LODGE NOTES.

THE TOILERS IN MASONIC QUARRIES.

Puritan Lodge worked the first degree.

Do right for and through the love of doing right.

George Washington Lodge gave the second degree. W. Bro. Otto, of Tecumseh, was among the visitors.

Be proud of having held office in your lodge, but don't be too arrogant because you once occupied the Oriental chair.

John Hancock Lodge No. 70 worked the second degree in fine style. W. Louis Engel was in the East surrounded by his Past Masters.

Shakespeare Lodge worked the second degree. W. M. Niner gracefully occupied the East and conferred all the degrees. The lodge had many visitors.

Manhattan Lodge conferred the third degree. W. Frederick J. Brown presided. The working tools, and W. John Whelan gave the historical lecture.

Bear the ills you have to suffer in this world manfully, as a man and a Mason. Take what the good God sends you with thankfulness and praise.

St. Nicholas Lodge gave the first degree. W. Albert P. Miller, of Franklin Lodge No. 80, of Balston Spa, W. Bro. Hyde and Clark were among the visitors.

Atlas Lodge had no work, but spent a very social hour with R. W. John H. Allison, the courteous Master. R. W. Val Schneider was among the visitors.

Livingston Lodge held its regular communication on Monday night. There was no work, and the evening was spent in social intercourse and the conduction of routine business.

Polar Star conferred the second degree on a full lodge. W. Bro. Hamilton presided in the East. Among the visitors were W. Bros. Williams, of Putnam, and Bennett, of Sylvan Grove.

Eureka had three candidates for the second degree. W. Bro. Von Minden in the East. Among those present were W. Bros. Miller, of Antiquity; Treher, of Hope, and Field, of Astor.

Adelphic Lodge No. 348 was busy with amending its bylaws. R. W. George W. White, Allison, Robert Roberts, Edward H. Walker, Mushenheim, Blaney and others were in attendance.

Hiram Lodge gave the second degree. W. Collins presided, assisted by W. August Schneider and Dr. Otto. A delegation from Petalpha Lodge, with W. Grant and Past Master Bartley, visited Hiram.

Sagamore Lodge conferred the first degree. W. Dr. Morris presided. R. W. William H. Andrews presented the apron and W. Johns the working tools. W. Lucas and R. W. Dedrick also assisted.

Tecumseh Lodge had a very good meeting. W. John M. Otto presided. W. Ludwig gave the lecture, and W. Frederick E. Davis explained the working tools. W. Bro. Berry was among the many visitors.

We should be more careful than ever this season to admit none but the worthy. There are applications at the door of every lodge, but these should be critically scrutinized before accepting the material offered.

Pacific Lodge worked the first degree in good style. W. Southwick Hibberd presided. P. M. Gustave Webber presented the working tools. W. N. C. Bauer, of Zion Lodge No. 514, of Orchard Park, was among the visitors.

The work of purifying is one of the demands of the times. Let it not be abated until the membership is taught that to be a Mason means that uprightness, integrity, virtue and morality must characterize Masonic conduct.

Concord Lodge No. 20 conferred the third degree last Monday. W. Bro. Marson delivered the lecture in his usual brilliant manner. R. W. Gutweil, W. Yoss and a numerous delegation from Montgomery Lodge paid Concord a fraternal visit.

Lotus Lodge gave the second degree. W. William A. Johnson presided. The Temple Club, the new organization of the Fourth District, paid Lotus a fraternal visit. R. W. Wilbur M. Combs, D. D. of the Tenth District, was also in attendance.

Adelphi Lodge No. 23 conferred the second degree. W. Master Swan presided. The lodge was crowded with visitors. R. W. Combs, of the Tenth District; Smith, of Howard; Ludwig, of Tecumseh; Rosenberger, Brown, Miller and others were present.

Hope Lodge worked the third degree in royal style last Tuesday evening. W. Halliday presided and R. W. Reeves presented the working tools, and R. W. Samuel J. Campbell gave the historical lecture. W.'s Treher, Alexander, Frohne and Usher assisted.

Platt Lodge had the second degree. W. Joseph presided, surrounded by many distinguished brethren. The J. W., Bro. Rosenthal, conferred the degree in fine style. W. Rosenberger explained the working tools. W. John T. Smith, of Howard Lodge, was among the visitors.

W. Bro. James H. Lewis, Past Master of Mystic Tie Lodge, has just been appointed to a responsible position in St. Mark's Protestant Episcopal Church. The worshipful brother is fill any position of trust with credit and ability. He is a good worker in the quarries and in every walk of life.

United States Lodge conferred the first degree, with W. M. Kelly in the East. W. Rudolph Holde presented the apron and W. Alexander, of Hope Lodge, explained the working tools. The meeting was a very good one and was a fine gathering of Masons, "good and true." Second degree, June 11.

Bro. Albert Pike was of the opinion that there is nothing in the world that has the power to create feelings between men living in different countries, speaking different languages and never seeing the faces nor hearing the voices of each other as affection so warm and constant as that of Mason for Mason.

