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DAS TRAUBENFEST.

THE ANNUAL GRAPE FESTIVAL AT THE MASONIC HOME AT TAPPAN, ROCKLAND COUNTY, N. Y.

This popular festival, which is annually held by the brethren of the Twenty-eighth District, was again celebrated as usual, and with much eclat and enthusiasm; in fact, more people gathered at the Home than ever assembled on a similar or on any occasion. The Grand Master honored the day by his presence, and with him were many of the resident grand officers, who brought their wives and families, and greatly enjoyed the balmy air of Rockland County, and appreciated the true charity, and especially the real home feeling which is apparent at every step. The Home at Tappan is altogether different from the big Home at Utica. The moment a visitor enters the latter he is impressed with the greatness of the institution. At every step the grandeur and wealth of the craft is apparent. It looks and it is a vast institution, worthy of the craft of the Empire State, and with its immense structure, its 200 acres stretching out toward the beautiful Mohawk, it is truly the pride of the brethren in New-York State.

The Home at Tappan, with its nineteen acres, its old-fashioned farmhouse, altered into a Home building, its shade trees, probably a century old; its nicely kept gravel walks, its grape arbors and old-style barns, hencoops and barnyards, inspires the visitors with a peculiar home feeling, and makes the impression of a home of "Sweet Home." And it is the aim of the earnest and good brethren who have this in charge to make it and keep it so.

It is now just twenty years since the project was first formulated to have a home somewhere near the city of New-York, and the brethren of the Twenty-eighth District, with characteristic energy and zeal, started in to have it, and their efforts were crowned with absolute and most flattering success. The first meeting for the purpose was held on October 17, 1875, under the direction of the lamented District Deputy, R. W. C. F. L. Hohenthal, The then Master of German Pilgrim Lodge No. 179, R. W. Albert Janicke, delivered an address upon the subject, dwelling especially upon the advantages it would bring to the district, and upon the noble example the Twenty-eighth District would furnish to all others in the State. A committee was appointed at this meeting to devise means, look for a site for a temple and report back to the delegates for action. On February 13 the committee reported favorably, and announced that a house suitable for a temple for the Twenty-eighth District could be procured at reasonable terms, but, like all undertakings of this kind, much opposition developed and the project lagged. Fortunately the scheme had, notwithstanding all opposition, taken root, and through the tireless efforts of R. W. Francis de Malignon, of Zschokke Lodge, as the first president, ably and energetically aided by the secretary, Albert Janicke, and the first treasurer, John M. Wenneis, who kept on agitating until about $1,100 was collected, and from this very small beginning sprang the splendid enterprise of which the brethren of the Twenty-eighth District and the Masons of the Empire State are justly proud. The building in East Fifteenth-st. was bought February 23, 1879, and now began an active campaign. Festivals, picnics, excursions, "Johannisfests" and a great fair were held, all for the benefit of the house and the projected home. The latter, after much work and search, was dedicated October 24, 1888, and has since then been the happy home and shelter of many brethern, who find here a retreat and asylum in their declining years.

The Home at present contains twenty-two inmates, but can easily accommodate about forty. The house has twenty-eight rooms. United Brothers Lodge No. 256 furnished one; also German Pilgrim Lodge No. 179, Humboldt Lodge and Beethoven No. 661 have each their name over the door of a very cosily furnished room. Solon No. 771 and Zschokke also contributed their share most liberally toward the furnishing and make-up of the Home. This very incomplete sketch would be still more inadequate without the names of those "private heroes" who have done so much, and are now constantly working for the benefit of this Home, Bro. Charles Boss, the active president; George E. Inteman, Albert Wagner, the faithful secretary; Dr. Otto Jentz, Ferdinand Wieler, Henry Breumich, the "schatz meister"; Jacob Metz, Charles Roth, Gustav Lauter, John M. Wenneis, and, above all, the ever "hustling" and hard-working Jacob Eidt and Albert Janicke. All those brethren deserve well of the craft for their noble work in Tappan, which to-day, together with the building in East Fifteenth-st., sums up to the value of over $100,000. And each year the "Johannisfest," in the spring, and the Traubenfest, in the fall, adds substantially to the fund, which is entirely devoted to the best cause of Masonry—Charity.

CITY LODGE NO. 408.

