MASONIC DEPARTMENT

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HAIL TO THE CHIEFS.

THE GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE STATE OF NEW-YORK AS CONSTITUTED FOR THE MASONIC YEAR 1898-'99.

The complete list of Grand Lodge officers for the current Masonic year is given in this Department of The Tribune. There are many appointments and many more disappointments, which is an annual occurrence, for "many shall be called but few chosen," but let the brethren remember and bear in mind as a consolation and as an encouragement for better success in the future that the stone which the builders rejected (possessing merits to them unknown) became the chief stone of the corner; and the chief stone of our institution, the foundation of Masonry, is the rank and file—the attentive, zealous and earnest Mason, who works in the quarries, serves on committees at all times without the hope of fee or reward, and who, like the true soldier, takes any place, any position required of him, and does his duty faithfully and truly.

We cannot all be Grand Masters or District Deputy Grand Masters, or Grand Lodge officers, and we may not all have titles, but we have just reason to be proud of the title "Master Mason," and let us work to deserve well of the brethren and the world at large. And, above all, let us turn to and uphold the hands of those who were chosen by the craft or by the Grand Master as the banner-carriers of Masonry for the present year. We each have our allotted work to do. Let us do it well and faithfully, and have our reward in having done our duty. Let each brother stand up and do his utmost to make "Masonry," as at present constituted, successful for the good of Masonry; hence for our good. Forward then, brethren, take up your good work, perseserve in well-doing. There is much work to do in our quarries, and we cannot mope and wait, but do it now, that Masonry may continue to grow in goodness in influence and in usefulness. Altogether then, brethren, and hail to our chiefs, to the leaders of to-day, to those who are to represent this great fraternity for one year.

THE GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

William A. Sutherland, of Rochester, Grand Master.
Wright D. Pownall, of New-York, Deputy Grand Master.
Charles E. Ide, of Syracuse, Senior Grand Warden.
Charles W. Cushman, of Buffalo, Junior Grand Warden.
George W. White, of New-York, Grand Treasurer.
Edward M. L. Ehlers, of New-York, Grand Secretary.

THE STAFF OFFICERS.

R. W. George R. Van De Water, Grand Chaplain, New-York.
R. W. Rudolph Grossman, Grand Chaplain, New-York.
R. W. Frederick S. Parkhurst, Grand Chaplain, Rochester.
R. W. Isaac Fromme, Grand Marshal, New-York.
R. W. Clayton S. Scott, Grand Standard Bearer, Owego.
R. W. Jacob Eidt, Grand Sword Bearer, New-York.
R. W. George F. Haven, Grand Steward, Brooklyn.
R. W. Herbert P. Dedrick, Grand Steward, New-York.
R. W. Perry Thorn, Grand Steward, Hamburg.
R. W. William A. Johnson, Grand Steward, New-York.
R. W. J. Hungerford Smith, Senior Grand Deacon, Rochester.
R. W. Charles W. Bingham, Junior Grand Deacon, Mount Morris.
R. W. William H. Whiting, Grand Lecturer, Rochester.
R. W. Frederick T. Slack, Grand Librarian, New-York.
W. George Skinner, Grand Pursuivant, New-York.
W. Andrew Ferguson, Grand Tiler, New-York.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

1. J. Carl Schmuck, Lawrence Station.
2. George F. Maddock, Brooklyn.
3. Theodore S. Todd, Brooklyn.
4. Warren Higley, New-York.
5. Robert L. Smith, New-York.
6. Nathan B. Wood, New-York.
7. C. Leonard Starbuck, New-York.
8. Jeremiah Mulford, jr., New-York.
9. Frederick Zimmer, New-York.
10. Francis L. Gauthey, New-York.
11. John A. Kennedy, Prince's Bay.
12. Dexter Fairchild, Tarrytown.
13. Arthur S. Tompkins, Nyack.
14. George H. Sherman, Poughkeepsie.
15. Palmer A. Canfield, Rondout.
16. Charles T. Curtis, Callicoon Depot.
17. James A. Beckett, Hoosick Falls.
18. Charles Smith, Oneonta.
19. Fred Linus Carroll, Johnstown.
20. George A. Ferris, Sandy Hill.
21. H. Prior King, Glens Falls.
22. Henry E. Gillespie, Ausable Forks.
23. Thomas R. Hoasie, Gouverneur.
24. James H. Tamblin, Copenhagen.
25. George E. Watkin, Oswego.
26. Edwin Evans, Rome.
27. Jerrie T. Durham, Oneida.
28. Walter M. Hand, Binghamton.
29. Herbert M. Lovell, Elmira.
30. James W. Hart, Auburn.
31. Clarence A. MacDonald, Seneca Falls.
32. Sprague S. Granger, Sodus.
33. George W. Atwell, jr., Lima.
34. John Comosh, Corning.
35. Charles H. Brown, Belmont.
36. Philip S. Goodwin, Perry.
37. W. Crawford Ramsdale, Albion.
38. John C. Thompson, Buffalo.
39. William R. Pindar, Salamanca.
40. Clarence A. Slone, Jamestown.

