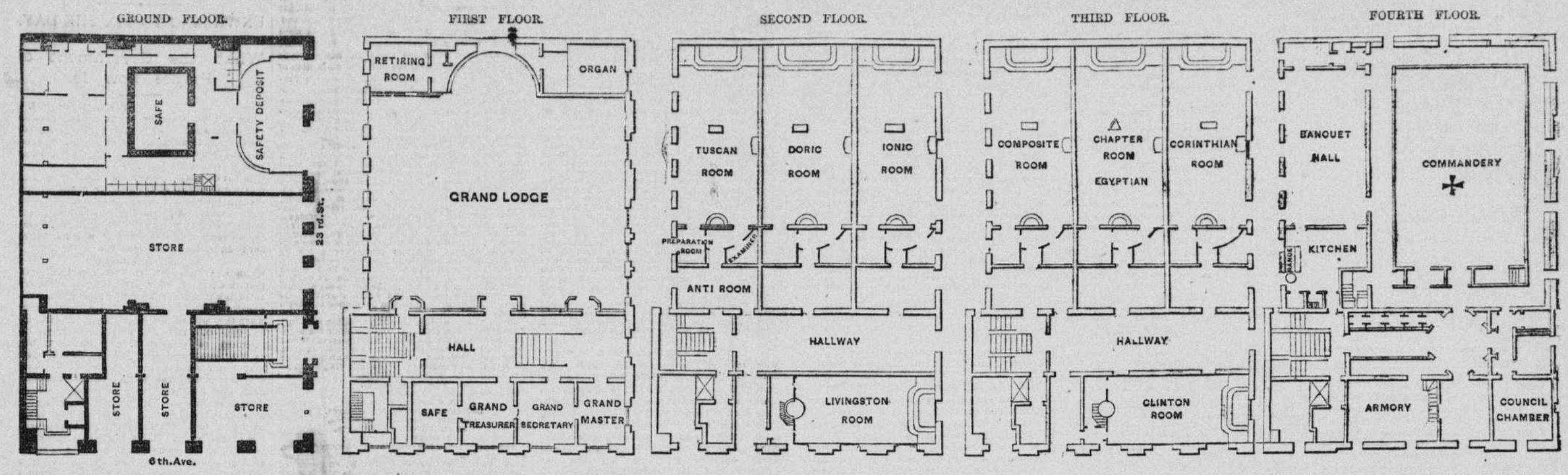
THE NEW MASONIC TEMPLE.

Ground Plans of the Several Floors, with Explanation of the Times and Places of Meeting of the Lodges in the Various Rooms



We published several days ago a description in detail of the new and beautiful Masonic Temple, which, with all the solemn and peculiar rites of the Fraternity, is to be dedicated to morrow. It is, therefore, now unnecessary to recapitulate any portion of the same, but we present to our readers carefully prepared diagrams which show the interior arrangements of the edifice, and likewise indicate the times and places of meeting of the various lodges of the city. This diagram will be found especially valuable for reference by every member of the Order.

THE GROUND FLOOR.

On the ground floor are the side entrance and elevator on Sixth avenue and the main entrance on Twenty-third street.

FIRST FLOOR.

This floor contains the grand vestibule, offices of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary and the Grand Lodge Room.

SECOND FLOOR.

The various Blue Lodge rooms are shown on the second floor, the names of which are designated. It is here that the first three degrees of Masonry are worked. The following are the names of the lodges and the times and places at which they severally meet.

TUSCAN ROOM.

657—Livingston, first and third Mondays.
257—Mount Nebo, second and fourth Mondays.
528—Monitor, first and third Tuesdays.
734—Veritas, second and fourth Tuesdays.
206—Empire City, first and third Wednesdays.
70—John Hancock, second and fourth Wednesdays.
634—Scotia, first and third Thursdays.
187—Darcy, second and fourth Thursdays.
244—Hope, every Friday.

DORIC ROOM.

68—Montgomery, first and third Mondays.
199—Excelsior, second and fourth Mondays.
228—Enterprise, first and third Tuesdays.
275—Sylvan Grove, second and fourth Tuesdays.
616—Ivanhoe, first and third Wednesdays.
23—Albion, second and fourth Wednesdays.
449—Hiram, first and third Thursdays.
603—Astor, second and fourth Thursdays.
209—National, first and third Fridays.
85—Howard, second and fourth Fridays.
690—Republic, first and third Saturday.

IONIC ROOM.

60—Concord, first and third Mondays.
408—City, second and fourth Mondays.
348—Adelphic, first and third Tuesdays.
241—Constitution, second and fourth Tuesdays.
287—Continental, first and third Wednesdays.
356—United Brothers, second and fourth Wednesdays.
240—Arcana, first and third Thursdays.
1—St. John's, second and fourth Thursdays.
338—Putnam, first and third Fridays.
467—Greenwich, second and fourth Fridays.

LIVINGSTON ROOM.

