. Grimshaw and W. H. J. Malvin of Social Lodge, John F. Cook, and John T. Layton of Eureka Lodge, George S. Newman of Felix, Richard H. Jones of Widows Son, and Robert H. Terrell of Prince Hall. One only can be selected. Who shall it be?



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