

LODGE NOTES.

TOILERS IN THE MASONIC QUARRIES.

Astor Lodge met, but having no work spent a social hour, and the members parted in peace and harmony.

Capestone Lodge No. 641 paid a fraternal visit to Ionic Lodge, and conferred the third degree in full.

Antient Lodge No. 721 conferred the second degree, with W. W. Brown, Past Master, presiding.

Veritas Lodge conferred the first degree, with W. Charles D. Huntington, Past Master, presiding.

Alma Lodge No. 728 conferred the second degree in the form, and in the presence of a very large gathering of members and many visitors.

Chancellor Walworth Lodge gave the third degree in full, with W. W. Brown, Past Master, presiding.

Tabor Lodge worked the third degree in very good form, with W. W. Brown, Past Master, presiding.

Rooming Lodge No. 746 had no work, but W. Master Jones assisted, this lodge is doing exceedingly well.

Benevolent Lodge No. 23 had no work at its last meeting, but a pleasant social hour was spent.

Capestone Lodge conferred the first degree, with W. W. Brown, Past Master, presiding.

Antiquity Lodge conferred the third degree, with W. W. Brown, Past Master, presiding.

Standard Lodge conferred the first degree, with W. W. Brown, Past Master, presiding.

Naval Lodge conferred the first degree with its usual form, with W. W. Brown, Past Master, presiding.

United Brothers Lodge No. 436 gave the first degree in excellent form, with W. W. Brown, Past Master, presiding.

Albion Lodge gave the first degree, with W. W. Brown, Past Master, presiding.

Pyramid Lodge No. 490 gave the second degree, with W. W. Brown, Past Master, presiding.

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This important "reformation" has been too long delayed, and the Master of the lodge, who soon "pass off." The system that has been relegated has been repose, and food—"wages" too lean to enter in mind of challenges, more with all the elements that constitute the genius of Masonry and would, if properly educated, become as polished as the most perfect of the world.

Men with a motley of brains go to our lodges to learn at least the exterior of Masonry, and soon let us have schools of instruction in every lodge in the State.

A VERY ACTIVE MASON. R. W. George McGown, of Palmyra, N. Y., was born in Ireland, June 9, 1843. Five years later his family emigrated to Philadelphia, where he resided until 1868, when he enlisted in the United States Army, serving in the 24th Infantry on the Western frontier until the breaking out of the rebellion, when he was discharged.

Hope Lodge, W. William A. Wallace, Master, will confer the second degree next Tuesday, Senior Warden, J. H. Deane, presiding.

Manitou Lodge will have the second degree on Monday, May 23. Visitors are always welcome and cordially invited to attend.

Charity Lodge No. 727 is already out with tickets for the annual dancing, to be held at the Empire Hotel, on Thursday, May 21, at Empire Grove, up the Hudson.

Eureka Lodge meets to-morrow evening, the first degree is on the treatise, W. Joseph Odell, the courteous Master, will preside, and the lodge will be in the West. Eureka is a good lodge to visit.

Clinton Lodge No. 43 will celebrate the homecoming of the Second District, to his own lodge on next Wednesday evening. Many prominent brethren will attend.

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COMING EVENTS.

DESIGNS UPON MASONIC TRESTLEBOARDS.

City Lodge No. 408 will confer the second degree to-morrow evening, W. E. O. Middlebrook cordially invites visitors.

Jerusalem Chapter No. 185 will confer the Royal Arch degree next Friday, E. John R. Gardner, the H. P., will preside.

Marshall Lodge No. 18, W. George W. Ades Master, will confer the second degree next Thursday. Visitors from everywhere are welcome.

Pyramid Lodge will confer the first degree next Thursday, W. W. Brown, Past Master, will preside, and cordially invite brethren to visit.

Eastern Star Lodge No. 227 will again confer the first degree next Wednesday evening, W. W. Brown, Past Master, will preside, and cordially invite brethren to visit.

The Square Club, the organization of the Seventh District, is preparing to hold a strawberry festival and entertainment at St. John's Lodge, on Thursday evening, May 20, in the Tuscan Room, Masonic Hall. Let everybody go to America!