208—Cyrus, first and third Mondays.
156—Ocean, second and fourth Mondays.
197—York, first and third Tuesdays.
402—Crescent, second and fourth Tuesdays.
604—Perfect Assiar, first and third Wednesdays.
537—Gramercy, second and fourth Wednesdays.
271—Chancellor Walworth, first and third Thursdays.
335—Americus, second and fourth Thursdays.
628—Citizens', second and fourth Fridays.

THIRD FLOOR.

This floor contains three more Blue Lodge rooms, the Composite, Corinthian and Clinton, and one Chapter room, Egyptian. The following lodges meet therein:—

COMPOSITE ROOM.

23—Adelphi, first and third Mondays.
64—Lafayette, second and fourth Mondays.
243—Eureka, first and third Tuesdays.
114—Platt, second and fourth Tuesdays.
268—Herman, first and third Wednesdays.
652—Perseverance, second and fourth Wednesdays.
750—Shakespeare, first and third Thursdays.
323—Amity, second and fourth Thursdays.
316—Atlas, first and third Fridays.
16—Prince of Orange, second and fourth Fridays.

CORINTHIAN ROOM.

447—Franklin, first and third Mondays.
17—L'Union Française, second and fourth Mondays.
512—Humbolt, first and third Tuesdays.
8—Holland, second and fourth Tuesdays.
573—La Sincerité, first and third Wednesdays.
641—Copestone, second and fourth Wednesdays.
233—Pacific, first and third Thursdays.
741—Ancient, second and fourth Thursdays.
62—Manhattan, Fridays.

CLINTON ROOM.

207—United States, first and third Mondays.
185—Independent, second and fourth Mondays.
348—Adelphic, first and third Tuesdays.
642—Knickerbocker, second and fourth Tuesdays.
339—Puritan, first and third Wednesdays.
25—Benevolent, second and fourth Wednesdays.
733—Bethel, first and third Thursdays.
11—Lodge of Antiquity, second and fourth Thursdays.
327—Acacia, second and fourth Fridays.

CHAPTER ROOM.

272—Republic, first and third Mondays.
2—Phœnix, second and fourth Mondays.
230—Constitution, first and third Tuesdays.
140—Metropolitan, second and fourth Tuesdays.
184—Manhattan, first and third Wednesday.
158—Adelphi, second and fourth Wednesdays.
141—Zetland, first and third Thursdays.
159—Corinthian, second and fourth Thursdays.
8—Jerusalem, first and third Fridays.
255—Palestine, second and fourth Fridays.

FOURTH FLOOR.

This floor contains the place of meeting of the Commanderies and bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. Here also is where the Sir Knights retire from "labor to refreshment," likewise the Armory and Council Chamber.

COMMANDERIES.

18—Palestine, first and third Mondays.
4—Morton, second and fourth Mondays.
1—Columbian, first and third Tuesdays.
55—York, first and third Wednesdays.
31—Manhattan, second and fourth Wednesdays.
23—Cœur de Lion, second and fourth Fridays.

A. A. AND S. RITE.—Templar Lodge of Perfection, Council, Chapter and Consistory, every Saturday.

The janitor's apartments are in the upper portion of the building.

FREEMASONRY.

The Completion of the New York Temple—Description of the Boston and Philadelphia Temples.

OUR VISITORS AND THEIR HOSTS.

The Banquets To Be Given and Hospitalities Dispensed.

INTERESTING INCIDENTS.

Within the past few days the Masonic Temple, commenced in June, 1870, has been completed. Work was concluded on Saturday last, and New York craftsmen have a building of which they may well feel proud. About $1,000,000 have been expended in the construction, furniture and decoration of the Temple, which, with one exception, is the most expensive structure devoted to Masonic purposes in the world. All the lodge rooms, fully described in a previous issue of the HERALD, are occupied each evening in the week.

THE CORNER STONE

was laid on June 8, 1870, and the event was duly celebrated, about 10,000 Masons participating in the ceremonies. The procession was two hours passing a given point. R. E. H. Clay Preston was Grand Marshal. The principal aids were John E. Bendix, Rowland F. Hill, William Edwards, Robert Irwin, Charles S. Arthur and Richard Campbell. There were ten divisions,

THE PROCESSION

moved through Twenty-third street to Madison avenue, to Forty-second street, to Fifth avenue, to Forty-sixth street, to Sixth avenue, to Thirty-fourth street, to Fifth avenue, to Twenty-third street. At half-past eleven the site of the proposed Temple was reached. At twelve o'clock the ceremonies of laying the corner stone commenced. Prayer was offered by R. W. and Rev. R. L. Schoonmaker, after which an anthem was sung by St. Cecile Lodge, No. 563. R. W. John H. Anthon, Deputy Grand Master, announced to M. W. James Gibson, Grand Master, that the trustees had arrived at a point where they were justified by funds in hand in commencing the erection of the Temple. He then presented M. W. John Simons, P. G. M. and Grand Treasurer, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, who announced that all things were in readiness for the solemn ceremony. Grand Chaplain Schoonmaker delivered an invocation, and Mozart Lodge, of Philadelphia, sang an anthem. The leaden chest was then brought forward, and after a paper had been read describing the contents of the same, it was placed under the corner stone in a cavity, which was covered with a copper plate bearing these inscriptions:—