Monday night the commandery room was lit up with all its electric lights, was decorated with flowers and palms, and was filled with a bright and intelligent audience, who had come to congratulate City Lodge upon its fortieth birthday. The master, W. Henry J. Muller, bid the members, the guests and the ladies a hearty welcome in a few well-chosen remarks, and at once proceeded to call upon the several artists who had volunteered to entertain the brethren. There was an introductory and a song by Louis Schawe; then the Grand Master was introduced and greeted by the Master and the committee, and addressed the audience. He said in part: "It is very flattering to be thus introduced by your handsome young Master, but then youth will be effervescent and it is best to let him have his way. . . . I am pleased to speak for and in praise of City Lodge, where I have been an honorary member for some years; I am pleased to congratulate you upon your fortieth birthday. It is true, forty years seems a short period in the life of a lodge. We have recently assisted in celebrating the centennial of a lodge in this State. Lodges have the advantage over individuals in this, that a record is kept in every well regulated lodge, and while masters go and come, the lodge keeps on in its career of charity and good deeds, as no lodge depends upon the life of any one individual. . . . I remember when the father of the present Master, who sits calmly over there, was just as spry and youthful as his son is to-night, and let us hope, W. Sir, that in time your son will wield the gavel in City Lodge. I am also pleased to see the fair sex so well represented here. I would admit ladies in the order, but you see I cannot do this, as the law of Masonry forbids. I think the ladies can keep a secret as well as the Masons, but our secrets are simply our own family affairs. You would not care to have your neighbors know your business, innocent and legitimate as it may be, and it is the same in Masonry. We simply try and carry on our own business in our own way. . . . But there is more in Masonry than its secrets—it is to make men better; to elevate them to a higher plane and teach its members to 'live' the life of a Mason, that is, to be a Mason before all the world, as well as in the lodgeroom."

The Grand Master's address was attentively listened to, and was much applauded at the conclusion. R. W. Brother Mayer Dittenhoeffer, on behalf of the lodge, presented to the Grand Master a very handsome basket of flowers for Mrs. Stewart; a like favor was bestowed upon Mrs. Muller, the wife of the Master, W. Henry J. Muller. The Hon. H. C. Kudlich and Judge Dittenhoeffer also addressed the assembled guests and brethren. The following programme was then gone through with:

Fantasie caprice ..... Vieuxtemps
Hugo Luettich, violin; Hans W. Meyer, piano.
Selection from "Carmen" ..... Bizet
Miss Adele Pfaltz.
Concert, Part 1 and 2 ..... Golterman
Karl Krill, 'cello; Hans W. Meyer, piano.
Concert valse ..... Wieniawsky
Hans W. Meyer, piano.
Aria from "Tannhaeuser" ..... Wagner
Louis Schawe, baritone; Signor G. De Grandi, piano.
Telling Tales out of School ..... Carl Hauser
Intermezzo from "Cavalleria Rusticana" ..... Mascagni
Hugo Luettich, violin; Karl Krill, 'cello; Hans W. Meyer, piano; Michael C. Guentzer, organ.
"Uncle Anthony's Duty" ..... Original Recitation
W. W. Taylor.
Chorus ..... By the Audience
"The Musical King" ..... Nat Wolf

"The Star-Spangled Banner" was sung by the audience, and the exercises were brought to a close, the Master thanking his guests of the evening for their attendance and attention. A collation was served in the banquet-room, after which dancing was indulged in by the young folks. It was a very happy affair, and City Lodge may be congratulated by its members and friends.

THE REAPER IN THE CRAFT.

Worshipful Robert Macbeth, Master of Washington Lodge No. 21, died suddenly last week, and was buried with Masonic honors from his late residence Tuesday night. W. William Hall, of Pyramid Lodge, performed the Masonic burial service over the remains of the lamented brother. Brother Macbeth was made a Mason in Washington Lodge March, 1888, and was its Master at the time of his death. He was a member of Standard Chapter and of the Temple Club, the Masonic organization in the Fourth District. The very large concourse of people who gathered at the funeral showed the high esteem in which he was held by his brethren and his friends.

R. W. ROBERT L. WRIGHT.

THE D. D. MAKES HIS FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT AT EUREKA LODGE NO. 243—THE "DANDY" FIFTH OUT IN FORCE TO GREET THE NEW STAR.

The commandery room could not be stretched out to any greater dimensions than the strong walls of the hall permitted, hence many of the brethren who came to see the new District Deputy could not gain admission to the big room, which was filled to overflowing. In the galleries standing room could scarcely be had, and on the main floor rows upon rows of campstools were brought in to accommodate the constantly increasing throng. And when R. W. Henry Van Minden, the Master of Eureka Lodge, sounded the gavel on Thursday night he found the room already crowded, and he found, further, that he made a great mistake in not securing Madison Square Garden for his reception to the District Deputy of the Fifth District. Everybody was there, not only those of the Fifth, but every district in New-York, Brooklyn and surrounding towns came to see and be seen.

