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REPORT OF THE GRAND HISTORIAN.

R.'. W.'. EDWIN A. QUICK, Grand Historian, presented the following report, which was received and ordered printed in the Proceedings:

M.'. W.'. ELBERT CRANDALL,
Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

Dear Sir and Brother: The work of compiling historical sketches of the Lodges which has occupied the attention of the Grand Historian during the past year is a continuation of the method inaugurated by his predecessor, and in the prosecution of this work it is indeed gratifying to report that all indications point to an increasing interest in this subject as well as a desire on the part of the officers and members of the Lodges throughout this jurisdiction to assist in furnishing as full and complete historical sketches as is possible under the circumstances.

In some instances the Lodge minutes are missing, and in some other cases all records for a long period have been destroyed by fire; added to this is the fact that the older records and papers on file with the Grand Secretary are incomplete and many matters of detail have not been preserved: consequently, in some cases the early life of the older Lodges is uncertain and lacking in properly authenticated data from which to compile as complete, full and reliable a sketch as desired.

In all cases where minutes or records are missing a careful search has been made for information concerning the Lodges, and where statements have been made relating to incidents associated with Lodges care has been taken to verify all statements where any reasonable doubt existed.

In preparing these sketches it has been deemed proper to include not only the bare statement of facts connected with the ordinary life of a Lodge. but in addition to this, to include the recorded sentiments of some of those who were active in Masonic affairs nearly a century ago as well as the public utterances of some who are still living and prominent in Masonic circles; the object is to provide opportunity for the reader to compare the sentiment expressed in by-gone days with the views entertained to-day concerning the aims and purposes of this great fraternity, the comparison will serve to show how closely the lines are drawn and how the adherents of Masonry are loyally supporting and advocating the principles which underlie and have maintained in unbroken unity this great Brotherhood.

The officers of Lodges whose sketches accompany this report have materially aided the Grand Historian by furnishing all desired data and information: in most cases they expressed a desire to have a full and complete sketch of their Lodge prepared; in one case only was a spirit of indifference shown, in this instance after several attempts to secure information had been made a reply was received from the Secretary stating that: " I brought this matter to the Master's attention after receiving your October communication asking him to appoint a committee to look up the records and give you the desired information, but he did not see fit to do it. I cannot spare the time from my business to look this matter up, and as my services as Secretary of the Lodge are almost complimentary, I think you will have to leave us out."

A sketch of this Lodge is not included in the present report; as suggested by the Secretary it is left out.

It is a pleasure to again acknowledge the courtesy always extended by the Grand Secretary. M.' W.'. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, as well as my thanks for the assistance so freely given by his assistant, R.' W.'. FREDRICK J. Milligan.

I desire also to place upon record my grateful appreciation of the many kindnesses received during the last two years from the President of the Masonic Historical Society of New York. M.' W.'. JOHN STEWART, who since my appointment has furnished invaluable assistance in many ways; he has always evinced a desire to render assistance in securing data and historical records necessary in the prosecution of my work.

I thank you for my re-appointment to this important office; its duties are agreeable, and while they are attended with close research and hard labor at times, they are withal pleasant, and I am happy to say that the courtesies received from you and the pleasant intercourse enjoyed with your associate officers have materially added to the interest taken in discharging the duties of the office.

Permit me to congratulate you upon the success which has attended your labors during the year; and to express my sincere wish that whatever you may undertake in the future will be attended with success, and give added happiness to you and yours.

With the kindest regards, I remain.

Cordially and fraternally yours,

EDWIN A. QUICK. *Grand Historian.*



ALANSON BROWN — THE FIRST CANDIDATE INITIATED, PASSED AND RAISED IN UNION LODGE NO. 45.
AND FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS MASTER THEREOF.



INTERIOR OF LODGE ROOM CONSTRUCTED IN 1810, IN HOUSE OF BRO. ASAHEL WARNER AT LIMA, NY,
FOR TRINITY MAI1E LODGE, NO. 59, AND AFTERWARD I'SSD BY UNION LODOE, NO. 45.

UNION LODGE, NO. 45, LIMA, N. Y.

WARRANT: The original warrant, dated June 11, 1810, signed by DEWITT CLINTON, Grand Master, is in possession of the Lodge, the first number was No. 201; it became No. 45 when the Lodges were renumbered in 1839.

The warrant named as first officers: JUSTIN SMITH, Master; SMITH WEEKS, Senior Warden and ASAHEL WARNER, Junior Warden.

Minutes not intact: all minutes prior to 1840 were destroyed by fire.

At the organization of the Lodge it was located at Lima, NY, where it remained until 1825; under date of October 25th the record contains the following entry: "This Lodge removed to West Mendon (now Honeoye Falls), where it occupied rooms in what was known as 'Old Sines Tavern'; on January 25, 1831, the Lodge returned to Lima where it has since remained. Upon its return in 1831 it occupied rooms in the upper story of the Town House on Rochester Street, remaining here several years, when it removed to an old hostelry known as "The Yellow Wasp," located about a mile west of the village. Upon its return to the village it located in "The American Hotel," at the four corners; in 1853 it moved to rooms in the Godfrey building on Rochester Street, which were occupied until their destruction by fire in 1865. All of the property of the Lodge was destroyed by this fire. For a short time it met in the Gilbert Block on West Main Street: in 1866 it moved to the Masonic Hall at the four corners where it still remains. Thrice has its quarters been destroyed by fire, almost its entire possessions being swept away, but phoenix-like it came out of the ashes and wreck with sufficient pluck and courage to overcome disaster and maintain its existence. The Masons composing this Lodge were men of energy, loyal to their duty, and were possessed of that sterling energy that overcomes all obstacles, that will find a way out of all difficulties. Their fortitude and zeal never weakened, but like true sons and descendants of those intrepid founders of the Lodge, have carried on the work so well begun by such men as SMITH WEEKS, the first elected Master, who was a Methodist clergyman whose custom it was to deliver a discourse on St. John's Day; ASAHEL WARNER, the first Junior Warden, one of the early pioneers of Western New York, honored and respected in the community, a Major of militia and for several years represented Ontario County in the State Assembly; LEVI HOVEY, the first elected Treasurer, for a time one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas and Clerk of Livingston County; SAMUEL DANIELS, the first Secretary, was a physician of note in the town of Livonia; his remains rest in the Presbyterian Cemetery at Lima, and upon the stone marking his grave is his epitaph as follows:

"Greatly lamented, not only in the endeared relations of a husband, father and friend, but also as one skilled in the medical profession. and blessed of God, in restoring to health and preserving from the grave many within the wide sphere of his labors."
In the early history of the Lodge it met in the daytime, and frequently all three degrees were conferred in one day.

MORGAN PERIOD: In common with other Lodges in Western New York, Union Lodge suffered under the wild frenzy and bitter hostility to everything Masonic during that period. Notwithstanding the persecution and social ostracism met with by these loyal Masons, they continued to hold meetings as regularly as possible; a part of the time the bitterness of those who were active in their hatred was such that men known to be Masons were subjected to insults and threats in the open day; at one time clergymen refused to officiate at the funerals of those known to have Masonic affiliations.

R. W. GEORGE W. ATWELL, JR., in his "Leaves from the History of Union Lodge, No. 45," says:

"Nor did this feeling seem to abate with the flight of years; so late as 1848 clothing infected with smallpox was, during a meeting of the Lodge, heaped against the door leading to the Lodge-room, then situated in the American Hotel at the four corners in the village of Lima, and every member in attendance save one suffered from the contagion. We cannot attempt to give anything like a history of these years, or the constant scene of trials through which our brethren passed: for obvious reasons the minutes contain nothing save the facts which show that the organization was perpetuated; that which would interest us most is unwritten, the actors in those stirring scenes have all obeyed the summons of the Master and traditions alone remain."

Prominent among the members of these years was ALANSON BROWN, who was Master in 1825, and with the exception of two years, from 1831 to 1855; he was the first who received the third degree under the warrant in 1817, and during the remainder of his life he was unswerving in his attachment to the principles of Masonry; at the installation of officers, December 31, 1856 (the 40th anniversary of Bro. BROWN'S initiation), M. W. JOHN L. LEWIS, then Grand Master of Masons in this State, was present, and on behalf of the Lodge presented to him a beautiful Past Master's jewel in recognition of his long and untiring devotion to the Order he loved and served so well; he died June 9, 1872, and was buried with Masonic honors in the Presbyterian Cemetery at Lima, where so many of his brethren

"Sleep the sleep that knows not breaking."

There are others to be remembered as his associates during these years: JUSTIN SMITH, ASAHEL WARNER, SAMUEL STEVENS, JAMES STERLING, GEORGE W. ATWELL, ERASMUS T. COMMS, JOHN LLOYD, FRANKLIN CARTER, ADOLPHUS WATKINS, ALEXANDER MARTIN, JOHN CLARE, E. ATWOOD SUMNER, HARVEY BROWN, BELOSTE BUNNELL, AUGUSTUS A. BENNETT and SAMUEL C. BRONSON are names which frequently occur in the annals of that period. To them as Masons we render a homage, justly due, for their determination of character and inflexible fidelity to their trust. Their fortitude and zeal never flagged amid the toils and conflicts of life: they were faithful unto the end; and one by one they have passed to that reward which awaits duty well performed.

"Who in Life's battle firm doth stand,
Shall bear Hope's tender blossoms
Into the Silent Land."

But brighter days at length dawned; the storm spent its force and sober truth prevailed; and this little band of Brethren beheld in triumph the downfall of apostasy and the overthrow of their enemies. With the year 1848 commenced a revival in Masonic circles and in Union Lodge, No. 45, there was an activity hitherto unknown; accessions by initiation and affiliation increased, and the time-honored communication "on or before the full moon" was supplanted by two meetings each month.

The following curious and interesting items are taken from an early sketch of the Lodge:

"At a stated meeting of Union Lodge. No. 261. held on the 31st of December, 1816, ZERINA C. HOVEY. ALANSON BROWN and ELIAS CLARE were the three first members initiated in the Lodge, and ALANSON BROWN was the first person initiated. 1iassel and raised in said Lodge."

"At a stated meeting of Union Lodge held at this Lodge-room, May 20, 1834, it was voted that all the members of this Lodge who have moved out of the jurisdiction of this Lodge, and all of them who have been summoned to pay their dues to the Grand Lodge and have neglected to do so, stand suspended until they do so."

"In May, 1841, all the furniture, books, papers and records belonging to Union Lodge, No. 45, were destroyed by fire except the Charter, recorded proceedings of the Lodge and the Officers' jewels, the square, compass and bible was burnt."

1856, December 31. At a special meeting of Union Lodge, No. 45, called by order of WILLIAM HARMON, W. Master for Installing the Officers elect and for the presentation of a gold medal to our late Worshipful Master ALANSON BROWN, agreeable to a resolution of said Lodge, this evening being the fortieth anniversary of his being Initiated into the mysteries of Masonry in this Lodge, lie being the first person Initiated, Passed and Raised in this Lodge.

Lodge opened in due form on the third degree in Masonry.

(Here follows a list of the Officers and the names, of thirty-eight Masons who were present.)

"In due time it was announced by the Tiler that the Grand Officers were in waiting.

"The Lodge was called up and the Grand Officers were received in due form—The HON. JOHN L. LEWIS, JR., Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York was welcomed in the East and took his seat as Presiding Officer, and proceeded to address the brethren and their families in an eloquent and fraternal manner on their duties as Masons, after which the Officers of the Lodge were duly installed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, assisted by W.'. ALANSON BROWN as Deputy Grand Master, JACOB B. HALL as Grand Marshall, and took their several stations. The Most Worshipful Grand Master presented a gold Past Master's medal to W.'. Master ALANSON BROWN, who expressed his thanks in a fitting manner.

"Inscribed upon the medal is, 'Presented by the Brethren of Union Lodge, No. 45, F. & A. M., to Alanson Brown in token of respect and as a memento of more than twenty-five years' service as their Master. Lima. 1850.'

"The Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment, and proceeded to the American Hotel, where a bountiful repast was served up by Russell Taylor. After partaking of the bounties provided and an interchange of fraternal sentiments, the brethren repaired to Masonic Hall where the Lodge was closed in due form.

(Signed)

" FRANKLIN CARTER,
"Secretary."

MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

Asahel Warner, Member of Assembly and District Attorney.
Levi Hovey, Clerk of Livingston County.
Ah in Chamberlain, Member of Assembly.

George Hosmer, Member of Assembly,
George Smith, Member of Assembly.
Augustus A. Bennett, District Attorney, Livingston County.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

William A. Sutherland, Grand Master.
William H. Whiting, Grand Lecturer.
George W. Atwell, Jr., District Deputy Grand Master.
Emanuel Case, Associate Founder Grand Lodge of Minnesota and First Grand Treasurer thereof (re-elected ten times).

MASTERS.

1816. Justin Smith.
1817. Smith Weeks.
1818. James Sterling.
1819. Levi Hovey.
1820. Levi Hovey.
1821. Levi Hovey.
1822. Levi Hovey.
1823. Levi Hovey.
1824. Levi Hovey.
1825. Alanson Brown.
1826. James Smith.
1827. James Smith.
1828. James Smith.
1829. James Smith.
1830. James Smith.
1831. Alanson Brown.
1832. Alanson Brown.
1833. Alanson Brown.
1834. Alanson Brown.
1835. Alanson Brown.
1836. A. A. Bennett.
1837. Alanson Brown.
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1851. Alanson Brown.
1852. Alanson Brown.
1853. Alexander Martin.
1854. Alanson Brown.
1855. Alanson Brown.
1856. William Harmon.
1857. William Harmon.
1858. John Clark.
1859. William Harmon.
1860. William Harmon.
William Harmon.
William Harmon.
William Harmon.
F. S. Stevens.
F. S. Stevens.
J. T. Gordon.
C. G. Hudson.

J. T. Gordon.
William Long.
William Long.
Ambrose Hyde.
F. S. Stevens.
Clark Meachum.
Clark Meachum.
Clark Meachum.
Clark Meachum.
James M. Heath.
John C. Shardlow.
James T. Gordon.
James T. Gordon.
James T. Gordon.
James T. Gordon.
James T. Gordon.
George W. Atwell, Jr.
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George W. Atwell, Jr.
George W. Atwell, Jr.
Lewis H. Moses.
Lewis H. Moses.

Gedney S. Bauter.
Charles D. Goodrich.
Charles D. Goodrich.

UTICA LODGE, NO. 47. UTICA, N. Y.

WARRANT: The warrant-in possession of the Lodge is dated November 20, 1816.
The first number was 270, which was retained until August 9, 1839, when it became No. 47.
MINUTES: Intact from organization.

THE PETITION.

To the Honourable DEWITT CLINTON, Esqr., Most Worshipful Grand
Master of the Grand Lodge, of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York.

The petition of the Subscribers, Inhabitants of the Village of Utica, County of Oneida and State of New York, Respectfully
Sheweth

That the subscribers being free and Accepted Master Masons, and are at present Members of Regular constituted Lodges in the State aforesaid, and having the prosperity of the fraternity at heart are willing to exert their best endeavors to promote and diffuse the genuine principals of Masonry.

That for the conveniency of their Respective dwellings, and for other good Reasons, they are desirous of forming a new Lodge in the said Village of Utica to be named *Utica Lodge*, and held in Room in the said Village prepared for that purpose.

That in consequence of this desire they pray for letters of dispensation, or a Warrant of Constitution to empower them to assemble as a legal Lodge, to discharge the duties of Masonry in a Regular and Constitutional Manner, according to the Original forms of the Order, and the Regulations of the Grand Lodge.

That they have nominated and do Recommend MONTGOMERY HUNT, Esq., be the first Master, EPHRAIM HART, Esq., be the first Senior Warden and THOMAS WALKER, Esq., be the first Junior Warden of the said Lodge.

That if the prayer of the petitioners is granted, they promise a strict conformity to all the constitutional laws and Regulations of the Grand Lodge.

James Delvin.	Samuel Gay.
John Feeter.	Montgomery Hunt.
John E. Hinman.	T. Walker.
	W. Fleming.
William Jones.	John Bernard.
Horace Wadsworth.	Asahel Seward.
Wm. Hayes, Jr.	Ephraim Hart.
Starr Clark.	Solomon Wolcott.
John Todd.	B. Paine.
Lewis Slocum.	C. Locke.
Aaron Egelston.	Levi Comstock.
Lemuel Munroe.	Ezekiel Clark.
R. Marshall.	Flavel Gaylord.
John Hooker.	

The petition has the following endorsements:

To the Grand Lodge of the State of New York I recommend the granting the prayer of this memorial in consideration of the work of the Applicants.

DEWITT CLINTON.

August 20, 1816.

Whereas, The within petition hath been presented to the Amicable Lodge, Number twenty-three, and the said Lodge concurring with the said petitioners—Whereupon it was unanimously voted by the said Lodge, that they approve of the prayers of the said petitioners, and recommend to the Grand Lodge, that the same may be granted—Given under our hand and the seal of said Lodge at New Hartford the 18th of July, 5816.

NATH'L CAULKING, M.
JAMES STEELE,
Secretary.

The first meeting was held on December 25 (Christmas), 1816.

Montgomery Hunt, Master.	Colling Locke, Steward.
Ephraim Hart, Senior Warden	James Delvin, Steward.
Thomas Walker, Junior Warden.	Walter Fleming, Master of Ceremonies.
Asahel Seward, Treasurer.	John E. Hinman, Master of Ceremonies.
William Hays, Jr., Secretary.	William Clark, Tiler,
John Bernard, Senior Deacon.	
R. M. Malcom, Junior Deacon.	

were installed by R. W. NATHANIEL CALKINS.

Utica Lodge has been active and has had an uninterrupted existence since it was first organized in 1816; this is an exceptional record, as but few Lodges have escaped the perils of depression and lack of interest which so frequently caused a cessation of work during the early part of the last century. Neither did the Morgan Persecution seriously affect the activity of this Lodge, the record of meetings from 1828 to 1832 inclusive is as follows:

In 1828 thirteen meetings were held, one petition for degrees was received.

In 1829 eleven meetings were held; five petitions were received; one candidate was raised and three affiliates were received.

In 1830 eight meetings were held; no work was done.

In 1831 nine meetings were held.

In 1832 five meetings were held.

During the early history of the Lodge meetings were held once a month at 5 o'clock P.M.

Membership dues were twenty-five cents for each regular meeting; the expense of a special meeting was paid for by the person for whose convenience it was called; if an officer was absent he was fined, the Master \$1 and other officers fifty cents.

On several occasions the Lodge has been honored by the presence of the Grand Master; on October 31, 1825, the Lodge participated in the celebration attending the opening of the Erie Canal. A committee was appointed to wait upon Governor DEWITT CLINTON, who was Grand Master when, the Lodge was organized, and invite him to visit with the brethren.

On December 15, 1822, M'. W.'. JOSEPH ENOS was entertainer!; M'. W.'. JOHN D. EVANS was present on September 21, 1854; M'. W.'. FRANK R. LAWRENCE on January 20, 1886; M'. W.'. WILLIAM A. Brodie on April 9, 1894, and M'. W.'. WILLIAM A. SUTHERLAND on February 27, 1899.

For many years the Festival of St. John the Baptist was observed by the Lodge. It has also participated in many events of a public character; it took part in celebrating the completion of the first Atlantic cable, August 30, 1858; the funeral obsequies of President Abraham Lincoln, April 14, 1865; the ceremonies attending the laying of the corner-stones of the Utica City Hall, 1853; Utica Orphan Asylum, 1860; Home for Aged Men, 1890; Masonic Home, 1891; the State Armory at Utica; the Munson-Williams Memorial Hall, 1895, and the Masonic Temple at Utica, 1897; it also participated at the dedication of the Home and Masonic Temple at Utica.

The first place of meeting was in the upper story of a building first used for the village school; use upper story was added by the fraternity. About 1836 it moved to 2 and 4 Catherine Street, in the building known as Knickerbocker Hall; here it remained three years, when it moved to the Seymour Block at the corner of Genesee and Broad Streets. On November 4, 1852, it moved to the Bradish Block, 183 Genesee Street; this being the anniversary of the initiation of BRO. GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON, dedicatory services were held by R'. W.'. EZRA S. BARNUM. It remained here until May, 1878, when it moved to 125 Genesee Street in the building then known as Masonic Hall where it remained until 1809, with the exception of a few months while it temporarily occupied quarters in Odd Fellows Temple owing to a fire which compelled it to vacate the rooms in Masonic Hall; in January, 1899, it moved to its present quarters in the Masonic Temple on Genesee Street.

MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

Utica Lodge has had upon its rolls many names of men who have been prominent in professions, in various business enterprises, as well as a number who have been elected or appointed to public office.

Those who were in public office are:

Benjamin Allen, Assemblyman.
Josiah K. Brown, City Attorney,
Ezra S. Barnum, Coroner, Deputy State Dairy
Commission.
Sheriff, Justice of the Peace, Deputy U. S. Marshall,
Alderman.
K. Prentiss Bailey, Editor "Utica Daily Observer," Past
Master, State Civil Service Commission.
Gurdon Burchard, Village Trustee.
Benjamin Ballou, Village Trustee.
Samuel A. Beardsley, City Judge,
John Baxter, Village Trustee. Railroad Commissioner.
Edbert Bagg, City Surveyor.
William Clarke, Village President.
Theodore F. Butterfield, Mayor.
Thomas Colling, Village Trustee,
Charles E. Barnard, Mayor. City Clerk.
Lewis H. Babcock, City Attorney.
David W. Childs, Village Clerk.
Francis K. Baxter, City Surveyor.
Perry G. Childs, State Senator.
John R. Baxter, City Surveyor.
Abraham Culver, Village Trustee.
Levi Comstock, Village Trustee.
Ezra S. Cozier, Village Trustee, Village President, City
Treasurer.
Charles B. Coventry, Trustee of State Asylum.
William H. Christian, City Surveyor.
Charles H. Childs, Commissioner, Mohawk River
Straightening.
Augustine G. Dauby, Village Trustee, Post Master, Editor
"Utica Observer."
Watson T. Dunmore, County Judge.
Robert Dodd, Coroner.
Walter Embley, Assemblyman.

Theodore S. Faxton, Railroad President, Village Trustee.
Alderman. Sheriff, Mayor, Bank President.
Homer T. Fowler, School Commissioner.
John W. Fuller, City Treasurer.
George D. Frank, County Clerk.
Amos Gay, Village Trustee.
William Geere, Village Trustee.
Samuel B. Garvin, District Attorney.
Andrew H. Green, City Clerk.
DeWitt C. Grove, Mayor.
Alexander T. Goodwin, Recorder, State Senator, Mayor.
Montgomery Hunt, Village Trustee, Bank Cashier.
Ephraim Hart, State Senator, Canal Commissioner.
John E. Hinman, Village Trustee, Sheriff, Mayor.
Augustus Hickox, Village Trustee.
Augustus Hurlburt, Village Trustee.
David P. Hoyt, Village Trustee and Treasurer,
Assemblyman.
Marcus Hitchcock, Post Master, Village Trustee.
Holmes Hutchinson, Chief Engineer, Erie Canal.
Jarvis M. Hatch, City Attorney, City Treasurer.
Aaron Hackley, Recorder.
Charles W. Hutchinson, Mayor.
William F. Hoerlein, City Treasurer.
John F. Hughes, School Commissioner.
Eugene B. Hustings, City Attorney.
Morven M. Jones, City Treasurer.
William Jones, Village Clerk.
John R. Ludlow, Village Trustee.
Morris S. Miller, Village President, County Judge,
Congressman.
Charles A. Mann, Assemblyman, State Senator.
Robert McBride, Village Trustee.
John H. Ostrom, Village Clerk, Village Trustee,
Alderman, Mayor, County Clerk.

Zephaniah Platt, Attorney-General, Michigan; U. S. Circuit Judge, South Carolina.
 Andrew S. Pond, Village Trustee, Assemblyman, U. S. Marshall.
 William H. Reese, Sheriff, Deputy U. S. Marshal.
 Asahel Seward, Village Trustee.
 Samuel Stocking, Village Trustee.
 Ebenezer B. Shearman, Village Trustee.
 Nathan D. Smith, Deputy Collector of Customs.
 James Sayre, Alderman, Bank President.
 Charles M. Scholefield, Assemblyman.
 Richard W. Sherman, City Surveyor, Mayor.
 David C. Stoddard, District Attorney.
 Henry A. Steber, Assemblyman.
 William B. Taylor, City Surveyor, State Engineer.

Charles B. Tefft, Coroner.
 Thomas R. Thomas, Alderman, Commissioner Mohawk River Straightening.
 Abraham Van Santwoord, Village Trustee, Village President, Mayor of Jersey City, N. J.
 Thomas Walter, Village Trustee, City Treasurer, Bank President.
 Killian Winne, Village Trustee.
 John Williams, Village Trustee.
 William B. Welles, Bank Cashier.
 Jared E. Warner, Alderman, Bank President.
 David Wagner, City Attorney, Assembly, State Senator.
 Frederick G. Weaver, Sheriff.
 Garry A. Willard, County Clerk, State Senator.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

Ezra S. Cozier, Senior Grand Warden.
 Ezra S. Barnum, District Deputy Grand Master.
 Elon G. Brown, Grand Representative.
 Robert Dodd, District Deputy Grand Master.

Alexander T. Goodwin, Trustee Hall and Asylum Fund.
 George H. Wiley, Trustee Hall and Asylum Fund.
 W. E. Hopkins, District Deputy Grand Master.

MASTERS

1816. Montgomery Hunt.
 1817. Montgomery Hunt.
 1818. Montgomery Hunt.
 1819. Montgomery Hunt.
 1820. Morris S. Miller.
 1821. Marcus Hitchcock.
 1822. Ezra S. Cozier.
 1823. Ezra S. Cozier.
 1824. Ezra S. Cozier.
 1825. Ezra S. Cozier.
 1826. Ezra S. Cozier.
 1827. Ezra S. Cozier.
 1828. Ezra S. Cozier.
 1829. Ezra S. Cozier.
 1830. Ezra S. Cozier.
 1831. Ezra S. Cozier.
 1832. Ezra S. Cozier.
 1833. John Baxter.
 1834. Ezra S. Barnum.
 1835. John A. Russ.
 1836. James McGregor.
 1837. Benjamin Ballou.
 1838. Ira Chase.
 1839. W. W. Backus.
 1840. W. W. Backus.
 1841. W. W. Backus.
 1842. Ezra S. Barnum.
 1843. Ezra S. Barnum.
 1844. A. N. Smith.
 1845. Ira Chase.

1846. Ira Chase.
 1847. Philemon Lyon.
 1848. Philemon Lyon.
 1849. Jarvis M. Hatch.
 1850. Samuel Comstock.
 1851. Burton Hawley.
 1852. Burton Hawley.
 1853. Burton Hawley.
 1854. Burton Hawley.
 1855. Rufus K. Conklin.
 1856. Rufus K. Conklin.
 1857. Rufus K. Conklin.
 1858. Rufus K. Conklin.
 1859. Rufus K. Conklin.
 1860. W. C. Scranton.
 1861. W. C. Scranton.
 1862. W. C. Scranton.
 1863. Zenas C. Priest.
 1864. William H. Estes.
 1865. William H. Estes.
 1866. D. N. Crouse.
 1867. P. M. Scott.
 1868. P. M. Scott.
 1869. George Ralph, Jr.
 1870. George Ralph, Jr.
 1871. Alexander T. Goodwin.
 1872. William Ralph.
 1873. Byron S. Frisbie.
 1874. P. M. Scott.
 1875. Thos. H. Floyd.

1876. Adolphus I. Simmons.
 1877. Adolphus I. Simmons.
 1878. William E. Hopkins.
 1879. William E. Hopkins.
 1880. Eugene B. Hastings.
 1881. Eugene B. Hastings.
 1882. Elon G. Brown.
 1883. Elon G. Brown.
 1884. James M. Bellinger.
 1885. John B. Orendorf.
 1886. John B. Orendorf.
 1887. George Town.
 1888. Daniel McGucken.
 1889. Daniel McGucken.
 1890. Nathan Overend.
 Charles P. Glatt.
 Robert Dodd.
 Robert Dodd.
 William H. Goodwin.
 Robert Dodd.
 Willard C. Aldridge.
 William Fraser.
 Robert Dodd.
 Allen G. Wood.
 Arthur S. Thayer.
 Arthur S. Thayer.
 Eugene Simmerer.
 Henry M. Love.
 Andrew McCarthy.

CONCORD LODGE, NO. 50, NEW YORK CITY.

WARRANT: Issued April 22, 1818; it is in possession of the Lodge. The first number was 304; it was changed to 50 on June 7, 1839.

The warrant was surrendered on June 1, 1842, and the Lodge remained dormant until 1858, when a meeting was held at the residence of BRO. MELROSE, No. 266 Bleecker Street, which resulted in reviving the Lodge. R. W. ROBERT MACOY presided at this meeting.

CHARTER MEMBERS.

George E. Smith.	Cornelius M. Allen.
E. Zumely.	John D. Keating.
Joseph D. Gilpin.	Peter Williams.
Gregory Snethen.	Philip J. Arcularius, Jr.
Peter Roome.	Elisha S. Mott,

Joseph Watson. John S. Rich.
Edward S. Bellamy.

The organization of the Lodge was completed in May, 1818, with GEORGE E. SMITH, Master; EDWARD S. BELLAMY, Senior Warden, E. ZUMELY, Junior Warden.

MINUTES: Not intact; the minutes from organization in 1818 to April, 1834, were consumed by fire.

MEETING PLACES: The early meeting places of the Lodge cannot with certainty be given owing to the loss of the records.

From April 28, 1834, to May 25, 1838, it met in Masonic Hall, Broadway, near Duane Street, when it removed to the Howard House, Broadway and Howard Street, where it remained until September 24, 1841. when the warrant was surrendered. On its revival in August, 1858, it met at the corner of Broadway and Bleecker Street, remaining here until April 19, 1860, when it moved to corner of Eighth Avenue and Twenty-fifth Street, where it remained until July 12, 1860, when it returned to Broadway and Bleecker Street. On December 20, 1860, it moved to 8 Union Square, where it remained until May 1, 1869, then moved to 65 West Thirty-fourth Street. On April 6, 1870, it moved to 275 Bleecker Street, remaining here until April 26, 1871, when it moved to 289 Bleecker Street, where it remained until April 27, 1874, when it moved to Masonic Hall, Sixth Avenue and Twenty-third Street, remaining here until April 16, 1877, when it moved to the Bleecker Building, corner of Bleecker and Morton Streets; here it remained until April 21, 1884, when it moved to its present quarters in the Grand Opera House, Eighth Avenue and Twenty-third Street.

The Lodge participated in the Dedication of the Masonic Hall. June 2, 1875, the laying of the corner-stone of the Egyptian Obelisk in Central Park, October 9, 1880; the laying of the corner-stone of the Home at Utica. May 21, 1891. and the Dedication of the Home, October 5, 1892. It also participated in the fair held in the Masonic Hall in 1887; the sum realized by the table sales, donations and sale of tickets was \$1,103.97.

On October 3, 1898. it celebrated its 1000th communication (counting from its revival in 1858).

On October 16, 1871, it donated \$109 for the relief of the sufferers from the great fire in Chicago.

In 1892 it contributed \$150 to furnish the "Concord room" in the Home at Utica.

On November 2, 1892, it contributed \$50 toward securing a sanatorium for the care of consumptives and kindred ailments.

Among other interesting antiquities in the Masonic Hall are the jewels of Concord Lodge, No. 304 (now No. 50), which are in the case in the reading-room. The history of these old jewels is also interesting. They were used in the Lodge in its earlier years. When the Lodge became dormant the jewels found their way into Tiffin Lodge, No. 77, Tiffin, Ohio, and were in their possession for fifty years. They were returned to Concord Lodge in 1887. The seal of Concord Lodge, No. 304, and two Past Master's jewels presented to W. J. BRO. GEORGE B. 8541111 in 1819, one of them indicating that the Koyal Arch degree must at that time have been conferred in Concord Lodge, are also in this case.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS. JOHN H. THOMPSON, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Utah.

MASTERS.

1818. George B. Smith.	1858. Albert P. Moriarty.	1882. Joseph Marson.
1819. George B. Smith.	1859. Albert P. Moriarty.	1883. Joseph Marson.
1820. Edward S. Bellamy.	1860. Albert P. Moriarty.	1884. Harvey Benjamin.
1821. Cornelius M. Allen.	1861. Albert P. Moriarty.	1885. Harvey Benjamin.
1822. Marlines Swain.	1862. Daniel F. Bancroft.	1886. John A. Kelly.
1823. George B. Smith.	1863. Daniel F. Bancroft.	1887. Alexander McGrath.
1824. Libbius Chapman.	1864. William H. Shumay.	1888. Alexander McGrath.
1825. Amos Higgins.	1865. William H. Shumay.	1889. Charles F. Dann.
	1866. Robert M. Hedden.	1890. Joseph Marson.
1829. Howard A. Simons.	1867. Daniel K. Bancroft.	1891. Lewis C. Johnston.
1830. Sylvester Spencer.	1868. Albert P. Moriarty.	1892. John Ritchie.
1831. John Palmer.	1869. Edward Gilon.	1803. John Ritchie.
1832. Peter Crawford.	1870. Edward Gilon.	1894. John H. Thompson.
1833. Jonathan Marshall.	1871. Edward Gilon.	1805. Matthias L. Foster.
1834. Peter Crawford.	1872. Edward B. McIntosh.	1896. Jonathan K. Fairbanks.
1835. John Palmer.	1873. Edward B. McIntosh.	1897. Alfred Stephens.
1836. Samuel Westcott.	1874. Edward Gilon.	1898. Alfred Stephens.
1837. William Wray.	1875. Edward Gilon.	1899. Ewout J. Van Saun.
1838. William Wray.	1876. James McGrath.	1900. Samuel W. Wiley.
1839. Charles Watkins.	1877. James McGrath.	1901. Thomas Wohlsen.
1840. William McGinnis.	1878. James E. Tompkins.	1902. Edward O. H. Jervois.
1841. Robert Brown.	1879. James E. Tompkins.	1903. James H. Roane.
Warrant surrendered.	1880. John B. Ireland.	1904. James H. Roane.
	1881. A. W. Weisman.	

FIDELITY LODGE, NO. 51, ITHACA, N. Y.

WARRANT: The first warrant was issued June 8, 1818; this was destroyed by fire. The warrant under which the Lodge is now working was issued June 8, 1839.

The first number was 309; changed to 51 in June, 1839.

MINUTES: Not intact. All records prior to 1839 were stolen.

CHARTER MEMBERS.

Henry Taylor. Horace Osborne.

Zacheriah P. Smeed.	Almon Wakeman.
Elijah H. Goodwin.	Daniel Starkweather.
Luther Foote.	Peter Hager.
Edward B. Ely.	

FIRST OFFICERS.

Henry Taylor, Master.	Horace Osborn, Treasurer.
Edward B. Ely, Senior Warden.	Elijah H. Goodwin, Secretary.
Zacheriah P. Smeed, Junior Warden.	

Fidelity Lodge, No. 51, was organized in the village of Trumansburg, Tompkins County, N. Y. The first officers were installed at a meeting held in the house of JAMES MCLALLEN, June 24. 1818; at this meeting JOHN CHEQUE, LYMAN STROWBRIDGE, URIEL Turner and ERASTUS CRANDALL were initiated.

The Lodge prospered and rapidly increased in numbers until in 1827 it had 142 members. During this year that terrific tornado and whirlwind of persecution which assailed the Masonic fraternity broke over the State, and soon the full force of the storm affected anything and everything Masonic in this section. So intense was the feeling that it was unsafe for the Lodge to assemble; so bitter did the enmity become that it was unsafe to even admit membership in the order. A writer familiar with the conditions which existed at this time, writing upon this subject, speaks of it as "That fearful excitement which swept over the land like a moral pestilence; which confounded the innocent with the guilty; which entered even the temple of God and divided churches; which sundered the nearest ties of social life; which set the father against the son, and the son against the father; arrayed the wife against the husband, and in short, wherever its baleful influence was most felt, it deprived society of all those enjoyments which renders life a blessing."