T. T. G. O. T. G. A. O. T. U.
On the 8th day of June, 1870, M. W. and Hon. James Gibson, Grand Master of Masons in the state of New York, attended by R. W. John H. Anthon, D. G. M.; R. W. Christopher G. Fox, S. G. W.; R. W. Edmund L. Judson, J. G. W.; M. W. J. W. Simons, Grand Treasurer; R. W. J. M. Austin, M. D., Grand Secretary; R. W. and Rev. R. L. Schoonmaker, R. W. and Rev. Ferd. C. Ewer, and R. W. and Rev. John S. Webster, Chaplains; R. W. L. C. H. Foster, Grand Marshal; R. W. Cornelius Enslstyn, G. S. B.; R. W. R. H. Huntington, G. S. B.; R. W. John Boyd, R. W. Philip Merkle, R. W. William Swelan, R. W. James M. Fuller, Grand Stewards; R. W. C. A. Marvin, S. G. D.; R. W. Charles E. Young, J. G. D.; R. W. Johnson Fountain, Grand Pursuivant; W. John Hoole, Grand Tiler, and a very large assemblage of craftsmen laid the first stone of this Masonic Hall.

On the reverse was the following:—

This Masonic Hall, for the accommodation of the craft of the State of New York, and tributary to an asylum to be hereafter established, was founded on the 8th of June, 1870, U. S. Grant being President of the United States; John T. Hoffman, Governor of New York; A. Oakey Hall, Mayor of the city of New York; James Gibson, Christopher G. Fox, John Hamilton, Edmund L. Judson, James N. Austin, M. D., Trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund; J. J. Crane, M. D., Charles Roome, George H. Jackson, Advisory Committee; N. Le Brun, Architect; John W. Simons, Chairman Committee of Arrangements; R. Clay Preston, Grand Marshal of the Day.

The cement was then spread on the foundation stone by Brother John T. Conover, the builder of the Temple, after which, under direction of Grand Master Gibson, the corner stone was lowered to its place, St. Cecile Lodge meanwhile singing an anthem. The stone was then tried by the "square," "the level" and the "plumb," and report made that the craftsmen had done their duty. After music, proclamation was made by Deputy Grand Marshal Frederick W. Herring, in the name of the Grand Master, that the stone was plumb, level and square, well formed, true and trusty, and duly laid according to the ancient customs, usages and forms of the craft.

CORN, WINE AND OIL.

After another anthem had been sung the emblematic corn, wine and oil were poured on the stone by the Deputy Grand Master, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, each invoking blessings on the work, the craft and the undertaking. The architect was then presented and formally instructed to continue the work, and, by direction of the Grand Master, the Grand Marshal proclaimed that the ceremonies were completed, after which an oration was delivered by Brother and Rev. Elbert S. Porter. The assembly then sang "Old Hundred" and were dismissed with the benediction.

SEATING THE COPESTONE.

This ceremony properly belongs to the degree of Most Excellent Master, one of the Chapter degrees, and is rarely performed. On the occasion of seating the copestone of the Temple the work was very brief, owing to the illness of M. W. Grand Master Christopher G. Fox. An emergent Grand Lodge was organized on the morning of October 4, 1872, and the grand officers ascended to the roof of the building. When all was in readiness on the nether stone a copper plate was fastened by R. W. Charles Roome, Grand Marshal. On the plate was the following inscription:—

In the name of God, Amen.
Friday, October 4, 1872 (5872).
This Copestone of the Masonic Temple of New York was placed in ample Masonic form by the M. W. Christopher G. Fox, Grand Master of Masons in New York, assisted by the Grand Officers, Trustees of the Trust and Building Committee.
"Now, my God, let, I beseech Thee, Thine Eyes be open, and let Thine Ears be attent unto the prayer that is uttered in this place."

After the fastening of the plate the copestone was lowered to its position as the bells were on the stroke of high twelve. The Grand Master then tried the stone by the square, level and plumb, and declared that it was properly laid. As he made the declaration he struck the stone three times with a gavel made from wood cut on Mount Lebanon. Brief speeches were made and the ceremonies concluded.

THE MASONIC TEMPLE IN BOSTON.

The Masonic Temple in Boston was completed and dedicated June 24, 1867. The material of which the building is constructed is cut granite. The singular architectural properties of the building, its elaborate finish and the beauty of its embellishments have been greatly admired. People of taste and culture have pronounced it one of the most beautiful and classical specimens of architecture in the country. There were a large number of Masons present at the dedication from various parts of the country. Manhattan Commandery, with ninety-six swords, E. C. John Hool, were present from New York; also deputations from Columbian, Indivisible Friends, Clinton and De Witt Clinton Commanderies and Hudson River Commandery of Newburg. Boston, for some reason, does not participate in the dedication of the Masonic temple in New York. The cost of the Boston structure was $418,592 03; furniture, $35,000.