Mistletoe Lodge at its last communication conferred the entered apprentice degree. W. Bro. Moffat was present, he son being a new made entered apprentice, presented the apron. His presentation speech was instructive and eloquent, and called forth many words of approval from the craft.

Scotia Lodge had its usual 5th house last Thursday. W. M. Alexander Sharp conferred the third degree. W. Fox, of Asylum Lodge, Brooklyn, presented the working tools. W. Eickelberg acted as S. D. There was a very large gathering, even for Scotia Lodge, which is known for its crowded rooms.

Disparage none of your own household. Even walls have ears, and may carry your evil tongue to an enemy outside of Masonic homes. If you disagree with your brother, pay due regard to his judgment as well as to your own. Remember always that others have thoughts of their own as well as yourself.

Americus Lodge had an excellent meeting, working the third degree in full form. W. William R. Relyea, the Master, presided. W. Buddington presented the working tools. W. Carpenter, of Constellation Lodge; W. Keller, of North Bangor, and Wallum, of Mexico Lodge, were among the numerous visitors.

Eastern Star worked the first degree. W. Robert Richards presided. W. Ludwig, of Tecumseh, presented the apron, and W. Hagerty explained the working tools. R. W. James B. Gillie, president of the Board of Trustees, paid the lodge a flying visit. There were also present W.'s Dickey, of Nassau, and Stevens, of Ocean.

Unless a man believes in something far higher than himself, something infinitely purer and grander than he can ever become—unless he has an instinct of an order beyond his dreams, of laws beyond his comprehension, of beauty and good and justice beside which his own ideals are dark—he will fall in every lofter form of ambition, and ought to fail.

City Lodge No. 408, last Monday evening, worked the first degree, with a very large attendance. Wor. Bro. King, of New-Hope Lodge, of Schenectady, presented the apron in an eloquent manner, likewise the presentation of working tools by Wor. Bro. Collins, of Hiram. W. Henry F. Muller conferred the degree. This meeting was one of the best meetings in two years.

Humboldt Lodge had a gala night. W. Levy, the Master, was honored by a visit from the Grand Master. The third degree was given in full form by the well-trained officers of the lodge, M. W. John Stewart was accompanied by R. W. James B. Gillie, president of the Board of Trustees; R. W. Herman Cantor, R. W. M. Dittenhoeffer and many other dignitaries of the craft.

A desire to win the prizes offered in the various fields of human endeavor is alike natural and praiseworthy. There is a noble kind of ambition which is the very principle of virtue itself. Such an ambition rightly directed and limited puts the stamp of earnestness upon a man, thus applying one of the incentives to worthy living. This applies strikingly to our Masonic lodges, and soon this will make its appearance.

The writer was recently en route from Clinton to Champaign via the Illinois Central. The seat in front of him was occupied by a lady and her husband. About midway between the two places the engine whistled for a small station and the conductor called out: "Lodge! Lodge!" As the train stopped the lady said to her husband, "You had better get off here. I don't believe you can afford to miss it." The gentleman didn't reply, but we noticed that he wore a Templar charm.

The letter of R. W. William A. Sutherland, originally published in "The Rochester Herald" and supposed to be republished last Sunday in this department, was not republished complete. It was sent to this department of the Tribune in a garbled condition. The Grand Lodge is closed after a most harmonious session, hence the letter changes nothing, but it brought to view a presumed Mason, who has evidently forgotten or neglected the important lesson of the Craft to "act upon the Square."

Another honor has been conferred upon an esteemed brother of this city, R. W. Herman Cantor has just been elected an honorary member of the lodge, "Ludwig zu den drei Sternen," located at Friedberg, in Darmstadt. This was done at the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Grand Lodge, "Zur Eintracht," of which lodge Bro. Cantor is the representative near the Grand Lodge of New-York. The resolutions electing him were very complimentary and recite the long, faithful and many services rendered Masonry by the R. W.

The mild spirit of toleration found in every lodge is more precious when contrasted with the intolerance and bigotry of the world. Liturgies and creeds, articles of faith and rules of discipline stain the page of history, and speculative points of doctrine have occasioned more misery in the world than all those natural evils by which nations are punished for their crimes and recalled to their duty. We arraign no man's political opinions, nor do we interfere with his religious creed. To his country and himself we leave the one, to his conscience and his God we commit the other.

St. Cecile Lodge No. 568 had its usual "Grand Lodge" attendance; over three hundred visitors flocked to this popular and well-known lodge. The third degree was conferred upon a full class. The first section was given by Bro. Bisnett, the S. W., the second by the Master, W. C. E. Low, and the historical lecture by Past Master Recker. There were also assisting R. W. Janeway and Huggins, R. W. Strasser, of Albany; Best, of Anglo-Saxon; Rowland and Von Cott, of Ridgewood; Walker, of John D. Willard; Valentine, of New-York Lodge 320, and Foster, of Neptune. Of St. Cecile's own there were Decker, Jacoby, Morse, Thieler, Donough and others.