An anti-Masonic newspaper was established in the village, called the "Lake Light," whose editor sought by every possible way to incite the people to deeds of violence and disorder; the Lodge room was broken open, the furniture destroyed, the jewels, regalia and records stolen. The frenzy even extended to the churches. The Baptist church in 1827 issued an edict excluding all Masons from membership; ELIAS J. AYERS, AN active member of the Lodge, was expelled; another member, LYMAN BRADLEY, was forced to withdraw from the church. So fierce did the storm rage that the pastor, Rev BRO. OLIVER C. COMSTOCK, was proscribed, but before further action was taken he accepted a call to a Baptist church in Rochester. An attempt was made to bring about a similar condition in the Presbyterian church. The pastor, Rev. J. H. Carle, was requested to call a meeting to consider the expulsion of Masons from this church; his reply was: "If you want such a meeting called you must call it yourselves, and I shall not attend it." This action prevented further trouble in this church. Rev. Bro. RICHARD GOODWIN, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, succeeded in preventing any outbreak in that church, although efforts were made to do so.

So intense was the prejudice that even the courts of justice were influenced, juries were packed, civil suits were determined by the attitude of the parties toward the Masonic fraternity. Under such circumstances, and surrounded by such conditions, it is no wonder that Masons became discouraged and Lodges ceased to exist, still in the face of this wild tornado of bitter persecution, here in this seething vortex of hatred and turmoil a number of this loyal band of brothers stood breast to breast and defied the storm which beat above them.

Twelve only succeeded in weathering the storm, and these sturdy men continued to meet in secret; from house to house, for nearly ten years, they continued their meetings. True they did no work, but they maintained their standing in the Grand Lodge and the warrant was never surrendered. It was in the custody of one of their number, NICOLL HALSEY, and was destroyed when his house was burned.

These heroes were afterward known as the "Twelve Apostles"; their names deserve to be kept on record and are herewith given:

Nicoll Halsey.	Milo Van Dusen.
Nathaniel Ayers.	Philemon H. Thompson.
Isaac W. Hart.	James McLallen.
Lyman Strowbridge.	David K. McLallen.
Henry Taylor.	Uriel Turner.
Elias J. Ayers.	John Creque.

In 1839 an application was made for a new warrant to take the place of the one destroyed by fire, and on June 8th the Grand Lodge issued the warrant now in possession of the Lodge.

In 1816 the advisability of changing the location of the Lodge came up for discussion, and as many of the members resided at Ithaca it was determined to present a petition to the Grand Lodge requesting permission to move the Lodge from Trumansburg to Ithaca. The petition met with a favorable response and at a meeting held June 18, 1846, it was:

"Resolved, That Fidelity Lodge, No. 51, Trumansburg, be transferred to Ithaca, our county seat, and that our next regular meeting be held at that place."

The first meeting held at Ithaca was on July 7, 1846, on the second floor of a building on the spot now occupied by the Culver Block. It afterward moved into a building known as the Coffee House; the next place of meeting was in Odd Fellows Hall, where it remained several years. Its present quarters are in the Masonic Block.

In 1886, when active measures began toward paying off the "Great Debt," the Lodge took immediate action to secure means to pay its quota, the following is on the records:

"At the annual meeting, December 21, 1886, it was voted to Issue 120 bonds of \$10 each, amounting to \$1,200, to pay the indebtedness of this Lodge to the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund."

This method of procuring the money proved successful. At the annual meeting, December 10, 1890, the Treasurer reported all bonds paid and cancelled, and by direction of the Master the cancelled bonds were burned in the presence of the Lodge.

The Master ALBERT L. NIVER made the gratifying announcement that these bonds had been paid from the current receipts of the Lodge during his terms of office (five years) leaving the invested funds intact.

MASTERS: The loss of all records previous to 1839 makes it impossible to give the names of all who have been Masters: the following, however, are some of those who were Masters previous to 1830: HENRY TAYLOR. Nicoll HALSEY and LYMAN STROWBRIDGE. No elections were held from 1827 to 1838.

In 1838 W. N. NICOLL HALSEY, who at that time was a Grand Visitor for Tompkins County, acting upon the authority of the Grand Lodge, convened the Lodge on July 12th for the purpose of electing officers. At this meeting LYMAN STROWBRIDGE was elected Master.

MASTERS AFTER THE YEAR 1838.

1839. Elias J. Ayres.	1861. Leander Millspaugh.	1883. Jerome U. Teed.
1840. Elias J. Ayres.	1862. Miner Culver.	1884. Alva B. Wood.
1841. Isaac W. Hart.	1863. Miner Culver.	1885. Alva B. Wood.
1842. Isaac W. Hart.	1864. Miner Culver.	1886. Albert L. Niver.
1843. David K. McLallen.	1865. M. R. Barnard.	1887. Albert L. Niver.
1844. P. H. Thompson.	1866. Samuel H. Wilcox.	1888. Albert L. Niver.
1845. James McLallen.	1867. S. L. Vosburgh.	1889. Albert L. Niver.
1846. James McLallen.	1868. Samuel L. Wilcox.	1890. Albert L. Niver.
1847. Wait T. Huntington.	1869. Samuel L. Wilcox.	1891. Edward S. Slack.
1848. Wait T. Huntington.	1870. Samuel L. Wilcox.	1892. Albert F. Winner.
1849. Wait T. Huntington.	1871. Jacob M. Kimball.	1893. Frank H. Romer.
1850. Jacob M. McCormick.	1872. Samuel H. Wilcox.	1894. Frank U. Romer.
1851. William P. Burdick, Jr.	1873. George H. Northrup.	1895. Henry C. Peters.
1852. William P. Burdick, Jr.	1874. George H. Northrup.	1896. Charles C. Garrett.
1853. Hervey Platts.	1875. George H. Northrup.	1897. Clarence W. Pierce.
1854. George W. Saxton.	1876. John Barnard.	1898. Clarence W. Pierce.
1855. Hervey Platts.	1877. Charles J. Rumsey.	1899. Henry M. Hollister.
1856. Hervey Platts.	1878. Charles J. Rumsey.	1900. Albert F. Winner.
1857. Edward L. Wells.	1879. Charles J. Rumsey.	1901. Charles J. Vankirk.
1858. Samuel A. Holmes.	1880. Jerome B. Teed.	1902. William Hazlet Smith.
1859. Hiram W. Bishop.	1881. Jerome B. Teed.	1903. John T. Egbert.
1860. Hiram W. Bishop.	1882. Jerome B. Teed.	1904. John T. Egbert.

BROWNVILLE LODGE, NO. 53, BROWNVILLE, N. Y.

WARRANT: The first warrant issued to Brownville Lodge, No. 318, dated March 4, 1819, was declared forfeited by the Grand Lodge, June 7, 1833.

It was restored March 7, 1839, and the number was changed to 53 on September 28, 1841.

CHARTER MEMBERS.

Sylvester Reed.	Simon Towle.
Azariah Walton.	James McKenzie.
L. Neilson.	Henry J. Swayze.
Aaron Goodwin.	Peleg Burchard.
Abraham Morrison.	William M. Lord.
Joseph W. Brown.	William Kimball.
James Shields.	William S. Ely.
Eligah McCall.	James Ballard.
John McMillan.	

OFFICERS.

The first five Officers named in the Warrant were: SYLVESTER REED, Master; AZARIAH WALTON, Senior Warden; SIMON FOWLE, Junior Warden; JAMES MCKENZIE, Treasurer; DANIEL LYMAN, Secretary.

The original Warrant is in possession of the Lodge.

The minutes are intact except from December 11, 1827, to April 2, 1839.

At the second meeting of the Lodge, held March 31, 1810, the Officers were installed by ISAAC LEE as Grand Master; AMASA TROWBRIDGE as Deputy Grand Master and WILLIAM KING as Grand Marshal.

On April 6, 1819, the first applications for membership were received, and at the next meeting held April 13, 1819, JAMES BALLARD was initiated.

The Lodge continued to meet regularly until December 11, 1827.

In 1864 a sketch of the Lodge was prepared by W. ALANSON SKINNER who was the first Master upon its revival in 1839. He says: "The last meeting of this Lodge, the proceedings of which appear upon the records, was an extra one held December 11, 1827, and this record only shows the names of the brethren present, and that an E. A. Lodge was opened in due form, nothing appearing to show that it was ever closed, from the Treasurer's account, however, it would appear that the Lodge continued to hold meetings for more than two years after the date of the last record as from this account we gather the fact that one person, CORNELIUS SALISBURY, whose name the records show was proposed and his deposit of live dollars received December 4, 1827, was initiated, passed and raised subsequent to the date of the last record, and that the brethren continued to pay quarterly dues up to the 16th of February, 1830. BRO. SALISBURY'S name also appears appended to the By-laws, thus showing that he had become a

member. The Treasurer's account also shows that the balance of BRO. SALISBURY'S initiation fee (if 10) was received on January 1, 1828."

A reasonable presumption is that the Secretary made a rough entry of the minutes upon paper and failed to record them in the regular minute book, but the fact remains that the meeting held December 11, 1827, is the last official record of Brownville Lodge, No. 318, and for many years no Lodge existed in that community.

W. . BRO. SKINNER says in his sketch : "Freemasonry in this region slept for more than ten years; it was not, however, the sleep of death, that the smoldering embers, like the leaven contained in the heap of meal would live and in due time revive and leaven the whole heap; and so it proved."

After the tornado (the Morgan persecution) had expended its fury and passed over. Masonry awoke from its long slumber and cast about to see if it could not recognize itself and gather together the scattered fragments of its long cherished institution.

A few of the members of the old Brownville Lodge consulted together and decided to apply to the Grand Lodge for a revival of their Charter, but the question was "Where is that Charter?" Time had dispersed the old members and but few remained. The property of the old Lodge by force of circumstances had become lost. A good Lodge room built and paid for by the Lodge in a stone hotel just before the demise of the Lodge became alienated and reverted back to the owner: the furniture destroyed and jewels stolen, the main question was "Where is the old Warrant?" "Can it be found?" After diligent search it was found in a barrel of rubbish in the garret of the house formerly owned and occupied by BRO. LEVI TORREY, the last Treasurer, who had years before removed from the place.

The old Warrant having been discovered and brought to light, although a little mouse eaten, was in tolerable good condition.

The next thing done was to petition the Grand Lodge for its revival. By a resolution of the Grand Lodge passed March 7, 1830. the warrant was revived and restored to the brethren of Brownville Lodge. The following is endorsed upon the Warrant: "The within Charter was duly revived and restored to the Brethren of Brownville Lodge by a Resolution of the G. L. passed March 7. 1830. In pursuance thereof at a meeting of the members thereof held for that purpose on the 2nd day of April, 1830, the election of Officers was duly held under my inspection, and BRO. ALANSON SKINNER installed Master; BRO. RICHARD BUCE MINSTER, Senior Warden: and BRO. ARBA STRONG, Junior Warden, and the Lodge duly proclaimed.

" WM. H. SHUMWAY,
"Grand Visitor."

BROWNVILLE, April 2, 1830.

At this meeting JOEL BLOOD was elected Treasurer; JOHN K. ADAMS, Secretary; HENRY W. CHAPMAN, Senior Deacon: APOLLAS HUNTINGTON, Junior Deacon; DERRICK GIBBONS and GIDEON TILLINGHAST, Stewards and HUGH WILEY, Tiler.

The Lodge participated in the ceremonies attending the laying of the corner-stone of the Masonic Home at Utica, also at the corner-stone laying of the Watertown Post-office. It owns its own meeting-place.

MORGAN PERIOD: Concerning the state of feeling which existed during this period WY. BRO. SKINNER says: "So great was the popular frenzy promoted and kept alive by demagogues for political purposes, that individual Masons when peacefully pursuing their common avocations at their own homes were scarcely safe from the violence of mob law, much less when assembled in their respective Lodges. Masons were deemed unworthy to hold any office of public trust, or even to give evidence in a Court of Justice unless be would renounce Masonry; in that case the change in his favor was instantaneous, and he was deemed worthy of any public trust.

"Ministers of the Gospel in many cases were required to renounce Masonry or abandon their calling. To this mighty torrent of popular excitement sweeping through the land Masons thought best to yield and bend to the storm as it raged in its fury."

In common with others in this section Brownville Lodge ceased to work and its members to meet, thereby forfeiting its charter.

In concluding the "Sketch of Brownville Lodge," W. . BRO. SKINNER expresses himself freely concerning the benefits derived and the lessons received by those who have become members of the Masonic fraternity, he says that while he has never received any pecuniary benefit he is thankful that he has been enabled to contribute to the necessities of indigent brethren, their widows and orphans who have been less favored. The sentiments contained in his closing sentences are worthy of preservation.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive, more heartfelt satisfaction in conferring favors than in receiving them ; there is a luxury in doing good, in acts of kindness, in relieving the distressed, in sympathising with their misfortunes and in restoring peace to their troubled breasts which, compared with pecuniary advantages, places the latter far in the background."

"If we go back in history we will find instances where the uplifted tomahawk has been stayed and the cords which bound the victim to the stake loosed by the ' Still small voice ' of Masonry. The soldier wounded and a prisoner in the hands of his enemies resolves to meet his fate like a man and a true soldier, stern and unyielding until taken by the hand by one of his captors, he recognizes the token, returns it, when instantly all his rigid roughness of exterior is gone, tears freely flow and his very soul is melted; he is in the hands of a brother in whose fidelity he can safely confide.

"Then it is that he desires to live; then it is that he opens his bosom to his captor as a friend and brother: confides in him; commends to his care his aged parents, his wife, his children, all that is dear to him: for in times of war, or in times of peace. Masonry knows no distinction of political parties, country, sect or opinion: no north, no south, no east, no west, its charities extend to all mankind: this the soldier knows, hence his trust and confidence."

Such are the blessings of Masonry, who then will regret having been made a Freemason."

(Signed)

ALANSON SKINNER.

BROWNVILLE, N. Y., January 1, 1864.

MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

Alanson Skinner, State Senator, Member of Assembly.
Isaac Van Vleck, Surrogate.
Walter Cole, Member of Assembly, Supervisor.
Walter Zimmerman, Member of Assembly, Supervisor.
F. W. Spieer, Supervisor.

John McColloeh, Supervisor.
George Brown, Supervisor.
Arba Strong, Supervisor.
William Lord, Supervisor.
Charles K. Loomis, Supervisor.

Beriah Allen, Supervisor.
Alvan A. Gibbs, Supervisor.
Charles Steele, Justice.

Charles Allen, Justice.
Edson A. Steele, Justice.

MASTERS.

1819. Sylvester Reed.	1855. Horace Kimball.	1880. Rufus Zimmerman.
1820. Peleg Burchard.	1856. Alanson Skinner.	1881. E. H. Carpenter.
1821. Peleg Burchard.	1857. Alanson Skinner.	1882. Rufus Zimmerman.
1822. Peleg Burchard.	1858. Alanson Skinner.	1883. Rufus Zimmerman.
1823. James McKenzie.	1859. Alanson Skinner.	1884. Rufus Zimmerman.
1824. Warren Skinner.	1860. John T. Wood.	1885. Rufus Zimmerman.
1825. Sylvester Reed.	1861. Henry S. Barbour.	1886. Milo Cleveland.
1826. Sylvester Reed.	1862. Henry S. Barbour.	1887. Milo Cleveland.
1827. Sylvester Reed.	1863. Walter Zimmerman.	1888. Milo Cleveland.
1839. Alanson Skinner.	1864. Walter Zimmerman.	1889. Jared T. Knapp.
1840. Richard Buckminster.	1865. Walter Zimmerman.	1890. George W. Barbour.
1841. Arba Strong.	1866. William T. Skinner.	1891. George W. Barbour.
1842. Arba Strong.	1867. William T. Skinner.	1892. George W. Barbour.
1843. John N. Cole.	1868. Walter Zimmerman.	1893. George W. Barbour.
1844. Alanson Skinner.	1869. Walter Zimmerman.	1894. George W. Barbour.
1845. Alanson Skinner.	1870. William T. Skinner.	1895. George W. Barbour.
1846. Alanson Skinner.	1871. William T. Skinner.	1890. Frederick E. Hemmings.
1847. Alanson Skinner.	1872. Walter Zimmerman.	1897. Frederick E. Hemmings.
1848. Alanson Skinner.	1873. Rufus Zimmerman.	1898. Frederick E. Hemmings.
1849. Alanson Skinner.	1874. Rufus Zimmerman.	1899. Charles E. Codman.
1850. Richard Buckminster.	1875. Henry Barbour.	1900. Charles E. Codman.
1851. Charles K. Loomis.	1876. Edson A. Steele.	1901. F. E. Ingalls.
1852. Horace Skinner.	1877. John B. Atwater.	1902. F. E. Ingalls.
1853. Morrison C. Loomis.	1878. Rufus Zimmerman.	1903. F. E. Ingalls.
1854. Hewitt C. Priest.	1879. Rufus Zimmerman.	1904. Bert W. Wood.

GERMAN UNION LODGE, NO. 54, NEW YORK CITY.

WARRANT: The warrant dated April 14, 1819, signed by Dewitt CLINTON, Grand Master, is in possession of the Lodge.

The *First* number was 322, which number was retained until 1830 when the number became 54.

MINUTES: The minutes are intact except from December 20, 1820, to December 26, 1822, from March 3, 1827, to December 27, 1827, and from September, 1828, to January 8, 1829.

CHARTER MEMBERS.

Philipp Becanon.	Friedr L. von Vultee.
Albrecht Wunnenberg.	Friedrich Jaeger.
Luhr Heine.	Charles F. Phillips.
Sirich Blanke.	William Buchholtz.
Charles Dow.	Henry Shippman.
Carl Reinold. .	1. Georg Loy.
Jacob Helvenstein.	C. Langhirst.
Christian Leistner.	Jul. Tieman.
William Phillips.	John Schmidt.
Heinrich Fechtmann.	

The first officers were: PHILIPP BECANON, Master; Heinrich FECHTMANN, Senior Warden; ALBRECHT WUNNENBERG, Junior Warden FRIEDR. L. VON VULTEE, Secretary; CHRISTIAN LEISTNER, Treasurer. These officers were installed on May 15, 1819, by MARTIN HOFFMAN, Deputy Grand Master, assisted by CORNELIUS BOGERT, Grand Treasurer and Grand ELIAS HICKS, Grand Secretary.

Meeting Places: St. John Hall, on Frankfort Street, until April, 1823. Union Hall, Henry and Oliver Streets, until May, 1839. Shakespeare Hotel, Duane and William Streets, until May, 1841. Warren Hall, Henry and Oliver Streets, until May, 1855. Pythagoras Hall on Canal Street, until May, 1858. Freemason Hall, 504 Broadway, until May, 1859. Odd Fellows Hall, Centre and Grand Streets, until May, 1880. German Masonic Temple, 220 East 15th Street, since May 25, 1880.

MORGAN PERIOD: This episode which so seriously affected so many of the Lodges did not exert much if any influence upon the affairs of this Lodge. Twenty meetings were held in 1828, raised seven; nineteen meetings in 1829, raised three; eighteen meetings in 1830, raised none; nineteen meetings in 1831, raised three; twenty-two meetings in 1832, raised four.

In all of the transactions of the Lodge the Gorman language is used, and until 1843 the Grand Lodge required it to keep its minutes in both German and English. In 1843 the German and French Lodges presented a petition to the Grand Lodge asking permission to discontinue keeping the minutes in English. In answer to the prayer of the petitioners the following resolution was adopted by the Grand Lodge.

"Resolved, That the prayers of the petitioners be granted, provided they at all times promptly furnish, at their own expense, correct translations of the whole or any part of their minutes into the English language, when required so to do by this Lodge, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, or the Deputy Grand Master."

In May, 1851, the following members of the Grand Lodge of Saxony were elected to honorary membership in this Lodge. C. F. G. WINKLER, F. A. VON MENSCH, F. Schwarre, F. O. VON REINHARD and CHR. L. VON STIEGLITZ.

The Lodge participated in the ceremonies of laying the corner-stone of the Masonic Hall on Sixth Avenue and Twenty-third Street. It was also active in organizing the German Masonic Temple Association and was largely instrumental in securing the necessary means to erect the German Masonic Temple at 220 East Fifteenth Street, New York City, and the German Masonic Home at Tappan, N. Y.

The corner-stone of the Temple was laid on July 2, 1879, the dedication of the Home occurred on October 24, 1888.

The Lodge celebrated its fiftieth anniversary in 1809; its sixtieth in 1879 and its seventy-fifth in 1894.

C. G. GUNTHER, a former Mayor of New York, was for many years an active member of this Lodge.

MASTERS.

1819. Phil. Becanon.	1848. Heinrich Wenzel.	1877. Heinrich Sann.
1820. Phil. Becanon.	1849. Heinrich Wenzel.	1878. Heinrich Sann.
1821. Friedr. L. v. Vultee.	1850. Wilhelm Wagner.	1879. Heinrich Sann.
1822. Christian Leistner.	1851. Jac. J. Rosenstein.	1880. Geo. Meier.
1823. Heinrich Willet.	1852. Francis Miller.	1881. Geo. Meier.
1824. Julius Tieman.	1853. Francis Miller.	1882. Gustav Lauter.
1825. Christian Medny.	1854. Henr. Wenzel.	1883. George Aery.
1826. Christian Meday.	1855. Carl Klauberger.	1884. Geo. Kinzer.
1827. John G. Rohr.	1856. John Weitstich.	1885. Chas. A. Roth.
1828. John G. Rohr.	1857. John Weitstich.	1886. Chas. A. Roth.
1829. C. G. Gunther.	1858. John Weitstich.	1887. Otto Ahrendt.
1830. C. G. Gunther.	1859. Carl Toellner.	1888. Otto Ahrendt.
1831. Christian Meday.	1860. Daniel Lamm.	1889. August Ziegenger.
1832. Friedr. Hartmann.	1861. Carl Toellner.	1890. August Ziegenger.
1833. Friedr. Hartmann.	1862. Carl Toellner.	1891. Chas. A. Roth.
1834. Jacob Bindernagel.	1863. John Weitstich.	1892. Geo. E. Krauss.
1835. Jacob Bindernagel.	1864. Louis H. v. Vultee.	1893. Geo. E. Krauss.
1836. Conrad Braker.	1865. H. Glinsmann.	1894. Rudolph Schultz.
1837. Conrad Braker.	1866. H. Glinsmann.	1895. Rudolph Schultz.
1838. Aug. Bindseil.	1867. H. Glinsmann.	1896. Paul E. Lauter.
1839. Heinr. Wenzel.	1868. John Baumann.	1897. Paul E. Lauter.
1840. Heinr. Wenzel.	1869. Geo. Kinzer.	1898. Paul E. Lauter.
1841. Carl Allstaedt.	1870. Geo. Kinzer.	1899. August Havemaim.
1842. Carl Allstaedt.	1871. Geo. Kinzer.	1900. C. W. H. Rathjens.
1843. Wilhelm Wagner.	1872. Gustav Lauter.	1901. C. W. H. Rathjens.
1844. Rudolph Aeby.	1873. Gustav Lauter.	1902. Adolph Platz.
1845. Rudolph Aeby.	1874. Gustav Lauter.	1903. Adolph Platz.
1846. Luhr Wohlken.	1875. Phil. Kompff.	1904. Gustav Gnam.
1847. C. G. Christman.	1876. Phil. Kompff.	

GRANVILLE LODGE, NO. 55, GRANVILLE, N. Y.

WARRANT: The first warrant was granted to Liberty Lodge, No. 55. December 7, 1790. Second warrant to Granville Lodge, No. 55, September 3, 1806. Third warrant to Granville Lodge, No. 220, June 12, 1851. MINUTES: *Not intact*. All records are missing from 1796 to 1800 and from 1823 to 1851.

Granville Lodge is the legitimate successor of Liberty Lodge, which was organized in 1796. A number of Masons residing at Granville, Washington County, all of whom were members of Livingston Lodge, No. 28 (now extinct), located at Kingsbury, made application to the Grand Lodge for a charter in the fall of 1796. The petition was as follows:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Master. Wardens and Members of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York: We, your petitioners, formerly members of Livingston Lodge, being desirous of forming a new Lodge in the town of Granville, in the county of Washington, State of New York, having from our remote situation obtained leave of our Lodge to withdraw from the same, as also their consent to our making application to the Grand Lodge for a warrant to erect a new Lodge in the town of Granville by the name and style of Liberty Lodge: and we do nominate and recommend our Worthy Brother ZEBULON R. SHIPHERD to be Master; our Worthy Brother WILLIAM HUGGINS to be Senior Warden, and our Worthy Brother ABRAM BISHOP to be Junior Warden of the same. Your petitioners always having the good of the Craft in view, hope to have their petition granted: therefore earnestly pray the Grand Lodge for the good of Masonry and the convenience of your petitioners, will grant your warrant agreeable to the prayers of this petition, and your petitioners shall, as in duty bound, ever pray.

Dated Granville, 5th of October, A. L., 1796.

Joseph Prindal.	Daniel Major.
Zebulon R. Shipherd.	Thomas Dewey.
W. Huggins.	Dan'l Burroughs.
Aron Kellogg.	Thomas Soper.
Alvin Lampson.	Levi Thompson.
Daniel Earl.	

This action on the part of these brethren was sanctioned by the members of Livingston Lodge, and they encouraged the movement by sending the following recommendation to the Grand Lodge:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Wardens and Members of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. Brethren : A number of our brethren, formerly members of Livingston Lodge, No. 28, and who have recently been permitted by the unanimous consent of the members of said Lodge to withdraw from the same, first paying all demands against them due to said Lodge, have made application to us for our recommendation to you, that thereby they might be enabled to obtain your charter for the establishment of a new Lodge in the town of Granville in the county of Washington and State of New York., by the name of Liberty Lodge. We do, therefore, most earnestly recommend our well beloved BROTHER ZERULON R. SHIPHERD as Master, our well beloved BROTHER WILLIAM HUGGINS as Senior Warden, and our well beloved BROTHER ABRAM BISHOP as Junior Warden, and we sincerely desire that they may succeed in their application to you for authority to erect the said Lodge in the town of Granville, as we consider it will be conducive to the benefit of the Craft, the distance being such as to render it inconvenient for them to attend at any Lodge now established.

In witness of our approbation have herewith subscribed our names at Livingston Lodge rooms the 3rd day of October. 1796.

John Vernon, Master. John Perrigo, Junior Warden.
John Hitchcock, Senior Warden.

The petition was presented to the Grand Lodge on December 7, 1796, and the charter was issued. The Officers were installed by JOHN VERNOR, Master of Livingston Lodge.

This organization seems to have met with indifferent success as in a few years it became practically dormant, and but little is known of its affairs until 1800 when an effort was made to arouse it from its lethargy or to procure a new charter. The following appears upon the records of the Grand Lodge under date of September 3, 1800: " Several members of Liberty Lodge, No. 55, upon surrendering the warrant of said Lodge, prayed the acceptance thereof and the grant of a new warrant by the name of Granville Lodge, No. 55, to be held at the Town of Granville, in the County of Washington, upon such terms as this Grand Lodge should think proper. Whereupon it was *Resolved*, That the surrender of the old warrant be accepted and a new one issued upon the payment of forty dollars, in full of the dues which were owing by Liberty Lodge, and for said new warrant."

The following is the petition presented: "To the Right Worshipful Master. Wardens and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. This statement and petition of the undersigned residents of the Town of Granville, County of Washington and State of New York, being Master Masons regularly made and in regular standing and members of Liberty Lodge. No. 55, humbly sheweth:

"That a number of Brethren in this place in the year 1796 did apply to your honorable body and obtained a charter constituting a Lodge in this place, by the name of Liberty Lodge, No. 55, and that through the culpable inattention and remissions of those who succeeded in office and the government of the Lodge no returns nor remittances were made to the Grand Lodge, and the same neglect has been unfortunately continued to the present time: since the establishment of the Lodge it has undergone various revolutions in the point of respectability: in some low and reduced period members have been admitted und acknowledged ns Masons who are disagreeable to any society, a scandal to the fraternity and whom we can no longer fellowship.

"We speak it with pleasure that the Lodge has lately arisen in respectability by the addition of a number of worthy members. We, however, view our situation as unfavorable and dishonorable; our charter and privileges are justly forfeited; we exist, we work, only by your delaying justice; unworthy members disgrace us, and we consider it derogatory to the Masonic character, an unjustifiable and disgraceful precedent and repugnant to all good Masonic regulations to proceed any longer in our present situation. We must either be confirmed in our present privileges or be indulged with a new charter.

"We feel anxious for the welfare and honor of Masonry; we wish to purify our Lodge that it may not be a disgrace to the Masonic name, but to expel unworthy members would be disagreeable and attended with much contention.

"We consider it to be most expedient for this purpose to obtain (if possible) a charter for a new Lodge, in which unworthy members need not be admitted.

"It has, therefore, been unanimously voted by the Lodge, as above mentioned, as likewise the very irregular and indecent manner which the records of the Lodge have been kept, that we will loose or abandon our ancient forfeited charter and petition your honorable body for a new one, willing, however, and intending to give the same sum for a new charter that we should be able to give to be confirmed in our privileges under the authority of the old one. our funds being nearly exhausted.

" Therefore, hoping that your honorable body will incline more to l he exercise of mercy than of justice, and will with us consider it more for the honor of Masonry to grant us a new charter than it would be to renew the other, we, your petitioners, humbly pray that your honorable body will, duly considering our situation, grant us a new charter empowering us to work again as legally and duly authorized Master Masons, and constituting us a new Lodge by the name and title of Granville Lodge, No. 55, to be holden in the town of Granville aforesaid, and we, your petitioners, most humbly pray that our worthy Brother SALEM TOWN may be appointed the first Master of the said Lodge, our worthy Brother JOHN C. PARKER first Senior Warden, and our worthy Brother WILLIAM SWETLAND first Junior Warden of the said Lodge, these having the unanimous vote of your petitioners for the said offices, and we, your petitioners, pledge ourselves to use our endeavors to prevent a recurrence of our present unhappy situation, to preserve order and harmony, to conduct with caution and propriety and to make regular returns and remittance to the Grand Lodge and your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray, etc."

Granville, May 17, 1800.

Ira Hall. Elijah White.	Zebulon R. Shipherd.
Asa Hunt.	M. S. C. White.
John M. Stewart.	W. A. Needham.
Alfred Buckley.	Isaac Phelps, Jr.
Wait Carrington.	William Foster, Jr.
Samuel Hough.	Bishop Cramer.
Jeremiah Spicer.	Clark Northrup.
P. Turner.	

The petition having been favorably acted upon and the conditions complied with, on September 18, 1806, by authority of a dispensation issued by DEWITT CLINTON, Grand Master, the Lodge was duly constituted under the new charter and the officers installed by Wor. Bro. ZEBULON R. SHIPHERD.

SALEM TOWN, the first Master of Granville Lodge, who was so closely identified with it for many years and who became so prominent in other Masonic bodies, was born in Belchertown, Mass., March 5, 1779. In 1805 he graduated at Middlebury College, Vermont. He was made a Mason in Liberty Lodge, No. 55, in 1803. He served as Master of Granville Lodge seven years. Shortly after he was elected Master he was appointed Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge, which office he held at the time of his death.

In recognition of his services and as an evidence of the high esteem entertained for him in the Grand Lodge a committee on testimonial to BROTHER TOWN was appointed at the session held in June, 1852, the committee made the following report:

"The Committee appointed to procure a testimony of respect to our Right Worshipful and Rev. BROTHER SALEM TOWN, beg leave to report that they have purchased a gold watch, chain and seal for the sum of \$123, and that in addition, they recommend that a donation of \$127 in cash be added to the above, making the sum of \$250."

The presentation was made with a short address by WOR. HENRY C. ATWOOD of York Lodge, No. 197.

His death occurred at the home of his son in Green Castle, Indiana, February 24, 18W, his remains were interred at Aurora, NY.

The Lodge continued to meet regularly until 1823, when for some reason it began to languish and became practically dormant in 1831, when the Grand Lodge declared the warrant forfeited, but it was never returned to the Grand Lodge.

For almost twenty years Masonry as an organized body ceased to exist in Granville. Early in 1851 a successful movement was made to revive the old Lodge; an application was made for a warrant, and on June 3rd the Grand Lodge granted the application, and a warrant was issued under the name and title of Granville Lodge, No. 230. The first officers of the resuscitated Lodge were C. GRANVILLE SMITH, Master; NATHANIEL MASON, Senior Warden; C. B. COLLINS, Junior Warden; NATHAN DOANE, Treasurer; and JOHN SARLE, Secretary.

On June 3, 1852, the following resolution changing the number was adopted by the Grand Lodge:

"Whereat, Granville Lodge was originally chartered as No. 55, and, whereas, said number is still vacant, therefore,

"Resolved, That the number of Granville Lodge be changed from 220, its present number, to No. 55, by which it was originally chartered."

A highly prized relic in possession of the Lodge is the original Charter granted to Liberty Lodge, No. 55. This relic was restored to the Lodge by order of the Grand Lodge on June 3, 1885.

The By-laws adopted by the Lodge in 1806 contain some curious and interesting provisions; a few extracts are as follows:

"Art. 1, Section 2: The Lodge shall be opened at six o'clock and closed at nine from the 25th of March to the 25th of September, and from the 25th of September to the 25th of March it shall be opened at five o'clock P.M., and closed at nine.

"Art. II, Section 2: The election of officers shall be by ballot and in the following order, viz.: The Master shall nominate one for Master and the Brethren another, and the Master elect shall nominate one for Senior Warden and the Brethren another; and in all cases following this order until the election shall be completed.

"Art. IV, Section 5: On balloting for candidates the following regulations shall be observed: ' If black balls appear the ballots may be distributed to the third time at the request of any brother; if a single black ball appear and be continued, the balloting shall lay over until the next regular stated meeting that in the interim the person who has thus expressed his negative may have an opportunity of correcting his opinion if erroneous. At the next stated meeting the candidate shall be again ballotted for, when the ballots must be unanimous to admit him, but if a black ball then appear, it may be requested, but not demanded, of any brother that he give his reasons for thus rejecting the candidate."

In the matter of the fee to be paid by applicants for degrees the Lodge appears to have been willing to trust the candidate providing he give satisfactory security as will be noted by the following:

"Art. V, Section 3: The Secretary shall call upon every brother the night of his admission for his fees, and no obligation shall be taken of any member or brother either for fees of admission or for any money loaned, unless some other brother whose security the Lodge by vote shall deem sufficient shall sign such note with him; which note shall be written in the following words, with the proper date, sums and times inserted in the blanks left for that purpose, viz.:

"For value received in Granville this ___ day of ___ 180 ___ we jointly and severally promise to pay Granville Lodge, No. 55, or bearer ___ dollars and ___ cents by the ___ day of ___ next as witness our hands."

Attached to the copy of By-laws on file with the Grand Historian are the names of eighty-eight members of the Lodge.

On September 23, 1817, the will of BRO. IRA HALL was read before the Lodge. It contained a bequest of one acre of land adjoining ISAAC HOLISTER'S farm, to be cleared of stumps and used as a burial plot by Granville Lodge, No. 55, and De Lafayette Chapter, No. 9.

From the year 1806 to 1807 Lodge meetings were held at the house of BRO. ELIGAH WHITE, which is referred to in the records as "Masons Hall," at North Granville: 1808 at DANIEL ROBERTS'; 1809 and 1810 at BROTHER JUSTIN KELLOGG'S; 1811 at BROTHER ORLA HALL'S; 1812 at BROTHER SAMUEL HOUGH'S; 1813 at BROTHER ELIGAH WHITE'S; 1814 at T. FREMAN'S, IRA CURTIS' and BROTHER GEORGE MARINERS'; 1815, 1816 and 1817 at BROTHER J. STILES' Hall; 1818 and 1819 at KETCHEL REED'S; 1820 at EPHRAIM MUNSON'S; 1821 and 1822 at ELIPHLET WELLS'; 1851 to 1863 at North Granville.

In 1863 the Lodge was moved to Middle Granville and meetings held in a hall over BROTHER C. H. BULL'S store. In 1874 the Lodge was moved to Granville and have held their meetings since in the same hall.