THE PHILADELPHIA MASONIC TEMPLE.

This, the most massive and expensive building devoted to Masonic uses in the world, was dedicated on the 26th of September, 1873. It was not then wholly completed, but has been since finished. The material of the building is granite, and it is by far the most elegant edifice in Philadelphia. The building is entirely devoted to Masonic purposes and is admired by all who have had the pleasure of examining it. A large delegation from New York assisted at the dedication, which closed with an elegant banquet. Philadelphia will be well represented here on Wednesday. The cost of the Philadelphia temple was about $1,750,000.

MASONIC GOSSIP.

In connection with the approaching services we have collated, and now present to our readers, many facts that will be of interest to the general as well as Masonic public. It will be observed that preparations have been made to extend ample and generous hospitality to visiting brethren. Among the latter it is announced will be many eminent representatives of the military, political and social of the United States.

COMMANDERY HEADQUARTERS.

The Union Square Hotel will be headquarters of the Grand Commandery of the State of New York. All having business to be transacted with them will be speedily and courteously dealt with. Eminent Sir Robert Macoy will be on hand with his never-failing urbanity, and the documents appertaining to the Grand Commandery, of which he has been for many years the esteemed Grand Recorder.

TEMPLE COMMANDERY

No. 2, of Albany, will be well represented at the dedication. With their band they will number 150. This Commandery is celebrated for the excellence of its drill. They will arrive early Wednesday morning by the People's Line of steamers.

SPRINGFIELD (MASS.) COMMANDERY,

125 swords and the Boston Brigade Band, will leave Springfield at half-past seven P. M., June 1, by special train. They will be accompanied by the Berkshire Commandery, of Pittsfield, Mass. All will be quartered at the Metropolitan Hotel. They will return by special train, leaving at ten minutes past five P. M., June 3.

MANHATTAN COMMANDERY

are in excellent form. Maryland Commandery No. 1 will be their special guests. They will also act as escort for Baltimore Commandery No. 2, Monumental Commandery No. 3, of Baltimore, and Columbian Commandery No. 2, of Washington, D. C. The St. Nicholas Hotel will be the headquarters of the Washingtonians and Baltimoreans. A grand banquet will be given by the Manhattans to their guests at Tammany Hall. Arrangements have been made for a superb affair. The Baltimore Commanderies are among the best drilled and finest equipped bodies of men who adorn the Order of Christian Neighborhood. Manhattan will receive their guests with a salute from the Battery, having obtained permission from the Commander-in-Chief, Governor Tilden. The Baltimoreans will arrive by boat on Tuesday evening.

MORTON COMMANDERY.

All the Mortons step off with the left foot, and evince precision and grace in field manœuvres. The last Friday evening drill was highly creditable. The special guests of Morton will be Philadelphia Commandery, No. 2, who will turn out 150 strong, with a band of forty pieces. Morton promises 150 swords, and Grafulla's band of sixty musicians. Globe Commandery, of Norfolk, Va., will be the guests of Morton during their stay in the city. They arrive by steamer from Norfolk. Morton will also act as escort for St. Omar Commandery, No. 13, of Paterson, N. J.

COLUMBIAN COMMANDERY, NO. 1.

Palestine Commandery, No. 6, of New London, Conn., will be escorted by Columbian and be quartered at the Sturtevant House. They promise fifty swords and a band of twenty. Columbian Sir Knights will entertain Damascus Commandery, of Newark, N. J.; also some distinguished guests of the Grand Commandery from New Orleans. Columbia will also act as escort for Monroe and Cyrene Commanderies, of Rochester, N. Y.

CLINTON COMMANDERY NO. 14

receives and banquets Salem Town Commandery, of Auburn, N. Y., and does escort duty to the blue lodges of the Eastern district.

PALESTINE COMMANDERY NO. 18

will have their headquarters at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. St. John's Commandery, of Philadelphia, are their special guests. St. John's Commandery is one of the largest and best drilled Masonic organizations in the United States. Palestine will act as escort for District Commandery No. 1, which comes on 500 strong, with a fine band and the most eminent representatives of the military, political and social circles of the State of Michigan. This delegation will be headed by the Governor of the State. They will arrive on Tuesday by special train via Great Western and New York and Erie railroads. This body took the prize for superiority at the Grand Encampment in Baltimore in 1873.

DEWITT CLINTON COMMANDERY NO. 27

of Brooklyn (on the Heights), promise to turn out with full ranks, armed *cap-a-pie*. Westchester Commandery No. 42, of Sing Sing, will be the guests of DeWitt Clinton Commandery.

YORK COMMANDERY NO. 55

will be the hosts of St. John's Commandery, of Elizabeth, N. J., and also do escort duty for Great Bend Commandery, of Pennsylvania. They will be on hand early this morning.