First came a delegation from Silentia Lodge, seventy-five strong; then Hope, with over fifty members, headed by its Master and the many Past Masters, and in rapid succession filed in brethren and delegations from every lodge in the district. Darcy, Munn, Lebanon, United States, Excelsior, York, Eastern Star, Polar Star, Empire City, National and all came with their Masters and Past Masters and the numerous active and working members of their several lodges, and the R. W.'s

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gathered by the score, the past and the present, as well as the "would be," all uniting in doing honor to the guest of the evening.

When everything was in readiness the procession, consisting of R. W.'s only, formed, headed by the Grand Marshal, R. W. Henry B. Pruser, and followed by the P. D. D. of the Fifth, who had Brother Wright in charge, R. W. William H. Miller, jr., presented the D. D. in a very neat address. He said: "Being the immediate predecessor of the distinguished brother, I can say with good grace that the Grand Master has made a great improvement in selecting as his representative R. W. Robert L. Wright, and in presenting him to you tonight I ask of you to give him that loyal, wholesouled and hearty support which the members of the Fifth yield to their D. D., and I here pledge myself personally and on behalf of the long line of brilliant Past District Deputies to do all in my power to advance the best interest of the "Dandy" Fifth and contribute my efforts toward the success of Brother Wright's administration of the affairs of the district." R. W. Henry Van Minden, in according the grand honors, said: "You have honored me and Eureka Lodge in making this your first official visit to No. 243, and we fully realize and appreciate the honor of this occasion." R. W. Robert L. Wright, in replying, said, in part:

"A reception like this, a gathering like this, is enough to make any man feel proud, and on this, my first visit to the district as the representative of the Grand Master, I feel proud—indeed, it makes my heart swell with gratitude to you, sir, and to the brethren of Eureka Lodge, as well as for all these many distinguished craftsman who have gathered here to-night. . . . Peace, prosperity and progress reign within our grand jurisdiction, and brethren, let these three words be inscribed upon our banner. Peace is the first requisite to prosperity, and progress is the legitimate result of prosperity, and to insure all this we must adhere strictly to the sublime teaching and principle of the order, and follow the lines as laid down by our honored chief, M. W. John Stewart, in his recent letter to the Deputies and as published in the Masonic Department of The New-York Tribune."

R. W. William H. Miller, jr., again acted as spokesman for Eureka Lodge, and presented to R. W. James B. Gillie a handsomely engrossed and mounted certificate of honorary membership, which was accepted in one of the characteristic speeches of Brother Gillie. R. W. Brother Wright then, on behalf of the members of Eureka, presented to their honored treasurer, Brother Philip Franklin, a magnificent set of resolutions, massively framed and very skilfully written, in testimony of their esteem and appreciation of his long services as treasurer of the lodge. The brother made a suitable reply, feelingly thanking the brethren for their kind remembrance. All this was not sufficient for the boundless liberality and hospitality of Eureka Lodge. R. W. Brother Gillie was asked by the Master to present for the members of the lodge a large and elegant basket of flowers to Brother Wright for Mrs. Wright, which, after acceptance, were sent to Mrs. Wright as "advance agent," and to assure her that her good husband is in the hands of his friends. And still more presentations: The Master presented to Brothers Bosse and Van Beuren testimonials of his regard and of the affection of the brethren. After all this there was not much time for further speaking, but the Master said he could not let the opportunity pass without asking some of the distinguished brethren to say a few words. R. W. William J. McDonald, Grand Treasurer, then spoke in congratulatory terms; also W. John R. Gardner, as president of the Trowel Club, and R. W. Matthew Taylor as D. D. of the Eighth and president of the Level Club, and many other brethren briefly addressed the audience.

A banquet furnished by Brother Theodore and served in the big banquet-room wound up one of the most pleasant gatherings ever held in the district, and one which will long be remembered by all present, and of which Brother Wright, the D. D., as well as Brother Van Minden, the Master, may justly be proud.

Right Worshipful Robert L. Wright's ancestors came from New-England; his grandfather fought in the Revolutionary War. Brother "Bob" Wright was born in Troy on October 2, 1851, was raised in Mount Zion Lodge No. 311, Troy, N. Y., and affiliated with Silentia Lodge No. 198 in November, 1889, and was elected its Master in December, 1890, serving in the East of his lodge ever since, making a continuous service as Master for six years. He was exalted in Zerubabbel Chapter No. 147 in February, 1889, and served as its High Priest two years. Sir Knight Robert L. Wright received the orders in Manhattan Commandery No. 31 in May, 1890. He was also two years president of the Trowel Club, the district organization of Masters and Past Masters of the Fifth Masonic District. The R. W. is in the wholesale millinery business.

