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### REPORT OF THE GRAND HISTORIAN.

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

M.'. W.'. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY.

*Grand Historian of Masons in the State of New York.*

*Dear Sir and Brother:* It is a pleasure to state that the reports of the Grand Historian continue to meet with favorable criticism, so much as to suggest a continuation of work along the lines pursued for several years past.

The accompanying report brings the total number of sketches reported up to, and including Phoenix Lodge, No. 262, making altogether two hundred and eighteen sketches reported. These sketches have been taken up numerically and but three Lodges have been omitted: these omissions were caused by the failure on the part of the Lodges in furnishing any information relating to their doings. Repeated efforts were made by the Grand Historian to induce the officers to furnish the necessary data, but without avail. The accompanying report contains a sketch of one Lodge which after repeated requests failed to furnish any information

concerning its life; fortunately in this case by aid of some data in possession of the Grand Historian, together with papers on file in the Grand Secretary's office, made it possible to present a few facts relating to its organization and early life.

These cases, however, are exceptions to the rule, for generally all desired information is promptly furnished, in most cases the request for data meets with generous and enthusiastic response. In some instances it has been necessary to materially abridge the data furnished, but all information received is carefully indexed and filed for future reference and use in case a more extended history of a Lodge may be desired.

These sketches are not intended, nor should they be expected, to contain all of the incidents or circumstances which tend to make a Lodge history especially interesting to those who may be associated with it, but it is the intention and they are expected to contain all reliable facts of historical value relating to the Lodges as may be of interest to the general reader.

Frequent requests have been received by the Grand Historian for information of a persona] or historical nature, all of which have been given careful attention, and in most cases the information desired has been furnished.

One case of this kind deserves special mention as it proves that patience and perseverance sometimes accomplishes its purpose and may find the "needle in the hay-stack." A party living in Utah asked for information relating to his grandfather who he supposed, from papers he had examined, was made a Mason in some Lodge, the name being unknown, but was supposed to have been located in the City of New York or Scotland, in May, 1806. The number of the Lodge was 2 or 11. He gave the name of his grandfather, also the names of three others who were supposed to be members of the Lodge mentioned. Upon receiving the inquiry a search among the old papers on file was made, also the minutes of the Grand Lodge were examined; in making this search a paper was found containing the names of those mentioned in the letter of inquiry, but the name of his grandfather was not found; however, the paper gave the name of a party who had just been made a Mason. This information was mailed to the inquirer, and in due time an answer was received which stated that the new brother was indeed his grandfather, who, being a mariner and in order to escape impressment in the French naval service, he being a Frenchman, had taken an assumed name.

In seeking this information and also data relating to the Lodges the Grand Secretary, M.' W.'. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, and his entire staff have shown the Grand Historian every courtesy, and when desired have assisted him in securing data for his work; to each and everyone he desires to express his gratitude for the courtesies and his thanks for the assistance given.

In conclusion I thank you sincerely for my appointment, the duties are agreeable and have furnished opportunities for pleasant intercourse with the Brethren. I beg to extend my congratulations upon the deserved success of your administration, and with the warmest personal regards for yourself and kindest wishes for your future success and happiness I am,

Fraternally yours,  
EDWIN A. QUICK.

#### **CANASTOTA LODGE, NO. 231, CANASTOTA, N. Y.**

WARRANT: The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated June 5, 1874.

MINUTES: Intact.

The name or number has never been changed.

Canastota Lodge was organized in 1851; a petition was sent to the Grand Lodge asking for a warrant, and on June 5, 1851, the Committee on Warrants reported in favor of the application, and on June 25, 1851. A warrant was issued which named as officers:

NELSON C. POWERS, Master.

COLLIN BROOKS, Senior Warden.

FRANKLIN B. CURTIS, Junior Warden.

#### CHARTER MEMBERS.

Nelson C. Powers.	Collin Brooks.
Franklin B. Curtis.	Nathan S. Cady.
J. S. Spencer.	Jason W. Powers.
Izadoc Martindale.	Asahel C. Stone.
Gold T. Curtis.	William Thompson.
Solomon Covey.	R. B. Landon.
Thomas F. Petrie.	Benjamin J. Chapman.
Edwin Mills.	Eli T. Covey.
Sylvanus Seeber, Jr.	John Snow.
Giles S. Cranston.	Venoni W. Mason.
Charles A. Spencer.	Loring Fowler.
D. W. C. Roberts.	Fred H. Wary.
Joseph C. Irish.	Smith Sayles.

The Lodge met regularly at first, but in 1855 for some unexplained reason the members lost interest in its affairs and it failed to make returns to the Grand Lodge. The Lodge was notified by the Grand Secretary to make returns and settle its indebtedness or its warrant would be demanded. It failed to respond to the notification, and in 1856 the warrant was returned to the Grand Lodge.

During the spring of 1860 a successful effort was made to revive the Lodge. A petition was prepared asking for a dispensation to revive the Lodge, and on July 5, 1860, M.' W.'. JOHN W. SIMONS issued a dispensation to the following, most of them members of the old Lodge:

Harrison Frank.	Charles A. Spencer.
Daniel N. Grouse.	Venoni W. Mason.
Loring Fowler.	Joseph C. Irish.
Smith Sayles.	Jason W. Powers.
William Thompson.	Benjamin J. Chapman.
Randolph S. Webster.	Eli T. Covey.
L. H. York.	Isaac Parks.
Henry W. Adams.	Nicholas B. Dyer.

Orson F. Messinger.      Z. Benham.  
Franklin B. Curtis.

At a session of the Grand Lodge held June 6, 1861, the Committee on Warrants made a report which contained the following:  
"Canastota Lodge at Canastota, Madison County, working under dispensation, prays for the restoration of their former number 231. We recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, with the names of Harrison Frank as Master, Charles A. Spencer as Senior Warden and Charles B. Crouse as Junior Warden."

The report was adopted and the following resolution offered by R.'. W.'. CLINTON F. PAIGE was also adopted.

"RESOLVED, That the properties and effects of the late Canastota Lodge, No. 231, be donated to Canastota Lodge No. 231, chartered this day, upon condition that they assume all liabilities and pay the indebtedness of said Lodge up to the time of the forfeiture of their warrant."

Since its revival the Lodge has met regularly and prospered.

On October 27, 1873, the building in which the Lodge had quarters was destroyed by fire, the Lodge losing the most of its property including its warrant. It afterwards worked under special dispensation until June 5, 1874, when its present warrant was issued.

On January 13, 1875, its new quarters were dedicated by R.'. W.'. JEROME DILLENBECK, District Deputy Grand Master.

In the early part of 1886 it secured new quarters which were publicly dedicated by R.'. W.'. GEORGE W. CHAPMAN, District Deputy Grand Master, and who at the time was also Master of the Lodge.

The Lodge was represented at the laying of the corner-stone of the Home at Utica, NY, May 21, 1891, and the dedication of same October 5, 1892.

#### MASTERS.

1851. Nelson C. Powers.	1874. Gerrit A. Forbes.	1894. Henry R. Ernschaw.
1852. Nelson C. Powers.	1875. Gerrit A. Forbes.	1895. Thomas Hollenger.
1853. Nelson C. Powers.	1876. Solomon K. Pettit.	1896. Thomas Hollenger.
1854. Nelson C. Powers.	1877. Solomon K. Pettit.	1897. Charles M. Rose.
1855. Nelson C. Powers.	1878. M. Eugene Barlow.	1898. Charles M. Rose.
1856. Nelson C. Powers.	1879. Venoni W. Mason.	1899. Frank A. Weaver.
	1880. William T. Northrup.	1900. Alonzo Swart.
1861. Harrison Frank.	1881. William T. Northrup.	1901. Alonzo Swart.
1862. Harrison Frank.	1882. William T. Northrup.	1902. John W. Souter.
1863. Charles R. Crouse.	1883. George W. Chapman.	1903. Charles M. Rose.
1864. Charles B. Crouse.	1884. George W. Chapman.	1904. William Dobson.
1865. Venoni W. Mason.	1885. George W. Chapman.	1905. Arthur N. Ellis.
1866. George O. Perry.	1886. George W. Chapman.	1906. Charles S. Deuel.
1867. George O. Perry.	1887. George W. Chapman.	1907. Levi R. Cooper.
1868. Venoni W. Mason.	1888. James W. Knapp.	1908. Levi R. Cooper.
1869. William T. Northrup.	1889. James W. Knapp.	1909. Albert A. Kessler.
1870. William T. Northrup.	1890. Albert O. Briggs.	1910. Charles A. Douglass.
1871. Albert W. Palmer.	1891. John H. McMahon.	1911. Hazard H. Robinson.
1872. William T. Northrup.	1892. George B. Russell.	
1873. Gerrit A. Forbes.	1893. Delmar T. Willis.	

#### NAVIGATOR LODGE, NO. 232, NEW YORK CITY,

WARRANT: The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated July 7, 1851.

The name or number has never been changed.

MINUTES: Intact.

On December 9, 1850, a meeting was held at National Hall, No. 29 Canal Street, for the purpose of organizing a "German Masonic Lodge." There were present at this meeting Friedrich Eckell of Naval Lodge; Charles Edwards, Hermann Kimme, Hermann Roberts, Heinrich Borchers, Hermann Nessler, John Schwanenwedel, Reinhard D. Schriefer, Gustav Schultz, Napoleon Kramer, all of German Pilgrim Lodge, and Christian Moeschen of Knickerbocker Lodge.

At this time there were other German Masonic Lodges in the City of New York and three so-called Grand Lodges. Some of the German Lodges were affiliated with the Phillips Grand Lodge and others had united in the movement to revive St. John's Grand Lodge, consequently there was a long delay in perfecting the organization of the Lodge, and it was not until March 29, 1851, that a dispensation was obtained from the Grand Lodge of which William H. Milnor was the Grand Master. The following were the applicants for this dispensation:

Heinrich Borchers.	Friedrich Eckell.
Charles Edwards.	Hermann Kimme.
Christopher Witte.	Reinhard D. Schriefer.
John Schwanenwedel.	Christian Moeschen.

The dispensation named as officers:

FRIEDRICH ECKELL, Master.  
HEINRICH BORCHERS, Senior Warden.  
CHRISTIAN MOESCHEN, Junior Warden.

The dispensation was made returnable June 1, 1851, and contained a special provision to the effect that a copy of the minutes must be kept in English. This provision was one of the regulations of the Grand Lodge. The dispensation was extended several times, the time being extended to specified periods, and finally it was extended to July 3, 1851.

The warrant was issued on July 7, and on the same date M. W. OSCAR COLES, Grand Master, constituted the Lodge and installed the following officers:

FRIEDRICH ECKELL, Master.  
CHARLES EDWARDS, Senior Warden.  
CHRISTIAN MOESCHEN, Junior Warden.  
RHEINHARD D. SCHRIEFER, Treasurer.  
HERMANN KIMME, Secretary.

The Lodge thrived and increased in numerical strength until 1861, but during the depressing and unhappy conditions which prevailed in the country from 1861 to 1865 interest in the Lodge failed to such a degree that it only had thirty-six names upon its roster, but as peace dawned upon the country new life seemed to be instilled into the Lodge, and before the close of the year 1865 twenty-three new names were added to its roll of membership; among the names added was that of Aaron Wiener, who two years later was elected Secretary of the Lodge and continued in that office forty years. This is an enviable record, and the Lodge was fortunate in securing so faithful a servant.

In 1877 Navigator Lodge, in conjunction with the other German Lodges located in the City of New York, organized the "German Masonic Association," having for its object the erection of a Masonic Temple in New York, and for the further purpose of securing and maintaining a home for aged Masons, their widows and orphans. Both of these objects have been accomplished; the corner-stone of the German Masonic Temple at No. 220 East Fifteenth Street was laid July 2, 1878, and was dedicated March 15, 1879. Since that time a Home has been secured at Tappan, Rockland County, New York, which was dedicated October 24, 1888. The Lodge took an active interest in these affairs and has generously contributed toward these commendable enterprises, it is also noted for its hospitality and sociability, frequently entertaining its members and friends by celebrating some special event in its history.

It was represented at the laying of the corner-stone of the Home at Utica, NY, May 21, 1891, and the dedication of the same, October 5, 1892.

The first meeting place of the Lodge was in National Hall, No. 29 Canal Street, where it remained until 1857, when it moved to No. 160 Hester Street, remaining here until 1863, when it moved to No. 207 Bowery, where it remained until 1866, when it moved to the corner of Broome and Crosby streets. In 1869 it again moved, this time to Odd Fellows Hall, corner of Grand and Centre streets, remaining there until 1872, when it moved to No. 135 West Thirtieth Street

In 1874 it returned to Odd Fellows Hall, remaining there until 1887, when it moved into the Steuben House on the Bowery, where it remained until 1880, when it moved into its present quarters in the German Masonic Temple, No. 220 East Fifteenth Street.

#### GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

Henry Truberg, Grand Steward.

Andrew Riedell, District Deputy Grand Master.

#### MASTERS.

1851. Friedrich Eckell.	1872. John H. Harries.	1893. Adolph Deimling.
1852. Friedrich Eckell.	1873. Joseph Strohmenger.	1894. John Mahl.
1853. Heinrich Borchers.	1874. Joseph Strohmenger.	1895. John Mahl.
1854. Christian Moeschchen.	1875. Michael Beimler.	1896. Lorenz Fink.
1855. Christian Moeschchen.	1876. Michael Beimler.	1897. Carl Kopp.
1856. Heinrich Borchers.	1877. Conrad Hoeflich.	1898. Carl Kopp.
1857. Heinrich Marcus.	1878. Conrad Hoeflich.	1899. Henry Truberg, Sr.
1858. Christian Moeschchen.	1879. Henry Hillmeyer.	1900. Henry Truberg, Sr.
1859. Christian Moeschchen.	1880. Edward Wassmann.	1901. Max Clausen.
1860. George Schindler.	1881. Edward Wassmann.	1902. Max Clausen.
1861. J. A. Nessler.	1882. Edward Wassmann.	1903. Andrew Riedell.
1862. J. A. Nessler.	1883. Edward Wassmann.	1904. Andrew Riedell.
1863. Sebastian Mayer.	1884. Henry Truberg, Sr.	1905. Andrew Riedell.
1864. John H. Harries.	1885. Henry Truberg, Sr.	1906. William Hufe.
1865. Sebastian Mayer.	1886. Henry Truberg, Sr.	1907. Friedrich Martin.
1866. Sebastian Mayer.	1887. Henry Truberg, Sr.	1908. Friedrich Martin.
1867. Sebastian Mayer.	1888. Henry Truberg, Sr.	1909. Henry Truberg.
1868. Sebastian Mayer.	1889. Lorenz Wohlhagen.	1910. Henry Truberg.
1869. Henry Steeger.	1890. Henry Truberg, Sr.	1911. Gustav Adolph.
1870. Michael Hack.	1891. Henry Hillmeyer.	
1871. Michael Hack.	1892. Adolph Deimling.	

#### PACIFIC LODGE, NO. 233, NEW YORK CITY.

WARRANT: The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated July 17, 1851.

The name or number has never been changed.

MINUTES: Not intact, all records previous to March 14, 1861, were destroyed by fire.

There are no existing records relating to the birth or organization of Pacific Lodge beyond what is contained in the records and in papers in possession of the Grand Lodge. The records of the Grand Lodge contain no direct reference to the Lodge, but under date of June 6, 1851, is the following:

"On motion several petitions for warrants unaccompanied by all the necessary documents, . . . were referred to the Grand officers with power." It may be reasonably assumed that one of these petitions was for Pacific Lodge, as on July 17 a warrant was issued. Previous to this the Lodge had been working under a dispensation which is missing, as is also the petition asking for a dispensation. The only paper on file containing any information relating to the work of the Lodge while under dispensation is the returns of the Lodge dated June 1, 1851, which gives a membership of twelve, the charter members being given as follows:

D. F. Wilson.	J. S. Crankshaw.
J. R. Miller.	William N. Buckley.
J. V. Snediker.	A. J. Simmons.
M. Howe.	D. Wilson.

The following were initiates:  
 Thomas Johnson, initiated March 20.  
 John V. Lee, initiated April 3.  
 George Jones, initiated April 5.  
 John McGowan, initiated May 15.  
 The return is signed by William N. Buckley.

The warrant named as officers:  
 D. F. WILSON, Master. [killed before being installed]  
 J. S. CRANKSHAW, Senior Warden. [acted as Master upon death of D. F. Wilson]  
 JOHN R. MILLER, Junior Warden.

The first election for officers under the warrant was held December 25, 1851, when Joseph H. Ming was elected Master, but *before the officers were installed he was killed* and the Senior Warden acted as master during the following year. Another sad incident occurred on December 13, 1866, which was the date of the annual election of officers. Thomas Johnson, who was the first initiate of the Lodge, was for the second time *elected Master, but died on the same evening.*

On the night of March 14, 1861, the quarters of the Lodge, No. 8 Union Square, were destroyed by fire, the Lodge losing the most of its property including its minutes.

The first meeting place was on the corner of Second Avenue and Twentieth Street, where it remained until 1854, when it moved to the corner of Third Avenue and Twentieth Street. During the latter part of 1859 and 1860 it was located at No. 835 Broadway pending the completion of new quarters at No. 8 Union Square. It moved into these quarters on December 20, 1860, and on March 14, 1861, this building was partially destroyed by fire; it was afterward temporarily located at No. 594 Broadway, returning to its old quarters on Union Square June 6, 1861, remaining here until May, 1869, when it moved into Booth's Theatre building, corner of Sixth Avenue and Twenty-third Street, remaining there until May, 1874, when it moved into the Masonic Hall on Twenty-third Street. In September, 1909, it moved into its present quarters in the new Masonic Hall on Twenty-fourth Street.

A short sketch of the Lodge, written by R. W. HENRY C. BANKS in 1862, contains the following:

"The first meeting of the Lodge under the warrant was on July 17, 1851, and there were present the M. W. OSCAR COLES and the other officers of the Grand Lodge, who dedicated the Lodge room on the southeast corner of Second Avenue and Twentieth Street, New York City, and installed the officers of the Lodge with the exception of Brother Wilson, who was absent an account of sickness. The sickness of W. W. BROTHER WILSON seems to have been of a permanent nature, as he never presided at any meeting of the Lodge under the warrant."

The Lodge was represented at the laying of the corner-stone of the Masonic Hall on Twenty-third Street June 8, 1870; the laying of the corner-stone of the Egyptian Obelisk in Central Park, October 9, 1890; the laying of the corner-stone of the Home at Utica, NY, May 21, 1891, and the dedication of same, October 5, 1892.

#### MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

James W. Husted, Assemblyman.	William H. Robertson, U. S. Collector, Port of N. Y.
Joseph E. Newburger, Justice, Court of Sessions.	

#### GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

Henry C. Banks, District Deputy Grand Master.	Isaac Teichman, District Deputy Grand Master.
Isaac B. Conover, Grand Librarian.	Southrick Hebbard, Grand Representative.
James W. Husted, Grand Master.	Edward C. White, Grand Director of Ceremonies.

#### MASTERS.

1851. D. F. Wilson.	1861. Joseph Delavante.	1871. Isaac Teichman.
1852. Joseph H. Ming.	1862. John Costello.	1872. Isaac Teichman.
1853. Andrew J. Simmons.	1863. Thomas Johnson.	1873. Isaac B. Conover.
1854. Andrew J. Simmons.	1864. A. A. Valentine.	1874. Isaac B. Conover.
1855. Franklin J. De Witt.	1865. William McMunn.	1875. Robert Nevins.
1856. William Bowne.	1866. Alexander R. Reid.	1876. Isaac Teichman.
1857. Charles B. Cornell.	1867. Alfred S. Brown.	1877. John Pullman.
1858. John Costello.	1868. Alfred S. Brown.	1878. John L. Piper.
1859. William Bowne.	1869. John S. Marshall.	1879. William A. Moger.
1860. Henry C. Banks.	1870. John Pullman.	1880. Horace Forbush.

1881. Horace Forbush.	1892. Gustavus C. Weber.	1903. Hollis E. Cooley.
1882. Joseph O. Davis.	1893. Gustavus C. Weber.	1904. Hollis E. Cooley.
1883. Isaac Teichman.	1894. Gustavus C. Weber.	1905. Robert J. Schofield.
1884. Robert Betty.	1895. Gustavus C. Weber.	1906. Robert J. Schofield.
1885. William Johnson.	1896. Southrick Hebbard.	1907. Edward C. White.
1886. John T. Lee.	1897. Southrick Hebbard.	1908. Edward C. White.
1887. John Pullman.	1898. John Breidinger.	1909. Frank G. Stanley.
1888. William J. Conway.	1899. John Breidinger.	1910. Frank G. Stanley.
1889. Henry Schmidt.	1900. William I. Brower.	1911. Charles H. Clarke.
1890. Henry Schmidt.	1901. John A. Britton.	
1891. Thomas A. Kerr.	1902. Hollis E. Cooley.	

RISING SUN LODGE, NO, 234, ADAMS, N. Y.

WARRANT: The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated July 18, 1851.

The name or number has never been changed.

MINUTES: Intact.

There are no records to be found relating to the organization of Rising Sun Lodge, and the petition and dispensation are also missing.

The petitioners were:

Benjamin Wright.	John C. Cooper.
Jeremiah Griswold.	Dennis M. Wait.
Elijah Wright.	Thomas Wait.
Samuel Wetmore.	Elisha Rogers.
Stephen C. Pierce.	Almonson Tibbetts.
Titus Bassett.	Bennett Pierce.
John H. Whipple.	John H. Gilbert.
Herman Strong.	

The first recorded meeting under the dispensation was held March 14, 1851, with the following as officers:

BENJAMIN WRIGHT, Master.  
 JOHN C. COOPER, Senior Warden.  
 JEREMIAH GRISWOLD, Junior Warden.  
 HERMAN STRONG, Treasurer.  
 JOHN H. WHIPPLE, Secretary.  
 DENNIS M. WAIT, Senior Deacon.  
 ALMONSON TIBBETTS, Junior Deacon.  
 ELIJAH WRIGHT, Tiler.

At this meeting petitions for degrees were received from John McCarty, Lafayette Hertt, Jesacher Bates and Joseph L. Greene, and at the next meeting, held April 2d, they were initiated.

On August 7, 1851, the Lodge was constituted and the following officers installed:

BENJAMIN WRIGHT, Master.  
 JOHN C. COOPER, Senior Warden.  
 JEREMIAH GRISWOLD, Junior Warden.  
 HERMAN STRONG, Treasurer.  
 JOHN H. WHIPPLE, Secretary.  
 THOMAS C. CHITTENDEN, Senior Deacon.  
 ALMONSON TIBBETTS, Junior Deacon.  
 JOHN MCCARTY, Tiler.

There is nothing in the records to show where the Lodge held its meetings prior to 1854, when it had quarters in a building owned by John H. Whipple, one of its members. It remained here until 1861, when it moved into quarters rented from Levi H. Brown, remaining there but one year, when it moved into the Cleveland Block, where it remained until March 7, 1904, when it moved into the Masonic Temple which had been erected by the Lodge.

This Temple was dedicated June 23, 1904, by R. W. CHARLES SMITH, Junior Grand Warden. The corner-stone was laid by the Lodge in 1903; the Lodge was also represented at the laying of the cornerstone of the Home at Utica, NY, May 21, 1891, and the dedication of same, October 5, 1892.

The Lodge has in its possession a corner-stone found a few years ago in an old building at Adams, having upon it the following inscription:

"R. Goodell, W. M., Rising Sun Lodge, No. 125, June 17, 5824."

Some of the records of this old Lodge were for a time in possession of the present Lodge. Rising Sun Lodge, No. 125, was warranted June 5, 1805.

The petition for this Lodge on file in the office of the Grand Secretary is signed by the following:

Samuel C. Kanady.	Isaiah Massey.
John Simmons.	Eliphalet Edmunds.
William Maynard.	John C. Sill.
David K. Carter.	Squier Read.

Stephen Read.                      Michael Frost.  
Isaac Baker.                      H. Massey.

The petition nominated as officers:

ROBERT MYRICK, Master.  
CLARK ALLEN, Senior Warden.  
SIMON WHITCOMB, Junior Warden.

The Lodge was constituted and the officers installed June 4, 1806, by Augustus Sackett, Master of Ontario Lodge, No. 119 (now extinct).

Richard Goodell was Master of the Lodge for several years. Jeremiah Griswold, Elijah Wright and Titus Bassett, three of the organizers of Rising Sun Lodge, No. 234, were members of the old Lodge.

The warrant was declared forfeited by the Grand Lodge June 7, 1833; the last returns on file are dated December 22, 1825, it then had forty-four members.

The Morgan persecutions in all probability were largely responsible for the downfall of the Lodge, and no effort was made to revive it or organize its successor until the advent of Rising Sun Lodge, No. 234, which has always been an active and thriving Lodge.

In 1858 R.' W.'. WILLIAM H. DREW, Grand Lecturer, in making his report to the Grand Lodge refers to this Lodge in complimentary terms, as is clearly shown by the following excerpt from his report:

"On October 28, 1857, I visited Rising Sun Lodge, No. 234, where I remained a week and I have seldom, if ever, witnessed greater exertions to obtain the work than were put forth by some of the Brethren of this Lodge, and I doubt not Rising Sun Lodge is competent to perform any work entrusted to their care, however difficult it may be."

MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

Isaac L. Hunt, Assemblyman.

Luther Pitkin, Assemblyman.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

Richard H. Huntington, District Deputy Grand Master.\*  
Frank S. Kenyon, District Deputy Grand Master.

MASTERS.

1851. Benjamin Wright.	1872. Ward N. Emmons.	1893. De Elbert Taylor.
1852. Benjamin Wright.	1873. Alanson W. Kilbv.	1894. De Elbert Taylor.
1853. John C. Cooper.	1874. Alanson W. Kilbv.	1895. William W. Warriner.
1854. Isaac Washburn.	1875. Alanson W. Kilby.	1896. Edward C. Bersie.
1855. Thomas C. Chittenden.	1876. John Ross.	1897. Frank S. Kenyon.
1850. Isaac Washburn.	1877. Dwight W. White.	1898. Frank S. Kenyon.
1857. Thomas C. Chittenden.	1878. Alanson W. Kilby.	1899. Frank S. Kenyon.
1858. Thomas C. Chittenden.	1879. De Elbert Taylor.	1900. George P. Manville.
1859. F. L. Williams.	1880. De Elbert Taylor.	1901. George P. Manville.
1860. Solon D. Hungerford.		1902. Charles H. Kenyon.
1861. Thomas C. Chittenden.	1882. De Elbert Taylor.	1903. Charles H. Kenyon.
1862. Thomas C. Chittenden.	1883. De Elbert Taylor.	1904. Frank L. Raymond.
1863. Richard H. Huntington. *	1884. Dwight W. White.	1905. Charles H. Kenyon.
1864. Richard H. Huntington.	1885. Dwight W. White.	1906. Ross A. Clark.
1865. Richard H. Huntington.	1886. Dwight W. White.	1907. Ross A. Clark.
1860. Richard II. Huntington.	1887. De Elbert Taylor.	1908. Ross A. Clark.
1867. George W. Grant.	1888. Birt Huson.	1909. Percy J. Parlow.
1868. Richard H. Huntington.	1889. E. William Fox.	1910. Percy J. Parlow.
1869. William Puffer.	1890. E. William Fox.	1911. Eldon Scheff.
1870. Oscar D. Allen.	1891. De Elbert Taylor.	
1871. Oscar D. Allen.	1892. De Elbert Taylor.	

\* R.' W.'. BRO. HUNTINGTON was also Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of the State of New York.

**KEYSTONE LODGE, NO. 235. NEW YORK CITY.**

WARRANT: The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated September 3, 1851.

MINUTES: Not intact.

Keystone Lodge was organized during the summer of 1851. The petition dated July 11, 1851, was signed by the following:

Edmund B. Hays.	William Work.
Andrew J. Fisher.	Gilbert M. Platt.
Elijah H. Purdy.	John Wood.
John C. Burns.	Nicholas Slater.

The petition was recommended by Silertia Lodge No. 198.

On July 19, 1851, a dispensation was issued by M.' W.'. OSCAR COLES, Grand Master, which named as officers:

EDMUND B. HAYS, Master.  
WILLIAM WORK, Senior Warden.  
ANDREW J. FISHER, Junior Warden.

The Lodge was in operation scarcely one year when an attempt was made to revive St. John's Grand Lodge, and several of the active members of Keystone Lodge were drawn into this movement and some of them were elected officers of that organization.

A preliminary meeting was held on June 13, 1852, at which Edmund B. Hays, Master of Keystone Lodge, presided. An adjourned meeting was held on June 20, when a resolution was adopted to revive St. John's Grand Lodge and an election of officers was also held at this meeting. Among the officers elected who were members of Keystone Lodge were the following:

ANDREW J. FISHER, Junior Grand Warden.  
GILBERT M. PLATT, Grand Sword Bearer.  
H. L. THOMPSON, Grand Steward  
G. L. OSBORNE, Grand Steward  
JOHN WOODS, Senior Grand Deacon.  
GEORGE F. DOLLINGER, Junior Grand Warden.