CLARK COMMANDERY,

from Waterbury, Conn., will arrive here by the Bridgeport steamer on Tuesday and will be quartered at Barre's Hotel. This is one of the best drilled Commanderies in Connecticut, and will make a fine appearance. They will bring 100 swords and a band of twenty-three pieces. Delaware Commandery, of Port Jervis, and Hudson River Commandery, will join ranks on the occasion of the dedication. De Soto Commandery, of Plattsburg, will join with Washington Commandery from Saratoga.

TEMPLE COMMANDERY NO. 2,

a commandery of which Albany may well be proud, will be represented at the dedicatory ceremonies by 100 swords and a band of thirty pieces. This is a fine body of men.

A FINE OIL PAINTING,

by Leutze, representing Washington closing a lodge of Freemasons, has, by the courtesy of R. W. William T. Anderson, been loaned to the Grand Lodge, and will occupy a prominent position at Irving Hall on the occasion of the Grand Lodge banquet on Wednesday evening. The execution of the painting is faithful in likeness and lodge room detail and a meritorious work of art. The figure of Washington is life size. Four thousand dollars was paid for this picture.

PHILADELPHIA KNIGHTS TEMPLARS.

Philadelphia Commandery No. 2, visit New York at the dedication of the New Masonic Temple as the special guests of Morton Commandery No. 4, of New York. They assemble at the Old Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, Tuesday, at half-past eleven A. M., and depart in a special train at twenty minutes to two P. M. At Newark they will be received by a deputation from Morton Commandery, who will accompany them on the route, and that Commandery will receive them on their arrival at Jersey City and escort them to their quarters at the Sturtevant House, Broadway and Twenty-ninth street. They will be accompanied by McClurg's celebrated Liberty Cornet Band. This Commandery numbers 300 members and will take fully 200 Sir Knights to New York.

THE PHYSIQUE OF SIR KNIGHTS.

It is not a peculiarity generally observed, any more than that our greatest statesmen seldom wore beards or had dark eyes, that Knights Templars are as a body well built, athletic and in a majority of cases large men. We do not undertake to account for the fact, but it will nevertheless be recognized by the public when they appear to-morrow, 6,000 strong, arrayed in the beautiful regalia of their Order, "keeping step to the music of the Union." There are few organizations in this country in which physical and moral excellence combined so much predominate.

THE WASHINGTON BIBLE.

It will be of interest to the readers of the HERALD to know the circumstances under which the Bible of St. John's Lodge No. 1, of this city, was used on the occasion of Washington taking the oath as President of the United States. Washington reached New York on the 23d of April, 1789, and April 30 was fixed as the day of inauguration. On that occasion General Jacob Morton was marshal of the day. He was the Master of St. John's, the oldest lodge in the city, and at the same time Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York. General Morton brought from the altar of his lodge the Bible, with its cushion of crimson velvet, and upon that sacred volume Robert R. Livingston, Chancellor of the State of New York and Grand Master of its Grand Lodge, administered to Washington his oath of office as President of the United States. Having taken the oath Washington reverently bowed and kissed the sacred volume, and the suspense of the moment was broken by Chancellor Livingston, who solemnly said, "Long live the President of the United States!" A thousand tongues at once joined in repeated acclamations, "Long live George Washington!" The Bible used on this occasion, previously noticed in the HERALD, will be carried in the procession.

THE ANNUAL SESSION OF THE GRAND LODGE.

The annual session of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York will begin to-day, at two o'clock, in the Masonic Temple. It is expected that about one thousand delegates will be present in the Grand Lodge Room. The annual address will be delivered by Grand Master Thorne, and it will be a gratulatory composition. The Grand Lodge will be in session to-day not later than five o'clock, as there is to be a grand reception of craftsmen from abroad in the Grand Lodge Room to-night, when Grand Master Thorne will do the honors. During the evening the visiting brethren will be provided with tickets to admit them to the dedication ceremonies to-morrow, and instructed carefully as to their parts in the procession. At the time of the reception in the Grand Lodge room Palestine Commandery will be entertaining St. John's Commandery, No. 4, of Philadelphia, in the banquet hall of the Temple. Receptions will also take place in some of the lodge rooms of the Temple, and a festival "communication" will be held by the Washington Lodge at No. 289 Bleecker street. Some of the members of Metropolitan Lodge will assist in the performance of the ceremonies of this festival, and the presiding officer of Washington Lodge will wear during the evening the original apron and scarf of George Washington.

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to-morrow will probably comprise 20,000 craftsmen. A great number of those from out of town arrived here yesterday and reported to Grand Master Thorne, at the Temple. Among the arrivals were delegates from the South, Michigan, Illinois, Ohio and other Western States. The delegates from the Grand Lodge of England have been in the city for some time. To the craftsmen who will participate in the procession, and must, therefore, buy dedication medals, a few words of caution are necessary. Some enterprising person has counterfeited these medals, and has already sold a great number of the spurious memorials. It is almost needless to say that no craftsman will be permitted to parade wearing a counterfeit medal, and that no one will be allowed in the column who has not one of the true dedication medals upon his left breast. The counterfeit memorial badge is round, while the proper medal is the shape of a shield.