HISTORIAN.

R. W. Peter Ross.

THE TRUSTEES.

Frederick P. Morris, Flushing.
Byron J. Strough, Laforgsville.
Noble F. Martin, Utica.
Horace H. Brockway, New-York.
Chas. W. Drake, New-York.

HALL AND ASYLUM STANDING COMMITTEE.

Bro. Roswell P. Flower, Watertown.
Bro. Timothy L. Woodruff, Brooklyn.
Bro. Daniel Lord, New-York.
Bro. Thomas R. Proctor, Utica.
Bro. A. W. Soper, New-York.
Bro. William W. Smith, Poughkeepsie.
Bro. Maurice Untermeyer, New-York.
Bro. Andrew Peck, Brooklyn.
Bro. William T. Jenkins, Tompkinsville.

COMMITTEE ON ANTIQUITIES.

R. W. William H. Andrews,
W. Alexander A. Clark,
W. Clarence B. Marter,
W. Clinton R. Wyeth,
W. George H. Phillips.

COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS.

R. W. William Johnston,
W. J. Howard Wainwright,
W. Henry M. Bristol.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

M. W. Jesse B. Anthony,
W. Emil Frenkel,
R. W. William J. Duncan.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE LEWIS MONUMENT.

James Ten Eyck.
William A. Brodie.
George S. Sheppard.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE CENTENNIAL DEATH OF WASHINGTON.

J. Stewart Wilson.
James G. Janeway.
Robert Judson Kenworthy.
William S. Riselay.
Charles D. Tuke.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REARRANGEMENT OF TWENTY-FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT.

Andrew Trombleo.
Albert W. Morehouse.
Dow Beekman.
Frank A. Hotchkiss.
James B. McEwan.

PENTALPHA LODGE NO. 744.

That nothing succeeds like success is a truism, often repeated, but there must be something behind it to cause success, and, above all, something to deserve it. When one enters Pentalpha Lodge and observes the vim and earnest devotion of its Master, W. Peter Cook; the painstaking Secretary, Bro. Robert M. Bingham, and the zeal of the Wardens and members, no surprise can possibly exist why Pentalpha is now a successful lodge, for all work together in unison and harmony, with the single purpose of making No. 744 shine forth as one of the "shining" lodges in the district.

Last Tuesday evening the third degree was conferred by the energetic Master; Past Master W. William R. Bartley acted as Senior Deacon, and W. Charles W. Grube, Master of Daniel Carpenter Lodge, gave the historical lecture. R. W. Stephen C. Bedell paid the lodge a fraternal visit, and was most cordially greeted by the brethren. There were also present W.'s Clauer, Lairds, Willis and Wyeth, and W. John H. Meyerholz, of Eastern Star Lodge No. 227. The work was done in exceedingly good form and in an impressive manner, the lecture by W. Bro. Grube being an eloquent elucidation of the worth and value of Masonry.

A pleasant hour was spent by the brethren after closing in the banquet hall, where a collation was served, and speeches, songs and recitations by the "talent" of Pentalpha kept the brethren in good humor. The lodge called off for the summer, but the brethren bore in mind that the demands of charity cannot be called off, so they empowered the Master to look after the needy, the widow and those in distress. All hail to good Pentalpha Lodge!

OUR NEW GRAND TREASURER.

Right Worshipful Brother George W. White comes from an old American family, of both Revolutionary and Masonic stock. His grandfather, a brother Mason, was killed in the Battle of Monmouth, and his father and two uncles were members of Polar Star Lodge No. 245. He was brought up under Masonic influences, and the teachings and tenets of the institution are anchored deeply in his character. He was born in 1849, at Nyack, Rockland County, N. Y., where his family has resided for many generations, but removed to New-York City with his parents in 1854, and has resided here, in the Ninth Ward, ever since. He attended the public schools and was graduated from the College of the City of New-York. The family of Brother White were known as dock builders and shipbuilders for four generations back, and through this contributed much toward the advancement and improvement of this imperial city, but the new Grand Treasurer chose a different occupation, and became an accountant and bookkeeper, in which profession he has held many places of trust and great importance. He was for many years the financier of the Board of Education of this city, and secretary of the Board of Trustees of the College of New-York. He is now the chief accountant and treasurer of the National Wall Paper Company. Through his own ability and integrity he became well and favorably known in business

GEORGE W. WHITE.

and financial circles, and being an expert in his chosen calling is often called upon to disentangle difficult problems of business, which require not only great skill in figures and accounts but also tact, and above all, require the utmost confidence in his integrity and reliability. He is the trusted auditor for several large firms and corporations in this State.