R. W. William J. McDonald, the newly elected Grand Treasurer, receives many telegrams and letters of congratulation from all parts of the State upon his preferment in the Grand Lodge. His friends are everywhere in the craft. He has served two years as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, and as such he made an enviable record. He is a Past Master of Pyramid Lodge, Past Commander of York Commandery and P. H. P. of Union Chapter. In each of these stations he has shown marked ability and has made friends by his upright conduct and inflexible integrity. He desires to thank his friends and brethren through The Tribune for the many kind expressions he has received. It is impossible for him to personally thank them all.

Kane Lodge conferred the second degree at its regular communication on Tuesday last. W. George Whitfield Brown, the Master, presided, assisted by the Past Masters of this renowned lodge. W. B. Andrews presented the working tools, and the Middle Chamber passage was eloquently and originally rendered by the Senior Deacon. One of those delightful reunions after the meeting in the Kane room brought the brethren to the festive board, where the genial Master dispensed the hospitalities and called upon R. W. Rollin M. Morgan, W. Bro. Rudolph Holde, the Assistant Grand Lecturer, and Bro. Fellowcraft Job E. Hedges, who addressed the brethren in humorous speeches, earning their hearty applause and commendation. It was nearly Wednesday morning when the brethren finally departed.

Evangelist Lodge No. 609 conferred the third degree at one of its old-time gatherings. A delegation of thirty visiting brethren of Ocean Lodge No. 156 accompanied by the W. M. Thomas Sharlow and W. Bro. Bennett, W. Bro. Stevens and W. Bro. Van Pelt swelled its number. There were also present W. Bro. Williams, W. Bro. McNames, of St. Paul; W. Bro. Dickey, of Nassau; W. Bro. Brockaway, of Gramercy; W. Bro. Berry, W. Bro. Bennett, of Sylvan Grove Lodge; also W. Bro. H. H. Tucker, Sherburne No. 444, Sherburne, N. Y.; W. Bro. E. Newton Beale, Victor No. 856, Schaghticoke, N. Y.; W. Bro. William Bauer, Zion No. 514, Buffalo, N. Y.; W. Bro. W. J. Waugh, Brasher No. 541, Brasher Falls, N. Y. The historical lecture was given by W. Bro. Thomas Sharlow, of Ocean Lodge No. 156, to the gratification of all.

"The Masonic Mirror" in 1830 printed the following portion of a letter from Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons in Pennsylvania to General George Washington, President of the United States of America: "Sir and Brother: The Ancient York Masons of Pennsylvania, for the first time assembled in general communication to celebrate the feast of St. John the Evangelist since your election to the chair of Government of the United States, beg leave to approach you with congratulations from the East, and in the pride of internal affection to hail you as Great Master Builder (under the Supreme Architect) by whose labors the Temple of Liberty has been reared in the West; exhibiting to the nations of the earth a model of beauty, order and harmony worthy of their imitation and praise. . . . "Signed: J. B. Smith, G. M. Attest: P. Le Barbarier Du Plessis."

Masonry is not the religion of Israel; it is not the revelation of Jesus of Nazareth. It has drawn largely and wisely from both, and so has gained its universal character. To take away its Hebrew teaching, to take away its Christian teachings would leave it a slender and fragile thing indeed. But the truths which fill its temple with the incense of devotion; its charities, however old, are truths and charities transfigured by the doctrine that came from the manger cradle of Bethlehem, from the Hill of Calvary and the broken tomb in the olive garden. Its emblems and symbols are old among the oldest, and yet many of them are from the Temple of Mount Zion, but the large and magnificent spirit which breathes in them is the inflowing of the glorious Gospel of the living God. Types, shadows, ceremonies, ritual of the altar, sacrifices have all been taken up in the Person of One, and by His life and death and resurrection, have become spiritual blessings for the spiritual nature of man; and have fallen like drops of the clouds on man's moral nature, and so have penetrated and refreshed all the moralities and teachings of Free Masonry.—(J. Byron Murray.

Probably the Mason who has been longest in active service of any one lodge in the State of New-York in the same capacity is A. W. Gorton, of Gloversville. Mr. Gorton is an enthusiastic Mason and has been connected with Gloversville Lodge No. 425, F. and A. M., since April, 1857. He has been secretary of that lodge continuously for the last thirty-eight years. Of late years his hearing has been troubling him and C. W. Stewart was made secretary, but it was only on condition that he have Mr. Gorton for an assistant, and that the work should be done by that gentleman. Mr. Gorton was made a Royal Arch Mason of Adelphic Chapter No. 158, New-York City, in 1860, and shortly after became connected with Adelphic Council No. 7, of the same city, Royal and Select Masters. He was created a Knight Templar by Holy Cross Commandery, of this city, in 1868. He has been recorder of that organization ever since. Mr. Gorton is an enthusiastic secret society man, but of late years he has dropped his affiliation with all but the Masons, the membership in which he values highly. He is a veteran newspaper man. For years he was on the correspondence staff of "The Albany Journal," and now enjoys a like position with "The Troy Times."—(Troy Budget.