The rooms now occupied by the Lodge were dedicated March 19, 1874, by W. R., N. 'i. BABER, Deputy Grand Master of the 13th Masonic district, acting as Grand Master, under a dispensation from Most Worshipful Christopher G. Fox, Grand Master of the State

of New York. An address was delivered on this occasion by Rev. and Worshipful BROTHER HENRY M. DAVIS upon the subject of Freemasonry.

On October 21, 1896, the Lodge celebrated its one hundredth anniversary. The event brought together a large number of Masons from nearby towns and villages. The main feature of the occasion took place in Norton Hall in the afternoon: the address of welcome was delivered by WOR. JAMES M. POTTER, as follows:

Brethren: It seems somewhat unnecessary, at a Masonic gathering, to greet you with words of welcome, as we are all bound together by the same mystic tie, and are entitled to all the rights and privileges of ancient Craft Masonry wheresoever dispersed throughout the world. However, it has been a source of pleasure to me that ever since my initiation into the secrets of Freemasonry, that Granville Lodge, No. 55, has always extended the right hand of fellowship to visiting members, and have given them a cordial welcome to our meetings. As Master of this ancient and honorable body, I come before you this afternoon in the same spirit that always governed my predecessors and bid you, in behalf of the officers and members of Granville Lodge, No. 55, a hearty welcome to the celebration of this our one hundredth anniversary. An All-wise Providence having seen fit that our beloved order should flourish and prosper in our beautiful village, " may we be more strongly cemented in the bonds of friendship and brotherly love that during the short space allotted us here, we may employ our time usefully and well, and in the reciprocal intercourse of kind and friendly acts mutually promote the welfare and happiness of each other." Our officers during the past wrought faithfully and well. How well, our present gathering indicates. May those who follow during the next century do equally as well, and no spot or stain will soil the name of old 55.

An oration was delivered by Rev. BRO. JOSEPH ZWEIFEL. The festivities concluded with a ball in the evening.

IN PUBLIC LIFE.

William H. Hughes, Member of Assembly.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

Salem Town, Grand Chaplain.

James M. Potter, District Deputy Grand Master.

George Tobey, District Deputy Grand Master.

MASTERS.

1796. Zebulon R. Shipherd.
1797. Zebulon R. Shipherd.

1806. Salem Town.
1807. Salem Town.
1808. Salem Town.
1809. Salem Town.
1810. William Swetland.
1811. William Swetland.
1812. Salem Town.
1813. Salem Town.
1814. Salem Town.
1815. George Mariner.
1816. Orla Hall.
1817. No election.
1818. Salem Town.
1819. Orla Hall.
1820. George Mariner.
1821. Nathan Doane.
1822. James Tanner.
1823. Nathan Doane.
1824. Franklin Shaw.

1851. C. Granville Smith.
1852. C. Granville Smith.
1853. Nathaniel Mason.

1854. Nathaniel Mason.
1855. Charles R. Mann.
1856. Charles R. Mann.
1857. F. L. Spencer.
1858. F. L. Spencer.
1859. No election.
1860. Charles R. Mann.
1861. Charles R. Mann.
1862. Thomas Cree.
1863. Thomas Cree.
1864. James Bullock.
1865. James Bullock.
1866. James Bullock.
1867. George Tobey.
1868. George Tobey.
1869. D. G. Morgan.
1870. D. G. Morgan.
1871. D. G. Morgan.
1872. Safford Reynolds.
1873. Safford Reynolds.
1874. Safford Reynolds.
1875. Safford Reynolds.
1876. George Tobey.
1877. D. Rogers.
1878. Safford Reynolds.
1879. George Tobey.

1880. Asa P. Hull.
1881. Asa P. Bull.
1882. Safford Reynolds.
1883. Safford Reynolds.
1884. Safford Reynolds.
1885. Safford Reynolds.
1886. Safford Reynolds.
1887. Safford Reynolds.
1888. D. Rogers.
1889. Safford Reynolds.
1890. John C. Thomson.
1891. John C. Thomson.
1892. J. H. Collins.
1893. John W. Potter.
1894. John W. Potter.
1895. James M. Potter.
1896. James M. Potter.
1897. John G. Cary.
1898. John G. Cary.
1899. Edward Whipple.
1900. Edward Whipple.
1901. Willis A. Tenney.
1902. Willis A. Tenney.
1903. David C. McKenzie.
1904. Charles N. White.

ST. ALBANS LODGE, NO. 56, BROOKLYN, N. Y.

WARRANT: The warrant under which the Lodge is working is dated December 5, 1821, when granted it was under the name and title of Hohenlinden Lodge, No. 338, the number was changed to 56 on June 7, 1839.

The name was changed to St. Albans in 1894.

MINUTES: Intact since the organization of the Lodge.

St. Albans Lodge, No. 56, is the successor of St. Albans Lodge, No. 62, organized and chartered in 1797; the following petition to found this Lodge is interesting.

"To the Rt. Worshipful the Grand Lodge of the State of New York:

"The humble petition of the subscribing brethren, late members of Phoenix Lodge, No. 11, and others, respectfully

"Sheweth: That your petitioners are inhabitants of Brooklyn .on the opposite shore of the East River, the crossing of which river at a late hour of the night is often attended with great difficulty, and sometimes impossible to be effected, on which occasions it is not only inconvenient to your petitioners, but injurious to both their health and business, and very alarming to their respective families. In the winter, and in tempestuous weather, the passage is often interrupted or not to be attempted without imminent danger, by which means your petitioners are deprived of what they esteem one of the greatest pleasures they can enjoy, that of brotherly communication in a Lodge with their brethren.

"That your petitioners have communed together on the subject of the above recited difficulties under which they labor, and have adopted the resolution of humbly stating their grievances to the Rt. Worshipful Grand Lodge in full confidence that attention will be paid to their request, and the great obstacle to their Masonic happiness removed. To effect which desirable purpose, your petitioners do humbly pray that this Rt. Worshipful Grand Lodge will be graciously pleased to grant them a warrant or charter to constitute a Lodge in the town of Brooklyn, Kings County, State of New York (duty authorizing them to meet according to the constitution and regulations of this Grand Lodge), under the style and title of Saint Albans Lodge, and that the Rt. Worshipful Grand Lodge will be pleased to appoint W. P. M. BRO. THOMAS THOMAS, to be Master of said Lodge; BRO. JAMES MOORE to be Senior Warden of said Lodge and Bro. GEORGE CLUSSMAN to be Junior Warden thereof, and your petitioners do pledge themselves to act up to the spirit of the institution, and to the honor of the fraternity and as in duty bound will ever pray, etc., etc.

"BROOKLYN, May 2, 5797."

This petition was signed by fifteen brethren. The petition was recommended by Phoenix Lodge, No. 11.

A Warrant was granted on the following 7th of June.

This Lodge was short-lived, as in 1790 it ceased to exist and its warrant was surrendered.

On June 1, 1821, a meeting was held at the Steamboat Hotel in the then village of Brooklyn for the purpose of considering the revival of the old Lodge, and at an adjourned meeting held on June 5th it was resolved to apply for permission to revive the old Lodge. Acting upon the advice of ELIAS HICKS, Grand Secretary, they applied to Fortitude Lodge for a recommendation which was declined ; he then advised them to apply to New town Lodge, which complied with their request.

The petition set forth that the population of Brooklyn exceeded 7,000, and that the Lodge would be organized with not less than 50 members; It recommended ERASTUS WORTHINGTON as Master; GEORGE W. RODGERS as Senior Warden, and RALPH MALBONE as Junior Warden; it was signed by thirty-one Master Masons.

In answer to the prayer of the petitioners a dispensation was granted on June 26th, *signed* by DANIEL D. TOMPKINS, Grand Master, to be in force until the next quarterly meeting of the Grand Lodge. The name and number given in dispensation was St. Albans, No. 60.

At a meeting held July 0th, ELIAS HICKS, Grand Secretary, was present and delivered an address upon the "First duties of Masons."

On July 19th the officers were duly installed, and an appropriate discourse was delivered in St. Ann's Church by Rev. BRO. H. FELLERS, after which a dinner was served at BRO. MORRISON'S Hotel on Brooklyn Heights.

At the next quarterly meeting of the Grand Lodge in September owing to the objections of Fortitude Lodge, action on the petition was deferred, but in the following December favorable action was taken as appears by the following letter, addressed to the Master:

"Worshipful Brother: I have the honor to inform you that it is the intention of the R.'. W.'. Junior Grand Warden to install the officers of Hohenlinden Lodge, No. 338. this evening the 10th inst. You will please, therefore, to cause your officers and members to be summoned at the Lodge-room at or before 6 o'clock in order to enable the brethren attending from the city to return to it at a reasonable hour.. It is expected that you will make the necessary arrangements for having them safely conveyed to town.

"I am very respectfully and fraternally yours,

" E. HICKS, Gr. Sec'y.

"NEW YORK, Monday, December 10th, A. L. 5821."

The opposition to the granting of the charter was overcome by abandoning the title "St. Albans," and substituting that of "Hohenlinden."

The indorsement on the petition for the warrant is "Read in Grand Lodge, Dec. 5, 5821, and a new warrant granted by the name and style of Hohenlinden Lodge, No. 338."

The Lodge was duly constituted on December 10, 1821, by R.'. W.'. RICHARD HATFIELD, Junior Grand Warden.

The Lodge continued to work until June, 1849, when it wept with the Phillips Grand Body, on September 3, 1850, the Grand Lodge of New York suspended its charter. It was again revived and received its old number at the reunion of the Grand Bodies in 185S. The Lodge continued to work while with the Phillips Grand Body, thus maintaining an unbroken existence.

The following excerpts from the record of the Lodge are interesting:

"January 14, 1822, the committee appointed to procure a room for the use of the Lodge reported that Mr. STEPHENSON would furnish room, fire and candles for \$1.50 per night, which was accepted."

November 10, 1823: Proposed for consideration of the Lodge by Bro. I. N. SMITH:

" WHEREAS: The order of Masonry was instituted for charitable and humane purposes: it becomes the duty of all good and virtuous Masons to see that the funds of the Lodge to which they belong are scrupulously applied to the needy, the widows and the orphans of deceased brothers; that the practice of eating and drinking at the expense of the Lodge is anti-Masonic and calculated to bring reproach and disgrace upon our holy order and reduce us to a level with mankind in general; that we use all the exertions in our power to prevent the funds of the Lodge from being misapplied to any purposes which are not embraced in Charity and Love. Wherefore: *Resolved*, That all refreshments be at individual expense."

December 8, 1823. "The motion of BRO. I. N. SMITH was taken up and carried unanimously."

February 23, 1824. "The Tyler being sick and the smallpox under the same roof with the Lodge-room, there was no communication."

December 9, 1834. "\$2,50 paid to the Grand Lodge towards the funeral expenses of Lafayette."

MORGAN PERIOD.

1828, eleven meetings, raised two.
1829, twelve meetings, raised three.
1830, twelve meetings, no work.
1831, eleven meetings, raised two.
1832, eight meetings, raised two.

The following is on the records of June 8, 1830:

"The Treasurer was authorized to procure twelve copies of 'Platt's Defence of Masonry,' for the use of the Lodge."

MEETING PLACES.

1821 to 1825—Young's Hotel at Navy Yard gate.
1825 to 1842—Military Garden. 25 Willoughby Street.
1842 to 1848—3 Front Street.
1848 to 1853—10 Liberty Street.
1853 to 1860—160 Fulton Street.
1860 to 1877—Montague Hall, 10 Court Street.
1877 to 1888—Cochrane Building, 304 Fulton Street.
1888 to 1899—Hamilton Building, 42 Court Street.
1899 to 1902—44 Sehemerhorn Street.
Present quarters—Red Hook Laue and Fulton Street.

"On St. John's Day, December 27, 1797, a lecture was delivered before the members of old St. Albans Lodge by the Junior Warden. BRO. NATHANIEL FOSTER, containing thoughts and suggestions well worthy of preservation, a few excerpts are here given as they are just as forceful for good, just as pregnant with pure, wholesome truths and wise suggestions for thoughtful men as when uttered over a century ago.

"Although I am happy to observe our Lodge is legally founded—although we have the sanction of the highest constituted authority to which we could apply—yet we ought to bear in mind that the observance of the rules of the institution thus far will avail us nothing should not our future conduct be such as to insure to us a continuation of that respect and confidence which we have hitherto experienced from the Grand Lodge and our brethren in general. The better to complete what we have so happily begun, a constant attendance at our appointed meetings is highly necessary; as nothing is more conducive to cement us in one unshaken bond of brotherly affection. No member of this Lodge. I presume, who was at first actuated by just and upright motives, who does not consider the privilege of attendance a blessing. And I should be extremely unhappy to entertain a thought that we have any among us who were actuated by no other motives than idle curiosity.

". . . Long separations have a tendency to abate the love which exists among natural connections, and why should not the same argument hold good in respect to societies. It is a self-evident proposition that congenial minds create intimacy, and an intimacy founded on virtue and morality is the foster-mother of love and friendship, future reputation and felicity. The heart of man is a cavern too dark and deep for man fully to investigate; you can, therefore, only judge from a man's conduct in life, and the character he supports among mankind. It often happens that in the circle of a man's acquaintance there are those with whom he might wish to live upon friendly terms, and perhaps with great propriety; when, at the same time, it might be by no means expedient to introduce those people into a Lodge. I am unhappy to observe that too many of abandoned and corrupt principles have of late years found admission into this fraternity. This, I allege, to be the principle cause why those bulwarks of malice and scandal are raised against us. It, therefore, behooves us, particularly in this our infant situation, as we regard the reputation of our Lodge—as we regard the virtuous and sacred institution on which it is founded—and even as we regard our own private characters, as members of society in general, carefully avoid that rock of danger on which many Lodges, with equally as fair prospects as our own before them, have split asunder never again to be united.

"Brotherly love, charity and truth are the three grand principles on which our institution is founded. What a glorious foundation for man to build upon! All fabrics erected on earthly foundations must fall. The rock of adamant will be found as stubble when nature shall experience her final dissolution. But the principles on which we build endless ages. cannot annihilate; for when the wheels of Nature shall cease to roll—when the great Master Builder shall issue the irrevocable decree that 'Time shall be no longer'—these divine principles, like the source from which they spring, will remain free from the least diminution, through endless ages.

". . . A man certainly ought not to expect friendship from others who is not a friend to himself, and if we investigate strictly into the matter we shall find that the most of those complaints which we so frequently hear that true friendship has hid this world a final farewell; that charity no longer exists among mankind, etc., are uttered by people whose conduct in life has been such as to reduce them to a state of wretchedness, and then, because every one is not willing to bestow as they are to destroy, the immediate cry is there is no such thing as true friendship. No brother is bound by the institution of Masonry to bestow that charity upon another which he cannot spare without involving either himself or his family in want: although it is our duty to relieve the distressed at all times, if the merit of the object and our circumstances will permit, yet no brother is bound by the principles of Masonry to involve himself in difficulty for another, either by *gifts*, bail, or otherwise, as this would not be alleviating distress; it would be in fact only, transferring calamity from one to another, and doubtless be the cause of many times of making the frugal and industrious suffer for the idle and extravagant. But if our bountiful benefactor has blest us with health and affluence and the cry of unavoidable distress salutes our ears when the cloud* of unforeseen misfortune shall gather thickly around, and the hard band of poverty shall oppress our brother, then is the time, my brethren, to convince mankind that Masons are as willing to perform the deeds of humanity as they are to be thought the professors of it—then is the time to cheer the drooping heart, and wipe from the languid cheek the tear of sorrow which will purchase to ourselves that 'self-approving hour,' in comparison of which all the riches of Peru would be but as a drop in the ocean.

". . . Would every member of this society realize to himself the advantages he enjoys by being a Mason—and at the same time reflect seriously how severely he must wound the feelings of every true friend to the order by prostituting its principles—I am confident we should never see an institution like this sacrificed to sordid interest.

"... You cannot be insensible how ready mankind in general are to aggravate every trifling circumstance tending to invalidate the Order of Freemasonry. It therefore behooves us at all times, both in our public and private capacities to let our conduct be such as to baffle the machinations of the evil-minded—and, by doing justice to all men— by loving mercy, and doing acts of benevolence—and by walking humbly before our God, put the tongue of the slanderer to silence. The performance of our duty to God, our neighbor and ourselves, ought to be our study and delight.

"... Our conduct, while convened in our Lodge, ought also to be carefully attended to. Every person's feelings are not alike upon similar occasions. Hut, for my part, I must confess that I never enter the doors of a Lodge but what my mind is impressed with the same reverential awe as when I enter a house of public worship. And it appears to me surprising how any person can enter a room where that sacred volume is continually displayed to his view, and who acknowledges himself a member of an institution founded upon the divine principles which it contains—and at the same time assume an air of mirth and levity !

"It might not be improper in this place to ask a question. Is the institution of Masonry founded on virtuous and religious principles? If it is not, why do we not then wholly abandon it? And if it is we are certainly wrong not to impress our minds with suitable solemnity, whenever we convene to transact business conducive to the benefit of the Lodge. It is also highly necessary, in order to promote unanimity and good order in the Lodge, that a due obedience and suitable respect be paid to the presiding officers. It was a saying of a very eminent philosopher that ' no man was fit to rule who had never learned to obey.' It is impossible that any society should long exist where suitable laws and regulations are not 'observed. And in order that these laws may have the effect for which they were designed, it is highly necessary that proper persons should be appointed to put them into execution. And that man must surely be at open war with decency and good order who would not wish to see those laws and regulations carried into effect, to which he had voluntarily subscribed as right and just.

"... To conclude, let us be particularly careful that when we retire from this room with a view to partake once more of the bounty of our beneficent creator, that we enjoy the good things of this life by not abusing them. But in all things conduct ourselves in such a manner through this day, and through the remainder of our days, that we may at last obtain that celestial, that soul-sustaining password which will gain us admission into the presence of our Supreme Grand Master. And that we may hear the ravishing sound of 'well done good and faithful servants, welcome to a blessed immortality.'"

The Lodge has participated in a number of public ceremonials. It was present at the dedication of the Masonic Temple at Philadelphia, Pa., the laying of the corner-stone and dedication of the Masonic Hall, New York City ; also at the laying of the corner-stone and dedication of the Home at Utica.

MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

George Hall, Mayor of Brooklyn.
Joseph Sprague, Mayor of Brooklyn.
John C. Perry, State Senator.
George Melville, U. S. Navy, Arctic Explorer.

Nathan B. Morse, Judge, City Treasurer.
Frank Spinola, State Senator.
John Rainey, Member of Assembly.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

Enoch George, District Deputy Grand Master.
Loftin Love, District Deputy Grand Master.
Charles A. Tonsor, Junior Grand Deacon.
William J. Beattie, Grand Representative.

Morris D. Mosley, Grand Representative.
Bradley Parker, District Deputy Grand Master.
Joseph Sprague, Grand Marshal.
Charles E. Brettell, Grand Representative.

MASTERS.

1821. Erastus Worthington. 1851.
1822. George W. Rodgers. 1852.
1823. Ralph Malbone. 1853.
1824. Abiathar Young. 1854.
1825. Joseph T. Hunt. 1855.
1826. Joseph Sprague. 1856.
1827. Joseph Sprague. 1857.
1828. Joseph Sprague. 1858.
1829. George L. Thatcher. 1859.
1830. George L. Thatcher. 1800.
1831. John Lawrence. 1861.
1832. Stephen Haynes. 1862.
1833. Robert Tolford. 1803.
1834. Joseph Sprague. 1864.
1835. Andrew Demarest. 1865.
1836. Andrew Demarest. 1866.
1837. Andrew Demarest. 1867.
1838. Robert Tolford. 1868.
1839. T. J. Regnals. 1869.
1840. Joseph Sprague. 1870.
1841. Joseph Sprague. 1871.
1842. William Cumberson. 1872.
1843. William Cumberson. 1873.
1844. William Cumberson. 1874.
1845. William Cumberson. 1875.
1846. John Harron. 1876.

1847. John Harron. 1877.
1848. Jonathan Rogers. 1878.
1849. James M. Twiss. 1879.
1850. John Harron. 1880.
1851. Nathan B. Morse.
1852. Charles E. Lester.
1853. John Harron.
1854. John M. Robinson.
1855. Edward Pell.
1856. William H. Van Voorhis.
1857. John M. Weeks.
1858. John M. Weeks.
1859. Edward Pell.
1860. Bradley Parker.
1861. Bradley Parker.
1862. Joshua W. Osborn.
1863. Joshua W. Osborn.
1864. Joshua W. Osborn.
1865. Joshua W. Osborn.
1866. Daniel T. Gray.
1867. Daniel T. Gray.
1868. Enoch George.
1869. Enoch George.
1870. Enoch George.
1871. Enoch George.
1872. Enoch George.

1873. Enoch George.
1874. Ira L. Brackett.
1875. Ira L. Brackett.
1876. James Pritchitt.
1877. James Pritchitt.
1878. Munson S. Brown.
1879. Munson S. Brown.
1880. Amos Crowell.
1881. Amos Crowell.
1882. Frederick Waters.
1883. William V. Babcock.
1884. William V. Babcock.
1885. William J. Beattie.
1886. William J. Beattie.
1887. Loftin Love.
1888. Loftin Love.
1889. Edward T. Salisbury.
1890. Edward T. Salisbury.
1891. Robert W. Fielding.
1892. Robert W. Fielding.
1893. Joseph Edwards.
1894. Joseph Edwards.
1895. James Cocroft.
1896. William Mead.
1897. Charles A. Tonsor.
1898. Charles A. Tonsor.

1899. John H. Twaddle.
1900. John H. Twaddle.

1901. Charles E. Lane.
1902. Charles K. Brettell.

1903. Lewis W. Spanghel.
1904. Peter T. Scott.

PHOENIX LODGE, NO. 58, TROY, N. Y.

WARRANT: The warrant was issued June 7, 1823: it was surrendered January 6, 1838. The warrant under which the Lodge is now working was restored in June, 1839.

The first number was 361, which it retained until 1839, when it became No. 58.

MINUTES: Not intact. AR records prior to 1842 are missing.

The first effort to organize a Lodge in the village of Lansingburgh was made in 1787, when a Lodge was organized by the name of Hiram, No. 35. which continued to exist and was represented in the Grand Lodge until 1810; from this time but little is known concerning this old Lodge, and it was not until 1822 that any successful effort was made to again organize a Lodge in the village.

In the early part of the year 1822 a movement was inaugurated among the Masons residing in the village and vicinity, which resulted in making an application for a charter; the following is

THE PETITION.

LANSINGBURGH, April 22, 5822.

"To the Worshipful Grand Master of the State of New York, the petition of the subscribers respectfully sheweth that they are regular Masons and are at present or have been members of regular Lodges: that having the prosperity of the fraternity at heart they are willing to exert their best endeavors to promote and diffuse the general principle? of Masonry, that for the convenience of their respective dwellings and on other good reasons they have agreed to form a Lodge to be named Phoenix : that in consequence of a resolution they pray for a warrant of constitution to empower them to assemble as a regular Lodge at the house of ALVARO HAWLEY in the village of Lansingburgh to discharge the duties of Masonry in a regular and constitutional manner according to the original forms of the order and the laws of the Grand Lodge: that they have nominated and do recommend BENJAMIN W. HARR to be the first Master and CHAUNCEY IVES to be the first Senior Warden and NATHAN MOREY to be the first Junior Warden of the said Lodge ; that the prayer of the petitioners being granted they promise strict conformity to all the constitutional laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge.

B. W. Horr.	Benjamin Danforth.
Nathan Morey.	H. R. Tilley.
David Reading.	Samuel G. Bingham.
Ab'm L. Lansing.	John Houghton.
Mathew Ash.	Ephraim Goss.
Sam'l H. Mulford.	Joseph Fox.
Chauncey Ives.	Wm. Wason.
Ralph Morey.	Asa L. Caswell.
Aaron Willcox.	Reuben Willard, Jr."
Alvaro Hawley.	

The petition has the following endorsements:

To all whom this may concern: This is to certify that we, the undersigned, authorize HENRY R. TILLEY to act as our proxy in presenting this petition to the Grand Lodge or Master of the State of New York for the purpose of obtaining a warrant or charter and transact any other business which the said TILLEY may think proper relative to the within petition.

LANSINGBURGH, *June 26, 1822.*

I B. W. HARR,
Committee CHAUNCEY IVES,
NATHAN MOREY.

We the undersigned officers of Apollo Lodge No. 40, recommend the within petition to the favorable notice of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

TROY. *June 14, 5822.*

A. J. Rousseau. Master.
Samuel PITCHER. S. W.
JOS. WINWARD, J. W.

"Dispensation granted on the 8th of June, 1822, for one year."

The Lodge at first prospered and continued to increase in numbers, but in 1828 when the Morgan troubles began the members became discouraged and accessions to the Lodge ceased; still some of the more earnest and active members succeeded in keeping it alive until at the annual meeting in December, 1835, no election for officers was held and on January 6, 1836, the charter was surrendered and the Lodge ceased to exist.

This condition of affairs did not continue for any length of time. Several of the active members were determined to revive the old Lodge; a meeting was held on June 4, 1838, and the following petition was prepared asking for a revival of the Lodge:

"To the Most Worshipful Grand Master. Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York of Free and Accepted Masons:

GREETING.

The undersigned late members of Phoenix Lodge, No. 361, would respectfully state that in consequence of the agitation and difficulties that have existed for some years past respecting the Masonic Fraternity has been the cause of our suspending our Masonic labors and forfeiture of our charter.

The time has now arrived that we believe we can sustain ourselves as a Lodge if the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge will grant the request of your petitioners, viz.: to revive our charter and to grant an election and installation of officers under the supervision of the Grand Visitor.

Dated June 4, 1838.

Signed:

Nicholas Weaver.	E. C. Bartou
E. J. Willett.	Esek Hawkins, Jr.
Wm. McMurray.	Samuel H. Mulford.
George Marriner.	Chauncey Ives.
Dennis Baxter.	W. Brookins.
G. F. Holmes.	S. S. Bingham."

On the following 14th of June a meeting was held under the supervision of the Grand Visitor, JOHN S. PERRY, and the following officers were elected:

S. S. BINGHAM, Master; NICHOLAS WEAVER, Senior Warden; ESEK HAWKINS, Jr., Junior Warden; CHAUNCEY IVES, Treasurer, and B. J. WILLETT, Secretary.

From this time the Lodge prospered and has enjoyed an unbroken existence.

It has been three times scorched by fire; in 1842 the property of the Lodge was badly damaged. In July, 1843, the building on the corner of Seventeenth Street and Second Avenue in which the Lodge had quarters was destroyed by fire. The present American House was afterward erected on the same site; the Lodge met on the third floor of this building until February, 1847, when its property was again partly consumed. It found new quarters in what was then called the Lansing building, now known as McMurray's row on Second Avenue; here it met until 1867, when it became incorporated, and in conjunction with other Masonic bodies fitted up rooms in the National Exchange Bank Building, now the Noyes Building, remaining here until 1877, when it moved to 637 Second Avenue.

In 1902 the erection of a home for all of the Masonic bodies located in Lansingburgh was decided upon. An organization was formed styled the Lansingburgh Masonic Temple Association. ROBERT B. STILES of Phoenix Lodge was elected President; JOHN F. SMITH of Jerusalem Lodge was elected Secretary, and WILLIAM JORDAN of Phoenix Chapter was elected Treasurer.

These three officers also constituted the Board of Trustees. On August 28, 1902, the corner-stone of the Temple was laid by M. W. ELBERT CRANDALL, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge in the State of New York, and in April Phoenix Lodge took possession of its quarters in the new building.

The by-laws adopted by the Lodge in September, 1822, contain some curious provisions, the following are samples:

"Article 5th. No person, except in case of emergency, shall be made a Mason in this Lodge, unless at his own request in writing, proposed in Lodge hours, at least one regular meeting before he is ballotted for."

"Article 11th. No candidate shall be proposed to this Lodge by any one who is not a Master Mason; and none shall be proposed who refuses to pay his fees before initiation."

"Article 13th. If the person whose duty it shall be to keep the keys of the Lodge-room shall neglect to open the same in due season to proceed to business, he shall pay the expense of repairing the chesty doors, etc., which may necessarily be broken."

"Article 14th.—For improvement in the noble Science of Masonry, a lecture shall be given every regular Lodge, or the officer who presides for the evening shall pay a fine of one dollar, unless business renders it inconvenient."

"Article 18th. No attending Brother shall use spirituous liquors in Lodge hours without permission from the presiding officer; neither shall any Brother be permitted to smoke in the Lodge-room."

"Article 21st. It shall be the duty of the presiding officer to read these by-laws, or cause them to be read as often as he shall think necessary."

At the annual election held December 17, 1846, the first three officers elected declined to serve, a dispensation to hold another election was secured, and on December 31, 1846, the following were elected:

JAMES M. AUSTIN, Master.
NICHOLAS WEAVER, Senior Warden.
SIMON FREIOT, Junior Warden.

The certificate forwarded to the Grand Secretary is as follows:

"Be it known, That on the 31st day of Dec., A. L., 5846, at a special meeting of Phoenix Lodge, No. 58, held in the village of Lansingburgh, County of Rensselaer and State of New York, under a dispensation from the M. W. G. M. the following Brethren were duly elected and installed officers of the same for the ensuing year, to wit:

"BROTHER JAMES M. AUSTIN as Master.
BROTHER NICHOLAS WEAVER as Senior Warden.
BROTHER SIMON FREIOT as Junior Warden.

"In testimony whereof, we, the members of the said Lodge, have caused the seal thereof to be hereunto affixed and our Secretary to-sign the same.

"B. G. HATHAWAY, Sec." [L. S.]

R. W. JAMES M. AUSTIN was raised in Phoenix Lodge on May 16, 1844, and was Senior Warden in 1845.

He was born at Salem, Washington County, NY, in 1813. He was educated at Schenectady where he attained collegiate honors in his twenty-sixth year, and some four years later received his diploma as a Doctor of Medicine at Albany; he was a practicing physician at Lansing- burgh when made a Mason.

In 1848 he withdrew from Phoenix Lodge and assisted in organizing and was the first Master of Clinton Lodge, No. 140, at Waterford, N. Y.

In 1853 he removed to New York city and affiliated with Mariners Lodge, No. 07; in 1856 he became interested in the revival of Howard Lodge, No. 35, he affiliated with it and was a member at the time of his death, December 3, 1881.

He was elected Grand Secretary June 9, 1853, and held this office continuously until his death, covering a period of over twenty-eight years in this important office.

MASTERS

1822. Benjamin W. Horr.	1851. Daniel King.	1878. Peter A. Brewster.
1823. Benjamin W. Horr.	1852. Daniel N. Van Pelt.	1879. Edward Skillman.
1824. Benjamin W. Horr.	1853. Daniel King.	1880. Edward A. Skillman.
1825. Ephraim Goss.	1854. John Gilmore.	1881. Eugene A. Van Pelt.
1826. Ephraim Goss.	1855. William J. Newman.	1882. James Gillespie.
1827. Ephraim Goss.	1855. Nicholas Weaver.	1883. Robert B. Stiles.
1828. Alexander McCall.	1856. A. George Mitchell.	1884. Robert B. Stiles.
1829. Alexander McCall.	1857. A. George Mitchell.	1885. V. W. Esmond.
1830. Alexander McCall.	1858. James H. Weaver.	1886. F. W. Esmond.
1831. Alexander McCall.	1859. William J. Newman.	1887. Ira W. Abbott.
1832. Alexander McCall.	1860. Samuel King.	1888. George H. Davry.
1833. Samuel S. Bingham.	1861. Samuel King.	1889. George H. Davry.
1834. Abraham L. Lansing.	1862. Charles Weaver.	1890. John Giles.
1835. Samuel S. Bingham.	1863. Alexander King.	1891. P. Romer Chapman.
	1864. Eugene Hyatt.	1892. Calvin J. Barker.
1838. Samuel S. Bingham.	1865. Eugene Hyatt.	1893. Calvin J. Barker.
1839. Samuel S. Bingham.	1866. Charles S. Holmes.	1894. William H. Derrick.
1840. Samuel S. Bingham.	1867. Charles S. Holmes.	1895. William H. Derrick.
1841. Samuel S. Bingham.	1868. Charles W. Derrick.	1896. A. Charles Rosseau.
1842. Daniel King.	1869. D. P. Chesbrough.	1897. A. Charles Rosseau.
1843. Daniel King.	1870. Edward A. Skillman.	1898. J. G. O'Brien, Jr.
1844. Daniel King.	1871. Edward A. Skillman.	1899. Walter Snyder.
1845. Abel Whipple.	1872. Edward A. Derrick.	1900. Walter Snyder.
1840. Nicholas Weaver.	1873. Richard A. Derrick.	1901. Frank H. Miter.
1847. James JM. Austin.	1874. Eugene A. Van Pelt.	1902. Frank H. Miter.
1848. James JM. Austin.	1875. John R. Engle.	1903. William G. Lempe.
1849. Daniel King.	1876. Charles E. Derrick.	1904. William G. Lempe.
1850. Daniel King.	1877. Peter A. Brewster.	

SUFFOLK LODGE, NO. 60, PORT JEFFERSON, N. Y.

WARRANT: The first warrant granted December 7, 1796, is lost . The warrant under which the Lodge is now working is dated July 2, 1856.

When first organized it received the number 00; for a short time about the year 1812U it was changed to No. 57; in 1850 it received the number 401 which it retained until 1876, when it again became No. 60.

MINUTES: Not intact. Missing from 1826 to 1856.

The first movement toward organizing Suffolk Lodge was made in 1796, when an application was made to ROBERT R. LIVINGSTON, Grand Master, to organize a Lodge in Suffolk County.

THE PETITION.

"To the Worshipful the Grand Master, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York:

The Petition of us the Subscribers being Regular Master Masons in the County of Suffolk most humbly Sheweth—That, whereas, the place of meeting of Huntington Lodge, No. 26, is so far distant from the Eastern Members, particularly those in this County, that they are thereby prevented from giving that attendance as their duty as Masons require without great Inconvenience, it is Conceived therefore that it would tend Greatly to the Advancement of the Craft in General if a Lodge should be constituted in Suffolk County. Your Petitioners, therefore, most humbly Request that your Honours would take the Matter into Consideration and Grant us a warrant for the above Recited purpose and that our Worshipful BROTHER MOSES BLACHLY, Esq., may be Appointed the Master; that our Worthy BROTHER JOHN FLOYD, Esq., may be appointed the Senior Warden and that our Worthy BROTHER ELLIS CARLL may be Appointed the Junior Warden of said Lodge.

And Your Petitioners as in duty
Bound By Mystic Ties shall ever pray, etc.

Suffolk County,

Dec. 1st, A. D. 1796. A. D. 5796.
CHARLES WHEELER,
WM. W. GALE,
JOHN MILLS,
JESSE WICKES,
Shadrack KELLY.

CHARTER MEMBERS.

Moses Blachly.	Charles Wheeler.
Ellis Carll.	John Mills.
William W. Gale.	Shadrack Kelly.
John Floyd.	

The application was granted, and on December 7, 1796, a warrant was issued. The Lodge was authorized to confer the Mark Master's degree.

The first meeting of the Lodge was held at the house of WILLIAM and RICHARD BLYDENBURGH at Smithtown on March 9, 1797. At this meeting MOSES BLACHLY was installed as Master; RICHARD FLOYD, Senior Warden, and JOHN FLOYD, Junior Warden by R. W. WILLIAM WRIGHT, a Past Master of Independent Royal Arch Lodge, No. 2, of New York city. The Lodge continued to meet at this place until September 9, 1801, when it met at the house of BRO. PHINEAS SMITH at Dix Hills, remaining here until January 13, 1802, when it moved to the house of JONAS HAWKINS at Stony Brook. This house is now known as the Mount homestead.

Its next meeting-place was at the house of GOLDSMITH DAVIS at Coram, where it moved on August 11, 1802; on February 9, 1803, it again moved, this time to the house of ISAAC HULSE at the same place. During this year it also met at the house of ISAAC SATTERLY in Setauket, at the house of JEFFREY A. WOODHULL in Huntington, and at several other places, until about 1806 it located at the house of BRO. THOMAS HALLOCK at Smithtown, remaining there for several years. The minutes state that the first meeting held in 1819 was at the house of ISAAC JAYNE at Setauket, where it continued to meet for several years thereafter.