The warrant of Keystone Lodge was retained until the fall of 1853 when it was surrendered.

The attempt to revive St. John's Grand Lodge did not meet with favor, and after a fitful and somewhat doubtful existence it disbanded and most of the Lodges associated with this ill-advised movement returned to the Grand Lodge in conformity to an arrangement adopted by the Grand Lodge, June 11, 1859, each Lodge being required to send in a petition, with the recommendation of the nearest Lodge, when a dispensation would be issued.

On July 5, 1859, a petition was prepared asking for a dispensation and nominating for officers:

EDMUND B. HAYS, Master.  
WILLIAM H. JARVIS, Senior Warden.  
THOMAS CHARLOCK, Junior Warden.

The petition was signed by the following:

Edmund B. Hays.	William H. Jarvis.
Thomas Chadwick.	Aaron Butterfield.
George Quail.	J. William Goetz.

The petition was recommended by Munn Lodge, No. 190, and Piatt Lodge, No. 194.

On August 2, 1859, a dispensation was issued by R.'. W.'. JOHN W. SIMONS, Deputy Grand Master.

The Lodge worked under this dispensation until May 1860, when a petition dated May 29 was prepared asking for a warrant.

This petition was signed by the following:

Edmund B. Hays.	William H. Jarvis.
Thomas Charlock.	Aaron Butterfield.
George Quail.	John W. Goetz.
William Quail.	J. J. Jennings.
F. P. Lovegrove.	N. S. Neville.
William Moore.	Edward S. Powell.
Richard Dunn.	John Roselle.

At a session of the Grand Lodge held June 8, 1860, the Committee on Warrants made a report recommending the granting of several warrants, among them was "For a Lodge at New York City to be called Keystone Lodge; and that the old charter and No. 235 be granted them."

On June 12, 1860, by authority of a dispensation issued by M.'. W.'. JOHN W. SIMONS, Grand Master, the Lodge was constituted and its officers installed by R.'. W.'. HENRY C. BANKS, D. D. G. M.

The three first officers were:

EDMUND B. HAYS, Master.  
WILLIAM H. JARVIS, Senior Warden.  
THOMAS CHARLOCK, Junior Warden.

The first meeting place of the Lodge after its revival was at No. 181 Bowery, where it remained until May, 1862, when it moved into Odd Fellows Hall, corner of Grand and Centre streets, remaining here until April, 1868, when it moved to Brevoort Hall on East Fifty-fourth Street near Third Avenue. In May, 1870, it moved to the corner of Bleecker Street and the Bowery, where it remained until May, 1876, when it moved to No. 117 West Twenty-third Street, remaining here until April, 1880, when it moved into the German Masonic Temple, No. 220 East Fifteenth Street.

In 1889 it again moved, this time into the Masonic Hall on Twenty-third Street, where it remained until September, 1909, when it moved to its present quarters in the new Masonic Hall on Twenty-fourth Street.

The Lodge was represented at the laying of the corner-stone of the Masonic Hall on Twenty-third Street June 8, 1870, 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, NY, May 21, 1891, and the dedication of same, October 5, 1892.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

WILLIAM J. MCLAUGHLIN, Grand Sword Bearer.



MASTERS.

1851. Edmund B. Hays.	1875. Joseph L. Michel.	1894. William J. McLaughlin.
1852. Edmund B. Hays.	1876. Joseph L. Michel.	1895. William J. McLaughlin.
1853. Andrew J. Fisher.	1877. Joseph L. Michel.	1896. George Hall.
1854. Edmund B. Hays.	1878. John Horris.	1897. Samuel J. Whinn.
1860. Edmund B. Hays.	1879. John Horris.	1898. Samuel J. Whinn.
1861. Edmund B. Hays.	1880. Joseph L. Michel.	1899. Samuel J. Whinn.
1862. Joseph J. Jennings.	1881. David Kelly.	1900. Matthew Frame.
1863. Joseph J. Jennings.	1882. David Kelly.	1901. George Hall.
1864. Joseph J. Jennings.	1883. Joseph L. Michel.	1902. William J. McLaughlin.
1865. Joseph J. Jennings.	1884. Joseph L. Michel.	1903. William J. McLaughlin.
1866. Joseph J. Jennings.	1885. Joseph L. Michel.	1904. Michael E. Tausick.
1867. Charles H. Quail.	1886. Joseph L. Michel.	1905. William J. McLaughlin.
1868. Charles H. Quail.	1887. Joseph L. Michel.	1906. Frederick J. Causbrook.
1869. Richard H. Whitehead.	1888. Amos Corning.	1907. Frederick J. Causbrook.
1870. Daniel W. Thomas.	1889. Amos Corning.	1908. Jacob P. Guth.
1871. Charles H. Quail.	1890. George Hall.	1909. Jacob P. Guth.
1872. Joseph M. Mills.	1891. George Hall.	1910. Jacob P. Guth.
1873. John DeVries.	1892. George Hall.	1911. Henry C. Hansen.
1874. John DeVries.	1893. George Hall.	

**PHILIPSTOWN LODGE, NO. 236, COLD SPRING, N. Y. (across the Hudson from West Point)**

WARRANT: The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated September 4, 1851.

The name or number has never been changed.

MINUTES: Intact.

There are no existing records of any preliminary meetings held for the purpose of organizing Philipstown Lodge. On May 21, 1851, a dispensation was issued by William H. Milnor, Grand Master, to the following petitioners for a Lodge at Cold Spring:

Peter B. Lawson.	George S. Gilbert.	Henry R. Purdy.
James Truman.	Benjamin Dykeman.	Andon Bonnan.
Robert Wilson.	William Borone.	John Griffin.
Samuel Beck.	Henry Holden.	John M. Griffin.
Emiles Bonnard.	Andrew McElravy.	

The petition was recommended by Courtlandt Lodge, No. 189 (now No. 34), of Peekskill.

The officers named in the dispensation were:

PETER B. LAWSON, Master.  
JAMES TRUMAN, Senior Warden.  
BENJAMIN DYKEMAN, Junior Warden.

The Lodge was instituted on May 24, 1851, when these officers were installed together with the following:

HENRY HOLDEN, Treasurer.  
GEORGE S. GILBERT, Secretary.  
ROBERT WILSON, Senior Deacon.  
SAMUEL BECK, Junior Deacon.  
ROBERT MCCUTCHEON, Tiler.

A code of By-Laws was also adopted at this meeting.

The last meeting under dispensation was held August 30, 1851. On the thirteenth day of September following the Lodge was constituted and on September 19th the same officers who had served under dispensation were installed with the exception of the Secretary, Robert Wilson being installed in that office.

The first regular meeting of the Lodge was in a building erected in 1851 and known for a long time as the Masonic Hall. The corner-stone of this building was laid with Masonic ceremonies on June 24, 1851, and on May 24, 1852, the Lodge room was dedicated by M.' W.'. OSCAR COLES, Grand Master. This building was located on West Street, and was occupied by the Lodge until the close of the year 1870, when it moved into its present quarters in the McCabe Building on the corner of Main and Rock streets. These quarters were dedicated on December 4, 1870, by M.' W.'. JOHN H. ANTHON, Grand Master, assisted by R.Y W.'. JAMES W. HUSTED, Junior Grand Warden, and R.' W.' JAMES M. AUSTIN, Grand Secretary.

A prized relic which adorns the walls of the Lodge room is a marble tablet with carved Masonic emblems upon its face, which was originally built into the front wall of the old Masonic Hall.

For several years after its establishment the Lodge celebrated St. John's Day, June 24. This annual affair was regarded as a great social event by the villagers who, with the members of the Lodge, participated in the festivities.

The Lodge was represented at the funeral obsequies of Brother Henry Clay in New York City, July 20, 1852; it also participated in the ceremonies at the laying of the corner-stone of the monument at Tarrytown, NY, on July 4, 1853, erected in memory of John Paulding, David Williams and Isaac Van Wart, the captors of the unfortunate English officer, Major John Andre, in 1780.

An offshoot of the Lodge is West Point Lodge, No. 877, at Highland Falls, organized in 1910. The organization of this Lodge was brought about by the members of Philipstown Lodge living on the west side of the Hudson River, who, during the winter season found great difficulty in crossing the river to attend the meetings of the Lodge. Most of the charter members of the new Lodge were members of Philipstown Lodge, and when the new Lodge was constituted, June 30, 1910, a large delegation from Philipstown Lodge attended the ceremonies.

The birth of West Point Lodge is of historical interest as it illustrates the disadvantages of having the jurisdiction of one Lodge embracing territory upon each side of a river which for several months of the year is difficult to cross owing to floating ice, making navigation dangerous.

This unfortunate condition occasioned a long controversy, the creation Lodges are working harmoniously together.

#### MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

Gouverneur Kemble, Congressman.  
William Wood, County Judge.  
J. Bennett Southard, County Judge.  
Jackson O. Dykeman, Supreme Court Justice.  
George McCabe, Assemblyman.  
William H. Ladue, Assemblyman.  
William E. Nelson, Sheriff.  
Leonard Jaycox, Sheriff.  
Elisha N. Rusk, District Attorney.

Henry J. Rusk, District Attorney.  
James H. Brooks, School Commissioner.  
George W. Flood, School Commissioner.  
James E. Bailey, Coroner.  
C. W. Smith, Coroner.  
Wright E. Perry, Supervisor.  
Seth Secor, Supervisor.  
L. W. Jaycox, Supervisor.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gouverneur\\_Kemble](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gouverneur_Kemble)



**Gouverneur Kemble**, b. 25 Jan 1786; d. 18 Sep 1875, was a two-term Congressman, diplomat and industrialist. He helped found the West Point Foundry, a major producer of artillery during the Civil War. Kemble was born to a prominent family in New York City, the eldest son of prosperous attorney and merchant Peter Kemble. He was educated in New York and graduated from Columbia College in 1803, then engaged in the merchantile business. He was friends with Washington Irving and other members of city society, who enjoyed socializing at Cockloft Hall (an old family mansion on the Passaic River inherited by Kemble).

He was sent to the Mediterranean as a naval agent during the Second Barbary War with Tripoli. As a young man with political connections, in 1816 he was appointed United States Consul at Cadiz in Spain, where it is said that (on little authority) his attention was attracted to the Spanish government's state-of-the-art process of casting cannon.

Returning home, he saw an opportunity to introduce the process in the United States. Along with other partners including his brother William and a consortium of investors including General Joseph Gardner Swift of the U.S. Army, in 1817 he founded the West Point Foundry Association to produce artillery pieces following the War of 1812. The foundry was built across the Hudson River from West Point in the village of Cold Spring, NY, and soon began to make cast iron steam engines for locomotives, gears, water pipes, and other iron products, as well as artillery. Despite the lack of local artisans and craftsmen skilled in ironworking, Kemble and his partners succeeded, especially after they hired William Young, a native of Belfast, Ireland. Robert P. Parrott became superintendent in 1836 and the Foundry weathered the Panic of 1837. Kemble continued to be president of the association until the expiration of the charter. He became known as the "Patriarch of Cold Spring" for his charitable activities in the village.

In 1823, Gouverneur Kemble leased land in Orange County, NY, for the mineral rights to mine iron ore. Four years later, the Kembles acquired most of the nearby Greenwood Iron Foundry and related industries. In 1839, the brothers sold the foundry to Parrott. A year later, his sister Mary married Parrott.

Kemble was an active member of the Democratic Party and became involved in politics. He was elected to the 25th and 26th Congresses representing Westchester and Putnam counties, serving two terms during the presidency of Martin Van Buren. In 1840, he declined a nomination for a third term. He served as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1840 and 1860. He was elected as a delegate to the 1846 convention for the revising New York's state constitution. In his later years, he was interested in the promotion of the Hudson River Railroad and the Panama Railway, and was a life-long art collector and patron.

Kemble died in Cold Spring at the age of 89 and was buried in Cold Spring Cemetery.

Famed Civil War general [Gouverneur Kemble Warren](#), born in Cold Spring in 1830, was named for Kemble, a close friend of his father, Sylvanus Warren (below).

"The Journal of the Reverend Silas Constant," by Silas Constant, Emily Warren Roebing, Josiah Granville Leach, page 444-46  
[http://books.google.com/books?id=L0kVAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA444&lpq=PA444&dq=%22PHILIPSTOWN+LODGE%22&source=web&ots=w9q4WiJnj&sig=hXZy\\_C-bOhc4lBrHVYYkGAgppes&hl=en&sa=X&oi=book\\_result&resnum=7&ct=result#PPA444,M1](http://books.google.com/books?id=L0kVAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA444&lpq=PA444&dq=%22PHILIPSTOWN+LODGE%22&source=web&ots=w9q4WiJnj&sig=hXZy_C-bOhc4lBrHVYYkGAgppes&hl=en&sa=X&oi=book_result&resnum=7&ct=result#PPA444,M1)



**SYLVANUS WARREN**, ESQ., youngest son of Captain John and Sarah (Nelson) Warren, was born at Philipstown, now Cold Spring-on-Hudson, 15 Nov 1795, and died there 19 Feb 1859.

He was one of the executors of his father's will, and under date of 1 April, 1839, joined with his brothers Cornelius and Henry in executing a deed to John W. Brinkerhoff, of Fishkill, in consideration of \$16,750, for lands which John Warren purchased of Thomas Searls, bounded partly by the farm of Peter Warren, Highland turnpike, the road leading to the river, and Cat Hill; also for lands conveyed to John Warren in his lifetime by Frederick Philipse and Maria his wife, by deed bearing date 23 June, 1821 (Putnam County Deeds, Liber B, folios 12-15), and by Samuel Gouverneur and Mary his wife under deed dated 1 May, 1832, in all about three hundred and fifty-four acres. (Putnam County Deeds.) Mr. Warren was a **member of the New**

**York Assembly of 1843.** He was also a member of Philipstown Lodge, No. 236, of Free and Accepted Masons, and at a meeting of the Lodge held at Philipstown, Saturday evening, February 19, 1859, his death was announced by the presiding officer in feeling language, and, on motion, a committee was appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the sorrow of the Lodge. The resolutions drafted and adopted were as follows:

Note: Such resolutions are not normally included in the biographical or historical sketches compiled by me, as they give very little 'data,' but it is inserted here to give a flavor of the work and language of the Resolutions Committees of our older Lodges. Such resolutions are still sometimes written in our more modern times by various companies and organizations . . . g.l.h.

"DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN:

"It is with pain that we heard of the death of our worthy Brother, Sylvanus Warren, who expired in the village this afternoon about two o'clock.

"Again and again within the past few months have we been called upon to mourn the loss of our departed brethren, but the story of sadness has come up to us from a distance, and while we have been bowed down with sorrow, yet we have felt more prepared for it; but now, indeed, has death knocked audibly at the door midst, and the voice which we all so much loved to hear in life has been hushed in the cold and icy embrace of death, and

" ' Sad images of the stern agony and pall  
And breathless darkness and the narrow house  
Makes us to shudder and grow sick at heart.'

"It is not consonant with the present purpose to eulogize Brother Warren; his life, whose daily scenes have been enacted in our very midst, is its own best eulogy.

"It has fallen to the lot of but few men to fill so large a sphere of home usefulness as Brother Warren. In all movements for the amelioration of suffering he was ever among the foremost. In all his dealings he was upright and just, and the timorous in business knew at all times that with him they were safe.

"His associations with our Fraternity were always marked with great gentleness and kindness, and he always loved the brethren, and it is needless to say here that these feelings were entirely reciprocated.

"O how often are we led to exclaim with the poet,—

" ' The good die first,  
And they whose beans are dry as summer dust  
Burn to the socket.'

"Alas! our brother, may the earth that nourished thee lie lightly on thy bosom, and on the glorious morning of the Resurrection may thy body arise as incorruptible as thy soul.

"Brethren, we are spared, but, like the sands in the hour-glass, we are rapidly passing away. Let us be wise in time, that we may be the better prepared to meet the realities of an untried eternity.

"We offer, in conclusion, the following resolutions:

"WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God our Heavenly Father to call from among us another member of our Fraternity; and

"WHEREAS, The name of our late worthy Brother Sylvanus Warren is now added to the list of those whose departure we are called upon to mourn; therefore,

"Resolved, That in the death of Brother Sylvanus Warren his family have lost an affectionate and indulgent husband and father, our Fraternity a valued and much-esteemed member, our community an honorable and upright citizen, who has sustained an unblemished reputation throughout all the trying vicissitudes of life, and who leaves behind him an unimpeachable reputation and a name that will ever be remembered with respect by all who knew him; therefore,

"Resolved, That we condole and sympathize with the afflicted family and relatives of our deceased brother, and with heartfelt sorrow mourn with them over his death; therefore,

"Resolved, That, as a token of respect for our deceased brother, our Lodge mourning for thirty days.

"On motion, the foregoing Preamble and Resolutions were accepted and ordered to be engrossed on the minutes, and the Secretary transmit a copy to the family of our deceased Brother.

" G. M. MIKMAK, " *Secretary of Philipstown Lodge No. 236.*"

Mr. Warren married, 15 Feb, 1824, Phebe, daughter of William Lickley by his wife Elizabeth Bell, born 13 Aug 1804; died 15 Dec 1870. (See Journal, notes 148, 150.)

Children of Sylvanus and Phebe (Lickley) Warren, all born at Cold Spring:

1. William John Warren, born 27 Nov 1824; drowned 25 Jun 1828.
2. Alexander Warren, born 5 May 1826; died 9 Nov 1830.
3. Sarah Elizabeth Warren, born 18 Dec 1827; died 3 Jan 1829.
4. **Gouverneur Kemble Warren**, born 8 Jan 1830; died 8 Aug 1882; married Emily Forbes Chase. By reason of its extensive length, the sketch of Major- General Warren will follow those of his brothers. (not included in the present work; he was, however, named for Bro. Gouverneur Kimble (above), a friend of Bro. Sylvanus Warren – g.l.h.)
5. William John Warren, born 2 Nov 1831; died 9 Jul 1901; married Edwardina Simms.
6. Sarah Warren, born 19 Mar 1834, died 16 Oct 1841.
7. Cornelius Warren, born 6 Mar 1836; died 7 May 1837.
8. Eliza Warren, born 21 Dec 1837; married, 24 Nov 1863, Captain Cornelius Hook, U.S.A., who died of yellow fever at Key West, 19 Jun 1864.
9. Alexander Warren, born 7 Apr 1839; died 14 Feb 1841.
10. Edgar Washburn Warren, born 6 Aug 1841; married Cornelia Maria Barrows,
11. Emily Warren, born 23 Sep 1843; married Washington Augustus Roebing.

12. Robert Parrot Warren', born 16 Nov 1847; died 23 Jan 1876.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

Peter B. Lawson, District Deputy Grand Master.

William Wood, District Deputy Grand Master.

MASTERS.

1851. Peter B. Lawson.	1872. William Wood.	1893. James E. Bailey.
1852. Peter B. Lawson.	1873. William Wood.	1894. James E. Bailey.
1853. Peter B. Lawson.	1874. Peter B. Lawson.	1895. James E. Bailey.
1854. Peter B. Lawson.	1875. Reuben Cash.	1896. James E. Bailey.
1855. Andrew McIlravy.	1876. Andrew McIlravy.	1897. Alexander Spalding.
1856. Andrew McIlravy.	1877. Andrew McIlravy.	1898. Alexander Spalding.
1857. Andrew McIlravy.	1878. Andrew McIlravy.	1899. James E. Bailey.
1858. Jackson O. Dykeman.	1879. Ellis H. Timm.	1900. Otis Montrose.
1859. Peter B. Lawson.	1880. Ellis H. Timm.	1901. Otis Montrose.
1860. Peter B. Lawson.	1881. Ellis H. Timm.	1902. Hugh Smith.
1861. Peter B. Lawson.	1882. Ellis H. Timm.	1903. Hugh Smith.
1862. Peter B. Lawson.	1883. Ellis H. Timm.	1904. Irving P. McCoy.
1863. Peter B. Lawson.	1884. Ellis H. Timm.	1905. John A. Holland.
1864. Thomas D. Coe.	1885. Ellis H. Timm.	1906. John A. Holland.
1865. Peter B. Lawson.	1886. Ellis H. Timm.	1907. Martin Adams.
1866. Jackson O. Dykeman.	1887. William Wood.	1908. Otis Montrose.
1867. P. C. Barker.	1888. William Wood.	1909. Claude Boorum.
1868. Andrew McIlravy 2d.	1889. William Wood.	1910. James H. Patterson.
1869. Andrew McIlravy 2d.	1890. William Wood.	1911. Leslie M. Stevenson.
1870. Andrew McIlravy 2d.	1891. James E. Bailey.	
1871. Andrew McIlravv 2d.	1892. James E. Bailey.	

**CHAMPLAIN LODGE, NO. 237, CHAMPLAIN, N. Y.**

WARRANT: The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated September 6, 1851.

The name and number has never been changed.

MINUTES: Intact.

The first recorded meeting for the purpose of organizing Champlain Lodge was held July 9, 1851. At this meeting a petition was prepared asking for a warrant, signed by the following:

Benjamin Tylee.	B. C. Webster.
Artemas Moses.	Michael Vandervort.
Nathaniel Nichols.	Isaac Stone.
Lemuel Clark.	Ed Springer.
R. R. Rood.	George Price.
Stephen Cole.	J. B. Fitch.
Ichabod Fitch.	Ephraim Ransom.
D. S. Holcomb.	Orrin Hough.
Daniel Newell.	J. Hungerford.
Julius C. Fitch.	Hiram Carter.
D. T. Taylor.	D. A. Collemen.

The petition nominated for officers:

D. S. HOLCOMB, Master.  
ORRIN HOUGH, Senior Warden.  
DANIEL NEWELL, Junior Warden.

It was recommended by Au Sable River Lodge, No. 149, and Clinton Lodge, No. 155.

At this meeting the following officers were elected:

D. S. HOLCOMB, Master.  
ORRIN HOUGH, Senior Warden.  
DANIEL NEWELL, Junior Warden.  
EPHRAIM RANSOM, Treasurer.  
J. HUNGERFORD, Secretary.  
A. J. WOODWORTH, Senior Deacon.  
JULIUS FITCH, Junior Deacon.  
HIRAM CARTER, Tiler.

The warrant was received at a meeting held October 5th, and on November 5th the Lodge was constituted and the officers elected on July 9th were installed.

The Lodge has had an unbroken existence since its organization. It was represented at the laying of the corner-stone of the Home at Utica, NY, May 21, 1891, and the dedication of same, October 5, 1892.

MASTERS.

1851. D. S. Holcomb.	1872. Emerson I. Lord.	1893. Amasa B. Spilman.
1852. D. S. Holcomb.	1873. Emerson I. Lord.	1894. Amasa B. Spilman.
1853. D. S. Holcomb.	1874. Emerson I. Lord.	1895. W. George Graves.
1854. D. S. Holcomb.	1875. Pliny F. Dunning.	1896. Ransom W. Graves.
1855. D. S. Holcomb.	1876. Emerson I. Lord.	1897. Ransom W. Graves.
1856. D. S. Holcomb.	1877. George C. Kaufman.	1898. John T. Stewart.
1857. Hiram Carter.	1878. George C. Kaufman.	1899. W. George Graves.
1858. George A. French.	1879. Emerson I. Lord.	1900. Charles H. Eaton.
1859. Samuel M. Moore.	1880. Emerson I. Lord.	1901. Charles L. Stone.
1860. D. S. Holcomb.	1881. Charles E. Everest.	1902. Myron D. Briggs.
1861. Charles E. Everest	1882. Charles E. Everest.	1903. Bert rand F. Paine.
1862. Samuel M. Moore.	1883. Charles E. Everest.	1904. Harry L. Weegar.
1863. Charles E. Everest.	1884. John C. Biglow.	1905. A. H. Scriver.
1864. Charles E. Everest.	1885. Emerson I. Lord.	1906. A. H. Scriver.
1865. Charles E. Everest	1886. Thomas B. Dickenson.	1907. Clarence M. Graves.
1866. Charles E. Everest.	1887. Emerson I. Lord.	1908. Clarence M. Graves.
1867. Charles E. Everest.	1888. Bartlett Nye.	1909. Clarence M. Graves.
1868. Charles E. Everest.	1889. Benjamin F. Woodward.	1910. Foster M. Strickland.
1869. Charles E. Everest.	1890. Benjamin F. Woodward.	1911. Foster M. Strickland.
1870. Charles E. Everest.	1891. Ransom W. Graves.	
1871. John R. Lafountain.	1892. Albertus B. Angell.	

**ORIENT LODGE, NO. 238, COPENHAGEN, N. Y.**

WARRANT: The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated September 6, 1851.

The name has never been changed; its predecessor was No. 150.

MINUTES: Intact. The Lodge also has possession of the minutes of Orient Lodge, No. 150, from its organization to December 9, 1829.

Orient Lodge, No. 150, was organized at Harrisburg, NY, in 1806. The first recorded meeting was held on October 21, 1806, at the home of Freedom Wright by authority of a dispensation issued by M.'. W.'. DEWITT CLINTON. The following were officers:

AUGUSTUS SACKET, Master.  
SOLOMON KING, Senior Warden.  
CHILLUS DOTY, Junior Warden.  
FREEDOM WRIGHT, Treasurer.  
IRA SMITH, Secretary.  
LEWIS GRAVES, Senior Deacon.  
CHARLES WRIGHT, Junior Deacon.

At this meeting the Lodge was instituted and the following officers installed:

JONATHAN BARKER, Master.  
SUETON FAIRCHILD, Senior Warden.  
BENJAMIN VAN VLECK, Junior Warden.

At a session of the Grand Lodge held December 3, 1806, several petitions for warrants were read and granted, among them was: "To a number of Brethren to hold a Lodge at Harrisburg, County of Lewis, in this State, to be called Orient Lodge, recommended by Ontario Lodge, Sacketts Harbor."

On the same day a warrant was issued, the first three officers being the same as nominated in the dispensation.

The first election for officers was held December 24, 1806, which resulted as follows:

JONATHAN BARKER, Master.  
SOLOMON KING, Senior Warden.  
WILLIAM MARTIN, Junior Warden.  
ANDREW MILLS, Treasurer.  
BENJAMIN FITCH, Secretary.  
CHARLES WRIGHT, Senior Deacon.  
TYRAMUS A. WRIGHT, Steward.  
NATHAN MUNGER, Steward.  
SUETON FAIRCHILD, Tiler.

The first By-Laws adopted by the Lodge contain some curious provisions. The time of meeting, according to Section 1 reads: "The same shall be opened every Wednesday preceding the full moon, in every month at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon, and be closed at nine o'clock in the evening."

Section 6 contains the following:

"And it is further ordained that each and every member shall pay to the funds of the Lodge, twelve and one-half cents each and every regular Lodge night, and it shall be the duty of the Secretary to collect the dues every evening from the members present, and no member shall omit paying his dues for a longer time than three regular Lodge nights under the penalty of One Dollar fine and a reprimand from the Chair, and the Secretary shall exact from each visiting Brother, twelve and one-half cents for each Lodge he shall attend after the first."

The fees for degrees were fourteen dollars, the candidate to pay when initiated, "three, four or five Dollars according to his ability." This arrangement continued until January 29, 1817, when the By-Laws were amended requiring the candidate to pay the full fee when initiated.

When first organized meetings were held at the homes of some of the members.

This practice was continued until the early part of 1825, when rooms were secured on the third story of the Blodgett Tavern and fitted for the use of the Lodge. These quarters were dedicated March 3, 1825, and occupied by the Lodge until it ceased to work. The last recorded meeting was held December 9, 1829.

An old sketch of the Lodge states that during the excitement occasioned by the Morgan Episode an attempt was made to prevent the Lodge from meeting; the sketch says: "A crowd was collected for the purpose of breaking up the meeting, they gathered about the door declaring that the Lodge should not convene, when Tiler Sherwood astonished the howling fanatics, appearing before them armed with the proper Implements and exclaiming, 'The Worshipful Master orders that Orient Lodge be opened, and by the Eternal Orient Lodge shall open if all H—I stands before it,' and the efforts of the intrepid Tiler were successful, the crowd dispersed and the meeting was held." In all probability it was the violence of these persecutions which finally compelled the Lodge to extinguish its lights and close its doors. No effort appears to have been made to revive the Lodge or to organize its successor until the spring of 1851.

Ashley Davenport, who was Master of the old Lodge in 1820-21, together with Morris Hartwell, Solomon Shultz and George Dickinson, all former members of the Lodge, were active in the revival of Masonry in the village of Denmark. The first recorded meeting was held April 21, 1851, when a committee was appointed to prepare a code of by-laws. Two applications for membership were also received.

On September 6, 1851, a warrant was issued which named as officers:

ASHLEY DAVENPORT, Master.

SETH MERRELL, Senior Warden.

ISAAC P. POWERS, Junior Warden.

The records of the Lodge dated September 27, 1851, contain the following:

"Orient Lodge opened on the third Degree of Masonry. Bro. Ira Chase, Esq., in the chair. Minutes of the Lodge examined and accepted. Charter read by the Secretary. Orient Lodge, No. 238, consecrated and the officers installed in form according to ancient usages by Brother Eli West, Esquire."

At the same meeting one candidate was initiated and passed and two candidates were raised.