The Ionic Room was overcrowded on the evening of June 3, the occasion being the conferring of the third degree in Continental Lodge No. 287. A great number of masters of lodges attending the session of the Grand Lodge were attracted by the announcement that the Grand Secretary would deliver the historical lecture. W. Benjamin A. Sheldon, master, conferred the first section and R. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers presided during the second section, and delivered the lecture in his usual eloquent manner, eliciting the best hearty applause. Among those present and assisting in the work were R. W. Robert Roberts, acting as S. D. in the second section, R. W. Wilbur M. Combs, D. D. G. M. of the Tenth Masonic District; R. W. John W. Allison, of Atlas; W. Bros. Brown, of Manhattan; Williams, of Ivanhoe; Miller, of Aracian No. 705, Ogdensburg, and Brother Clark, of Kane. There were noticed among the many R. W. Dedrick, of Sagamore, Duncan, of Citizens, with a delegation; W. Joseph H. Horsfall, of Poughkeepsie Lodge, life member of the Grand Lodge; Clark, of Sylvan Grove; Hale and Foster, of Neptune; Mortimore, of Ivanhoe; Comstock, of Metropolitan; Glen, of Justice; Noyes Streeter, Jr., of Orange, N. J.; Hulse, Vick and Johnson, of Continental.

If there is one peculiarity that more than another distinguishes an American community it is the great and overweening desire and determination to get over the greatest surface of ground in the least possible period of time. As a nation we have rapidly passed through the various gradations which the older communities required centuries for in their development, and have by a single bound taken our place among the great nations of the earth. All the transactions of our life, whether civil, religious or military, are urged through their several stages under the inspiration of our distinguished characteristic—Progress! We rush into the virgin forest, and in a trice have laid out towns, built cities and populated them, with the best class of ready-made citizens, imported from all nations of the globe, in less time than our forefathers occupied in building a respectable habitation. We have established railroads and stretched the lightning wires that connect us with older civilizations, and elevate us to the standing and character of a long-settled community. Notwithstanding our rapid progress in National and municipal affairs, we are also laying the foundation, broad and deep, of an edifice that is to endure the test of time, and feel proud that there is a reality in such progress that commends itself to the prudent judgment and brilliant mind.—(Robert Macoy.

Star of Cuba Lodge 742 had a red letter night on Monday. The work on the trestleboard was the third degree. The Worshipful Master was kept busy receiving his numerous visitors, among whom were R. W. Matthews, D. D. G. of the Seventh District, with a large delegation, and R. W. Joseph Lane, of the Eighth District, with a still larger delegation. Among these were noticed W. Wyeth, of Radiant; Brockway, of Gramercy; Otto and Ludwig, of Tecumseh; Christianson, of Mystic Tie; Buddington, of United States; Miller and Bolles, of Cyrus; Berry of Tabernacle; Collins, of Daniel Carpenter; Smith, of Knickerbocker; Holde, of Shakespeare; Stamper, of Metropolitan; Lippman, of Centennial; Loudon, of Templar; Ahlstrom and Auld, of Corinthian; Sharp, of Scotia, and Callinan, of Ionic. Considering that it was the eve of the Grand Lodge meeting it was wonderful to see so large a gathering in attendance, the unusually large room was crowded to the doors, and every seat in the three rows around the room occupied. The District Deputy, R. W. Lane, let the secret out when he said that they had come to see the standard work. The Worshipful Master conferred the first section, W. Bro. Ludwig presented the working tools and gave the historical lecture, and R. W. Matthews conferred the second section, and the best evidence that the work was appreciated was that all the brethren stayed to hear it. This successful lodge has work on hand which will compel it to keep at work during July.

ROYAL ARCH ITEMS.

Manhattan Chapter conferred the Royal Arch degree. Companion Saxe presided, and was assisted by such distinguished Masonic talent as Dr. Ringer, Dr. Worster, David McKelsey, Adolph Muehsam, Anderson Fitch and others.

Zetland Chapter worked the Past and M. E. degree. E. Charles Beesley occupied the East and Warren C. Bennett the West. The M. E. was given by R. E. David McKelsey, R. E. Charles Ketterer, and William Hevenor, of Empire Chapter, assisted.

Empire Chapter conferred the Royal Arch degree on two classes. E. William Hevenor, the H. P., presided during the business session, and R. E. Adolph Muehsam conferred the degree, assisted by R. E. C. R. Haltren, Albert Maxfield, Lenserbox, Fry and Powers.

Mount Zion Chapter worked the mark degree. M. E. Samuel Cox presided. M. E. Julian K. Larke occupied the West, and E. Armfield the South. M. E. Mitchel Halliday, M. E. George H. Toop, John E. Baldwin and M. E. Francisco were in attendance and assisted in the good work.