R. W. Brother White was made a Mason in Greenwich Lodge No. 467, in June, 1875, and affiliated with Adelphic Lodge, No. 348, in January, 1878, and became its Master in 1880.

He was District Deputy Grand Master of the Sixth Masonic District in 1895, secretary of the Committee on Antiquities of the Grand Lodge in 1897, and was unanimously elected Grand Treasurer at the recent session of the Grand Lodge. He served as president of the Masters and Past Masters' Association of the Sixth District, and under his able leadership the association has greatly prospered.

M. E. Companion White was High Priest of Adelphic Chapter in 1878 and 1879; Prelate of Adelphic Commandery in 1879, is a member of Adelphic Council No. 7, Royal and Select Masters of Mecca Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of the Masonic Veterans of the City of New-York, and is an honorary member of Continental Lodge and several other Masonic bodies.

Brother White is a stanch Democrat, a member of Tammany Hall, and is on the County Committee of that organization.

A WARNING VOICE FROM CUBA.

New-York City, June 27, 1898.

M. W. Bro. William A. Sutherland.

At your eloquent appeal to the Grand Lodge in its one hundred and seventeenth annual convention in behalf of our destitute brethren in the Island of Cuba, it seems impossible to remain indifferent and silent to one of their members, who, since his arrival in this country in search of a safe refuge for himself and his family, has uninterruptedly found the most affectionate regard and deference among his brethren of all ranks.

It affords me a source of inexplicable satisfaction to unreservedly assure you, Most Worshipful Sir, that all the Cuban Masons will deeply appreciate your brotherly and noble words, simply as a loyal expression of the sentiment of the American people, who, manfully and faithfully to its traditional principles of justice and liberty, have so unhesitatingly extended its powerful protection in favor of a people so long vexed with inhuman oppression and tyranny.

In accordance with your suggestion, masterfully advocated in your recent address, the Grand Lodge unanimously sanctioned the splendid donation from its funds of the sum of five thousand dollars ($5,000), to be directly applied to the relief of the poor and distressed brethren who are utterly unable to quit the island of Cuba, and who are accordingly suffering on account of the existing political and military struggle.

In the name of those unfortunate brethren, and very particularly in the name of the Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba, of which I have the distinguished honor of being Senior Grand Warden, permit me, Most Worshipful Sir, to hereby express to you personally, and, through your courtesy, to all the members within the limits of this vast jurisdiction, the heartfelt expression of our everlasting gratitude.

At the same time I feel it becomes my duty—and an unpleasant duty, indeed—to inform you, Most Worshipful Sir, that the actual incumbent of the chair in our Grand East is a Spaniard—a Spaniard by birth and a relentless defender of the Spanish domination in Cuba.

As a member of the Common Council of the city of Havana, and in several other ways connected with the government of the Island, our Grand Master, instead of advocating the freedom and welfare of our craft, failed—moreover, flatly refused—to take the slightest interest in our behalf; and in order to retain his high political standing, most deliberately threw his vast influence on the side of the Spanish Government when the latter arbitrarily and peremptorily denounced and forbade the holding of our meetings. And in this connection it occurs to me that if the money so spontaneously, so generously donated by the Grand Lodge of the State of New-York should be placed in such hands it could easily deviate from its original and intended purpose, and be used to feed the Spanish soldiers, as has been the case with a large percentage of the supplies which this charitable and free-hearted people have contributed toward the relief of the starving Cubans.

Most fraternally and respectfully yours,

AURELIS MIRANDA,

Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba.

MANAHATTA LODGE NO. 489.

W. Master La Barre had sent forth his flat to have a calcium night at Manahatta, and the consequence was that the rooms were crowded, and the members and visitors were all aglow with enthusiasm. The third degree was conferred by the Master, and R. W. William J. Matthews gave the historical lecture. The Square Club paid the lodge a fraternal visit, bringing along R. W. Thomas Moore, John Spence, William S. Thomson, Allan Williams and Moses D. Getty; also W.'s Shepard, Glynn, Hevener, of Eastern Star; Brockway, of Gramercy; Long, of Americus; Gregory, Collins, Otto and others.

During the evening W. Adolph Muehsam, Past Master of No. 467, called upon another Past Master, W. John W. White, and, on behalf of the lodge, presented him with a fine Past Master's jewel. In the very felicitous presentation address he highly complimented Bro. White, and spoke of his services to Manahatta Lodge and the untiring devotion always shown toward its best interests, and, expressing the wish that he would continue in this line for many years, he pinned the jewel on his breast amid the loud and prolonged applause of the assembled brethren. Bro. White replied in feeling terms, thanking the speaker and the brethren and renewing his vows ever to work for the good of Manahatta Lodge and for Masonry in general. After closing, the brethren gathered around the banquet table and enjoyed a social hour.

DAS JOHANNES FEST.

Our German brethren strictly adhere to the custom of celebrating St. John's Day every year, and these brethren have the happy faculty of combining pleasure and profit—that is, let it be understood, that all the "profit" is for the benefit of their well-managed Home at Tappan, Rockland County.