The meetings were usually held in the afternoon and once a month from October to April. A copy of the By-laws adopted February 13, 1805, and still in possession of the Lodge, contain some curious provisions; if a Lodge of emergency was called for the purpose of conferring a degree the candidate was required to defray the expenses of the meeting; dues were 25 cents per month, and if a member could not attend regularly his dues could be remitted by a two-third vote.

Visitors were permitted to visit once gratis, but were required to pay a fee of 25 cents for each subsequent visit.

Members were required to disperse immediately after the Lodge closed, and it was provided that if any member remained longer than one hour at the house where meetings were held, after the Lodge closed, he should be deemed a refractory member.

Lest the members should imbibe too freely, it was provided that all liquors should be called for from the Stewards by permission of the Master or Wardens, and that no member should help himself.

As it is well known that during the early part of the last century intoxicants were freely used by all classes, hence the necessity of this last provision, but in order to give it due effect it must have been necessary to exercise due care in selecting temperate members for Masters and Wardens.

There is no doubt some of the members were disciplined for violating the rules, as in 1802 two of the members were accused of unbecoming conduct and a committee was appointed to "Meet the offenders and hear their excuses." At the next meeting the following was submitted: "We humbly report that although the said I. B. and S. C. may be considered as respectable members of society, that they as Masons have acted without the square and compass and ought to be considered as refractory members until something favorable on their side may be produced."

The old Lodge continued to meet with more or less regularity until December, 1824, after which but little is known of its transactions, if meetings were held the records are missing. The Lodge, however, has a manuscript record of a meeting held July 13, 1825, and a book containing some accounts of dues paid later in the same year; from this it appears that some effort must have been made after the close of the year 1824 to keep the Lodge alive. It is possible that the terrible whirlwind of anti-Masonic excitement which swept over the State shortly after this had much to do with the silence which enshrouds the history of this Lodge. If meetings were held no records are in existence so far as known; the Charter is missing; it was never surrendered, but was declared forfeited by the Grand Lodge on June 8, 1832, and for many years the Lodge remained dormant.

A sketch of the Lodge was written by an old member in 1862. The author of this claims that one of the main reasons for the decline of the Lodge was lack of care in the admission of members. He states that but little effort was made to investigate the character of applicants; in some cases no committee was appointed, but candidates were proposed, elected and initiated at the same meeting. It is quite likely that the conclusions of the writer were correct, for similar conditions existed in many other Lodges during that period with like results; even at the present time in some cases laxity on the part of investigating committees have materially affected the welfare of Lodges.

The moral to be drawn from such incidents is that Masters should be careful in selecting members of investigating committees, and that such committees should be required to perform their duties in a fearless and conscientious manner.

It was not until 1850 that a movement was made to resuscitate the old Lodge.

The following excerpt from McClenachan's "History of Freemasonry in the State of New York," Vol. IV, page 208, furnishes the following important statements concerning Suffolk Lodge:

"Suffolk Lodge, No. 401, was originally warranted in 1797, and stood No. 60 on the Grand Lodge Register. The Lodge ceased to exist about the year 1824, and was revived in 1850. Several of the members of the Lodge at its revival were among the members who belonged to it under the original Warrant, and one of them in 1870 was living and a member of the Lodge. The Lodge was in possession of the old jewels and properties of the original body. The jewels had engraved on them the number 60, the old papers all bear that number, and the Lodge was, to all intents and purposes, the same Lodge that was warranted in 1797. Its original number 60 was still vacant.

The Lodge, therefore, in 1876, directed Wor. THOMAS H. SAXTON, who was then Master, to apply at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, in that year, for the restoration of its old number, which request was unanimously granted.

This action of the Grand Lodge was endorsed on the warrant by R. W. JAMES M. AUSTIN, Grand Secretary.

In February, 1856, a dispensation was granted to: TUTTLE DAYTON, CALEB KINNER, CHARLES A. FLOYD, JOHN R. SATTERLY, CHARLES W. DARLING, JOHN M. WILLIAMSON, LEWIS WHEELER and TUTTLE O. DAYTON, to revive the old Lodge, and the first meeting was held February 26, 1856. The first six were members of the old Lodge.

The first officers were TUTTLE DAYTON, Master; CALER KINNER, Senior Warden; JEREMIAH DARLING, Junior Warden; CHARLES W. DARLING, Secretary; TUTTLE O. DAYTON, Senior Deacon; LEWIS, WHEELER, Junior Deacon.

The first meeting under the warrant was held July 8, 1856, when the officers were installed by SEWALL FISK.

The first applicants for degrees were: CHARLES E. DAYTON, GEORGE M. DAYTON, CHARLES W. DARLING, Jr., CHARLES F. KINNER, SAMUEL C. ROE and AMBROSE T. KING. Of the above, CHARLES E. DAYTON, GEORGE M. DAYTON and CHARLES W. DARLING, Jr., were the first to receive the degrees, they having been initiated, passed and raised at the same meeting.

The meeting-place of the Lodge when it resumed labor in 1850 was at Port Jefferson in a room then known as Suwasset Hall. It afterward occupied a room over F. F. Darling's store, where it remained until 1889, when it moved to its present quarters in the third story of the building adjoining the Townsend House on Hotel Square.

On March 9, 1897, the Lodge celebrated its one hundredth anniversary in Athena Hall; a printed account of this event says:

"There were present about 750 Masons and invited guests, among whom were a number of prominent Craftsmen, clothed in the rich regalia of their office. M. W. JOHN STEWART, Grand Master of Masons of the State of New York, honored the occasion by his presence. There were also present R. W. E. M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary; R. W. GEORGE HAYES, an honorary member of the Lodge; R. W. WILLIAM L. SWAN; R. W. TOWNSEND SCUDDER; It. W. WILLIAM I. CHALMERS; K. W. CLAUDIUS V. BEATTY, and a delegation of seven, including its Worshipful Master and Wardens, from Independent Royal Arch Lodge, No. 2, of New York City, whose Past Master, R. W. WILLIAM WRIGHT, organized the Lodge in 1797. A large number of other prominent Masons were present, besides delegations from a large number of sister Lodges.

"The ceremonies opened with a suitable selection by the orchestra, after which prayer was offered by R. W. GEORGE HAYES. W. M. BREWSTER P. SMITH made an address of welcome and introduced Grand Master STEWART, who made an address which was very impressive and well received. A history of the Lodge was then given by P. M. T. H. SAXTON, after which addresses were made by Grand Secretary EHLERS, GEORGE HAYES, WM. L. SWAN, TOWNSEND SCUDDER, Rev. WM. I. CHALMERS and BRO. BROWNING, W. M. of Independent Royal Arch Lodge, No. 2. Letters of congratulations were read from a number of sister Lodges, and from invited guests who were unable to be present. After selections from the orchestra a collation was served in the dining-room, prepared by BRO. M. RAMSELL, after which the Hall was cleared for dancing, and it was not until the wee hours of the morning that the ceremonies attending the first centennial anniversary of Suffolk Lodge, No. 60, were over."

The Lodge is in possession of some interesting and highly prized relics.

Upon its walls hang the dimit of its first Senior Warden, RICHARD FLOYD, issued from Huntington Lodge, No. 26, at Oyster Bay, dated 1796, also photographs of the first four places where Lodge meetings were held. It also has the copper plates from which were printed certificates of membership, several of which are in possession of the Lodge, the oldest one is dated 1800.

The original jewels marked "Suffolk Lodge, No. 60, F. & A. M., 1797," and the old minute book containing the records of the first and subsequent meetings are objects of interest carefully treasured by the members and are frequently shown to visitors.

MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

Charles A. Floyd, Assemblyman, New York State.

John M. Williamson, Assemblyman, New York State.

MASTERS.

1797. Moses Blachly.	1824. Charles A. Floyd	1879. Allen F. Davis.
1798. Moses Blachly.	1825. Charles A. Floyd	1880. Allen F. Davis.
1799. Richard Floyd.	1826 Charles A. Floyd	1881. Charles E. Dayton.
1800. Moses Blachly.		1882. Charles E. Dayton.
1801. Thomas Floyd.	1856. Tuttle Dayton.	1883. Charles E. Dayton.
1802. Moses Blachly.	1857. Tuttle Dayton.	1884. Charles E. Dayton.
1803. Morris Jayne.	1858. Tuttle Dayton.	1885. Charles E. Dayton.
1804. Gilbert Floyd.	1859. William T. Hulse.	1886. Charles E. Dayton.
1805. Moses Blachly.	1860. William T. Hulse.	1887. Charles E. Dayton.
1806. Moses Blachly.	1861. Effingham Tuttle.	1888. Charles E. Dayton.
1807. Moses Blachly.	1862. Effingham Tuttle.	1889. Charles E. Dayton.
1808. John Elderkin.	1863. Effingham Tuttle.	1890. M. L. Chambers.
1809. John Floyd.	1864. Effingham Tuttle.	1891. M. L. Chambers.
1810. John Floyd.	1865. A. G. Merwin.	1892. Charles E. Dayton.
1811. Morris Jayne.	1866. A. G. Merwin.	1893. Charles E. Dayton.
1812. Gilbert Floyd.	1867. A. G. Merwin.	1894. Charles E. Dayton.
1813. Thomas Hallock.	1868. Elbert A. Raynor.	1895. Charles E. Dayton.
1814. Gilbert Floyd.	1869. Elbert A. Raynor.	1896. Brewster P. Smith.
1815. Charles H. Havens.	1870. James E. Bayles.	1897. Brewster P. Smith.
1816. Charles H. Havens.	1871. James E. Bayles.	1898. Charles S. Brewster.
1817. Gilbert Floyd.	1872. George Hart.	1899. Charles S. Brewster.
1818. Charles A. Floyd.	1873. George Hart.	1900. George W. Rowland.
1819. Charles A. Floyd.	1874. G. F. Bayles.	1901. George W. Rowland.
1820. John R. Satterly.	1875. G. F. Bayles.	1902. Ralph B. Dayton.
1821. John R. Satterly.	1876. Thos. H. Saxton.	1903. Ralph B. Dayton.
1822. John R. Satterly.	1877. Thos. H. Saxton.	1904. Ralph B. Dayton.
1823. John R. Satterly.	1878. Thos. H. Saxton.	

MANHATTAN LODGE, NO. 62, NEW YORK CITY.

WARRANT: The warrant in possession of the Lodge was issued March 26, 1824; its first number was 370. It was given No. 62 June 7, 1839.

MINUTES: Intact from organization.

CHARTER MEMBERS.

Robert Young.
Charles St. John.
Augustus Cornwall.

Daniel H. Van Sice.
Augustus H. Sands.
M. H. Knapp.

Lewis Belden.
Joseph Bills.
Daniel Ward.

At a quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge held March 26, 1824, in answer to a petition which had been presented, a Warrant was granted Manhattan Lodge, No. 370, naming ROBERT Young, Master; AUGUSTUS H. SANDS, Senior Warden, and CHARLES ST. JOHN, Junior Warden.

The first meeting to complete the organization of the Lodge was held in St. John's Hall, Frankfort Street, on April 7, 1824, where agreeably to a notice received from the Grand Secretary the following officers were duly acknowledged and installed.

Robert Young, Master.	M. H. Knapp, Secretary.
Augustus H. Sands, Senior Warden.	Augustus Cornwall, Treasurer.
Charles St. John, Junior Warden.	

At the conclusion of the ceremonies of installation the Grand Lodge Officers retired, the Master took the chair and declared Manhattan Lodge open in the Master's degree.

The second meeting was held April 16, 1824, at Union Hall, corner of Oliver and Henry Streets, where the Master and Wardens were appointed a committee "to draft a code of by-laws."

The first election of officers occurred December 17, 1824. The records show that "the present Master signified his intention of resigning the chair and nominated BRO. A. H. SANDS as his successor, who was duly elected." The remaining officers were nominated by the Master-eject and duly elected.

The Lodge prospered for a time but when the Morgan episode swept over the State its blighting influence seriously affected the Lodge, members lost interest and officers became discouraged. In a sketch of the Lodge prepared by BRO. HARRY KUHLE in 1899, he says, concerning the affairs in December, 1829:

"The proceedings of the Lodge about this time do not appear to have been harmonious. It was hard to collect dues, and the Lodge did not appear to be in a prosperous condition. W. J. BRO. EDMONDS was Master of the Lodge, and at the next communication presented a lengthy report, signed by a committee appointed to investigate the condition of the Lodge.

"The substance of the report was that the Lodge was irretrievably in debt, and concluded by expressing the opinion that there was no alternative but to give up the warrant to the Grand Lodge. The report was read and accepted, and the committee discharged.

"Bro. TOWNSEND offered a resolution to the effect that the Lodge should be wound up, and the warrant returned to the Grand Lodge. The resolution was seconded but (by request) BRO. EDMONDS moved that it should lie over for future consideration. What a spectacle! The Master of a Lodge being a prime mover in measures looking to its dissolution, and deliberately contemplating hari-kari!

"Monday, March 29th, met pursuant to adjournment. BRO. TOWNSEND gave notice that at the next regular meeting he would offer the following resolution, viz.: that the yearly dues of all members be raised to the sum of \$10.

"April 2, 1830, the resolution of BRO. TOWNSEND offered at the last meeting was taken up, duly seconded, and unanimously adopted.' and so it was that the existence of the Lodge was maintained by the pluck and fidelity of a single member."

This incident appears to have instilled new life into the Lodge; the officers gathered courage and members again became interested, and it continued to thrive and prosper. The zeal and pluck of BRO. TOWNSEND had stayed the whirlwind of persecution, the timid and weak again became strong and the organization was maintained during all this troublous period.

When in 1837 the St. John's Grand Lodge came into existence, Manhattan Lodge remained with the Grand Lodge.

The following interesting incident is found in the sketch of BRO. KUHLE'S:

"From the minutes of April 15, 1840, I quote: 'Two dispensations from the R. W. J. D. G. Master, WM. WILLIS, were received, authorizing this Lodge to confer the three degrees of Masonry upon GEORGE JAMISON and N. T. STRONG, Chiefs of the Senecas in this State, at one and the same time, which were read and accepted; when it was resolved that this 1xslge proceed to act accordingly.' The records proceed to show that they were passed and raised at the same communication. At a special meeting on the 5th of June, 1840, the Wor. Master received four dispensations from the Grand Lodge of the State, empowering him to confer the three first degrees at one and the same time, upon Messrs. J. JAM1- SOX, S. H. CONE and WHITE SENECA, Seneca Chiefs, and Mr. B. POWLES, an Oneida Chief, and the degrees were accordingly conferred. The degrees appear to have been conferred at the request of the Grand Lodge Officers, and although the candidates paid the usual initiation fees. No ballot was had upon their admission, nor do they appear to have been considered as members of the Lodge."

For some unexplained reason interest in the Lodge again lagged; the financial condition was such that the obligations of the Lodge could not be met, and it was decided best to surrender the charter. BRO. KUHLEE thus states the matter:

"Four years subsequently the warrant was revived, and the history from that time—1847 to 1874—was ably and clearly presented to you by WOR. HENRY V. MYERS, at the celebration of our semi-centennial. From my first knowledge of the Lodge, the fly-leaf of our by-laws has borne this inscription, "Instituted March 26, A. L. 5824," and so we celebrated our supposed fiftieth anniversary on the 26th of March, 1874, when as a matter of fact the Lodge had no existence until April 7, 1824. In the summer of 1874, when the office of the Grand Secretary was being removed to a new Hall, numerous old books, etc., came to light. From among the rubbish there were unearthed two minute books of Manhattan Lodge, No. 370, covering the entire period from date of organization to the surrender of warrant in 1848. These minute books I received from the Grand Secretary, and we are now in possession of the complete records of the Lodge from its organization down to the present time."

The Lodge was not permitted to remain dormant but a short time. Through the effort of DANIEL H. VAN SICE, who was Master in 1843, a successful effort was made to revive the Lodge, and in 1847 the warrant was restored; since that time it has had an uninterrupted existence.

The record of this Lodge in behalf of the Hall and Asylum Fund is enviable.

At the Masonic Fair in 1866 it secured the sum of \$3,110.17: at the fair in 1873 its efforts resulted in realizing \$2,054.28, its quota of the debt amounting to \$1,644 was promptly paid. 'At the fair in 1887 it also contributed liberally; altogether the efforts of the members of the Lodge have added the total sum of \$7,051.45 to the Fund.

In addition to this sum, when the Home was completed the Lodge furnished one of the rooms and Mrs. Brown, the wife of R.'. W.'. FREDERICK J. BROWN, furnished two rooms.

BRO. KUHLKE thus comments upon the life and work of Manhattan Lodge:

"Our Lodge was organized in 1824, and for four years enjoyed a course of unprecedented prosperity. During these years of prosperity began the controversy which has since become historical as the 'Morgan Excitement.' Most of the actors in the scene have passed away, but every intelligent Mason is presumed to be conversant with the facts. A local disturbance in which WM. MORGAN, at one time connected with our Craft, disappeared, was seized upon by young and wily demagogues as a basis on which to found their political hopes. Masonry, always avoiding political complications, was made defendant in a case in which, as a body, she had never had a part. Religious societies of all denominations joined hands in the crusade, and the name of Mason became a by-word and reproach. Among those most prominent in this unjust persecution were two politicians, who attained national reputations. The storm was long and fierce, and its effects on our fraternity most unfortunate. Three-fourths of the Lodges in the State succumbed to the pressure and ceased their labors. But Manhattan, under the skilful direction of such brave, manly spirits as Young, KETCHAM, COSTA and DE FORREST, withstood the tempest, and though with tattered sails out-rote the storm and entered upon the succeeding season of prosperity only, alas, to founder a decade later, in a calm sunshine, on a peaceful sea. The brave old heroes who had fought the ship through whirlwind and storm had passed away, and none had risen in their place competent to take the helm and direct her course. As we calmly review the history of the past, and from these silent yet expressive records deliberately judge the manner of men who created our Lodge and sustained her in the hour of trial, the retrospect should bring to us a deep and impressive lesson. Let us realize that we are the legitimate successors of YOUNG, KETCHUM and DE FORREST, and that from the Master in the East to the Tiler at the outer door, however humble or exalted our station, each one has some duty to discharge, some labor to perform, which shall add to the strength and beauty of the cause for which we labor."

The first meeting of the Lodge was held in St. John's Hall; the next meeting was in Union Hall, where it remained until May, 1839, when it moved to Shakespeare Hotel. Here it remained until May, 1840, when it moved to the Howard House; here it remained until the warrant was surrendered September 21, 1843.

Upon its revival in March, 1847, it again met in the Howard House, where it remained until May, 1850. On May 2, 1850, one meeting was held in the City Hotel: the next meeting, held May 9th, was in the building corner of Broome and Crosby Streets, where it remained until May, 1859, when it moved to 594 Broadway. Here it remained until May, 1879, when it moved to Masonic Hall, corner of Sixth Avenue and Twenty-third Street, where it still remains.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

William T. Woodruff, Senior Grand Deacon,
Commissioner of Appeals.

Frederick J. Brown, Grand Representative.

John C. Boak, District Deputy Grand Master, Grand
Sword Bearer, Grand Marshal.

James W. Wilson, District Deputy Grand Master.

William O. Campbell, Grand Sword Bearer.

George Skinner, Grand Pursuivant.

MASTERS.

1824. Robert Young.
1825. Augustus H. Sands.
1826. Lewis Helden.
1827. Gilbert Reynolds.
1828. James L. Tesheira.
1829. William Belden.
1830. Francis W. Edmonds.
1831. Charles B. Allaire.
1832. Robert Young.
1833. Stephen Ketchum.
1834. Robert Young.
1835. Charles B. Allaire.
1836. John B. Costa.
1837. Robert Young.
1838. Lewis De Forest.
1839. Lewis De Forest.
1840. Lewis Do Forest.
1841. Daniel H. VanSice.
1842. William L. Hall.
1843. Daniel H. VanSice.

1847. Daniel H. VanSice.
1848. Daniel H. VanSice.

1849. William M. Stone.
1850. Daniel H. VanSice.
1851. John C. Derr.
1852. Wm. G. McLaughlin.
1853. Wm. G. McLaughlin.
1854. Wm. G. McLaughlin.
1855. Michael Duff.
1856. George Debenham.
1857. George Debenham.
1858. Justus Chollar.
1859. Samuel M. Chambers.
1860. Phillip Botzong.
1861. William T. Woodruff.
1862. William T. Woodruff.
1863. William T. Woodruff.
1864. William T. Woodruff.
1865. William T. Woodruff.
1866. William T. Woodruff.
1867. William T. Woodruff.
1868. Charles E. Hartshorn.
1869. Wm. L. Hartshorn.
1870. John C. Boak.
1871. William T. Woodruff.

1872. John C. Boak.
1873. Moses G. Wanzor.
1874. Henry V. Meyers.
1875. Henry V. Meyers.
1876. Wm. C. Smith.
1877. Wm. C. Smith.
1878. William H. Long.
1879. John H. Wood.
1880. John H. Wood.
1881. John W. Warth.
1882. John W. Warth.
1883. Wm. H. Froment.
1884. Zachary T. Sailer.
1885. Zachary T. Sailer.
1886. Lewis P. Warth.
1887. Lewis P. Warth.
1888. James W. Wilson.
1889. James W. Wilson.
1890. John Whelan.
1891. John Whelan.
1892. Frederick J. Brown.
1893. Frederick J. Brown.
1894. John M. Bogert.

1895. William O. Campbell.
1896. Henry A. Griffin.
1897. Henry A. Griffin.
1898. Henry A. Griffin.

1899. William H. Higgins.
1900. William H. Higgins.
1901. Harold Varcoe.
1902. Hiram R. Hulse.

1903. Hiram R. Hulse.
1904. V. F. Liehtenhan.

MORTON LODGE, NO. 63. HEMPSTEAD, N. Y.

WARRANT: The warrant is dated June 23, 1797, and is in possession of the Lodge.

The number 63 was retained until the Lodge became dormant in 1842. Upon its revival in 1859 it received the number 469; on June 8, 1860, it again became No. 63.

MINUTES: Not intact. Some were destroyed by fire while some were kept in a crude manner, but all are intact since 1859.

Morton Lodge was organized early in 1797; the first movement was the sending of a petition to Huntington Lodge, No. 26, at Oyster Bay, asking consent to apply for a dispensation to form a new Lodge. The following is the petition:

"To the W.'. Master, Sen'r and Jun'r Wardens of Huntington Lodge, No. 26, A. Y. M.

"Whereas it tends greatly to the advancement of Masonry that Lodges be regularly constituted in such manner that members may attend with convenience, we, your Brethren, humbly request that you coincide with us in opinion that a Lodge may be constituted in Hempstead. as we are confident it would tend to the welfare of the Craft by adding many respectable characters to our Order. Your consent being necessary previous to our applying for a warrant, we, with Masonic candour and with zeal for the advancement of Masonry, come forward and solicit your unanimous consent.

"Your Brethren by Mystic Ties,

"May 4, 1797."

David R. Floyd Jones.
Jacob S. Jackson.
Henry O. Seaman.
Thomas Carman.

Richard Beadle.
Wm. Mott.
Abraham Bedell.
Whitehead Cromwell.

The following is endorsed on the petition:

" We, the Master and Wardens of Huntington Lodge, No. 26, having maturely considered the Petition of our Brethren—Do in behalf of our Lodge signify the consent of our Lodge by our signature given under our hands this 4th day of May, 1797."

Being Regular Lodge.

Witness the Seal of our Lodge.

Seal.

RULEF DURYEA, W. M.
COLES WORTMAN, S. W.
ISAAC VN NOSTRAND, J. W.

Promptly upon receiving the consent of Huntington Lodge an application was made for a warrant. The following is

THE PETITION.

"To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

"The Humble Petition of the subscribing Brethren respectfully

"Sheweth—That your Petitioners were late members of Huntington Lodge, No. 26, held at Oyster Bay, Long Island, which is in the most eastern part of Queens County; that many of your petitioners have to go at least 20 miles to enjoy the satisfaction of meeting their brethren at said place of meeting, and although your Petitioners are zealous supporters of the Craft the distance they live from said place of meeting and the fatigue and trouble which an attendance thereon creates takes a great part from the pleasure and satisfaction that arises from the Masonic intercourse with their Lodge and very often debars them from attendance.

" That your petitioners have consulted together on the most convenient situation to establish a new Lodge to obviate the difficulties under which your petitioners labour, and they are of opinion that to establish a Lodge at Abraham Beadle's in the Town Spot of Hempstead would not only accommodate your petitioners, but will be of great benefit to the Craft, as many very opulent and respectable characters reside in that neighbourhood that are only waiting for an opportunity of being initiated into our mysteries without the disagreeable circumstances of attending a Lodge so distant from their homes. Your Petitioners do, therefore ----

"Pray that this R't W'p's'l Grand Lodge will be pleased to consider on the circumstances which your petitioners have above recited, and to render their situation as Masons comfortable by granting to them a Warrant to constitute and form a Lodge in the Town Spot of Hempstead. which is full 12 miles distant from Huntington Lodge, and to appoint our W. P. M. BROTHER DAVID RICHARD FLOYD JONES Master of said Lodge, BROTHER JACOB SEAMAN JACKSON, Sen'r Warden and BROTHER THOMAS CARMAN Jun'r Warden thereof—And your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray, etc.. etc.

"May 5, 1797."

David Richard Floyd Jones.
Jacob Seaman Jackson.
Thomas Carman.
Wm. Mott.

Richard Beadle.
Whitehead Cornwell.
Abraham Bedell.

This petition was read in Grand Lodge on June 7, 1797, and the prayer of the petitioners was granted.

Accompanying the petition was the following:

MEMORIAL.

"We, the subscribers—Petitioners for a Warrant to hold in the Town of Hempstead, do hereby declare that we have unanimously concurred in naming our intended Lodge by the name of our much esteemed and highly respected Brother the Deputy Grand Master—and do humbly pray to the Grand Lodge and the R't W'p's'l the Deputy Grand Master to grant our request and suffer it to be registered under the name of Morton's Lodge, No. _____

"May 5, 1797."

David Richard Floyd Jones.	Wm. Mott.
Jacob Seaman Jackson.	Richard Beadle.
Thomas Carman.	Whitehead Cromwell.
Henry O. Seaman.	Abraham Bedell.

The following document, the original of which is on file in the Grand Secretary's Office, leads to the conclusion that the forming of a new Lodge was contemplated early in 1796:

"Huntington Lodge, No. 26, A. Y. M., met agreeable to appointment on April 7, 1700—Being regular Lodge night.

"WHEREAS—Br. MOSES BLACKLEY, P. M. of this our Lodge, thinking it beneficial to the Craft in general and suiting the local circumstances of the eastern members of this Lodge—Thinks it expedient with the approbation of this Lodge to apply for a warrant to the Grand Lodge of the State of New York and requests our assistance; we, therefore, perfectly agree and hereby recommend them as good and faithful men and brethren.

" Given under our hands this 3rd day of Nov'r, 1796. A. L. 5796.

" DAVID RICHARD FLOYD JONES, Master.

" RULEF DURYE, S. Warden.

" JACOB S. JACKSON, Jun. Warden.

"JNO. B. KISSAM, Secty."

Indorsed on the paper is:

"I hereby certify that Br. MOSES BLACKLEY, Past Master of this our Lodge is a worthy Br., and merits the approbation of Huntington Lodge. No. 26.

" WM. M. STEWART, P. M."

The first meeting of the Lodge was held at the house of ABRAHAM BEDELL in the Town of Hempstead on June 24, 1797, " being the festival of St. John " according to the minute book, the Lodge convened under the direction of R.'. W.'. JACOB MORTON, Deputy Grand Master, who installed the Lodge assisted by Huntington Lodge.

At the conclusion of these ceremonies the officers of the Grand Lodge proceeded with the new Lodge and Huntington Lodge to St. George's Episcopal Church where a discourse was delivered by Rev. BRO. JOHN BISSETH, Assistant Grand Chaplain, after which the Lodge returned to the house of BRO. BEDELL and partook of a repast prepared for the occasion.

Among the prized relics in possession of the Lodge is a Bible presented to the Lodge on February 5, 1798, on behalf of R.'. W.'. JACOB MORTON. Deputy Grand Master.

The by-laws adopted by the Lodge at its organization contain some curious provisions; the following are a few extracts:

"The election and choice of Master and Treasurer shall be annually at the time set forth in the book of constitutions, by a majority, of the members present, by a fair ballot. That the Master elect, if present, shall on the night of his election appoint both wardens with the approbation of the members present, also the secretary * * * that the tiler of this Lodge shall be chosen by ballot of the members present and shall continue in said office during his good behavior."

"An applicant for membership must be 'a man of virtuous principles and integrity, and not a bondsman,' and that 'he shall not be accepted until he has visited our Lodge once, which done he shall be balloted for at the next public Lodge night, and unless three negatives appearing, shall be admitted on paying twenty shillings to the fund of this Lodge.' For the admission of visitors it provided that a visitor 'shall be admitted the first time gratis, and for every other visit to pay to the Lodge the sum of two shillings.' "

Art. 11 says: "In order to prevent any censure or disrespect to this Lodge that might arise from keeping late hours, on Lodge nights the Master shall be informed by the Senior Warden when it is ten o'clock, on which information the Master shall immediately proceed to close the Lodge, or as soon after as the business will permit * * * and any member not being a lodger in the house shall not remain therein after the Lodge is closed above the space of one hour."

Art. 12 reads: "That no member shall presume to come to this Lodge disguised or intoxicated with liquor, or while in the Lodge use any profane language or threats (or treat) any member with base or disrespectful conversation, but in all things behave himself with becoming decency."

This article also provided for the manner in which liquors should be partaken of by the members while in the Lodge. Fines were imposed upon the officers for absence or neglect of duty.

At the communication held January 6, 1800, the records say: "The Worshipful Master made a motion that this Lodge dress in mourning for the space of six months, commemorative of the death of our illustrious and worthy brother General GEORGE WASHINGTON."

An invitation to meet in memorial services with Huntington Lodge was accepted.

The Lodge held its first celebration on June 24, 1801, by attending services at St. George's Episcopal Church. The Rector, Rev. BRO. SETH HART, delivered a discourse, after which a dinner was held at the house of BRO. BEDELL.

Memorial services were held on March 18, 1826, in memory of W.'. BRO. DAVID R. F. JONES; the Lodge convened and proceeded to St. George's church where services were held. An address was delivered by Rev. BRO. SETH HART.

For some reason, shortly after this the affairs of the Lodge became unsettled and for several years but little effort was taken to keep it alive. On September 7, 1836, the following memorial was read in the Grand Lodge:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren of Ancient Masonry:

We, whose names are herewith affixed being members of Morton Lodge, No. 63, held on Long Island, Queens County, State of New York, in the Town of Hempstead. We do, therefore, acknowledge our neglect in not making our returns and paying up our Grand Lodge dues, wherefore we have some excuse to offer although it may be thought simple. In the first place, soon after paying up our last Grand Lodge dues up to December, 1830, we had the misfortune to lose by death our Right Worshipful Master, ALBERT HENTZ, and not since his death having any one else installed, we appointed BROTHER GEORGE MITCHELL as Master of said Lodge, and some time last summer accidentally had his gun to go off and shot him in the left breast under the left shoulder that he narrowly escaped death, from which time he has not attended our Lodge. BROTHER WILLIAMS, our present Treasurer, has likewise been unwell, so that he has not attended but a few times, and BROTHER DANIEL BEDELL, one of the oldest members belonging to the Lodge and for this several years in decline, died in December last, leaving the Lodge almost destitute of members to work with ; these facts, Brethren, we leave it to you, most worthy Brothers, to grant a renewal of our warrant that we may go on in good faith and order as we wish to continue the Lodge, and we will endeavor hereafter to be punctual to our duty and for the good of Masonry use our best endeavors, and in so doing your memorialists will ever pray for and congratulate the fraternity.

Samuel Abbott, Sec.
John Henderson.
Valentine Golden.
Patrick Mott, P. M.

Geo. G. Mitchell.
Benj. Lawrence.
Daniel Raynor, S. W.
Samuel Williams, Treas.
Daniel Terry, J. W.

Their troubles did not end here, as appears from the following:

HEMPSTEAD, June 1, 1838.

To the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York

Dr. Sir: I am informed that there is a charge preferred against Morton Lodge, that it held a public procession on the 4th July last. This is false and can easily be proved so by every inhabitant of this place. The error (if unintentional) on the part of the *informer* must have arisen from this circumstance, viz.: The Committee of arrangements for celebrating the 4th in making out their order of procession assigned a place in the procession to the Members of Morton Lodge—this was without the knowledge of the Lodge, and they never joined in the procession or took part as Masons in the affair. The *order of the day* having been printed may have led to the error. The above is a strictly correct statement.

With regard to the dues to the Grand Lodge—the funds are in the hands of an aged Treasurer, who has mislaid the books and papers by which they could be made out, and I have made arrangements by which I hope they will soon be completed.

I have resided in this place now nearly four years, and during that time Morton Lodge has never joined in any procession, or in any other manner violated or transcended any of the Ancient landmarks. It had almost gone down, but recently has been partially reorganized and promises yet to be an ornament to the Craft. I have been honored by being called to the Master's chair, and shall use my endeavors to promote its prosperity. I formerly bailed from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, where I had the honor to hold the office of Junior Grand Warden for some years, and have ascended through all the intermediate degrees of companionship to the rank of Knight Templar.

Should the above not be deemed satisfactory, Morton Lodge is ready to furnish any proofs required.

Respectfully and fraternally yours, etc.,

Wm. H. BARROLL.

Whatever may have been done by those who still sought to revive the waning interest of the Lodge but little was accomplished: the records were destroyed by fire; the Treasurer died: the Grand Lodge dues were not paid, and no returns were made after 1837, consequently, in 1841 the Warrant was declared forfeited, and in June, 1842, it was surrendered to the Grand Secretary at Jamaica by the last Master, WILLIAM H. BARROLL.

From this time the Lodge slumbered, and it was not until 1859 that an attempt was made to arouse it from the lethargy into which it had fallen. A dispensation was secured and a meeting was held on March 22, 1859; a new Charter, numbered 469, was granted, and on July 18, 1859, the first regular communication was held at the corner of Main and Front Streets which was afterwards called Masonic Temple. The Lodge prospered, and on June 11, 1860, the Grand Lodge restored its original Charter and it again became No. 63.

In September, 1869, it moved to rooms on Main Street, now known as Lefurge's Hall, where it remained until February 13, 1893, when it moved to its present quarters, 36-38 Main Street.

In 1879 it became incorporated under the laws of the State of New York.

On April 24, 1889, the Lodge celebrated the paying off of the "Great Debt" by holding services in the Methodist Episcopal Church at Hempstead. The following is the

PROGRAMME.

Prayer by Rev. BRO. C. H. BENTE.

Singing, "Old Hundred."

Grand Master's Address, read by W. CHARLES L. PHIPPS.

Quartette, "Nearer my God to Thee," by Messrs. PEARSON, STARR, EARLE and VANDEWATER.

Chorus, "The Crusades."

Solo and Quartette, "Compass and Square."

Address by Rev. BRO. C. C. LASBY. (See "The Jubilee," page 474.)

Solo and Chorus, "Brethren Arise."

Duet, "O Morning Land," by Miss Lima Clowes and Miss Lyna Van DeWater.

Singing, "Arlington."
Chorus, "Good-Night."
Singing.

On June 23, 1897, the Lodge held its "Centennial Celebration." The exercises began at 2 o'clock, P.M., when a special communication was opened in due form. At 4 o'clock a procession was formed consisting of the Grand Lodge, over 1,000 Masons and about 400 members of local civic societies, escorted by Morton Commandery, No. 4, of New York City, under command of R.' W.' CHARLES L. PHIPPS, Grand Marshal; they marched through the principal streets of the village. In the evening an excellent programme was rendered in a tent erected for the purpose. The exercises consisted of addresses by M.' W.' WILLIAM A. SUTHERLAND, Grand Master, and other prominent Masons, interspersed by vocal and instrumental music.