Ashley Davenport, the first Master of Orient Lodge, No. 238, was Master of the old Lodge in 1820-21. He was made a Mason in Orient Lodge in March, 1816, and continued an active member until his death, February 11, 1874.

The first officers elected under the warrant were:

SETH MERRELL, Master.

ISAAC P. POWERS, Senior Warden.

SAMUEL WADSWORTH, Junior Warden.

MORRIS HARTWELL, Treasurer.

MARTIN DUNHAM, Secretary.

LEWIS CONLEY, Senior Deacon.

STEPHEN DUNHAM, Junior Deacon.

JOHN ROWSON, Steward

PETER BENT, Steward

J. LEWIS MERRELL, Tiler.

The Lodge remained at Denmark until May, 1857, when it moved to Copenhagen for a period of six months, returning to Denmark in the fall. In the following year the Lodge removed again to Copenhagen.

The first meeting place in Copenhagen was in the Angle and Raymond block, where it remained until 1871, when it moved to the Merriman block, remaining here until 1891, when it moved into its present quarters in the Austin block.

The Lodge has in its possession some of the officers' jewels of its predecessors.

It was represented at the laying of the corner-stone of the Home at Utica, NY, May 21, 1891, and the dedication of same, October 5, 1892.

#### MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

Ashley Davenport, State Senator.  
Nathaniel Merrell, State Senator, Iowa.  
Charles A. Chickering, Congressman.  
J. Duane Parish, County Treasurer.  
Darwin Nash, County Treasurer.  
C. Frank Smith, Sheriff.

Lewis Graves, Assemblyman.  
George S. Curtis, Sheriff.  
George S. Hubbard, Sheriff.  
W. Grant Clark, School Commissioner.  
Lewis A. Twining, School Commissioner.  
Harry J. Henry, School Commissioner.



Charles Addison Chickering was a Representative from New York, born in Harrisburg, Lewis County, NY, 26 Nov 1843. He attended the common schools and Lowville Academy and was for some time a teacher in that institution; engaged in business as a hardware merchant; served as school commissioner of Lewis County 1865-1875; member of the New York assembly 1879-1881 and as clerk of the assembly 1884-1890. He served as chairman of the Lewis County Republican committee, was a member of the Republican State committee, serving as secretary, and as a member of its executive committee; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-third and to the three succeeding Congresses and served from March 4, 1893, until his accidental death from injuries received in a fall from a window of the Grand Union Hotel in New York City while on a business trip 13 Feb 1900. He was also chairman, Committee on Railways and Canals (Fifty-fourth through Fifty-sixth Congresses. Interment was in Riverside Cemetery, Copenhagen, Lewis County, NY.

There is something mysterious about the death of Charles A. Chickering, Representative in Congress from the Twenty-fourth District of this State, whose dead body was found on the sidewalk on the north side of Forty-first Street, east of Park Avenue, at an early hour yesterday. While it may have been an accident or the result of walking in his sleep, the facts gathered indicate that the Congressman plunged head first from a window on the fourth floor of the Grand Union Hotel, and was instantly killed.

Congressman Chickering suffered severely from rheumatism. He was frequently a guest at the Grand Union, and generally traveled with an attendant. This time he came unattended. He reached the hotel on Sunday, and it was his intention to start for Washington on Monday afternoon, but the weather was so unfavorable that he decided to remain over until yesterday morning. He was about the main floor of the Grand Union the greater part of the day and early evening on Monday, and when a TIMES reporter saw him he was in as good spirits as a man suffering from rheumatism might be expected to be on a rainy day.

During Monday, it is said, Mr. Chickering received a call from Dr. Graeme M. Hammond of 58 West Forty-fifth Street and a male friend, whose name could not be ascertained.

Mr. Chickering went to his room about 9 o'clock, and before retiring ate a light luncheon of bread and milk. The waiter who served him was the last person who saw him alive.

Just as dawn was breaking yesterday a milkman, driving across East Forty-first Street, saw an object on the sidewalk, and, leaving his wagon, he discovered Mr. Chickering's body. Running to the hotel office, he informed Night Clerk J. E. Lord, who summoned James Lacey, a porter, and the trio went to Forty-first Street, where they were joined by Officer Colgan of the East Thirty-fifth Street Station. An ambulance from Bellevue Hospital soon arrived, and, the surgeon in charge pronouncing Mr. Chickering dead, the body was removed to the East Thirty-fifth Street Police Station in a patrol wagon. Before the body was removed Mr. Lord and Porter Lacey said that it was that of Congressman Chickering, and their identification was promptly confirmed by an examination of the effects found on the dead man's person.

Mr. Chickering was not fully dressed. The body was attired in a night robe, indicating that the Congressman had retired, and the condition of the bed corroborated this inference. It is thought that Mr. Chickering arose while suffering intense pain, and possibly sought relief in different positions. He had put on his stockings, drawers, trousers, and vest. The saturated condition of the clothing indicated that Mr. Chickering had probably been on the sidewalk at least two hours before he was discovered.

Just how Congressman Chickering reached the sidewalk is not known. Outside his window was a fire escape with a railing waist high. If he had fallen through the aperture, he must necessarily have struck the balcony on the first story, where there is no opening. It seems almost impossible that he could have fallen over the railing, and the generally accepted idea is that he plunged head foremost to the ground. This theory is strengthened by the fact that there is a terrible wound on the right temple, which probably caused instant death.

Unless his mind was temporarily deranged by excruciating pain, no cause for suicide can be imagined. Mr. Chickering was fairly prosperous, and his domestic relations were of the happiest. In every-day life he was one of the most genial of men, despite his intense sufferings, and he was a popular politician and a staunch friend of Senator Platt.

News of Mr. Chickering's death spread rapidly. The House of Representatives at Washington adjourned out of respect to his memory, and in local political circles, where he was well and favorably known, expressions of deep sympathy were heard on every side.

On a permit from the Coroners' Office the body was removed to an undertaker's establishment on Fourth Avenue, whence it was taken to the Congressman's home, at Copenhagen, N. Y., on the 9:15 o'clock train last night.

Mrs. Chickering, the widow, accompanied by some friends, arrived at the hotel at 6:30 o'clock last evening. She refused to be seen.

Dr. Hammond was not at his home when a TIMES reporter called, and the only information obtainable was that he would not be at his office until this morning.

Charles A. Chickering was born at Harrisburg, N. Y., Nov. 26, 1843. He received an academic education, and for some time was a teacher on the staff of the Lowville Academy.

He early evinced a taste for politics, and when only twenty-two years old was elected School Commissioner for Lewis County, serving for ten years. He was sent to the New York State Assembly in 1879, and was twice re-elected. In 1884 he was chosen Clerk of the Assembly and held the place until 1891, when the Democrats controlled the lower house. He was sent to Congress in 1893, and remained a member until his death. In the Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth Congresses he was Chairman of the Committee on Railways and Canals.

At his own request Mr. Chickering served only on the Committee on Railways and Canals, and it is feared that his death will materially retard the proposed purchase by the United States Government of the Erie Canal.

Mr. Chickering was for many years Chairman of the Lewis County Republican Committee, and also served as Secretary of the Republican State Committee in 1888 and 1890. He married Emma B. Stanton of Copenhagen, N. Y., on Dec. 15, 1870.

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GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

JAMES H. TAMBLIN, District Deputy Grand Master.

MASTERS OF No. 150.

1807. Jonathan Barker.	1815. Chadwick Chase.	1823. Lewis Graves.
1808. Jonathan Barker.	1816. Chadwick Chase.	1824. C. H. Morrison, Jr.
1809. Sueton Fairchild.	1817. Chadwick Chase.	1825. J. S. Cary.
1810. John Canfield,	1818. Chadwick Chase.	1826. J. S. Cary.
1811. Jonathan Barker.	1819. Samuel Clark. Jr.	1827. Ephraim Hunt.
1812. William Darbyshire.	1820. Ashley Davenport.	1828. Ephraim Hunt.
1813. John Canfield.	1821. Ashley Davenport.	1829. R. H. McComber.
1814. Eleazer S. Sylvester.	1822. Absalom Sylvester.	1830. R. H. McComber.

MASTERS OF No. 238.

1851. Ashley Davenport.	1872. James S. Mitchell.	1893. John B. Austin.
1852. Ashley Davenport.	1873. Lewis F. Weaver.	1894. James H. Tamblin.
1853. Seth Merrell.	1874. Charles A. Chickering.	1895. Henry E. Chickering.
1854. Isaac F. Powers.	1875. Charles A. Chickering.	1896. Henry E. Chickering.
1855. A. F. Foot.	1876. Charles A. Chickering.	1897. William H. Cramer.
1856. A. F. Foot.	1877. Lewis F. Weaver.	1898. William H. Cramer.
1857. Ashley Davenport.	1878. Lewis F. Weaver.	1899. James H. Tamblin.
1858. J. Lewis Merrell.	1879. James S. Mitchell.	1900. Henry E. Chickering.
1859. J. Lewis Merrell.	1880. James S. Mitchell.	1901. Herman A. Roberts.
1860. G. A. Scoville.	1881. Nelson T. Cutwater.	1902. Herman A. Roberts.
1861. William M. Nichols.	1882. Sanford E. Stanton.	1903. Truman D. Chickering.
1862. J. Lewis Merrell.	1883. Sanford E. Stanton.	1904. Truman D. Chickering.
1863. Peter Bent, Jr.	1884. James S. Mitchell.	1905. Truman D. Chickering.
1864. Peter Bent, Jr.	1885. Judd F. Hadcock.	1906. Leon J. Fowler.
1865. John C. Wright.	1886. William D. Jones.	1907. Leon J. Fowler.
1866. E. D. Babcock.	1887. William D. Jones.	1908. Fred S. Chickering.
1867. E. D. Babcock.	1888. William D. Jones.	1909. Harry J. Henry.
1868. E. D. Babcock.	1889. William D. Jones.	1910. Truman D. Chickering.
1869. E. D. Babcock.	1890. C. Frank Smith.	1911. Warren C. Brown.
1870. John C. Wright.	1891. J. Edward Boyd.	
1871. James S. Mitchell.	1892. John B. Austin.	

**CATTARAUGUS LODGE, NO. 239, SALAMANCA, N. Y.**

WARRANT: The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated June 7, 1888. The original warrant was dated June 12, 1851. The name or number has never been changed.

MINUTES: Not intact. .

The early life of Cattaraugus Lodge is but a tradition, as all records, minutes and property of the Lodge were destroyed by fire on February 29, 1888.

A history of Cattaraugus County published in 1879 contains the following relating to the Lodge:

"Cattaraugus Lodge, No. 239, F. and A. M., was instituted at Little Valley, NY, under a dispensation granted in 1850 to Benjamin Chamberlain, Stanley N. Clark, Samuel Barrows, Solomon S. Childs, Gaines Wheaton, Luther Peabody, Israel Day, Moses Beecher, Smith Finch and Ira Gaylord.

"The officers named in the warrant were:

IRA GAYLORD, Master.

BENJAMIN CHAMBERLAIN, Senior Warden.

LUTHER PEABODY, Junior Warden.

"The Lodge was organized and was located at Little Valley, NY, a village about nine miles west of Salamanca, and remained there until June, 1874.

"On April 8, 1874, M. ' W. ' CHRISTOPHER G. FOX, who at the time was Grand Master, gave his consent to remove the Lodge from Little Valley to Salamanca, and on June 5, 1874, the Grand Lodge approved of his action."

The first meeting place in Salamanca was on the second floor of the Erie Machine Shop, where it remained until 1879, when it moved to the corner of Main and Atlantic streets. The next place of meeting was in the Opera House on River Street, where it remained until February 29, 1888, when this building was destroyed by fire, the Lodge losing all of its property including its warrant. It afterward secured quarters on the third floor of A. V. Newton's building on Main Street, remaining there until 1892, when it moved to the corner of Main and Maple streets, remaining here until October 11, 1904, when it moved into its present quarters in the Masonic Temple.

The corner-stone of this building was laid by M. ' W. ' FRANK H. ROBINSON, Grand Master, June 11, 1904, and was dedicated by R. ' W. ' TOWNSEND SCUDDER, Deputy Grand Master, September 16, 1905. The Temple is owned jointly by Cattaraugus Lodge, No. 239, Salamanca Chapter, No. 206, and Salamanca Commandery, No. 62.

At a session of the Grand Lodge held June 7, 1888, the warrant now in possession of the Lodge was ordered issued, to take the place of the one destroyed by fire.

The Lodge was represented at the laying of the corner-stone of the Home at Utica, NY, May 21, 1891. It also assisted in the ceremonies at the laying of the corner-stone of the First Baptist Church at Salamanca, October 4, 1901.



MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

Edward B. Vreeland, Congressman.  
James S. Whipple, Assemblyman.  
George W. Cole, District Attorney

Albert T. Fancher, State Senator.  
Carey D. Davie, Surrogate.

**Albert T. Fancher**, the son of Capt. William and Lydia (Mills) Fancher, was born 18 Jan 1859 n Leon, NY. He was educated in the common schools and in the Chamberlain Institute, and at the age of eighteen formed a partnership with Edgar SHANNON, of Leon, under the firm name of Edgar SHANNON & Co., which continued in trade with two branch stores in the oil regions of Pennsylvania for seven years. A Republican, he represented his town on the Board of Supervisors three terms and in 1885 was elected clerk of Cattaraugus County. He resided in Little Valley, owned a farm in Leon, and dealt, in real estate. He was instrumental in the formation of Allegany State Park. They had one of the largest dairy farms in Cattaraugus County on Fancher Hill Road in Leon. His father, William, was in the Civil War, 64th Regiment, NY State Volunteers; age 38 years. Enrolled September 14, 1861 at Leon to serve three years; mustered in as Captain, Co. K on December 9, 1861; died May 24, 1862 at Leon, NY (from the effects of typhoid fever contracted at the Peninsula Campaign).

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**Edward Butterfield Vreeland** was a Representative from New York, born 7 Dec 1856 in Cuba, Allegany County, NY. He moved to Salamanca, Cattaraugus County, NY, in 1869 and was graduated from Friendship Academy in 1877. Superintendent of the public schools at Salamanca, NY, 1877-1882, he studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1881, but did not engage in active practice. He engaged in banking and in the oil and insurance business, becoming president of the Salamanca Trust Co. in 1891, served as postmaster of Salamanca 1889-1893; was elected as a Republican to the Fifty-sixth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Warren B. Hooker; reelected to the Fifty-seventh and to the five succeeding Congresses and served from 7 Nov 1899, to 3 Mar 1913; chairman, Committee on Banking and Currency (Sixty-first Congress); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1912; appointed a member of the National Monetary Commission, serving as vice chairman 1909-1912; resumed former business pursuits in Salamanca, NY, until 1 Jan 1936, when he retired from active business. He died 8 May 1936 in Salamanca, NY, and was interment in Wildwood Cemetery. He was married 27 Feb 1881 to Myra S. Price, of Friendship, NY, b 14 Dec 1860, dau. of Jacob Orson and Laura Cornelia (Bradley) Price.



GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

WILLIAM H. HAZARD, District Deputy Grand Master.

MASTERS.

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1851. Ira Gaylord.         | 1872. Henry O. Robinson.      | 1893. George B. Abbott.   |
| 1852. Ira Gaylord.         | 1873. Henry O. Robinson.      | 1894. George B. Abbott.   |
| 1853. Henry C. Gaylord.    | 1874. Henry O. Robinson.      | 1895. Edward F. Norton.   |
| 1854. F. Duane Perry.      | 1875. Hudson Ansley.          | 1896. Edward F. Norton.   |
| 1855. John Manley.         | 1876. Hudson Ansley.          | 1897. Charles H. Towsey.  |
| 1856. John W. Hillibrant.  | 1877. Frank Elliott.          | 1898. Charles H. Towsey.  |
| 1857. Leonard Salisbury.   | 1878. Hudson Ansley.          | 1899. Gilbert M. Hevenor. |
| 1858. Daniel Butklin.      | 1879. Hudson Ansley.          | 1900. Gilbert M. Hevenor. |
| 1859. Charles M. G. Chase. | 1880. Frank B. Mills.         | 1901. Thomas A. Heller.   |
| 1860. John Manley.         | 1881. Albert J. Reid.         | 1902. William H. Hazard.  |
| 1861. Leonard Salisbury.   | 1882. Hudson Ansley.          | 1903. William H. Hazard.  |
| 1862. Daniel Bucklin.      | 1883. John J. O'Donnell.      | 1904. Fred C. Beals.      |
| 1863. Leonard Salisbury.   | 1884. Hudson Ansley.          | 1905. Fred C. Beals.      |
| 1864. Leonard Salisbury.   | 1885. Hudson Ansley.          | 1906. John Hoag.          |
| 1865. D. M. Brooks.        | 1886. Hudson Ansley.          | 1907. John Hoag.          |
| 1866. John B. Shaw.        | 1887. Park Stevens.           | 1908. Robert N. Forbes.   |
| 1867. Dyer P. Henderson.   | 1888. Park Stevens.           | 1909. Robert N. Forbes.   |
| 1865. Dyer P. Henderson.   | 1889. William M. Farquharson. | 1910. Lyman J. Cheney.    |
| 1869. Stephen C. Green.    | 1890. Charles M. Hamilton,    | 1911. Lyman J. Cheney.    |
| 1870. Leonard Salisbury.   | 1891. Charles M. Hamilton.    |                           |
| 1871. Henry O. Robinson.   | 1892. Charles M. Hamilton.    |                           |

WASHINGTON LODGE, NO. 240, BUFFALO, N. Y.

WARRANT: The warrant in possession of the Lodge was issued June 7, 1883, but bears the same date as the original warrant issued December 11, 1851, which was destroyed by fire December 21, 1882.

The name or number has never been changed.

MINUTES: Not intact, the records from March 9, 1882, to January 13, 1887, were damaged by fire.

Washington Lodge was organized during the autumn of 1851; a number of informal meetings were held and finally a petition was prepared asking for a dispensation which was signed by the following:

Lyman Brown.	Daniel H. Wiswell.
Harlow Palmer.	Hiram H. Reynolds.
Michael Pinner	Horatio Warren.
Ashley Ball.	Charles D. Delaney.
Miles Jones.	James M. Punderson.
Abram S. Swartz.	Eli Williamson.
Oliver B. Evans.	Gordon Bailey.
George W. Clinton.	

The petition met with favor, and in October a dispensation was issued by M.'. W.'. OSCAR COLES, Grand Master. The first meeting under the dispensation was held October 28th with the following officers:

LYMAN BROWN, Master.  
 HARLOW PALMER, Senior Warden.  
 JAMES M. PUNDERSON, Junior Warden.  
 MILES JONES, Treasurer.  
 HIRAM H. REYNOLDS, Secretary.  
 MICHAEL PINNER, Senior Deacon.  
 GORDON BAILEY, Junior Deacon.  
 CHARLES D. DELANEY, Steward  
 DANIEL H. WISWELL, Steward  
 ABRAM S. SWARTZ, Master of Ceremonies.  
 DANIEL KINNEY, Tiler.

At this meeting By-Laws were adopted, three petitions for initiation were received, and a committee was appointed to secure a place of meeting in the "upper" part of the city.

The first work done by the Lodge was on November 25th, when Horatio Seymour, Jr., and William A. Sutton were initiated and passed.

At a meeting of the Grand Lodge held December 2, 1851, a warrant was ordered, and on the 11th instant it was issued.

The officers named in the warrant were:

LYMAN BROWN, Master.  
 HARLOW PALMER, Senior Warden.  
 JAMES M. PUNDERSON, Junior Warden.

The first meeting under the warrant was held January 1, 1852, when the Lodge was constituted and the same officers installed that had served while working under dispensation.

The first meeting place was in the rooms of Hiram Lodge, No. 105, corner of Washington and Exchange streets, where it remained until June, 1852, when it moved to No. 330 (old number) Main Street. In April, 1853, it moved to Nos. 320-328 (now Nos. 410-418) Main Street: these quarters were destroyed by fire January 25, 1865, and for a short time it had quarters on the corner of Main and Swan streets; in December, 1865, it moved into a new building which had been erected on the site of the one destroyed by fire. From 1869 to 1876 it met on the southwest corner of Main and Swan streets. In July, 1876, it moved to the Miller and Grainer Hall corner of Washington and North Division streets. This building was partially destroyed by fire on December 21, 1882, and for the second time the Lodge suffered by fire, this time losing its warrant. While its quarters were being restored it held meetings in the rooms of the Lodge of Ancient Landmarks, No. 441, on the corner of Main and Court streets. In September, 1883, it returned to its former quarters.

On March 15, 1887, this building was totally destroyed by fire, the Lodge losing all of its property. Subsequent quarters were secured in the Austin building on the corner of Franklin and Eagle streets. These disasters fanned into active life a movement having for its object the erection of a Masonic Temple where all of the Masonic bodies could secure safe and comfortable quarters. The Masonic Hall Association was organized in 1875, and in September, 1888, the property known as Nos. 41-43 and 45 Niagara Street was purchased, and arrangements were soon entered into for the erection of the Temple. The Lodge took an active interest in this enterprise, contributing generously towards procuring funds for the purpose.

The corner-stone was laid July 20, 1890, by R.'. W.'. CHARLES F. BISHOP, District Deputy Grand Master. The first meeting of the Lodge in the Temple was held January 14, 1892, and it still has quarters in this building. The Temple was dedicated by M.'. W.'. CHRISTOPHER G. FOX, Past Grand Master, January 20, 1892.

The Lodge participated in both of these ceremonies, and was also represented at the laying of the corner-stone of the State Arsenal, May 5, 1858; corner-stone of Universalist Church, August 2, 1864; corner-stone of the Memorial Monument, Forest Lawn Cemetery, September 28, 1866; corner-stone of the State Normal School, Fredonia, NY, August 8, 1867; corner-stone of the State Normal School, Buffalo, April 15, 1869; corner-stone of the Firemen's Monument, Forest Lawn Cemetery, June 24, 1869; corner-stone of the Asbury M. E. Church, July 13, 1871; corner-stone of the City and County Hall, June 24, 1872; corner-stone of the State Hospital, September 18, 1872; corner-stone of the Soldiers' Monument, Forest Lawn Cemetery, October 21, 1880; corner-stone of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument, Lafayette Square. July 4, 1882; corner-stone of the 74th Regiment Armory, corner of Virginia Street and Fremont Place. July 4, 1885; corner-stone of the Home at Utica, NY, May 21, 1891; dedication of same, October 5, 1892; corner-stone of the U. S. Government Building, Buffalo, June 19, 1897; corner-stone of the 74th Regiment Armory, Niagara Street, July 4, 1898; cornerstone of the 65th Regiment Armory, May 30, 1903; corner-stone of the Masonic Hall, Lodge of Ancient Landmarks. No. 441, July 23, 1904; corner-stone of Unity Hall, July 1, 1905, and the laying of the cornerstone of the Y. W. C. A. Building at Hamilton. Ont.

A notable event in the history of the Lodge occurred on February 22, 1906, when it celebrated the birth of George Washington, in whose honor the Lodge was named. The principal feature of this occasion was an address on "Washington the Mason," by R.'. W.'. SYLVANUS J. QUINN, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and Secretary of Fredericksburg Lodge, No. 6. He also exhibited the Bible upon which Brother Washington was obligated as a Mason and a minute book of the Lodge containing the record of his initiation, passing and raising.

The valued mementoes were brought from Fredericksburg by authority of a special dispensation.

A close fraternal friendship exists between Washington Lodge and Doric Lodge, No. 316, A. F. and A. M., Toronto, Canada, and The Bartin Lodge, No. 6. Hamilton, Canada. On September 28, 1882, the Lodge tendered a reception to Doric Lodge, which was accompanied by M.'. W.'. DANIEL SPRY, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, M.'. W.'. J. K. KERR, Past Grand Master, R.'. W.'. J. Ross ROBERTSON, Senior Grand Warden and others of the Grand Lodge of Canada. A return visit was made to Doric Lodge in the following year. Washington Lodge again visited Toronto, May 16, 1895, to attend the twenty-first anniversary of Doric Lodge.

On December 9, 1897, it was again visited by Doric Lodge accompanied by M.'. W.'. WILLIAM: GIBSON, Grand Master of Canada, and other officers of that Grand Lodge.

At a meeting of the Lodge held May 22, 1879, the Master announced that the safe containing the old records of the Lodge had been placed in the vault of the City Hall by the Trustees of the Lodge. In course of time this action of the Trustees was forgotten, and when the fire of 1887 occurred it was supposed that all of the old records were destroyed, but in March, 1898, the daily papers of Buffalo referred to an old rusty safe which had been discovered in the basement of the City Hall, and no one could be found who knew whence it came or what it contained. After much speculation the safe was forced open and the contents disclosed, which proved to be the long lost minute books of Washington Lodge containing the records from its organization in 1851 up to 1872. The safe with its priceless contents was turned over to the Lodge and are now carefully preserved.

Several members of the Lodge have gained distinction in the Craft.

**Charles W. Cushman**, who was Master in 1890-91, was Senior Grand Deacon in 1891, District Deputy Grand Master in 1892, Grand Marshal in 1894. In 1895 he was elected Junior Grand Warden, serving four consecutive years in that office. In 1899-1900 he was Senior Grand Warden, and at a session of the Grand Lodge held May 8, 1901, he was elected an Honorary Past Grand Master, this being the first instance where such an honor had been conferred by the Grand Lodge. At the same time a like honor was conferred on M.'. W.'. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary. Brother Cushman had just been re-elected Senior Grand Warden by acclamation, but owing to ill health declined the office. In doing so he said: "Brethren, under the circumstances I feel as though I could not consistently, with justice to myself, or with justice to this Grand Lodge, continue longer in office I feel, under these circumstances, that now is the proper time for me to retire. Human life is crowded with opportunities for a Mason to show to the world that the brightest banner that casts a shadow among the living is the banner of Masonry . . . when we come to lie down with the millions of those who have lived and labored and died in the life and light of Masonic truth, our living or our dying will give emphasis to the words of our ancient Brethren who said, 'May we so live that, when we come to die, we may lie down in our graves as one possessed in sleep, to be found worthy of being remembered in the memory of men.' . . . Man lives for a moment and casts his shadow of greatness among the living, and then comes the great hereafter; and so it is with our lives. As Masons we should be honorable, straightforward, and true one to another. Brethren, may the sweetest and the brightest sunshine of life continue to be yours."

He died at his home in Buffalo, August 19, 1903.

Another distinguished member is R.'. W.'. THOMAS PENNEY, who was Master in 1903. He was appointed Commissioner of Appeals in 1904 for three years. In 1907 he was elected Junior Grand Warden, re- elected in 1908 and again in 1909. On May 4, 1910, he was elected Senior Grand Warden.

A number of the members have been appointed

#### GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

John B. Manning, District Deputy Grand Master.  
Charles R. FitzGerald, Junior Grand Deacon.  
William S. Riselay, Commissioner of Appeals.  
Elias Haffa, District Deputy Grand Master.  
Charles F. Adams, District Deputy Grand Master.

John C. Graves, Commissioner of Appeals.  
Frank B. Hannis, Grand Sword Bearer.  
J. William Prouse, Custodian of the Work.  
George H. Chase. Junior Grand Deacon.

#### MASTERS.

1851. Lyman Brown.	1872. Cassius C. Candee.	1893. Frank B. Hower.
1852. Lyman Brown.	1873. William B. Flint.	1894. William S. Riselay.
1853. Horatio Warren.	1874. William B. Flint.	1895. William S. Riselay.
1854. Gordon Bailey.	1875. Henry B. McCulloch.	1896. Perry C. Reyburn.
1855. Everard Palmer.	1876. Henry B. McCulloch.	1897. J. William Prouse.
1856. Michael Pinner.	1877. Ralph Johnson.	1898. J. William Prouse.
1857. Andrew Houliston.	1878. John C. Graves.	1899. Elias Haffa.
1858. William Fleming.	1879. John C. Graves.	1900. Elias Haffa.
1859. Michael Pinner.	1880. John B. Greene.	1901. Charles S. Butler.
1860. Michael Pinner.	1881. Joseph E. Ball.	1902. Charles S. Butler.
1861. Michael Pinner.	1882. Charles R. Fitz-Gerald.	1903. Thomas Penney.
1862. Michael Pinner.	1883. Charles R. Fitz-Gerald.	1904. William H. Lyons.
1863. Michael Pinner.	1884. Frank T. Gilbert.	1905. Robert L. Cox.
1864. Michael Pinner.	1885. Frank T. Gilbert.	1906. George H. Chase.
1865. Samuel O. Bigelow.	1886. Warren F. Chandler.	1907. George H. Chase.
1866. A. E. Williams.	1887. Warren F. Chandler.	1908. Charles A. Bonney.
1867. John B. Manning.	1888. Frank B. Hannis.	1909. Charles F. Adams.
1868. John B. Manning.	1889. Frank B. Hannis.	1910. William F. Elmendorf.
1869. Isaac O. Crissy.	1890. Charles W. Cushman.	1911. Alonzo G. Hinkley.
1870. Isaac O. Crissy.	1891. Charles W. Cushman.	
1871. Cassius C. Candee.	1892. Frank B. Hower.	