On Friday, June 24, the brethren of the Ninth District, with their wives and families, gathered in Lion Park for a genuine good and enjoyable outing. Bro. Inteman, the president of the association, with Bro. Gerhardt, the vice-president; Adam Schaaff, Henry Breumich, Janicke, Osterland, Ehlan, Wieler, and all the stanch German brethren, who are constantly working for the good cause, were there. M. W. John Stewart, Past Grand Master, was among the guests of the evening, and was enthusiastically received by the Masters and Past Masters of the Ninth.

The wildest cheering began when R. W. Wright D. Pownall, Deputy Grand Master, entered, and made the announcement that W. Frederick Zimmer had been appointed District Deputy of the district, and W. Jacob Eidt, the faithful veteran worker, is now Grand Sword Bearer. Again and again the brethren cheered, and as to R. W. Bro. Pownall, each brother lustily expressed the toast that "Hoch soll Ehr leben, drymahl hoch." The new Grand Lodge officers were most heartily congratulated.

The hour was late when the brethren parted, after having spent a thoroughly enjoyable day and evening in each other's society, and incidentally augmenting the fund for the Home in a most substantial manner.

JERSEYMEN VISIT EXCELSIOR.

A PRESENTATION.

Excelsior Lodge No. 195 wound up the season in a blaze of glory on Monday evening, June 27. The third degree was conferred upon four candidates, one of whom was one of Newark's prominent citizens. It seemed as though all Newark turned out, there being present M. W. Charles Belcher, Past Grand Master of New-Jersey, who presented the working tools; W. Bro. Henry Doremus, of Northern Lodge, and W. Bro. Woodworth, of Kane Lodge No. 55, together with a delegation of about sixty members of Kane, Eureka and St. John's. We also noticed R. W. Bro.'s Siy and Alsdorf, of Gramercy; White, of Maimonides; W. Davis and R. W. Bro. R. L. Wright. Of Excelsior's own were R. W. Bro.'s Critcherson and Bradburn, Thornbury, E. O. Smith and John R. Gardner. The work was conferred in good style, the historical lecture being delivered by W. Bro. Gardner, whose interpretation of the symbolism was listened to by the brethren with evident appreciation. A pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation to R. W. Bro. Critcherson of a Grand Lodge apron, elaborately emblazoned with the coat-of-arms of Illinois, of which jurisdiction Bro. Critcherson is the representative. The presentation was made by W. Bro. Gardner, who reminded the audience that, although Bro. Critcherson has represented Illinois for many years, the embellishments due his rank had been lacking. W. Bro. William R. Denham also addressed the brother in a happy vein, and extended the honors, to which the R. W. brother responded in his characteristic manner. W. Bro. Denham is to be congratulated upon his successful meeting, which will be the last until fall.

IN NEW-JERSEY.

More than ten thousand Masons, representing every lodge in the State of New-Jersey, assembled on the beautiful rolling lawn that surrounds the new Masonic Home in Burlington, and witnessed the dedication of the handsome structure. About ten thousand female friends of the Masonic fraternity augmented the throng. Many of the lodges had headquarters on the lawn and entertained their friends in tents.

Shortly after 11 o'clock a beautiful American flag was unfurled from a staff that stands ninety-five feet out of the ground. The flag was the gift of Teutonia Lodge No. 72, of Jersey City. W. Henry Niersteidt Master, and was presented by Dr. Senior and accepted by Grand Master Ewan. Past Grand Master George Fortmeyer also made an address in a patriotic vein. At 1 o'clock the dedicating ceremonies began. The Grand Lodge marched to the platform and took seats under the old trees.

By the side of Grand Master Ewan sat his aged father, Charles Ewan, whose proud privilege it was to cast the unanimous vote in the Grand Lodge that made his son Grand Master. The older Mr. Ewan himself is a Past Master. The platform also contained two occupants of the Home, an aged man and his wife.

The Grand Lodge halted in front of the Home to receive a stone that came from King Solomon's quarries, in Jerusalem. The stone was presented by R. W. Bro. Jacob Ringle, who personally secured the precious trophy and brought it across the seas for this purpose. The stone was received by Grand Master Ewan, and now occupies a place in the front wall of the Home. It contains the usual articles that are put in cornerstones.

The Home was then formally presented by Past Grand Master Hamilton Wallis and accepted by Grand Master Ewan. An address was made by Deputy-Grand Master Joseph E. Moore, in which he charged Grand Master Ewan to dedicate the Home. Grand Master Ewan feelingly replied. Grand Chaplain H. W. Stocking offered the consecration prayer and the Grand Lodge moved to the part of the building where the unique ceremonies took place.