In part the Grand Master said: "Freemasonry is an institution which ordinarily gathers its devotees behind closely tiled doors, not because the doings behind these closed doors be unlawful, nor because they are matters which would bring the blush of shame to any modest man, but because there are some things so dear to the heart that none would like to publish them abroad. Freemasons are as a family. They gather about the altar of the Lodge as the family gather about the table of the household, and the things which are there done, and the things which are there spoken, are not brought to the ears of all men. Nevertheless, there are times, such as this occasion, when Freemasons are called to welcome into their presence all who by social and family ties have any interests in common with any of the members of the order.

Freemasonry has dwelt among men from time immemorial, and here, in this garden spot, it diffuses the light which it has brilliantly shown for one hundred years. Yet quietly, I might also say silently, has the glorious work gone on at Hempstead, week after week, month after month, year after year, until now a century has rounded out a history of silent doings of splendid works with the gavel, the chisel, the square and the compass.

*** None may enter our doors for membership in the fraternity without first declaring to all of us his confidence, trust and belief in the God who ever rules us. It is true that Masonry takes no note of creed nor diverse theological view. It is true that the Jew, the Gentile, Mohammedan and Greek, aye, even the red men of the forest, those who dwelt in this fair spot before the white man came here, so that they have a steadfast belief in God, the Father Almighty, and are willing to govern their lives by his teachings as they understand them, find welcome places about the altar of Freemasonry.

*** Because we do not parade events before the world; because our doings are not announced with trumpet and cymbal, it does not follow that our influence is not happy and lasting in every community wherein we may be found.

*** No man can come into your circles, my dear brethren, without carrying to all eternity the finger prints that you have impressed upon his immortal soul. Whoever seeks Masonic life and comes into a Masonic Lodge is like unto plastic clay, to receive an impression that can never be effaced and which will accompany him into the presence of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, when final judgment shall be passed upon the work of our hands. In the hands, therefore, of the present members of Morton Lodge are the working tools that shall carve and adorn, or disfigure and mar living stones that shall some day be eternity.

MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

B. Valentine Clowes, Assemblyman.
George Wallace, Assemblyman.
James S. Allen, Assemblyman.

Robert Seabury, Judge.
Charles L. Phipps, County Treasurer.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

Samuel C. Seaman, District Deputy Grand Master.
Kohert A. Davidson, District Deputy Grand Master.
Charles L. Phipps, District Deputy Grand Master.

MASTERS.

1797. D. R. Floyd Jones.
1798. D. R. Floyd Jones.
1799. D. R. Floyd Jones.
1800. D. R. Floyd Jones.
1801. D. R. Floyd Jones.
1802. Isaac Hagner.
1803. John M. Smith.
1804. D. R. Floyd Jones.
1805. Samuel Williams.
1806. D. R. Floyd Jones.
1807. D. R. Floyd Jones.
1808. D. R. Floyd Jones.
1809. D. R. Floyd Jones.
1810. D. R. Floyd Jones.
1811. D. R. Floyd Jones.
1812. D. R. Floyd Jones.
1813. D. R. Floyd Jones.
1814. D. R. Floyd Jones.
1815. D. R. Floyd Jones.
1816. D. R. Floyd Jones.
1817. Samuel Williams.
1818. D. R. Floyd Jones.

1819. D. R. Floyd Jones.
1820. D. R. Floyd Jones.
1821. Samuel Mott.
1822. Samuel Mott.
1823. Patrick Mott.
1824. Patrick Mott.
1825. Patrick Mott.
1826. Nathaniel Seaman.
1827. Albert Hentz.
1828. Albert Hentz.
1829. Albert Hentz.
1830. Albert Hentz.
1831. Samuel Mott.
1832. Samuel Mott.
1833. Daniel Bedell.
1834. Daniel Bedell.
1835. George G. Mitchell.
1836. George G. Mitchell.
1837. George G. Mitchell.
1838. William H. Barroll.
1859. Daniel Raynor.

1860. John Sharlick.
1861. Carman Smith.
1862. D. A. M. Smith.
1863. A. R. Griffin.
1864. John W. DeMott.
1865. D. A. M. Smith.
1866. D. A. M. Smith.
1867. Samuel C. Seaman.
1868. Samuel C. Seaman.
1869. Samuel C. Seaman.
1870. Samuel C. Seaman.
1871. Samuel C. Seaman.
1872. Benjamin A. Half.
1873. Benjamin A. Haff.
1874. Benjamin A. Haff.
1875. B. Valentine Clowes.
1876. Samuel C. Seaman.
1877. Samuel C. Seaman.
1878. B. Valentine Clowes.
1879. B. Valentine Clowes.
1880. Benj. A. Haff.
1881. Benj. A. Haff.

1882. Robt. A. Davison.
1883. Robt. A. Davison.
1884. Benj. A. Haff.
1885. John W. DeMott.
1886. Chas. L. Phipps.
1887. Chas. L. Phipps.
1888. Jos. E. Firth.
1889. Jos. E. Firth.

1890. Robert Seabury.
1891. Robert Seabury.
1892. Augustus Denton.
1893. Augustus Denton.
1894. Lott Van de Water, Jr.
1895. Lott Van de Water, Jr.
1896. Oliver E. Stanton.
1897. Robert A. Davison.

1898. Oliver E. Stanton.
1899. Thomas W. Albertson.
1900. William McCarthy.
1901. Walter N. DeNyse.
1902. Israel W. Williams.
1903. Carman R. Lush.
1904. William H. Campbell.

LAFAYETTE LODGE. NO. 64, NEW YORK CITY.

WARRANT: The warrant under which the Lodge is working was issued December 1, 1824.

It has always been in possession of the Lodge. When warranted it received the number 373; it was changed to No. 64 in June, 1839.

MINUTES: Intact from organization to date.

Lafayette Lodge, No. 64, came into existence under circumstances peculiarly gratifying to American Freemasons, especially so to those residing in the city of New York in 1824.

The Marquis Lafayette, the friend and compatriot of GEORGE WASHINGTON, visited the United States in 1824. His visit aroused the greatest enthusiasm; he was received with distinguished honor wherever he went. The national government, cities, villages, societies, individuals, all with one accord joined in the general desire to bestow the highest honors upon this illustrious general in recognition of the inestimable service rendered this country in the struggle for independence.

He was a Freemason and the fraternity sought to do him honor; the Grand Lodge of New York, to show its appreciation and gratitude for the noble work done by General LAFAYETTE in the cause of human liberty, tendered him a public dinner.

The following extracts from the records of the Grand Lodge are interesting and of historic value in this connection:

"September 1, 1824.

"The Grand Secretary, seconded by the R.'. W.'. Senior Grand Warden, submitted for consideration the following preamble and resolution, viz.:

"The Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, recognizing a brother in the Illustrious Individual whose arrival in the United States has filled every bosom with delight, and desirous to unite with other public institutions in their demonstrations of love for his person, admiration of his character, and grateful recollection of his patriotic services, do

"Resolve. That a committee be appointed to wait upon BROTHER LAFAYETTE immediately upon his return from Boston, to tender to him on behalf of this Grand Lodge its cordial congratulations upon his safe arrival; and to invite him to honor the Craft by partaking of a public dinner at such time as may not interfere with his other engagements."

And the same being under discussion and a doubt suggested whether BROTHER LAFAYETTE was a Mason, the following substitute was proposed and agreed to:

"Resolve, That the Grand Officers be and they are hereby requested to ascertain whether GENERAL LAFAYETTE is a member of the Fraternity, and if it shall be found that he is, that then an extra meeting of the Grand Lodge be forthwith called."

"September 8, 1824.

"The Grand Master stated that the Grand Officers had fulfilled the duty assigned to them by the Resolution passed at the last meeting, and having ascertained satisfactorily that GENERAL LAFAYETTE was a Mason, this emergent meeting had been in consequence summoned. Whereupon it was

"Resolved, That the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden and Grand Secretary be a committee to wait upon our distinguished BROTHER GENERAL LAFAYETTE, and on behalf of this Grand Lodge to invite him to partake of a public dinner.

"Resolved, That upon the invitation being accepted, the Grand Master be and he is hereby requested to direct the proper officers to make the necessary arrangements and to open a subscription among the Fraternity for defraying the expenses of the same."

"September 20, 1824.

The MARQUIS LAFAYETTE having accepted the invitation proffered by order of the Grand Lodge, and this day having been fixed upon for the entertainment, after the opening of the Lodge the M.'. W.'. Grand Master appointed,

"The Worshipful THADDEUS SEYMOUR, P. M. of St Johns Lodge, No. 1.

"The Worshipful BENJAMIN PRINCE, P. M. of Adelphi Lodge, No. 91, and

"The Worshipful GEORGE W. HYER, P. M. of Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 132.

a committee to wait upon him and escort him to Washington Hall, where the Grand Lodge had assembled for the purpose of receiving him. The committee retired and, after a reasonable absence, returned accompanied by the Illustrious Brother, who was received into the Grand Lodge with the highest honor of Masonry and conducted to the right hand side of the Chair, where he was addressed by the M.'. W.'. Grand Master as follows:

"BROTHER LAFAYETTE: Your return to the United States has rekindled the recollections of the surviving Warriors and Patriots of our revolution, and the joy which pervades every heart evinces the deep gratitude of all our citizens. Permit us, your Masonic Brethren, to join the general voice of gladness, to offer you the hand of friendship, to welcome you among us, and to express the warmest sentiments of Brotherly love. We receive you with pride and exultation; we hail you as a Brother and Philanthropist; we cherish you in our hearts as a patron of our Order. To the name of WASHINGTON, LIVINGSTON, CLINTON and other distinguished Masons of our country, who have shed a lustre on our Institution, who have presided over our labors, who have patronized our Assemblies, we now with heartfelt gratification, record in our annals the presence and name of LAFAYETTE."

To which the General made the following reply:

"M.'. W.'. Grand Master and beloved Brethren: I am happy in your affectionate welcome; I am proud of the high confidential honors you have conferred and purpose farther to confer upon me. Our Masonic Institution owes a double lustre, to those who have cherished, and to those who have persecuted it. Let both glories, equal in my opinion, be the pride of every member of our Fraternity, until universal freedom insures us universal justice."

The Brethren then severally approaching the East were respectfully introduced to the Illustrious Brother, when the Grand Lodge was called to refreshment, and the members of the different Lodges having proceeded to the banquet prepared in the large room, and being duly arranged at the tables, a procession was formed and moved to the dining-room in the following order:

Grand Tiler.
Assistant Grand Pursuivant. Grand Pursuivant.
Grand Stewards two and two.
Grand Sword Bearer.
Grand Chaplains.
Grand Treasurer. Grand Secretary.
Junior Grand Warden. Senior Grand Warden.
Guests two and two.
Deputy Grand Master.
Grand Sword Bearer.
Jr. G. Deacon—Grand Master—GEN. LAFAYETTE— Senior G. Deacon.
Grand Marshal.

Upon arriving at the door, and the procession opening to the right and left, the Grand Master with the Marquis and other guests proceeded to the East, and the Grand Officers to their respective stations. After the invoking of a blessing by one of the Grand Chaplains, the whole company consisting of five hundred persons sat down to an entertainment of the most splendid and luxurious description, got up under the direction of the Grand Marshal and Grand Stewards, assisted by the W.'. BROTHERS RICHARD PENNELL, CHARLES G. FERRIS, WILLIAM M. PRICE. GEORGE SCRIBA, BROTHER THOMAS CLEARY and BROTHER OLIVER M. LOWNDS, appointed for the occasion, during which several original odes were introduced and sung, a variety of toasts drank and the utmost conviviality, hilarity and harmony prevailed throughout the day. The festive enjoyments of the table were indulged in until low twelve, when the Grand Lodge was called from refreshments to labor, the Grand Master and guests having previously retired, and was in due and ancient form duly

CLOSED.

The memorable event undoubtedly brought about the organization of Lafayette Lodge, for almost immediately following the dinner a desire on the part of the Freemasons in New York to further honor the great friend of universal freedom found expression in a movement to associate his name forever with the fraternity in the State of New York by forming a Lodge to be named Lafayette, and an application was made to the Grand Lodge for a warrant. The following is

THE PETITION.

NEW YORK, Sept. 16th, 1824.

"To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, R.'. W.'. D. G. Master, Wardens and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York:

"The petition of the undersigned respectfully sheweth that they are Master Masons of good standing in the city of New York, and having the good of the fraternity at heart, they are willing to exert their best endeavors to promote and diffuse the general principles of Masonry, and for that purpose and other good reasons they have agreed to form a new Lodge to be named Lafayette Lodge, and have nominated and do recommend PETER BREWER to be the first Master, THEOPHILUS RICHARDS first Senior Warden and HENRY B. HARRINGTON to be the first Junior Warden, that in consequence of this resolution they pray for a warrant of constitution to empower them to assemble as a regular Lodge in a constitutional manner according to the original forms of the order; that the prayer of the petitioners being granted they promise a strict conformity to the commands of the Grand Master and all the constitutional laws of the Grand Lodge, and your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray, etc.

Rev. Drake Wilson.	Peter Brewer.
Bradley S. St. John.	Theophilus Richards.
Wm. C. Dusenbury.	Henry B. Harrington.
Rer. James C. Goble.	Alexander Wilson.
Jas. Morgan.	Henry E. Hoyt."

The petition has the following indorsements:

"NEW YORK, Sept. 16, 1824.

"We, the Master, Wardens and Brethren of Morton Lodge, No. 108, beg to recommend the within petition.

"Signed.

"JOEL CURTIS, W. M.
"JOSHUA MCLAUGHLIN, S. W.
"JOHN WOOLSEY, J. W. *pro tem.*

"Attested: JOHN HECTOR, Secretary, *pro tem.*"

"Concord Lodge, No. 304, Sept. 16, 1824.

"Voted—unanimously—That we recommend the petition of the brothers for the purpose of forming Lafayette Lodge, as expressed herein.

"L. CHAPMAN, Master,
"A. HIGGINS, S. Warden,

"E. ESTABROOK, J. Warden, *p. t.*

"Attest: T. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary."

"The undersigned respectfully represents that he is acquainted with several of the within petitioners, and knowing them to be good moral and worthy men, confident that their best exertions will be used for benefit of the order, takes great pleasure in recommending them for a warrant of constitution.

"GEO. SCRIBA, Jr., W. M. of Adelphi, No. 91.

"NEW YORK, 17th Sept., A. L. 5824."

"Petition for a warrant to hold a Lodge in the City and County of New York by the name of Lafayette Lodge, by No. 91, No. 108 and No. 304.

"Issued Dip'n, Sep. 20, 1824."

"Read in G. L. Dec'r 1, A. L. 5824, and prayer granted. Dec'r 2, issued Warrant No. 373.

"M. HOFFMAN, G. Master."

On December 4, 1824, the Lodge was duly constituted by the Grand Lodge, the following is the record:

December 1, 1824.

"The following petitions for new warrants were presented and read, and the prayer of the same granted, vis.:

"From PETER BREWER and others (to whom a Dispensation had been granted by the Grand Master on the 20th September last) to hold a Lodge in the city and County of New York, by the name of Lafayette Lodge, recommended by Adelphi Lodge, No. 91, Morton Lodge No 108 and Concord Lodge, No. 304."

December 4, 1824.

"Grand Lodge of Emergency opened in ample form and with solemn prayer."

PRESENT.

The M. W. MARTIN HOFFMAN, Esq., Grand Master, in the Chair.
The R. W. RICHARD HATFIELD, Esq., Senior Grand Warden, as Deputy Grand Master.
The R. W. JOHN W. MULLIGAN, Esq., Past Deputy Grand Master.
The R. W. ELIAS HICKS, Grand Secretary, as Senior Grand Warden.
The R. W. MORDECAI MEYERS, Grand Marshal, as Junior Grand Warden.
The W. GEORGE SCRIBA, Jr., as Grand Secretary.
The W. JOSEPH HOXIE as Grand Treasurer.
The R. W. and Rev. HENRY J. FETTERS, D.D., Grand Chaplain.
The R. W. and Rev. JAMES G. OGILVIE, Grand Chaplain
The R. W. and Rev. FREDERICK C. SCHAEFFER, Grand Chaplain.
The R. W. JAMES WEBSTER, Grand Standard Bearer.
The W. WILLIAM DELAFIELD as Grand Marshal.
The W. JONAS HUMBERT, Jr., Grand Steward.
The W. WILLIAM F. PIATT, Grand Steward.
The W. ISAAC CHIPP, Senior Grand Deacon.
The W. CORNELIUS M. ALLEN, Junior Grand Deacon.
BROTHER BRYAN ROSSITTER, Grand Tiler.
BROTHER GERRIT LANSING as Grand Pursuivant, together with the requisite number of Masters and Past Masters.

The Grand Master having stated the object of this Emergent Meeting to be the constituting of Lafayette Lodge, the body was formed in procession by the Grand Marshal, and proceeding to the Lodge-room in which the Brethren composing the new Lodge had assembled, according to ancient usage, and with the accustomed forms and ceremonies constituted the same by the name of Lafayette Lodge, No. 373, and installed

The Worshipful PETER BREWER, Master,
BROTHER THEOPIHLUS RICHARDS, Senior Warden, and
BROTHER HENRY B. HARRINGTON, Junior Warden,

of the same. The ceremony being ended the Grand Lodge was then reformed in procession, and in like order returned to the place of meeting when, after a prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the same was

DULY CLOSED.

The first officers of Lafayette Lodge were installed September 20, 1824, the following letter relating to this event is on file in the Grand Secretary's office.

"R. W. BROTHER: In pursuance of a letter of authority to me directed by the M. W. MARTIN HOFFMAN, Esq., I proceeded on Monday, the 20th September last, to install the officers of Lafayette Lodge as named in their disposition. You will be so good as to excuse my neglecting to inform you thereof at an earlier date

" Respectfully yours,

"W.F.PIATT,"

"Nov. 13, 1824.

"R. W. ELIAS HICKS, G. S."

Lafayette Lodge has been active since its organization. Even during the exciting times known as the "Morgan Period" it continued to meet with but little interruption. In 1828 twenty-five meetings were held; twenty-one meetings were held in 1829; eleven in 1830 and eighteen in 1831. The following paper leads to the conclusion that the storm of persecution was exerting its full force in the later part of the year 1831, and the Lodge was compelled to temporarily suspend its by-laws.

"We, the undersigned Past Masters of Lafayette Lodge, No. 373, do certify that at a regular meeting of said Lodge in November, 1831. the Worshipful BROTHER PIATT submitted to the Lodge in writing a resolution to suspend the by-laws and to adjourn the Lodge, to be convened at such times and place as the W. M. might think most conclusive to its interests. That the said resolution was regularly laid before the Lodge, with the reasons therefor, and was subsequently acted upon at a regular meeting held the following February and adopted. That the Lodge held two meetings agreeable to said adjournment, at one of which it was resolved that the election should be held on the night designated by the by-laws.

"Since which the Lodge has met and resumed its labors according thereto.

"W. F. PIATT, P. M.
"B. TUCKER, P.M.

"NEW YORK, Feb. 28. 1838."

MEETING PLACES.

The first meeting of the Lodge was held in St. John's Hall, where it remained until February 23, 1832.

For a short time it had no permanent quarters. On November 9, 1832, it met at 23 Bowery; on November 23d, 246 Hudson Street: on November 28th, at St. John's Hall; at this meeting arrangements were made to secure permanent quarters in Union Hall, corner of Oliver and Henry Streets, where it remained from December 7, 1832, until May 6, 1836, when it moved to the Howard House. Here it remained until May 1, 1850, when it moved to the City Hotel, where it remained until May 7, 1852, when it moved to the corner of Broome and Crosby Streets.

On January 5. 1857, it again moved; this time to the Odd Fellows' Hall on Centre Street, remaining there until May 10, 1869, when it moved to Booth's Theatre on the corner of Sixth Avenue and Twenty-third Street: here it remained until May 11, 1874, when it moved to Masonic Hall on the opposite corner of Twenty-third Street.

The Lodge participated in the unveiling of the Lafayette Monument on Union Square. September 6, 1874; it celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary on Saturday evening, December 2, 1899. by giving a dinner in the Commandery Room, Masonic Hall; at which time M. W. WRIGHT D. Pownall, Grand Master; R. W. GEORGE W. WHITE, Grand Treasurer; R. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS. Grand Secretary, and many others prominent in Masonry were present.

The Lodge has had among its adherents many who have been prominent in various walks of life. The name of WILLIAM A. STUART will always be remembered with gratitude, for while living he was always doing some good and assisting those less fortunate than himself, and in his will he bequeathed a large sum of money to the Brooklyn Masonic Guild, which has enabled the Brooklyn brethren to proceed with the erection of their Masonic Temple.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

Barnabas S. Adams, Grand Stewards' Lodge.
A. Coleveloni, Grand Lecturer.
Johnston Fountain, Grand Pursuivant.
Fredrick J. Milligan, Grand Sword Bearer 1804, Assistant Grand Secretary from 1887 to date.
Edward S. Innet, Grand Steward.
William C. Locherty, Grand Representative.

MASTERS.

1824. Peter Brewer.	1848. Jonathan Simpson.	1872. William A. Stuart.
1825. Peter Brewer.	1849. Albert Lyon.	1873. William A. Stuart.
1826. William F. Piatt.	1850. Joseph Young.	1874. Samuel T. Lyon.
1827. Silas Butler, Jr.	1851. Joseph D. Stewart.	1875. Samuel I. Lyon.
1828. John Olmsted.	1852. Joseph D. Stewart.	1876. Wm. L. Greene.
1829. Benjamin Tucker.	1853. Joseph D. Stewart.	1877. Philip Martin.
1830. Charles Bouton.	1854. James M. Turner.	1878. Wm. L. Greene.
1831. William F. Piatt.	1855. James M. Turner.	1879. Wm. C. Locherty.
1832. William F. Piatt.	1856. John Reed.	1880. Wm. C. Locherty.
1833. George Brittain.	1857. John Reed.	1881. Charles Bolwell.
1834. Barnabas S. Adams.	1858. John Reed.	1882. Wm. Knowland.
1835. Benjamin C. Paranall.	1859. Robert G. Cornell.	1883. Hugh Miller.
1836. John George.	1860. Robert G. Cornell.	1884. Hugh Miller.
1837. John W. Hudswell.	1861. Ambrose S. Pratt.	1885. Robert J. Black.
1838. Barnabas S. Adams.	1862. John Reed.	1886. Robert J. Black.
1839. James Zimmerman.	1863. John Reed.	1887. James P. Clark.
1840. John W. Hudswell.	1864. Wm. M. Negus.	1888. James P. Clark.
1841. Samuel G. Dean.	1865. Wm. M. Negus.	1889. W. Irving Adams.
1842. Daniel Whritner.	1866. James W. Bell.	1890. W. Irving Adams.
1843. Barnabas S. Adams.	1867. James W. Bell.	1891. Fredrick J. Milligan.
1844. Samuel G. Dean.	1868. John A. P. Fiske.	1892. Ormando L. Cushman.
1845. Garrettson Lyon.	1869. John A. P. Fiske.	1893. Ormando L. Cushman.
1846. Daniel Whritner.	1870. John H. Clickner.	1894. Fredrick J. Milligau.
1847. Jonathan Simpson.	1871. John H. Clickner.	1995. Wm. H. Aten.

1896. Joseph Penny.
1897. Joseph Penny.
1898. Jas. B. Loeherty.

1899. Jas. B. Locherty.
1900. Charles E. Abbott.
1901. Charles E. Abbott.

1902. Harry I. Price.
1903. Jacob C. Vreeland.
1904. Jacob C. Vreeland.

MORNING STAR LODGE, NO. 65, CANISTEO, N. Y.

WARRANT: The warrant was issued June 7, 1825; the original warrant was destroyed by fire in 1867. A new warrant was granted by the Grand Lodge in June 8, 1867, in place of the one destroyed.

When first organized the number was 421, which number was retained until 1839, when it became No. 65.

MINUTES: Not intact. All records previous to 1885 were destroyed by fire.

While it is known that Morning Star Lodge has maintained an almost unbroken existence since its organization in 1825, its early history is to a degree a matter of tradition owing to the fact that it has been peculiarly unfortunate in having its records and property destroyed by fire no less than three times. Notwithstanding their disasters, which ordinarily might have disheartened the members of the Lodge, they have had sufficient pluck and courage to emerge from the ruins in which their treasures lay buried or destroyed and begin again the work necessary to secure a new home, and three times have they succeeded without soliciting or receiving financial aid from sister Lodges.

While there are no records to show that the Lodge met with any regularity during the years known as the "Morgan Period," there can be no doubt that it maintained its existence during these trying times. Inasmuch as the charter was never surrendered and that it was never declared forfeited by the Grand Lodge, it is reasonable to conclude that it was kept alive, meeting, as was the case with other Lodges, on street corners or in the fields at night. It is known that meetings were held in the hotel of "Hol. Bill Stephens," near the mouth of what is known as "Colonel Bill's Creek."

Some years ago this hotel was destroyed by fire.

The Lodge was first organized at what is known as Canisteeo Center, about one mile east of the village of Canisteeo, its present location. It remained there until its quarters were destroyed by fire in 1867; it then found new quarters at Canisteeo in what was known as Corbett Hall over the store of David Corbett: the next move was to the third story of the John Q. Stephens building, which was destroyed by fire in 1879.

In February, 1881, they moved in a new brick building, and in 1884 for the third time its quarters went up in flame and smoke, but scarcely had the ruins cooled before a movement was made to rebuild the structure of which the Lodge was part owner. Under the leadership of R. W. FRANK H. ROBINSON the present Deputy Grand Master, a new edifice arose upon the ruins of the old. The new rooms were furnished and have since afforded comfortable quarters for these sturdy, earnest Masons who had among their number men who have been honored by their fellow citizens by elevation to public office.

MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

Jeremiah Baker, Assemblyman, 1835.
Obadiah Stephens, Assemblyman, 1854.
William B. Jones, Assemblyman, 1858.
Lucius A. Waldo, County Clerk, 1879-80-81.
Alphonso H. Burrell, District Attorney.
Herman E. Buck, Assemblyman, 1892-93.
Frank H. Robinson, District Attorney and County Judge.

Leslie D. Whiting, Sheriff.
Charles Moore, School Commissioner.
Frank L. Sutton, Coroner.
William C. Acker, County Superintendent of Poor.
Almon W. Burrell, District Attorney.
Phineas O. Stephens, Justice of the Peace nearly fifty years.

Morning Star Lodge can surely have a justifiable pride in presenting such an array of honored names of men who at some period interested themselves in her welfare.

Some of her members have also been honored by the fraternity both by appointment or election to office in the Grand Lodge.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

N. N. Beers, District Deputy Grand Master, 1866.
Lucius A. Waldo, District Deputy Grand Master, 1871-72.
Frederick S. Parkhurst, Grand Chaplain, 1898.
Duncan Cameron, Grand Chaplain, 1901-02.
Frank H. Robinson has been frequently honored. He was District Deputy Grand Master in 1896, Commissioner of Appeals 1897-98, Junior Grand Warden 1899-1900, Senior Grand Warden, 1901, Deputy Grand Master, 1902-03.
Milton W. Davison, District Deputy Grand Master, 1903.

MASTERS.

1835. William Stephens.	1852. Nathan Stephens.	1865. Joshua C. Stephens.
1839. Jeremiah Baker.	1853. Obadiah Stephens.	1866. N. N. Beers.
1841. George H. Stephens.	1854. Nathan Stephens.	1867. Joshua C. Stephens.
1842. George H. Stephens.	1855. Nathan Stephens.	1868. Lucius A. Waldo.
1843. George H. Stephens.	1856. Nathan Stephens.	1869. Lucius A. Waldo.
1844. Jeremiah Baker.	1857. George H. Stephens.	1870. Lucius A. Waldo.
1845. William Stephens.	1858. Joshua C. Stephens.	1871. Lucius A. Waldo.
1846. William Stephens.	1859. Joshua C. Stephens.	1872. Lucius A. Waldo.
1847. Elias Stephens.	1860. Joshua C. Stephens.	1873. C. H. Lain.
1848. Jeremiah Baker.	1861. Joshua C. Stephens.	1874. Luther Whitwood.
1849. Joshua C. Stephens.	1862. Joshua C. Stephens.	1875. Lucius A. Waldo.
1850. Nathan Stephens.	1863. Joshua C. Stephens.	1876. Lucius A. Waldo.
1851. Nathan Stephens.	1864. Joshua C. Stephens.	1877. Casper M. Coeton.

1878. Casper M. Coston.
 1879. Charles H. Green.
 1880. Charles H. Green.
 1881. Patrick Geary.
 1882. Patrick Geary.
 1883. Herman E. Buck.
 1884. Michael R. Lyon.
 1885. Frank H. Robinson.
 1886. John A. Wirt.

1887. Edwin L. Lain.
 1888. Theodore S. Roblee.
 1889. Lucius A. Waldo.
 1890. Lucius A. Waldo.
 1891. Theodore J. Shaut.
 1892. Theodore J. Shaut.
 1893. William Pitt Goff.
 1894. Daniel M. Estee.
 1895. Milton W. Davison.

1896. Theodore S. Roblee.
 1897. Theodore S. Roblee.
 1898. William Pitt Goff.
 1899. Theodore S. Roblee.
 1900. Theodore S. Roblee.
 1901. Milton W. Davison.
 1902. Milton W. Davison.
 1903. Milton W. Davison.
 1904. C. Elmer Smith.

RICHMOND LODGE, NO. 66, PORT RICHMOND, N. Y.

WARRANT: The first warrant was issued June 24, 1825. This warrant was surrendered April 8, 1850; it was revived in 1851. The first number was 384; this was changed to 66 in 1839.

MINUTES: Intact from 1853.

The first three officers named in the warrant were: BENJAMIN WOOD, Master; AUGUSTUS S. LAWRENCE, Senior Warden; JOHN S. WESTERVELT, Junior Warden.

The first meeting under the charter was held July 6, 1825. The first election for officers was held December 21, 1825; the following were elected:

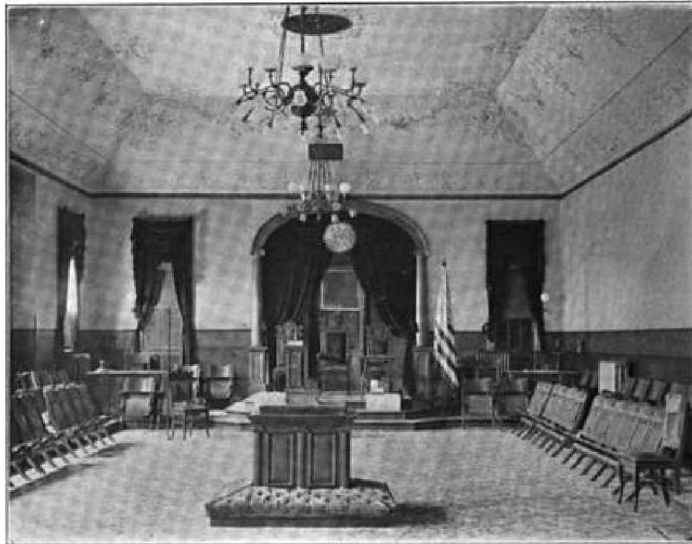
Benjamin Wood, Master.
 Augustus S. Lawrence, Senior Warden.
 John S. Westervelt, Junior Warden.
 Richard Harcourt, Treasurer.
 James H. Wood, Secretary.
 Griffen Tompkins, Senior Deacon.

Robert Hazard, Junior Deacon.
 Joseph Ludlow, Master of Ceremonies.
 John N. Tooker, Master of Ceremonies.
 Denyse Denyse, Jr., Steward.
 James McLaughlin, Steward.
 Daniel Simonson, Tyler.

Richmond Lodge owes its origin to an incident which happened in the autumn of 1812. One evening some English officers from a vessel moored in the bay near Tompkinsville came ashore and inquired of a watchman on the pier if there was a Masonic Lodge on Staten Island. He directed them to Nautilus Hall, where the proprietor, James Guyon, received them kindly and, collecting a few trusted friends, proceeded to entertain the strangers; a supper was served while a faithful sentinel stood guard at the door, and at a late hour the guests took their departure and returned in safety to their vessel. This visit was talked about, the question of forming a Lodge was discussed, and in a few weeks it was decided to "hold a meeting as soon as practicable"; but the war of 1812 broke out and the project was abandoned and nothing more was heard of the matter until some two years after the close of the war a meeting was held at the residence of Governor M. W. DANIEL D. TOMPKINS on Fort Hill. At this meeting the conclusion was reached that the existing conditions were unfavorable toward organizing a Lodge and the matter was deferred; but a little more than a year passed when this faithful band of zealous Masons decided to make another attempt to organize a Lodge. A meeting was held at the residence of GENERAL VAN BUREN in Tompkinsville. There were present not only these earnest Masons but several prominent citizens who desired to be made Masons; this encouraged these loyal Masons and from that night Richmond Lodge was a possibility. A leading spirit in this movement was PHILPOT WOLFE, a member of Hibernia Lodge of London, England, and a son of General Wolfe who lost his life at the battle of Quebec. The choice of a name created so much discussion that it threatened to prevent the consummation of the enterprise; a persistent effort was made to name the new Lodge "Brinkerhoff," the name of one of the English officers who made the visit in 1812. Finally, through the efforts of Governor TOMPKINS the name "Richmond" was selected.



MASONIC HALL, PORT RICHMOND, STATEN ISLAND.



EAST END OF RICHMOND LODGE ROOM.



WEST END OF RICHMOND LODGE ROOM.

Scarcely had the movement to organize the Lodge become known than a rumor was started that the Masons were organizing for the purpose of gaining control of public affairs and seeking to influence the religious societies. This soon aroused a feeling of bitterness against Freemasonry. To allay this condition of affairs a public picnic was given by the projectors of the Lodge to which the anti-Masons were invited. This event had a good effect; the tide of popular opinion was again turned; the hostile influence ceased and the organization of the Lodge was effected without further trouble. The night of the organization was a notable event; a banquet was given in Nautilus Hall which was attended by many prominent Masons, the Chaplain of the Grand Lodge was present and amid momentary silence arose and implored "Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to let His richest blessings rest upon the infant organization, now and forever."

It is proper to state that at the time Richmond Lodge came into existence there were two Grand Lodges in the State of New York. Richmond Lodge received its warrant from the City Grand Lodge, and it was "to be located at Castleton, Staten Island."

The record of the first meeting held at Nautilus Hall is as follows:

"At a regular meeting of Richmond Lodge, Masonic Hall, Tompkinsville, July 5th, A. L. 5825. Present: BENJAMIN WOOD, W. M.; AUGUSTUS S. LAWRENCE, S. W.; JOHN S. WESTERVELT, J. W.; JAMES H. WARD, Secretary, and RICHARD HARCOURT, Treasurer.

"A number of brethren convened, and the Lodge opened in E. A. Degree.

"The following candidates were proposed: JOHN N. TUCKER, JAMES McLaughlin, HENRY BARGER, HENRY H. HIRBERTON, JOHN T. MERRILL, DANIEL SIMONSON, DENYSE DENYSE, Jr., ROBERT HAZARD, BENJAMIN DODGE, LEONARD PARKINSON, DANIEL CLAWSON, AUGUSTUS PROALLE, STEPHEN KITTLETASS and JOHN CLAWSON.

"After which the Lodge was closed in due and ancient form."

The Lodge prospered and grew, but occasionally the smothered feeling of hostility asserted itself in various ways. About a year after its organization a public Masonic celebration was held on St. John's Day which attracted a large number of people and had a good effect in still further disarming the suspicion concerning the motives which the Freemasons had in forming a Lodge. At a meeting held shortly after this celebration the subject of Masonry was discussed, and a clergyman who was present and whose views on all subjects commanded respect, expressed himself in this manner:

"Now, my friends, I have come to the conclusion that Freemasonry is a good thing. Its very foundation seems to me to be the Holy Bible, and nothing but good can come from such a source. I believe that if a man is a true Mason he will not lie nor cheat, nor deceive, nor wrong any human being, and that it will be his determined aim to honor and glorify God in every walk in life."

Such expressions coming from one whose influence carried weight, together with the fact that none of the dire predictions concerning the evil effects of having a Masonic Lodge in their midst came true soon ended the feeling of hostility which had prevailed for several years in this community.

In 1833 the Lodge participated in the ceremonies attending the opening of Sailors' Snug Harbor.