The first corridor of the Temple has already been handsomely dressed with silks and flags, and preparations were making yesterday for the placing of the bronze sphinxes in their positions at either side of the main staircase in the vestibule.

A MASONIC PITCHER.

Yesterday afternoon Grand Master Thorne was presented with a new Masonic memorial for deposit in the Temple. It is a pitcher of stone, round-based and bodied, and having a capacity of about two quarts. On its front below the mouth is a combination of Masonic emblems—a ladder, stretching diagonally between two pillars, one topped with a crescent and the other with a globe. On a tiled flooring is the inscription:—"Holiness to the Lord." On another side of the pitcher are the following lines, enclosed by a combination of symbols, flowers and foliations:—

The world's in pain,
Our secrets to gain,
But still let them wonder and gaze on,
For they ne'er can divine
The word nor the sign
Of a Free and Accepted Freemason.

On a third side of the utensil is a design formed of figures and symbols. The following letter was handed to Grand Master Thorne at the time the pitcher was presented to him:—

Presented to the Masonic Temple, in memory of the late William N. Barnes, of White Plains, by his widow. The pitcher was sent from England here fifty years ago. It is now over 200 years old. Yours respectfully,
MOUNT VERNON, N. Y. Mrs. WM. C. BARNES.

SOUTHERN GUESTS.

The Manhattan Commandery, under command of William Blanck, will turn out this afternoon and receive, at the foot of Cortlandt street, the Baltimore Commandery, the Monumental City Commandery, the Maryland Commandery and the Grand Lodge of the State of Maryland. They will be escorted up Broadway to the St. Nicholas hotel, where they will make their headquarters during their sojourn in the city. On Wednesday afternoon a grand banquet will be given them at Tammany Hall. Columbia Commandery No. 1, of this city, will also receive to-day Damascus Commandery, of Newark; the Palestine Commandery and the Monroe and Cyrene commanderies, of Rochester, N. Y.

MASONIC PERSONALS.

Governor Tilden is in town and will participate in the dedication ceremonies.

R. W. Sidney Morse, G. J. W., and R. W. John D. Caldwell, G. S. of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, are stopping at the International Hotel.

Grice Commandery, the banner Commandery of Virginia, have arrived and are stopping at the International.

R. W. S. Houghton, D. G. M., and R. W. H. H. Smith, G. J. W., of Vermont Grand Lodge are in town.

R. W. R. H. Welford, Jr., G. J. W., representative of Virginia Grand Lodge arrived yesterday.

R. W. William W. Thomas, representative of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, is a guest at the St. Nicholas.

R. W. Robert Marshall, D. G. M., New Brunswick Grand Lodge, arrived at the Fifth Avenue hotel yesterday.

M. W. J. Wimburn Laurie, C. M., Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, M. W. James Dunbar, G. M.; R. W. D. Thomas, G. S. W.; R. W. S. Johnson, G. J. W., and R. W. J. H. Isaacson, G. Sec., Grand Lodge of Quebec, reached New York yesterday.

R. W. B. S. Charlton, G. S. W., and R. W. Thomas Bird Harris, G. S., Grand Lodge of Canada (Ontario), are at the Sturtevant House.

V. E. James G. Blaine, of Virginia, is at the Continental.

Ill. E. Frank L. Stowell, of Olean, Past Grand Commander State of New York, is stopping at the Union Square Hotel.

The Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine meet at the Commandery room of the Temple today to organize a Grand Council for the United States.

R. W. George E. Dodge, D. G. M., and R. W. R. L. Dodge, G. S., Grand Lodge of Arkansas, are guests at the Grand Central.

R. W. James H. Mobley, D. G. M., Grand Lodge of Georgia, arrived yesterday.

R. W. G. E. Lounsbery, G. M., and R. W. John F. Burrill, G. S., Grand Lodge of Illinois, are at the Sturtevant House.

R. W. D. McDonald, D. G. M., Grand Lodge of Indiana, will assist at the dedication.

The delegation from Detroit, Mich., will number 700.

M. W. Percival L. Everett, Grand Master of Grand Lodge, Massachusetts, accompanied by all the grand officers of Massachusetts Grand Lodge, are guests at the Windsor.

Officers of the Maryland Grand Lodge are at the Grand Central.

M. W. William L. Webber, Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Michigan, is at the Metropolitan.

Hugues Payens Preceptory, K. T., of Kingston, Canada, will be represented at the dedication by a delegation in full English regulation Templars' costume.

M. W. Israel W. Powell, Grand Master of British Columbia, has quarters in this city.

Long Branch Lodge will be the guests of Daniel Carpenter Lodge.

YACHTING.

THE OPENING CRUISE OF THE ATLANTIC YACHT CLUB—THE UNDINE THE FIRST YACHT HOME.