The Grand Master was given a cup containing corn, which he poured on the railing of the veranda. This was symbolic of plenty. Next wine was poured from a silver cup and dashed over the railing, symbolizing refreshment. Lastly, oil was poured, symbolizing joy. In the time intervening the stanzas of the ode were sung. The invocation was then given by the Grand Master, and Grand Marshal Wakefield pronounced the proclamation. The Grand Lodge resumed its seat.

Immediately after the dedication ceremonies the Grand Lodge and guests had a banquet in a large tent. Grand Master Ewan presided. Speeches were made by Mayor Hoos, of Jersey City; Secretary Steppe, of the Pennsylvania Masonic Home; Junior Grand Warden Tennis, of the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge; Judge Brown, of Jersey City; John Stewart, Past Grand Master of New-York, Grand Chaplain Stocking and Hamilton Wallis. The Rev. Mr. Finney, of Morristown, presented a Bible to the home on behalf of the Burlington County Bible Society. Grand Master Ewan announced the receipt of a check for $50. He also announced the receipt of presents of pictures, etc.

A letter of regret on behalf of President and Bro. McKinley was read as follows:

"The President requests to express his regret at his inability to attend the ceremonies incident to the dedication of the Masonic Home. While the President thoroughly appreciates the cordiality of this invitation, his official duties are of such pressing and immediate importance that he finds it impossible to leave Washington, even for a short time."

Letters of regret from Vice-President and Bro. Hobart and ex-President Cleveland were also read.

A DREADFUL HUSBAND.

A middle-aged woman, with a black alpaca dress, worn shiny at the elbows, and a cheap jawk and a cheap bonnet, and her hands puckered up and blue, as though she had just got her washing out, went into the office of a prominent Mason a few days ago and took a chair. She wiped her nose and the perspiration from her face with a blue checked apron, and when the Mason looked at her, with an interested, brotherly look, as though she were in trouble, she said:

"Are you the boss Mason?"

He blushed, told her he was a Mason, but not the highest in the land. She hesitated a moment, fingered the corner of her apron, and curled it up, like a boy speaking a piece at school, and asked:

"Have you taken the whole two hundred and thirty-three degrees of Masonry?"

The man laughed and had her there were only thirty-three degrees and that he had only taken thirty-two. The other degree could only be taken by a very few who were recommended by the Grand Lodge, and they had to go to New-York to get the thirty-third degree.

The woman reflected a moment, unpinned the safety-pin that held her shawl together and put it in her mouth, took a long breath and said:

"Where does my husband get the other two hundred degrees, then?"

The prominent Mason said he guessed her husband never got two hundred degrees, unless he had a degree factory. He said he didn't understand the woman.

"Does my husband have to sit up with a corpse three nights a week?" she asked, her eyes flashing fire. "And do they keep a lot of sick Masons on tap for my husband to sit up with the other three nights?"

The prominent Mason said he was thankful that few Masons died, and only occasionally was one sick enough to call for Masonic assistance.

"But why do you ask these questions, madam?" asked the prominent Mason.

The woman picked the fringe of her shawl, hung her head down and said:

"Well, my husband began to join the Masons about three years ago, and he has been taking the degrees or sitting up with people every night since. He has come home twice with wrong clothes on, and when I asked him how it was he said that it was a secret he could not reveal under the penalty of being shot with a cannon. All that he would say was that he took a degree. I have kept a little track of it, and I figure that he has taken 233 degrees, including the grand Sky Fugle degree, which he took the night he came home with his lip cut and his ear hanging by a piece of skin."

"Oh, madam," said the prominent Mason, "there is no Sky Fugle degree in Masonry. Your husband has deceived you. He is no Mason."

"That's what I think," said she, as a baleful light appeared in her eye. "He said he was taking the Sky Fugle degree and fell through the skylight. I had him sewed up, and he was ready for more degrees. After he had taken about a hundred and fifty degrees I told him I should think he would let up on it and put some potatoes in the cellar for winter, but he said when a man once got started on the degrees he had to take them all or he did not amount to anything. Sometimes a brother Mason comes home along with him in the morning, and they talk about a 'full flush,' and their 'pat hands,' and 'raising 'em out.' One night when he was asleep I heard him whisper, 'I raise you $10,' and when I asked him what it meant, he said they were raising a purse for a poor widow. Another time he raised up in bed after he had been asleep, and shouted, 'I stand pat!' and when I asked him what he meant he said he was ruined if I told it. He said he had spoken the password, and if the brethren heard of it they would put him out of the way, even as Morgan was put out of the way. Mister, is 'stand pat' your password?"

The Mason told her it was not. That the words she had spoken was an expression used by men when playing draw poker, and he added that he didn't believe that her husband was a Mason at all, but that he had been lying to her all these years.