In 1850 for some reason the Lodge surrendered its warrant, but the members continued to meet informally and planned for a reorganization.

In 1851 several members of the Lodge petitioned the Grand Master to remit their dues, and asked for a return of the old warrant. On March 28, 1851, a dispensation to hold a Lodge was obtained, and on April 13th the first meeting was held at the house of BRO. GEORGE T. SWAINE at Port Richmond. In November, 1851, the Lodge again became dormant. In the later part of May, 1853, a movement to again revive the Lodge was made; on May 31st a meeting was held at which several officers of the Grand Lodge were present. At this meeting a proposition was made by BRO. GEORGE T. SWAINE that he would fit up a room over his store at No. 37 Richmond Avenue, Port Richmond (this building was afterward known as the Williamson Building), for the use of the Lodge. This proposition met with favor, and the next meeting was held in this building October 12, 1853.

The Lodge prospered and increased in numbers until in 1865 it became necessary to enlarge the room occupied by the Lodge. A lease of the premises for a period of twenty-five years was obtained from BRO. SWAINE, and the Lodge at its own expense proceeded with the work.

In 1870 the first movement toward securing a permanent home for the Lodge was made. This proved unsuccessful, but the seed was sown, and while no immediate results were obtained it was destined to bring forth the desired end in good time.

The subject was frequently discussed, and as the years went, by the movement continued to gain strength. On June 4, 1888, the Lodge became incorporated under the laws of the State of New York; on October 19, 1891, land was purchased and the project began to assume tangible shape. On the 26th day of June, 1897, the corner-stone of the new Masonic Hall on the corner of Richmond Avenue and Bennett Street was laid by M.'. W.'. WILLIAM A. SUTHERLAND, Grand Master, who, with his associate officers, was escorted to the site by York Commandery, No. 55, K. T., Richmond Lodge and other Lodges located on Staten Island.

A local newspaper, in giving an account of this event, said: "The interesting ceremony was performed in accordance with the ancient and beautiful ritual. There were over three thousand people present, at least a third of which being Masons. A number of articles were placed in the corner-stone."

Grand Master SUTHERLAND made a most interesting address, in the course of which he said that the Masons possessed advantages over their uninitiated neighbors, and he desired to impress upon their minds the important duties they owe to their country in the performance of upright and manly conduct. He said that Masons should be an example to the people around them, and should help the world to be better and truer to God and humanity.

"I sometimes hear it remarked by Masons," said the Grand Master, "that they are Masons, and therefore have no use for any other religion. There is but one answer to such remark: The man who utters it knows nothing about religion, and very little about Freemasonry. While they are separate and distinct, each can help the other to make the world better."

At the close of the Grand Master's address the Historian of the Lodge, BRO. IRA K. MORRIS, gave a short sketch of the history of the Lodge.

The building was dedicated by M.'. W.'. WRIGHT D. POWNALL, who at the time was Deputy Grand Master, on the evening of February 16, 1898.

The Lodge paid its full quota of the Hall and Asylum Fund debt, amounting to \$852, on January 31, 1887.

Among the valued possessions of the Lodge is a portrait of WOR. BENJAMIN WOOD, the first Master of Richmond Lodge, which was presented to the Lodge on October 20, 1902 ("Memorial Night"), by his grandson, R.'. W.'. B. FRANK WOOD.

MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

Philpot Wolfe, Civil Magistrate.
Peter S. Wandle, County Treasurer.
Daniel L. Clawson, County Judge.

Henry B. Metcalf, County Judge.
Frederick Groshon, Civil Magistrate.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

Lionel Jacobs, District Deputy J. Walter Wood, District Deputy
Grand Master. Grand Master.
William C. Carpenter, District Deputy Grand Master.
Thomas M. Kelly, District Deputy Grand Master.
George H. Tredwell, District Deputy Grand Master.

MASTERS.

1825. Benjamin Wood.	1853. George T. Swaine.	1880. M. M. Brill.
1826. Benjamin Wood.	1854. Frederick Groshon.	1881. Thomas W. Butts.
1827. Benjamin Wood.	1855. John J. Baker.	1882. John Pelcher.
1828. John S. Westervelt.	1856. John La Forge.	1883. Reon Barnes.
1829. John S. Westervelt.	1857. Edward Steers, Sr.	1884. Reon Barnes.
1830. John B. Simonson.	1858. James G. Burger.	1885. Frank K. Kohler.
1831. Benjamin Wood.	1859. Edward Steers, Sr.	1886. William C. Carpenter.
1832. Griffen Tompkins.	1860. Edward Steers, Sr.	1887. George H. Tredwell.
1833. Griffen Tompkins.	1861. William W. Corbet.	1888. J. Walter Wood.
1834. Thomas B. Vermilyea.	1862. Edward Steers, Sr.	1889. Frank J. Wilson.
1835. Benjamin Wood.	1863. James Seguine.	1890. George H. Tredwell.
1836. R. M. Hazard.	1864. Lester A. Scofield.	1891. Charles T. Smith.
1837. Absalom G. Dixon.	1865. Philip Sharrott.	1892. D. F. Simonson.
1838. James Harcourt.	1866. Lionel Jacobs.	1893. John Pelcher.
1839. Philpot Wolfe.	1867. Isaac A. Bunn.	1894. Cornelius C. Jones.
1840. Henry B. Metcalfe.	1868. Isaac A. Bunn.	1895. Cornelius C. Jones.
1841. Ralph James.	1869. Isaac A. Bunn.	1896. Frederick W. Kerr.
1842. Jacob B. Wood.	1870. B. Seaman.	1897. Frederick W. Kerr.
1843. Oliver Vanderbilt.	1871. James Whitford.	1898. Frank J. Houghton.
1844. James Harcourt.	1872. James Davis.	1899. Thomas M. Kelly.
1845. John S. Westervelt.	1873. Edward B. Clark.	1900. Thomas M. Kelly.
1846. Philpot Wolfe.	1874. Edward B. Clark.	1901. Arthur W. Deas.
1847. Aaron Vanderbilt.	1875. David Muddell.	1902. Edward I. Miller.
1848. George W. Chambers.	1876. Benjamin F. Cook.	1903. Edward I. Miller.
1849. George T. Swaine,	1877. R. P. Brown.	1904. Thomas R. Farrell.
1850. S. T. Fisk.	1878. R. P. Brown.	
	1879. Thomas J. Butler.	

MARINERS LODGE, NO. 67, NEW YORK CITY.

WARRANT: The warrant under which the Lodge is working was issued September 7, 1825, and is in possession of the Lodge.

The first number it received was 385; this was changed to 67 on June 7, 1839.

MINUTES: Not intact. All records are missing from 1854 to 1874; a secretary of the Lodge, while insane, destroyed the minutes.

The first record concerning the organization of Mariners Lodge, No. 67, is as follows:

"At a respectable meeting of Master Masons desirous of forming a new Lodge to be known as Mariners Lodge, Bro. GEO ARNOLD was called to the chair and Bro. JOHN DUDLEY appointed Secretary. *Resolved*. That THOS. D. JOHNSON be the first Treasurer: BRO. JOHN DUDLEY be the first Secretary: BRO. JACOB MOORE, Jr., be the first Senior Deacon: BRO. GEO. S. HAZELTON be the first Junior Deacon: BRO. THOS. KNAPP and BRO. EBENEZER PETTY be the first Master of Ceremonies; BRO. JOHN HARRISON and BRO. MOSES WOODS be the first Stewards, and BRO. WM. G. HENSHAW for the first Tyler:

"*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to wait on the R't W'p'l Grand Secretary to obtain a dispensation for our organization. BROS. ARNOLD, DUDLEY and MOORE were appointed on that committee:

"*Resolved*, That we adjourn this meeting until Thursday evening the 17th at 8 o'clock, to meet at Union Hall.

"Union Hall, Tuesday evening, 15th August, A. D. 1825."

THE PETITION.

To the R't Worshipful the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

We, your petitioners, being free and accepted Master Masons who at present or have been members of regular Lodges, and having the prosperity of the fraternity at heart, are willing to exert our best endeavors to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of Masonry, that for the conveniency of our respective dwellings and other good reasons we are desirous of forming a new Lodge in the City of New York to be named "Mariners Lodge."

That in consequence of this desire we pray for a letter of dispensation, or a warrant of constitution, to empower us to assemble as a legal Lodge, to discharge the duties of Masonry in a regular and constitutional manner according to the original forms of the order and the regulations of this Grand Lodge.

That we have nominated and do recommend Bro. GEO. ARNOLD to be the first Master; BR. SAM'L MORTON to be the first Senior Warden; BR. J's T. HARDING to be the first Junior Warden of said Lodge; that if the prayer of your petitioners be granted we promise a strict conformity to all the constitutional laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge. In testimony thereof we have subscribed our names.

Guy F. Adams.	Thomas Knapp.
Jacob Moore, Jr.	John G. Ingram.
Thos. D. Johnston.	Wm. L. Russell.
Chas. Stewart.	James S. Ancings.
John Morrison. .	Wm. G. Henshaw.
Moses Woods.	John Rierson.
Morris Daine.	Israel Jordan.
George Arnold.	W. T. Woodman.
John Keene Haskell.	Peter Robinson.
Samuel Morton.	James Myrick.

John Dudley. Stephen Garthwaite.
George J. Hazelton.

The petition has the following indorsement:

"Read in G. L. Sep't 7, 1825, and prayer granted; issued same date Warrant No. 385."

The following Lodges also indorsed the petition: Hiram, No. 10; Phoenix, No. 40; Abrams, No. 83; Mount Moriah, No. 132 (now 27); Clinton Lodge, No. 143; Silentia, No. 360 (now 198); York, No. 367 (now 197); Manhattan, No. 370 (now 62), and Franklin, No. 380 (now 216).

The following are the minutes of the first meeting held after the war- rent was issued:

"Union Hall, N. Y. Saturday Even'g, 10th Sep't, A. D. 1825—A. L. 5825.

At a meeting called by the Wor. P. M. HAMPTON DUNHAM, agreeable to a letter or dispensation from the Most Worshipful Grand Master, MASTIN HOFFMAN, Esq., authorizing him to do the same for the purpose of installing Mariners Lodge, No. 385, under a warrant granted on the first Wednesday, the seventh day of September, the last regular quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge to be held in the City and County and State of New York.

.Present as M.'. W.'. G. M. HAMPTON DUNHAM, P. M., Silentia, No. 360.

As R't W. Dep. G. M. JOHN WILKIE W. M. St. John's No. 9.

As R't W. G. Senior W. DRAKE WILSON of Lafayette Lodge

As R't W. G. Junior W. WALLACE.

As R't W. G. Sec'y THO'S A. DUFFY S. W. Franklin Lodge.

As R't W. G. Treas. THO'S WHITLOCK P. M. St. Andrews, N. Y.

who with a number of Brethren assembled agreeably to previous notice when a Grand Lodge was opened in form. The Officers and members of Mariners Lodge, No. 385, being present, and satisfied with the offices appointed, they were severally installed into their respective offices—To wit:

Br. GEORGE ARNOLD W. M.
" SAMUEL MORTON S. W. by proxy BR. FLEMING.
" JAMES T. HARDING J. W.
" JOHN DUDLEY Sec'y.
" THO'S D. JOHNSTON Treas.
" JACOB MOORE Jr. S. W.
" GEO. S. HAZLETON, J. D.
" WM. G. HENSHAW TYLER.

The Grand Lodge was closed in ancient form and W.'. M.'. ARNOLD took his seat as Master of Mariners Lodge, No. 385, after being regularly installed, and called the other officers to their respective stations.

A petition for charity was presented from BR. DAMORAM which was laid on the table for future consideration.

BRO. JOHNSTON proposed for initiation MR. OLIVER BARRON, profession, shipmaster, aged 26, residence N. Y.

Resolved, That his name be handed to a committee for investigation— BROS. DUDLEY, MOORE and JOHNSTONE were appointed that Committee. Mariners Lodge closed in M. M. degree and opened in the E. A. degree. Lodge called from labor to refreshment for a short space of time and from thence to labor again.

As no further business appearing the Lodge closed in true Masonic Love and Harmony to meet on Thursday evening the 13th inst. at 7 o'clock.

JOHN DUDLEY, Sec'y.

At the meeting held September 13, 1825, it was:

"*Resolved*, That we have 500 Hope and Anchor and 500 Ship and Pilot Masonic notices, and that we have a ship under full sail printed on the bibs of the aprons of this Lodge."

A special meeting was held January 24, 1820, in conjunction with Franklin Lodge, No. 386, for the purpose of participating in the ceremonies of laying the corner-stone of the Masonic Hall, corner of Broadway and Pearl Street.

The Lodge, during its early history, frequently participated in celebrating the Festival of St. John the Evangelist in conjunction with other Lodges, and it was a common occurrence to meet with other Lodges at special meetings for the purpose of conferring degrees; in such cases the minutes state that "the expenses were paid by the Lodges attending the meeting, each paying a share." It participated in the celebration of the introduction of Croton water in the city of New York in 1842. It also attended at the laying of the corner-stone of the Masonic Hall, corner of Twenty-third Street and Sixth Avenue, and the dedication of the same.

On October 9th it participated in the laying of the corner-stone of the Egyptian Obelisk in Central Park.

It was incorporated under the laws of the State of New York in 1899.

MORGAN PERIOD: This episode did not materially affect the affairs of Mariners Lodge; the subject is not mentioned in the minutes, and meetings were held with scarcely an interruption during these trying years. During the cholera epidemic in 1832 its meetings were temporarily suspended. On the minutes of July 11th of that year the following appears: "In consequence of the affliction that our City has been visited with, the members of this Lodge consider it most prudent to postpone their regular meeting, and therefore they do not meet from the 11th of July to the 26th of Sep't, in which time the Lodge has to lament the death of two of its members, namely, BROTHERS JOHN C. SAWYER and BENJ. D. YATES."

With this exception the Lodge has had an unbroken existence.

Unfortunately the Lodge suffered the loss of its minutes at the hands of a secretary who became insane and destroyed all records from 1854 to 1874. No doubt many incidents occurred during these twenty years which, if preserved, would give added interest to the historical events associated with this Lodge.

When organized it met at Union Hall, where it remained until May, 1838, when it moved to Barnes Hall, 33 Canal Street, remaining here until May, 1839, when it moved to the Shakespeare Hotel, corner of William and Duane Streets, where it remained until May, 1841, when it moved to Warren Hall, corner of Oliver and Henry Streets.

In May, 1848, it again moved; this time to the Howard House, where it remained until May, 1852, when it moved to the corner of Broome and Crosby Streets. How long it remained here is uncertain, as the records are destroyed and no reliable information on this subject is obtainable. In 1874 it met in a building on the corner of the Bowery and Bleecker Streets, where it remained until May, 1880, when it moved to the German Masonic Temple, 220 East 15th Street, remaining here until May, 1892, when it moved to the Grand Opera House, corner of Eighth Avenue and Twenty-third Street, where it remained until December, 1898, when it moved to the Masonic Hall, where it is now located.

MASTERS.

1825. George Arnold.	1852. No election.	1879. Jacob Ewald.
1826. George Arnold.	1853. Lorenzo A. Sykes.	1880. Robert W. Pain.
1827. James F. Harding.	1854. Peter Parks.	1881. Robert W. Pain.
1828. Jacob Moore, Jr.	1855. Sewall T. Fisk.	1882. Robert W. Pain.
1829. James F. Harding.	1856. James Pugh.	1883. Robert W. Pain.
1830. Jacob Moore, Jr.	1857. Cornelius L. Twiggs.	1884. Robert W. Pain.
1831. John Waydell.	1858. James Pugh.	1885. Robert J. Poynter.
1832. Joseph Allen.	1859. Sewall T. Fisk.	1886. Robert J. Poynter.
1833. George Arnold.	1860. Sewall T. Fisk.	1887. John W. Ferrier.
1834. George Arnold.	1861. Ellis W. Dudley.	1888. John W. Ferrier.
1835. Pope West.	1862. Sewall T. Fisk.	1889. Sassacus C. Sherwood.
1836. George Arnold.	1863. Sewall T. Fisk.	1890. Sassacus C. Sherwood.
1837. John F. Davis.	1864. Charles L. Meyers.	1891. Robert Brown.
1838. John Waydell.	1865. William Blythe.	1892. Robert Brown.
1839. John Waydell.	1866. Joseph Baskerville.	1893. Robert A. Willis.
1840. Jacob Moore, Jr.	1867. Joseph Baskerville.	1894. Robert A. Willis.
1841. Jacob Moore, Jr.	1868. Joseph Baskerville.	1895. Robert S. Luqueer.
1842. Jacob Moore, Jr.	1869. Stewart J. McIver.	1896. Robert S. Luqueer.
1843. John Waydell.	1870. Stewart J. McIver.	1897. Robert S. Luqueer.
1844. Sewall T. Fisk.	1871. John Shradly, Jr.	1898. Robert S. Luqueer.
1845. Sewall T. Fisk.	1872. Charles R. Ellison.	1899. Reno R. Billington.
1846. W. C. Parks.	1873. Richard B. Inshaw.	1900. Reno R. Billington.
1847. W. C. Parks.	1874. Joseph Baskerville.	1901. Edwin N. Whitfield.
1848. John Waydell.	1875. Robert W. Pain.	1902. Frank H. Mackintosh.
1849. Sewall T. Fisk.	1876. Robert W. Pain.	1903. Reno R. Billington.
1850. Sewall T. Fisk.	1877. Robert W. Pain.	1904. Reno R. Billington.
1851. William S. Munday.	1878. Jacob Ewald.	

MONTGOMERY LODGE, NO. 68, NEW YORK CITY.

WARRANT: the original warrant was issued December 30, 1825. The first number was 387; it was changed to 68 in 1839.

MINUTES: Not intact.

Montgomery Lodge came into existence in the latter part of the year 1825, and was duly constituted and warranted on December 30th.

An emergent meeting of the Grand Lodge was convened in St. John's Hall with MARTIN HOFFMAN, Grand Master, in the chair. The record is as follows:

"Grand Lodge opened in ample form and with solemn prayer. The G. M. represented the object of the meeting to be the constituting of Montgomery Lodge, No. 387, and directed the G. L. to be formed in procession for that purpose.

"The whole then moved to the adjoining Lodge-room where the new Lodge had assembled for the occasion. The ancient ceremony of Constitution was then performed, and the new Lodge duly proclaimed by the name and style of Montgomery Lodge, No. 387. The installation of the officers then ensued when the following Brethren were severally invested with appurtenant jewels and duly installed officers of the same —viz.: The W.'. JOHN LARDY, Master; BR. DANIEL McLEAN, Senior Warden, and BR. ADAM BRADLEY, Junior Warden.

"The G. L. then returned to the G. L. Room and with solemn prayer duly closed."

CHARTER MEMBERS.

John Largy.	Daniel McLean.
Charles O'Conner.	James J. Ryan.
Mathew Dollard.	Alexander Divver.
John McDonnell.	Abraham Bradley.

The Lodge has had a somewhat diversified career: times of prosperity and harmony and periods of depression and discord. For several years after it was organized it prospered, and the "social side" of life often found expression among its adherents; the custom that prevailed at that time of providing refreshments at the meetings was followed in a liberal manner. The record of 1828 contains the following statement, "that a committee was directed to purchase three demijohns of wine, fourteen barrels of crackers and one cheese. The wine to be of good flavor and certified age, the crackers to be fresh and the cheese to be possessed of snap."

It continued to maintain its existence during the "Morgan Period," and it was not until 1846 that the spirit of discord arose and dissensions became so pronounced that in June the Grand Secretary reported that the "serious uneasiness" existing in the Lodge called for special mention and "that the honor of the institution in the city was jeopardized." In consequence of this the warrant was

arrested on July 28th by R. W. ISAAC PHILLIPS, Deputy Grand Master, seven of the members were expelled from the fraternity by the Grand Lodge and five were suspended for one year.

A petition asking for the restoration of the charter was presented to the Grand Lodge, and on April 12, 1847, it was restored, naming HENRY ROBINSON, Master; JAMES MCGRATH, Senior Warden; GEORGE H. DYER, Junior Warden. Its troubles, however, were not yet over: for a time it was a constituent of the Phillips body, but returned to the Grand Lodge on March 2, 1852. Its affairs did not prosper, for on July 11, 1854, it surrendered its warrant, and in the following July a petition was again presented asking for permission to revive the Lodge. This was successful, as on July 17, 1855, the warrant was restored, with ALLEN A. BURNS, Master; LIONEL JACOBS, Senior Warden, and EDWARD GALLAGHER, Junior Warden; still the spirit of inharmony which had so often appeared in the Lodge was not entirely dispelled; for several years bickerings and dissensions were common until in 1866 M. W. ROBERT D. HOLMES, Grand Master, made a personal investigation of the affairs of the Lodge and by his drastic action the discordant element was eliminated, a better influence soon manifested itself and dissensions ceased. In his address to the Grand Lodge in June, 1866, the Grand Master said:

"Montgomery Lodge, No. 68, had been suffering from internal dissensions for a length of time, and at last they grew into such magnitude as to demand my mandatory interference. I gave to that Lodge directions that they must either surrender their charter to me, or else cease their bickering, and stated that if neither of these things should be done, I should suspend their warrant. At the communication next thereafter the warrant was surrendered, and the property of the Lodge given into the possession of the Grand Secretary. I afterward received from a large number of worthy brethren of the Lodge an application for a dispensation to form a new Lodge, which I issued after due inquiry. I recommend that a warrant be granted to them; or should they petition for it, that the warrant of Montgomery Lodge, No. 68, be given to them, for I am confident that this venerable document will be safe in their hands and a thriving Lodge be re-created."

The recommendation of the Grand Master was favorably entertained, and on June 8th the following was adopted:
"Resolved, That the warrant of Montgomery Lodge, No. 68, be granted to Montgomery Lodge U. D., to be located in the city of New York."

Subsequent events proved that the conclusions of the Grand Master were wise; the rejuvenated Lodge became at once vigorous, it grew in numbers and has ever since prospered.

The Lodge has frequently participated in public ceremonials.

In October, 1842, it took part in the celebration attending the introduction of Croton water in New York; it also was present at the laying of the corner-stone of the Masonic Hall in 1870, and at the dedication of the same in 1875.

When first organized its place of meeting was in St. John's Hall, where it remained until May, 1836, when it moved to Union Hall, remaining here until May, 1839, when it moved to Shakespeare Hotel, corner of Duane and William Streets, remaining here until May, 1841; it then moved to Warren Hall, remaining here but one year. In May, 1842, it returned to Shakespeare Hotel, where it remained until April, 1844, when it again returned to Warren Hall, where it remained until July, 1846. It was located in Freemasons' Hall from January, 1851 to January, 1852, when it moved to the City Hotel. In May it again moved; this time to the corner of Broome and Crosby Streets, remaining here until January, 1854, when it moved to the corner of Grand and Centre Streets. In 1856 it was located at 411 Broadway; in July it moved to the corner of Third Avenue and 20th Street. In November it moved to Odd Fellows Hall; here it remained until 1865, when it moved again to the corner of Broome and Crosby Streets, remaining there until May, 1866, when it moved to 594 Broadway. In May, 1873, it moved to 275 Bleecker Street, and on May 1, 1875, to Masonic Hall, corner of Sixth Avenue and Twenty-third Street.

MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

John O. Mott, Judge.

Lorenz Zeller, Judge.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

J. Wallace McWhinnie, District Deputy Grand Master.
Edward H. Warker, District Deputy Grand Master.
William T. Woodruff, Commissioner of Appeals.

F. Oscar Woodruff, Grand Representative.
Adolph G. Gutgsell, District Deputy Grand Master.

MASTERS.

1826. John Largy.	1842. William Wilson.	1861. Thomas Kivlin.
1827. David McLean.	1843. William McArthur.	1862. Thomas Kivlin.
1828. Charles O'Connor.	1844. Price Butler Lodge.	1863. Luther B. Pert.
1829. John McDermitt.	1845. D. W. Clark.	1864. Luther B. Pert.
1830. Thomas M. Boyle.	1846. Alexander Pierson.	1865. C. C. Brown.
1831. Alexander J. Henderson.	1847. Henry Robinson.	1866. Joseph H. Clute.
1832. James Everard.		1867. Joseph H. Clute.
1833. Henry W. Hunt.	1851. Samuel Osgood.	1868. Joseph H. Clute.
1834. Alexander J. Henderson.	1852. Samuel Osgood.	1869. Joseph H. Clute.
1835. James Everard.	1853. John Kivlin.	1870. Francis Canning.
1836. William Swanton.	1854. Allen A. Barnes.	1871. Francis Canning.
1837. William Swanton.	1855. Allen A. Barnes.	1872. Joseph H. Clute.
1838. Eugene O'Sullivan.	1856. Allen A. Barnes.	1873. William T. Woodruff.
1839. William Coulter.	1857. Charles Sweeney.	1874. William T. Woodruff.
1840. George F. Levaine.	1859. James Mulligan.	1875. George Dessoye.
1841. Henry Coulter.	1860. Thomas Kivlin.	1876. James H. Ford.

1877. J. Wallace McWhinnie.
1878. J. Wallace McWhinnie.
1879. J. Wallace McWhinnie.
1880. F. Oscar Woodruff.
1881. F. Oscar Woodruff.
1882. Edward H. Warker.
1883. Edward H. Warker.
1884. George Dessoie.
1885. Willard P. Worster.
1886. Willard P. Worster.

1887. Willard P. Worster.
1888. Willard P. Worster.
1889. Edward H. Warker.
1890. William K. Stewart.
1891. Charles H. Preyer.
1892. Charles H. Preyer.
1893. Charles H. Preyer.
1894. Adolph G. Gutsell.
1895. Adolph G. Gutsell.
1896. William F. Yates.

1897. William F. Yates.
1898. John B. Millar.
1899. John Philp.
1900. John Philp.
1901. Franklin E. Morse.
1902. Franklin K. Morse.
1903. James Philp.
1904. James Philp.

NAVAL LODGE, NO. 69. NEW YORK CITY.

WARRANT: The warrant, issued June 8, 1826, signed by the officers of the "City Grand Lodge." is in possession of the Lodge. The first number was 391, which was changed to 69 in 1830.

MINUTES: Not intact. All records previous to September 21, 1842, are missing.

CHARTER MEMBERS.

Ethan Estabrook.
Stephen Ball.
Adam T. Dodge.
Isaac R. Reynolds.

Owen O'Neal.
John Willerton.
Samuel Hart.
Hewlett Story.

William Pattison.
John Kerrigan.
Samuel L. Lloyd.
Charles Coit

The officers named in the charter were ETHAN ESTABROOK, Master; SAMUEL HART, Senior Warden; STEPHEN BALL, Junior Warden.

The birthplace of Naval Lodge was in the city of Brooklyn, then but a small village, and one of the stipulations made when it came into existence was that it was to be located "Near the Navy Yard" (which gave it its name).

A majority of the organizers were members of Fortitude Lodge, who, on April 17, 1826, succeeded in procuring a dispensation from MARTIN HOFFMAN, Grand Master of the City Grand Lodge, to form a new Lodge in the town of Brooklyn to be called Naval Lodge. The first meetings were held in John Hunter's Tavern, which stood where is now the Eagle Storage Warehouse, 28 Fulton Street.

The loss of the records shrouds the early history of the Lodge; as JOHN HUNTER was a member of the Lodge, at one time its Treasurer, it is quite likely that during its stay in Brooklyn meetings were held in his Tavern. It is known that it maintained its existence until May, 1832, when it succumbed to the storm of anti-Masonic persecution which had compelled so many Lodges to suspend work, and its charter was surrendered, "with all books, jewels and hangings."

A revival of the Lodge came about by the formation of the St. John's Grand Lodge in 1837, which caused a division of Silentia Lodge, No. 360 (now 198). NORMAN MEADE, Junior Warden; RICHARD WIGGINS, Secretary; JOSEPH M. MARSH, Treasurer, and six others together with some surviving members of the defunct Naval Lodge remained with the Grand Lodge, and on December 6, 1837, received the charter of Naval Lodge.

At a meeting of the Grand Lodge held March 7, 1838, all of the property of the old Lodge which had been surrendered to the Grand Lodge was given to the new Lodge.

Shortly after this it moved to New York where it still remains. The exact time of its removal is unknown.

The Lodge took an active part in seeking a reconciliation between the Grand Lodges. On January 17, 1850, a resolution was adopted declining to "pay dues to any Grand Lodge until a reconciliation shall take place between the Grand Lodges now existing in this State." A copy of the resolution was sent to every Lodge in the State.

On February 21, 1850, the officers of the Lodge were instructed to advocate in the Grand Lodge the recognition of St. John's Grand Lodge as a just and legally constituted body of Masons, to the end that a union of the two bodies might be accomplished.

Among those who were active in the revival of the Lodge were ETHAN ESTABROOK and SAMUEL HART, both of whom were charter members when it was organized in 1826.

Naval Lodge is the mother of three Lodges: JOHN HANCOCK, No. 70, in 1858; Monitor, No. 528, in 1862, and Livingston, No. 057, in 1807. It has frequently participated in public ceremonials; notably were the Croton celebration in 1842, the funeral of ANDREW JACKSON in 1845, the funeral of HENRY CLAY in 1852, dedication of the Worth monument in 1857, the funeral of ABRAHAM LINCOLN in 1865, laying the corner stone of the Masonic Hall in 1870, and dedication of same in 1875, and the laying of the corner-stone of the Obelisk in Central Park in 1880.

The Lodge contributed generously toward paying off the "Great Debt"; its quota to the Hall and Asylum Fund, amounting to \$762, was paid December 31, 1886. At the Masonic Fair held in 1887 the sum of \$904.75 was secured by donations and sales at the booth under the control of the Lodge: in addition to this were the receipts from the sale of flowers donated by a member of the Lodge.

MEETING PLACES.

In 1842 it met in Warren Hall, corner of Oliver and Henry Streets, where it remained until June 23, 1843, when it moved to Shakespeare Hotel, corner of William and Duane Streets. On May 6, 1844, it returned to Warren Hall; here it remained until January 18, 1848, when it moved to the Howard House (afterward City Hotel), 492 Broadway. On May 5, 1853, it moved to 360 Broadway. On September 1, 1853, it moved to 454 Broome Street, where it remained until May 3, 1855, when it moved to the corner of Broadway and Bleecker Street. Here it remained until May 1, 1861, when it moved to 817 Broadway. On June 6, 1866, it moved to Tabernacle Hall, Broadway and Thirty-fourth Street, remaining here until September 6, 1871, when it moved to 135 West 30th Street, where it remained until May 7, 1875, when it moved to the Masonic Hall, corner of Sixth Avenue and Twenty-third Street,

occupying the Clinton room until May 26, 1879, when it moved to the Livingston room. On May 12, 1880, it returned to the Clinton room which it still occupies.

MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

David Me Adam, Supreme Court Judge. Dakota.
Joseph Stiner, City Magistrate.
Thomas W. Kean, Tragedian.

E. S. McCook, Territorial Secretary,
Claude DeLorraine, Engineer, "Monitor," U. S. Navy.
George Cartwright, Col. Civil War.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

Alexander Copeland, Grand Tiler, 1843.
Joseph M. Marsh, Grand Steward, 1843.

Washington Mullin, Grand Sword Bearer, 1880.
Henry I. Colman. District Deputy Grand Master, 1900.

MASTERS.

1820. Ethan Estabrook.
1827. Samuel Hart. .
1828. Samuel Hart.
1829. Samuel Hart.
1830. Samuel Hart.
1831. John Harman.
1837. Alexander Copeland.
1838. Alexander Copeland.
1839. Alexander Copeland.
1840. Alexander Copeland.
1841. William H. Young.
1842. John Harron.
1843. John Harron.
1844. Enoch Walker.
1845. Job Haskel.
1846. Simeon Abrams.
1847. Wolf K. Frank.
1848. Philip W. Frank.
1849. William N. Lewis.
1850. Nathan Roberts.
1851. Nathan Roberts.
1852. Thomas H. Bemis.
1853. Thomas H. Bemis.
1854. Isaac Levy.
1855. James T. Couenhoven.

1856. Samuel Hyams.
1857. James T. Couenhoven.
1858. James T. Couenhoven.
1859. James T. Couenhoven.
1860. James T. Couenhoven.
1861. James T. Couenhoven.
1862. Horatio Reed.
1863. James T. Couenhoven.
1864. James T. Couenhoven.
1865. James T. Couenhoven.
1866. William Starritt,
1867. William H. Peabody.
1868. John Ward.
1869. John Ward.
1870. Henry R. Chapman.
1871. Henry R. Chapman.
1872. Henry Wheeler.
1873. Henry Wheeler.
1874. George W. Hinchman.
1875. Jacob Jacobs.
1876. Washington Mullin.
1877. Washington Mullin.
1878. James A. Barnes.
1879. Daniel W. Newman.
1880. Daniel W. Newman.

1881. Washington Mullin.
1882. Washington Mullin.
1883. George J. Wade.
1884. Washington Mullin.
1885. Washington Mullin.
1886. John J. Bar.
1887. John J. Bar.
1888. John J. Bar.
1889. Frank W. Goodrich.
1890. Frank W. Goodrich.
1891. Frank W. Goodrich.
1892. William H. Byrne.
1893. William H. Byrne.
1894. Alfred Price.
1895. Charles W. Holmes.
1896. Charles W. Holmes.
1897. Henry I. Colman.
1898. Henry I. Colman.
1899. Samuel Garrett.
1900. Samuel Garrett.
1901. John A. Kershaw.
1902. John A. Kershaw.
1903. Charles Fash.
1904. Charles Fash.

JOHN HANCOCK LODGE, NO. 70, NEW YORK CITY.

WARRANT: The warrant under which the Lodge is now working was issued June 24, 18-i8.

MINUTES: Intact from 1858.

John Hancock Lodge owes its origin to members of Silentia Lodge, No. 360 (now 198). and Naval Lodge, No. 391 (now 69), who owing to the differences which existed in Masonic affairs during the year 1850 and which led to dissensions in these Lodges.

At that time there were two Grand Bodies claiming jurisdiction in the State, which caused much confusion among the Lodges located in New York city, in some cases causing a division in Lodges.

Naval Lodge got mixed up in these affairs, some of the members desiring to affiliate with one body while other members were equally strenuous in maintaining their allegiance to the other Grand Body; this resulted in a division in the Lodge.

On March 26, 1850, a meeting was held at the Howard House, which was styled " a special meeting of Naval Lodge No. 69." In the absence of a warrant a dispensation was procured from ISAAC PHILLIPS, Grand Master of what was known as the "Phillips Grand Lodge"; this dispensation was granted to WILLIAM GILPIN, at that time Senior Warden of Naval Lodge. The warrant was in possession of NATHAN ROBERTS, the Master of the Lodge, who expressed his determination to acknowledge the jurisdiction of the "Willard Grand Lodge."

At this meeting M.'. W.'. ISAAC PHILLIPS was present, and WILLIAM GILPIN presided; the following was unanimously adopted: "Resolved, That Naval Lodge, No. 69, hereby acknowledge and recognize the Grand Lodge of the State of New York of which the M.'. W.'. ISAAC PHILLIPS is Grand Master."

The next meeting was held at the Howard House on April 4, 1850. The records state that, "In the absence of the warrant of the Lodge a dispensation from the M.'. W.'. ISAAC PHILLIPS of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York was had, authorizing and empowering BRO. WILLIAM GILPIN, Senior Warden of Naval Lodge, No. 69, to continue the Lodge and transact such business as is proper and necessary for a Lodge to do."

The Lodge continued to work under this authority until it was granted a charter by the "Phillips Grand Lodge," on June 20, 1850, at which time WILLIAM GILPIN, Master; LEONARD BURNHAM, Senior "Warden, and F. EICKELL, Junior Warden, were installed by R.'. W.'. JAMES HERRING, Grand Secretary.

At this meeting HERMAN MANN was proposed, and on June 26th he was initiated; at the opening of the Lodge the officers were as follows:

William Gilpin, as Master.
William H. Young, as Senior War den.

Greenfield Pote, as Junior Deacon.
W. K. Frank, as Treasurer.