## **CONSTITUTION LODGE, NO. 241, NEW YORK CITY.**

WARRANT: The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated December 24, 1851.

Name and number: the first name was Oscar Coles, the number has never been changed.

MINUTES: Intact.

Oscar Coles Lodge was organized during the winter of 1851. The petition for a warrant was signed by the following:

Alfred F. Thorn.	Cornelius W. Brush.
John H. Black.	Caleb Grant.
Nelson Edwards.	Amasa Conklin.
William Hobinson.	Benjamin Beyer.

The petition was recommended by LaFayette Lodge, No. 64, at a meeting held December 1, 1851.

The petition met with prompt and favorable action, a warrant being issued December 24th, and on the same date the Lodge was constituted by M.' W.'. OSCAR COLES, Grand Master, who also installed the following officers:

ALFRED F. THORN, Master.  
CORNELIUS W. BRUSH, Senior Warden.  
JOHN H. BLACK, Junior Warden.  
SAMUEL AULD, Treasurer.  
ROBERT McCor, Secretary.  
BENJAMIN BEYER, Senior Deacon.  
GEORGE H. ANDERSON, Junior Deacon.

At this meeting a code of By-Laws was adopted and ten applications for degrees were received :

The charter members were:

Alfred F. Thorn.	William Van Cleaf.
John H. Black.	James Robinson.
Benjamin Beyer.	Alexander Cochrane.
William Robertson.	Isaac Vanderbilt.
Amnsa Conklin.	Robert McCoy.
Cornelius W. Brush.	Caleb Grant.
Samuel Auld.	Nelson Edwards.
George H. Anderson.	W. B. Tompkins.
Peter Van Pelt.	Robert Parker.

In the spring of 1866 a movement was begun which resulted in changing the name to Constitution.

On April 10, 1866, a committee was appointed to consider the subject and present a new name for the Lodge. On May 8th the committee reported that several names had been suggested, and recommended that a name be selected by ballot, which was done with the following result: for Standard, sixteen votes; for Veritas, eleven votes; for Justice, eight votes. A second ballot was taken and Veritas was selected, whereupon a committee was appointed to present a petition to the Grand Lodge to change the name to Veritas, but at the next meeting, held May 22d, this committee reported: " That they deemed it inexpedient to change the name of the Lodge at the present time," and the matter was temporarily dropped. On March 12, 1867, another committee was appointed to select a new name for the Lodge, and on April 9th the committee reported in favor of changing the name to "Constitution." The report was adopted, and on April 23d it was "Resolved, that the faster and Wardens be and are hereby empowered to petition the Grand Lodge to change the name of this Lodge from Oscar Coles, No. 241, to Constitution, No. 241."

This petition was duly presented to the Grand Lodge, and at a session held June 8, 1867, permission to change the name was given.

The first meeting place was at the corner of Broome and Crosby streets, where it remained until February, 1858, when it moved to Odd Fellows Hall, corner of Grand and Centre streets, remaining here until January, 1866, when it moved to No. 594 Broadway, where it remained until April, 1869, when it moved into Booth's Theatre building, corner of Sixth Avenue and Twenty-third Street. In May, 1874, it moved into the Masonic Hall, corner of Sixth Avenue and Twenty-third Street, where it remained until September, 1909, when it moved into its present quarters in the new Masonic Hall on Twenty-fourth Street.

The Lodge was represented at the laying of the corner-stone of the Masonic Hall on Twenty-third Street, June 8, 1870; 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, NY, May 21, 1891, and the dedication of same, October 5, 1892.

The Lodge has generously contributed toward the relief of sufferers by fire, fever and earthquakes; it also contributed nearly \$5,000 toward the erection of the Masonic Hall on Twenty-third Street and the Home at Utica, NY.

A sketch of Constitution Lodge would be incomplete without due reference to one of its most active members, W.' ALBERT MAXFIELD, who was Master in 1878 and its Secretary from 1889 to 1908 inclusive, twenty years of continuous and faithful service. He is not only a loyal and devoted Mason, but he has shown by long service in defence of "Old Glory" that he is also a patriotic American. He enlisted in the 11th Maine Infantry in February, 1862, and two years later re-enlisted in the same regiment, and continued in the service until February 2, 1866, when he was honorably mustered out at City Point, Va.

He was wounded once and was once a prisoner of war; he gained promotion through gallantry on the field of battle, and for a time was in command of the regiment. He was discharged with the rank of Captain.

Constitution Lodge has been fortunate in having among its adherents a number of patriots who, when the Union was endangered, rallied around the "Old Flag." The following is the

ROLL OF HONOR.

Edward Brown.  
August F. Claussen.  
W.'. William H. Devins. 12th NG  
Horace C. Hart. 43rd Vols  
Francis Herrman.  
John Jackson.  
Marcus M. Lewis.

W.'. Albert Maxfield.  
Abraham Philips.  
W.'. Charles Powers.  
W.'. Alexander J. Reid.  
Eugene F. Roberts.  
Julius C. Saxe.  
W.'. Charles A. Schouten. 39th Vols

Charles K. Sparks.  
W.'. William Townsend.  
Jason H. Wells. 37th NYNG  
George P. Williams.  
J. S. Williams.  
R.'.W.'. George W. Wyckoff. 71st NG  
W.'. Michel C. Yaeger.

SCHOUTEN, CHARLES A.—38th NY Vols; Sergeant, Fifty-fifth Infantry; transferred to Co. K, this regiment, December 23, 1862, and to Fortieth Infantry, June 3, 1863.

W.'. GEORGE W. WALGROVE, who was Master from 1854 to 1859 inclusive, was at one time Grand Commander of Knights Templar in the State of New York.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

GEORGE W. WYCKOFF, Grand Standard Bearer.

MASTERS.

1852. Alfred F. Thorn.  
1853. Cornelius W. Brush.  
1854. George W. Walgrove.  
1855. George W. Walgrove.  
1856. George W. Walgrove.  
1857. George W. Walgrove.  
1858. George W. Walgrove.  
1859. George W. Walgrove.  
1860. James H. Bunting.  
1861. James H. Bunting.  
1862. James H. Bunting.  
1863. James H. Bunting.  
1864. James H. Bunting.  
1865. James H. Bunting.  
1866. William H. Devins.  
1867. William H. Devins.  
1868. William H. Devins.  
1869. William H. Devins.  
1870. George W. Wyckoff.  
1871. George W. Wyckoff.

1872. George W. Wyckoff.  
1873. George W. Wyckoff.  
1874. Charles A. Schouten.  
1875. Charles A. Schouten.  
1876. William H. Devins.  
1877. Michael C. Yaeger.  
1878. Albert Maxfield.  
1879. A. Edward Taylor.  
1880. A. Edward Taylor.  
1881. Cornelius D. Disoway.  
1882. Cornelius D. Disoway.  
1883. Alexander J. Reid.  
1884. William Townsend.  
1885. William Townsend.  
1886. Cornelius D. Disoway.  
1887. A. Edward Taylor.  
1888. James M. Simpson.  
1889. John H. Cornell.  
1890. Henry C. Baker.  
1891. James S. Henderson.

1892. James S. Henderson.  
1893. Harvey Garrison.  
1894. Warren H. Erb.  
1895. Harry A. Smith.  
1896. George Morgan Lewis.  
1897. George Morgan Lewis.  
1898. Charles Powers.  
1899. Charles D. Atkinson.  
1900. John E. Dudley.  
1901. Michael W. Divine.  
1902. Hudson B. Britton.  
1903. Andrew Holzman.  
1904. Joseph O. Young.  
1905. ???  
1906. William K. Burns.  
1907. D. Curry Armstrong.  
1908. William E. Springsteel.  
1909. Arthur M. Putnam.  
1910. Thomas W. B. Lemmey.  
1911. J. Edward Harris.

**EUREKA LODGE, NO. 243, NEW YORK CITY.**

WARRANT: The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated December 26, 1851.

The name or number has never been changed.

MINUTES: Not intact.

The officers named in the warrant are:

WILLIAM H. UNDERHILL, Master.  
THOMAS J. HARRIS, Senior Warden.  
JAMES D. POTTER, Junior Warden.

The engrossed petition applying for a warrant for Eureka Lodge on file in the office of the Grand Secretary is signed by the following:

William H. Underhill.	Thomas J. Harris.
James D. Potter.	Thomas Lawson.
Horace B. Pike.	Lorenzo Lewis.
John P. Cryder.	Edward P. Fox.
Samuel Reynolds.	A. R. Gillmour.

It was recommended by Holland Lodge, No. 8, December 22, 1851, and on the same day the petition was read at a special session of the Grand Lodge and a warrant was granted.

There are no existing records to show how the organization of the Lodge came about or where it was organized. Meetings were undoubtedly held for the purpose of naming the Lodge and selecting officers; it, however, never received a dispensation, and the first recorded meeting was held December 26, 1851, immediately after the warrant was issued. At that time the Lodge was constituted and its officers installed.

The charter members were:

William H. Underhill.	Addison R. Gillmour.
Thomas J. Harris.	Jesse Brown.

James D. Potter.	Edward P. Fox.
James A. Demarest.	Horace B. Pike.
Thomas Lawson.	Samuel Reynolds.
Lorenzo Lewis.	James L. Haugh.
John F. Rodman.	Samuel H. Hutching*.
Alexander M. C. Smith.	Henry C. King.
John S. Tarrant.	Samuel L. Coe.
William L. Todd.	

The early life of the Lodge is somewhat clouded, owing to the absence of proper and reliable records. The first work done by the Lodge was on January 5, 1852; at this meeting N. A. M. Dudley, of California, was passed and raised, and on January 12, George B. Hall was initiated, passed and raised.

Under the existing regulations governing the degree work in Lodges this action of the Lodge appears strange, but at that time Grand Masters were permitted to issue dispensations for all sorts of things, and it was a common thing for Lodges to receive dispensation to confer two or more degrees at the same communication, and instances are known where candidates were taken from one Lodge to another for the purpose of advancement.

The Lodge grew rapidly, and success has generally attended it, but like all Lodges it has had its periods of depression as well as seasons of prosperity.

Its charitable bequests have been generous at all times; when the erection of the Masonic Hall on Twenty-third Street was begun it took an active interest in this work, contributing in many ways toward securing the funds required for its erection.

The Lodge has changed its meeting place several times. In 1863 it had quarters at No. 594 Broadway, where it remained until this building was destroyed by fire, when it moved to the corner of Grand and Centre streets, remaining there until the completion of the Masonic Hall on Twenty-third Street in 1874, where it remained until September, 1909, when it moved into its present quarters in the new Masonic Hall on Twenty-fourth Street.

The Lodge was represented at the laying of the corner-stone of the Home at Utica, NY, May 21, 1891, and the dedication of same, October 5, 1892.

#### MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

George W. Dilks, Inspector of Police.  
Lorenz Zeller, Judge, Court of Special Sessions.

Henry von Minden, Alderman.

#### GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

James McGregor, District Deputy Grand Master.  
James R. Heath, Junior Grand Deacon.

Henry von Minden, Grand Representative.  
Lorenz Zeller, Commissioner of Appeals.

#### MASTERS.

1851. William H. Underhill.	1872. George W. Dilks.	1893. Charles C. Bigelow.
1852. William H. Underhill.	1873. George W. Dilks.	1894. Charles C. Bigelow.
1853. William H. Underhill.	1874. James Hostin.	1895. Henry von Minden.
1854. William H. Underhill.	1875. James Hostin.	1896. Henry von Minden.
1855. William H. Underhill.	1876. Charles Birch.	1897. Joseph Odell.
1856. William H. Underhill.	1877. George F. Ackerson.	1898. Adolph E. Bosse.
1857. Nicholas J. Pierson.	1878. Joseph McNamara.	1899. Frederick Schaefer.
1858. Nicholas J. Pierson.	1879. James McGregor.	1900. Lorenz Zeller.
1859. John Carleton.	1880. James McGregor.	1901. Henry von Minden.
1860. John Carleton.	1881. James McGregor.	1902. Philip H. Eichler.
1861. John Carleton.	1882. James McGregor.	1903. John W. Seymour.
1862. John Carleton.	1883. James McGregor.	1904. James R. Heath.
1863. George W. Dilks.	1884. Patrick H. Melley.	1905. Edward J. Flack.
1864. George W. Dilks.	1885. George Baker.	1906. C. Victor von Unrich.
1865. George W. Dilks.	1886. George Baker.	1907. William Koehler.
1866. George W. Dilks.	1887. George Baker.	1908. Alfred A. Rhodes.
1867. James McGregor.	1888. Charles B. Sellers.	1909. Edward H. Costello.
1868. Charles R. Parker.	1889. George W. Hallock.	1910. Edward F. Kilbane.
1868. George F. Alexander.	1890. Patrick H. Melley.	1911. William F. Russell.
1870. George F. Home.	1891. Owen W. Gross.	
1871. John Carleton.	1892. Henry C. Thompson.	

#### HOPE LODGE, NO. 244, NEW YORK CITY.

WARRANT: The original warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated March 3, 1852.

The name or number has never been changed.

MINUTES: Intact

Hope Lodge was organized during the summer of 1851 by members of Templar Lodge, No. 203. On September 17, 1851, a petition was prepared asking for a dispensation signed by the following, all of whom became charter members of the Lodge:

James Dennis.	Seymour Hait.
John Gordon.	William McEntee.
Alexander McKelvey.	Samuel Yates.

Samuel M. Husted.	Albert P. Moriarty.
William McTaggart.	Patrick Tracy.
James J. Cooper.	Thomas Arnold.

The petition was recommended by Piatt Lodge, No. 194, at a meeting held September 18, 1851.

The officers named in the petition were:  
 SAMUEL YATES, Master.  
 JAMES DENNIS, Senior Warden.  
 ALBERT P. MORIARTY, Junior Warden.

A dispensation was immediately issued, and at a meeting held at No. 149 West Sixteenth Street, September 30, 1851, the Lodge was duly instituted and at once began active work.

From its inception the Lodge prospered and grew in numbers, its affairs have been conducted upon broad and liberal lines, which has made it one of the foremost Lodges in the Metropolitan District.

The first code of By-Laws were adopted October 14, 1851.

The Lodge continued to work under the dispensation until the warrant was granted March 3, 1852.

The officers named in the warrant were:

SAMUEL YATES, Master.  
 SAMUEL M. HUSTED, Senior Warden.  
 ALBERT P. MORIARTY, Junior Warden.

The Lodge was constituted and the officers installed March 9, 1852.

The seal in use by the Lodge was adopted May 4, 1852.

The Lodge has participated in many Masonic functions of a public character, among them being:

Obsequies of Henry Clay, July 20, 1852.

Centennial Anniversary of initiation of George Washington, November 4, 1852.

Laying corner-stone of Masonic Hall on Twenty-third Street, June 8, 1870.

Laying corner-stone of Egyptian Obelisk in Central Park, October 9, 1880.

Laying corner-stone of Home at Utica, NY, May 21, 1891, and dedication of same, October 5, 1892.

The first meeting place was at No. 149 West Sixteenth Street, where it remained until October 1852, when it moved into the Bleecker Building, corner of Bleecker and Morton streets, remaining here until May 1854, when it moved to the northwest corner of Christopher and Hudson streets. The next place of meeting was on the corner of Broadway and Thirteenth Street, where it had quarters from May 1864, until May 1873, when it moved into the German Savings Bank Building, corner of Fourteenth Street and Fourth Avenue, remaining there until May, 1874, when it again moved, this time into the Masonic Hall on Twenty-third Street, where it had quarters until September, 1909, except for a short time, from December 1883, until May 1884, it had temporary quarters in the Grand Opera House, corner of Twenty-third Street and Eighth Avenue. This move was caused by fire, which damaged its quarters in the Masonic Hall. In September it moved into its present quarters in the new Masonic Hall on Twenty-fourth Street.

In its charitable bequests the Lodge has relieved sufferers by fire, floods, earthquakes and other calamities to an extent which has called forth favorable comment on many occasions. It also contributed generously toward the payment of the "Great Debt." Since its birth in 1851 its donations of a charitable character have exceeded \$60,000. In 1892 it furnished a room in the Home at Utica, NY.

#### MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

John J. Gorman, Fire Commissioner, Police Magistrate, Sheriff.

Isaac Fromme, City Register.

#### GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

William D. Nichols, District Deputy Grand Master.

Samuel J. Campbell, Grand Steward.

John I. Gorman, Grand Treasurer.

Isaac Fromme, Grand Marshal.

John Little, District Deputy Grand Master.

Charles Shufeldt, Grand Representative.

#### MASTERS.

1851. Samuel Yates.

1865. Isaac C. Dingman.

1879. William D. Nichols.

1852. Samuel Yates.

1860. James M. Hubbs.

1880. William D. Nichols.

1853. Samuel M. Husted.

1867. James M. Hubbs.

1881. Bloomfield Usher, Jr.

1854. Albert P. Moriarty.

1868. Henry W. Morris.

1882. James Lynch.

1855. Albert P. Moriarty.

1869. Willard C. Black.

1883. George W. Waterbury.

1856. Albert P. Moriarty.

1870. William A. Auten.

1884. Samuel J. Campbell.

1857. William H. Housner.

1871. William A. Auten.

1885. Samuel J. Campbell.

1858. John J. Gorman.

1872. Richard M. Sheriden.

1886. Samuel J. Campbell.

1859. John J. Gorman.

1873. George E. Fisher.

1887. Alfred L. Ryer.

1860. John J. Gorman.

1874. Edwin D. Lackey

1888. Isaac Fromme.

1861. Willard C. Black.

1875. Willard C. Black.

1889. John Little.

1862. Willard C. Black.

1876. Washington Alexander.

1890. John Little.

1863. Willard C. Black.

1877. Curtis T. Hubbs.

1891. Edward E. Van Saun.

1864. Willard C. Black.

1878. Edward T. T. Marsh.

1892. Thomas D. Blight.

1893. Thomas D. Blight.  
1894. Henry H. Treher.  
1895. Henry H. Treher.  
1896. Edward F. Halliday.  
1897. William A. Wallace.  
1898. Daniel W. Little.  
1899. William F. Smith.

1900. Nelson W. Young.  
1901. Herbert M. Tompkins.  
1902. Herbert M. Tompkins.  
1903. Eugene D. Miller.  
1904. Herman Fromme.  
1905. William S. Rethaiser.  
1906. F. J. Hendrickson.

1907. Albert H. Baer.  
1908. Charles Shufeldt.  
1909. Charles Kanaly.  
1910. John Bischoff.  
1911. Thomas E. Hill.

#### **POLAR STAR LODGE, NO. 245, NEW YORK CITY.**

WARRANT: The warrant issued to the Lodge was dated March 4, 1852.

The name or number has never been changed.

Polar Star Lodge was organized during the summer of 1851, the first recorded meeting for organization was held at No. 101 Avenue D, on August 11. At this meeting a petition was prepared and signed by the following:

Alexander B. Summers.	Albert C. Graves.
Nehemiah Peck.	John H. Prote.
William Cummings.	George W. Edwards.
Henry H. Watts.	Daniel Phelan.
John H. Smith.	James Timson.
William K. Tattersall.	William O. Barber.
Thomas N. Mix.	Robert Herring, Sr.
John P. Phillips.	Garrett Brower.
Nathan Rossman.	Nehemiah Miller.
Joseph W. Little.	Albert G. Reed.
Thomas Lawler.	Simon Houghwont.
Benjamin Foster.	Henry Van Benschoten.

Several names for the Lodge were presented, and the name "Polar Star" was selected by ballot.

Wednesday night of each week was selected as the time for regular meetings, and the place, corner of Avenue C and Fourth Street.

The officers elected were:

ALEXANDER B. SUMMERS, Master.  
WILLIAM K. TATTERSALL, Senior Warden.  
NEHEMIAH PECK, Junior Warden.  
HENRY H. WATTS, Treasurer.  
JOHN H. SMITH, Secretary.  
JOHN P. PHILLIPS, Senior Deacon.  
THOMAS N. Mix, Junior Deacon.  
JAMES TIMSON, Master of Ceremonies.  
SAMUEL ERWIN, Tiler.

The first meeting under the dispensation was held August 20th, when petitions for membership were received from James M. Smith and Leonard L. Johnson, they being the first applicants. The first initiate was Leonard L. Johnson, who was initiated September 10, 1851.

The first meeting under the warrant was held March 10, 1852.

The warrant named as officers:

ALEXANDER B. SUMMERS, Master.  
WILLIAM K. TATTERSALL, Senior Warden.  
NEHEMIAH PECK, Junior Warden.

The Lodge was represented at the laying of the corner-stone of the Masonic Hall on Twenty-third Street. June 8, 1870; 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, NY, May 21, 1891, and the dedication of same, October 5, 1892.

#### GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

William H. Miller, Grand Treasurer.

John P. Ruf, District Deputy Grand Master.

#### MASTERS.

1851. Alexander B. Summers.  
1852. Alexander B. Summers.  
1853. Nehemiah Peck.  
1854. Nehemiah Peck.  
1855. Nehemiah Peck.  
1856. Nehemiah Peck.  
1857. Joseph W. Little.  
1858. Nehemiah Peck.  
1859. Thomas Abbott.  
1860. Cornelius Haggerty.  
1861. Cornelius Haggerty.

1862. Edwin Bouton.  
1863. Edwin Bouton.  
1864. Edwin Bouton.  
1865. William J. Holmes.  
1866. Edward P. Curtis.  
1867. Edward P. Curtis.  
1868. Edward P. Curtis.  
1869. Isaac Hicks.  
1870. Isaac Hicks.  
1871. William H. Miller.  
1872. William H. Miller.

1873. George A. Phelan.  
1874. George A. Phelan.  
1875. Guy W. Culgin.  
1876. Guy W. Culgin.  
1877. Smith S. Merritt.  
1878. Isaac Hicks.  
1879. Gilbert D. Smith.  
1880. John P. Dallimore.  
1881. John P. Dallimore.  
1882. John S. Little.  
1883. Elias H. Stone.



1884. Elias H. Stone.  
 1885. Samuel Holmes.  
 1886. Samuel Holmes.  
 1887. George A. Harkness.  
 1888. George A. Harkness.  
 1889. William H. Miller, Jr.  
 1890. William H. Miller, Jr.  
 1891. William H. Miller, Jr.  
 1892. William H. Miller, Jr.  
 1893. Alexander S. Williams.

1894. Alexander S. Williams.  
 1895. Frank L. Hamilton.  
 1896. Frank L. Hamilton.  
 1897. Frank L. Hamilton.  
 1898. Charles F. Olpp.  
 1899. Charles F. Olpp.  
 1900. William F. Spies.  
 1901. William F. Spies.  
 1902. John E. W. Sanderson.  
 1903. John E. W. Sanderson.

1904. Charles W. Frank.  
 1905. Guy W. Culgin.  
 1906. John P. Ruf.  
 1907. Harry S. Van Demark.  
 1908. Harry S. Van Demark.  
 1909. Warner Paxson.  
 1910. Alfred R. Page.  
 1911. Miles M. Dawson.

**ARCANA LODGE, NO. 246, NEW YORK CITY.**

WARRANT: The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated March 25, 1852.

The name or number has never been changed.

MINUTES: Intact.

On January 19, 1852, a petition was prepared asking for a dispensation and signed by the following:

Charles A. Peck.	Henry C. Banks.	James H. Brush.
John B. Breckenridge.	William R. Stafford.	Samuel Jenkins.
Smith Mead.	Lyman Fisk.	John Hayward.

The petition named as officers:

CHARLES A. PECK, Master.  
 WILLIAM R. STAFFORD, Senior Warden.  
 JOHN B. BRECKENRIDGE, Junior Warden.

and was recommended by Lebanon Lodge, No. 191; Joppa Lodge, No. 201, and Eureka Lodge, No. 243.

The petition met with favor, and on January 24, 1852, a dispensation was issued by M. W. OSCAR COLES, Grand Master.

A foot-note on the petition states that "the objects are to form a Lodge of young men, professional as far as possible, and to have the place of meeting on the east side of the town." A sketch of the Lodge written several years ago states that six of the petitioners were professional men, hence the desire to create a "class" Lodge.

The Lodge worked but a short time under dispensation. A warrant was issued on March 25th, since that time it has had an unbroken existence.

It was represented at the laying of the corner-stone of the Masonic Hall on Twenty-third Street, June 8, 1870, the laying of the corner-stone of the Egyptian Obelisk in Central Park, October 9, 1880, and the laying of the corner-stone of the Home at Utica, NY, May 21, 1891.

MEN PUBLIC LIFE.

Vernon N. Davis, Judge, Supreme Court.  
 Silas C. Croft, Surveyor, Port of New York.

Charles De Forest Burns, Park Commissioner.  
 Leroy B. Crane, City Magistrate.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

Louis J. Belloni, Jr., Grand Representative.

James A. Kelly, Grand Director of Ceremonies.

MASTERS.

1852. Charles A. Peck.  
 1853. William H. Stafford.  
 1854. Nelson C. Gridley.  
 1855. Philip Pritchard.  
 1856. William R. Stafford.  
 1857. James L. Morehouse.  
 1858. Philip Pritchard.  
 1859. Philip Pritchard.  
 1860. J. C. B. Yuille.  
 1861. John Phillips.  
 1862. Daniel W. Leeds.  
 1863. Daniel W. Leeds.  
 1864. Hit-hard K. Cooke.  
 1865. William R. Stafford.  
 1866. Lewis A. Osborne.  
 1867. Joseph E. Banks.  
 1868. Joseph E. Banks.  
 1869. C. De Forest Burns.  
 1870. C. De Forest Burns.  
 1871. C. De Forest Burns.

1872. Louis J. Belloni, Jr.  
 1873. Louis J. Belloni, Jr.  
 1874. Louis J. Belloni, Jr.  
 1875. Louis J. Belloni, Jr.  
 1876. George Tuttle.  
 1877. C. De Forest Burns.  
 1878. George Tuttle.  
 1879. Eustace W. Fisher.  
 1880. Walter P. Montague.  
 1881. Richard P. Williams.  
 1882. Walter P. Montague.  
 1883. Elbert W. Brown.  
 1884. Elbert W. Brown.  
 1885. Joseph E. Banks.  
 1886. Isaac Van Benchoten.  
 1887. Isaac Van Benchoten.  
 1888. William A. Glover.  
 1889. William A. Glover.  
 1890. William A. Glover.  
 1891. William A. Glover.

1892. John T. Logan.  
 1893. John T. Logan.  
 1894. John T. Logan.  
 1895. George H. Smith.  
 1896. George H. Smith.  
 1897. John T. Logan.  
 1898. John T. Logan.  
 1899. John T. Logan.  
 1900. James A. Kelly.  
 1901. James A. Kelly.  
 1902. Charles Schenck.  
 1903. Charles Schenck.  
 1904. Charles H. Palmer.  
 1905. Felix A. Wiener.  
 1906. Charles H. Palmer.  
 1907. Louis J. Rosett.  
 1908. Louis J. Rosett.  
 1909. Joseph C. Sichel.  
 1910. Asher Mayer.  
 1911. William T. Gieselberg.

**TONAWANDA LODGE, NO. 247, TONAWANDA, N. Y.**

WARRANT: The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated March 6, 1852.

The name or number has never been changed.

MINUTES: Intact.

Tonawanda Lodge was organized during the autumn of 1851.

On September 30, 1851, a petition was prepared asking for a dispensation for a Lodge to be named Tonawanda, and nominating as officers:

EMANUEL HENSLER, Master.

JACOB KIBLER, Senior Warden.

JAMES C. BENTLEY, Junior Warden.

The petition was signed by the following:

Emanuel Hensler. Jacob Kibler.

James C. Bentley. John Shell.

William Zimmerman. Erastus B. Jacobs.

John Sweeney.

All of the above became charter members of the Lodge.

On October 4, 1851, a dispensation was issued by R. W. NELSON RANDALL, Deputy Grand Master, returnable February 28, 1852.

The first meeting under dispensation was held in the rooms of White Haven Lodge I. O. O. F., corner of North Canal and Tonawanda streets, October 9, 1851, with the following as officers:

EMANUEL HENSLER, Master.

JACOB KIBLER, Senior Warden.

JOHN SHELL, Junior Warden.

WILLIAM ZIMMERMAN, Treasurer.

JOEL D. SMITH, Secretary.

JESSE F. LOCKE, Senior Deacon.

ERASTUS B. JACOBS, Junior Deacon.

JAMES C. BENTLEY, Tiler.

The Lodge continued to meet regularly until February 26, 1852, when it returned the dispensation and applied for a warrant At this time it had thirteen members.

On March 6, 1852, a warrant was granted which named as officers:

EMANUEL HENSLER, Master.

JACOB KIBLER, Senior Warden.

JAMES C. BENTLEY, Junior Warden.

The early minutes of the Lodge contain some quaint records of its doings; the Secretary was honest, and while his work is somewhat crude, he endeavored to record all incidents as he saw them.

In one case the minutes state: "Communication from Grand Lecturer Dibble requests the Lodge to pay demand that he holds against the Lodge. Motioned that we borrow the money and pay him. Brother Zimmerman lent the money, amount \$15.00." The loaning of money by the members was not an unusual occurrence, as the records contain other items of a similar character, for it appears that the Lodge was frequently in need of funds; in one case when claims were presented the Treasurer announced that the Lodge could "draw the orders on the Treasurer—I'll see that they are paid when presented."