In your every-day life, never forget the responsibility placed upon you as individual Masons and as members of your lodge. Remember that upon each one of you personally rests the duty of impressing upon the uninitiate by your lives and conduct the dignity and worth of our institution.

Be constant in your exertions to keep up the respectability of your lodge, but never work with that zeal which is easily exhausted by overaction. Do not expect novelties at every step you take in Masonry; rational enjoyment consists in a pleasant succession of common and ordinary events.

Jerusalem Chapter gave the past and most excellent degrees with musical accompaniment and with fine choral service by the Temple Quartet. H. P. Victor Twiss gave the past and Comp. John R. Gardner presided and conferred the M. E. degree. Comp. Tresidder acted as P. S. Dr. Reynolds, Hoxie, Zacharie, Hinds and Holllan were present.

Union Chapter gave the Royal Arch degree with much eclat and force. In the absence of the H. P., E. Robert R. Clark who is enjoying himself in Europe, Comp. David Kay presided, and H. E. William Hall conferred the degree, surrounded by Union's stanch H. P.'s John Spence, James Aitchison, William Brown, M. Ritchie, Charles H. Baldwin and P. G. H. P. William J. McDonald.

Amity Chapter held one of its well attended convocations. E. H. P. Newton presided, and was honored by a visit from the R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest, John Webb, jr., who after the grand honors were accorded assumed the East and conferred the mark degree in a brilliant manner, to the delight of the assembled Royal Arch talent. He was assisted by R. E. A. Muehsam, Blase, of Standard; Livermore and Hessenberg.

The model master must be versed in the landmarks and principles of Masonry. He must often "walk around Jerusalem and mark the bulwarks thereof." He must know his ground well. He must be at home in the several apartments of the Temple. Every stone ill placed, every light obstructed, every pillar removed by accident or design must be noticed by him, and he must raise the warning voice that it be restored without delay.

COMING EVENTS.

DESIGNS UPON MASONIC TRESTLEBOARDS.

Girard Lodge will confer the third degree next Saturday.

Sylvan Grove Lodge will confer the second degree next Tuesday.

Monitor Lodge will work the first degree next Tuesday. Everybody is welcome in Monitor.

Ocean Lodge will work the second degree next Thursday. W. Master Sharlow invites the craft.

Silentia Lodge, W. Robert L. Wright, Master, will confer the second degree next Wednesday.

Old St. John No. 1 will meet next Thursday. The first degree is on the trestleboard. W. Phillips is Master.

Albion Lodge No. 26 will confer the first degree to-morrow evening. W. Edward C. Titus invites the craft.

Mistletoe Lodge, Brooklyn, will confer the second degree next Wednesday. A cordial invitation to the craft is extended.

La Fraternidad Lodge No. 287 will confer the first degree next Saturday. W. J. Mamesa will greet all visiting brethren.

The God of Freemasonry is "Our Father, which is in heaven," and whose glories every true Mason will one day share.

Our Fraternity has made for itself a name to be envied by all men. It occupies a position that commands respect throughout the civilized world.

District Deputy Grand Master Gutgseil, of the Fourth Masonic District, will visit Dirigo Lodge No. 30, on Monday, June 8, 1896, and will work the first degree.

Templar Lodge will confer the second degree next Tuesday. The Master, the secretary, in fact every member of the lodge, stands ready to welcome all visitors.

The Lodge of Strict Observance will give the first degree next Saturday. W. Martin, the Master, and the members of No. 94 are always pleased to greet visiting brethren.

Veritas Lodge meets next Tuesday to confer the second degree. Whatever degree is conferred here it is done well. W. Matthew Taylor, the Master, is a fine worker.

True Craftsman's Lodge, W. Henry Phillips, Master, will confer the second degree next Wednesday. This lodge meets in East Fifty-eighth-st. See Masonic Directory on this page.

The Past and M. Ex. Master degrees will be the work of Corinthian Chapter No. 159 next Thursday afternoon (4th) at 2 o'clock, and visiting companions are cordially invited to be present.

If you practise out of the lodge those virtues which you are taught within its sacred portals, you will add lustre to the name of your lodge, and you will increase the good reputation and honor of the fraternity.

York Lodge will have the third degree next Friday. W. Frank O. Evans will preside at the opening. The Past Masters will take charge of the second section, and W. Edwin A. Quick will give the historical lecture.

If we would practise in life the precepts and lessons we are constantly taught in the lodgeroom there would be much less of bitterness and acrimony not only in politics, but in all the business relations of life.

Howard Lodge No. 35 will work the first degree next Friday. W. John T. Smith is Master. This old lodge, with its young members, is doing excellent work, and is renewing its youth and usefulness in the craft.

Masonry is held to be universal. Let us make and keep Masonic charity no less restricted. Let it be the proud boast of our time-honored institution that Masonic charity is bound by no lines except good standing as a Mason.