P. W. Frank, as Junior Warden.
F. Schlonheimer, as Senior Deacon.

J. M. Marsh, as Secretary.
H. Abrams, as Tiler.

The Lodge remained with the Phillips Grand Lodge" until the union of the two Grand Bodies, when the name and number was changed. This subject was referred to a committee which reported as follows:

"The undersigned committee to whom was referred the subject of taking a new number, or a new number and name for our Lodge, respectfully report:

"Your committee called on R.' W.'. Grand Secretary JAMES M. AUSTIN, and ascertained from him that the next junior number is 70.

"The G. S. also informed your committee that where two Lodges have the same name and number and did not consolidate, it was recommended that the one changing the number should also change its name.

"Your committee, coinciding with the views recommended, came to the conclusion to fix upon another name, and after suggesting various ones, selected a name for our Lodge unlike any other under this jurisdiction. It is the name of the first signer of the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America; whose name is not only the first, but the boldest and most prominent of all the names of those fearless and immortal patriots of '76—John Hancock—and therefore offer for adoption the following:

"Resolved, That the name of Naval Lodge, No. 69, be now abandoned, and that of John Hancock Lodge, No. 70, adopted, and that we surrender the old warrant and take up one with the new name and number. Respectfully submitted,

"J. M. MARSH, L. BURNHAM, W. H. YOUNG, H. D. KAILINSKY, Committee."

The resolution was adopted, and the Secretary was directed to notify the Grand Secretary.

The first meeting under the new charter was held in Freemasons' Hall, No. 594 Broadway, June 26, 1858, with F. M. EVANS. Master; MORRIS S. BENNETT, Senior Warden; JACOB FEY, Junior Warden.

Under its new name the Lodge has had an uninterrupted existence. On May 9, 1859, it moved to No. 207 Bowery, remaining there until May 14, 1862, when it moved to Odd Fellows Hall; here it remained until the early part of 1878, when it moved to Masonic Hall. Later in 1878 it met at No. 2 Bleecker Street: in 1879 and 1880 at Fourth Avenue and Fourteenth Street; in 1881 at No. 2 Rivington Street. In 1891 it returned to the Masonic Hall. In 1892 it met in the Grand Opera House, Eighth Avenue and Twenty-third Street. In 1893 it again returned to the Masonic Hall, where it still remains.

In 1858 TITUS M. EVANS was Master, and during the year he delivered a series of lectures which were published by the Lodge; in his closing lecture—speaking of the baneful effects of slander, he said:

"Take away the good name of a brother and you take all an honest man lives for; wealth will not restore it, for it is not bought with gold. My brothers, ere you permit a brother's fair fame to be tampered with, look at the injury you may by your thoughtless act do him; it may not only injure him, but his offspring after he has been laid in his grave. It may descend to his children, blasting their prospects as it did their father's, who it may be was innocent of that imputed to him. I look upon slander as one of the most heinous of sins, next to that of ingratitude. It has blasted the prospects of many a noble mind, and made desolate many a happy home; it has caused the family tie to be broken, and severed the hearts of those who were united in love; it has entered the holy sanctuary and thrown its firebrand of discord among the devotees of Jehovah, and sent many to wretchedness, want and an untimely grave. Beware, my brothers, how you tamper, or allow others to tamper, with the reputation of a brother, even in jest; speak of them in their absence as you would in their presence, for remember, sooner or later the sin will return upon you; for God will bring every secret thing to judgment, whether it be good or whether it be evil; and rest assured that, as Abraham said: 'The judge of all the world will do right.' "

An incident occurred on October 11, 1865, of so much interest that it is worthy of note. The record is as follows:

"Captain THOMAS P. STETSON, a worthy member of this Lodge, was introduced by P. W. M. LEONARD BURNHAM, who in appropriate terms briefly alluded to the acts of BRO. STETSON on his last voyage to Havre (France), in rescuing many of the passengers and crew of the English ship *William Nelson*, burnt at sea in June last.

"When, on motion, a Committee of five brethren, L. BURNHAM, T. EVANS, HARRISON, DAVIS and SAM'L Ach, was appointed to express the sentiments of this Lodge and the appreciation of the humane act of BRO. STETSON, as exhibited in his conduct above referred to.

"On motion W.' BRO. HUNT was added to the committee. The committee retired, and subsequently reported the following resolutions for adoption, to wit:

"W.' M.' Wardens and Brethren of John Hancock Lodge, No. 70 Your committee take pleasure in presenting the following: Resolved. That John Hancock Lodge, No. 70, is proud of the honor of having recorded among its members the name of *Thomas P. Stetson*, captain of the packetship *Mercury*, sailing between the port of New York and Havre. France.

" Resolved That for the humane and meritorious conduct on his last voyage to Havre, in saving from a watery grave 43 human beings, who were passengers on board the ill-fated English ship *William Nelson* which was burned at sea, the 25th June last, and after saving a man who had been for two days and two nights buffeting about in the open sea in a tub, and for his discretion in cruising about in the vicinity of the destruction of the burnt ship for 24 hours longer, and rescuing 42 others, who had been in the open sea in a small boat for two days and two nights, and until all hope or probability of falling in with any more were gone, before pursuing his voyage.

"Resolved, That our Brethren of Ararat Lodge, Havre, are entitled to, and we heartily extend to them our warmest thanks for their proper appreciation of the conduct of our worthy Brother *Capt. Thomas P. Stetson*, of the ship *Mercury*, and for presenting him with a magnificent set of Masonic Regalia and making him an Honorary Member of their Lodge.

"Resolved, That for the like appreciation of our worthy Brother *Thomas P. Stetson*, for his humanity and discretion, the Order of Knight Templars of Havre conferred upon him the Highest and most Honorable Degree of their Order, for which John Hancock Lodge extend to them its warmest and kindest brotherly thanks.

"Resolved, That the Ladies of Havre are also entitled to and we extend to them our heartfelt thanks for their appreciation of the merits of our BROTHER THOMAS P. STETSON, and for their goodness of heart and generosity in presenting him with a valuable Gold Medal expressing their appreciation of his conduct. All honor to the Ladies of Havre.

"Resolved, That the highest and holiest mission of man is in the saving of life and alleviating the sufferings of humanity, and that the saving of the lives of 43 passengers of the *William Nelson* by our BROTHER Capt. THOMAS P. STETSON, is not the only instance where he has saved life, as in February, 1862, at the time he was Captain of the Packet Ship *Frothingham*, sailing between the port of New York and Havre, he was instrumental in saving 47 lives from the English Ship *Spartan*, which was lost at sea, for which the English Government presented him with a most valuable Gold Chronometer, suitably inscribed, and sent to him here, and presented by the English minister.

"Resolved, That a copy of these Resolutions be sent to our Brethren of Ararat Lodge, Havre, signed by the Committee, and properly attested by the Officers of John Hancock Lodge with the seal of the Lodge attached."

"T. EVANS,
"JOHN HARRISON,
"DAN'L H. HUNT, Committee.
"SAMUEL ACH,
"L. BURNHAM,

A sketch of John Hancock Lodge would be incomplete if no mention were made of BRO. JOSEPH M. MARSH, who for many years was so closely identified with its affairs. In January, 1860, he was presented with a silver goblet, and in accepting the gift said: "I was initiated in Silentia Lodge, No. 360. in the year 1825, now thirty-five years ago, and have not missed a dozen meetings of the Lodge during that whole time; being this attentive I was soon elected to the office of Junior Deacon, afterward Secretary, then Warden, and on December 20, 1830. Master of the Lodge; and in 1831 or 1832 I was elected to the office of Treasurer, in which capacity I have served every year to the present time."

He was a member of the "Grand Steward's Lodge" for several years.

He was born at Milton, N. J., February 17, 1803; learned the trade of printer, came to New York in 1824; he established a printing business at No. 5 Eldridge Street, which he conducted for over thirty years. For several years he did the printing for the Grand Lodge. He invented a cylinder printing machine; was the first to print gold upon silk, and the first to use white ink upon a black ground. In 1852 he was one of the presidential electors on the Pierce and King ticket.

Wor, DAVID BEDFORD, another member, was for many years Criminal Recorder of Jersey City, N. J.

MASTERS OF NAVAL LODGE, No. 69.

1850. William Gilpin.	1853. Leonard Burnham.	1850. Leonard Burnham.
1851. P. W. Frank.	1854. Leonard Burnham.	1857. David Bedford.
1852. Leonard Burnham.	1855. Leonard Burnham.	

MASTERS OF JOHN HANCOCK LODGE, No. 70.

1858. Titus M. Evans.	1874. Benjamin Flandrau.	1890. Emanuel Mendelsohn.
1859. Titus M. Evans.	1875. Benjamin Flandrau.	1891. Henry Schaffer.
1860. Titus M. Evans.	1876. Benjamin Flandrau.	1892. Henry Schaffer.
1861. Titus M. Evans.	1877. Benjamin Flandrau.	1893. Joseph L. Gibbons.
1862. John Harrison.	1878. Philip J. Regnaud.	1894. Louis Engel.
1863. Daniel H. Hunt.	1879. Philip J. Regnaud.	1895. Louis Engel.
1864. Daniel H. Hunt.	1880. Philip J. Regnaud.	1896. Louis Engel.
1865. Robert J. Molloy.	1881. Henry Schaffer.	1897. Samuel Schwartz.
1866. Robert J. Molloy.	1882. Henry Schaffer.	1898. Samuel Schwartz.
1867. James Finlay.	1883. John A. Morchhauser.	1899. Samuel Schwartz.
1868. James Finlay.	1884. John A. Morchhauser.	1900. Charles Heintz.
1869. James Finlay.	1885. Emil J. Pfaeler.	1901. Charles Heintz.
1870. James Finlay.	1886. Emil J. Pfaeler.	1902. Paul Sussman.
1871. Samuel Godchand.	1887. F. C. Wilbrand.	1903. Leo Schwartz.
1872. Samuel Godchand.	1888. Henry .Schaffer.	1904. Jacob Levy.
1873. Samuel Godchand.	1889. Emanuel Mendelsohn.	

LOCKPORT LODGE, NO. 73, LOCKPORT, N. Y.

WARRANT: The warrant under which the Lodge is working was issued June 5, 1824.

The first number was 40; it was changed to No. 73 in 1839.

MINUTES: Not intact. Some of the earlier records are missing.

The officers named in the charter are:

Daniel Washburn, Master.	Norman L. Southard, Junior Warden.	Alfred Barrett, Senior Warden.
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The loss of the records and papers connected with the birth of Lockport Lodge renders it impossible to furnish a complete history of its organization; while it is known that a warrant was issued June 5, 1824, it is also a fact that a preliminary movement toward forming a Lodge was made some two years before this time. The following paper clearly proves this statement:

"LOCKPORT, November, 1822.

"Being deeply impressed with the importance of the institution of Freemasonry as a means of cementing and strengthening the bonds of society; by dispensing the bounties of charity in a manner at once liberal and judicious; by enlightening and expanding the understanding; in illustrating, simply and impressively, the rudiments of the arts and sciences, by inculcating most forcibly the moral

and sound obligations incumbent on man in the various relations of life—We, the undersigned, promise to pay the sums subscribed, for the purpose of sending a delegate to the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, and to defray such other expenses as may necessarily be incurred in procuring a charter and in establishing a Master's Lodge in the village of Lockport, to be named ' Lockport Lodge.'

"DANIEL WASHBURN, ALFRED BARRETT, JOHN E. BOND, N. L. SOUTHWORTH, A. H. MILLARD, OLIVER CULVER, JOHN GILBERT, LEVI B. PRATT, JONATHAN CHILD.

This preliminary movement was undoubtedly followed by meetings for the purpose of preparing a petition asking for a charter, but the first recorded meeting was not held until 1824, when the Lodge was working under a dispensation. The first complete minutes are dated March 23, 1824, when the Lodge convened at Niagara Hotel, in the lower town. The officers were HARVEY W. CAMPBELL, Master; PAUL HAWES, Senior Warden; ELI BRUCE, Junior Warden; S. M. PATTEN, Secretary; J. M. PARKS, Treasurer. At this meeting one candidate was initiated; the Lodge at this time had thirty-two members.

The first election for officers under the charter took place November 30, 1824, when the following officers were elected:

Harvey W. Campbell, Master.	Orsamus Turner, Senior Deacon.
Alfred Barrett, Senior Warden.	Anson Brown, Junior Deacon.
Jared Darrow, Junior Warden.	Levi Taylor, Steward.
William Vanduser, Treasurer.	Levi E. Round, Steward.
John Hopkins, Secretary.	Paul Harves, Tiler.
Samuel Horn, Chaplain.	

The Lodge continued to meet regularly until the summer of 1827, when the fierce storm of persecution which assailed everything Masonic suddenly terminated the existence of Lockport Lodge. Apparently the blow which fell upon the Lodge was unexpected, for we find that on June 19, 1827, a meeting was held; one candidate was raised, and the record says, "the Lodge closed in peace and harmony."

Only two weeks afterward, at a meeting held July 3, 1827, the record says: "Present ELI BRUCE, W. M. p. t.; H. GARDNER, S. W. p. t.; J. DARROW, J. W.; and BROTHERS BOND, CHURCHILL and Father MCKAIN, opened on Master's degree and proceeded to business,"—here the record stops; what occurred afterward that evening is unknown. The unfinished record is written in a manner to indicate either a desire to disguise the hand or was the result of nervousness or fear on the part of the Secretary; at all events, something occurred to suddenly terminate the meeting, and nothing appears to be known of the Lodge or its doings so far as written evidence is obtainable until December 31, 1831.

ELI BRUCE, whose name is so closely associated with the events which brought about the whirlwind of anti-Masonic uproar and excitement which swept over the State in 1826, was an active member of Lockport Lodge, as were also ORSAMUS TURNER and JARED DARROW: these three were accused of a conspiracy to kidnap and carry away WILLIAM MORGAN. They were jointly placed on trial in the Court of Sessions, Ontario County, August 20, 1828. TURNER and DARROW were acquitted, and BRUCE was convicted and committed to the jail in Canandaigua.

Concerning these affairs McClenachan's "History of Freemasonry in New York" says:

"After his incarceration, Bruce returned, in 1881, to his home and family in Lockport, contented and happy, as he expressed himself. The brethren of Lockport placed the greatest reliance in the integrity of Sheriff Bruce. Lockport Lodge No. 73, continued its existence amidst all the approbrium of the anti-Masonic period.

"Here Sheriff ELI BRUCE, 'the Masonic martyr,' and his deputy sheriff, H. B. HOPKINS, the 'too willing witness,' had their membership, with SOLOMON C. WRIGHT, TURNER, DARROW, HOUGUE, and others whose names appear in these pages. For the faith that was in them, the Masonic adherents, affiliated in No. 73, suffered much and cruel persecution. Established June 5, 1823, the Lodge was so popular that in the first two years ninety-two members were initiated, an average of four at each monthly meeting.

" WILLIAM MORGAN was more than once a visitor and assisted in the press of the work."

While in jail BRUCE studied medicine, and practised it when he went back to Lockport, where he died September 24, 1832.

For several years following the foregoing events the Lodge met at irregular intervals. It was not until 1839 that affairs in the Lodge resumed normal conditions.

At a meeting on August 20, 1839, word was received from the Grand Secretary that the warrant had been declared forfeited on June 5, 1835, for non-payment of dues. A petition for a revival of the warrant; also that the operations of the Lodge which have been conducted in good faith might be sanctioned, was presented to WILLIAM WILLIS, Deputy Grand Master, who granted a dispensation and authorized the Grand Secretary to visit the Lodge, receive the amount of one year's dues, revive the Lodge and heal all irregularities in the work done by the Lodge.

The Grand Secretary convened the Lodge on August 19, 1839; restored the Lodge to good standing in the Grand Lodge, and authorized it to proceed with its work until the next quarterly meeting of the Grand Lodge. On September 5, 1839, the Grand Secretary wrote the Lodge informing the members that the action of the Deputy Grand Master had been confirmed by the Grand Lodge, and that the number of the Lodge had been changed to 73 on the Grand Lodge Register.

The fury of the storm which had so seriously affected the welfare of Lockport Lodge had at this time about spent its force; the good sense and judgment of the people in the western part of the State began to assert itself, and soon Masonry again became popular. The Lodge flourished and has had an uninterrupted existence since its revival in 1839.

The records of the Lodge show frequent favorable responses to the calls for charity. On October 12, 1871, we find the following:

"Resolved, That an order for \$100 be drawn on the Treasurer for the relief of the poor and distressed Brothers in Chicago who have lost their all in the great fire, and that the Master be requested to forward the same, at the earliest practicable moment, in the manner in which his judgment may dictate."

On June 24, 1825, the Lodge participated in the celebration of the completion of the famous canal locks on the Erie Canal. Of this event McClenachan says, "In laying the cap stone of the celebrated canal locks at Lockport, No. 73 took the post or honor, as also in the reception in honor of BROTHER GENERAL LAFAYETTE in 1825."

The Lodge celebrated its Sixtieth Anniversary on June 10, 1884; the exercises were held at Masonic Hall. Wor. ANDREW R. FERGUSON read a historical sketch of the Lodge and an oration was delivered by R. W. JOHN R. ANDERSON, of Leroy, NY. In alluding to the wives and families of Masons he said:

"I should be untrue to every principle of Masonry were I to close without saying a word, directly and earnestly to those whom every Mason regards as the highest ornaments of society, the dearest and most cherished objects of every man's regard, and the most holy and precious gift to man; but to whose eyes our mystic circle is and must needs be, an invisible and unapproachable veil. I address you, ladies, in no idle spirit or unmeaning flattery, or the glitter of mere compliment, which would be unworthy of you, and ill fitting the occasion, but in that true spirit of friendship and devotion which Freemasonry teaches us to cherish and maintain for the pure and spotless name of woman, respect for her position and sphere, admiration for her many superlative charms, reverence for those higher, greater and purer of feminine qualities of patient endurance and truth, affection and devotion so exalted and exalting to her nature, and in all of which she so pre-eminently excels man. Indeed, when compared with him, she becomes a peerless star over his grosser nature, and the lustre of her soul is that of the face and the spirit and hand of the angel. Many of you have a pardonable curiosity to know the nature of that employment which is ever calling your husbands and fathers and brothers from their homes, and in which you are shut out and debarred from having any participation, and some of you who are just a little more 'curious,' entertain grave doubts as to whether that occupation which will not admit of your presence can be beneficial or possess a moral tendency. It is to dissipate and dispel those doubts, and modify those anxieties, and the hotter to answer that natural distrust, that occasions like the present are especially devoted. If there are any here to-day who entertain those or similar doubts. I respectfully ask them to carefully consider what I now utter. There are but two other more sacred and holy associations in which man can be placed than those around the altar of Masonry. The first is at the fireside of his wife and family, the other is around the altar of religion. Know then, ladies, that when taken away from our homes and from you, in the discharge of our Masonic obligations, that we go conscious in the reflection that we are building up by the genial arts of Masonry a wall of living arms, warm and brotherly hearts around our loved ones at home, which will ever be a shelter and a refuge; whose sides of adamant will resist and repel the storm; chastise and conquer as with a gleaming sword every advancement made to sully your purity, or taint or stain by so much as a breath of suspicion woman's priceless jewel, her character. And when sorrow and trouble and disappointments and bereavements thro' your hearts with pain, you will find that a safe place has been prepared for you: where the angel that heals broken hearts is warden and friend, and whose hand is the hand of tenderness, and whose watchful eye is as vigilant as the spotless star of night."

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

Lorin King, District Deputy Grand Master.

MASTERS.

1824. Harvey W. Campbell.	1851. Myron L. Burrell.	1878. Frank W. Holly.
1825. Harvey W. Campbell.	1852. George W. Lusk.	1879. Frank W. Holly.
1826. Harvey W. Campbell.	1853. James McKain.	1880. William Cocker.
1827. Harvey W. Campbell.	1854. Hawley E. Houd.	1881. James A. Newton.
1828. No election.	1855. Asher Torrance.	1882. James A. Newton.
1829. No election.	1856. William B. Lusk.	1883. Warner H. McCoy.
1830. No election.	1857. Belloster Bunnell.	1884. Warner H. McCoy.
1831. No election.	1858. Belloster Bunnell.	1885. Warner H. McCoy.
1832. Harvey W. Campbell.	1859. James D. Higgins.	1886. Cassius M. Gardner.
1833. Harvey W. Campbell.	1860. James D. Higgins.	1887. Cassius M. Gardner.
1834. Harvey W. Campbell.	1861. Richard B. Hoag.	1888. Louis Viedt.
1835. Harvey W. Campbell.	1862. Andrew R. Ferguson.	1889. Louis Viedt.
1836. Harvey W. Campbell.	1863. Warner H. McCoy.	1890. Louis Viedt.
1837. Harvey W. Campbell.	1864. Andrew R. Ferguson.	1891. Grant J. Gray.
1838. Harvey W. Campbell.	1865. Lorin King.	1892. E. W. Bright.
1839. Harvey W. Campbell.	1866. Lorin King.	1893. George D. Greenwood.
1840. Harvey W. Campbell.	1867. Lorin King.	1894. George D. Greenwood.
1841. Asher Torrance.	1868. Joseph B. Boyce.	1895. George D. Greenwood.
1842. Josiah K. Skinner.	1869. Lorin King.	1896. Cyrus D. Ormiston.
1843. Asa T. Smith.	1870. Lorin King.	1897. John A. McLaughlin, Jr.
1844. Asher Torrance.	1871. Andrew R. Ferguson.	1898. John A. McLaughlin, Jr.
1845. Asher Torrance.	1872. Ephraim Weaver.	1899. Edward Whitting.
1846. Asher Torrance.	1873. Ephraim Weaver.	1900. Edward Whitting.
1847. John Henning.	1874. Joseph B. Boyce.	1901. Edward Whitting.
1848. Asher- Torrance.	1875. Joseph B. Boyce.	1902. George G. Watson.
1849. Myron L. Burrell.	1876. Joseph B. Boyce.	1903. George G. Watson.
1850. Myron L. Burrell.	1877. James M. Ford.	1904. Harry D. Hosmer.

EVENING STAR LODGE, NO. 75, WATERVLIET, N. Y.

WARRANT: The first warrant was granted June 10, 1826. This warrant was declared forfeited by the Grand Lodge June 5, 1834. It was revived January 31, 1840, and on June 6, 1854, it was surrendered.

A new warrant was granted June 18, 1864. This was destroyed by fire September 5, 1865; in January, 1866, another was issued under which the Lodge has continued to work.

The original warrant granted June 10, 1826, is now in possession of the Lodge.

The first number was 466; it became No. 75 June 4, 1840.

MINUTES: Not intact.

When organized the first three officers were:

Joseph Hayward, Master. Obadiah T. Brown, Junior Warden.
Ira Holdridge, Senior Warden.

When revived in 1840 the officers were:

Jacob Gingrich, Master. William P. Lansing, Secretary.
Jonathan Hart, Senior Warden. Jacob Clute, Treasurer.
Luther M. Tracy, Junior Warden.

The new warrant granted in 1864 named as first officers:

Daniel W. Tallcott, Master. George T. Milliman, Junior Warden.
William Andrews, Jr., Senior Warden.

CHARTER MEMBERS, 1864

William Andrews, Jr.	John E. Glass.	William Oswald.
David Anderson.	Sylvester J. Gleason.	James F. Roy.
Lorenzo D. Collins.	Thomas Gunsalus.	Albert Sage.
George W. Cole.	George Hutchinson.	Milton H. St. John.
Thomas M. Deane.	Alexander Ingram.	Robert G. Smith.
James A. Dumont.	Edwin S. Johnson.	Daniel W. Tallcott.
John H. Fitchett.	George T. Milliman. ,	Elias Vanderlip.
Harry Fitchett.	Lewis J. Milliman.	Stephen S. Wandell.
William Fox.	Alexander McAllister.	
Charles H. Fort.	William McLellan.	

Some fourteen years previous to the granting of a warrant to Evening Star Lodge, No. 466, a Lodge was organized in the town of Watervliet; on December 12, 1811, a warrant was granted to Clinton Lodge, No. 202, but there are no records existing concerning this Lodge or its doings, and the only evidence that such a Lodge existed is that a warrant was granted by the Grand Lodge, and on the Grand Lodge register in 1819 it is reported as dormant.

It was not until 1826 that another effort was made to establish a Lodge in the town of Watervliet. At this time there were two Grand Lodges in the State of New York—one known as the City Grand Lodge, while the other was styled the Country Grand Lodge.

STEPHEN VAN RENNELAER was Grand Master of the latter body when a number of Masons living in the village of Glbbonsville, in the town of Watervliet, presented a petition to him asking for a warrant to form a Lodge in this village, and on June 10, 1826, a warrant was issued creating Evening Star Lodge, No. 466, and the young Lodge began operations; but it was destined to be short-lived, for scarcely three months had elapsed before the storm of persecution occasioned by the Morgan episode broke over the infant Lodge. Weak in numbers and surrounded by influences adverse to its life, it was forced to yield; meetings were discontinued, and the silence of death covers its record for several years. It was not represented in the Grand Lodge after 1826, and on June 5, 1834, owing to failure to pay dues during the preceding six years, its warrant was declared forfeited by the Grand Lodge.

No definite action was taken to revive the Lodge until 1838. Almost four years had elapsed when some of the members of the Lodge, headed by Won. JOSEPH HAYWARD, succeeded in interesting DANIEL P. MARSHALL, a member of Temple Lodge of Albany, in their efforts to revive the Lodge, and this brother addressed the following letter to R.'. W.'. JAMES HERRING, Grand Secretary:

"This will be handed to you by BROTHER Past Master BLANK, who will explain to you the wishes of the Brothers in whose behalf I write. Evening Star Lodge, No. 466, formerly held in Watervliet, went down, its jewels were sold for rent and its charter is lost. Some brethren, resident at Watervliet, members of Albany and Troy Lodges, and I believe some of the old members of Evening Star Lodge, are desirous of reviving the Lodge if possible, in which case, if the old charter is not found, they want to get a new one in place of it. The fact is, they cannot afford to pay the fee for a new charter, but if they can get a Lodge organized they will do well."

This letter is still preserved in the archives of the Grand Lodge, and bears the following indorsement of the Grand Secretary:
"The thing is impossible to grant, unconstitutional, and too irregular for a precedent."

The Grand Lodge of 1839 did not uphold this decision of Grand Secretary HERRING. The application was referred to the Committee on Warrants, which made the following report on June 7, 1839:

"Your Committee reports that they have duly considered the application for the revival of Evening Star Lodge, No. 466. and would respectfully recommend that the whole subject be referred to K.'. W.'. JOHN D. WILLARD, Junior Grand Warden, to grant the request of the petitioners if, in his judgment, deemed expedient, on the payment of one year's Grand Lodge dues."

The Grand Lodge approved the recommendations of its committee, and on May 26, 1840, Junior Grand Warden WILLARD made the following report to the Grand Secretary:

"I would report to you that in pursuance of the authority vested in me by the Grand Lodge, I did on the 31st day of January, 1840, revive Evening Star Lodge and restore its charter. The election of officers was held under my direction and in my presence, and JACOB GINGRICH was elected Master, JONATHAN HART, Senior Warden, and LUTHER M. TRACY, Junior Warden. The officers of the Lodge were installed by me. I add with pleasure that I have reason to believe that the members of the Lodge as revived, exhibit much zeal for the institution and are striving to preserve its purity by guarding against the admission of unworthy members."

At first the revived Lodge met with indifferent success. R. W. JOHN D. WILLARD became interested in its affairs, and upon his solicitation W. JOHN S. PERRY, a Past Master of Apollo Lodge, No. 13, of Troy, was induced to dimit from his mother Lodge in 1841, and became a member of Evening Star Lodge. He was Master in 1842, and under his guidance the Lodge prospered, and for over ten years it worked regularly. In 1854 it again began to languish; events occurred which led to controversies and dissensions among the members. This state of discord and in-harmony soon made it apparent that the best interest of the Fraternity would be served by a surrender of the warrant.

WOR. DANIEL C. STEWART was Master at the time and he reported to the Grand Lodge that at a meeting of the Lodge held April 12, 1854, a motion had been unanimously carried to surrender the warrant and that "the Lodge adjourned *sine die*." The records of the Grand Lodge gives the date of the surrender of the warrant as June 6, 1854.

Among the papers on file in the office of the Grand Secretary is the following:

WEST TROY, June 3, 1854.

W. BROTHER JAMES M. AUSTIN, Grand Secretary.

SIR: Enclosed you will please find the Charter and Certificate of Evening Star Lodge, No. 75, of Free and Accepted Masons, transmitted to you in pursuance of the following Resolution of Said Lodge:

"Regular Meeting of Evening Star Lodge, No. 75, of Free and Accepted Masons held in their Lodge-room Wednesday evening, April 12th, A. L. 5854.

Present: M. W. DANIEL C. STEWART, Officers and Brethren. Lodge opened in E. A. Degree for despatch of business; minutes of last meeting read and approved. On Motion P. M. JAS. F. BRISLIN was invited to install the Officers Elect, Whereupon BRO. BRISLIN duly installed the following Officers, in Ancient form.

Daniel C. Stewart, W. M.	Morgan L. Taylor, Treas.
George B. Frazer, S. W. by Craw ford, proxy.	Wm. McLellen, S. D.
Lorenzo D. Collins, J. W.	John W. Fisher, J. D.
John E. Glass, Sec. by Wandell, proxy.	John Christie, Tyler.

The W. M. resumed the chair, and on motion the Lodge of E. A. Masons was closed, and a Lodge of M. Masons opened instead thereof. When on motion the following Resolution offered by BRO. JAS H. BRISLIN at last Regular meeting was taken up, fully discussed and unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the Charter of this Lodge be Surrendered to the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, and this Lodge is hereby declared to be disbanded at the close of this Lodge Meeting.

On Motion of BRO. MCALLISTER it was then Resolved that the Treasurer notify the Proprietor of this Room that it will be vacated on May 1st, 1854, And to pay the Rent up to that time.

When on Motion Lodge closed *Sine die*.

S. S. WANDELL, Sec. Pro.

The property, Books, papers, etc., of the Lodge are in my charge and custody according to the provisions of the Constitution, and are subject to the Order of the Grand Lodge. Please inform me what Action the G. L. takes in the premises, and Oblige,

Yours Fraternally,

DANIEL C. STEWART.

Late W. M. of Evening Star Lodge, No. 75.

Thus for the second time was Evening Star Lodge lost to sight, and for nearly six years no effort was made toward reviving the Lodge. In 1860 DANIEL W. TALLCOTT, a resident of West Troy and a member of King Solomon's Primitive Lodge, No. 91, of Troy, began a successful agitation among the members to resuscitate the old Lodge. At first he met with opposition, but finally his efforts resulted in sending the following petition to the Grand Master:

"To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Ancient Freemasons of the State of New York:

"The petition of the undersigned respectfully showeth that they are regular Freemasons, and are at present or have been members of regular Lodges; that having the prosperity of the fraternity at heart, they are willing to exert their best endeavors to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of Freemasonry; that for the couveniency of their respective dwellings and for other good reasons, they have agreed to form a new

Lodge in the village of West Troy, County of Albany, to be named _____, No. ____; that in consequence of this resolution, they pray the Most Worshipful Grand Master for a dispensation to empower them to assemble as a regular Lodge at West Troy, and then to discharge the duties of Freemasons in a regular and constitutional manner, according to the ancient usages of the Order, and the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Freemasons of the State of New York; they have nominated and do recommend DANIEL W. TALLCOTT to be the first Master, and WM. ANDREWS, Jr., to be the first Senior Warden, and GEO.

F. MILLIMAN to be the first Junior Warden of the said Lodge; and the prayer of this petition being granted, they promise strict conformity to every regular edict and command of the Grand Master and to the constitution, laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Freemasons of the State of New York."

L. D. Collins.	James Roy.
D. W. Tallcott.	Wm. L. Olwald.
S. S. Wandell.	A. McAllister.
Thos. Gunsalus.	Elias Vanderlip.
Jas. A. Dumont.	A. G. Sage.

Harry Fitchett.	M. H. St. John.
Thomas M. Deane.	R. G. Smith.
G. F. Milliman.	L. J. Milliman.
Chas. H. Fort.	George Hutchinson.
John E. Glass.	David Anderson.
W. McLellan.	Wm. Andrews, Jr.
Jno. H. Fitchett.	William Fox.
Alexander Ingram.	S. J. Glelison.
Edwin S. Johnson.	Geo. W. Cole.

In February, 1864, a dispensation was issued to resume work. The old warrant could not be found and a new warrant was given the Lodge on June 18, 1864, with the old number 75; from this it appears that it was the intention of the Grand Lodge to allow the resuscitated Lodge to resume labor under the original warrant. This leads to the conclusion that Evening Star Lodge, No. 75, of today is the legitimate successor of the old Lodge warranted by STEPHEN VAN RENSSELAER, June 10, 1826.

The warrant granted in 1804 was destroyed by fire September 5, 1805, and in January, 1866, it received the warrant which is now in possession of the Lodge.

Shortly after M.' W.' EDWARD M. L. EHLERS was elected Grand Secretary he began to re-arrange and classify the old papers and documents in his office. While engaged in this work on May 26, 1855, the old warrant was found. The Grand Secretary sent it to Wm. DANIEL W. TALLCOTT, who placed it in the National Bank of West Troy for safe keeping. Some ten years later WOR. SIMON C. FORT had it framed and hung on the wall in the Lodge-room, a highly cherished and valued witness to the watchful care of him who notes and governs all things. In 1901 it was placed in the Lodge safe, and is exhibited on all suitable occasions.

Since its restoration to active life in 1804, the history of the Lodge has been a record of steady growth and its affairs have prospered.

Upon its revival in 1864 the Lodge met in the building on the corner of Broadway and Canal Street, on September 5, 1865; this building was destroyed by fire, the Lodge losing all of its property. From September, 1865, to November, 1866, it met in Odd Fellows Hall. It afterward occupied rooms on the west side of Broadway and was again burned out in December, 1870; all of its property including the minute books and records was destroyed. The present Lodge-room at 1592 Broadway was dedicated by M.' W.' JOHN H. ANTHON, Grand Master, April 11, 1871.

The Lodge has frequently participated in public ceremonials. A delegation was sent to attend the laying of the corner-stone of the Masonic Hall in New York City in June, 1870; the Lodge attended the laying of the corner-stone of the Capitol at Albany, June 24, 1871. On June 22, 1871, it attended the laying of the corner-stone of the Masonic Temple at Troy; in December, 1874, it held a fair for the benefit of the poor of the village. This enterprise resulted in securing the sum of \$2,000, which was distributed to the needy by the pastors of the churches in the village. In September, 1882, it participated in the services at Troy in connection with the funeral services of President GARFIELD; it attended the laying of the corner-stone of the Home at Utica, May 21, 1891, and the dedication of the same, October 5, 1892. It was present at the laying of the corner-stone of the Masonic Temple at Albany, June 24, 1895, and on August 21, 1895, attended similar ceremonies at Cohoes, NY.

On September 22, 1901, it participated with seven other Lodges in holding a Lodge of Sorrow in Rand's Opera House at Troy in memory of BROTHER PRESIDENT WILLIAM McKinley.

On August 28, 1902, it was present at the laying of the corner-stone of the Lansingburgh Masonic Temple in Upper Troy.

A memorable occasion in the history of the Lodge was the celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of its organization: this event was held in the Masonic Hall, Watervliet, NY, Tuesday evening, June 11, 1901.

Upwards of three hundred Masons were present when the Lodge opened; sixteen of its Past Masters were greeted by the Master, WOR. CHARLES A. RICHARDSON, who also received and greeted a large number of present and past Grand Lodge officers and a number of Masters and Past Masters of sister Lodges. A historical address was delivered by R.' W.' DANIEL W. TALLCOTT.

The crowning event of the evening's festivities was the presentation of certificates of Honorary Membership to M.' W.' HENRY L. PALMER, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, and BROTHER E MANUEL MARES, who are the only living members of the Lodge prior to 1864.

The presentation was made by WOR. MORRIS S. MACKENZIE; in presenting the certificate to M.' W.' BRO. PALMER, he said:

"Most Worshipful Sir and Venerable Brother: Your presence at this communication, which marks the seventy-fifth anniversary of the institution of our Lodge, is to us at once a message from the past, an inspiration for the present and an earnest of the future.