The Atlantic Yacht Club rendezvoused yesterday morning off the foot of Court street, South Brooklyn, in pursuance of the orders of Commodore Toayer, and before ten A. M. the gigs and yawls belonging to the different yachts were busily engaged carrying the invited guests to the vessels to which they had been assigned by the committee. Opening day is a very popular institution among the members of the Atlantic, as it affords any member not a yacht owner the opportunity of taking a sail, a privilege not often enjoyed by members of other yacht clubs unless they have the good fortune to be specially invited by some friendly yacht owner. There was a pleasant northerly breeze about ten minutes past nine A. M., but it was not from the right quarter to last. It was nearly half-past ten before a gun was fired from the flagship as a signal to start. The squadron comprised the following yachts:—

SCHOONERS.

Triton—Commodore G. A. Thayer.
Peerless—Ex-Commodore J. Roger Maxwell.
Agnes—Vice Commodore L. A. Fish.
Vision—Mr. George H. Seeley.

SLOOPS.

Orion—Rear Commodore Cooper.
Kaiser William I.—W. E. Greenleaf.
Undine—W. H. Fowler.
Josephine—Mr. Sidney V. Lowell.
Barbara Freitchie—Mr. John H. Rhodes.
Curlew—Mr. H. H. Hogins.

The schooner yacht Meta, Mr. Iselin, of the New York Yacht Club, and the schooner yacht Comet, Mr. W. H. Langley, of the New York and Brooklyn yacht clubs, also started with the fleet. By the time the yachts weighed anchor, the breeze had lightened up considerably and there was just sufficient air to fill all canvas. The Barbara Freitchie was the first off, followed by the Meta, Peerless, Triton, Agnes, Vision, Orion, Undine, Curlew and Josephine. The Kaiser brought up the rear and passing to windward of the Triton and Vision, which had both

RUN AGROUND,

came up with the Josephine and little Barbara Freitchie. The Triton soon got off and headed after the fleet. The wind had now died away, leaving hardly a catspaw to give the yachts steerage way. The Peerless, Agnes, Meta and Undine were lying becalmed under the Long Island shore, and the Orion was a short distance ahead of the Kaiser, which was in company with the Triton, Josephine and Barbara Freitchie. The Vision, in the meanwhile, had secured a tug, and, through the agency of steam, was coming up with the fleet. The Kaiser finally made a break for Staten Island, with a view to catching the last of the ebb tide, and was fortunate enough to come in for a little puff from the southward. She was followed by the Josephine, Barbara Freitchie and the Triton. Off Fort Hamilton

THE KAISER TOOK THE LEAD

of the fleet, passing the Barbara Freitchie, which was heading off toward Coney Island. The Curlew and Triton followed the tactics of the Barbara, and the Kaiser hugged in toward the west bank, looking for a westerly breeze. The wind had again nearly died away when a fresh puff came up from the southward and brought the little Barbara across the bows of the Kaiser; but her triumph was only of short duration, as on the next tack McGlenan's pet took the lead. There was now quite a pleasant five-knot breeze and the length of the Triton began to tell as she was rapidly head reaching on the Kaiser. On the next stretch the Triton crossed the wake of the Kaiser, standing up toward the Staten Island shore. The rest of the fleet now appeared to have caught a little breeze and were stringing out through the Narrows heading toward the Coney Island shore. Shortly before two P. M. the Triton passed the Kaiser and took the

LEAD OF THE FLEET

both travelling along at a lively gait, but off the monument they ran into a calm streak and drifted about without steerage way. In the meantime the Peerless, Agnes, Undine and Orion were off Coney Island, waiting Micawber like for "something to turn up." The fleet had now quite a pretty

HEAT UP TO THE HORSESHOE,

and there was a lively struggle between the Undine and Kaiser and the Triton and Peerless for first honors. The Undine, however, had a little too much start of the Kaiser, and the latter, although holding her own, could not close up the gap. For some little time it appeared uncertain how the Peerless and Triton would come out, but as they came up together on different tacks the latter crossed the bows of the former about half a mile ahead. The Agnes was following after the Peerless, with the Orion close in her wake. The Vision was a long way astern and the Barbara and Curlew were out of sight. The yachts arrived at the Horseshoe and found the little Josephine lying quietly at anchor, but nobody appeared to know how she got there. She is nevertheless

ENTITLED TO FIRST HONORS

and remains a glorious example of the uncertainty of yachting. The balance of the fleet arrived in the following order:—

	H.	M.	S.		H.	M.	S.
Undine	4	27	00	Peerless	4	35	30
Kaiser	4	45	00	Orion	4	58	00
Triton	4	30	00	Agnes	5	02	00

Shortly after the Agnes had dropped her anchor a preparatory gun was fired from the flagship, and at 5:10 the fleet started for home. The breeze was now dead aft, and the yachts got off well together, excepting the Josephine, which started some seven minutes ahead. The Kaiser made a flying start, followed by the three schooners all close together. The Peerless was a little ahead, leading the Triton and Agnes, and the Undine and Orion brought up the rear. The Agnes tore her jib topsail while setting it, but as she split open shortly afterward the accident did not retard her speed very much. The Triton set a big jib topsail and hugged up to windward of the fleet, and then set her foresail to starboard and came along wing and wing. The two big sloops Orion and Undine were having quite a pretty race together, but gradually parted company, the Undine keeping along the