On Friday, June 12, the Council of Princes of Jerusalem will convene. The fifteenth degree will be given. The Master Ill. William Homan requests all Princes to attend and come early to enjoy the work in this beautiful degree.

Men who claim a right to disbelieve, or at all events doubt the existence of God, or to doubt that there will be a future life of rewards and punishments, have no right to approach our altars, to footing on the floor of our lodges.

Copestone Lodge No. 641 will confer the third degree in full costume on Wednesday, June 10. A number of distinguished brethren will be present and the Master, Charles F. Holmir, extends a cordial invitation to all visiting brethren.

M. E. George E. W. Stivers and his associate grand officers will be very busy this week. Official visits will be made to Phoenix Chapter No. 2 to-morrow evening, to Crescent Tuesday evening, to Tyrian at New-Brighton, Staten Island, on Thursday evening, and finally to Orient Chapter No. 138, Brooklyn, on Friday evening, where P. G. H. P. F. E. Barnes is conferring the R. A. D.

The next regular communication of Excelsior Lodge will be held to-morrow evening, to work the sublime degree of Master Mason. A choral service will be rendered by the New-York Templar Quartet. A number of distinguished visitors have announced their intention of being present, and it is to be hoped that the members of Excelsior Lodge will turn out in full force to greet them.

Phoenix Chapter No. 2 will hold its regular convocation to-morrow evening. E. William Myron Reynolds, the H. P., cordially invites all Royal Arch Masons to attend, as the M. E. G. H. P., George E. W. Stivers, will make his official visit, and on this occasion the Grand Lecturer of the Grand Chapter, R. E. George McGown, will confer the Royal Arch Degree on eight candidates. It is the earnest desire to make this a memorable occasion for the Royal Craft.

The next convocation of Orient Chapter No. 138 will be held on the evening of June 12, 1896, when the R. A. degree will be conferred by M. E. F. E. Barnes, P. G. H. P., assisted by a corps of Past Grand officers. The chapter will also be honored by a visit from the M. E. G. E. W. Stivers, G. H. P., and his staff. As this will be the last convocation of Orient Chapter until September 25, 1896, a large attendance is expected. Companions of sister chapters are cordially invited.

Who shall say that a craft which comes down to us freighted with the love of all the ages, which teaches the pure love of God and inculcates the duty of loving thy brother as thyself, which stamps upon the wrong, tramples beneath its feet as unworthy of reasoning and intelligent men intolerance, bigotry and fanaticism, and emblazons upon its banners Toleration, Justice, Fraternity, is not worthy of the greatest love and devotion of even the greatest of men?

Wherever the human heart pulsates for the misery of its fellow, whether in the jungles of Africa, the deserts of Asia, classic Europe or our own beloved land, are found Masonic gatherings teaching men liberty, equality and toleration, the great pillars which sustain the indestructible fabric of the lodge. Upon this foundation has been erected an edifice more durable than heathen superstition ever dedicated to fear and more useful than mistaken zeal ever devoted to piety.

The compasses and square, in their moral significance, mean the control of the passions and the command of the body. As such they are the well-known badge of the Master in the fraternity, and foreshadowed by the blood sprinkled on the door-posts and lintel in Egypt, through which Israel passed in safety; they have assumed the form of the Tau, and as a triple Tau, or cross, have become the badge of the Royal Brotherhood of Masonry. Thus the compasses and square keep within them all the mystery and the marvel of man's moral and bodily nature, and occupy a splendid position in the regard of the members of that society whose symbols are laws and illustrations of divine truth.

The North American Indians have a beautiful myth concerning a mystical bird that comes in the summer nights when the moon is full, and in the groves beside their wigwams sings ethereal songs of the spirit land, and brings to them tidings of their departed friends. During our pilgrimage from cradle to coffin, as one after another drops from our side and enters upon the unbroken sleep of death, there comes to us at the fireside, in the daily walk of life, and in our asylums, memories of the brave, the true, the unfaltering ones. They tell us not of the mysteries of the Unseen Temple, but they assure us that our departed fratres nobly sustained the trials of their passing existence, and manfully performed the varied duties of life, we need have no fears, nor any carping doubts but that they have risen on the stepping-stones of death to higher things.

"Masonry, by its unwearied patience and energy, has drawn to itself the highest and best things harvested in the centuries. And it has built its temple and shown it to the world to draw these things to itself and fashion them into harmony and the calm beauty of its leading ideals, just as the windowed arch, the shafted cross, the pointed spire, the strong buttress, have drawn to themselves the gentler moonbeams and sculptured them into mellowed light and calm beauty. Each age has given some great truth, or some contribution, and Masonry has held them up for man to imitate and make his own. And here again it has become a school of learning, and knowledge, duty, righteousness, integrity, moral beauty, purity have educated its members to the lofty height such ideals demand. It has kept every ideal before the Mason, whether it has been enriched by symbol or acted drama or the pageantry of dedicated temple or poised arch. In this, too, it finds its growth, and this will be the standard by which its loftiness will be measured before men. For though Masonry is of the past, it has to do with the present, with times of great endeavor and the constant miracle of invention, and no standard of action can be hidden from sight, no truth of the ever-growing institution can be thrown aside among the wastes of the temple, for Masonry teaches with the unvarying order which nature teaches every artistic soul. Every flash of light on leaf or tree, every tint of the firmament, on the waves of the sea, or mountain crag, is formed into an ideal and inspiration for the mind and hand to impress on stone or to repeat the story of its beauty on the pictured canvas."