BENEVOLENT LODGE NO. 28.

A most pleasing and very successful entertainment was that given by Benevolent Lodge at the celebration of its nineteenth anniversary, which was celebrated in the Commandery Room, Masonic Hall, last Wednesday night. The evening's entertainment consisted of an excellent selection of recitations and songs, all of which were of first-class order, and was under the careful supervision of Brother Vess L. Assman.

The programme was opened by the Master, W. William Harkness, who bade the assembled brethren, ladies and friends a hearty welcome, and in a very neat and eloquent address told them that the doors of Benevolent Lodge were opened for their enjoyment, and he hoped that the efforts of the committee would prove satisfactory to all present. Masonry, he said, is an everyday occurrence. It is an everyday principle, liberal in its practice and liberal in its teachings. It gathers in its folds those who otherwise differ, but who unite around the sacred altar of Masonry. . . . While Masonry is not recognized as or wished to be deemed a church, it has many of its forms, and aims at the betterment of man. It has the open Bible upon its altar—the Book of Books, and the guide for our faith and practice, and as long as there are thousands of lodges in our Republic, so long will we have thousands of Bibles opened to all our brethren, etc.

The M. W. Grand Master was then introduced and spoke to the audience, and said in part: "I am pleased to see so many gathered here at the invitation of Benevolent Lodge, and more especially am I pleased to see so many ladies here. There are more reasons than one why we should always welcome the fair sex, for next to the most sacred name of mother is the glad name of wife. . . . No matter where we may wander, or in what strange lands or strange circumstance we may find ourselves, we look to the fair women for gentle support and graceful assistance, especially so as Masons, for Masonry has ever given to woman her proper station and upheld her in her proper sphere. . . . It is true there is opposition to Masonry, but the opposition comes from a quarter that would deprive us of our public schools, and we need not fear anything from this quarter, which would block and retard or altogether stop our splendid educational system, while Masonry upholds all that tends to enlighten and expand the mind, and elevates, educates and uplifts man to higher level," etc. The excellent programme was then gone through with, after which a fine collation was served in the banquet-room, and the ladies returned to engage in a social dance.

Benevolent has every reason to be proud of this very successful celebration, and every one present expects and hopes to participate at the celebration of the centennial of No. 28. This, however, should not keep the brethren from celebrating next year, and the ninety-second, ninety-third, and so on, until the 100th mark is reached. This would keep the committee in practice, and would make them perfect for a grand centennial in 1906. The committee were Brothers David Graham, Thomas Hillson, George A. Elwood, George H. Pladwell, Edmund J. Bath, David Thurston, Frank H. Hillman, William Frank Banham and Vess L. Assman.

LODGE NOTES.

TOILERS IN MASONIC QUARRIES.

Dirigo Lodge conferred the second degree. W. Morris presided.

Normal Lodge conferred the first degree. W. Master Campbell presided. R. W. Allan Williams, Robert Dickey, Henry Laird and W. Haggerty were among the visitors.

Garibaldi Lodge conferred the second degree. Among the prominent lights of the Twenty-ninth District present were W.'s Cardina, Paulacia, Mathot and R. W. Luca Francia and Louis Dumont.

Lafayette Lodge No. 64 worked the first degree. W. Bro. Williams presented the working tools and W. Huntington the Apron. W.'s Perry, Aten and Daugherty were present; also R. W. Milligan.

Albin Lodge No. 26 gave the first degree. W. Master Titus presided. W. William L. Swan, Master of Adelphi No. 23, presented the working tools. W. Frederick J. Brown, E. Cooper and J. Atkinson were present.

Americus Lodge gave the first degree. W. William L. Relyea presiding. W. Washington M. Postly gave the lecture. R. W. Allan Williams paid the lodge an unofficial visit and gave the brethren some good and sound advice.

Roome Lodge conferred the first degree, with W. M. William P. Martin presiding. R. W. John Gunn presented the Apron, and W. M. Kelly, of United States Lodge, explained the working tools. The lodge had a good attendance of members and visitors.

Manitou Lodge No. 106 had no work, but considerable routine business was transacted. W. M. Fairchild presided. W.'s Sharlow and Van Pelt, and R. W. William J. Duncan were among the visitors. P. M.'s Bushong, Tutthill and Sherreck were also in attendance.

Darcy Lodge gave the first degree, with W. Dr. Pomroy in the East. W. Richard Shepard presented the Apron and P. M. Clark the working tools. P. M.'s Boscowitz, William A. Miller and Israel Cohen were in evidence. R. W. William H. Miller, jr., was among the visitors.