On one occasion when the Lodge was in urgent need of funds a member came to the Secretary's desk, took from his pocket a wallet bound with a shoe-string, laid it on the desk and said: "Here's three hundred dollars, and you can have as much more as you need."

It must not be inferred, however, that the Lodge spent its funds in a profligate manner, as it frequently counted the cost before incurring any expense. At one time the members desired instruction, but did not care to pay much for it as the following shows:

"RESOLVED, That the Grand Lecturer be engaged to deliver a course of lectures in this room, remuneration not to exceed twelve shillings per night, including carfare." The records show that the services were rendered at the price named.

At one time the Tiler appears to have needed exercise, as the following is found on the records:

"Motion carried that the Tiler be instructed to saw wood for the Lodge."

There is no record to show that the resolution was ever revoked, it appears that the Tiler is still under instructions "to saw wood for the Lodge."

An incident occurred during the Civil War which tends to show that to some extent the influence of Freemasonry played a part in mitigating the horrors of war.

Lewis F. Payne, Colonel of the 100th Regiment, N. Y. Volunteers, and a member of the Lodge, was taken prisoner near Columbia, S. C. When the Lodge ascertained the location of the prison where he was confined it adopted the following:

"RESOLVED. That a committee be appointed to see what can be done for the relief of Bro. L. F. Payne, now a Confederate prisoner in South Carolina."

The outcome of this was that an open fraternal letter was addressed to Colonel Payne, which was sent under a flag of truce, together with a package.

The Confederate officer upon receiving the letter and package said: "The vicissitudes of war are many, and I cannot promise that it will ever reach its destination, yet all that fraternal feeling can do shall be done." In a few days the officer in command of the prison

where Colonel Payne was confined came to him and said: "Here is something that has been intrusted to me for personal delivery. Why did you not tell me you were a Mason?" After he was released and returned home Colonel Payne said "that after he received the letter and package he was treated with all the kindness of a brother, subject only to the requirements occasioned by the conditions of war."

The Lodge participated in the ceremonies attending the laying of the corner-stone of the Federal Building at Buffalo, June 19, 1897; the laying of the corner-stone of the Armory of the 74th Regiment, N. G. S. N. Y., at Buffalo, July 4, 1898. It was also represented at the laying of the corner-stone of the Home at Utica, NY, May 21, 1891, and the dedication of same, October 5, 1892.

#### MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

John G. Wallenmeier, State Treasurer.  
Garwood L. Judd, Assemblyman.  
W. D. Murray, Surgeon, Union Army, Civil War.  
Charles Zuckmaier, Mayor.

George D. Calkins, Surgeon. US Army. Spanish-American War.  
John K. Patton, Assemblyman.  
C. W. Sickmon, Assistant District Attorney.

#### GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

Joshua S. Bliss, District Deputy Grand Master.  
John G. Wallenmeier, Grand Steward.

Edgar C. McDonald, Senior Grand Deacon.  
Ray M. Stanley, Grand Steward.

#### MASTERS.

1851. Emanuel Hensler.  
1852. Emanuel Hensler.  
1853. Emanuel Hensler.  
1854. Emanuel Hensler.  
1855. Jesse F. Locke.  
1850. Jesse F. Locke.  
1857. Jesse F. Locke.  
1858. Jesse F. Locke.  
1859. Franklin Warren.  
1860. Franklin Warren.  
1861. Benjamin F. Betts.  
1862. Benjamin F. Betts.  
1863. Benjamin F. Betts.  
1864. William Westover.  
1865. William Westover.  
1866. Clark Ransom.  
1867. Benjamin F. Belts.  
1868. A. R. White.  
1869. A. R. White.  
1870. Garwood L. Judd.

1871. Charles D. Cramer.  
1872. Calvin P. Clark.  
1873. Calvin P. Clark.  
1874. G. F. Williams.  
1875. G. F. Williams.  
1876. George R. McEuen.  
1877. Albert B. Williams.  
1878. George R. McEuen.  
1879. Augustus H. Crown.  
1880. Josiah S. Bliss.  
1882. Arlington A. Bellinger.  
1883. Arlington A. Bellinger.  
1884. William R. Gregory.  
1885. George W. Millener.  
1886. Josiah S. Bliss.  
1887. Lyman G. Stanley.  
1888. Reed A. Pierce.  
1889. Reed A. Pierce.  
1890. George W. Millener.  
1891. Edgar C. McDonald.

1892. Edgar C. McDonald.  
1893. Thomas E. Warner.  
1894. Thomas E. Warner.  
1895. Dow Vroman.  
1896. Dow Vroman.  
1897. John G. Wallenmeier.  
1898. John G. Wallenmeier.  
1899. John G. Wallenmeier.  
1900. Albert R. Smith.  
1901. Albert R. Smith.  
1902. Ray M. Stanley.  
1903. Ray M. Stanley.  
1904. Augustus F. Premus.  
1905. George H. Calkins.  
1906. Myron J. Dixon.  
1907. John K. Patton.  
1908. Frank F. Rumbold.  
1909. Frank F. Rumbold.  
1910. Fred D. Tuck.  
1911. Fred D. Tuck.

#### PALMYRA LODGE, NO. 248, PALMYRA, N. Y.

WARRANT: The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated March 8, 1852.

The name or number has never been changed.

MINUTES: Intact.

Palmyra Lodge was organized in the month of July, 1851: on the 26th of that month a petition was prepared and signed by the following:

Elijah Ennis.  
A. G. Myrick.  
Charles Hudson.

Frederick U. Sheffield.  
Thomas Robinson.  
Samuel Sawyer.  
William Pennel.

Samuel D. Huntington.  
Isaac E. Beecher.  
James P. Shoecraft.  
J. L. Dewey.

The petition nominated as officers:

CHARLES HUDSON, Master.  
FREDERICK U. SHEFFIELD, Senior Warden.  
ELIJAH ENNIS, Junior Warden.

A dispensation was issued on August 13, 1851, and on Wednesday evening, September 10, the first regular meeting was held with the following as officers:

CHARLES HUDSON, Master.  
JOHN DAGGETT, Senior Warden.  
ELIJAH ENNIS, Junior Warden.  
S. BALDWIN, Secretary.  
SAMUEL D. HUNTINGTON, Tiler.

In addition to the above there were present at this meeting Samuel Sawyer, Julius L. Dewey and John C. Calhoun.

The dispensation was read and the Lodge was duly opened. A committee was appointed to draft a code of By-Laws and another committee to negotiate with Wayne Lodge I. O. O. F., for the use of its hall for future meetings. Petitions for degrees were received from John A. Hudson, William B. Crandall and Thomas Douglass.

Crandall and Douglass received the first degree two weeks later.

The warrant named as officers:

CHARLES HUDSON, Master.  
ELIJAH ENNIS, Senior Warden.  
JOHN C. CALHOUN, Junior Warden.

The first meeting under the warrant was held March 24, 1852, when the Lodge was constituted and the following officers installed by Wor. J. JOHN DAGGETT, Master of Newark Lodge. No. 83:

CHARLES HUDSON, Master.  
ELIJAH ENNIS, Senior Warden.  
JOHN C. CALHOUN, Junior Warden.  
ALBERT O. MYRICK, Treasurer.  
THOMAS ROBINSON, Secretary.  
JAMES P. SHOECRAFT, Senior Deacon.  
JOHN A. HUDSON, Junior Deacon.  
SAMUEL D. HUNTINGTON, Tiler.

All three degrees were conferred at this meeting.

The first meeting place of the Lodge was in Odd Fellows' Hall on the third floor of what was for many years known as the Foster and Smith block, the rent was \$30.00 per year including wood and oil for heat and light.

The Lodge remained in these quarters until 1870, when it moved into its present quarters in the building owned by George W. Cuyler. The rooms were fitted and furnished by the Lodge, and on June 3, 1870, were dedicated by M. W. GEORGE O. BAKER, who at the time was District Deputy Grand Master of the Eighteenth Masonic District (now the Thirty-second District). The event was a notable one in the life of the Lodge, a procession was formed with Zenobia and Geneva Commanderies of Knights Templar acting as escort; the Lodge and its guests paraded the streets of the village. The District Deputy Grand Master says in his report: "I was assisted by R. W. and Rev. John G. Webster, Grand Chaplain; R. W. Aaron Griswold of Clyde Lodge; W. Bro. Wright of Weedsport Lodge; W. T. Scott Ledyard of Pultneyville Lodge and Brethren of various Lodges." An address was delivered by the Grand Chaplain.

At the conclusion of the dedicatory exercises the wife of the Grand Chaplain, in behalf of the wives, daughters and sisters of the members of the Lodge presented to the Lodge "The Three Great Lights in Masonry." This came as a great surprise, as the ladies had kept the presentation a profound secret.

A few days after this event R. W. BRO. WEBSTER presented an Altar to the Lodge, the same being his personal handiwork.

A beautiful custom of the Lodge is to present a copy of the Holy Bible to each candidate when raised. Each copy is suitably inscribed with the name of the candidate and date upon which he became a Freemason.

An incident which occurred on April 22, 1863, clearly shows that in one instance at least this custom was appreciated. A letter was received by the Lodge from one of its members asking the Lodge to replace the Bible he had received when a Mason, and which had been taken from him while a prisoner of war at Mumfordsville, Ky. His request was promptly complied with.

Of the charter members of Palmyra Lodge, Charles Hudson, Samuel D. Huntington, Samuel Sawyer and Frederick U. Sheffield were members of Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 112, and Truman Hemingway and Pomeroy Tucker, also members of this Lodge, affiliated with Palmyra Lodge shortly after it was organized, thus constituting a connecting link between these Lodges.

At a session of the Grand Lodge, held June 1, 1803, a petition was presented asking for a warrant for Mount Moriah Lodge. This petition was signed by the following:

Pearley Phillips.	Azel Ensworth.
Asa Lilly.	Timothy Smith.
John Swift.	Gain Robinson.
Joel Pressed.	Seth Deane.
Philetus Swift.	William Burnet.

The petitioners set forth that " they were inhabitants of the towns of Palmyra and of Phelps, residing at a distance of fifteen to twenty miles from any Masonic Lodge, and humbly pray your worships to grant us a charter by the name and style of Mount Moriah Lodge, with all the powers and privileges which other Lodges in this State have and enjoy, with this particular privilege, to wit, the right of convening the Lodge alternately at the Town of Palmyra and the Town of Phelps, or if the same be by your worships deemed improper then your petitioners pray a charter appointing their Lodge to be held at the Town of Palmyra only."

The petition nominated as officers:

PEARLEY PHILLIPS, Master.  
AZEL ENSWORTH, Senior Warden.  
TIMOTHY SMITH, Junior Warden.

The petition was recommended by Ontario Lodge, No. 23, of Canandaigua at a meeting held December 25, 1802.

The petition met with favor, and on June 9, 1804, a warrant was issued with the special privilege asked for, and it continued to meet alternately at Palmyra and Phelps until 1807. On March 6, a petition was prepared asking permission to meet at Palmyra only and endorsed upon it is the following:

"The prayer of the above petitioners appears to be reasonable, and I recommend the granting of it. Dewitt Clinton, 2 June, 1807."

The petition was granted by the Grand Lodge September 2, 1807, and the Lodge met thereafter at Palmyra only. Among the old papers relating to this Lodge on file is the following bill:

R.' W.'. GRAND LODGE, STATE OF N. YORK.

To Asa Stanley, Dr.

For attendance at the Annual Communication as proxy for Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 112.

6 days at \$1.50 \$9.00

358/716 miles travel

17J days 26.25

\$35.25

New York 11 June 1821.

Rec'd Pay't.

ASA STANLEY.

A mutilated copy of the minutes of this Lodge was rescued from a second-hand book store by R.' W.'. GEORGE MCGOWN and presented to the Lodge. These old records contain the proceedings of the Lodge from July 9, 1804, to December 6, 1824.

On March 4, 1811, the Lodge adopted the following:

"RESOLVED, That in the future every candidate for Freemasonry be presented with the sacred writings at his initiation into the first degree of Freemasonry."

This custom prompted the adoption of a similar custom by Palmyra Lodge, the only difference being that in the old Lodge the presentation was made at initiation, while in Palmyra Lodge it is done when the candidate receives his third degree.

The last recorded meeting of Mount Moriah Lodge was held December 6, 1824, but subsequent meetings must have been held as among the returns of the Lodge on file in the office of the Grand Secretary is one dated June 1, 1831. It may be assumed that, owing to the intense and bitter persecutions occasioned by the Morgan Episode, the Lodge met occasionally, but made no record of its proceedings. The warrant was declared forfeited by the Grand Lodge, June 4, 1835.

On April 24, 1889, Palmyra Lodge held "Jubilee" services in celebration of the payment of the "Great Debt." On this occasion addresses were made by W.' EDWIN B. ANDERSON, W.' MARK G. FINLEY, R.' W.' GEORGE MCGOWN and R.' W.' S. NELSON SAWYER.

The Lodge was represented at the laying of the corner-stone of the Public Library at Newark, NY, October 17, 1900; the laying of the corner-stone of the Home at Utica, NY, May 21, 1891, and also participated in a reception given to the members of Company B, 33d Regiment, N. Y. S. V., upon their return from war May 20, 1863.

Palmyra Lodge has had an unbroken existence, and among its members are several who have gained distinction as

MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

Frederick W. Griffith. State Senator.  
S. Nelson Sawyer. Judge, Supreme Court.

Pliny T. Sexton, Member of the Board of Regents, State of New York.  
George McGown. Lieutenant-Col., U. S. A.

### Pliny Titus Sexton (1840-1924)

[http://www.moroni10.com/General\\_Conference/George\\_Albert\\_Smith\\_First\\_Talk.html](http://www.moroni10.com/General_Conference/George_Albert_Smith_First_Talk.html)

There had been written in that book at the time of its compilation the statement that the book would be received by many people. Joseph Smith didn't eliminate that statement when it came to publication. When the people said, "We'll not read it," he did not take it out and say, "Well, I can't fulfill this." If he had been writing the book himself, he probably would have changed the script, but it was



not his script, and so it went to the world. I was present a few years ago when the Smith farm near the Hill Cumorah was purchased, and as I went through the neighborhood I found only one copy of the Book of Mormon. That was owned by a man named **Pliny T. Sexton**, who was chancellor of the University of New York and the banker at Palmyra. He had a copy of the first edition of the Book of Mormon as it came from the press. The leaves had never been cut, and he kept it in the safe in the bank. I asked him, "Is there any place here where I can find another copy of the Book of Mormon?" He said, "I do not know." I then began to inquire among the people and found that the people of Palmyra had kept their word. They had neither bought nor would they read it. At that time Palmyra was a village and is still a village, but the Book of Mormon that was discredited then has since been read and accepted by people in all parts of the earth, people from many nations, numbering hundreds of thousands . . .

< In this photograph is Lucy Woodruff Smith standing on top of the Hill Cumorah with **Pliny T. Sexton**, who was the owner of most of the hill. The Mormon Church eventually acquired all of the property around the Hill Cumorah, including the hill, by 1928.

"The New York Red Book," 1902. page 131.

<http://books.google.com/books?id=xo8aAAAAYAAJ&pg=RA2-PA131&dq=%22Frederick+W.+Griffith%22+%22palmyra%22>

**Frederick Winter Griffith**, Republican, who represents Wayne county in the Assembly, was born in the town of Phelps, Ontario county, 17 Dec 1858. His boyhood days were passed on the farm and in the district school. His preparatory education was obtained in the Phelps Union and Classical School. For five years he worked at newspaper work with his uncle, the editor of the Geneva Courier. Mr. Griffith entered Hamilton College in 1882, and was graduated with high standing in the class of 1886, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He is a member of the scholarship society of Phi Beta Kappa. His education was secured through his own efforts. After graduation he was given the chair of Greek and Latin in Kirkland Hall, a preparatory school at Clinton, NY.

In 1889 his Alma Mater gave him the honorary degree of A. M. It was not, however, until Mr. Griffith located in Palmyra that he found his true forte; for, notwithstanding his ability as a scholar, he has still greater powers as a business man.

In 1887 he associated himself with the Garlock Packing Company, manufacturing packings for steam, water and ammonia. This business has had a wonderful development, and now the firm has branch offices in New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Denver, San Francisco, St. Louis, Pittsburg, Cleveland, Boston and other cities. The output of the firm, yearly, is very large.

Mr. Griffith has held the office of Trustee of the village of Palmyra for four years, and was Supervisor of the town of Palmyra for two years, which latter office he resigned upon being elected Member of Assembly. He is an elder in the Western Presbyterian Church of Palmyra. At the election of 1899 Mr. Griffith received 4,973 votes to 3,594 cast for M. C. Taylor, Democrat.

Mr. Griffith, in 1900, was appointed a member of the following Assembly Committees: Public Education, Affairs of Villages, and Charitable and Religious Societies.

Renominated in 1900 Mr. Griffith received 7,950 votes to 4,457 votes cast for Jacob E. Brasser, Democrat.

In the Assembly of 1901 Mr. Griffith was Chairman of the Committee on Public Education, and a member of the following Committees: Villages, Public Institutions. Renominated a second time in 1901 Mr. Griffith received 4,102 votes and his Democratic opponent, Frank L. Waldruft, 1,905. Speaker Nixon, in 1902, appointed Mr. Griffith a member of the following Assembly Committees: Chairman of Public Education; member of Banks and Trades and Manufactures.

#### GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

**John G. Webster** was District Deputy Grand Master from June, 1860, until June, 1863: Grand Steward in 1862, and was Grand Chaplain from 1869 until his death, September 27, 1887. He was elected Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State of New York in 1859 and in 1886 he was appointed Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment of the U. S., both of these offices he held at the time of his death. For twenty years he was Grand Chaplain of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York.

**George McGown**, District Deputy Grand Master. Bro. McGown was made a Mason in Wyoming Lodge, No. 492, West Chester, NY, while stationed with his regiment (2d Infantry) at Fort Schuyler. He affiliated with Palmyra Lodge July 3, 1871: was Master in 1872-73- 74-75, and its Secretary eleven years. He was appointed Grand Lecturer of the Grand Chapter R. A. M. in 1884, and still holds that office.

**S. Nelson Sawyer**, Grand Master. Bro. Sawyer was raised in Palmyra Lodge October 22, 1879, and was Master in 1887-88. He was District Deputy Grand Master in 1889-90-91: Commissioner of Appeals, 1892-93-94-96-97 and 1900: Junior Grand Warden, 1901: Senior Grand Warden, 1902-03-04-05 : Deputy Grand Master, 1906-07; Grand Master, 1908-09.

George S. Tinklepaugh, Commissioner of Appeals.

#### MASTERS.

1851. Charles Hudson. 1882.	1872. George McGown. 1903.	Alfred C. Hopkins.
1852. Charles Hudson. 1883.	1873. George McGown. 1904.	Alfred C. Hopkins.
1853. Elijah Ennis. 1884.	1874. George McGown. 1905.	Louis M. Chase.
1854. Thomas Robinson. 1885.	1875. George McGown. 1906.	Louis M. Chase.
1855. John C. Calhoun. 1886.	1876. Henry P. Knowles. 1907.	James L. Harrison.
1856. William B. Crandall. 1887.	1877. Joseph W. Taylor. 1908.	James L. Harrison.
1857. William B. Crandall. 1888.	1878. Wells Tyler, Jr. 1909.	George S. Tinklepaugh.
1858. William B. Crandall. 1889.	1879. Wells Tyler, Jr. 1910.	George S. Tinklepaugh.
1859. Seneca B. Smith. 1890.	1880. John C. Coates. 1911.	William J. Deans.
1860. William B. Crandall. 1891.	1881. John C. Coates.	William J. Deans.
1861. Thomas L. Root. 1892.	Oliver Durfee.	William J. Deans.
1862. Thomas L. Root. 1893.	Oliver Durfee.	Charles F. Griswold.
1863. Clark S. Chase. 1894.	Henry Birdsall.	Charles F. Griswold.
1864. Clark S. Chase. 1895.	Henry Birdsall.	George W. Barnes.
1865. Clark S. Chase. 1896.	Edwin B. Anderson.	George W. Barnes.
1866. Mark C. Finley. 1897.	S. Nelson Sawyer.	Sanford D. Van Alstine.
1867. Mark C. Finley. 1898.	S. Nelson Sawyer.	William J. Hennessy.
1868. John G. Webster. 1899.	Charles H. Brigham.	William J. Hennessy.
1869. John G. Webster. 1900.	Charles H. Brigham.	George A. Tuttle.
1870. Timothy S. Jackson. 1901.	Seiner E. Brainan.	
1871. Joseph W. Corning. 1902.	Seiner E. Brainan.	

#### CHARTER OAK LODGE, NO. 249, NEW YORK CITY.

WARRANT: The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated June 3, 1852.

The name or number has never been changed.

MINUTES: Not intact, all records from February 14, 1854, to December 3, 1856, were destroyed by fire.

The first preliminary meeting held for the purpose of organizing Charter Oak Lodge was held at the residence of N. R. Bunco, No. 108 Munroe Street, January 14, 1852.

Of the eight participants in this meeting six were members of Benevolent Lodge, No. 28. At this meeting several committees were appointed, one of which was to select a name for the new Lodge, and at a subsequent meeting held at the same place on January 20 this committee reported in favor of calling the Lodge "Ezel." but subject to the approval of the Grand Master, and in case it did not meet with his approval, the name " Charter Oak " was to be substituted.

On January 27, 1852, a dispensation was issued by M'. W'. OSCAR COLES, Grand Master, creating "Charter Oak" Lodge and naming as officers:

BENJAMIN W. BENSON, Master.

GEORGE YOUNG, Senior Warden.

WILLIAM HUMPHREYS, Junior Warden.

The petition was recommended by Benevolent Lodge, No. 28, and was signed by the following:

A. R. Bunce.	William Branch.
Thomas Belts.	William Humphreys.
Henry Tillou.	George Young.
Michael M. Van Dyke.	John Wright, Jr.
James Lawson.	Benjamin W. Benson.
William T. Skidmore.	Joseph Bills.
William H. Wood.	Charles M. Anderson.
William Van Name.	

These Brethren also became the charter members.

The first meeting under the dispensation was held at No. 56 Orchard Street, January 30, 1852, with the following as officers:

BENJAMIN W. BENSON, Master.  
GEORGE YOUNG, Senior Warden.  
WILLIAM HUMPHREYS, Junior Warden.  
HENRY Tillou, Junior Warden.  
N. R. BUNCE, Secretary.  
CHARLES M. ANDERSON, Senior Deacon.  
WILLIAM BRANCH, Junior Deacon.  
JOSEPH BILLS, Master of Ceremonies  
WILLIAM T. SKIDMORE, Masters of Ceremonies.

The first applicants for degrees were Charles A. Smilie, Edmund Long and William Gardner, they were proposed January 30; initiated February 13; passed February 20 and raised February 27. The first of these applicants, together with George Young, the first Senior Warden, were the manufacturers of the famous "Y and S" licorice.



The Lodge continued to work under dispensation until the warrant was issued June 3, 1852. On the 11th of that month the Lodge was constituted and the officers installed by R. W. JOSEPH D. EVANS, Deputy Grand Master.

The first regalia and furniture used by the Lodge were presented by Benevolent Lodge, No. 28; the new Lodge also adopted the By-Laws of that Lodge. On May 26, 1852, M. W. HENRY C. ATWOOD, Past Grand Master of St. John's Grand Lodge, presented the Lodge with a gavel made from a piece of the famous Charter Oak Tree and a piece of cedar from the forests of Lebanon.

The first meeting place of the Lodge was at No. 56 Orchard Street, where it remained until May, 1861, when it moved to No. 71 Division Street, remaining there until January, 1867, when it moved into Odd Fellows' Hall, corner of Grand and Centre streets. In April, 1869, it moved to the corner of Bleecker Street and the Bowery, where it remained until 1874, when it moved into the Masonic Hall on Twenty-third Street, remaining here until September, 1909, when it moved into its present quarters in the new Masonic Hall on Twenty-fourth Street.

The Lodge participated in the funeral obsequies of Henry Clay, July 20, 1852; it was also represented at the laying of the corner-stone of the Masonic Hall on Twenty-third Street, June 8, 1870; the laying of the corner-stone of the Home at Utica, NY, May 21, 1891, and the dedication of same, October 5, 1892.

In its charitable contributions the Lodge has been generous, frequently contributing toward relieving sufferers by fire, war and floods. It also was a generous contributor to the Hall and Asylum Fund and the payment of the "Great Debt." A notable instance of its charities occurred in 1862, when it contributed the sum of \$125 annually to be equally divided between two children of a deceased member until they arrived at the age of fourteen years. At that time they were respectively eight and ten years of age.

A sketch of Charter Oak Lodge would be incomplete without special reference to one of its charter members, George Young, who was its first Senior Warden and Master in 1854, 1857 and 1860. From the organization of the Lodge until the infirmities of age prevented he took an active interest in its affairs, his last appearance in Lodge work was at the fiftieth anniversary of the Lodge, held June 10, 1902, at the Park Avenue Hotel. He died, February 14, 1909, and when his will was probated it was found that he had bequeathed to the Home at Utica, NY, the munificent sum of \$100,000. This bequest is probably the largest sum ever given for Masonic charitable purposes by any one individual in the United States.

The Lodge is fortunate in having another member who has served it with fervency and zeal for many years, James Y. Watkins, who was Master in 1868, and has been its faithful Treasurer for more than forty- seven years.

Although over eighty years of age, he is still actively interested in the Lodge and carefully guarding its treasury.

He was initiated August 3, 1859, passed August 10, and raised August 24th.

#### GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

Ephraim W. Richardson, Trustee, Hall and Asylum Fund.

John McMillan, District Deputy Grand Master.

MASTERS

1852. Benjamin W. Benson.	1872. James Rutter.	1892. Samuel J. Bailey.
1853. Benjamin W. Benson.	1873. Richard P. Dean.	1893. Lewis Brandt.
1854. George Young.	1874. Richard P. Dean.	1894. George H. Rutter.
1855. Joseph G. Merritt.	1875. Frederick Berenbroick.	1895. John Boyd.
1856. Joseph G. Merritt.	1876. Frederick Berenbroick.	1896. Richard Bush.
1857. George Young.	1877. Frederick Berenbroick.	1897. Joseph W. Malone.
1858. George H. Wooster.	1878. George A. Lockhart.	1898. John McMillan.
1859. Aaron C. Jewell.	1879. George A. Lockhart.	1899. Charles P. Schiller.
1860. George Young.	1880. George A. Lockhart.	1900. John McMillan.
1861. Robert Beatty, Jr.	1881. Ephraim W. Richardson.	1901. Wallace E. Sadler.
1862. William C. Peckham.	1882. Ephraim W. Richardson.	1902. William G. Sherrer.
1863. William C. Peckham.	1883. Ephraim W. Richardson.	1903. Richard Gunzer.
1864. William C. Peckham.	1884. Ephraim W. Richardson.	1904. Frederick M. Pansing.
1865. William C. Peckham.	1885. Charles E. Howard.	1905. George N. Boehm.
1866. Manuel G. de J. Bonell.	1886. Charles E. Howard.	1906. Walter W. Reid.
1867. Manuel G. de J. Bonell.	1887. James Rutter.	1907. Leon Bowman.
1868. James Y. Watkins.	1888. James Rutter.	1908. Robert H. Coy.
1859. Richard P. Dean.	1889. Ephraim W. Richardson.	1909. John D. Northrop.
1870. James Rutter.	1890. George H. Rutter.	1910. George W. Harris.
1871. James Rutter.	1891. George H. Rutter.	1911. Matthew J. Smith.

**JOHN D. WILLARD LODGE, NO. 250, NEW YORK CITY.**

WARRANT: The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated June 4, 1852.

The name or number has never been changed.

MINUTES: Intact.

In the month of March, 1852, a petition was prepared asking for a dispensation to form a Lodge to be called John D. Willard and signed by the following:

Frederick Welch Talkington.	J. D. Clark.
George H. Parrish.	Aaron H. Bean.
Jacob G. Southard.	William Westner.
James Thomson.	D. G. Daniels.
	Joseph Kirkman.

The petition was recommended by Benevolent Lodge, No. 28, at a meeting held at the City Hotel March 25, 1852.

On March 30 a dispensation was issued by M.'. W.'. OSCAR COLES, Grand Master, which named as officers:

FREDERICK W. TALKINGTON, Master.  
AARON H. BEAN, Senior Warden.  
JAMES THOMSON, Junior Warden.

and on the same date the Lodge was instituted and the following officers installed:

FREDERICK W. TALKINGTON, Master.  
AARON H. BEAN, Senior Warden.  
JAMES THOMSON, Junior Warden.  
WILLIAM D. BENSON, Treasurer.  
JACOB G. SOUTHARD, Secretary.  
DAVID G. DANIELS, Senior Deacon.  
JOSEPH KIRKMAN, Junior Deacon.  
WILLIAM BROWN, Tiler.

The Lodge continued to work under the dispensation until June 1, and on June 4 a warrant was issued which named the same officers as were named ill the dispensation.