SANDY HOOK SHORE,

while the Orion stood off toward Staten Island, following the Triton. The Agnes came up in the wake of the Peerless and, taking her wind, luffed up a little and followed after the Undine. Off the monument the fleet met the Vision, which turned round and joined company. They shortly afterward passed the Kaiser, which was half a mile ahead of the Josephine. The Undine was doing well, leading the fleet, followed by the Peerless, a short distance ahead of the Agnes, Triton, Vision and Orion. The latter soon began to make play and, passing the Vision, followed up after the Triton. As the fleet came up toward the Narrows, the breeze gradually died away and they drifted up, assisted by the flood tide. The Peerless was leading the fleet, followed by the Triton, Undine and Orion. The Agnes and Vision followed afterward, a short distance astern of the Kaiser. Rounding Bay Ridge the Triton got a little the best of the Peerless, and the latter, after failing to go to windward, paid off and tried to go by under her lee. The Undine came next, followed by the Orion, Vision, Agnes and Kaiser. Going up the bay the breeze was very light and the Triton held her lead until within a quarter of a mile of home, when the Undine went by to leeward and was the first to let go her anchor, at 7:37 P. M. The Undine sailed well all day and will prove a dangerous antagonist in the sloop races during the season. The Triton came next, closely followed by the Peerless, Orion, Vision, Agnes and Kaiser. The Josephine was not so successful coming home as she was going out, as she was not in sight when the rest of the fleet came to anchor. On the whole the opening proved a decided success, and some eighty members of the club enjoyed a very pleasant sail. The annual regatta of the Atlantic Club will be sailed on June 22.

PERTH AMBOY YACHT CLUB REGATTA.

The inhabitants of Perth Amboy, Tottenville, Staten Island, and the romantic shores of the Kill Von Kull had a gala day celebration yesterday, with festivities attendant on the annual regatta of the Perth Amboy Yacht Club. The following were the names of the yachts which started in the race, with names of owners and dimensions:—

No.	Name.	Owner.	Where From.	Dimensions. Feet.
	FIRST CLASS.			
1	Lizzie	E. P. Miller	Elizabeth, N. J.	29 04½
2	Cynthia	E. P. Miller	Elizabeth, N. J.	25 03½
3	Staten Island	Chris Brown	Tottenville	25 10
4	Cheemaun	F. W. Meeker	Perth Amboy	25 00
5	Josephine	A. B. Smith	Perth Amboy	25 07
6	Ocean Spray	C. White	Perth Amboy	27 07½
	SECOND CLASS.			
7	J. F. Morris	J. M. White	Perth Amboy	17 02
8	Hit Him Again	J. L. Kearney	Perth Amboy	21 05½
9	So-So	W. P. Sorge	Perth Amboy	15 05
10	Chi-Psi	Frank Scott	New York city	23 04

The timekeeper was A. Foster Higgins, and the course for first class yachts was from the stakeboat off the club house, up Staten Island Sound, from Perth Amboy, round the stakeboat off Tottenville, S. I., and back, round, starting down Prince's Bay, around stakeboat off Ward's Point, around Black Can buoy off Keyport, around Great Kill buoy, thence home, around buoy off Keyport, back to starting point, a distance of twenty-one and a half miles.

The course for the second class boats was to turn the Black Can buoy, to make for and turn Red Bank buoy, and return home, a distance of fifteen miles.

The Cheemaun, No. 4, came in an easy winner in 5h. 42m., followed by the Ocean Spray of the same class.

The So-So, No. 9, came in a winner of the second class, followed by the Chi-Psi, of the same class. The prizes for the winner of either class were the same, and were a pair of marine glasses or a silver pot, at the option of the winner. The start was a flying one, in excellent order, as follows:—

STARTING POINT.

Name.	H.	M.	S.	Name.	H.	M.	S.
Ocean Spray	10	33	20	Josephine	10	34	30
Lizzie	10	33	27	Cynthia	10	38	47
Staten Island	10	34	25	Cheemaun	10	37	42

SECOND CLASS.

	H.	M.	S.		H.	M.	S.
J. F. Morris	10	45	45	Chi-Psi	10	47	54
Hit Him Again	10	46	20	So-So	10	48	10

The start was at the very end of the ebb tide and wind about northeast, but before the first class boats got up to the stakeboat the wind shifted to southeast, giving the second class yachts a fair wind. The Cheemaun got around first, having had a good lead and keeping it, passing Wand's Point buoy at 12h. 20m., and at Great Kill buoy at 8h. 03m. 30s. At East Point buoy the Chi-Psi was ahead at 8h. 35m. The home stake was reached in the order given below:—

HOME STAKEBOAT.

	H.	M.	S.
Cheemaun	4	22	30
Chi-Psi	4	37	50
Ocean Spray	4	40	30
So-So	4	41	21
Hit Him Again	4	46	25
Josephine	4	46	55

The grand regatta of the Perth Amboy