Lotos Lodge gave the first degree in fine style, W. William A. Johnson presiding in the first section. Past Master Carter presented the Apron and presided in the second section, also giving the lecture of the degree. W. Robert Dickey, of Nassau, explained the working tools.

Strict Observance Lodge No. 94 worked the second degree. W. E. J. Martin presided. W. William Swan, of Adelphi No. 23, explained the working tools. W. E. Brooks acted senior deacon. W. F. J. Brown was among the visitors. Past Master James F. Bragg and John M. Craig assisted.

Platt Lodge conferred the first degree. W. Philip Joseph presiding. W. Collins, of Hiram Lodge, presented the Apron, and Past Master Proudman explained the working tools. The lodge had a fine attendance, and it looks as if Platt will have as busy a season as it had last year, "hard times" notwithstanding.

Kane Lodge conferred the first degree. W. George Whitfield Brown, the Master, presided. W. Frank L. Hamilton, of Polar Star, presented the Apron, and Past Master J. Morris Ward explained the working tools. W. M. Green, Master of Montclair Lodge, New-Jersey, and P. M. Easley, of the same place, were in attendance.

W. Bro. Combes, of Harlem Lodge No. 67, worked the first degree last Thursday evening before a large and appreciative assembly of brethren, being assisted in the work by W. Bro. W. H. Palles (senior and junior), of Golden Rule No. 779, and Eugene Erath, of Pioneer No. 29. Next Thursday evening, October 8, third degree.

St. Cecile gave the second degree last Tuesday afternoon. W. C. E. Low presided. W. Charles F. Holmer, of Copestone Lodge, explained the working tools, and W. C. Barnes, of Orion Lodge No. 717 conducted the candidates through the middle chamber passage. On next Tuesday, October 6, R. W. Allan Williams will make his official visit here.

Scotia Lodge gave the second degree. W. Alexander Sharp was made happy by the visits of many prominent craftsmen. R. W.'s William S. Thomson, C. C. Gerhardt, M. D. Getty, W. Sheppard and Auld were present. Past Master August Ehlebeg acted as Senior Deacon, and conducted the candidates through the Middle Chamber.

Excelsior Lodge held one of its well-attended and well-regulated communications, with W. John R. Gardner in the East, surrounded by R. W.'s George Burnham, Crickerson, J. Stewart Bradburn, Dr. E. A. Miller and W. Thornbury. The Apron was presented by Bro. Sprague in an able manner, and W. Ludwig of Tecumseh, explained the working tools.

Shakespeare Lodge No. 79, Bro. I. Niner, master, conferred the third degree at its last meeting on three candidates. The lodge was well attended and the work impressively rendered. Wor. L. J. Isaacs presented the working tools and Wor. M. Silberstein assisted in the second section. Wor. R. Holde A. G. L., and Rothschild and Morris were present.

Mariners' Lodge met Tuesday evening. There was no work, but a very fine gathering of brethren enjoyed the excellent programme prepared by the courteous Master, W. Robert S. Lapper. There was quite an entertainment, furnished by Brother Wilson Barringer, also by the author and composer Lawlor, who sang his popular piece, "The Sidewalks of New-York," "Don't be Woozy," and other selections. Among the interested listeners were W.'s Treber and Alexander, of Hope; Aldsardt and Brockway, of Gramercy; Ralph Mayer, of Greenwich; Beckley and Berry.

Ivanhoe Lodge gave the third degree, the Master, Dr. Mortimer, presiding. W. Eggelton explained the working tools, and R. W. George L. Montague gave the historical lecture. Of course the R. W. Allan Williams was present, this being his home lodge; also veteran Past Master of Harlem Lodge W. Pierce, Dickey, of Nassau, Sheldon, of Continental; Wyeth, of Radiant, and R. W. John Spence, P. D. D. of the Seventh. After closing the lodge the brethren reassembled around the banquet table at the Craftsmen's Club, where the flow of soul gave full evidence of the zeal and enthusiasm of the brothers, whether gathered around the altar or around the "festive."

A WORTHY VETERAN HONORED.