She sighed and said: "That's what I thought when he came home with a lot of ivory chips in his pocket. He said that they used them at the lodge to vote on candidates, and that white chips elect and blue chips reject a candidate. If you will look the matter up and see if he has joined the Masons I will be obliged to you. He says he has taken all the two hundred and thirty-three degrees, and now the boys want him to join the Knights of Pythias. I want to get out an injunction to prevent him joining anything else until we get some underclothes for winter. I'll tell you what I'll do. The next time he says anything about Sky Fugle degrees I will take a washboard and make him think that there is one degree in Masonry that he skipped, and now good-by. You have comforted me greatly and I will lie awake to-night until my husband comes home from the lodge with his 'pat hand' and I will make him think he has forgot his 'ante.'"

The woman went out to the grocery to buy some bar soap, and the prominent Mason resumed his business with a feeling that we are not all truly good, and there is cheating going on all around.—(Milwaukee Sun.

LODGE NOTES.

THE TOILERS IN MASONIC QUARRIES.

The Committee on Hall and Asylum, appointed at the recent session of the Grand Lodge, is a most important one, and is composed of well-known and prominent citizens of the State. These are Bro. Roswell P. Flower—Resides at Watertown, N. Y.; he was Governor of the State of New-York from 1891 to 1894; is prominently connected with many financial institutions, and is largely interested in the firm of Flower & Co., bankers and brokers. Bro. Timothy L. Woodruff, of Brooklyn—Is at present Lieutenant-Governor. Daniel Lord, of New-York—Is the senior member of the firm of Lord, Day & Lord, which does the largest real-estate business of any firm of lawyers in New-York City. Thomas R. Proctor, of Utica—Is a man of large means and large business experience. Maurice Untermyer, of New-York—Is a member of the well-known firm of Guggenheimer, Untermyer & Marshall; was born at Richberg, Va., and came to this city in 1869; is a member of every prominent charity in the city of New-York. William W. Smith—Is a large manufacturer, of Poughkeepsie, and is a public-spirited citizen, having made large donations to the Old Ladies' Home and the Young Men's Christian Association of Poughkeepsie, and having donated to that city College Hill Park. Arthur W. Soper, of New-York—Is a member of the lodge at Rome; one of the prominent benefactors of Hamilton College, near Utica, and greatly interested in the Masonic Home. Andrew Peck, of Brooklyn—Is a retired merchant, formerly and for twenty-five years a member of the well-known firm of Peck & Snyder, and for many years a director in the Leake and Watts Home for Orphans. Dr. William T. Jenkins, of Tompkinsville, Staten Island—Is a prominent physician of New-York, and for three terms Deputy-Coroner; has also held the office of Health Officer of the Port of New-York, and is now Health Commissioner of the city of New-York; is one of the most popular and best known citizens of Richmond County.

Roome Lodge gave the second degree in good form. The Junior Warden, Bro. Henry B. Corey, presided and Past Master Glynn explained the working tools. R. W. Stephen C. Bedell, District Deputy, paid the lodge a fraternal visit; also W. Charles White, of Maimonides Lodge. Third degree next Saturday.

Doric Lodge held a well-attended meeting Friday night, conferred the second degree in good style and then "called off" for the summer.

Daniel Carpenter Lodge called off for the summer last Saturday evening. There will be one gathering, however, before the fall opening. The brethren contemplate having a smoker and entertainment during vacation, for which event a committee is now making preparations.

Official titles in Masonic organizations are not without their significance. They serve to distinguish a position attained, a duty imposed, a service rendered. It is not to be asked or expected that these titles should be abrogated, though some of the designations may well be regarded as rather pretentious—perhaps superfluous. They may often be abbreviated, or their use neglected, without any harm to the institution, or any reflection upon brethren entitled to be addressed by the high-sounding terms familiar in the Masonic vocabulary. It is only vain and weak-minded brethren who will magnify these titles and marks of honorable preferment, the intellectual Craftsman will estimate them in their just import and use them accordingly.

Albion Lodge No. 26 finished its routine business Monday evening and closed for the summer. A committee to arrange for the annual outing was appointed, and W. Master Henry M. Bristol bid all the brethren godspeed, and reminded them that, while Albion is closed for the season, Masonry, with its charity, its teachings and tenets, should ever be open to them all. M. W. John Stewart, Dr. Titus, Edward Cooper and Charles A. Benedict were in attendance. Among the visitors were R. W. William J. Matthews, W. William J. Wilcy and Worshipful Thomas Leahy, Past Master of Yonnondio Lodge No. 951, of Rochester.

Gramercy Lodge gave the first degree in good style. W. Master Samuel L. Tuck presided. W. Henry Lippman, of Centennial, presented the agen aind. W. Anderson explained the working tools. R. W. John A. Sly, Allen Williams, Dr. Ahlsdorf and George Brockway also assisted. A pleasant feature of the evening was the return, after a protracted illness, of the honored treasurer and Past Master, W. Charles P. Ketterer. The Master heartily greeted him and the brethren flocked around their esteemed brother, congratulating him upon his return fully restored to health. Gramercy called off for the summer.