THE GRAND CHAPTER.

The annual gathering of the Grand Chapter within the Tabernacle of Constitution Chapter was held in the Commandery Room, Masonic Hall, last Tuesday evening. There were many interesting features connected with this convention this year. M. E. George E. W. Stivers, the present G. H. P., made this the occasion of his official visit, and the committee appointed by the Grand Chapter last February to present to P. G. H. P. Marvin I. Greenwood, a testimonial also took this opportunity to carry out the programme. M. E. Frederick E. Barnes, as chairman of the committee, made the presentation address. He said in part: "It is better to be known as an upright man and Mason than to have your features carved in marble; it is better to be lodged in the hearts of your fellowman than upon the banner of fame. . . . I present you with these precious jewels, love, respect and esteem, the love of all Past Grand High Priests, the respect of all the Grand Chapter officers, and the esteem of 20,000 Royal Arch Masons; and in their behalf I also present you with this testimonial, and trust that you will have the pleasure of wearing it for many, many years." M. E. Marvin I. Greenwood replied in a few apt words: "I thank you for your very complimentary remarks, and I wish that it were true that I deserve all the compliments you paid me; but I greatly fear that you flatter me too much. . . . It needed not this testimonial from my companions of the Grand Chapter to show me or assure me of their love; the many honors they have showered upon me convinced me long ago that they return the love and esteem I feel for them," etc. The testimonial was a very handsome watch, chain and charm, with monogram and inscription. Many distinguished Royal Arch Masons were present to compliment Companion Greenwood. P. G. H. P. William J. McDonald and William Sherer, Charles Belcher, John Webb, jr., Herman H. Russ, R. Es. Crane and Guthrie, Palmer, Balston, Hall, Muehsam, Dr. Otto Schalz, of Albany; Alfred B. Price, George McGown, Edward M. L. Ehlers, Maxfield Hatton, David M. Drury, Edward Taylor and many more. The usual strawberry feast rounded out this very pleasant gathering.

ADELPHIC CHAPTER NO. 79, O. E. S.

This flourishing chapter of the order celebrated the fifth anniversary of its existence with considerable eclat. The first matron as well as the first patron presided on this occasion. There was no work, but a splendid entertainment was furnished by the talented members, and there were no end of presentations. Mrs. Levy J. Isaacs, Past Worthy Matron, was presented with an artistic crayon of herself, mounted in massive gold frame. Mrs. Benolial was presented with a chest containing an elegant silver service, and the secretary, Sister Niner, was remembered with a handsome gold watch and chatelain, and finally, not to slight any one, Ven. Bro. Levi J. Isaacs, the first patron of the chapter, received a handsomely embroidered apron, the handiwork of a skilful sister. A sumptuous repast was then enjoyed by all present, and a very memorable meeting of Adelphic Chapter came to a close.

THE GRAND TREASURER AT HOME.

R. W. William J. McDonald, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of the State, visited his mother lodge, Pyramid No. 490, for the first time last Friday night as a Grand Lodge officer. W. James H. Kennedy, the Master, called all the Past Masters of Pyramid to the altar and informed them and the members of the honor that had been conferred upon their "favorite son" and upon the lodge. The Dean of the Past Masters, W. Mathew Ritchie, then requested R. W. George McGovern to present R. W. William J. McDonald and escort him to the East. Here he was welcomed by the Master and the grand honors were given him. The R. W. replied in a brief address, thanking the Master and the brethren for the hearty greeting and for the kindly feeling shown and expressed toward him. He spoke of the power and influence for good of the Grand Lodge, and said he fully realized and appreciated the high honor which had been conferred upon him by the 90,000 Masons of this State.

The third degree was then conferred by the Master. R. W. Stephen D. Affleck presented the working tools. The lodge had a very large attendance, and the work was done in an admirable manner.

THE A. AND A. RITE.

The Lodge of Perfection, held last Tuesday evening, was the largest in many years. The Master received Ill. Henry L. Palmer, Sov. Grand Com. of Supreme Council; Ill. Clinton F. Paige, Sec. Gen.; Ill. Chas. E. Ide, Deputy for New-York, under escort of many honorary thirty-third. The Master received them, and they addressed the lodge, expressing their pleasure at being present. The ninth degree was conferred by Past Masters and was well done. Visiting brethren were received from Syracuse, Utica, Binghamton, Watertown, Albany, Brooklyn and Jersey.

It is surprising how soon energy and zeal will tell in any organization. Ill. Bro. Marter deserves great credit for the good work he is doing in the Scottish Rite. The Council of Princes will meet next Friday.