That staid and conservative old lodge, termed by some brethren as "slow," showed last Thursday night that it is fully alive whenever occasion requires it, and Independent Royal Arch Lodge No. 2 honored itself by honoring that veteran Mason, R. W. Claudius F. Beatty, who had recently been appointed by the Grand Master to represent him in the fourth district as District Deputy Grand Master. W. Bro. Warren Higley, the courteous Master, called upon Past Master Falls to present M. V. Bro. Beatty at the altar, and in a few well-chosen, dignified words, congratulated the honored brother upon his appointment. He assured him that the members of old No. 2 feel proud of him, feel proud that one of their number had been selected for this high and exalted position, and above all, that one being the honored Past Master, "our own Claude," "and," continued the eloquent speaker, "as soon as we learned of the great honor conferred upon you and upon us, we determined to signalize this event and show our appreciation by having you properly clothed and decorated as a D. D." M. W. William Sherer, Past Grand Master, then assumed the East, and presented the Right Worshipful with a magnificent jewel, saying in part: "You have assumed new duties and great responsibility, but the many years you have served the craft, the many offices you have so creditably filled before, fully qualify you for this position, and the Grand Master chose well and wisely in coming to this venerable lodge and taking its venerable Past Master as the representative in the Fourth. Often this honor comes to those who do not deserve it, who have not shown suitable proficiency and specimens of their skill in the business of Masonry, but even this has its compensation, for if they are not worthy, are not fit for this high office, they show it more thoroughly, and the higher the place the more ready the mark for criticism, and then those who really do not 'fill' the place, shortly after drop out; they are not happy for they are soon forgotten, but when the honor comes to one who so richly deserves it, we, his brethren and friends, are doubly happy, first because of his long services, because he deserves and merits all honors, and secondly, because we feel that Masonry is safe in such hands, that the duties of the craft will be well performed and its laws fulfilled to the letter, and in pinning this splendid jewel to your breast I feel assured that its lustre will never be tarnished, and its owner do nothing to lessen the esteem and love we all feel for him." R. W. Bro. Beatty thanked the brethren, and said that he would wear it, ever remembering the kindly feeling expressed by the brethren of his own lodge, "and I trust," he said, "that neither you, M. W. Sir, the brethren of this lodge or the Grand Master, will ever regret the honor conferred upon me. I will wear this jewel during my official career, and will treasure it hereafter, and when I shall lay aside the working tools of life, it will be cherished and treasured by my family." R. W. George W. Arnold, then in behalf of the members of Independent Royal Arch Lodge No. 2, presented to Bro. Beatty a handsome Grand Lodge Apron. He said: "I come here to pay my respects to you and your lodge, and expected to listen to eloquent remarks by others. I fear that I will not be able to adequately express all I would wish to say to you, or that I can crystallize into words the feeling your brethren have for you. Gifts and words only partly express our real feeling. It is in the inmost heart of hearts that true friendship, true brotherly love really finds its lodging." R. W. Bro. Beatty again thanked the speaker and the brethren, and accepted the beautiful Apron gratefully and thankfully.

Most all of the Masters in the district were present in honor of the occasion, and many distinguished brethren from other districts. There were R. W. Bro.'s Pratt, R. W. Higgins, Ellwood, Visscher, Charles H. Heyzer, Peter S. Ferrier, William L. Swan, Perham, Hillson, Sharlow, Van Pelt, Frederick J. Brown and others.

The presentations, the speeches and acceptance were all in keeping with the traditions of this old lodge, so conservative and yet cordial and hearty, and in true Masonic spirit. R. W. Bro. Beatty starts out on the round of his official visits and official duties with the best wishes of all the brethren of his lodge, and with fullest confidence of all the masters of the district.

THE OLD GUARD.

The Masonic Veteran Association of the city of New-York met Wednesday night for the first time since vacation. M. V. George W. Thurber in taking the chair welcomed the venerables back to their "Haven of Rest," and advised them to attend the regular monthly meetings of the venerable and honored association. The deaths of Venerables Charles D. Brown, John J. Tindale, A. W. Miller, Rabbish and Muroe were announced, and remarks in the form of eulogies were made by M. V. Pratt, Thurber, Guest and others. The meeting was closed early and the old brethren enjoyed a good banquet. The Masonic Veterans, or the "Old Guard of Masonry," as they are frequently called, number now over seven hundred members, and are composed of those brethren who have served and have been in good standing for twenty-one continuous years. Ven. Brother Robert S. Wardle, the new secretary, has taken hold of the books in good earnest, and has inaugurated some excellent reforms; all he needs is the encouragement of the Venerable Brethren by sending him their dues promptly.

COMING EVENTS.

DESIGNS UPON MASONIC TRESTLEBOARDS.

Adelphi Lodge No. 23, will give the second degree next Tuesday. Adelphi is a good lodge to visit.

Solon Lodge No. 771 will meet to-morrow evening. W. George Hamman will welcome all visiting brethren.