CHARTER MEMBERS.

Frederick W. Talkington.	James Thomson.	Ezra T. Sawyer.
Joseph Kirkman.	Jacob G. Southard.	William D. Benson.
Aaron H. Bean.	J. D. Clark.	William Westner.
George H. Parrish.	Thomas H. Rowe.	

On June 22, 1852, the Lodge was constituted and the officers installed by M.'. W.'. JOHN D. WILLARD, assisted by M.'. W.'. HENRY C. ATWOOD. A copy of the Holy Bible was presented to the Lodge by M.'. W.'. JOHN D. WILLARD at this meeting.

The Lodge had been established but a short time when it was unfortunate in the selection of its Master who, as an old sketch of the Lodge says, "exercised an almost unlimited control over its affairs, squandering and appropriating the moneys and other property until the more conservative members were induced to make complaint to the Deputy Grand Master, who temporarily suspended the warrant in December 1856."At the annual meeting held December 22, 1856, R.'. W.'. JAMES M. AUSTIN presided, restoring the warrant and holding an election for officers. This appears to have been a crucial period in the life of the Lodge; the Master who had so nearly disrupted the Lodge was expelled, renewed interest on the part of the members soon asserted itself, and it slowly recovered from the incubus which had so seriously endangered its life.



On December 15, 1857, George T. Dollinger affiliated in the Lodge, and was immediately elected its Master, serving for three years, and during his administration of its affairs a new era of prosperity dawned upon it and which has abided with it down to the present moment.

The first meeting place of the Lodge was at the City Hotel, corner of Broadway and Howard Street, where it remained until May 1853, when it moved to No. 360 Broadway, remaining there until August of that year, when it moved to the corner of Broome and Mercer streets, where it remained until November, 1855, when it moved to No. 411 Broadway.

In May, 1857, it moved into Odd Fellows Hall, corner of Grand and Centre streets, remaining here until May 1868, when it moved to No. 594 Broadway, where it remained until March, 1872, when it moved to No. 8 Union Square. In May, 1873, it moved to No. 33 Union Square, remaining there until December, 1883, when it moved into the Grand Opera House, corner of Twenty-third Street and Eighth Avenue.

In February, 1910, it moved into its present quarters in the new Masonic Hall on Twenty-fourth Street.

The Lodge was represented at the laying of the corner-stone of the Masonic Hall on Twenty-third Street, June 8, 1870; the laying of the corner-stone of the Egyptian Obelisk in Central Park, October 9, 1880, and the dedication of the Home at Utica, NY, October 5, 1892.

**John D. Willard**, after whom the Lodge was named, was born at Lancaster, Vt., in 1799. Shortly after graduation at Dartmouth College he located at Troy, NY, studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1826. In 1834 Governor William L. Marcy appointed him Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, which office he held for six years. For a time he edited the *Troy Sentinel*.

He was an ardent, earnest and active Mason, serving seven years as Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge; two years as Senior Warden; two years as Deputy Grand Master, and four years as Grand Master.

It was under his administration that the unfortunate difficulties took place which for a time disrupted the Grand Lodge. He was largely instrumental in bringing about a settlement of that lamentable affair in 1858, and it was his privilege to receive and welcome the Brethren who had been so long estranged. He died at his residence in the City of Troy, October 10, 1864.

#### MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

Thales B. Bliss, Assemblyman.  
Bryant Willard, Alderman.

Waldo H. Richardson, Member Board of Education.

#### GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

Robert L. Smith, District Deputy Grand Master.  
Robert Smith, Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Waldo H. Richardson, Grand Representative.  
Robert J. Jordan, Grand Representative.

#### MASTERS.

1852. Frederick W. Talkington.	1872. Simon Ward.	1892. Robert J. Jordan.
1853. William D. Benson.	1873. Oscar Frisbie.	1893. James T. Walker.
1854. Frederick W. Talkington.	1874. Oscar Frisbie.	1894. James T. Walker.
1855. William D. Benson.	1875. Robert Smith.	1895. Jacob Seipp.
1856. William D. Benson.	1876. Robert Smith.	1896. Charles H. Vandevort.
1857. Peter P. Day.	1877. Robert Smith.	1897. Robert L. Smith.
1858. George T. Dollinger.	1878. Robert Smith.	1898. Robert L. Smith.
1859. George T. Dollinger.	1879. William M. White.	1899. Harry P. Poinsett.
1860. George T. Dollinger.	1880. William M. White.	1900. Harry P. Poinsett.
1861. John Wood.	1881. William M. White.	1901. William J. Dyer.
1862. George Renshaw.	1882. George L. Tillottson.	1902. William J. Dyer.
1863. George Renshaw.	1883. Henry S. Walker.	1903. William Morgan.
1864. George Renshaw.	1884. Henry S. Walker.	1904. Robert J. Furze.
1865. Henry Wilson.	1885. William M. White.	1905. Charles W. Dollinger.
1866. Henry Wilson.	1886. Waldo H. Richardson.	1906. E. Merrill Smith.
1867. John Moffitt.	1887. William H. Ely.	1907. Sydney W. Dougherty.
1868. John Moffitt.	1888. William H. Ely.	1908. Sydney W. Dougherty.
1869. Gilbert K. Rosenquest.	1889. William H. Ely.	1909. Walter H. Murphy.
1870. Gilbert K. Rosenquest.	1890. William H. Ely.	1910. Walter H. Murphy.
1871. Simon Ward.	1891. William H. Ely.	1911. William F. Bredemeyer.

#### OLEAN LODGE, NO. 252, OLEAN, N. Y.

WARRANT: The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated June 6, 1863.

The name or number has never been changed.

MINUTES: Intact.

Olean Lodge was organized during the early part of 1852. On February 24 a petition was prepared asking for a dispensation and signed by the following:

Frederick S. Martin.  
Thomas Lockwood.  
Waldo A. Blossom.  
David McCormick.  
Emory Wood.  
R. L. Page.

John Barse.  
James Brooks.  
David Bockes.  
David Bennie.  
H. T. Leighton.  
Willis M. Howe.

David Day.  
E. B. Andrews.  
John Conrad.  
James L. Savage.  
W. Wood.

The name first selected by the petitioners was "Olean Olive Branch." The petition was sent to the Grand Secretary on March 8, 1852, and it appears from the following letter that the Grand Master objected to the name selected.

"OLEAN, CATTARAUGUS Co., N. Y.  
"March 15, 1852.

"DEAR SIR: Yours of the 11th inst. is at hand, and on conferring with the committee and a number of other petitioners for our Lodge I am instructed to present for the consideration of the Grand Master the name Olean instead of Olean Olive Branch, as presented in our petition. Should the name be acceptable to the Grand Master, you will please erase from our petition the words 'Olive Branch,' thus leaving it Olean Lodge.

"I am, sir, fraternally,  
"Your obedient servant,  
"DAVID DAY,  
"Chairman of Committee for Petitioners."

"J. W. POWELL, M.D.,  
"Grand Secretary."

The petition names as officers:

ANDREW MEAD, Master,  
DAVID BOCKES, Senior Warden.  
JAMES BROOKS, Junior Warden,

and was recommended by Allegany Lodge, No. 225, of Friendship, N. Y.

The Lodge worked under the dispensation which was issued March 20, 1852, until the warrant was issued June 5, 1852, which named the same officers as were named in the dispensation. The first meeting under the warrant was held August 12, 1852, when the Lodge was publicly constituted and the officers installed in the Baptist Church by Wor.'. JEREMIAH HATCH, JR., Master of Allegany Lodge, No. 225.

The officers installed were:

ANDREW MEAD, Master.  
DAVID BOCKES, Senior Warden.  
EDWIN B. ANDREWS, Junior Warden.  
AARON I. ALLEN, Treasurer.  
DAVID DAY, Secretary.  
JAMES L. SAVAGE, Senior Deacon.  
L. C. HATHAWAY, Junior Deacon.  
JOHN BARSE, Steward  
DAVID BENNIE, Steward  
JULIUS R. SMITH, Tiler.

The Lodge thrived, but owing to the limited supply of material to be found in such a rural location did not rapidly increase in membership, however this did not discourage these sturdy Masons. The first misfortune encountered by the Lodge was the loss of most of its property by fire, including its warrant, on November 21, 1857. A dispensation was obtained on November 28, from the Grand Master, John L. Lewis, Jr., permitting the Lodge to continue working until the next session of the Grand Lodge, and on June 4, 1858, a new warrant was ordered by the Grand Lodge. For some time after this fire the Lodge met in David Bennie's bedroom in the Merritt warehouse, he taking his bed down on meeting nights to make room for the members. The Lodge afterward obtained quarters in a building on the corner of Union and Laurens streets. In 1862 the Lodge for the second time met with loss by fire, which again destroyed its warrant. On August 21, 1862, the Grand Master issued a dispensation permitting the Lodge to continue working until the next session of the Grand Lodge, and on June 4, 1863, a third warrant was granted by the Grand Lodge; this warrant is the one under which the Lodge is now working. The next place of meeting was in the upper part of the building occupied by C. V. B. Barse & Co., where it remained until the completion of the Masonic Temple in 1893. The corner-stone of this building was laid by M.'. W.'. JOHN W. VROOMAN, Past Grand Master, September 27, 1892, and was dedicated by M.'. W.'. FREDERICK A. BURNHAM, Grand Master, November 10, 1893. The Lodge participated in these ceremonies and also in the laying of the corner-stone of the Olean Public Library, which was laid by M.'. W.'. S. NELSON SAWYER, Grand Master, July 3, 1909.

On October 14, 1902, the Lodge celebrated its fiftieth anniversary in a fitting manner; the principal feature being an address by R.'. W.'. SLOANE. In closing he said:

"Loyalty and patriotism are crystallized in the principles of our Fraternity, and when the Mason puts them into use, especially if his country calls him to duty, his name and fame rests on a more solid foundation. We never can forget that the immortal Washington was a Mason, and was held in high veneration by his Brethren because of his exalted character and noble manhood: and yet, but for his duty to the cause of American independence, the name of Washington would have long since been forgotten. Very few know that Joseph Warren was Grand Master of Massachusetts when he fell a martyr to freedom's cause at Bunker Hill; and yet the name of General Warren has a prominent place in the temple of fame. Who remembers that Paul Revere was a Grand Master of Massachusetts? and yet the midnight rider and patriot, the Philip Sheridan of the Revolution, will never be forgotten. And so I might go on, and on, and on through the roll of honor of our country's bravest men down to the present time. When Brother William McKinley fell a victim to the assassin's bullet, there died a man who was the embodiment of all the virtues which adorn and beautify the human character, loyalty and patriotism were the foundation of his civic success. My Brethren, it is a good thing for us on suitable occasions to recall the memories of the past, to recount the glorious deeds done by our Brethren and by recounting them, to catch again the spirit of liberty and freedom, the spirit which will make us true Americans, true to ourselves and true to our God.

"Let us, then, as Masons and citizens of this favored land, ever remember that the Great Creator has endowed us with a glorious heritage, and that every thought, word and act of our lives should be in accordance with the sublime principles of our noble Fraternity."

At the laying of the corner-stone of the Masonic Temple this Brother also delivered an address on the "Masonic History of Olean." In introducing his subject, he said: "On January 22, 1817, thirteen years after the first white settler trod the primeval forests which abounded in this region, Hamilton Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons was duly chartered. From inquiries made I believe there is no member of that Lodge alive today. The Lodge ceased to exist during the Anti-Masonic excitement; its lights were extinguished and the sacred volume upon its altar was closed forever. The records, furniture and jewels were preserved and became the property of Olean Lodge, but unfortunately were destroyed by fire some thirty years ago."

The Lodge referred to by the speaker was Hamilton Lodge, No. 274, warranted June 22, 1817. The petition for this Lodge, which is on file in the office of the Grand Secretary, is without date, and is signed by the following:

Jonathan Griffin,	James Wright.
Norman Hooker.	Alexander Adams.
Silas Knight.	Israel Curtis.
Thomas Haskell.	Charles S. Hunt.
Luke Goodspeed.	

The petition named as officers:

ISRAEL CURTIS, Master.  
ALEXANDER ADAMS, Senior Warden.  
SILAS WRIGHT, Junior Warden.

It was recommended by Angelica Lodge, No. 167 (now extinct).

The last returns of Hamilton Lodge on file are dated December 27, 1827. The officers at that time were:

AMOS R. ORTON, Master.  
ANDREW MEAD, Senior Warden.  
JAMES BROOKS, Junior Warden.  
HENRY BRYAN, Treasurer.  
NATHANIEL GOODSPEED, Secretary.

This return contains the names of thirty-seven members; among the members at that time were the following six who were petitioners for Olean Lodge:

Thomas Lockwood.	Henry T. Leighton.	James Brooks.
David Bockes.	Emory Wood.	Wheelock Wood.

David Bockes was Master of the Lodge in 1825.

The warrant of the Lodge was declared forfeited by the Grand Lodge June 4, 1835, and no attempt appears to have been made to revive it or organize its successor until the advent of Olean Lodge in 1852. The first meeting of the new Lodge under the dispensation was held April 1, and the records of this meeting state that the By-Laws of the old Lodge were adopted as the By-Laws of the new Lodge.

On April 24, 1889, the Lodge held "Jubilee" services in celebration of the payment of the Great Debt. On this occasion addresses were delivered by Rev. Bro. W. W. Rafter and Rev. J. W. Ashton, D.D.

#### MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

Frank W. Higgins, Governor.	Elisha M. Johnson, Assemblyman.
Frederick S. Martin, Congressman.	James H. Waring, Mayor.
Frederick W. Kruse, Judge, Supreme Court.	G. H. Strong, Mayor.
N. V. V. Franchot, Superintendent of Public Works.	



**Francis Wayland HIGGINS**, the 38th Governor of New York, was born in Rushford, NY, on 18 Aug 1856. His education was attained at Rushford Academy, and at the Riverview Military Academy, where he graduated in 1873. Before establishing his political career, he worked in the oil industry in Chicago and Denver, and eventually became involved in the family's grocery business. Higgins first entered politics in 1894, serving as a member of the New York State Senate, a position he held eight years. He also served as the lieutenant governor of New York from 1903 to 1905. Higgins next secured the Republican gubernatorial nomination, and was elected governor by a popular vote on 8 Nov 1904. During his tenure, state election laws were improved; state expenditures were controlled; and insurance legislation was revised. After completing his term, Higgins retired from political life. Governor Frank W. Higgins passed away on 15 Feb 1907, and was buried in the Mt. View Cemetery in Olean, New York.

**EMPIRE STATE'S INCOMING CHIEF MAGISTRATE**



**Close Range Character Sketch of Francis Wayland Higgins--Plain "Frank" to His Fellow-townsmen--Fond of Bowling and Golf--His Varied Business Interests--A Charming Family Circle.**

**F**RANK WAYLAND HIGGINS, Governor-elect of New York State, is just plain Frank Higgins to his fellow-townsmen in Olean. Until he was nominated for Lieutenant Governor two years ago, probably not half a dozen people in his home city knew what the initial "W." in his name stood for, and to the average Oleander Wayland has an unfamiliar sound. The Governor-elect has always signed himself "Frank W. Higgins," and the more pretentious and dignified "Frank Wayland" is none of his doing, for the Empire State's new Chief Executive never has, and probably never will, put on any airs.

Said a prominent Oleander the day he was elected: "Frank Higgins is direct, modest, and approachable; is dignified without being cold, and is utterly lacking in pose. Frank by name and frank by nature, he says what he means and means what he says. His word is as good as his note, and his note is good for a million."

When the late Mark Hanna was rounding up the delegates for William McKinley in 1896 Mr. Higgins was committed to the candidacy of his friend, Gov. Levi P. Morton. His district was demanding the naming of McKinley, and, despite the fact that he knew McKinley's nomination was a foregone conclusion, he persisted in his support of the Morton boom and gave up being a delegate to the National Convention rather than desert the forlorn hope of his friend. He had given his pledge to Gov. Morton, and that settled the matter.

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During the recent campaign the Governor-elect was often called "Francis Wayland Higgins," but the official ballot read "Frank W. Higgins." In explanation, he said: "My mother was a great admirer of Dr. Francis Wayland, a celebrated Baptist clergyman, author and educator, who was born in New York City in 1796 and died in 1865. He wrote 'Limitations of Human Responsibility,' 'Domestic Slavery Con-

sidered as a Scriptural Institution,' &c., and when I was born my mother named me after him. From early boyhood, however, I was always called Frank, and I consider that my name."

The Governor-elect was born in the little village of Rushford, N. Y., on Aug. 18, 1856, and is consequently in his forty-ninth year. As a boy he was not particularly studious, but when he reached manhood he began making up for lost time, and years of careful reading and travel have done the work. Rushford Academy, Review Military Academy, Poughkeepsie, and a commercial college were the only institutions of learning he attended in his youth, but he has since been a diligent student in the great school of experience. He is interested in everything, from State finance and taxation to the making of half-tone cuts, from glass manufacture to the care of the insane, and from "The Simple Life" to "The Strenuous Life." He is a good listener as well as a good conversationalist, and he tries to learn something from every man, woman, and child he meets. He became an ardent politician at sixteen, during the Grant-Greeley campaign, and even at that early age displayed independence, for while his father supported Greeley, he was a sturdy boomer of Grant.

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Politics, from this time on; had a great fascination for him, but he could never be induced to run for public office until 1893, when he was unanimously nominated for State Senator and elected by a plurality of 8,046 votes. In 1896, 1898, and 1900 he was re-elected by increased pluralities, and two years ago was chosen Lieutenant Governor. On the floor of the Senate he made no reputation as an orator, but he developed into a good public speaker, and in repartee often more than held his own with Grady, the wit of the upper house.

The Governor-elect is often seen with a cigar in his mouth, but it is usually un-

lighted; he owns several horses, but rarely drives them, and his only athletic diversions are bowling and the "royal and ancient" game of golf. Like Walter J. Travis, he learned the game after he had passed thirty-five--beyond which age few men ever learn to play well--and it must be admitted, however reluctantly, that he is like Travis in no other respect. He does his eighteen holes somewhere around 100 strokes, and, as he is a Vestryman of good standing in St. Stephen's Church in Olean, his language naturally needs little editing even after he has buried his faithless nibble three times in the base of a bunker. When he and the

celebrated "Colonel Bogey" are running on opposite tickets, so to speak, the "Colonel" usually holes out by a very respectable majority.

The Governor-elect plays on the links of the Clean Golf Club, of which he is an ex-President and of which he was one of the founders. As a bowler he shines in a more favorable light. The annual Winter tournament of the City Club of Olean invariably draws him to the alleys, and few men in his home city roll more "strikes" and "spares" than he. Coatless and chewing an unlighted cigar, he keeps the pin boys busy, and apparently displays as much interest in his score as he does in the election returns when he is a candidate for office at the polls.

A friend seeking him in Olean will usually find him in one of four places, his beautiful Colonial home on the south side of City Hall Park, his office in the Masonic Temple, the City Club, or the office of his intimate friend and political manager, ex-

Mayor N. V. V. Franchot. If a search of these places does not disclose him he will doubtless be found on the links of the golf club, a mile and a half distant. The three places where he is not at all likely to be in evidence are the three grocery stores in Olean bearing the Higgins name, for, while he is nominally Olean's leading grocer, he is actually only the inactive partner and capitalist in the stores, the management being intrusted to faithful associates. Olean's oldest inhabitants find difficulty in recalling the time when, "Frank" was seen behind the counter, but the stores were started during the lifetime of his father, they have been profitable ventures, and he has continued to run them during his eight years as State Senator and his two years as Lieutenant Governor. Doubtless many men of his prominence would have been annoyed at times by delivery wagons which rattled through the principal streets placarded with the virtues of "Higgins' Bread," but all that the Senator or Lieutenant Governor demanded was that the bread should be as good as it was advertised to be.

When Gov. Odell was accused two years ago of being a stockholder in a concern that sold groceries to State institutions, every Olean wit stopped Mr. Higgins on the street and sprang this on him:

"Say, Frank, if they ever accuse you of being in the grocery business you'll be caught with the goods on!"

It was a good joke then, and the future Governor always smiled, but it ceased to be a joke during the late campaign when cer-

tain newspapers, with sinister meaning, began calling him the "groceries candidate." It is only fair to say that no one has ever charged the Olean stores with having sold a single pound of groceries to the State, but the innuendo of the cartoonists, no matter how unjust, was a dangerous factor in a close campaign, and the candidate for the first time in his life wished that some one else owned the wagons that were booming "Higgins' Bread."

The Governor-elect owns vast tracts of pine and mineral lands in Michigan, Wisconsin, Washington, and other Western States, and is interested in banks, glass factories, an electric light company, and numerous enterprises. His business career began at the age of nineteen, and the fortune won by his father and himself has largely increased in recent years under his wise management. His ancestors were early settlers of the Connecticut Valley, and his grandfather, Dr. Timothy Higgins, located in Allegany County, New York, in 1818. His father, Orrin T. Higgins, who died fifteen years ago, was Rushford's richest citizen, and a very successful business man.

Governor-elect Higgins married young, and has one daughter, Miss Josephine, and two sons, O. T. Higgins and F. Harrison Higgins. O. T. Higgins is married and resides in Colorado. The children, like their father and mother, are unaffected and modest, and Miss Josephine is one of the prettiest girls in Western New York. The Higgins home is filled with antique Colonial furniture and is a most attractive place. In the yard near the house is a tree planted by President Roosevelt, who has long been a friend and admirer of the Governor-elect.

When he is in Olean Mr. Higgins usually drops into the City Club in the evening to chat with his friends and swap stories. He is a good story-teller himself, and greatly appreciates a witty yarn. One of his friends not long ago built an expensive fireplace which was flanked by two seats, one of which was the top of a dumbwaiter, designed to raise firewood from the cellar to the fireplace. The friend was complaining of the great expense of his dumbwaiter and fireplace, when Mr. Higgins began to laugh.

"Never get into politics, my friend," he said with a return to solemnity.

"Why not?" asked the other in astonishment.

"If you ever get into politics," the Governor-elect continued solemnly, "and people find out you have a five-hundred dollar wood-box, I can see your finish!"

#### GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

L. F. More, District Deputy Grand Master.

John Sloane, District Deputy Grand Master.

Edward M. Tothill, District Deputy Grand Master.

#### MASTERS.

1852. Andrew Mead.  
1853. Russell Martin.  
1854. David Day.  
1855. Richard King.  
1856. Hamilton D. Bennie.  
1857. Chauncey H. Titus.  
1858. Hamilton D. Bennie.  
1859. Hamilton D. Bennie.  
1860. Nathan P. Wilcox.  
1861. George W. Norton.  
1862. Nathan P. Wilcox.  
1863. George W. Norton.  
1864. George W. Norton.  
1865. George W. Norton.  
1866. George W. Norton.  
1867. James T. Henry.  
1868. Frank L. Stowell.  
1869. John S. Shaw.  
1870. Milton B. Fobes.  
1871. Hugh Morton.

1872. Hugh Morton.  
1873. Eugene A. Homer.  
1874. Eugene A. Homer.  
1875. Clarence H. Emerson.  
1876. Clarence H. Emerson.  
1877. L. F. More.  
1878. L. F. More.  
1879. Martin Southeron.  
1880. Martin Southeron.  
1881. John L. Eddy.  
1882. John L. Eddy.  
1883. Caleb S. Hanks.  
1884. John A. Taylor.  
1885. Calvin S. Stowell.  
1886. John L. Eddy.  
1887. William V. Smith.  
1888. William L. Myrick.  
1889. John Sloane.  
1890. John Sloane.  
1891. James A. Barhydt.

1892. Arthur J. Corwin.  
1893. Eugene R. Russell.  
1894. Loren H. Brooks.  
1895. Irving E. Worden.  
1896. Charles P. Burley, Jr.  
1897. Fred M. Hills.  
1898. John A. Brendell.  
1899. John A. Brendell.  
1900. John Sloane.  
1901. Marvin M. Hamilton.  
1902. Edward M. Tothill.  
1903. Edmund H. Austin.  
1904. Edmund H. Austin.  
1905. William S. Steele.  
1906. Dana L. Jewell.  
1907. Byron J. Both.  
1908. Melvin P. Derby.  
1909. Blanchard E. Hamilton.  
1910. Lemuel A. Woodard.  
1911. Willis Z. Georgia.

**OLD OAK LODGE, NO. 253, MILLPORT, N. Y.**

WARRANT: The original warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated June 7, 1852.

The name or number has never been changed.

MINUTES: Intact.

Old Oak Lodge was organized during the winter of 1851-52. On January 30, 1852, a petition was prepared asking for a dispensation which was signed by the following:

Jonathan P. Couch.	Gabriel L. Smith.	Erastus Crandall.	
Charles Benson.	Lemuel Hudson.	Patrick Quin.	John Durfey.

The officers nominated in the petition were:

CHARLES BENSON, Master.  
JONATHAN P. COUCH, Senior Warden.  
GABRIEL L. SMITH, Junior Warden.  
ERASTUS CRANDALL, Treasurer.  
LEMUEL HUDSON, Secretary.  
PATRICK QUIN, Senior Deacon.  
JOHN DURFEY, Junior Deacon.

The petition was recommended by Chemung Lodge, No. 131 (now Myrtle Lodge, No. 131).

On February 12, 1852, a dispensation was issued by M.'. W.'. OSCAR COLES, Grand Master, which named as officers:

CHARLES BENSON, Master.  
JONATHAN P. COUCH, Senior Warden.  
GABRIEL L. SMITH, Junior Warden.

The first meeting under the dispensation was held February 18, 1852, with the following as officers:

ALEXANDER FALLS, Master.  
GABRIEL L. SMITH, Senior Warden.  
FREDERICK PLUMB, Junior Warden.  
ERASTUS CRANDALL, Treasurer.  
LEMUEL HUDSON, Secretary.

The first applications for membership were received from E. O. Crandall, Nehemiah Shannon, De Grand N. Bedient and Walter L. Dailey. While working under dispensation ten candidates were initiated, seven passed and seven raised.

The officers named in the warrant were:

CHARLES BENSON, Master.  
JONATHAN P. COUCH, Senior Warden.  
GABRIEL L. SMITH, Junior Warden.

The first meeting after the warrant had been issued was held August 26, 1852, with the following officers:

CHARLES BENSON, Master.  
JONATHAN P. COUCH, Senior Warden.  
GABRIEL L. SMITH, Junior Warden.  
ERASTUS CRANDALL, Treasurer.  
NEHEMIAH SHANNON, Secretary.  
E. O. CRANDALL, Senior Deacon.  
WALTER L. DAILEY, Junior Deacon.  
LEWIS E. BONNEY, Tiler.

The Lodge owns the building in which it has quarters, which also contains a public hall which is rented for entertainments and public meetings.

On January 7, 1902, the Lodge celebrated its fiftieth anniversary in an appropriate manner.

MASTERS,

1852. Charles Benson.	1866. Timothy D. Jones.	1880. George M. Beard.
1853. Gabriel L. Smith.	1867. Timothy D. Jones.	1881. Frank A. Malette.
1854. De Grand N. Bedient.	1868. Timothy D. Jones.	1882. Civilian Brown.
1855. De Grand N. Bedient.	1869. Timothy D. Jones.	1883. John C. Fanton.
1856. Edwin W. Howell.	1870. Timothy D. Jones.	1884. John C. Fanton.
1857. Edwin W. Howell.	1871. Timothy D. Jones.	1885. Alonzo Tiftt.
1858. Edwin W. Howell.	1872. Timothy D. Jones.	1886. Frank A. Malette.
1859. George W. Pratt.	1873. Timothy D. Jones.	1887. Frank A. Malette.
1860. Edwin W. Howell.	1874. Timothy D. Jones.	1888. Frank A. Malette.
1861. Timothy D. Jones.	1875. John C. Fanton.	1889. John C. Fanton.
1862. Timothy D. Jones.	1876. John C. Fanton.	1890. Frank A. Malette.
1863. Timothy D. Jones.	1877. John J. Fowler.	1891. Civilian Brown.
1864. Timothy D. Jones.	1878. John C. Fanton.	1892. Frank A. Malette.
1865. Timothy D. Jones.	1879. John C. Fanton.	1893. Leonard Dailey.

1894. Leonard Dailey.  
1895. Leonard Dailey.  
1896. Leonard Dailey.  
1897. Frank A. Malette.  
1898. Frank A. Malette.  
1899. Ely Rosecrans.

1900. Frank A. Malette.  
1901. Leonard Dailey.  
1902. Marcus M. Parsons.  
1903. Marcus M. Parsons.  
1904. Leonard Dailey.  
1905. Leonard Dailey.

1906. Leonard Dailey.  
1907. Frank A. Malette.  
1908. Anson A. Ostrander.  
1909. Frank A. Malette.  
1910. Anson A. Ostrander.  
1911. Charles H. Ostrander.

**WALWORTH LODGE, NO. 254. WALWORTH, N. Y.**

WARRANT: The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated June 8, 1852.

The name or number has never been changed.

MINUTES: Not intact.

Walworth Lodge was organized in December, 1851, by some survivors of Rising Virtue Lodge, No. 321.