Manhattan Chapter will confer the Past and M. E. Degree next Wednesday evening. Acting High Priest, W. W. Brown, will preside, and cordially invite brethren to visit.

Zetland Chapter will give the Royal Arch degree in full form next Thursday, W. W. Brown, Past Master, will preside, and cordially invite brethren to visit.

Mosaic Lodge No. 418 will confer the second degree to-morrow evening, W. E. O. Middlebrook cordially invites visitors.

The next state convocation of Palestine Commandery will be held to-morrow evening, when the report of the recorder and treasurer will be read and election of officers will be held.

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MEMBERSHIP IN R. EMINENT SIR JOHN MASON.

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Masonic Directory.

LODGES MEETING IN MASONIC HALL.

LOTUS 31, first and third Thursdays. W. W. BROWN, Past Master, presiding.

MANITOU 106, second and fourth Mondays. W. W. BROWN, Past Master, presiding.

MONTEGOMERY 68, first and third Mondays. W. W. BROWN, Past Master, presiding.

MUNN 100, second and fourth Thursdays. W. W. BROWN, Past Master, presiding.

NATIONAL 52, second and fourth Fridays. W. W. BROWN, Past Master, presiding.

NAVAL 60, second and fourth Wednesdays. W. W. BROWN, Past Master, presiding.

PIRYAMID 408, first and third Fridays. W. W. BROWN, Past Master, presiding.

PIATT 194, first and third Thursdays. W. W. BROWN, Past Master, presiding.

POLAR STAR 245, first and third Mondays. W. W. BROWN, Past Master, presiding.

REPUBLIC 60, first and third Saturdays. W. W. BROWN, Past Master, presiding.

ROOM 746, second and fourth Saturdays. W. W. BROWN, Past Master, presiding.

SAGAMORE 371, first and third Wednesdays. W. W. BROWN, Past Master, presiding.

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EVERY BRICK IN ITS PROPER PLACE.

Poets are born. But this need not deter anyone from writing poetry. Good poets may be born, but there is a great deal of good poetry floating around which was written by those who are not called poets and yet have achieved success by their good works.

Thus in Masonry, we are not all born to be good ritualists, or Masonic writers or orators, or born to be Grand Lodge officers, and yet we may achieve success in the craft by honest toil in the quarries; we can all be workers, there is work for each to do if we will only turn to and do it. Some of our best members are worthless in conferring a degree and of great service on committees. Others can never be found to help instructing the very candidates they brought to the lodge. One member is a good "beggar." No man in the lodge can extract more money for a good cause from the pockets of the brethren, and in this capacity he is of great value to the members. Some brethren are blessed with this world's goods, and is willing to contribute liberally to the good work of the lodge, but can do little else, yet he is doing exceedingly good work. Another, who means are limited, has time and strength to visit the sick and watch with them. He is filling a good niche in our building, in our spiritual temple. He is doing good Masonic work.

The treasurer, who should always be a careful guardian of the funds, is doing a good work if he does his whole duty to his brethren. The secretary, a most important officer in the lodge, is doing a noble work if he takes the interest in his office he should, and which the office deserves, and so on to the end of the list. There is work for all to do, if we will only turn to and do it; there is no room in our order for idlers or drones, each to his share, each can bear part of the burden. Let us all turn to and do that part of the work for which we are best suited, and which we can best accomplish, even if the brother that "has nothing to say" can do his share by regularly attending the meetings and filling an empty chair.

Every brick in a building fits a proper place, and every brother in our fraternity has his proper station, and should fill it, to do honor to his office and credit to his lodge, and thus only can each of us be a useful member of the order. Let every one fill his place, let every one do his share, there is something to do for him, that will work for all to do, and that will be a successful work for all to do, not selfish ambition, but the true interest of the craft. Every man is fitted for something, and every man is fitted for something better than for another. Let us endeavor to do that for which he is best suited and best qualified, and which will result in the best interest of the craft and Masonry at large.

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