Normal Lodge worked the third degree. M. W. John Stewart, Past Grand Master, gave the historical lecture. In spite of the very late hour and the great heat, the rooms were packed to overflowing, and all the brethren stayed to hear this esteemed and popular Brother deliver in eloquent terms the legend of the third degree.

Continental Lodge No. 287 held a well-attended communication last Wednesday night. Brother Senior Warden Baker acting as Master and working the first section of the third degree. The second section was given by Citizens' Lodge in costume, and the historical lecture was delivered by R. W. Charles H. Heyzer. W. Master White, of Maimonides Lodge, presented the working tools in his impressive and poetic style. W.'s Graham, of Bunting, McMillen, of Charter Oak, Swansey, of Worcester, Mass., Little, of Hope, and Ludwig, Moelland and Clark were among the visitors. Of Continental's own, R. W. Hulse, Coburn and Johnson assisted greatly in the work.

Everything, almost, in these times, is made conducive to fun and frivolity, and the typical young man must have amusement in every association which he enters. The college and the Church find themselves obliged to recognize the demand for amusements, and sometimes it seems as though it was the main business of each to keep up a "show." Freemasonry, 'tis said, cannot prosper, unless it becomes chiefly an organization for ministering pleasure, by means of banquets and dances, card tables and smoking-rooms—things well enough in themselves, only they do not constitute the real programme of the Masonic Society. Something more is expected, marked out, in learning the precepts of Freemasonry and applying them to character and the conduct of the life. Craftsmen who fail to be broadened intellectually, and quickened in the moral nature, by passing through Masonic ceremonies, by their contact with the institution, may well be supposed to undervalue or misprehend the character of the Fraternity, and it is hardly a question that they have been poorly instructed in its fundamental precepts.

Monitor Lodge No. 328 gave the first degree. W. Master David Graham presided, assisted by R. W. George A. Elwood, W. Bro. James Collins and others.

Darcy Lodge conferred the first degree, with the Senior Warden, Robert Kanter, in the East. John McMillen, of Charter Oak, explained the working tools, and R. W. Robert L. Wright gave the explanatory lecture. W.'s Copeland, Roskowitz and others also assisted.

Centennial Lodge gave the first degree. W. Master Max Proops presided, and was surrounded by such distinguished lights as Henry Lippman, Stern, Marx and Hobbs. Washington Lodge, Anderson, of Star of Cuba, White, of Maimonides, and others. Much routine business was disposed of, and the lodge called off for the summer.

Garibaldi Lodge conferred the third degree last Tuesday evening. W. Giuseppe Cristofo, the energetic Master, presided. The lodge had an excellent attendance of members, and there were many visitors.

It is a positive insult to a prominent brother who kindly consents to give the lecture in the third degree to keep him waiting until 12 o'clock before you are ready to listen to him. The brethren who come to hear his lecture are weary and tired out, and the brother himself keenly feels the slight put upon him by making him wait until the smallest and most trifling detail is attended to, and especially until each and every "Worshipful" has been duly received and hauled up to the East. If these distinguished brethren would make it a condition that they will ascend the East no later than 10:30 o'clock, and then keep their word, no matter about the ethics of Masonic courtesy, some good Master would be taught a wholesome lesson.

As the world progressed in knowledge and freed itself from the trammels of superstitions, winnowing the chaff and preserving the wheat in matters religious, he who desired freedom of thought and freedom of speech found both in the Masonic Lodge. Has, then, the usefulness of the Fraternity now ceased? Does it "lag superfluous on the stage?" No other purely human institution has existed for so long a period. None other has had so many imitators.

Pioneer Lodge, W. Louis W. Duesing Master, held a pleasant communication, the last of the season, closing a very successful term. W. Akers, of United States Lodge, Woodley, of Veritas, and Anderson, of Star of Cuba, were among the many visitors. R. W. Joseph F. MacEntee, who never fails to attend his lodge, was also present.

Howard has closed for the summer, having worked the third degree on four fellow-crafts, the W. M., O. O. Clark, being assisted by W. Bro. F. J. Brown, W. George Brockway, of Gramercy, and W. Bro. John B. Miller, of Montgomery, the historical lecture being given by R. W. G. W. Around, of Quebec, which was given in good form. The Master closed with a smile upon his face, caused by the success of Howard during his administration.

Pyramid Lodge No. 490 conferred the first degree. W. Master Thomas J. Watt "changed things around, the Senior Warden, Dana B. Pratt, was placed in the East, doing the entire degree, while Junior Warden, Brother H. P. Knowles, occupied the West, and the Master filled the South. The work was done satisfactorily to everybody, especially the Past Masters who were present—R. W. James H. Kennedy, Richie, Brown, John Watt, McDonald, Spence, Clark and Baldwin.

Veritas Lodge having no work resolved itself into a business meeting, where the "good and welfare" of the lodge and Masonry was discussed. W. Master Woodley presided, ably assisted by R. W. Matthew Taylor, Koopman, Rawson and others. Called off to September 2.