"It is easily imagined that, after your long absence, you again enter this Lodge with conflicting emotions of joy and sadness. We rejoice to-night with you that Evening Star Lodge, the tender sapling once the object of your loving and faithful solicitude, has become a spreading tree, beneath whose welcome shade so many weary travelers find rest and refreshment; and that the grand institution of Freemasonry, which in the day of your active membership in this Lodge was still the object of suspicion and bitter attack, has outlived all persecution and is now honored and revered throughout the world.

"But, venerable brother, we also sympathetically join with you in your sad reflection that among all those here assembled to honor you and to celebrate this natal day, not one is here of those who were wont to assemble with you around the sacred altar in the by-gone days.

"One by one they have laid down the working tools of life and have been summoned into the eternal presence of the Grand Master of the Universe, through whose providential goodness you are spared to bring to us a message from the olden time, bidding us to cherish that institution which was established by the labor and sacrifices of our ancient brethren, and to carry on toward glorious completion the work which they have laid down.

" * * * Most Worshipful BROTHER PALMER, Evening Star Lodge owes a debt which can never be repaid to you, for the years of faithful service which you gave to it as master. We feel proud of the successes which you have attained in all the walks of life. Truly the purple of our Fraternity rests upon your honored shoulders, and we feel that your distinguished Masonic career sheds a lustre upon the Lodge in which you took the first three steps upon the ladder which leads to fame in our mystic circle.

"I now present you on behalf of the Lodge this certificate as a token of the esteem in which you are held by the brethren of Evening Star Lodge."

JUDGE PALMER'S reply in accepting the gift was eloquent; in part he said:

"Worshipful Master and My Brethren: He who has represented you upon this occasion has wisely and truly said that my visit here to-night must be accompanied by conflicting emotions. He could have said nothing truer than that, and he has given the reason for it. I have to regret that I do not possess the control of language sufficient to enable me to adequately express my appreciation of the kindness of your Lodge in restoring me once more, in a modified form, to its roll of membership, for, if there is one thing that I desired, that would be more agreeable to me than another, in connection with my Masonic services, it was this graceful act of yours of again connecting me, now near the close of my pilgrimage, with that Lodge in which, as you have truly said, I first took the first three degrees in Freemasonry. I will accept most gratefully the honor you have thus conferred, and the evidence of that membership which you have presented.

" * * * you have well said that it is not probable that we shall ever again gather together on this side of that shore which separates us from the eternal life. It is absolutely certain that this concourse of dear brethren into whose faces I now look will never be gathered in life again all together. I may meet some of you—I hope many of you—but already in the western sky the signs bid me prepare to gather up my working tools and part upon the square.

" * * * You have- spoken referring to the assaults which have been made upon the institution, of which Evening Star Lodge is an honored component part. The history of Evening Star Lodge is an illustration of the truth of what you have said. Scarcely was the signature upon its charter dry before that awful storm appeared upon the scene which closed up the Lodges in the State. There is no record of any work being done under its charter from 1820 until after it was revived in 1840. Upon every Masonic Lodge throughout this State and county most fearful and unjust and cruel attacks were made upon men of the highest character and reputation in the State; the leaders of the Fraternity in most of the Lodges in this State were threatened. Lodges were closed. Few there were of the whole number of four hundred and .some odd that maintained their existence. Such storms like this must have their close. It spent its fury, but it required years and years to forget the prejudice which had been created by that terrible contest. This grand old institution of Freemasonry, of which we all have the honor to be members, and of which we are proud, and justly proud, met this attack upon her integrity as she meets all similar attacks. She is again and still teaching the great truth which has its source in Him who created the universe, teaching mankind by her acts more eloquently than anything else. She has left her record to speak for her, and it has spoken for her, until the world has become satisfied that the grand old institution of Freemasonry is after all one of the greatest, and one of the best organizations of human origin. It does not assume to be of divine origin; it never attempted to assume the place of religion of the Almighty, but it is a wonderful aid of any true religion. We can say this for her, that she has taught no truths save those which tend to the well-being of mankind; she has inculcated among her votaries the duty to practise every virtue which may determine and beautify human character, and to flee from every vice that sullies or disgraces. She has convinced the world that it is a beneficial institution designed for the benefit of mankind and administered for noble, just and honorable purposes.

" * * * The mission upon which Freemasonry started has not yet been accomplished. It will not be until that time shall come when this earth shall be made a temple for the dwelling place of a God of infinite love. We can well imagine that that period will be a long time coming, but let me say to you that this institution will continue in the performance of regular duties in accordance with her theory and her creed. "Men may come, and men may go, "but this old institution, like Tennyson's brook, shall 'go on forever.'

" * * * Now, my brethren, thanking you most cordially, most sincerely for the kindly greeting you have extended to me this evening, and for the great honor you have done me in reuniting me to Evening Star Lodge as an honorary member, both of which I can highly appreciate, I beg to express to you my sincerest wishes for the future success and welfare of Evening Star Lodge, and every member of it, and every member of this great Fraternity now here present."

The historical address delivered by R.'. W.'. DANIEL W. TALLCOTT furnished valuable information, much of which is included in this sketch, and in closing he gave some wholesome advice and offered suggestions well worth preservation; he said:

"Now brothers of Evening Star Lodge, it is for you to determine what the future of your Lodge shall be. You have the record of the experiences of seventy-five years before you; inasmuch as in your power profit by them; improve upon the past.

" * * * Build a memorial in every home of sorrow and want, where the prayers of the widowed and orphan may be offered up daily for your health and prosperity, for long after you have passed into the land of the unknown will the performance of good deeds live in the memory of mankind. Elevate and cheer each other, to gather renewed vigor for the combats that await us all in our journey through life.

" * * * Let not the sun rise or set without reflecting brighter and more lustrous the honorable estimation you are held in by your fellow citizens. And in your Lodge let your brother be a brother indeed; his circumstances, his feelings, his sorrows and his joys, regard them in the spirit which his intimate relation deserves, and in prosperity or adversity let his emotions awaken within you a sympathetic impression.

"Finally, my brothers, let us ever have the maxim and saying of our patron, the aged St. John, present with us; let us remember those last days of his life, as the great teacher of Masonry, when he came into the assembly of the faithful, too feeble to walk—was supported by his brethren—too feeble then to raise his voice in prayer or exhortation— spread out over the assembled flock his aged hands and gave to them the maxim—the maxim and command of Masonry—the one great law of our order, 'Love one another.' Obey this command, my brethren, and then when we shall receive the final summons we may stand the test of the Grand Master's square and have a right to the Tree of Life and be admitted through the gates into the city."

Before the festivities closed W.'. MORRIS S. MACKENZIE, who had compiled a history of the Lodge, was, upon the suggestion of R.'. W.'. BROTHER TALLCOTT, unanimously elected permanent Historian of the Lodge.

HENRY L. PALMER was born at Mount Pleasant, Wayne County, Pa., October 18, 1819. He was made a Mason in Evening Star Lodge in 1841; he was Master four years, from 1845 to 1848 inclusive: he removed to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1840. Soon after he affiliated with Wisconsin Lodge, No. 13, then called Tracy Lodge: he was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin in 1852-53 and again in 1871-72. He has also gained prominence in public life; he was a Member of Assembly in 1853, 1860, 1862 and 1873, serving as Speaker during the session of 1853 and an extra session in 1862: he was State Senator in 1867-68. In 1873 he was elected County Judge of Milwaukee County, but retired in 1874 to accept the office of President of the North Western Life Insurance Company of Milwaukee.

The Lodge has had upon its roll of membership others who have obtained prominence in public life.

Lorenzo D. Collins, State Senator, Member of Assembly.
George B. Mosher, Member of Assembly.
Waters W. Braman, State Senator, Member of Assembly.
Thomas G. Ross, Member of Assembly.
Thomas D. Liddle, Member of Assembly.
Joseph M. Lawrence, President of Village.
William D. Sunderlin, Member of Assembly.
William C. Durant, Post Master.
Charles A. Benjamin, Supervisor.
James Forsyth, Member of Assembly.
Henry A. Retallick, Supervisor.

Robert S. Turner, Alderman.
Edwin W. Joslin, Alderman.
Douglass Y. Harrington, Alderman.
Charles L. Oothout, Alderman.
Henry Calboun, Alderman.
John J. Thompson, Alderman.
Fayette B. Durant, Water Commissioner.
James Trimble, Electric Light Commissioner.
William C. Baxter, Coroner.
George S. Haswell, Coroner.
George H. Smith, Superintendent of Streets.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

Daniel W. Tallcott, Grand Steward, 1871; Grand Sword Bearer, 1874-75; Dist Deputy Grand Master, 1880; Grand Representative.
William H. Kirkpatrick, District Deputy Grand Master, 1900.
Henry Calboun, District Deputy Grand Master, 1902-1904.

MASTERS.

1826. Joseph Hayward.
1840. Jacob Gingrich.
1841. Jacob Gingrich.
1842. John S. Perry.
1843. Carey Murdock.
1844. Eleazer Jenks.
1845. Henry L. Palmer.
1846. Henry L. Palmer.
1847. Henry L. Palmer.
1848. Henry L. Palmer.
1849. Ezra I. Higgins.
1850. Ezra I. Higgins.
1851. James H. Brisbin.
1852. James H. Brisbin.
1853. Daniel C. Stewart.
1854. Daniel C. Stewart.
1864. Daniel W. Tallcott.
1865. Daniel W. Tallcott.

1866. Daniel W. Tallcott.
1867. Daniel W. Tallcott.
1868. Daniel W. Tallcott.
1869. Daniel W. Tallcott.
1870. Daniel W. Tallcott.
1871. Daniel W. Tallcott.
1872. Horace M. Barnes.
1873. David Erskine.
1874. Robert H. Miller.
1875. Robert H. Miller.
1876. Robert P. Tunnard.
1877. Robert P. Tunnard.
1878. Daniel W. Tallcott.
1879. John McBain.
1880. Fayette B. Durant.
1881. Fayette B. Durant.
1882. Ralph Moore.
1883. Ralph Moore.
1884. William W. Lindsay.
1885. John McDonald.

1886. Arthur B. Stewart.
1887. Arthur B. Stewart.
1888. Samuel Andrews.
1889. William B. Sabin.
1890. Matthew H. Lee.
1891. Robert Trimble.
1892. W. H. Kirkpatrick.
1893. George E. Hayford.
1894. Solomon Lang.
1895. Simon C. Fort.
1896. Simon C. Fort.
1897. Morris S. MacKenzie.
1898. Edward W. Rogers.
1899. Henry Calhoun.
1900. Charles C. Richenecker.
1901. Charles A. Richardson.
1902. John McLaren.
1903. George S. Haswell.
1904. Chas. E. Swatling.

HAMILTON LODGE, NO. 79, CANAJOHARIE, N. Y.

WARRANT: The first warrant was issued March 5, 1806. The warrant under which the Lodge is now working was issued June 13, 1850.

The first number was 134; it received number 79 in 1850.

MINUTES: Not intact. Missing from 1806 to 1849 and from 1868 to 1882.

The records of Hamilton Lodge from its organization in 1806 to 1849 were destroyed by fire, hence the early history of the Lodge is but little known, and were it not for the interest taken in the Lodge by WOR. JOSEPH WHITE, who in 18G2 furnished the Grand Lodge with a transcript of the old minutes, it would be impossible to ascertain anything concerning the early life of this Lodge. He says: "The records are defective as to the date of dispensation or charter, or of first officers. One book of records was in the family of JOHN VAN DUSER at the time of the fire by which all other records, furniture, etc., were destroyed December 25, 1849, and thus some of the early proceedings are available for extracts."

The first recorded meeting was held September 9, 1806. At this time the following were officers:

Cornelius I. Wyncoop, Master.
Joshua Webster, Senior Warden.
Barent Roseboom, Junior Warden.

George Hewson, Treasurer,
Henry J. Frey, Secretary.

When first organized it appears that some provision was made in the rules to the effect that the Lodge should furnish refreshments for the members at the meetings, as the minutes contain frequent allusions to fees received for refreshments; the records of July 6, 1812, contain the following: " Refreshing fees average about \$2.00 per evening."

On June 3, 1815, the record says: " On motion the amendment heretofore added to the by-laws restricting the refreshments to one glass of wine and four crackers to each person was rescinded and the brethren have what they please." Apparently this action did not work well as on February 5, 1816. the record says: "On motion the Lodge resolved to make use of no ardent spirits except beer and cider." These extracts from the minutes indicate that the members of Hamilton Lodge were not unlike the rest of the community, but in common with the custom which prevailed at that period, freely indulged in the use of spirituous beverages, however, while providing for the physical they were not unmindful of their spiritual welfare as their regulations provided for "Lectures and improvement," as on August 3, 1807, the record says:

"Ordered that all members not attending on the 3rd Monday in each month for lectures and improvements be subject to the same penalty as on regular Lodge nights." This penalty was a fine of one shilling.

The Lodge early in its existence began a movement to secure a permanent home. On April 3, 1815, "A committee was appointed to raise funds by subscription to build a Lodge room in connection with a distract schoolhouse in Canajoharie."

On October 2, 1815, the record says: "The Committee heretofore appointed on the removal of the Lodge reported it inexpedient at present." This subject was again revived in 1818; on June 1st we find on the record—" On motion, *Resolved*, That the Lodge concur in the purchase of the building and lot made by the Committee from Mr. JACOB HESS for the Lodge, and that said Committee superintend the finishing of the building." This purchase proved disastrous and caused a vast amount of trouble and loss to the Lodge; it also undoubtedly exerted a strong influence upon the members, who became discouraged and lost interest in its affairs: this, together with a failure to make proper returns to the Grand Lodge, brought about a forfeiture of its charter.

The following letters and papers contain much that is interesting concerning the history of this Lodge.

CANAJOHARIE, June 16, 1840.

R.' W.'. JAMES HERRING,

Brother: A communication was sent you last winter by the members of Hamilton Lodge, No. _____, at Palatine Bridge, County of Montgomery, relative to the restoration of the charter of that Lodge for the purpose of resuming business, which we have reason to believe could be done under favorable auspices. I conversed with BR. JOSEPH CUYLER on the subject at the annual convocation of the Grand Chapter in February last, and he promised to attend to the business at the next meeting of Grand Lodge, now recently held. We suppose he laid the subject before the Grand Lodge as agreed (if he was there), and we now ask the return of the charter of said Lodge upon the payment of the customary commutation of one year's dues from the members, which shall be remitted when arrangements are made for the restoration of the charter. Who nil the members are I cannot say, not having seen the records. Some probably have moved away, and some are dead. The following, I understand, were the last officers: John G. VANDUSEN, W. M. (since dead) ; GEORGE BAUDER, S. W.; P. A. NILLIS, J. W.; MATHEW McCABE, Sec't.; ARCHIBALD ANDERSON, Tr.; JOHN S. VAN DYKE, J. D.; BALTIS COOK, Tyler. The following persons were members, and are now living in this vicinity: JOHN VANALSTINE, HERMAN I. EHLE, JOSHUA WEBSTER, SEYMOUR MARSH and JOHN ATWATER. The Number of the Lodge will probably require alteration to suit the present arrangement, but the name and original charter we wish to retain.

Will you, Sir, have the goodness to return an answer by mail at your earliest convenience and state such course as will be necessary to procure the restoration of the charter as above mentioned.

Very respectfully yours,

JOSEPH WHITE.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of New York:

We, the undersigned members of the Masonic fraternity, and some of us late officers and members of Hamilton Lodge. No. 134, at Palatine Bridge, being desirous of reviving the labors of said Lodge at this place, would respectfully request the return of the former charter of the same. Our intentions are bona-fide to do business, for we are satisfied that the time has now arrived when we can commence operations with advantage.

The reason why we wish a return of the old in place of a new charter is in consequence of the fact that some doubt might arise in relation to the title to the lot, buildings and appendages belonging to the Lodge at the time the charter was handed to Mr. Cuyler.

It is believed that there was nothing due from this to the Grand Lodge at the time of the surrender of the charter, but should there appear to be on reference to your books, we are willing to comply with the rules and pay one year's dues.

Given under our hands July 8th, 1840.

Late Senior Warden, George Bauder.
Late Secretary of said Lodge, Mathew McCabe .
John Atwater.
Peter Waggoner.
Joseph White.

Pythagoras Wetmore.
Baltis Cook.
Jno. Cummings.
Herman J. Ehle.

JOHNSTOWN, July 18, 1840.

THE R.' W.'. JAMES HERRING, ESQ.,

Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. R.' W.'. BROTHER : The accompanying petition was rec'd by me this day thro the Post office and as BR. WHITE the writer to me, says in his letter by your request for my approval.

I am well acquainted with the petitioners and have no doubt if the warrant of Hamilton Lodge should be restored the Lodge would be properly conducted and your knowledge of my feelings as to the prosperity of the Craft, must believe that I will give my assistance to our brethren in the vicinity of this location.

The petitioners say they have some property; some such thing was intimated to me at the time of the surrender of the warrant, and their indebtedness at that time, nothing could be made out of it at the rime to the advantage of the Grand Lodge; by a reference to your books you will find the Lodge was largely in arrears at the time of the surrender and that was the reason of the warrant being called in.

I remain fraternally,

Your Brother,
Jo's CUYLER.

This petition and letter was presented to the Grand Lodge, September 2, 1840, and "Referred to the Grand Lodge Officers with power."

This appeal appears to have met with favorable action as will be noted by the following letter:

JOHNSTOWN, Nov. 3rd, 1840.

JAMES HERRING, Esq.,

R.' W.'. Br: Yours came safe to hand yesterday; I should have written before but we are in the midst of an election and I cannot attend to anything else, but our old affairs must draw me off this evening. 1 attended, to hold an election of Hamilton Lodge on the 14th day of October last, when the following persons were elected:

Br. JOSEPH WHITE, Master.

" GEORGE BAUDER, S. W.

" LAWRENCE MARCELLUS, J. W.

" MATHEW McCABE, Secretary,

whom I duly installed into office. I have a return in my possession which I will transmit you by the first safe private conveyance. The affairs of the institution in point of pecuniary affairs are in a had way (here follows a statement of the existing conditions. Grand Historian). It is unfortunate that Dr. WHITE is not at home, but when he returns everything will be done that can be done to put things in a right shape, and I have promised to aid our friends with any assistance in my power to bestow.

I am respectfully and fraternally.

Yours, etc.,

Jo's CUYLER.

This effort to revive the Lodge was not as successful as its adherents anticipated. Further trouble and disappointment came about through a loss caused by the uncertainties in the method of transmitting money which prevailed at that time. The following letter and statement throw so much light upon the affairs of the Lodge, and contain so much of interest to the fraternity that they are herewith given in full. The originals are on file in the office of the Grand Secretary.

CANAJOHARIE, June 17, 1844.

W.' BR. JAMES HERRING,

G. SEC'Y OF THE G. LODGE OF NEW YORK.

It was with surprise & pain that I received your communication of the 13 inst. asking the return of the Charter of this Hamilton Lodge 79 as being forfeited for the non-payment of dues for three years past. I was surprised that the G. Lodge had not received the communication & returns from this Lodge containing our dues for two years past—which from your silence on the subject I must suppose to be the case. I was pained that we had a second time failed in our honest endeavors to fulfill our duties to the G. Lodge faithfully.

I will state the facts and if the Grand Lodge require it will furnish the proofs & then let them judge if we have been remiss in our duty to the G. Lodge or unfaithful to our brethren— Just previous to the "Annual communication of the G. Lodge in 1842 this Hamilton Lodge No. 79 paid its dues which were mailed by Pythagoras Wetmore, George Bander & Baltis Cook who was Dep. Post Master (& postage paid) at the Palatine Bridge Post Office. Directed to Joseph Cuyler of Johnstown who was then I believe S. G. W. That communication to Br Cuyler contained the returns of this Lodge also a copy of its by-laws—and a proxy for Br Cuyler to represent this Lodge in the G. Lodge at its then approaching session. We supposed our Lodge had been represented by him—that our dues had been paid and our returns regularly made as all these has been sent to him for that purpose—and it was not until we rec'd a copy of the transactions of the G. Lodge that we learned our dues were not paid.—We then supposed that a part of the money lost by Br. Cuyler was the dues sent by us and not knowing the particulars we still supposed that the returns had been made although the money was gone—In 1843 I learned that Br. Cuyler did not intend to go down & being late & inconvenient to call an extra meeting & send a proxy and wishing also to learn something further relative to the money lost by Br. Cuyler the year previous we did nothing—The report of the Transactions of the G. Lodge of that year 1843 shows that this Lodge had made no returns since revival—while we supposed that returns had been made for the year previous (1842) & that our Dues had been stated by Br. Cuyler as part of the money lost—On learning from the report that no returns had been made a committee was appointed to call on Br Cuyler for information relative to those matters. That committee was Pythagoras Wetmore & myself. We accordingly went to Johnstown, called on Br C. and then for the first time learned that Br C. had never received our communication to him in 1842 and that consequently he could make no returns for us—We went with Br Cuyler to the Post Master at Johnstown and learned from him (the Postmaster) that no such letter had been rec'd at that office and that a number of other failures had occurred about that time which had never been detected. It was supposed the fault was at the Fonda post office.

On Monday evening, June 3, 1844, it being our regular communication—a proxy was made out for yourself to represent this Lodge in the (G. Lodge at its present session if one of our officers could not go. Returns were made by the Secy Br Mathew McCabe and cash paid for dues for the following persons for two years past, George Bauder Mathew McCabe, Baltis Cook, Pythagoras Wetmore, John Atwater & Joseph White, making six dollars. Some of the members live at a distance & of course did not pay which they probably will do next meeting—In fact \$5. of the above was paid last fall for this purpose— A brief statement of the condition of the Lodge property Jewels &c. was made which together with the proxy and the cash \$0. was handed by me on Tuesday Morning June 4, 1844 to Br Pythagoras Wetmore to transmit to you in case neither he nor Br. John Cummings should be able to attend the G. Lodge in person which either of them would have a right to do one being S. W. & the other J. W. of this Lodge. Both Br Cummings & Wetmore had business in Albany. Br Cummings was there already & Br Wetmore went on Tuesday the 4th inst— It was our anxious desire that our Lodge should be represented by one of its own members particularly on account of some property which of right belongs to this Lodge. Both Br Cummings & Wetmore understand the matter having investigated the subject on the part of the Lodge. The business however of both Brs precluded their attendance at the G. Lodge as desired and therefore Br Wetmore adopted the alternative and forwarded the proxy & cash \$0. & returns from Albany in a package directed to yourself thus,

JAMES HERRING ESQ

Sec Grand Lodge

N. York City.

This BR. WETMORE letter, although dated at Canajoharie was sent from Albany under the circumstances above stated. BR. W. says the package was put into the hands of the agent of Pomeroy's Express on the evening of the 4th inst. just as the Boat was

about to leave for New York. The following is a copy of BR. WETMORE'S letter to you containing the money returns, &c. above alluded to—

CANAHOJARIE [SIC], June 4, 1844.

To JAMES HERRING, ESQ.

Dr Sir: It was our intention to have sent one of the officers of our Lodge to attend the annual communication of the G. Lodge but on this evening (he means last evening) concluded to make you our proxy & enclose you \$6. the amount paid in as you will see by the enclosed report. The returns for June. 1842 was made and the money \$5. together with a copy of our by-laws & a proxy authorizing Joseph Cuyler to act for our Lodge & directed to him on the first day of June (he means June 1842) by me & George Bander at Palatine Bridge P. O. to Johnstown post paid—and we supposed the same had been received, until some months after when we saw the report— This led to an inquiry & I was appointed a committee with Poet J. White to enquire—on calling on Br Cuyler we learned that he had not attended the G. Lodge at that time and that he had rec'd no such package—We then made inquiry of the Post Master there (at Johnstown) and he stated on examining his books that no such package had been rec'd at his office and on (further) inquiry we found that numerous letters had been lost or supposed to be lost at the Fonda Post Office through which Johnstown receives the letters from the railroad—I have & our members believe that no blame can be attached to B. Cuyler & that the same was lost— Now we wish those dues remitted.

I also enclose a statement of the situation of our Lodge (concerning) which we wish the opinion of the G. Lodge. Our lot was deeded to the following person & their assigns On a sale by mortgage and paid for with the funds of our Lodge to wit. George Bander. Isaac Hees. John G. VanDeusen, Peter A. Nillis, Joshua Webster & Allen H. Jackson & was worth some 4 or 500 dollars. Shortly after the Masonic troubles Peter A. Nillis & Joshua Webster assigned their titles to John G. Van Deusen for a nominal sum— Van Deusen died (having) willed the Lodge property to his heirs and they now have possession of the lot & Building. Van Deusen also in his life time received from the U. & S. Railroad company about \$300. damages for passing over the lot & has rec'd the rents for some years to the amount of perhaps \$200, in the whole after the suspension of business Van Deusen took the furniture, Jewels & impliments of the Lodge to his house. His house was afterwards burned and some of the jewels & impliments &c. are said to have been burned.—Some of the jewels furniture &c. are now in an injured condition in the possession of the Lodge having been obtained from his (Van Deusen's) heirs under a stipulation to return them if the Lodge had not the legal right to them.—

Mr. Van Deusen claimed to be the owner of all the Lodge property by virtue of a purchase from the majority of the then living members at the time of suspending work.

It was not until late last fall that we succeeded in getting possession of the remaining jewels &c. belonging to the Lodge. We were in hopes to have the title to the lot settled but have not been able to accomplish it as yet and have been thus far kept out of possession by force. In consequence of this unsettled state of things we have not been able to proceed with work—There is now a favorable opportunity of doing much provided we win in possession of our own again and a place to meet. Our present W.'. M.'. tenders the use of his room in the Village of Canajoharie about half a mile from the old Lodge room until we succeed in obtaining the old one or get a new one, or if necessary we wish authority to hold our Lodges in his room— Will you have the goodness to bring these things before a committee & obtain a determination thereon and send us the result either in the report or by letter. And send a receipt for the dues. We hope if prospered to present better returns next year.

Fraternally yours,

P. WETMORE, S. W.

The portion enclosed in () are added by me with the aim to make the language more definite.—J. WHITE.

I have thus as briefly as possible stated to you our situation as a Lodge and the facts in relation to the payment of our dues & of our returns. We have honestly paid our dues as above stated & made our returns and supposed they were regularly received by the G. Lodge in the proper time— Under these circumstances will the G. Lodge still accuse us of having failed in our duty to that body or of being remiss in the performance of our obligations to the Masonic Fraternity? Will they still demand a return of our Charter for what is in fact only a seeming delinquency but none in reality.

We had supposed the G. Lodge in the possession of our dues & returns as well as the statement relative to the property of Hamilton Lodge and were anxiously expecting the action of that body to advise & guide us in our proceedings on that subject. I cannot blame the G. Lodge for demanding a return of the Charter of this Lodge if they were really ignorant that we had made our returns & sent our dues as above stated— and from your silence on that point in your communication as G. Secy I am bound to believe so—yet I am confident that the G. Lodge upon a knowledge of the facts will rescind that order.

The charter is in my possession so are also what few jewels & impliments &c. that were obtained from Mr. Van Deusen's heirs as stated in Br Wetmore's letter & subject to our stipulation with them— Some of the books of the Lodge are with me, but one book of records is not. Mr. Van Deusen's heirs have it and refuse to give it up as it contains the proceedings of the Lodge relative to the first purchase of the lot which was I believe before Lodges were entitled to hold real estate— The book can be of no particular use to them that I can perceive as the lot was afterward sold and mortgaged for the express purpose of getting the title in different hands for the use of the Lodge & was then deeded as before stated.

That book contains the last records of work in this Lodge & the fact that it is kept from us for such purposes shows somewhat of the perplexities we labor under as regards progress in work.

If the G. Lodge after candidly investigating this matter shall then see fit to require a return of our Charter I have no doubt the demand would be obeyed.

Excuse the length of this communication—I could not well say less whilst our peculiar situation perhaps requires that I should say more.

Fraternally yours,

J. WHITE, M.

We had intended to ask for some certificates of Membership, but perhaps it is best to wait until we hear from you again.

J. W.

To the M.: W.'. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York:

On the 15 day of February 1821 Jacob Hees of the Town of Palatine sold to Hamilton Lodge No. 134 a lot of land & building for the purposes of the Lodge—for the sum of Five hundred dollars and received of said Hamilton Lodge one half (\$250.) of the purchase money as a payment down—and as Lodges were not entitled to hold real estate the deed was made to Jacob Snell, Mathew McCabe & John G. Van Deusen members of the Lodge and to their heirs. A mortgage was given to said Jacob Hees by said Snell, McCabe & Van Deusen on the part of Hamilton Lodge for two hundred & fifty dollars (\$250.) being the balance of the purchase money for the lot.

Soon after Jacob Snell one of the grantees became deranged and as both himself and family refused to make proper conveyance of the lot—for the benefit of the Lodge as was intended the mortgage was foreclosed and the lot sold at mortgage sale on June 29, 1822. It was bid off by George Bauder on behalf of the Lodge. The balance of the purchase money was then paid from the funds of the Lodge and a deed under that sale given to Joshua Webster, John G. Van Deusen, George Bauder, Peter A. Nillis, Isaac Hees & Allen H. Jackson—all of them members of the Lodge) and to their heirs and assigns. That deed was also given to them & to their heirs and assigns on account of the inability of Lodges to hold real estate.—Although it was truly the property of the Lodge having been paid for with the funds of the Lodge for the use of the Lodge. The property remained in the possession of the Lodge from that time up to the period of suspending work and was the regular place of meeting for the Lodge. Also of Hiram Union Chapter No. 53 —Also of the Lodge of perfection.—At the period of the Anti Masonic excitement Hamilton Lodge in common with others ceased to meet. A number of members of the Lodge supposing they had the right to do so sold their share of what they supposed their claim to the property of the Lodge to John G. Van Dusen who took considerable pains to buy up those *shares*. Some sold for a few dollars, some for a few shillings and some for a *glass of beer* as we have been credibly informed & in fact it is so acknowledged by Mr. Van Deusen's heirs. Among those who thus sold to J. G. Van Deusen were. Joshua Webster & Peter A. Nillis two of the grantees in the deed above mentioned. Upon the strength of those sales or assignments Mr. Van Deusen removed all the furniture Jewels and impliments of the Lodge and Chapter to his private dwelling and previous to his death which occurred about four years ago—he made his will in which he bequeathed this Lodge lot and building to certain of his heirs and his widow & older heirs who have charge of his estate retain possession and rent the premises up to this time. They say that they are willing the Lodge should hold their meetings at the Lodge-room but it must be under permission from them and not as a right on the part of the Lodge to use the premises. We have not thought proper thus far to acknowledge their claim by accepting that proposal.

Admitting the legal right (whether equitable or not) of Mr. Van Duesen to dispose of his portion of the Lodge premises whether obtained by the deed of June 20, 1822 or obtained by assignment of Joshua Webster & Peter A. Nillis it would only entitle him to one undivided half of the premises The regaining half would still legally belong to George Bauder who is yet living and a member of the present Lodge and the heirs of Isaac Hees & Allen H. Jackson who are both dead neither of whom made any conveyance whatever.

Mr. Van Deusen's heirs have the deed and all the papers relative to the subject together with the last book of records of the Lodge, and refuse to give them up or to allow extracts to be taken from them.

The furniture, Jewels &c. what little is remaining of them were obtained by a written stipulation to return or pay for them if we could not show they had no claim to the articles. (see my communication of June 17, 1844.)

Bothers John Cummings & Pythagoras Wetmore both members of the Lodge and both attorneys & Councillors at law have examined this matter on the part of the Lodge & have arrived at the conclusion that the Lodge can only petition for a division of the premises as the deed was given to the above named persons their heirs and assigns.

Perhaps from the numerous returns of charters &c. there may be experience on the part of the Grand Lodge which would be applicable to our case. If so or if any advice can be given relative to the real estate we wish to have it.

We also wish to know explicitly whether Mr. Van Deusen or his heirs have any claim whatever to any of the personal property Jewels &c. of the Lodge or Chapter and if not we would like the opinion of the Grand Lodge in such shape that it can be shown to the heirs for their satisfaction.

JOSEPH WHITE, M.
P. WETMORE, S.W.

Canajoharie Dec'r 2, 1844.

When the Lodge was revived in 1840 it met in Canajoharie village at the house of JOSEPH WHITE, M.D. It occupied the third floor of W.'. BRO. WHITE'S house for several years free of charge. About 1847 it moved to other quarters which the Lodge fitted up and occupied until December 25, 1849, when the building was burned, and all of the property of the Lodge was destroyed including the charter. Concerning this misfortune JOSEPH WHITE says: "The Sons of Temperance being informed of our misfortune kindly offered us the use of their Lodge-room, the occupation of which we gratefully embraced, January 22, 1850."

The following appears upon the minutes under date of January 29, 1850:

"A dispensation from the M.'. W.'. Grand Master was rec'd authorizing this (Hamilton) Lodge No 79'to proceed with their labors until the 1st Tuesday of June next, with the power and authority it possessed under the former charter or warrant, and placed on file." Under date of July 6, 1852, is the following:

"Having heard of the death of Hon. Henry Clay of Kentucky, the funeral service was read in Lodge, as appropriate to the occasion."

The Charter issued June 13, 1850, was signed by WILLIAM H. MILNER, Grand Master, and names as first officers:

Pythagoras Wetmore, Master.
Abraham Wood, Senior Warden.

Daniel S. Read, Junior Warden.

Since its revival in 1850 the Lodge has had an unbroken existence, and prosperity has attended its efforts.

MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

Webster Wagner, State Senator.
James Arkell, State Senator.

John H. Starin, Congressman.

MASTERS.

1806. Cornelius I. Wyncoop.
1807. Jonathan Eights.
1808. Jonathan Eights.
1809. Jonathan Eights.
1810. Jonathan Eights.
1811. Joshua Webster.
1812. No election.
1813. Joshua Webster.
1814. Joshua Webster.
1815. Mathew McCabe.
1816. Joshua Webster.
1817. Joshua Webster.
1818. John G. Van Dusen.
1819. John G. Van Dusen.
1820. John G. Van Dusen.
1821. John G. Van Dusen.
1822. John G. Van Dusen.
1823. John G. Van Dusen.
1824. John G. Van Dusen.

1840. Joseph White.
1841. P. Wetmore.
1842. Joseph White.
1843. Joseph White.
1844. Joseph White.
1845. Joseph White.
1846. Joseph White.
1847. Joseph White.
1848. Joseph White.

1849. Joseph White.
1850. Pythagoras Wetmore.
1851. Daniel S. Read.
1852. Edward Walter.
1853. Abraham Suber.
1854. Daniel S. Read.
1855. William Baker.
1856. Charles W. Wheeler.
1857. Charles H. Morse.
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1862. Charles H. Morse.
1863. Peter A. Brumfield.
1864. George F. Kimball.
1865. George F. Kimball.
1866. George F. Kimball.
1867. George F. Kimball.
1868. Hiram A. Winslow.
1869. Hiram A. Winslow.
1870. Thomas S. Ireland.
1871. Charles C. Barnes.
1872. Charles C. Barnes.
1873. Elias J. Ellithorpe.
1874. Elias J. Ellithorpe.
1875. Charles W. Wheeler.
1876. Charles W. Wheeler.
1877. Kizer Ellithrope.

1878. Charles C. Barnes.
1879. Charles C. Barnes.
1880. Charles C. Barnes.
1881. Elias J. Ellithrope.
1882. Elias J. Ellithrope.
1883. Elias J. Ellithrope.
1884. Elias J. Ellithrope.
1885. John Parr.
1886. John Parr.
1887. John Parr.
1888. Kizer Ellithrope.
1889. Charles F. Wheelock.
1890. Charles F. Wheelock.
1891. Jeremiah Vosburgh.
1892. Jeremiah Vosburgh.
1893. John S. Hatter.
1894. John S. Hatter.
1895. Frank E. Simons.
1896. Kizer Ellithrope.
1897. Jeremiah Vosburgh.
1898. John C. Wheeler.
1899. John C. Wheeler.
1900. John S. Hatter.
1901. Peter C. Wohlgermuth.
1902. Peter C. Wohlgermuth.
1903. Peter C. Wohlgermuth.
1904. Wilmer Ellithrope.