Polar Star Lodge meets to-morrow evening. The Master, W. Frank L. Hamilton, announces the first degree.

Silentia Lodge will give the first degree next Wednesday. R. W. Robert L. Wright, D. D. of the Fifth, is Master.

City Lodge No. 408 will give the first degree to-morrow evening. Henry J. Muller, the Master, invites visiting brethren.

Roome Lodge No. 746 will confer the third degree next Saturday. W. William P. Martin, the Master, will be pleased to welcome visiting brethren.

John D. Willard Lodge No. 250 will confer the third degree next Wednesday. W. Charles H. Vandevort, the Master, cordially invites brethren to visit him on that night.

The next stated convocation of Orient Chapter No. 138 will be held on the evening of October 9, when the Mark Master Mason degree will be conferred. Companions of sister chapters are cordially invited.

St. Cecile will meet next Tuesday afternoon. This communication has been set apart for the official visit of R. W. Allan Williams, D. D. of the Seventh, who will be accompanied by the members of the Square Club.

United States Lodge No. 207 will receive the official visit of R. W. Robert L. Wright, D. D. of the Fifth District, next Wednesday. W. Master Kelly has invited the Masters and Past Masters of the district to visit United States on that occasion.

Templar Lodge will confer the third degree next Thursday. W. John B. Loudun is Master and W. William Smellie is secretary. R. W. James B. Gillie, president of the Board of Trustees, will deliver the historical lecture. The craft is invited.

The next regular communication of Crystal Wave Lodge No. 658 will be held in their rooms in Brooklyn next Monday evening. The work of the evening will be the first degree. W. Bro. McMarde always has a cordial greeting for visiting craftsmen.

M. E. George E. W. Stivers, G. H. P., will officially visit Nassau Chapter No. 169, of Brooklyn, on Wednesday evening. He will be accompanied by the resident Grand Chapter officers and by many companions from New-York and Brooklyn.

A grand reception is proposed to the Grand Treasurer, R. W. William J. McDonald, to be tendered to him by the members of his (Pyramid) lodge. The Commandery Room has been secured for October 16. This is a big room, but it will not nearly hold all those who desire to honor this veteran worker.

The next communication of Nassau Lodge, No. 536, will be held at the rooms next Thursday, October 8. The work will be the second degree, and a number of brethren from out-of-town lodges will be present. The W. M. Bro. Goldstone, has a fraternal greeting for all visiting brothers.

R. W. Matthew Taylor, District Deputy of the Eighth, will make his official visit to Star of Cuba Lodge, N. 742 to-morrow evening. This lodge meets at East Sixtieth-st. (see Masonic Directory). Brethren of the Eighth District and all others will be welcomed by W. Henry Lassing, the Master, who expects and desires a large number of visitors.

The Craftsman's Club, at No. 11 West Twenty-second-st., will tender a complimentary dinner to the Grand Master, M. W. John Stewart. Elaborate preparations are in progress, and the affair promises to outdo all former efforts of this popular Masonic club. The date of the dinner has been fixed for October 29.

German Union Lodge No. 54 resumes labor tomorrow evening with the second degree. The Master, W. Paul E. Lauter, says: "In inviting you to this, our first, meeting since vacation, I desire to infuse the brethren with renewed zeal for the benefit of the craft and for the glory of our lodge, that the star of German Union may again approach its zenith and remain there."

Continental Lodge No. 287 will have the first degree next Wednesday. W. Benjamin Asa Sheldon, the Master, announces that R. W. Levi S. Hulse, D. D. G. M., of the Sixth Masonic District, will make his official visit at this date, and that the Masters and Past Masters of the Sixth will also pay the lodge a visit, together with other prominent craftsmen, all of which promises a gala night for Continental.

Eastern Star Lodge No. 227 meets next Wednesday. Members are especially requested to attend. The Master, W. Robert Richards, has returned from his vacation at Lenox and will resume the arduous duty of Master of this prosperous lodge. The first degree will probably be the work of the evening, although candidates for every degree are in waiting. Eastern Star Lodge will have a busy season.

The next regular conclave of Palestine Commandery No. 18, Knights Templars, will be held in the Asylum, Masonic Hall, Sixth-ave. and Twenty-third-st., on Monday evening, October 5, at 8 o'clock prompt. Sir Charles D. Newton, the Commander, extends a cordial greeting to the Sir Knights upon the resumption of work, and congratulates them that a kind and benign Providence has dealt so leniently with all during the summer vacation, and he trusts that the call to labor finds each and every Sir Knight in the full enjoyment of health, happiness and prosperity, and imbued with a deep interest in everything that will tend to the success of the commandery. Work—Illustrious Order of Red Cross.