The petition dated December 30, 1851, is signed by the following:

Abel Wyman.	Jones Findley.
Tappin Merrill.	William D. Wylie.
John Findley.	Isaac Barnhart.
Nathaniel Bates.	Thomas Bancroft.

All of these petitioners were formerly members of Rising Virtue Lodge, No. 321.

The petition nominated as officers:

ABEL WYMAN, Master.  
JONES FINDLEY, Senior Warden,  
TAPPIN MERRILL, Junior Warden,

and was recommended by Penfield Union Lodge, No. 154.

On January 8, 1852, a dispensation was issued by M.'. W.'. OSCAR COLES, Grand Master.

The first meeting under the dispensation was held February 3, 1852, with the following as officers:

ABEL WYMAN, Master.  
JONES FINDLEY, Senior Warden.  
TAPPIN MERRILL, Junior Warden.  
JOHN FINDLEY, Treasurer.  
WILLIAM D. WYLIE, Secretary.  
NATHANIEL BATES, Senior Deacon.  
ISAAC BARNHART, Junior Deacon.  
GEORGE GRIMES, Tiler.

At this meeting petitions for degrees were received from Charles Wyman, Vilinder Nimes, James G. Sheffield, Joseph P. Smith and John A. Horner.

The first initiate was Charles Wyman.

The warrant issued June 8, named as officers:

ABEL WYMAN, Master,  
JONES FINDLEY, Senior Warden,  
TAPPIN MERRILL, Junior Warden,

and on June 24th the officers were publicly installed by William E. Lathrop, and an address was delivered by Rev. William E. Goodwin, D.D.

The Lodge is located in its own building, the first story being rented for business purposes and the upper story is fitted exclusively for the use of the Lodge.

In October, 1878, these quarters were dedicated by R.'. W.'. JOHN VANDENBERG, District Deputy Grand Master, assisted by R.'. W.'. JOHN G. WEBSTER, Grand Chaplain.

Rising Virtue Lodge, No. 321, the predecessor of Walworth Lodge, was organized during the fall of 1818. The petition dated September 10th was signed by the following:

Thomas Bancroft.	Aaron Rice.
Alpheus Nims.	Benjamin Hill.
Daniel Douglass.	George Mathewson.
Noah Norton.	Samuel B. Bradley.
Thomas Tumpshall.	Elijah Baker.
Adanijah Blackman.	Daniel Mathewson.
Enos Palmer.	Leceister Robbins.
Reuben Jennings.	Daniel Ethridge.
Milton Wooster.	Samuel Sabins.

The petition nominated as officers:

JAMES BUCKLEY, Master.  
RHODOLPHUS GRANDY, Senior Warden.  
ASAHEL HAZELTON, Junior Warden.

The petitioners were formerly members of Mount Moriab Lodge, No. 112, and Pultneyville Lodge, No. 201, and both of these Lodges recommended the petition. The petition was read in Grand Lodge March 3, 1819, and on March 8th a warrant was issued. The Lodge was constituted and the following officers installed by Ira Selby on June 18, 1819:

JAMES BUCKLEY, Master.  
 RHODOLPHUS GRANDY, Senior Warden.  
 ASAHIEL HAZELTON, Junior Warden.  
 ELIJAH BAKER, Treasurer.  
 DANIEL DOUGLASS, Secretary.  
 GEORGE MATHEWSON, Senior Deacon.  
 ENOS PALMER, Junior Deacon.  
 LEICESTER ROBBINS, Steward.  
 DANIEL ETHRIDGE, Steward.  
 ISAAC JENNINGS, Tiler.

The last returns of the Lodge on file are dated June, 1831; it then had twenty-one members.

MASTERS,

1852. Abel Wyman.	1872. William B. White.	1892. Edward M. Rodenberger.
1853. Jones Findley.	1873. William B. White.	1893. Edward M. Rodenberger.
1854. Thomas Mitchell.	1874. J. Jay White.	1894. Edward M. Rodenberger.
1855. Abel Wyman.	1875. J. Jay White.	1895. Clarence B. Palmer.
1856. William D. Wylie.	1876. J. Jay White.	1896. Clarence B. Palmer.
1857. Vilinder Nims.	1877. Harrison J. Foskett.	1897. Clarence B. Palmer.
1858. Abel Wyman.	1878. Harrison J. Foskett.	1898. Walter B. Slade.
1859. Abel Wyman.	1879. Harrison J. Foskett.	1899. Walter B. Slade.
1860. Ammi C. Smith.	1880. Isaac Durfee.	1900. James Clark.
1861. Abel Wyman.	1881. Harrison J. Foskett.	1901. James Clark.
1862. Abel Wyman.	1882. Julian J. Findley.	1902. James Clark.
1863. Isaac Durfee.	1883. Julian J. Findley.	1903. Walter B. Slade.
1864. Isaac Durfee.	1884. Julian J. Findley.	1904. Clarence B. Palmer.
1865. Lewis R. Lumbard.	1885. Julian J. Findley.	1905. George Patterson.
1866. Isaac Durfee.	1886. Charles Reeves.	1906. George Patterson.
1867. Isaac Durfee.	1887. Charles Reeves.	1907. Fred M. Daansen.
1868. J. Jay White.	1888. John H. Plyter.	1908. Jacob Pembroke.
1869. Isaac Durfee.	1889. Charles H. Reeves.	1909. Jacob Pembroke.
1870. J. Jay White.	1890. Charles H. Reeves.	1910. Richard B. McOmber.
1871. J. Jay White.	1891. Hiram McKee.	1911. Richard B. McOmber.

**LIVING STONE LODGE, NO. 255, COLDEN, N. Y.**

WARRANT: The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated June 9, 1852.

The name or number has never been changed.

MINUTES: Intact.

Living Stone Lodge was organized at Colden, NY, during the early part of 1852. The petition asking for a dispensation is dated April 14, 1852, and is signed by the following:

A. H. Enos.	Abijah Smith.	Comfort Knapp.
Oliver Dutton.	Asa Gould.	John Brooks.
Thomas Buffum.	A. K. Tyler.	John Church.
N. M. Holt.	S. O. Gould.	
	A. Holt.	

The petition nominated as officers:

SYLVANUS O. GOULD, Master,  
 OLIVER DUTTON, Senior Warden,  
 ASA K. TYLER, Junior Warden,

and was recommended by Erie Lodge, No. 161, at a meeting held April 26, 1852.

On April 29, 1852, a dispensation was issued by Nelson Randall, Deputy Grand Master, which named the same officers as nominated in the petition, and they were continued in the warrant.

The Lodge has had four meeting places; it remained in its first meeting place about five years, in its second meeting place until 1883, when it moved to its third meeting place, remaining there twenty years, when it moved into its present quarters.

The Lodge was represented at the laying of the corner-stone of the Home at Utica, NY, May 21, 1891, and the dedication of same, October 5, 1892.

MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

John M. Wiley, Congressman.  
 William B. Currier, Assemblyman.

George W. Nichols, U. S. Consul, Clifton, Ont.  
 Wesley C. Dudley, District Attorney.



Orlin J. Colburn, Supervisor.  
Robert G. Crump, Supervisor.  
Dexter E. Folsom, Supervisor.

John P. Underhill, Supervisor.  
Richard E. Bowen, Supervisor.

MASTERS.

1852. Sylvanus O. Gould.	1872. Dexter E. Folsom.	1892. Dexter E. Folsom.
1853. Sylvanus O. Gould.	1873. George W. Nichols.	1893. Beverley M. Stanton.
1854. Sylvanus O. Gould.	1874. Mark Whiting.	1894. Alpheus H. Hays.
1855. Richard S. Shelley.	1875. Mark Whiting.	1895. Mark Whiting.
1856. Richard S. Shelley.	1876. Harrison Vanderlip.	1896. James R. Lewis,
1857. Richard S. Shelley.	1877. Harrison Vanderlip.	1897. George H. Blanchard.
1858. Richard S. Shelley.	1878. Byron A. Churchill.	1898. William W. Shelley.
1859. Thomas Buffum.	1879. John P. Underhill.	1899. William W. Shelley.
1860. Ridley Cole.	1880. Orville C. Strong.	1900. Maurice L. Doty.
1861. Ridley Cole.	1881. Byron A. Churchill.	1901. Maurice L. Doty.
1862. Ridley Cole.	1882. Harrison Vanderlip.	1902. William B. Currier.
1863. Thomas Buffum.	1883. Harrison Vanderlip.	1903. William B. Currier.
1864. Caspian R. Morrow.	1884. Alpheus H. Hays.	1904. Harlow Shelley.
1865. Caspian R. Morrow.	1885. Alpheus H. Hays.	1905. Maurice L. Doty.
1866. Caspian R. Morrow.	1886. William C. Miller.	1906. Harlow Shelley.
1867. Caspian R. Morrow.	1887. William C. Miller.	1907. William B. Currier.
1868. Robert McClure.	1888. Alpheus H. Hays.	1908. Leon M. Pierce.
1869. George W. Nichols.	1889. Beverley M. Stanton.	1909. Leon M. Pierce.
1870. Dexter E. Folsom.	1890. Orville C. Strong.	1910. Albert G. Braun.
1871. Dexter E. Folsom.	1891. Orville C. Strong.	1911. Maurice L. Doty.

**FORT BREWERTON LODGE, NO. 256, BREWERTON, N. Y.**

WARRANT: The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated June 10, 1852.

The name or number has never been changed.

MINUTES: Intact.

On December 29, 1851, a dispensation was issued by M. W. OSCAR COLES, Grand Master, to the following petitioners for a Lodge at Brewerton to be called Fort Brewerton:

**John Baum.**

James J. Anderson.  
Philip Carter.  
Robert Elliot

Joseph Bentley.

Eben D. Tackey.  
Henry B. Keeler.  
George Walkup.

**Isaac Baum.**

**Artemas Baum.**

Thomas Warner.  
Elijah Evans.  
Peter Phillips.

Note: the above Baum's are close ancestors of Frank L. Baum, the author of the "Wizard of Oz." Isaac Baum was the Charter Master of Centerville Lodge No. 648, North Syracuse, NY. For more on this relationship, see a separate paper on this subject, [Freemasons in the Ancestry of L. Frank Baum](http://www.omdhs.syracuseasons.com/History/Baums%20and%20Freemasonry%202.pdf), at: <http://www.omdhs.syracuseasons.com/History/Baums%20and%20Freemasonry%202.pdf>

The dispensation named as officers:

JOHN BAUM, Master.  
HENRY B. KEELER, Senior Warden.  
JAMES J. ANDERSON, Junior Warden.

The petition was recommended by Syracuse Lodge, No. 102 (now No. 501).

The first meeting place under the dispensation was in the office of Henry B. Keeler, January 3, 1852, with the following as officers:

JOHN BAUM, Master.  
HENRY B. KEELER, Senior Warden.  
JAMES J. ANDERSON, Junior Warden.  
ASA EASTWOOD, Treasurer.  
GEORGE WALKUP, Secretary.  
ISAAC BAUM, Senior Deacon.  
ROBERT ELLIOTT, Junior Deacon.  
ARTEMAS BAUM, Steward.  
ELIJAH EVANS, Steward.

The first applicant for degrees was Frederick W. Weeks, who was also the first initiate. The Lodge worked regularly until the warrant was issued, June 10, 1852.

CHARTER MEMBERS.

John Baum.  
Henry B. Keeler.

James J. Anderson.  
George Walkup.

Philip Carter.  
Eben E. Tackey.

Abraham Baum.  
Cornelius Van Alstyne.  
Artemas Baum.  
Elijah Evans.

Peter Phillips.  
Robert Elliott.  
Isaac Baum.  
Joseph Bentley.

John Winigar.  
David Shafer.

The first meeting under (he warrant was held June 15. 1852, with the following officers:

JOHN BAUM, Master.  
HENRY B. KEELER, Senior Warden.  
JAMES J. ANDERSON, Junior Warden.  
PHILIP CARTER, Treasurer.  
GEORGE WALKUP, Secretary.  
ISAAC BAUM, Senior Deacon.  
ABRAHAM BAUM, Junior Deacon.  
F. W. MILES, Steward.  
JOSEPH BENTLEY, Steward.  
ABNER AURINGER, Tiler.

The first regular meeting place was in the Fort Brewerton House on the north side of the Oneida River, where it remained until December, 1852, when it moved into a building on the south side of the river, located on Main Street near Railroad Street, and known for a time as the Masonic Hall. In August, 1864, this building was destroyed by fire, and the Lodge was temporarily quartered in Odd Fellows Hall at Centre Square, where it remained until November, 1865, when it returned to Brewerton and was located on the corner of Baldwin and Main streets. In January, 1870, it moved on the corner of Main and Railroad streets. In 1908 the Lodge erected a Masonic Temple on a plot it has purchased on the corner of Main and Washington streets. The corner-stone of this building was laid by R.'. W.'. JAY B. KLINE, Past District Deputy Grand Master, May 2, 1908, and November 28, of the same year it was dedicated by M.'. W.'. S. NELSON SAWYER, Grand Master.

The Temple is a two-story structure, the Lodge having quarters on the second floor, the main or first story is fitted with a large assembly hall for public entertainments, etc.

#### MASTERS.

1852. John Baum.	1872. Frank A. Strong.	1892. Smith Soule.
1853. John Baum.	1873. Frank A. Strong.	1893. Charles R. Rogers.
1854. John Baum.	1874. Frank A. Strong.	1894. Charles H. Rogers.
1855. Isaac Baum.	1875. Frank A. Strong.	1895. Frederick Platto, Sr.
1856. Isaac Baum.	1876. Frank A. Strong.	1896. Frederick Platto, Sr.
1857. Isaac Baum.	1877. Frank A. Strong.	1897. Eben G. Gale.
1858. Frederick Hibbard.	1878. Frank A. Strong.	1898. Eben G. Gale.
1859. William Caldwell.	1879. Frank A. Strong.	1899. Eben G. Gale.
1860. William Caldwell.	1880. W. Monroe Pierce.	1900. Charles H. Livingston.
1861. Frank A. Strong.	1881. W. Monroe Pierce.	1901. Charles H. Livingston.
1862. Frank A. Strong.	1882. Frank A. Strong.	1902. Charles G. Livingston.
1863. Frank A. Strong.	1883. Frank A. Strong.	1903. Charles H. Livingston.
1864. Edward N. Emmons.	1884. W. Monroe Pierce.	1904. Charles H. Livingston.
1865. Edward N. Emmons.	1885. W. Monroe Pierre.	1905. James Keating.
1866. Edward N. Emmons.	1886. Frank A. Strong.	1906. Smith Soule.
1867. William Pullen.	1887. James E. Livingston.	1907. George W. Moore.
1868. Carlos T. Greenleaf.	1888. W. Monroe Pierce.	1908. George W. Moore.
1869. Carlos T. Greenleaf.	1889. James E. Livingston.	1909. George W. Moore.
1870. Frank A. Strong.	1890. Smith Soule.	1910. Lewis Fancher.
1871. Frank A. Strong.	1891. Smith Soule.	1911. Lewis Fancher.

**Carlos Tracy Greenleaf**, M.D., b. 17 Jan. 1823; d. 17 Jan. 1902, son of Isaac Greenleaf & Patty; married Sarah C. Briggs, d. 22 Dec. 1891, age 69-6-10. Both buried in Riverside Cemetery, Brewerton, NY

#### **MOUNT NEBOH LODGE, NO. 257, NEW YORK CITY.**

WARRANT: The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated June 11, 1852.

Name or number has never been changed.

MINUTES: Intact.

At the time Mount Neboh Lodge was organized there were two Grand Bodies claiming jurisdiction in New York City, one presided over by Oscar Coles and the other presided over by Isaac Phillips.

At the same time Mechanic Lodge, No. 31 (now Lotus. No. 31) was dormant. In the month of February, 1852, an effort was made to revive the warrant of Mechanic Lodge, and on the 23d of that month a dispensation was issued to several members of the Lodge by M.'. W.'. ISAAC PHILLIPS.

Scarcely had this been accomplished when a change of heart appears to have come over these Brethren as they prepared and signed the following petition:

"The undersigned members of Mechanic Lodge, No. 31, hereby acknowledge Bro. Oscar Coles as the legal Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, and empower Bro. W. K. Frank to get a dispensation from the W. G. M. Oscar Coles for a

Lodge to be known under name, style and title of Mt. Neboh, No. \_\_\_\_\_, to meet on Friday evening next, the 26th of March, at No. 56 Orchard Street, and to request the said W. G. M. to attend next Friday evening 7 o'clock, for the purpose of dedicating the room.

W. K. Frank.	H. Hildeburghauser.
L. Lederer.	Isaac Dittenhorfer.
Henry Jones.	L. Frank.
J. Mitchels, M.D.	G. Rosenblatt.
Isaac Bachman."	

Endorsed on the petition is the following:

"The above petitions are vouched for as having been made, prior to the suspension of the Lodge in 1850, by W. K. Frank, and he promises in their behalf a strict adherence to the constitution and general regulations.

"The petition is granted free of charge. The original dispensation granted by Herring is retained.

"OSCAR COLES."

The petition was recommended by Benevolent Lodge, No. 28, and on March 24, 1852, a dispensation was issued by M.'. W.'. OSCAR COLES, which named as officers:

WOLFE K. FRANK, Master.  
HYMAN HILDBURGHAEUSER, Senior Warden.  
LEOPOLD LEDERER, Junior Warden.

On March 26th, at No. 56 Orchard Street, M.'. W.'. OSCAR COLES instituted the Lodge and installed the officers named in the dispensation together with the following:

MOSES SCHLOSS, Treasurer.  
HENRY JONES, Secretary.  
JAMES MITCHELS, Senior Deacon.  
GOTLIEB ROSENBLATT, Master of Ceremonies  
ISAAC BACHMAN, Master of Ceremonies.  
JAMES STEWART, Tiler.

At the same meeting Isaac Nerdlinger, Leopold Wickert and Abel C. Simmons were proposed for degrees, and Sigmund Waterman, Moses Schloss, Jonas Heller and Abram Gunst were admitted as affiliates. A code of By-Laws was also adopted. Moses Schloss, one of the affiliates, offered to loan the Lodge a set of jewels "until the finances of the Lodge improved."

The minutes state that "the offer was thankfully accepted."

On April 9th Jacob Nerlinger and Leopold Wickert were initiated, they being the first candidates initiated by the Lodge.

On April 23d the Lodge entertained M.'. W.'. AVERY C. BABCOCK, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Connecticut, who delivered the first degree lecture for the Lodge.

On June 11, 1852, the warrant was issued which named as officers the same Brethren who had acted as such under the dispensation.

#### CHARTER MEMBERS.

Wolfe K. Frank.	Levy Frank.
Leopold Lederer.	G. Rosenblatt.
Henry Jones.	Jonas Heller.
Leopold Cashland.	Isaac Bachman.
Hyman Hildeburghauser.	Sigmund Waterman.
Isaac Dittenhorfer.	Philip W. Frank.
James Mitchels.	K. W. Frank.
A. C. Moll.	

The first meeting place of the Lodge was at No. 56 Orchard Street, where it remained but a short time, when it moved to Odd Fellows' Hall, corner of Grand and Centre streets, remaining there until 1869, when it moved to the corner of Broadway and Twenty-second Street.

In 1874 it moved to the Masonic Hall on Twenty-third Street, remaining there until 1879, when it moved to the corner of Third Avenue and Fifty-seventh Street, remaining here until 1888, when it moved to the Bloomingdale building, corner of Third Avenue and Sixtieth Street, where it remained until 1892, when it moved to the Jaeger building, corner of Madison Avenue and Fifty-ninth Street. In 1897 it again moved; this time to the Lexington Opera House, corner of Third Avenue and Fifty-eighth Street, where it remained until 1905, when it moved into its present quarters in the Pabst building on Columbus Circle, Fifty-ninth Street.

The Lodge participated at the laying of the corner-stone of the Masonic Hall on Twenty-third Street, June 8, 1870, and the dedication of the Home at Utica, NY, October 5, 1892. It has also celebrated a number of important events in its own life, the most prominent was its fiftieth anniversary in 1902; at this time it contributed \$5,000 to charitable institutions.

From its inception the Lodge has generously contributed to the calls of charity, so much so that it has become noted for its charitable donations to deserving individuals as well as to philanthropic institutions, a thousand or more dollars being donated annually to charitable societies.

The business method in vogue in the Lodge is commendable, especially Its financial affairs; for nearly fifteen years the Secretary reported at the annual meeting that every member has paid his dues in full; this condition of affairs in a Lodge with a membership of between six and seven hundred is worthy of record and reflects very much to the credit of the Secretary, R.'. W.'. Isidor METZGER, who has served in that office twenty-seven years.

MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

Alexander Spaulding, Justice of Marine Court.  
Joseph Koch, State Senator.  
Isaac Sommers, Alderman.  
Herman Hellenstein, Coroner.  
Charles Leopold, Assemblyman.  
Adolph L. Sanger, Pres. Board of Education.

Samuel Strasbourger, Tax Commissioner.  
Israel L. Feinburg, Pres. Board of Coroners.  
Randolph Guggenheimer, Pres. Board of Aldermen.  
Jacob Shongut, Coroner.  
Solomon Oppenheimer, Civil Magistrate.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

Joseph Koch, Grand Marshal.  
Levi Samuels, District Deputy Grand Master.  
Isidor Metzger, Grand Sword Bearer

Rudolph Grossman, Grand Chaplain.  
Abraham Levy, Grand Standard Bearer.  
Bearer. Mortimer Metzger, Grand Sword Bearer.

MASTERS.

1852. Wolfe K. Frank.	1872. Abraham J. Semel.	1892. Simon Fry.
1853. Wolfe K. Frank.	1873. Joseph Fox.	1893. Simon Fry.
1854. Philip W. Frank.	1874. Joseph Fox.	1894. Benjamin F. Rees.
1855. Philip W. Frank.	1875. Levi Samuels.	1895. Rudolph Grossman.
1856. Philip W. Frank.	1876. Levi Samuels.	1896. Levi Samuels.
1857. Philip W. Frank.	1877. David Wile.	1897. Harry T. Huchberger.
1858. Philip W. Frank.	1878. David Wile.	1898. Harry T. Huchberger.
1859. Philip W. Frank.	1879. Isidor Metzger.	1899. Louis Jerkowski.
1860. Edward W. Frank.	1880. Isidor Metzger.	1900. Louis Jerkowski.
1861. Bernard Silverman.	1881. Julius J. Frank.	1901. Charles A. Brodek.
1862. Philip W. Frank.	1882. Julius J. Frank.	1902. Adam Wiener.
1863. Philip W. Frank.	1883. Isaac A. Englehard.	1903. Adam Wiener.
1864. Joseph Sulzberger.	1884. Otto Horwitz.	1904. Fred Herrmann.
1865. Joseph Sulzberger.	1885. Bernard Loth.	1905. Fred Herrmann.
1866. David M. Koehler.	1886. Herman Mendel.	1906. Abraham Levy.
1867. Bernard Silverman.	1887. Henry S. Herrmann.	1907. Abraham Levy.
1868. Bernard Silverman.	1888. Henry S. Herrmann.	1908. William Hanauer.
1869. Joseph Koch.	1889. William B. Filer.	1909. Mortimer Metzger.
1870. Joseph Koch.	1890. William B. Filer.	1910. Claude A. Prager.
1871. Abraham J. Semel.	1891. Leopold Stern.	1911. Benjamin Bangser.

**MACEDONIA LODGE. NO. 258, BOLIVAR, N. Y.**

WARRANT: The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated June 12, 1852.

The name or number has never been changed.

MINUTES: Intact.

Macedonia Lodge was organized in February, 1852; on the 14th of that month a petition was prepared and signed by the following:

S. G. S. Rowley.	S. W. Thomas.
A. G. Williams.	Joseph Norse.
James M. Curtis.	Orra Millard.
S. S. Buckley.	Robert Almy.
Samuel Perkins.	

The petition named as officers:

SETH G. S. ROWLEY, Master,  
STEPHEN W. THOMAS, Senior Warden,  
ALPHEUS G. WILLIAMS, Junior Warden,

and was recommended by Allegany Lodge, No. 225.

On February 20, 1852, a dispensation was issued by M.'. W.'. OSCAR COLES, Grand Master. The first regular meeting was held in Odd Fellows Hall. March 10th, with the following as officers:

SETH G. S. ROWLEY, Master.  
STEPHEN W. THOMAS, Senior Warden.  
ALPHEUS G. WILLIAMS, Junior Warden.  
ROBERT ALMY, Treasurer.  
SHELDON S. BUCKLEY, Secretary.  
ORRA MILLER, Tiler.

On March 24th David O. Root and Wiloby Jaques were initiated; they being the first candidates initiated.

The Lodge continued to meet every two weeks until the warrant was issued June 12, 1852. The Lodge was constituted and the officers installed on August 11th by W.'. JEREMIAH HATCH, Master of Allegany Lodge, No. 225.

The officers were:

SETH G. S. ROWLEY, Master.  
STEPHEN W. THOMAS, Senior Warden.  
ALPHEUS G. WILLIAMS, Junior Warden.  
ROBERT ALMY, Treasurer.  
SHELDON S. BUCKLEY, Secretary.  
GEORGE J. ADAMS, Senior Deacon.  
PAUL A. HIX, Junior Deacon.  
ALVEY WITHEY, Tiler.

The first meeting place of the Lodge was in Odd Fellows' Hall, which was located in a hotel now known as the Clark House, where it remained until June 1881. For a short time after this it had no regular place of meeting, but in June, 1882, it secured quarters in the A. C. Williams building, remaining there until October 1891, when it moved into its present quarters in the Masonic Temple.

The corner-stone of the Temple was laid June 17, 1891, and on October 22, 1891, it was dedicated by R. W. GEORGE A. GREEN, District Deputy Grand Master.

**Seth G. S. Rowley**, the founder of the Lodge and its first Master, was a remarkable man and devoted Mason. He was born in Otsego County, NY, May 31, 1799: when twenty-one years of age he was made a Mason in Hesper Lodge, No. 237 (now extinct), in the Town of Preble, Cortland County, NY. In the same year he was made a Royal Arch Mason, and in 1884, at the age of eighty-five years, he was Knighted in St. John's Commandery, No. 24, of Olean, NY. He died. October 15, 1894, in the ninety-sixth year of his age. For over seventy-four years he had been an active Mason and a highly respected citizen in the community in which he had lived the greater part of his life.

Another honored member of the Lodge is R. W. CHARLES H. BROWN, who served two terms as District Attorney of Allegany County, was U. S. Attorney for Western New York, and is now a Supreme Court Judge. He was District Deputy Grand Master in 1897-98.

#### MASTERS.

1852. Seth G. S. Rowley.	1872. Edwin R. Milbury.	1892. Charles L. Jukes.
1853. Seth G. S. Rowley.	1873. Stephen W. Thomas.	1893. Fred A. Hulbert.
1854. Stephen W. Thomas.	1874. Arthur N. Carpenter.	1894. Fred A. Hulbert.
1855. Stephen W. Thomas.	1875. Richard L. Andrus.	1895. Fred A. Hulbert.
1856. Stephen W. Thomas.	1876. Richard L. Andrus.	1896. Fred A. Hulbert.
1857. James M. Curtis.	1877. Richard L. Andrus.	1897. Cyrus B. Montgomery.
1858. Stephen W. Thomas.	1878. Stephen W. Thomas.	1898. Cyrus B. Montgomery.
1859. James M. Curtis.	1879. Issachar H. Mourhess.	1899. Carlton R. Loomis.
1860. James M. Curtis.	1880. Issachar H. Mourhess.	1900. Carlton R. Loomis.
1861. James M. Curtis.	1881. Issachar H. Mourhess.	1901. Carlton R. Loomis.
1862. James M. Curtis.	1882. Edgar W. Cowles.	1902. Carlton R. Loomis.
1863. James M. Curtis.	1883. Edgar W. Cowles.	1903. Clarence L. E. Lewis.
1864. James M. Curtis.	1884. Edgar W. Cowles.	1904. Clarence L. E. Lewis.
1865. James M. Curtis.	1885. Cassius M. Williams.	1905. Reuben A. Mills.
1866. James M. Curtis.	1886. Charles H. Brown.	1906. Reuben A. Mills.
1867. Alpheus G. Williams.	1887. Charles H. Brown.	1907. Ralph N. Andrus.
1868. Edgar W. Coles.	1888. John P. Calvert.	1908. Ralph N. Andrus.
1869. Edgar W. Coles.	1889. Charles L. Jukes.	1909. Charles W. Young.
1870. Edgar W. Coles.	1890. Cassius M. Williams.	1910. Charles W. Young.
1871. Edgar W. Coles.	1891. John P. Calvert.	1911. Frank E. Taylor.