Greenwich Lodge conferred the third degree prior to closing for the summer. R. W. Brother Slack presided and W. Brother Eichelberg, of Scoda Lodge, gave the historical lecture. The lodge was well attended, and the entire degree was well worked.

Gavel Lodge No. 703 was crowded last Friday evening. The third degree was upon the trestle-board, and it was announced that R. W. J. Stewart Wilson would deliver the historical lecture. This announcement alone was sufficient to draw the immense gathering of brethren who came to hear this popular craftsman and pay their respects to Gavel Lodge. W. Brother Bradley, the Master, was busy in welcoming the many distinguished brethren who visited Gavel on this occasion. R. W. Jere Mulford, the new District Deputy, was introduced by his illustrious predecessor, R. W. Stephen C. Bedell, and cordially received by W. Master Bradley, as were Ws. Wilkinson, Huntington, Straite and others. The lodge called off until September 16.

There are various appropriate and suggestive appellations of Deity. The Bible applies a number of significant titles to the Infinite One, and these names would seem to be ample for ordinary use and reference. An unwise straining after effect leads to the use of descriptive words, applied to Jehovah, that seem hardly to accord with good taste. Simplicity in the employment of words to set forth the being and attributes of Almighty God is most commendable. Bro. Berry, in "The Masonic Token," makes a criticism that meets our approval. He says: "It seems natural of Masons to speak of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, but when they see it imitated and the Creator spoken of as the Supreme Commander, the Supreme Dictator, the Supreme Incohonee, etc., it almost seems as if it would be better to confine one's self simply to the terms of Scripture."

AN IMPORTANT CHARITY.

The attention of the craft is called to the following resolution, which was adopted at the recent session of the Grand Lodge:

Resolved, That a fund be created by voluntary subscription, to be known as "The Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund of the Grand Lodge of the State of New-York."

Resolved, That all moneys contributed to this fund shall be paid to the Grand Treasurer.

Resolved, That this fund, or the income thereof, shall be used solely for the relief of the families of such Master Masons as shall serve in the Army and Navy of the United States of America in the Spanish war.

Resolved, That all drafts must be approved by the Grand Master before they can be paid by the Grand Treasurer, and that all services connected with this fund shall be without salary.

Montauk Lodge No. 286 started this fund with a donation of $100, and W. Bro. Isl Fisher, of Mount Moriah Lodge No. 27, added $15. Who is next?

COMING EVENTS.

Hope Lodge No. 244 will confer the third degree next Tuesday evening. W. Master Daniel W. Little invites visiting brethren to attend.

Roome Lodge will confer the third degree next Saturday evening. Everybody receives a cordial greeting here.

The idea is almost universal that if lodges would open on time and expedite the work the attendance would be more satisfactory. Crawling out of a lodgeroom at 11 p. m. gives very little time for social intercourse or acquaintance with visiting brethren.

Star of Cuba Lodge No. 742 will confer the third degree on Thursday evening. The brethren are cordially invited to be present. The young Master of this prosperous lodge, W. John Deans, jr., though very modest, is most sincere in his hearty welcome to all the visitors to his lodge.

No one can too soon forget his errors and misdeeds, nor should he try to remember them in others. Let him who would live true to Masonic teachings refrain from taking notes of others, and, above all, of their errors, lest he be led into bitterness of spirit toward his brother.

ROYAL ARCH ITEMS.

Union Chapter No. 180 worked the Past and Most Excellent degrees. E. David Kay, the High Priest, presided at both, conferring the degrees in most impressive manner. Present in the East were also P. H. P.'s Clark, Hall, Brown and Baldwin, Fitch, of Metropolitan, and Dedrick, of Amity.

Triune Chapter keeps right on in its successful career, and "succeeds" all the time in doing it. Last Monday night, in the presence of a large gathering, the Mark, Past and Most Excellent degrees were given. E. Companion Frank L. Brooks, the High Priest, presided, assisted by Excellents, Most Excellents and Right Excellents. There were John W. Coburn, Whitney, Martin, Fitch, Bennett, Ralph, Ayers, Clark, Postley and Albert Maxfield—certainly a fine array of Royal Arch talent.

Empire Chapter No. 170, E. Walter Batts, High Priest, met on Wednesday evening and conferred the Past and Most Excellent degrees in full form. R. E. Adolph Muehsam presided during the work. R. E. Joseph Mason, Grand Master of the Third Veil of the Grand Chapter of New-Jersey; M. E. George E. W. Stivers, and H. P. Dedrick were among the visitors; also P. H. P.'s Bennett, Clark, Samuel Frankfort, F. E. Davis and William Hevener. Empire is in a very prosperous condition and is doing good work.

Mount Zion Chapter held a pleasant convocation, with Companion Byrnes acting as High Priest. Several important reports of committees were read and acted upon.