THE GRAND CHAPTER UP THE STATE.

The Grand High Priest, accompanied by Rt. Ex. Comps. Palmer, Hall and Muehsam, has opened up the "fall campaign" by a tour up the State. They left the city last Monday night for Dunkirk, and visited Dunkirk Chapter Tuesday night, the 23d, they were joined by Comps Nast and McGown. The degree of Royal Arch was conferred. After the work an enjoyable banquet ended the exercises. The next night, Wednesday, 23d, Medina Chapter, at Medina, was visited. Here they were joined by Comps. Crane, Fox and Past Grand High Priest Greenwood. The degree conferred here was that of Most Excellent Master. To go into the details of the manner and form of the rendering of the beautiful degree would take much space and time. Too much credit cannot be given to the High Priest, George A. Newell, and his faithful co-workers for the elaborateness and impressive manner of its presentation. Beautiful costumes, special furniture and paraphernalia and soul-stirring music all combined, and thoroughness of the floor work, call for the honest praise given. It is such work that redounds to the credit and glory of our royal craft. Such chapters wield a great and wide influence, not only in their own section, but for miles around, both upon those that are without and within the mystic circle.

"The members of the chapter gave an elaborate rendition of the degree of Most Excellent Master and surprised the visitors by the excellent manner in which the work was carried out, the grand officers acknowledging that the rendition was far better than given by any other chapter in the State.

"After the conferring of the degree the Companions repaired to the rooms of the Alert Hose Company, where a banquet was spread by Babcock & Son, and speeches of congratulation and encouragement were made by the visitors and members of the chapter. Thus was added another memorable event in Medina Freemasonry."

The recipients of the honorary certificate were much surprised and highly appreciate the honor. The Grand High Priest, M. E. George E. W. Stivers, says that the remembrance of this honor and of this visit to Medina Chapter will remain with all those present with great satisfaction and gratification, and a thankfulness that they are Royal Arch Masons, and thus qualified to participate in such a splendid meetings and reunions. The Grand High Priest is very enthusiastic over this visit. Thursday night they were at Western Sun Chapter, Jamestown. Here the Mark degree was conferred in a most creditable manner. A banquet ended the evening's exercises. The visiting companions were in constant charge of a committee who were indefatigable in making their stay in this noted Masonic city one of pleasure and pleasant remembrances. Friday night Olean Chapter, at Olean, was visited, where the Mark degree was conferred in excellent form. Saturday night these zealous companions escorted their fellow-traveller and co-worker, R. E. Comp. Hall, to his own chapter, Union, New-York City, and remained awhile. So ended another of the many successful tours up the State by that indefatigable worker and earnest Companion Stivers, our Grand High Priest, whose pleasure of these visits was enhanced by the unfailing courtesy of the visited companions and the loyal support and aid of R. E. Companions Palmer, Hall and Muesham.

THE TROWEL CLUB.

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Trowel Club was held at the clubhouse of the Craftsmen's Club Thursday evening. R. W. Robert L. Wright, the retiring president, made an address, thanking the members for their continued confidence and for the many courtesies shown him. The election resulted as follows: W. John R. Gardner, of Excelsior Lodge, president; W. William A. Miller, of Darcy, first vice-president; W. John G. Folsum, of Independent No. 185, second vice-president; Elias Whitney, of Enterprise, secretary, and Charles C. Buddington, of United States Lodge No. 207, treasurer. The election was unanimous and entirely satisfactory. Brother Gardner thanked the brethren for the honor conferred.

A very agreeable surprise occurred here by the entry of R. W. William A. Sutherland, Deputy Grand Master, who, coming to the city on private business, honored the Trowel Club with a flying visit. He was received with cheers and greeting by the members. After being formally introduced by the President, W. John R. Gardner, he addressed the brethren, and made some very happy and appropriate remarks. He said that he had heard frequently of the good work of the Trowel Club; that its influence extends not only throughout the Fifth District, but reaches further, and into the other districts. The united efforts and the harmonious support given by the Trowel Club to each District Deputy are most commendable, and deserve well of the craft, and merit the approbation and emulation of the brethren in other districts. R. W. John R. Pope, Theophilus Pratt, R. W. James S. Manning, George W. Arnold and R. W. Matthew Taylor also spoke. An Entertainment Committee was appointed to prepare for a ladies' night, which will probably occur early in December.

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ALBION No. 26 meets second and fourth Mondays in Masonic Hall.
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CENTENNIAL LODGE No. 763 meets second and fourth Tuesday at Masonic Hall.
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