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Thurs, Jun 19, 1884

**LONG, LONG AGO** - *The Olden Times Compared with the New.*

The *Hornellsville Times* gives this interesting account of an interview with **Mr. Seth G.S. ROWLEY**, and his sister, both along in the eighties, who were on their way to visit to their brother Mr. John S. ROWLEY of Richburg (*Allegany Co., NY - JAC*): --

**"Mr. Seth G(eorge).S(alisbury). ROWLEY** (born 31 May 1799) and sister **Annie ROWLEY** (born 25 Apr 1804), of Otsego county, uncle and aunt of Mr. S.H. MERRIAM, stopped over yesterday on their way to Richburg. **Mr. ROWLEY** is 85 years of age his sister 80. She with her family passed through this town in 1829 on her way to Richburg. They went with ox teams over the rough roads and as there were very few bridges, forded most of the streams. They also passed through Elmira and Bath. She says Bath was the largest town they passed through between Otsego and Allegany counties. There was a small huddle of log houses here at the time; Indians and wild animals were very plenty. Bears would sometimes come into the door yards, and the wolves were continually carrying away sheep. She says we talk about hard times now, but she doesn't really think we know what it means. She remembers having given 16 bushels of rye, 50lbs. to the bushel, for a barrel of salt, and then took it ten miles to make a bargain. She also remarked that there was some difference in the time taken to travel the distance; a half day now, thirteen and a half then. Both of these old people are straight and active, happy and witty, she having perfect hearing and he perfect eyesight. He was reading the *Times* yesterday morning, holding the paper without the slightest tremor. He does not wear glasses at all. They both busy themselves about the farm and garden, and she often walks a couple of miles."

**Alpheus G. Williams**, b. November 29, 1820 in Watertown (Pamelia), Jefferson, NY; d. January 16, 1897; married September 27, 1847 in Bolivar, Allegany, NY, Mary B. Davie, b. ca 1822 in Bolivar, Allegany, NY; d. March 23, 1857 in Bolivar, Allegany, NY. He came to Angelica, Allegheny County in 1844.

#### **SISCO LODGE, NO. 259, WESTPORT, N. Y.**

WARRANT: The warrant under which the Lodge is working *la* dated August 15, 1876. The original warrant, issued June 13, 1852, was destroyed by fire August 15, 1876.

The name or number has never been changed. It was named for the new Sisco furnace, then in service there.

MINUTES: Not intact, all records prior to August 15, 1876, were destroyed by fire.

Sisco Lodge was organized in the town of Westport during the winter of 1851-52. A petition was prepared asking for a dispensation, which was signed by the following:

George H. Blinn.	John Bowers.	Charles Hatch.
Ira Henderson,	P. A. Durfey.	D. Holcomb.
H. J. Person.	C. B. Hatch.	E. Newell.

The petition nominated as officers:

GEORGE H. BLINN, Master, (formerly of Morning Sun Lodge No. 142, Port Henry, NY – JW, 1848; Master, 1849)

JOHN BOWERS, Senior Warden,

C. B. HATCH, Junior Warden,

and was recommended by Morning Sun Lodge, No. 142. Accompanying the petition was a note dated March 12, 1852, requesting "the privilege of initiating a doctor, a merchant, and the son of an innkeeper at the first meeting held after the dispensation is issued."

On March 24, 1852, a dispensation was issued by M.'. W.'. OSCAR COLES, Grand Master, which named as officers:

GEORGE H. BLINN, Master.

JOHN BOWERS, Senior Warden.

C. B. HATCH, Junior Warden.

The first meeting under the dispensation was held in Rechabite Hall at Westport, April 7, 1852, when petitions for membership were received from Charles W. Hatch, Edwin R. Person and Asa P. Hammond. It may be assumed that these applicants were the parties mentioned in the note referred to.

On April 14th the Lodge completed its organization with the following as officers:

GEORGE H. BLINN, Master.

JOHN BOWERS, Senior Warden.

C. B. HATCH, Junior Warden.

IRA HENDERSON, Treasurer.

H. J. PERSON, Secretary.

E. NEWELL, Senior Deacon.

D. HOLCOMB, Junior Deacon.

L. CADY, Tiler.

The three candidates proposed at the preceding meeting were elected and initiated. The first and third Wednesday in each month was selected as the time for holding the regular meetings of the Lodge.

On May 26th a code of By-Laws was adopted and a committee appointed to apply for a warrant.

The warrant issued June 13, 1852, named the same officers who had served under the dispensation.

The absence of the records of the Lodge shrouds its early life, and but little is known of its doings for a period of twenty-five years, save such information as may be gleaned from the records of the Grand Lodge. On June 6, 1856, upon request of the Lodge it was permitted to remove to Whallonsburgh. In 1858 it asked permission to remove to Essex, and on June 9, 1859, the following resolution was adopted by the Grand Lodge:

"RESOLVED, That so much of the report of the Committee on Warrants adopted June 4, 1858, giving Sisco Lodge permission to change its place of meeting from Whallonsburgh to the village of Essex be and the same is hereby rescinded."

In 1868 it again applied for permission to remove to Essex, the Committee on Warrants reported against the removal stating that "there being a great diversity of opinion among the members concerning the propriety thereof and the necessity for such removal not being apparent." In 1869 another effort was made to remove to Essex, and on June 4th the Grand Lodge referred the matter to the Grand Master for settlement.

On June 7, 1870, M.'. W.'. JAMES GIBSON, Grand Master, reported that "the proofs and allegations of all interested in this question were fully and patiently heard and a vote of the Lodge was ordered to be taken at the time of the annual election of officers, and the vote was taken, but complaint being made, and it appearing that all of the members of the Lodge were not duly summoned to attend, all those not attending were allowed to vote in addition to those who had voted already. A two-third vote in favor of the change was not obtained, and the change for that, and other reasons, was not ordered."

In 1872 the Lodge again applied for permission to change its location, this time to the village of Westport, and on June 7th the Committee on Warrants made a favorable report to the Grand Lodge, then in session, and permission was given for its removal to its present location at the village of Westport.

Since the Lodge was organized its territorial jurisdiction has been reduced by the creation of Lodges in the immediate vicinity, yet it has thrived and is in a prosperous condition.

Shortly after the fire in 1876 the Lodge erected a building in which it reserved the second story for its quarters; in doing this it incurred a heavy debt which very seriously embarrassed it in its work, especially in securing accessions to its membership.

Its quarters were dedicated September 20, 1877, by R.'. W.'. STEPHEN L. STILLMAN, District Deputy Grand Master. This event was a gala affair for the residents of the village and surrounding country. The District Deputy in his report of the event said: "On this occasion the Fraternity was well represented by large delegations from the surrounding Lodges, and by the presence of two Commanderies, De Soto, No. 49, of Pittsburgh, and Burlington, No. 2, of Burlington, Vt. In the dedicatory ceremonies I was ably assisted by R.'. W.'. HENRY CLARK, Grand Secretary, of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, and by the Masters of Lodges located in the vicinity of Westport."

After a brave but futile struggle by the Lodge to remove the incubus of debt it had incurred in the erection of this building, it was finally compelled to dispose of it, and now has quarters in the upper part of the building in which the U. S. Post Office is located.

#### MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

John E. Osborne, Governor, State of Wyoming.  
James M. Graaff, Assemblyman.

H. A. Loveland, State Senator.  
W. H. Richardson, Assemblyman.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John\\_E.\\_Osborne](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_E._Osborne)

**John Eugene Osborne**, b. 19 Jun 1858; d. 24 Apr 1943, was a physician, farmer, banker, and Democratic politician. He was one of the first Governors of Wyoming after the Wyoming Territory attained statehood in 1890. He was born in Westport, NY, the son of John C. Osborne and Mary E. Rail. He studied medicine at the University of Vermont and graduated in 1880. Soon after graduation he found employment as a surgeon for the Union Pacific Railroad, and moved to Rawlins, Carbon, Wyoming.

In 1883, Osborne was elected to Wyoming's House of the Territorial Assembly, but resigned in 1885, when he left the Territory for a brief period. In 1888, Osborne was appointed chairman of the Penitentiary Building Commission and elected mayor of the town of Rawlins. During the 1880s, Osborne set up as a physician and chemist in Rawlins, and opened a farm, at one point being known as the largest individual sheep owner in Wyoming. In his capacity as a local physician, he was involved in the execution of Big Nose George Parrot: he helped conduct the autopsy, and later had Parrott's hide tanned and made into his shoes.



In 1892, amidst unconfirmed claims of election irregularities, Osborne defeated Acting Governor Amos W. Barber in Wyoming's second gubernatorial elections since achieving statehood. Many incidents surrounded the election, including an almost certainly incorrect allegation that Osborne had crawled along a ledge outside the Senate House and entered the Governor's Office through a window, in order to prevent Barber from occupying the office in his stead. Osborne was one of only a handful of Democrats to win Governorship of the state of Wyoming, and his term was stormy and rife with bitter fighting between his party and the Republicans. He finished his term on 7 Jan 1895, and declined renomination. From 4 Mar 1897 until 3 Mar 1899 he served in the 55th US Congress as U.S. Representative from Wyoming, but again declined renomination when his term expired.

Osborne was Assistant Secretary of State, serving the Wilson Administration from 1913 until 14 Dec 1915. He was also chairman of the board of the Rawlins National Bank. He was married on 2 Nov 1907 to Selina Smith. He was a member of the Freemasons, and the Knights Templars. He died in Rawlins in 1943, aged 84, and is interred at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Princeton, KY.

#### GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

JOHN J. GREELEY, District Deputy Grand Master.

#### MASTERS.

1852. George H. Blinn.  
1853. George H. Blinn.  
1854. Asa P. Hammond.  
1855. Asa P. Hammond.  
1856. George H. Blinn.  
1857. Lewis Cady.  
1858. Willet E. Rogers.  
1859. Willet E. Rogers.  
1860. John Hurt, Jr.  
1861. No returns.  
1862. John Burt, Jr.  
1863. No returns.  
1864. Eli W. Rogers.  
1865. John Burt, Jr.  
1866. John Burt, Jr.  
1867. Philetus D. Merriam.  
1868. Philetus D. Merriam.  
1869. Philetus D. Merriam.  
1870. Philetus D. Merriam.  
1871. Philetus D. Merriam.

1872. Philetus D. Merriam.  
1873. Philetus D. Merriam.  
1874. Philetus D. Merriam.  
1875. John J. Greeley.  
1876. John J. Greeley.  
1877. Philetus D. Merriam.  
1878. John J. Greeley.  
1879. John J. Greeley.  
1880. Nelson J. Gibbs.  
1881. John J. Greeley.  
1882. John J. Greeley.  
1883. John J. Greeley.  
1884. Henry J. Stone.  
1885. Henry J. Stone.  
1886. John J. Greeley.  
1887. John J. Greeley.  
1888. John J. Greeley.  
1889. George C. Osborn.  
1890. George C. Osborn.  
1891. George C. Osborn.

1892. George C. Osborn.  
1893. John J. Greeley.  
1894. John J. Greeley.  
1895. John J. Greeley.  
1896. John J. Greeley.  
1897. Nelson J. Gibbs.  
1898. John J. Greeley.  
1899. John J. Greeley.  
1900. John J. Greeley.  
1901. John J. Greeley.  
1902. Charles R. Holt.  
1903. John J. Greeley.  
1904. Charles R. Holt.  
1905. David A. Clark.  
1906. Warren E. Pattison.  
1907. Warren E. Pattison.  
1908. Willard E. Carey.  
1909. Willard R. Carey.  
1910. Dana Brasted.  
1911. William S. White.

**MOUNT HOPE LODGE, NO. 260, FORT ANN, N. Y.**

WARRANT: The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated June 14, 1852.

The name or number has never been changed.

MINUTES: Intact.

On December 27, 1851, a petition was prepared asking for a dispensation for a Lodge at Fort Ann to be called Kossuth Lodge.

The petitioners were:

Almon Barlow.	James F. Coon.	William Weller
John Sutherland.	Phipps H. Lamb.	Joseph Barker.
Thomas McClure.	J. W. B. Murray.	Asa Root
Joseph Bacon.	John T. Cox.	

The petition named as officers:

JOHN T. Cox, Master.

JOSEPH BACON, Senior Warden,

J. W. B. MURRAY, Junior Warden,

and was recommended by Granville Lodge, No. 220 (now No. 55), and R.' W.'. DAN S. WRIGHT, Senior Grand Warden.

Endorsed upon the petition is the following:

"Written to J. T. Cox insisting that the name be changed, Feb. 6, 1852.

This endorsement appears to have been made by the Grand Secretary, R.' W.'. JAMES W. POWELL, but who objected to the name is unknown.

The following letter explains the action taken by the petitioners in answer to the request for a change in the name of the Lodge:

"FORT ANN, Feb'y 10, 1852.

"JAS. W. POWELL, ESQ.

"Yours of the 6th inst. is received, the Brethren have selected a name which they hope will be satisfactory, believing there is no other Lodge by that name in the State,

"Mount Hope Lodge.

"Yours truly,  
"JOHN T. Cox,

"Per JOSEPH BACON."

The name selected by the petitioners was approved, and on February 12, 1852, a dispensation was issued by M.' W.'. OSCAR COLES, Grand Master, which named as officers:

JOHN T. Cox, Master.

JOSEPH BACON, Senior Warden.

J. W. B. MURRAY, Junior Warden.

The warrant issued June 14 named the same officers. The other officers were:

ASA ROOT, Treasurer.

PHIPPS H. LAMB, Secretary.

WILLIAM WELLER, Senior Deacon.

THOMAS MCCLURE, Junior.

JOHN SUTHERLAND, Steward

ALMON BARLOW, Steward

JOSEPH BARKER, Tiler.

The first meeting place of the Lodge was in the Corning building, where it remained until January, 1869, when it moved into Washburn Hall, remaining here until December, 1876, when it moved into its present quarters in Finch Seal and Company's Hall.

The Lodge held "Jubilee" services on April 24, 1889, in honor of the payment of the "Great Debt." The principal feature of these services was an address by the Chaplain of the Lodge, Rev. Bro. E. Marsh.

The Lodge was represented at the laying of the corner-stone of the Home at Utica, NY, May 21, 1891.

MASTERS.

1852. John T. Cox.

1853. John T. Cox.

1854. John T. Cox.

1855. Phipps H. Lamb.

1856. Phipps H. Lamb.

1857. Phipps H. Lamb.

1858. Phipps H. Lamb.

1859. Hosea B. Farr.

1860. Phipps H. Lamb.

1861. Philips H. Lamb.

1862. Philips H. Lamb.

1863. Alanson Axtell.

1864. Phipps H. Lamb.

1865. Phipps H. Lamb.

1866. Phipps H. Lamb.

1867. Phipps H. Lamb.

1868. Phipps H. Lamb.

1869. Phipps H. Lamb.

1870. Phipps H. Lamb.

1871. Phipps H. Lamb.

1872. Horace A. Stevens.

1873. Horace A. Stevens.

1874. Horace A. Stevens.

1875. Horatio W. Brown.

1876. Horace A. Stevens.

1877. George W. Hull.

1878. Horace A. Stevens.

1879. John Hall.

1880. John Hall.

1881. Horace A. Stevens.

1882. Albert Howard.

1883. Horace A. Stevens.

1884. J. Quincy Ashley.

1885. J. Quincy Ashley.

1886. Charles A. Cramer.

1887. Charles A. Cramer.

1888. V. H. Stewart.

1889. J. Melvin Adams.

1890. Martin H. Adams.

1891. Martin H. Adams.

1892. Edward Wall, Jr.

1893. Edward Wall, Jr.



1894. Leroy N. Smith.  
1895. John Hall.  
1896. John Hall.  
1897. Josiah S. Remington.  
1898. Josiah S. Remington.  
1899. Josiah S. Remington.

1900. Martin H. Adams.  
1901. Martin H. Adams.  
1902. Martin H. Adams.  
1903. George E. Pierce.  
1904. George E. Pierce.  
1905. Carmi F. Goodman.

1906. Charles A. Vaughn.  
1907. Charles A. Vaughn.  
1908. Charles M. Lynch.  
1909. Charles M. Lynch.  
1910. Frank L. Gillett.  
1911. Frank L. Gillett.

#### EVANS LODGE, NO. 261, ANGOLA, N. Y.

WARRANT: The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated June 15, 1852.

The name or number has never been changed.

MINUTES: Intact.

On January 7, 1852, a petition was prepared asking for a dispensation for Evans Lodge at Evans, N. Y., and signed by the following:

Heman Daniels.	John Fairbanks.	John F. Gazlay.
Oren Catlin.	Whiting Cash.	Arthur Sprague.
Lambert G. Dingman.	Ira Joy.	David Fish.
Noah Sedgwick.	Horace Goodrich.	

The petition nominated as officers:

HEMAN DANIELS, Master,  
JOHN FAIRBANKS, Senior Warden,  
OREN CATLIN, Junior Warden,

and was recommended by Erie Lodge, No. 161.

On February 3, 1852, a dispensation was issued by R.' W.'. NELSON RANDALL, Deputy Grand Master.

The first meeting under the dispensation was held February 4, and on the 19th of that month the first candidate, Walter Morgan, was initiated.

While working under dispensation six candidates for membership were raised and four were admitted as affiliates.

On June 15th a warrant was issued which named as officers:

HEMAN DANIELS, Master,  
JOHN FAIRBANKS, Senior Warden,  
OREN CATLIN, Junior Warden,

and on July 10th the Lodge was constituted and the officers publicly installed in the M. E. Church by W.'. BENJAMIN H. AUSTIN, Master of Hiram Lodge, No. 105.

When first organized the Lodge met in Stray's Hall at Evans Center, where it remained until April, 1855, when it moved into the Baptist Church, which had been purchased by the Lodge. In October, 1855, it vacated these quarters and moved to Andrus's Hall at Evans Station (now Angola), remaining there until May, 1873, when it moved into the Union Block; these rooms were dedicated May 29th. In July, 1890, it moved into its present quarters over Lemmler's store, which is now known as the Masonic Hall. These quarters were dedicated October 24, 1890.

The Lodge has in its possession the warrant and some of the records of Erie Lodge, No. 491. This Lodge was organized in 1826; the petitioners were:

O. H. Dibble.	William Van Duser.
George Sweetland.	Harvey Keeler.
James E. Mack.	Samuel Bennett.
Stephen Sturdevant.	Aaron Salsbury.
Nicholas Beal.	Jonathan Dibble.
Arthur Johnson.	

The first officers were:

O. H. DIBBLE, Master.  
WILLIAM VAN DUSER, Senior Warden.  
GEORGE SWEETLAND, Junior Warden.  
STEPHEN STURDEVANT, Treasurer.

SAMUEL BENNETT, Secretary.  
AARON SALSBUURY, Senior Deacon.  
NICHOLAS BEAL, Junior Deacon.  
ARTHUR JOHNSON, Tiler.

The last recorded meeting was held December 27, 1827. A note on the records states that: "owing in part to the Lodge room being occupied and partly to neglect no further meetings had been held up to that date."

The warrant was declared forfeited by the Grand Lodge June 8, 1832.

Evans Lodge was represented at the laying of the corner-stone of the Masonic Temple at Buffalo, NY, July 26, 1891; at the laying of the corner-stone of the Home at Utica, NY, May 21, 1891, the dedication of same, October 5, 1892, and the laying of the corner-stone of the Masonic Temple at Dunkirk, NY, June 27, 1908.

#### MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

Robert G. Titus, Judge, Supreme Court.  
D. C. Oatman, County Clerk.  
H. M. Blasdell, Assemblyman.

J. H. Andrus, County Clerk.  
Job Southwick, Assemblyman.  
Charles K. Goodman, State Senator, Nebraska.

MASTERS.

1852. Heman Daniels.	1872. Leroy M. Winslow.	1892. Henry J. Bangert.
1853. John Fairbanks.	1873. James M. Beman.	1893. Everett G. Wilcox.
1854. John Fairbanks.	1874. James M. Beman.	1894. Everett G. Wilcox.
1855. John Fairbanks.	1875. Nathaniel Smith.	1895. Nelson B. Wood.
1856. Oren Catlin.	1876. Leroy S. Oatman.	1896. Nelson B. Wood.
1857. Oren Catlin.	1877. Horatio P. Muffitt.	1897. Julius M. Schwert.
1858. Warren K. Russell.	1878. Horatio P. Muffitt.	1898. Julius M. Schwert.
1859. James S. Stray.	1879. J. Mark Newton.	1899. Frederick R. Maltby.
1860. Levi Aldrich.	1880. J. Mark Newton.	1900. Franklin J. Stone.
1861. Chauncy Stone.	1881. Justin G. Thompson.	1901. Franklin J. Stone.
1862. Chauncy Stone.	1882. Justin G. Thompson.	1902. Belden Wilcox.
1863. David Cook.	1883. Roselle U. Blackney.	1903. Belden Wilcox.
1864. David Cook.	1884. Roselle I. Blackney.	1904. Charles T. Roberts.
1865. Charles F. Goodman.	1885. Joseph H. Walker.	1905. Carroll D. Shaver.
1866. C. W. Morse.	1886. Sewell L. Beckwith.	1906. Carroll D. Shaver.
1867. Thomas Faulks.	1887. Sewell L. Beckwith.	1907. Edward A. Lemmler.
1868. Thomas Faulks.	1888. F. E. Blackney.	1908. Edward A. Lemmler.
1869. O. W. Beckwith.	1889. F. E. Blackney.	1909. Allen J. Bundy.
1870. O. W. Beckwith.	1890. Henry J. Bangert.	1910. Allen J. Bundy.
1871. Leroy M. Winslow.	1891. Henry J. Bangert.	1911. John H. Matteson.

**PHOENIX LODGE, NO. 262, GOWANDA, N. Y.**

WARRANT: The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated June 16, 1852.

MINUTES: Intact.

Phoenix Lodge was organized during the autumn of 1851; on November 14th a petition was prepared asking for a dispensation and signed by the following:

Elias Hall.	Josiah Cass.
E. McMillan.	Samuel Aiken.
A. L. Chaffee.	David D. Parker.
William S. Herrick.	Dan Allen.
James Locke.	George H. Hall.

The petition nominated as officers:

ELIAS HALL, Master,  
WILLIAM S. HERRICK, Senior Warden,  
DAVID D. PARKER, Junior Warden,

and was recommended by Hanover Lodge. No. 152.

On November 28, 1851, a dispensation was issued by NELSON RANDALL, Deputy Grand Master. The first meeting under the dispensation was held December 8th. In selecting a meeting place and time of meeting the following was adopted:

"RESOLVED, That our regular meetings be held in Gowanda, and for the present in the Odd Fellows Hall on Tuesday of the full of the moon or the first after, and also in two weeks from the meeting at or after the full of the moon at 2 o'clock P.M."

The Lodge continued to meet regularly until the warrant was issued in June.

The first meeting under the warrant was held August 3, 1852, when the Lodge was constituted and the following officers installed by W. ALBERT H. CAMP, Past Master of Hanover Lodge, No. 152:

ELIAS HALL, Master.	AMASA L. CHAFFEE, Secretary.
WILLIAM S. HERRICK, Senior Warden.	SAMUEL AIKEN, Senior Deacon.
DAVID D. PARKER, Junior Warden.	JOSIAH CASE, Junior Deacon.
JAMES LOCKE, Treasurer.	GEORGE H. HALL, Tiler.

CHARTER MEMBERS.

Elias Hall.	Ephraim McMillan.
Amasa L. Chaffee.	William H. Herrick.
James Locke.	Samuel Aiken.
David D. Parker.	George H. Hall.

The first meeting place was in Odd Fellows Hall (now known as the Crawford Annex), where it remained until November, 1884, when it moved into its present quarters, which were dedicated by M. W. WILLIAM A. BRODIE, Grand Master. In reporting this affair the District Deputy Grand Master, LAURENS G. RIPLEY, spoke of it as a most notable event. "The four hundred guests who assembled to witness the ceremonies, conducted by the Grand Master assisted by other members of the Grand Lodge, and who afterward gathered around the bounteous table spread in the adjoining Opera House, will abundantly testify as to the liberal and brotherly greeting extended to the visiting Brethren."

Elias Hall, the founder of the Lodge and its first Master, was made a Mason in 1802 in the State of New Hampshire. When Phoenix Lodge was organized he was seventy-three years of age. He died, September 2, 1868.

The Lodge was represented at the laying of the corner-stone of the Home at Utica, NY, May 21, 1891; the dedication of same, October 5, 1892; the dedication of the Masonic Temple at Salamanca, NY, September 12, 1905, and the dedication of the Masonic Temple at Dunkirk, N. Y.

MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

William W. Welch, County Clerk.  
Eugene A. Nash, Assemblyman.  
William Cooper, Jr., Sheriff.  
William W. Henry, Sheriff.

James M. Congdon, Assemblyman.  
John J. Volk, Assemblyman.  
Henry F. Allen, Judge, State Board  
of Claims.

Norman M. Allen, State Senator.  
Winfield S. Thrasher, County Judge  
William H. Stuart, Assemblyman.

**Winfield Scott Thrasher**, b. 5 May 1847 in Cornish, NH; d. 1 Feb 1911 in Dayton, NY. was the son of Samuel P. and Anna (Haven) Thrasher, of sturdy New England stock. Judge Thrasher received his education in the common schools of New Hampshire and at Kimball Union academy at Meridian, in the same State. He taught district schools during the winters, beginning at eighteen years of age and while a young man he came to Dayton in the spring of 1868, where he taught school for three years. Soon afterwards he entered the law office of the Hon. Norman M. Allen and began the study of law.

He was admitted to the practice of law at Buffalo in June, 1872, and immediately formed a partnership with Mr. Allen under the firm name of Allen & Thrasher. This firm continued until 1886, and for about four years James E. Bixby was a partner with the others. After 1886 the firm of Thrasher & Bixby was continued until about 1890, when Mr. Thrasher formed a partnership with Irving P. Leonard, under the firm name of Thrasher & Leonard, and that firm continued to the time of Judge Thrasher's death.

Judge Thrasher was appointed as county judge of Cattaraugus county following the resignation of Judge F. W. Kruse, of Olean, to accept a place on the Supreme Court bench. Judge Thrasher has, by election, held the office continuously since that time. His name has been frequently associated with the Supreme Court judgeship, and at various periods men of high prominence before the Bar of the judicial district have urged his superior qualifications for that high honor.



Judge Thrasher and Family

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In 1869 Mr. Thrasher married Mary A. F. Allen, daughter of the late Hon. N. M. Allen. Eight children were born to them. Mary Agatha Florette ALLEN was born 20 Apr 1849 in Dayton, Town of Dayton, Cattaraugus Co., NY. She died 2 Sep 1914 and was buried in Cottage Cem., Town of Dayton, Cattaraugus Co., NY. In the 1880 census Winfield S. Thrasher is listed as age 33 and his wife as age 31 and shows 4 of their children (thought to be 10 in total?), Norman S. 9, Alice M. 8, Flora G. 6, John Ward 3, and Allen S. 1.

In the death of Judge Thrasher the Bar of western New York loses one of its able and trustworthy members. He was an honor to his profession. Conscientious in the discharge of every obligation, diligent in behalf of his client, faithful to himself and those who reposed a trust in him, he quickly rose to a commanding position in his chosen profession. Judge Thrasher was one of the few attorneys who had to be convinced that his client was right, that law and equity were on his side, before he attempted the trial of a case. When assured of these things, no man tried more earnestly to win a victory in court than he.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

Byron L. Kimble, District Deputy Grand Master.  
Ira W. Livermore, District Deputy Grand Master.

Glenn M. Congdon, District Deputy Grand Master.

MASTERS.

1852. Elias Hall.  
1853. Elias Hall.  
1854. William S. Herrick.  
1755. William S. Herrick.  
1856. David D. Parker.  
1857. Augustus V. Lord.  
1858. Augustus V. Lord.  
1859. Harmon Kelly.

1860. Henry S. Stebbins.  
1861. Joseph Savage.  
1862. Henry S. Stebbins.  
1863. Harmon Kelly.  
1864. Harmon Kelly.  
1865. James J. Starr.  
1866. Harmon Kelly.  
1867. Harmon Kelly.

1868. John S. Starr.  
1869. Harmon Kelly.  
1870. William A. Fish.  
1871. William A. Fish.  
1872. William A. Fish.  
1873. William A. Fish.  
1874. William Peacock.  
1875. William A. Fish.

1876. William A. Fish.  
1877. J. William Dauber.  
1878. J. William Dauber.  
1879. Andrew J. Peck.  
1880. Byron L. Kimble.  
1881. Byron L. Kimble.  
1882. Byron L. Kimble.  
1883. Edward Etsler.  
1884. Irving R. Leonard.  
1885. Herbert F. Clark.  
1886. William N. Wallace.  
1887. William N. Wallace.

1888. Hansom E. Moss.  
1889. Andrew C. Romer.  
1890. Asher C. Stafford.  
1891. Asher C. Stafford.  
1892. Edward Etsler.  
1893. Frank C. Vinton.  
1894. Irving R. Leonard.  
1895. J. Peter Brueck.  
1896. J. Peter Brueck.  
1897. J. Peter Brueck.  
1898. Palmer H. Horton.  
1899. Glenn M. Congdon.

1900. Glenn M. Congdon.  
1901. Jesse V. Crouch.  
1902. Jesse V. Crouch.  
1903. Fred E. Place.  
1904. Fred E. Place.  
1905. Robert E. Congdon.  
1906. Robert E. Congdon.  
1907. Ira W. Livermore.  
1908. Ira W. Livermore.  
1909. Fred E. Hawkins.  
1910. Fred E. Hawkins.  
1911. Clarence E. Potter.