COMMANDERY NOTES.

A regular conclave of Palestine No. 18 was held in their asylum last Monday evening. Being the first meeting under the new officers, there was a large attendance present. The Order of Red Cross was conferred on four companions. During the evening R. E. Sir George McGown, who was recently elected an honorary member of the commandery, was presented by Em. Sir Charles E. Lansing with a gold "Palestine" badge in behalf of the commandery. R. E. Sir McGown, in responding, referred to the fact that he received his Templar orders in Palestine in 1864, then under command of Em. Sir John A. Lefferts.

Last week a special committee went to Boston and visited the conclave of De Molay Commandery. There were also delegations from Beauseant and Saint Omer commanderies. Upon the arrival in Boston they were met by a committee from De Molay and taken to their hotel, where the usual hospitalities were extended. They were then taken to the asylum. The committee was received and given the courtesy of the asylum for a while. Em. Sir Knight Goodwin, as chairman of the committee, presented a magnificently engrossed set of resolutions to Beauseant Commandery, which was accepted in behalf of that commandery by Em. Sir Frederick J. Hawley.

Sir Knight Frederick E. Barnes in turn presented a like set to Saint Omer Commandery, which was accepted by Em. Sir Knight Hill in a most pleasant manner. Em. Sir Knight John F. Baldwin then presented another set to De Molay Commandery, to which Em. Sir Henry K. Dunton responded in behalf of his commandery. A gold badge of Palestine was also presented to Em. Sir Dunton. There was a very large attendance present. During the evening remarks were made by Em. Sir Charles D. Newton, of Palestine, R. E. Sir Eugene H. Richards, Grand Commander of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. At the close of the meeting all sat down to a banquet. These testimonials were presented on account of courtesies extended by those commanderies to Palestine when in Boston last August.

The meeting was referred to next day in the Boston papers as "a red-letter night in the history of De Molay." After leaving the hall the New-York fraters were taken in hand and entertained in a lavish manner by the Sir Knights of De Molay until a late hour.

Rondout Commandery No. 52, of Kingston, N. Y., held their annual conclave May 27 and elected the following officers: John B. Allaire, E. C.; the Rev. H. W. Sherwood, Gen.; David Terry, C. G.; George B. Hibbard, prelate for the twenty-sixth term; Lewis S. Markle, S. W.; the Rev. Thomas Burrows, J. W.; Andrew Barrett, treasurer; Grove Webster, recorder for the twenty-sixth term, and A. A. Crosby, trustee. After the election Sir Charles A. Schermerhorn, on behalf of the Sir Knights of the commandery, presented to Sir George B. Hibbard a substantial token of esteem and for the reason that during the twenty-five years' service as prelate Sir Hibbard has administered the obligation to every Sir Knight who has received the orders in this commandery. It was a complete surprise, but he was extremely grateful for this token from his fraters. This commandery has had a prosperous year and looks forward to still better times in the ensuing year. They have been especially favored in the past, as but four have died out of the eighteen charter members twenty-five years ago.

York Commandery No. 55 elevated Dr. George Knipe to the East, and Robert H. Clark was elected Generalissimo. Although Sir Robert is now enjoying himself in Europe his fraters have elected him unanimously to this high and honored position in his absence. He will receive a royal welcome on his return home.

MASONRY IN MID-OCEAN.

A touching incident which deserves mention in this department of The Tribune occurred on the high sea on the steamer Lucania on her last trip to this city. Bro. James Albin Roberts, a member of Sherborne Lodge No. 702, at Stroud, died suddenly at sea, and his remains were about to be committed to the deep waters when a brother Mason stepped forward and asked the captain for permission to examine some effects of the dead man. This was readily granted, and among these effects were found a Masonic apron and other evidence that the deceased belonged to the brotherhood. The body was claimed by Bro. Charles W. Collier, of Putnam Lodge, who with Bro. William Wilson, of Winfield, York; Bro. William Field, of Liverpool, and other brethren on board, had the remains embalmed and brought to this city, and from here shipped them back to his native land in care of his lodge, Sherborne No. 702, at Strand, England, where the body was received and interred with Masonic honors. The lodge at its meeting passed the following resolutions: "That Sherborne Lodge desires to express its most grateful and sincere acknowledgement of the very kind feeling which prompted the action of Bro. Charles W. Collier, of Putnam Lodge, New-York City, U. S.; of Bro. William Wilson, Bro. William Field, of Liverpool, and other unknown brethren on board the steamship Lucania, upon the sudden death of our lamented and esteemed Bro. James Albin Roberts, an action alike honorable to themselves and to the whole body of the craft, and to record its appreciation of the proof of the reality of the Brotherhood of Masonry."

Sherborne Lodge also conveys to Putnam Lodge No. 338, of this city, its most hearty and fraternal greeting. The letter conveying this is signed by Bro. W. H. C. Fisher, hon. secretary of No. 702.

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